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THE ATLANTA CONVENTION OF 1906

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## The Atlanta Convention of 1906.

By *Elmer B. Sanford.*

**T**HOSE of us who attended the Memphis Convention declared it to be the finest ever. We did not concede it possible for one moment for any city to be more hospitable—and this is so—yet when the Atlanta Convention drew to a close there was something even more impressive, something a little more substantial, and something a little more indelibly impressed upon our minds. Perhaps it was the solemnity of the occasion, perhaps it was the presence of the old veterans that made it so—but the fact is, every one of us was deeply impressed.

It is an occasion of this nature that develops harmony; that unites the East to the West, and welds the ties that bind the sons of the North to the sons of the South. What a noble distinction that our order was conceived and nourished in the South; what a grand heritage and what an everlasting monument to the undying principles of truth and the universality of the brotherhood of man.

It is surely a united land; and without doubt, the fraternities of the nation have been one of the strongest elements in annihilating the once bitter sectional feeling. There may be a few who believe the war still exists; if so, thank God they are gradually becoming converted. It makes the heart-beats quicken and the blood tingle with delight to hear the Southern boys express their deep

and sincere affection for their brothers from the North; and it is equally ecstatic to see the two fondly greet each other upon the common ground of brotherhood.

Can you imagine anything more impressive, more interesting, than to listen to Colonel Rudolph relate the birth of Sigma Alpha Epsilon; to have Noble Leslie DeVotie, Cockrell, Foster, Kerr, Cook, Dennis and Patton brought to life by one of their fellow students and comrades; to see in flesh and blood one of the men who is responsible for the existence of our Fraternity? Tears came to his eyes—he couldn't help it—the fellow feeling, the sympathy, the brotherhood inspired him as he stood upon the platform in the convention hall. The stillness was tragic, like the "solemn hush of being born anew." Ah! I say that our Fiftieth Anniversary is a convention that will never be forgotten.

The convention had many problems and questions to settle, and, like every other convention, left many things for the future generations to work upon. It is impossible in a few short days to enact rules and regulations that will make our order perfect, but it is possible to correct some of the errors of the past and to be better prepared to meet new difficulties with assurance and confidence.

The reports of the officers were very instructive. It indicated that the Fraternity had acted wisely in her selection. It indicated, too, that these brothers were up-to-date and awake on fraternity questions. In nearly every instance where recommendations were made they were accordingly adopted by the convention. It is therefore only fair and just to say that the last Supreme Council is one of the best our Fraternity has ever had. Such untiring energy has never before been displayed by the officers of the Fraternity, and to them primarily is due our present prosperity.

If any one member were to be selected for our Hall of Fame as a reward for his services, it would seem only right to decide upon our beloved "Billy." Yet it would be hard to choose only one, for there is Sydnor, whose fruitful pen has placed *THE RECORD* in its present condition; there is George Kimball who, as a financier and faithful officer, deserves unlimited praise; there is Colonel Stowell who since becoming a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon has ever been ready and willing to do his level best; and there is Marvin

Holderness, who so ably wielded the secret pen, and for whose labors our unstinted praise is small recompense. Yet "Billy," with his ceaseless efforts and his genial countenance, his silver tongue, and his big, big heart, has endeared himself to us all to such an extent that to him, perhaps, would be due the most distinction.

When he finished reading his report—his final report, with the realization that it would be his last as a member of the Supreme Council—there arose from the convention an outburst of enthusiastic appreciation that I am sure fully repaid him for his labor of love. His mantle fell upon George D. Kimball, a most worthy successor, who is now our master hand in the office of Eminent Supreme Archon. Carl Sheldon, who succeeded Holderness, will, we know, take advantage of his opportunity and make us a better and stronger organization. Stowell, better known as "Colonel" (although he is not from Kentucky), will wear the same shoes as he did last term—and, let me add, they are large ones, too. Charles F. Stone, who was elected Treasurer, judging from his excellent past record, will certainly keep up the good work of the financial department. Charles P. Wood has taken up the quill of Sydnor. His work for *THE RECORD* has been highly satisfactory, and we understand that Brother Wood is an ardent admirer of the doctrine of work. With these three new members on the Supreme Council the Fraternity looks forward to another period of internal development and progress.

The question of extension is always interesting. The deliberations of the Committee on Extension were somewhat protracted, due to the large number of petitioners, which in one sense is complimentary to our Fraternity. Yet the burdens of this committee are too great and onerous. To inquire into the merits of eleven petitioners is an important and prodigious task. It requires almost continuous sessions of the committee until the last day of the convention. This works a hardship upon its members, not on account of the amount of work so much as on account of the impossibility of their being present at the sessions of the convention.

Following the precedent of former years, the report of the Extension Committee was adopted, and as a confirmation of their conservatism we now have only two new chapters—the Dywyki local at the

University of Indiana, Bloomington, and the Orange Club at Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York.

It was gratifying to hear the reports of progress from the individual chapters and the province organizations. Many new chapter-houses have been secured, several new alumni associations organized, and, while a few weak spots were revealed, the general condition of the Fraternity is manifestly of a progressive nature. The Board of Trustees again submitted a careful review of their actions for the past two years, and it is because of their business-like decisions that many a chapter can now boast of owning its own house. The Memphis Convention tried an experiment in selecting a special chapter-house officer. The results were not entirely satisfactory, hence that office was abolished. Not that the work accomplished by that officer were not appreciated, but, as the officer himself declared, the purposes for which he was created could best be accomplished by other means.

Theta Nu Epsilon is hardly worthy of the consideration given it at the last convention, although murmurings have been heard to the effect that its pernicious influence is a menace to some of our chapters. Other organizations of a similar nature were discussed, and there seemed to be a very strong sentiment in favor of prohibiting the members of S. A. E. from joining some of these so-called "honorary" societies.

The Washington Convention carefully compiled the Rules and Regulations. The Memphis Convention made a few changes and alterations. Too much legislation is a bad thing, and, in view of our past experiences, few changes, if any, were made by the Atlanta Convention. The jurisdiction of the alumni members of the Fraternity was given careful consideration. Some very vexing questions have arisen, requiring a legal aspect, or rather a technical interpretation of our Rules and Regulations upon this point. It is hoped, however, that the chapters will not be called upon to invoke the rule giving them this important jurisdiction.

Ours is not a singing fraternity. It has always been embarrassing for us to admit that we did not have a collection of songs published by the authority of the Fraternity as an S. A. E. Song Book. But this is no longer true, for by the time this volume of *THE RECORD*

reaches the chapters, the S. A. E. Song Book will be a reality. This is another of the long-felt wants that time and energy have supplied. We shall now expect every chapter to elect a music master and become familiar with every song.

The *Convention Daily News*, a four-page sheet, was made a feature of the Atlanta Convention. Its success at Memphis was of such a nature that its continuance has now become a necessity. William Kernan Dart was its editor-in-chief, and a very capable one, too. His experience as a college journalist and as an assistant on THE RECORD staff fully qualified him for the task. His worthy assistants were kept busy gathering news so that every delegate and visitor could be thoroughly posted on the doings of the convention.

One of the greatest benefits of the Atlanta Convention was the presence of the older alumni. There was Rudolph, one of our founders; General Harrison, Colonels Hansell and Sanders, Lodowick Hill and Doctor Todd—six venerable members of historic Georgia Pi, and Judge Pendleton, of Kentucky Iota, who was our eloquent toastmaster. There was Mell, a most eloquent speaker, who has the distinction of being the first Eminent Supreme Archon under the present form of government, and Hooper Alexander, another member who worked hard for S. A. E. during the reconstruction days. Hendree Harrison, Bryan Collier, Gibson, Doolittle, Waterhouse, Webster, Clay Murphey, Alfred Berkeley, and a host of the younger alumni were present, participating actively in the deliberations of the convention. And besides all these, we had with us our ever-welcome General Brandon. He won distinction for himself at Memphis, and now he has a warmer place in our hearts, because of his undying enthusiasm.

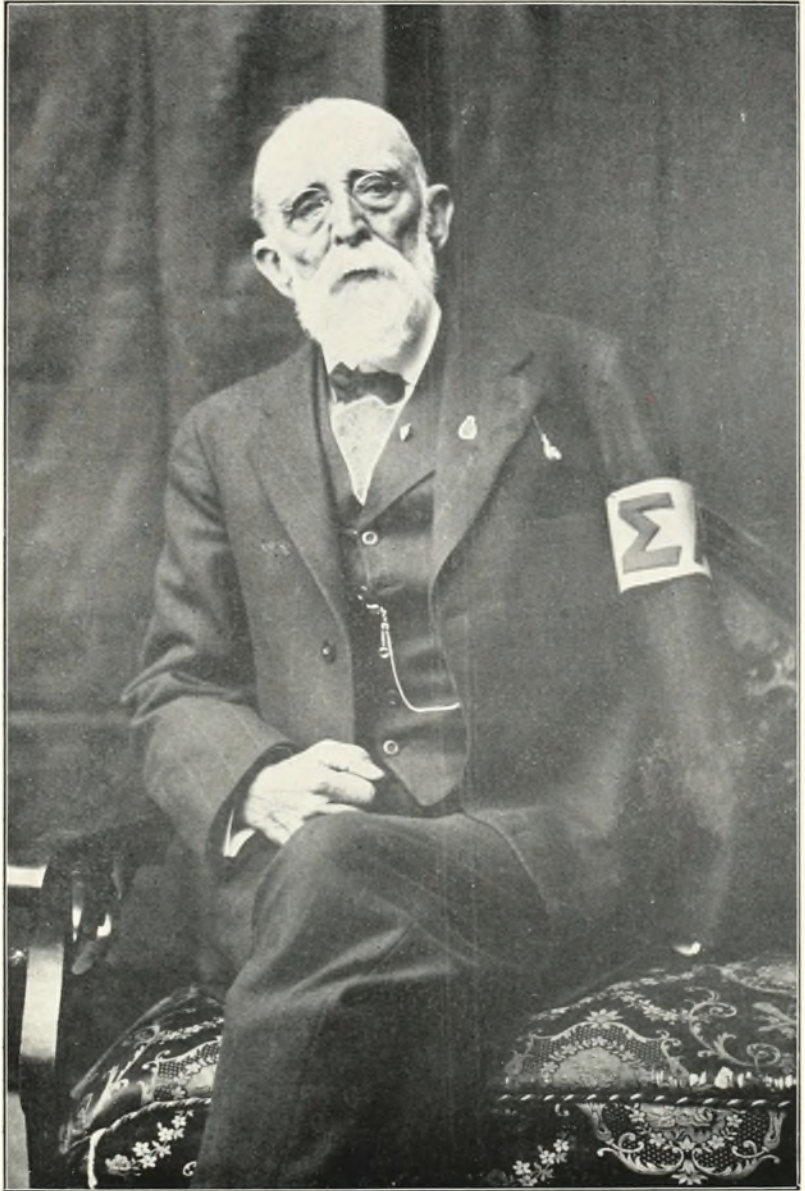
There are many other features that will always be tender with sweet memories, but space does not permit going into all the delightful details. No one can realize the beauties of fraternalism and all that the word means until he has attended a National Convention. A friend of mine has very aptly said that going to a National Convention is like "getting religion," for it does seem to consume the whole soul with a feeling of sublime exuberance that approaches immortality.

## A Closer View of Our Grand Old Man.



WHEN the Supreme Council, just prior to the Fiftieth Anniversary Convention, detailed one of its members to seek out our only surviving founder and accompany him to Atlanta to be the guest of the Fraternity during Christmas week, that member thought to find a feeble old man from whom age had stolen vigor, and who would be a care as well as a joy and pride. Only those who were fortunate enough to meet the grand old man of Pleasant Hill, and who had their youthful lives fired anew by his enthusiasm, can know how far Colonel John Barrett Rudulph was from being a care. The writer remembers well the mail-carrier and sulky made famous by Levere's historic visit to Pleasant Hill; he recalls the beautiful drive from the railway station to the Rudulph homestead; and his heart beats with emotion when he thinks of the fraternal hospitality with which the Rudulph heirs gave him warmth and spread a refreshing lunch before the great open fireplace of their home. But none of these were more impressive than the fine spirit with which the Colonel started upon his journey to Atlanta. What mattered it if his locks were whitened with the snows of many winters? Answer, the boyish delight with which he crossed the threshold of the car when we boarded the train at Selma, after a drive of twenty miles through the biting winds of that December Day. It seemed as if the Colonel had called back fifty years and made himself a boy again just for the week.

The train stopped at Montgomery long enough for a meal, and the old Sig Alph and the young Sig Alph sat down to a banquet, just for two, but it was a Fraternity function where were told only stories of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Many things will be forgotten, but not that Christmas-eve when a voice from the past told stirring stories of DeVotie days.



COLONEL JOHN BARRETT RUDOLPH.





"On to Atlanta! On to Atlanta," my dear old companion would say, and one might have thought he expected to reach his destination and greet the friends of his college days, rather than the great array of the young knights who have grown up since the storm and stress period of our Fraternity; but to one who knew, it was only another evidence of love and pride in S. A. E., and the outburst of an old spirit yet young, fanned into a living flame by a contemplation of the accomplishments of half a century of honest Grecian life and work. Onward through the darkness, following the West Point trail, we journeyed, and as we journeyed a trainload of wakeful holiday passengers listened to war-time stories and anecdotes by the Grand Old Man of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, whose eyes the "wee sma' hours" of morning made not heavy.

Before daybreak of Christmas morn, when St. Nicholas had not yet completed his round, we reached Atlanta and proceeded at once to the Piedmont, where Colonel Rudolph's steady signature may now be seen upon the register as the first guest of that Christmas day. A little later, S. A. E.'s from every section of our country began to pour in, and by night the lobby was alive with fine young fellows wearing the rhombic badge.

Colonel Rudolph occupied Suite 912, and held open house day and night, when not upon the convention floor or in attendance upon some of the social functions. In the lobby or dining-hall he was the central figure; at banquet-board, or in body assembled, he held the seat of honor; and there was not a member present who did not wait upon his call and seek to do him honor. What a fine example of energy to younger S. A. E. was that dear old man, who has long since passed the threescore mark. Not a single feature of the convention did he miss. At the smoker he led the yells; at the theater party, he sat in a box and lent dignity to the occasion; at the ball he was the pet of the ladies; at the banquet he was the moving spirit; and at the anniversary exercises he delivered an address, fittingly and beautifully linking the past to the future by an heroic word. Truly, Colonel Rudolph was the feature of the anniversary convention.

"Did Colonel Rudolph enjoy his visit?" To one who asked this question, I narrated the following incident: Early one morning

of that great week, I was awakened by a voice above my bed, singing some sweet old melody. It was the Colonel, up and dressed, and looking as bright as the morning sun. Upon being asked what made him so happy, he made this reply: "Unfortunately, I've been somewhat out of touch with the Fraternity for many years, and when I heard our E. S. A.'s report yesterday, telling of our growth and strength, I could hardly believe it—so much greater and grander than the little band of Tuscaloosa boys ever dreamed. Do you wonder I am happy?"

Our guest went through the ordeal of a convention such as tries the strength of many a younger man without once throwing up the white flag of fatigue. On one occasion after a weary day, Colonel Rudolph was missed in the corridors, and his escort, fearing he might be ill from over-exertion, went to his room only to find the Colonel standing upon a chair in the midst of a score of delegates waving a pennant and laughing heartily over some prank of early days of which he had just been telling the boys.

If I have spoken too familiarly of our Founder, he will pardon, as he is my friend and I love him. There is something sacred about the name of Rudolph, and those who met him will never cease to bless the day that took them to Atlanta. The look of his kindly eye and the warm grasp of his brotherly hand will be to many a cherished heritage in S. A. E.

M. E. HOLDERNESS.

Tennessee Nu, 1902.



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"ATLANTA GIVES Σ A E THE GRIP"



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**COLONEL RUDULPH AND MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL**

**Left to Right: Kimball, Stowell, Rudulph, Levere, Holderness**

## The Social Side of the Convention.

By Charles Norton Hensel,

Minnesota Alpha, 1908.

**T**HE Atlanta Convention of 1906, the greatest in our history, commemorating as it did, our Fiftieth Anniversary, is over; but let us pause awhile to consider and to set down something about the events of those four days, that those who were not there may catch the spirit of that gathering, and that S. A. E.'s yet to come may read.

You will learn of the business proceedings from *Phi Alpha*; it is of the social side of the convention, of the festivities that lightened each day's labors, and of that splendid *esprit de corps*, that I will try to tell.

Leaving Chicago at noon, December twenty-fourth, on the "Chicago Special," with Billy Levere, Deacon Sheldon and brothers from near-by chapters, we steamed away, picking up other brothers as we traveled southward. At Bloomington, Indiana, the representatives of the Dywyki local—now Indiana Gamma—joined us, and together we traveled happily along.

That night the conductor promised to wire ahead for a fine chicken breakfast at Chattanooga, and the porter called us early, despite the fact that the train was an hour late. We all tumbled out into the aisle, calling "Merry Christmas" to one another, and dressed hurriedly, only to find we would not reach Chattanooga for an hour. The sun was just coming over the mountain-tops, and the picturesqueness of that gorgeously-colored shifting panorama, and the snap in the cool morning air, was more than ample compensation for our early rising.

Billy Levere is a fast runner, especially after chicken, and he was the first to reach the restaurant at Chattanooga. Imagine our disappointment when we found them totally unprepared for us, saying that the wires were down, and that no message had been received. So we ate ham and eggs.

From Chattanooga, the train wound down the mountains through a very interesting country, where rude little cabins with chimneys built up the outside were seen scattered along the ridges and in the valleys. We passed many historic battle-fields, which were marked by marble monuments not far from the track.

As our train entered the station in Atlanta, we were greeted by the Atlanta Alumni, with a rousing "Phi Alpha Alicazee," and after answering them, we piled off. After introductions all around we marched the few blocks up to the Hotel Piedmont, convention headquarters. Delegates and visitors were arriving continually, and in the halls and lobby, the purple and old gold armband was rapidly coming into prominence. Late that day came Brother Holderness, who had gone to Pleasant Hill, Alabama, to bring Brother John B. Rudulph, the only survivor of the original eight founders of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

That evening I went to Brother Rudulph's room, where I was courteously received by that kindly old gentleman. His locks were touched by the snows of seventy-two winters, yet the fire of his spirit still burned brightly. His left sleeve hung empty, for he had lost his arm defending Atlanta against Sherman on his "March to the Sea." I was greatly interested as I listened to Brother Rudulph talk. He was a charming gentleman, his speech delightful and graced with the diction of the former generation.

He spoke of early days and of things as they were in the beginning, their early principles of scholarship and manhood. The grip was the same then as it is to-day, and the pin the same. Brother Rudulph designed that pin at the suggestion of DeVotie. As he spoke, he sketched again the form and symbols and explained their meaning as conceived by our founders. He had lost track of the Fraternity after the war, and had not dreamed that from the little nucleus of eight earnest men there had developed an organization that had come to be a factor in the affairs of the land.

When Billy Levere went to him some three years ago with his message from the S. A. E.'s of to-day, he bridged the chasm of time and fanned into flame that spark of Sigma Alpha Epsilon enthusiasm which was still smouldering in the Rudulph heart.

A founder had lived to attend the Fiftieth Anniversary celebra-

tion; a convention of five hundred, a membership of thirteen thousand. Is it any wonder he exclaimed, "The growth of the Fraternity seems to me as wonderful as it would be if the Arabian Nights tales were to happen today." Everywhere the old gentleman went he stimulated enthusiasm. Hats came off at his approach and many cheers greeted him each day. Hands clasped, uniting the old and the young in the bonds of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

On Wednesday morning Brother Hooper Alexander, in behalf of the local alumni, gave us a cordial welcome to Atlanta. Brother Rudolph gave an inspiring talk on "Reminiscences of the Past." As he resumed his seat the intense silence that had prevailed while he was speaking was broken by a mighty cheer, every man on his feet giving the "Phi Alpha Alicazee."

Another feature of the opening exercises was Brother Levere's reading of extracts from Jewett De Votie's journal concerning the death and burial of Noble Leslie. This served to impress us all with the noble mind and strong character of our Founder, and the great respect in which he was held. We S. A. E.'s may well be proud of this man, whose principles, so sound and true, are to-day still guiding us.

Delegates and visitors were arriving all day Wednesday, and at nine o'clock that evening we sat down, two hundred and fifty strong, in the dining-room of the Piedmont hotel, to enjoy the smoker provided by the Atlanta alumni and the Georgia Phi chapter. It was a fine sight—the beautiful Georgia marble columns draped with smilax, and the walls decorated with the banners of those colleges where S. A. E. is showing the way to brotherhood. We were hardly seated before the college yells began, every banner being cheered by its supporters. Pipe and stein were soon filled, and a delightful supper served. East and West, North and South, touched elbows, told stories and became friends. Things were going merrily when Rev. G. Hendree Harrison, clergyman and good fellow, fired by the spirit of the old days, marched around the tables calling out, "Georgia Phi, Georgia Phi," as he went along. Men joined the line from all parts of the room. Brother Harrison rounded up his followers in the middle of the room, where they gave Georgia Tech yells, cheered everything in sight and wound up with "Phi Alpha

Alicazee." You talked to the man next you, whether you'd met him or not. He was your brother, you were bound by a common tie. When the orchestra played "The Star Spangled Banner," and when it played, "Dixie," the man from the North and the man from the South cheered together. It was just as George Gibbs so beautifully expressed it: "Mason and Dixon's line has moved up to the North Pole and we're all *brothers* here."

Gradually the smoker broke up. Here and there were groups, many staying in the lobby to talk things over and to meet the delegates who were arriving on delayed trains. Many acquaintances begun that night were to grow into firm friendships before the last roll-call and the last speech of the convention.

A word of praise is due the five Georgia Phi boys, who, to provide for the pleasure and entertainment of visiting brothers, stood in line all night to purchase theatre tickets. It shows good S. A. E. stuff and we certainly extend to them our thanks and appreciation.

The pen of a Northerner is feeble when it comes to describing the convention ball. It would really take the eloquence of a Southerner to adequately picture an affair of such beauty and splendor. The men of Atlanta had indeed received us warmly and treated us gloriously; but our pleasure was greatly increased when it became our privilege to surrender to the charm and grace of the queenly women of the South.

The many colors of the gowns, the lights, flowers and banners, made the ballroom a very brilliant scene. The programs, with soft leather covers stamped with our crest in gold and made so that they could be kept for card cases, were beautiful souvenirs.

After dancing twelve dances and becoming acquainted all around, we sat down in the large dining-room, to a most bountiful supper. It made a very pleasant break in the evening and everyone seemed to be rested and refreshed when we returned to the ballroom to finish out the dance with a german. It was such fun. There was an air of informality and good fellowship, and the custom of "breaking" lent zest to the dancing. It was well past midnight when the orchestra struck up "Home, Sweet Home," and as each man sought his partner there was a general feeling of regret that such a delightful affair was over. And I'm sure that many hearts



were touched by the charming ways and bright eyes of those beautiful women.

And now the four busy days of the Convention were over, and with the feeling that the work had been well done, we gathered for the last time around the banquet table, once more to be with the dear old friends and the warm new friends, before separating for perhaps another two years.

This banquet was Atlanta's crowning act of four days of lavish hospitality and so splendidly arranged and so temptingly prepared was it, that even old Epicurus himself would have been delighted with it. At each place was a beautiful leather-covered menu embossed with the Fraternity coat-of-arms. As we took our places the cheering began and the evening opened with that same enthusiasm that had been in the air since the night of the smoker.

The toasts were splendid and everyone was mightily stirred, for some of our biggest and best men were speaking to us out of their wisdom and experience. Brother Rudolph, in his charming way, told how the Fraternity came into being. It was a great temptation to contrast the Fraternity as it was when DeVotie got those seven men together and as it was represented by the gathering to which Brother Rudolph was speaking.

At last Billy Levere rose to respond to the toast, "Sigma Alpha Epsilon." How many times had he responded to that toast during the last six years! And who better than he could speak on that subject? It seemed as though all that he had hoped for, strived for, loved and worked for—all the experiences of recent years—were crystallized into that one short speech, the greatest speech of his life. It is hard to lose Billy from active work, for he is the greatest Fraternity man S. A. E. has ever known.

As we joined hands in the mystic circle and sang, "Good-Night, Brothers," knowing that the Atlanta Convention of 1906 was over, it was with the feeling that we were better for having been there and that we would all work harder for Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

The afterthoughts of our great convention are, after all, best expressed in the memorable words of Levere:

"Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Fifty years young.

Her Past—A glorious one as her 13,000 youths attest.

Her Future—A benediction to untold thousands yet to come.

Her Work—To weave together all over our broad land by her cords of eternal love a brotherhood that will exalt in noble manhood.

*All hail! Sigma Alpha Epsilon."*



GEORGE DEERING KIMBALL,  
Eminent Supreme Archon.



## George Deering Kimball, E. S. A.

**T**HE mantle of our beloved Brother William C. Levere, retiring Eminent Supreme Archon, has fallen on worthy shoulders in the person of George D. Kimball, of Denver, Colorado.

Brother Kimball has served the Fraternity long and well as Eminent Supreme Deputy Archon and as Eminent Supreme Treasurer. It is in the latter position that he will always be remembered, for he has put S. A. E. finances on a plane never before obtained by a national fraternity. It is unnecessary to review his work of Treasurer the past six years, as it is familiar to every loyal S. A. E. throughout Sigdom. During his many years of active fraternity life he has been an incessant and untiring worker. His wide acquaintance and intimate knowledge of men and affairs, coupled with keen intuition and rare executive ability, have especially fitted him for his present duties as Eminent Supreme Archon.

Brother Kimball is a typical Westerner, broad of ideas and breezy, thoroughly democratic and a good mixer. He was born in East Portland, Maine, in 1869, but has lived since 1886 in Denver, Colorado, where he entered Denver University. He was a charter member of Colorado Zeta, founded 18 December, 1891, and at once became an active exponent of Sigma Alpha Epsilon in the West. He served three terms as President of Eta Province, and was a prominent figure in the St. Louis Convention of 1896, and at Nashville, in 1898, where he was elected E. S. D. A.

The Boston Convention of 1900 elected Kimball E. S. T., and he was subsequently re-elected at Washington in 1902, and at Memphis in 1904. During his last term as E. S. T. he established a record never attained before, that of having every chapter account paid in full *between conventions*. At the Atlanta Conven-

tion every single chapter account was balanced, and every chapter represented by an active delegate.

Brother Kimball is Auditor of the Rugby Coal Mining Company of Denver, having been with this company for four years. This is one of the best-known coal companies in the West, and does an extensive business.

Brother Kimball has been an ardent worker in the different branches of the Masonic Fraternity ever since he was twenty-one years old. In 1903 he was Eminent Commander of Colorado Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, which organization is widely known as having captured first prize, valued at \$4,000, at Louisville, Ky., in 1901. He was First Lieutenant of the Drill Corps which met competing organizations of a similar kind from all over the country. In December last he was selected Master of Kadosh, Colorado Consistory No. 1, Scottish Rite, the office being at the head of the thirty-second degree Masons in Colorado, which organization has over a thousand members.

A few weeks ago there was organized in Denver a Pan-Hellenic club. During the preliminary stages Brother Kimball represented Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and when the organization was perfected he was elected treasurer of the club.

Brother Kimball has spent the best years of his life in active fraternity work, and I predict that his administration will be a memorable one. Sigma Alpha Epsilon is indeed to be congratulated on its admirable selection for Eminent Supreme Archon.

GEORGE H. BUNTING.

*Tennessee Zeta, '91.*

## Charles Frederic Stone, E. S. T.



**C**HARLES FREDERIC STONE, the newly-elected Eminent Supreme Treasurer, is one of those younger sons of Sigma Alpha Epsilon who have proved their ability to take up the work of the Fraternity where it has been left by the veteran workers whose names are as familiar in every S. A. E. chapter-house as are those of the fathers of the republic. Though no one is willing to admit that these veterans have in any measure completed their services to the Fraternity, still it is a matter for the sincerest congratulations to find that we have at hand men capable of following worthily in their footsteps.

Our treasurer is a native Tennessean, born in Chattanooga, 28 February, 1883. His father, Captain Francis Irwin Stone, of Decatur, Georgia, married Miss Emma Antoinette Kirkpatrick, also of Decatur. The family lived for twenty years in Chattanooga, moving to Atlanta in 1895. Captain Stone fought throughout the Civil War in Company B, Twelfth Georgia Battalion, in the famous "Oglethorpe" regiment, under Generals Joseph E. Johnston and John B. Hood. He was wounded in the side at Bentonville, and had many narrow escapes. On one occasion a bullet cut through his pocket, carrying away the veteran's most prized luxury—his tobacco.

The young Charles Frederic received his preparatory education in the schools of Atlanta, graduating, *cum laude*, from the Boys' High School, in 1901. At this institution he showed marked talent for public speaking and debate. Entering Georgia School of Technology in 1901, he was initiated on the thirteenth of September by Georgia Phi, the chapter which gave the Fraternity Floyd Furlow and G. Hendree Harrison, and which has been a beacon light in spreading the warm glow of fraternity enthusiasm throughout all the section about Atlanta. He has in S. A. E. a brother, Marion

Irwin Stone, Tennessee Zeta, '91, and two first cousins, John C. Kirkpatrick, Georgia Phi, '98, and Hugh W. Kirkpatrick, Georgia Phi, '99, vice-president of Province Epsilon. In January, 1906, he married Miss Virginia Butler, of Jacksonville, Florida.

Stone became well-known throughout the Fraternity during 1902 and 1903, as the traveling representative of Rochm & Son, jewelers, whom he represented at the Washington Convention.

Within a few months after his initiation Stone was recognized as one of the foremost workers in Georgia Phi, being elected chapter correspondent, and the next summer he was put in charge of the rushing work which is conducted annually by the Atlanta Alumni Association, and which has proved such a great help, not only to Georgia Phi, but to the other Georgia Chapters as well, and, in many cases, to chapters located without the State. So well did he perform his duties as secretary of this committee that he has been kept in harness ever since, having for several years served as secretary and treasurer of the Atlanta Alumni Association. In this position he has shown signal ability and untiring energy. It was largely through his efforts that the Atlanta alumni were induced to ask for the 1906 convention, and it is almost entirely due to his work that that convention was the grand success which all seem ready to proclaim it. In him the Fraternity will find a valued officer, and for this greater work the Atlanta Alumni Association is glad to give him up, but it will be a hard task to find the man to take his place.

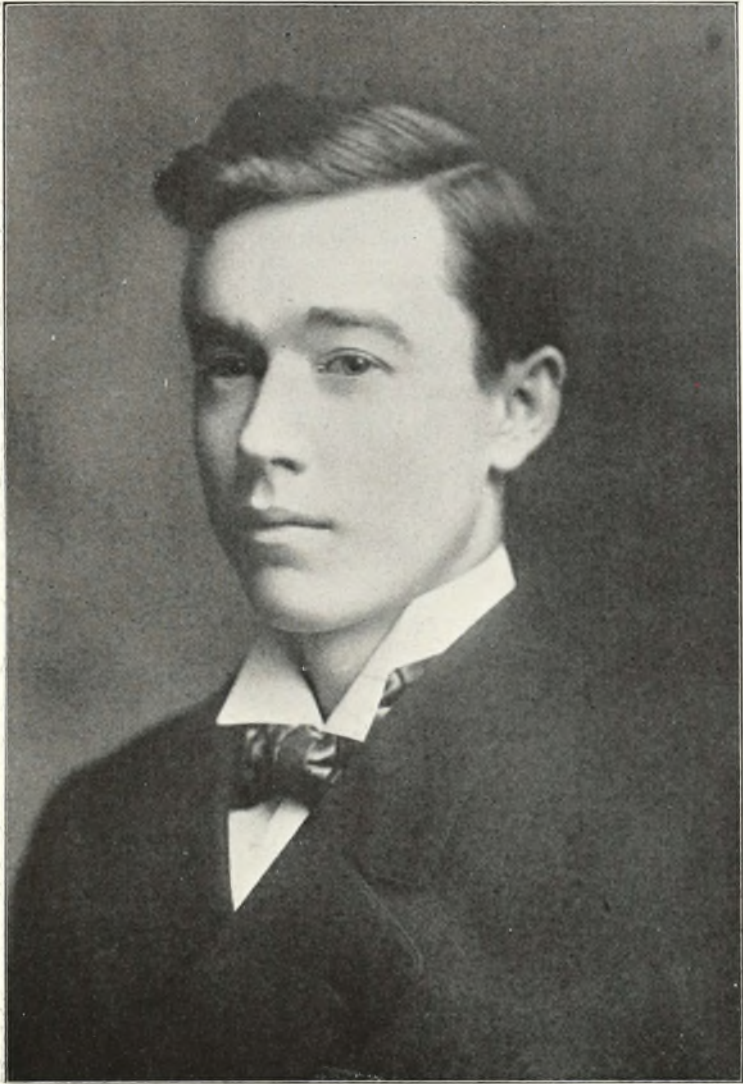
Of pleasant address and tactful by nature, he will be sure to work out the many troublesome problems which come to the national fraternity officer, and he will work them out so as to please everybody, and at the same time best perform the work of the Fraternity.

In Atlanta Brother Stone's business standing is of the highest, and his name connected with any enterprise is quite enough to carry it through. His Atlanta associates and his many friends throughout Sigma Alpha Epsilon, believe that in him the Fraternity has come as near as it was possible to find a man capable of filling the place left vacant by the promotion of that old watchdog of the treasury, George D. Kimball.

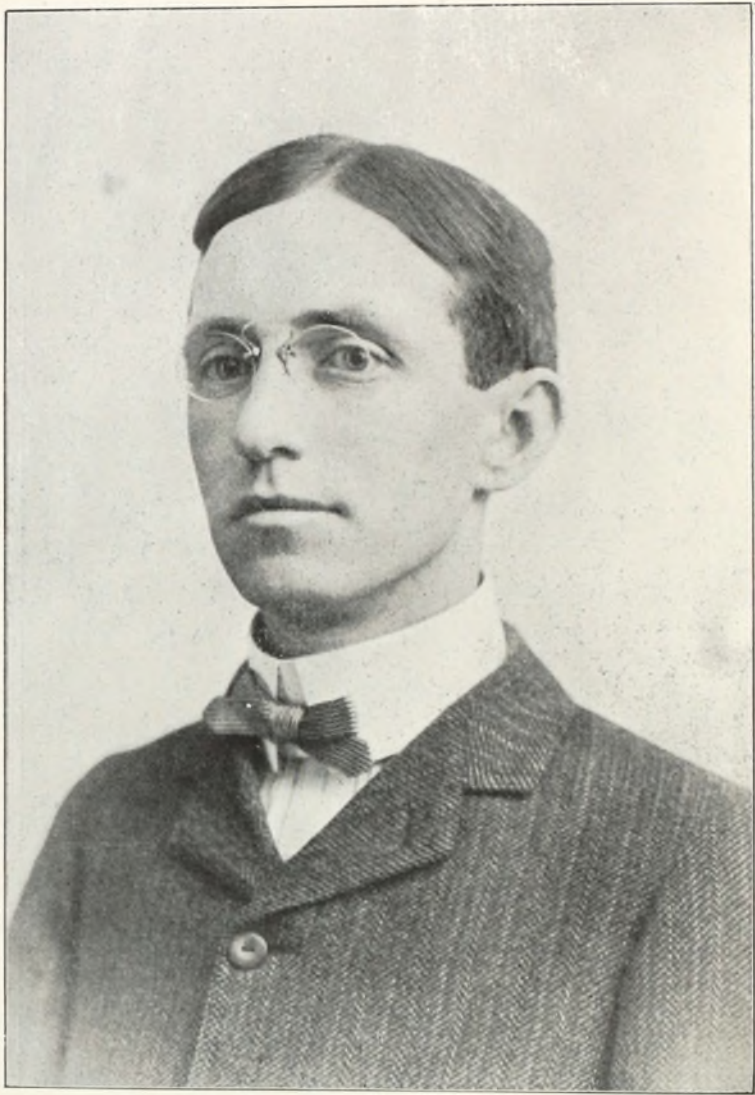
LAUREN FOREMAN.

*Georgia Epsilon, 1901.*





CHARLES FREDERIC STONE  
Eminent Supreme Treasurer.



CARL EDMUNDS SHELDON,  
Eminent Supreme Deputy Archon.

## Carl Edmunds Sheldon, E. S. D. A.



MARVEL of persistence and zeal is, according to all accounts, our new Eminent Supreme Deputy Archon, Carl E. Sheldon. Brother Levere thinks that either the widow recorded in the New Testament as having secured a favorable decision from the unjust judge by sheer perseverance, must have been one of Carl Sheldon's ancestors, or else by the theory of transmigration of souls, he must be the widow re-incarnate.

Perhaps that is the reason Brother Sheldon entered upon the practice of law; at any rate, if he continues in his chosen profession with the same vigor that has characterized his activity as an S. A. E., ample success will surely attend his efforts.

Carl Edmunds Sheldon was born 21 April, 1876, at Sterling, Illinois, where he still resides. His father's people came from Cayuga county, New York, and his mother's from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. Both his parents attended higher institutions of learning, and his father, after graduating in law from the University of Michigan, in 1868, engaged in the practice of that profession.

Carl received his early education in the public schools of Sterling, and in the fall of 1895 entered the University of Illinois. Here he pursued the course in literature and arts, and graduated in 1899 with the degree of A.B. The following fall he entered the Law Department of the same University, and received his LL.B. in 1902. In June, 1902, he formed a partnership with his father for the practice of law, which relation still continues under the firm name of C. L. & C. E. Sheldon.

In the spring of 1898 he joined the "Red Ribbon" Club, a local society at the University of Illinois, which petitioned Sigma Alpha Epsilon for a charter, at the Nashville Convention, in December

of that year. This charter was granted, and, on 28 January, 1899, Sheldon was initiated as one of the eighteen charter members of Illinois Beta. Upon the organization of the chapter he was elected Eminent Archon, to which position he was three times re-elected. The "Deacon," as the boys of Illinois Beta affectionately call him, was an ardent fraternity worker from the very first, and it is due largely to his determined efforts that the chapter has progressed from rented rooms to the ownership of a fine new house. He was delegate of his chapter to the Province Delta Convention, held at Columbus, Ohio, in 1900, and at Champaign, Illinois, in 1902; also delegate to the National Convention at Boston, in 1900. At the Province Delta convention of 1902, he was elected province president, and was re-elected at the next convention at Minneapolis, in 1904. He has been president of Illinois Beta Association since its incorporation in 1902. As province president, he attended the province conventions at Minneapolis, in 1904, and at Lafayette, Indiana, in 1906; also the National Conventions at Washington, in 1902, and at Memphis in 1904. At the Memphis Convention, he was elected Chapter-House Officer, and his work done in that capacity speaks for itself.

In the fall of 1905, he was sent by the Supreme Council to Lincoln, Nebraska, to represent the Fraternity in the "Simpson case" before the Province Zeta Convention.

He was employed by the Supreme Council to incorporate the National Fraternity, which was effected under the laws of Illinois, on March 9, 1906, the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of the Fraternity.

At the Atlanta Convention of 1906, he was elected Eminent Supreme Deputy Archon.

Besides being an S. A. E., Brother Sheldon belongs to a number of other organizations, but it is needless to state that Sigma Alpha Epsilon holds first place in his affections. His latest honor, while the second highest within the power of the Fraternity to bestow, is one which he has fairly earned by faithful service, and his work in his new position will no doubt be such as to prove that the Fraternity was not mistaken in its choice.

AL. F. LEUE.

*Ohio Epsilon*, 1898.

## Clarence Warner Stowell, E. S. R.



**B**Y unanimous vote, and amid great cheering, Clarence W. Stowell was, at the Atlanta Convention, re-elected to the office of Eminent Supreme Recorder. By his work during the past two years, Brother Stowell has proven himself worthy of the trust and confidence that Sigma Alpha Epsilon placed in him. It is hard to conceive how the office of E. S. R. could have been handled more efficiently than it has been. "Colonel" Stowell surely must realize how the Fraternity appreciates his zealously, for that is conclusively proven by his unanimous re-election.

Ever since he became an S. A. E., Stowell has been a diligent worker. A leader in college life, as well as in his chapter, his executive ability was soon recognized, and consequently, in 1902, he was elected secretary-treasurer of Province Alpha. In 1904, he was chosen vice-president of the province, and a short while later succeeded to the presidency to fill a vacancy occasioned by Brother Millar's promotion to the Supreme Council. At Memphis he was elected to the Supreme Council, taking up the duties of Eminent Supreme Recorder.

At present Brother Stowell is connected with Bryant and Stratton's Business College, at Providence, Rhode Island. Previously he has been an instructor at Rockland Military Institute, Nyack, New York, principal of Hollowell (Maine) High School, and afterwards principle of Kennebunk (Maine) High School.

The charm of the "Colonel's" personality lies in his unassuming air and pleasant address. And this very modesty of his is *ipso facto*, a stamp of true greatness.

Few members of the Fraternity realize the amount of work that the E. S. R. has always on hand. Just at present Brother Stowell is busy distributing the new shingle and getting out the amended

Rules and Regulations. At all times he has to keep up with initiations, marriages, deaths, and any "official data" concerning the men of S. A. E. Upon his efficiency in collecting this data depends the accuracy and completeness of future catalogues. Under his administration we may rest assured that the work of the E. S. R.'s office will at all times be handled to the best advantage of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

LEWIS MARKS.

*Massachusetts Beta Upsilon, 1907.*

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## Charles Parkinson Wood.

*Editor of The Record.*



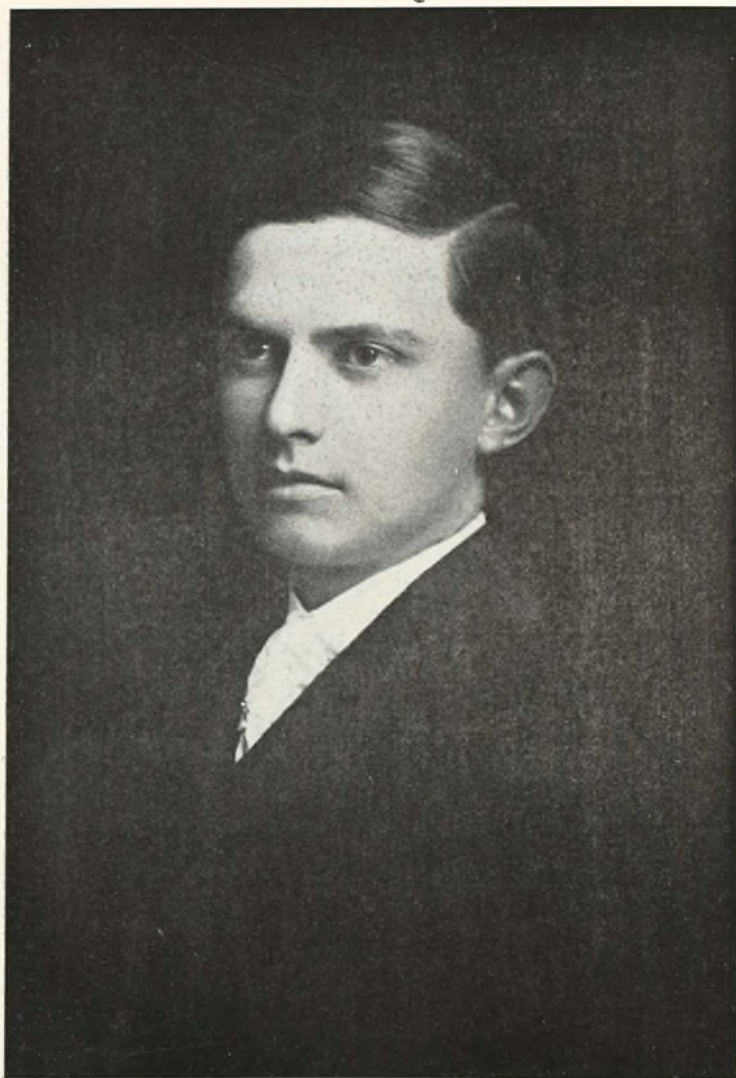
**H**AVE you ever felt the effrontery of a lingering introduction of one of national prominence by another whose only distinction was the privilege of the moment? Almost such it seems to introduce to the Fraternity one whose name is already so familiar to it. Only because there are some facts in his life that are not yet common property do I feel that I can attempt to make you personally acquainted, rather than merely officially so, with one with whom personal acquaintance is so much worth while.

"Colonel" Charles Parkinson Wood may have come by his title through his display of innate qualities of leadership, or else as justly so because there flows in his veins the blood of Virginia soldiery. One grandfather was in Pickett's Division, Longstreet's Corps, Army of Northern Virginia, and one fought under "Jeb" Stuart, while an older brother of his father was with Fitzhugh Lee. Daniel Pollard Wood was too young to enter the army, but years later this soldier's son married a soldier's daughter, Sallie Parkinson, and March 11, 1883, at Warrenton, Virginia, was born Charles Parkinson Wood, the predestinated "Colonel."

His early training was begun by a careful mother, and later continued by a local school. One year, 1897-1898, he spent at



CLARENCE WARNER STOWELL,  
Eminent Supreme Recorder.



CHARLES PARKINSON WOOD,  
Editor of the Record.



Locust Dale Academy, in Virginia, where he exhibited his remarkable talent for winning the love, as well as the admiration, of his fellows. During the next two years he was at Randolph-Macon Academy, Bedford City, Virginia, and there he played on the baseball team and was awarded the highest honor, the Senior Scholarship Medal. He entered Cornell University in the fall of 1900, unheralded, a young and unknown Southern boy, who was to make for himself, without pull or favor, by the strength of a personality, a very warm place in the hearts of our own chapter, New York Alpha, which saw him and recognized his worth and initiated him October 20, 1900. The work which he did at Cornell as a student was noteworthy. In his junior year came the typhoid fever epidemic, and he was summoned home to avoid it, thus losing the last half session; whereupon he made his senior year in Sibley College, the engineering school of Cornell, count double and graduated in 1904 an electrical engineer.

If you want to know what Charlie Wood did at Cornell, you will not find it in the *Cornellian*, for he had little time for the so-called college activities. What is more to our interest is the fact that you will find the records of his actual activities written in the annals of his Fraternity. In a chapter run under the system of the Cornell chapter, that is no more responsible position than that of chapter steward, which was entrusted to him in his junior year. It was in his senior year, when, as correspondent of his chapter, he attempted far more than the mere requirements of the position, that many of us first came to know him. At the Province Beta Convention of 1904, held at Ithaca, Wood was the official representative of his chapter. What he meant to New York Alpha is not to be measured, however, in terms of offices held, or honors bestowed upon him; his vital service was more intimately personal. I want to quote a sentence or two from a letter I have from one who knew him well in those Cornell years: "His unselfishness and good nature was a revelation to the fellows, and that was what made him the best-loved man in the whole chapter. . . . New York Alpha has had few more loyal sons than Charles, one of those men who lived fraternity as well as talked it." He was a sympathetic, human spirit, and that was why men sought him in time

of trouble, or disappointment or discontent; and that is why Cornell men who were with him then love to talk of him now and rejoice in his successes.

The three years since he left college have been increasingly active years, both in business and in work for the Fraternity. In 1902, he was present as a visitor at the Washington Convention; before another convention assembled he had become a servant of the National Fraternity, having accepted, in 1904, a place on the Song Book Committee. That same year Henry Sydnor Harrison made him an associate editor of *THE RECORD*, and in November, 1905, appointed him assistant editor, with supervision of the entire routine business of the publication. The Fraternity knows how that work has been done. But while his fraternity duties were increasing, so, too, were those of his profession. Accepting a position with the Buckeye Cotton Oil Company, he was sent, in 1904, to the Macon, Georgia, mill. A temporary transfer carried him for a few months to Augusta, Georgia, and later he was transferred to the Atlanta branch. Many, no doubt, wondered at his absence from the Atlanta Convention, and he himself was disappointed, but there came a message from his company not much in advance of the convention date, bidding him go to Little Rock to meet a certain crisis in the mechanical situation there. While he was away attending to this duty, the delegates to the convention expressed their approbation of the work he had done for his Fraternity and advanced him to a place on the Supreme Council. He is now editor of *THE RECORD*.

It is not necessary that I speak of the ability he possesses to put before us quarterly a *RECORD* of which we shall be proud. The editorial work he has already done, and the way in which he has handled the business matters shows his aptitude for the task entrusted to him. And those who know him know full well the intensity of enthusiasm which he is putting into this work. He is young in years; what will be the nature of his services in the Supreme Council? At Cornell, "what he advocated in meeting was considered pretty carefully, for his good, steady judgment was appreciated." Never underestimating the gravity of a situation, he is calm and optimistic, with a saving sense of humor that does not

take too seriously things that are merely trivial. I do not feel that I am extravagant in predicting that the counsels of Charles Parkinson Wood will be ever sane and progressive, and I am sure there is no one more devotedly serving Sigma Alpha Epsilon to-day than is the self-same "Colonel."

THOMAS MCNIDER SIMPSON, JR.

*Virginia Omicron.*

## The Banquet.

By *Robert Gibson, Jr.*,

President of the Board of Trustees.

**T**HE convention closed in a blaze of glory Saturday night, with a banquet at the New Kimball. The affair was reported by the press to have been the largest of its kind ever held in the city. The room was richly decorated with our Fraternity colors, together with the pennants of the best colleges and universities in the land. At one end of the room was our illuminated badge, and at the other, in electric-lighted letters, shone forth the phrase "Fiftieth Anniversary Convention."

The enthusiasm was intense. Judge John T. Pendleton, the toastmaster, rapped for order at about ten o'clock, and after making a scholarly and stirring address, he proceeded to introduce the speakers, briefly but appropriately.

Brother Brandon, of Alabama, led off with an eloquent response to "Our Fiftieth Anniversary." By his burst of oratory during the convention, we had been led to expect much from him, and we were not disappointed. A Mississippian has recently sounded in Congress the praises of the Tombigbee, but not in such glowing terms as those in which General Brandon sang the praises of the Warrior, on the banks of which, where Sigma Alpha Epsilon was born, we are about to erect that sacred shrine, the DeVotie Memorial.

Thomas S. Mell, that faithful S. A. E. soldier, showed us the silver lining to the clouds that caused "The Dark Days of the Fraternity."

The climax came when our venerable brother, and one of our founders, Colonel John B. Rudolph, gave us reminiscences of "The Founding of S. A. E." in 1856. His is a ripe, serene and beautiful old age, and his love for our Fraternity is as deep as that of a lover for his sweetheart. His presence was to us a benediction.

May his life be lengthened so that he can be with us at many future conventions of our beloved order.

George D. Kimball, our newly-elected E. S. A., proved that "The Wild and Woolly West" had become one with the gentle South in its love for S. A. E. Robert Gibson, Jr., of New York, a native Georgian, responded with enthusiasm to the toast, "Practical Enthusiasm." Towards the invitation of the committee, Brother Gibson said, he felt like the Georgia darkey whom an Atlanta gentleman met on the street and asked to change a ten-dollar bill: "No, boss, I can't change no ten-dollar bill, but I'se much obleeged to you fur de compliment." A. A. Murphey, of Barnesville, told those of us who had not heard Brother Thomas E. Watson, how much we had missed by Brother Watson's absence on account of illness. Many, at least, of us bachelors, felt a strange yearning when Brother Murphey, in response to "The Ladies," referred to the happiness of that man who could say with Shakespeare:

"She is mine own,  
And I as rich in having such a jewel  
As twenty seas, if all their sand were pearl,  
The water nectar, and the rocks pure gold."

"Billy" Levere, our retiring E. S. A., who has done such inspiring work for the Fraternity, then thrilled us with a stately speech picturing a grand march of the national fraternities, with Sigma Alpha Epsilon well to the front and carrying aloft her banner of Royal Purple and Old Gold.

At the close of the banquet, the several hundred S. A. E.'s joined hands with our grip, forming an immense circle completely surrounding all the tables, and sang S. A. E. songs, gave the Phi Alpha yell, and cheered the big guns of the Fraternity, thus symbolizing the pledge proposed by one of the speakers in the words of the poet:

"Let sympathy pledge us through pleasure, through pain,  
That fast as a feeling but touches one link,  
Her magic will send it direct through the chain."

TOAST LIST.

He ne'er is crowned  
With immortality, who fears to follow,  
Where airy voices lead.

—Keats.

- Toastmaster.....Judge John T. Pendleton  
 "Delivers in such apt and gracious words  
 That aged ears play truant at his tales,  
 And younger hearings are quite ravished."  
*Love's Labour's Lost.*
- "Our Fiftieth Anniversary".....Gen. W. W. Brandon.  
 "We have lived and loved together  
 Through many changing years;  
 We have shared each other's gladness,  
 And wept each other's tears."  
 —*Jefferys.*
- "The Dark Days of the Fraternity".....Thomas S. Mell.  
 "Into each life some rain must fall;  
 Some day must be dark and dreary."  
 —*Longfellow.*
- "The Founding of  $\Sigma A E$ ".....John B. Rudolph.  
 "Oh who can tell, save he whose heart hath tried."  
 —*Byron.*
- "The Wild and Woolly West".....George D. Kimball.  
 "Let others hail the rising sun:  
 I bow to that whose course is run."  
 —*Garrick.*
- "Practical Enthusiasm".....Robert Gibson, Jr.  
 "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."  
 —*Emerson*
- "The Ladies".....A. A. Murphey.  
 "So with the world thy gentle ways  
 Thy grace, thy more than beauty,  
 Shall be an endless theme of praise,  
 And love a simple duty."
- "Fraternity".....Hon. Thos. E. Watson.  
 "A friendship that like love is warm;  
 A love like friendship, steady."  
 —*Moore*
- "Sigma Alpha Epsilon".....William C. Levere.  
 "To those who know thee not, no words can paint;  
 And those who know thee, know all words are faint."  
 —*More.*

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## TODAY'S PROGRAMME.

9 a. m.—Semi-Centennial Celebration.

Order of Exercises:

Prayer—Rev. G. Hendree Harrison.  
Address of Welcome—Hooper Alexander.

Response—Clyde I. Webster.  
Song—"Dear S. A. E."

Two Minute Silence in Memory of Our Dead Historical Statement—Henry Sydney Harrison.

The Founder—William C. Levere.  
Exhibition of DeVotie Belles.  
Jubilee Song.

1 p. m.—Biennial Report; Appointment of Committees.  
9 p. m.—Smoker.

## COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Brother William C. Levere, of S. A. has announced the following as the Committee on Credentials:

W. R. F. Dunn, Chairman.  
Gordon D. Kimball.  
Clarence W. Stowell.  
A. N. Bennett.  
W. E. Lang.

Delegates will greatly facilitate the Committee's work by turning in their credentials at once.

Every alumnus of Sigma Alpha Epsilon should subscribe to the fraternity publications. The Record is a quarterly non-secular journal, while the Phi Alpha is published every other month and is secret. The members of the fraternity can get them both for a dollar a year, which is a ridiculously low price.

## A CONVENTION SENTIMENT.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon! Fifty Years Young! Her past—a glorious one as ten thousand youths attest. Her future—a benediction to be told thousands yet to come. Her work—to weave together all over our broad land by her cords of eternal love, a brotherhood that will exult in noble manhood. All hail, Sigma Alpha Epsilon!

William C. Levere, E. S. A.

## KAPPA THETA PSI.

### GREETINGS FROM SIMPSON.

To the National Convention of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.

### GREETINGS:

To the representatives of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity in convention assembled! The men of the Kappa Theta Psi send the season's greetings. We hope for you a most successful, enjoyable and profitable season.

We feel that we owe to the S. A.

E. Fraternity an apology for what, perhaps, seemed an attempt to invade ourselves into your fellowship. We shall not attempt to excuse ourselves except on the ground of ignorance of some of the real conditions, and our eagerness to become acquainted with the men of S. A. E. No one can regret more than we ourselves the unfortunate occurrence which has placed us in the peculiar position we must hold in the eyes of the National Fraternity. We are sorry that we had not the patience to await the natural development of events which would give us the desired recognition.

But we do wish to say to all brothers

Wishing you and the chapters from which you come, a most prosperous and successful year, we extend to you best wishes of the Kappa Theta Psi.

## DR. THOMAS CHAPPEL COOK.

At the last convention but two of the founders, survived Dr. Thomas Chappel Cook and Colonel John B. Rudolph. Now the sad news comes that Brother Cook died February 17, 1906. This, with Brother Spencer's death, is the saddest news we have had for many moons. Resolutions of

## OFFICERS OF SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON.

We present herewith a list of the main and subsidiary officers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon who are delegates (so far as known):

Eminent Supreme Arcon—William C. Levere, of Illinois.  
Eminent Supreme Deputy Arcon—Marvin E. Molderness, of Tennessee.  
Eminent Supreme Recorder—Clarence W. Stowell, of Rhode Island.  
Eminent Supreme Treasurer—Gordon D. Kimball, of Colorado.  
Editor of The Record—Henry Sydney Harrison, of Virginia.

## PROVINCIAL PRESIDENTS.

Alpha—Charles F. Davis, of Massachusetts.  
Beta—Ralph C. Stewart, of Pennsylvania.  
Gamma—Alfred R. Berkley, of North Carolina.  
Delta—Clyde I. Webster, of Michigan.  
Epsilon—J. Clay Murphy, of Georgia.  
Zeta—Elmer B. Sanford, of Missouri.  
Eta—W. N. Valle, of Colorado.  
Theta—Henry P. Dart, Jr., of Louisiana.  
Iota—Frank K. Houston, of Tennessee.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.

Chapter II, Article II, Section 3. Add—No one who is a member of Theta Nu Epsilon Fraternity or a similar organization under another name shall be admitted to membership in the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, nor shall any member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity be permitted to become a member of Theta Nu Epsilon nor a similar organization under another name.

Chapter VIII, Article IX, Section 2. Add—And of each initiate at the time of his initiation shall be required the promise that he will wear the badge of the fraternity as long as he lives, except it be removed from his person by loss or accident, or released in accordance with Section 2 above.

## SAMUEL SPENCER.

One of the most distinguished members of Sigma Alpha Epsilon met a sad death on Thanksgiving Day. Samuel Spencer, of old Georgia Psi Chapter and one who aided materially in perpetuating the fraternity after the war, was killed in a Southern Railway wreck at Lawler, Va. Brother Spencer was a prominent figure in the financial world, and his death was lamented throughout the country. He was riding in his private car when killed.



THE ORIGINAL MINUTES

Tattered and torn though the old book is, Sigma Alpha Epsilon prize beyond measure the original minutes of Number One. They contain more of our early history to the page than any other piece in existence. If you want to catch the spirit of the founders, read the account of those early days as recounted in this volume. Its contents have been reproduced and are now in book form at the disposal of those who wish. The edition is restricted to one hundred and twenty-five copies. It is bound in cloth and may be obtained at the catalogue stand in the convention hall.

ousness and humility that we are determined to prove to the men of the S. A. E. Fraternity that we shall be worthy of a place among their number and that we are working to that end. We are grateful for the kindly spirit shown our representatives at the Providence Convention held at Lincoln, Neb. and in all our dealings with the men of the National Fraternity. We hope to be considered as men led away from the wiser path by too great zeal for the betterment of our local organization.

regret will probably be offered to the Convention, sympathizing with the families of the deceased brothers.

Among the prominent S. A. E. men on hand at this convention are John B. Rudolph, (the last of the founders) Thomas E. Watson, John D. Little, Ex-Congressman Geo. P. Harrison, C. C. Sanders of the old Georgia Military Institute chapter, Auditor W. W. Brandon of Alabama, Don R. Almy, Thomas S. Mell, William C. Levere, J. D. Kimball, and numerous others.

## THE CONVENTION DAILY

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DREWERTON

Cartoon by Brewerton in *The Journal*, December 27.

[Courtesy of *The Atlanta Journal*.

"THE CITY IS YOURS. CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES."



## The Convention Daily.

By *Howard S. Holmes*,  
Michigan Iota Beta.

**A**S we sit around discussing the good times we had at the great semi-centennial, the royal way in which we were received in Atlanta, and the thrills that went through us as we met and gave the grip to Colonel Rudolph, the last of our noble band of founders, we can not but look forward to our next national assemblage. And so we instinctively fall to discussing the various needs of our conventions, and the best ways of meeting them, and among them the need of a daily paper, and the way in which this has already been met.

The publishing of a convention daily has ceased to be an experiment with S. A. E. The great hit registered by *The Convention Daily News*, the first fraternity convention daily ever published, upon its initial appearance at the Memphis Convention two years ago, predicted the success of Volume II, when it should appear at Atlanta. And how fully did *The Daily* come up to the hopes and expectations of its founder, William C. Levere, and its editor, all those who attended the Atlanta Convention can assert.

After attending two conventions at which the delegates and visitors have seen and felt the advantages of having such a publication, how many would want to attend another without this official organ through which the meetings of the various committees, the members of such committees, the doings of the previous meetings, and the programs of the following sessions are announced? How popular *The Daily* really was, and how great a purpose it really served can best be attested by the great rush for copies each morning on the part of both visitors and delegates.

The editor, Brother William K. Dart, with his characteristic push, was on the ground early with sufficient copy for the first

issue, and had it out, ready to be distributed, before the majority of the delegates and visitors had arrived. And let me say right here, that had not *The Convention Daily* had a man of his ability and resourcefulness behind it, I fear the hopes of some of its most enthusiastic advocates might have been blighted. He it was who furnished the extra copy when those of his less experienced and less ardent associate editors failed to "produce the goods." His associate editors were J. H. Cabaniss, Lewis Marks, A. B. Purton, H. S. Holmes, Garrard Haines and George W. Leach. Charles H. Strong was business manager.

It was learned from experience in the publication of Volume I at Memphis, that in order to get the best results, several changes would have to be made in the method of editing and publishing. Thus it was that in the appointing of the various committees at the Atlanta Convention the editor and associates were not asked to serve on them, and thereby be cumbered with so much extra work that they could not give proper attention to either *The Daily* or the committee.

In form, *The Daily* was a four-page sheet printed on extra quality paper and typographically attractive. One of the features of the paper was the great number of timely and interesting pictures and cartoons, the printing of which was made possible through the courtesy of *The Atlanta Constitution* in lending the cuts. Perhaps the most interesting of all the pictures was that of the original book of minutes, which appeared in the first number of the paper. The old book is shown tattered and torn, but still legible, thereby giving us more of the early history of our Fraternity than we could possibly get from any other source.

Besides the many things of interest which *The Daily* contained there was much which was practically indispensable in the form of committee announcements, etc. Thus, while serving in the capacity of official bulletin and directory, it also included reviews of the preceding day's business, sketches and speeches of the prominent men present, in fact, everything which was of importance and interest to the delegate or visitor.

Nor was this the only paper which sounded the praises of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. In every edition of the Atlanta daily papers some

note was made of the business meetings and social functions of the S. A. E.'s. On other pages will be found many interesting clippings in the form of complimentary editorials and sundry accounts of convention incidents.

And so with the completion of the second volume of *The Convention Daily* and with the merits of such a publication impressed upon us more firmly than ever, we can not imagine a real, live convention without it. It is, in truth, as much a need of each convention as is THE RECORD a need of our national Fraternity.

## Indiana University.

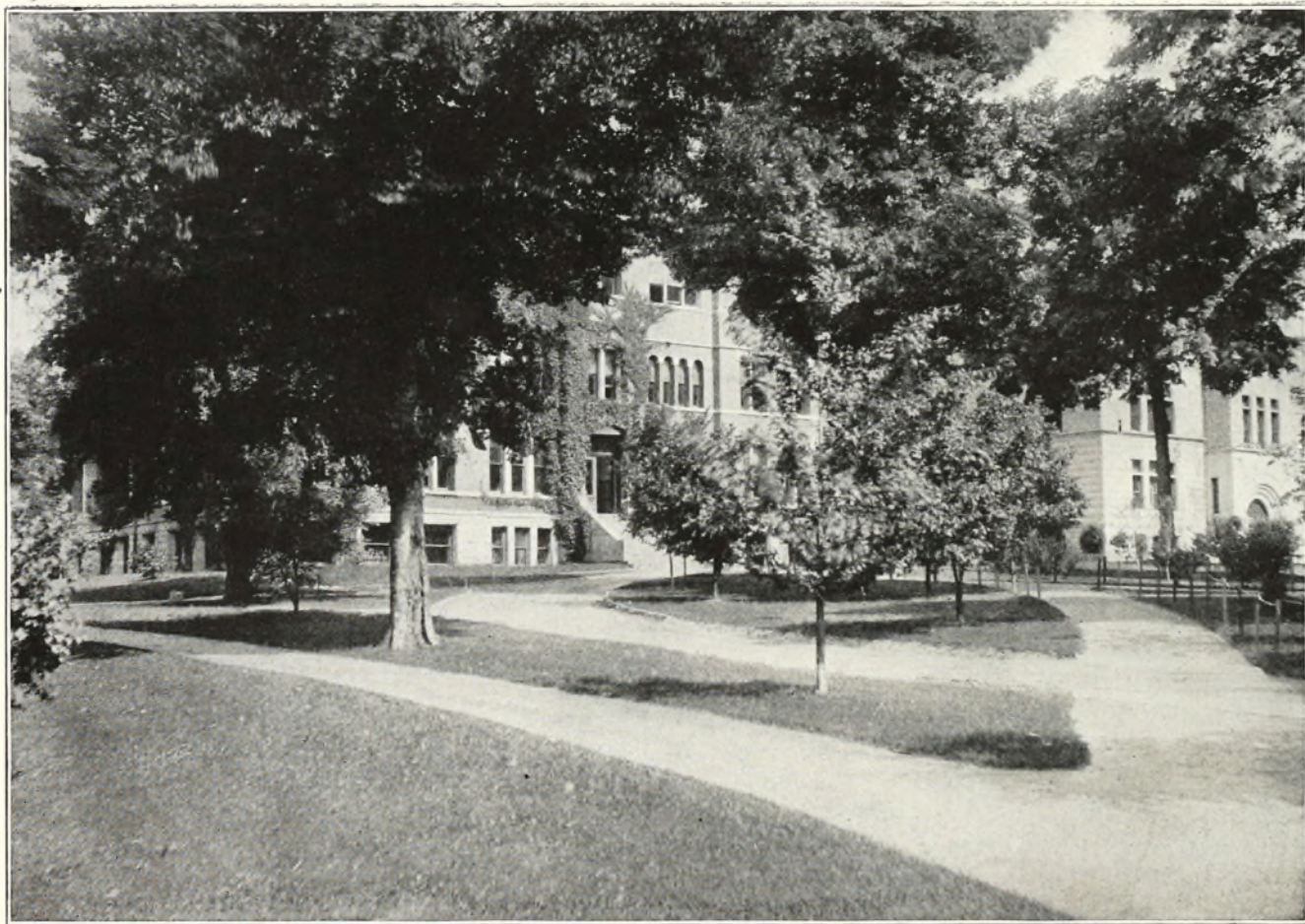
*By Edward A. Lawrence,*

Indiana Gamma.

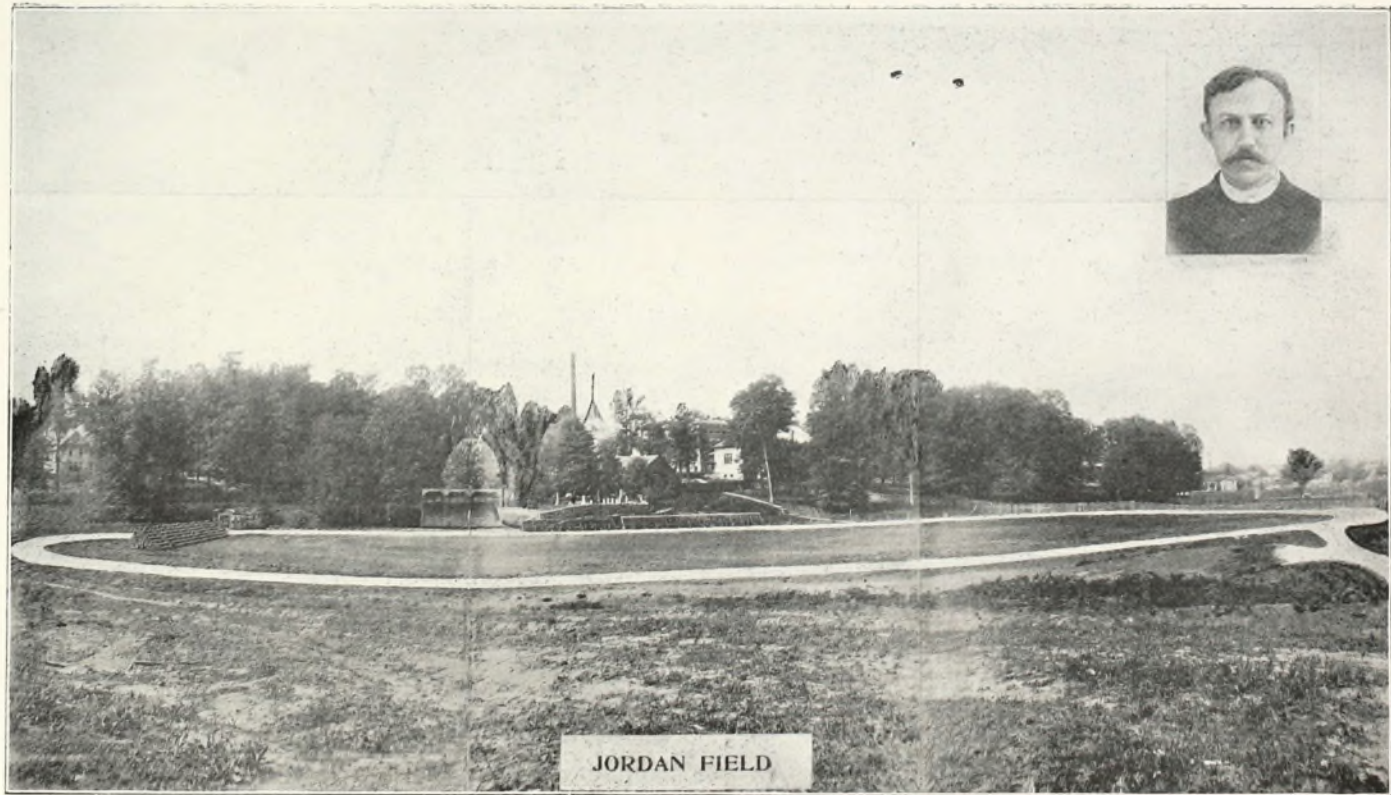
**I**NDIANA UNIVERSITY is situated at Bloomington, one of the oldest of Indiana towns, whose broad streets are shaded with old elm trees. At first the University was situated on the south side of the city, where there is still to be seen a crumbling brick structure which was used in the days when it was a one-building institution. The University is now situated to the west of the city on a heavily wooded campus, covered with a fine tough sod. The campus is hilly and a small stream flows through one half of it. This stream is called the "River Jordan," not from any biblical association, but in memory of David Starr Jordan, a former president.

The State of Indiana is noted for the excellence of its schools. This excellence is due to the deep interest which the wise fathers of the State took in this part of its development. The section of the State Constitution upon which the system of public education rests, reads as follows: "It shall be the duty of the General Assembly as soon as circumstances will permit to provide a law for a general system of education ascending in regular gradation from township schools to a State University wherein tuition shall be gratis and equally open to all." 20 January, 1820, the date now recognized by the University as Foundation Day, an act to establish a State seminary received executive approval.

During the first generation of its history, Indiana University endured a continuous struggle. Besides having to contend against the reluctance of the State to give it vigorous and liberal financial support, its lands were unfortunately or unwisely managed, and because of their too early sale it never realized from its land endowment an income of more than \$8,000; it was, moreover, troubled by uncertainty and confusion and subsequent litigation concerning



UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA--CAMPUS SCENE.



UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA—ATHLETIC FIELD.

this endowment. It was hampered in the early years by the antagonism of religious sects whose adverse influence was felt more than once in the management of the institution; and it suffered two disasters by fire. All these causes have combined to make the growth of the University slow and difficult. But as the material resources of the State developed, as the people have acquired the competency which brings leisure and opportunity for culture and refinement; as men have become more tolerant in their religious beliefs, and as the conviction has grown deeper that trained leaders are indispensable in a democracy, the State has become more generous in its support of higher education and made it possible to carry out the ideals of the founder of the University and to accomplish its real function as conceived by its recent presidents. It bids fair to do its full share in endeavoring to attain ideal democracy.

There are at present on the campus five magnificent and architecturally beautiful stone buildings, and two brick buildings, which are in daily use by the students. In addition to these seven large buildings, there is a handsome new stone power house, and two substantial frame buildings, the men's gymnasium and the women's gymnasium. There is also in process of erection the new library building, to be built of Bedford limestone. The campus is considered one of the most beautiful, naturally, in the United States. The vicinity of Bloomington, too, offers scenery surpassing in richness and variety that of any other Indiana locality. No matter what road one takes out of town, the drive is one of interest and beauty. Arbutus Hill, five miles east of Bloomington, is the only place in this section where grows the trailing arbutus, the University flower.

Entrance to the University presupposes a four years' course in a high school or preparatory seminary. A great number of students enter the Freshman class from what are termed commissioned high schools of the State, from which schools students are received without an entrance examination. The academical side of college education has always been prominent at Indiana University. In 1820, Greek and Latin were the only subjects taught, and from that day to this they have held first place in the curriculum. The University

has also a three-year law course, and a two-year preparatory medical course.

Among other departments of the University are those of English, Romance Languages, German, History and Political Science, Philosophy, Mathematics, Astronomy and Mechanics, Physics, Chemistry, Geology, Zoology, Botany, Anatomy, Fine Arts. A biological station is maintained at Winona Lake in summer. It is equipped with apparatus for zoology and biology, and is one of the beautiful spots of Northern Indiana. A summer school of twelve weeks is conducted at Bloomington, and its popularity is attested by the attendance last summer of between seven and eight hundred.

There are at present eighty-one members of Indiana's faculty; among these the following have a national reputation in the educational world: H. W. Johnston, Professor of Latin; Carl Eigenmann, Professor of Zoology; John A. Miller, Professor of Mechanics and Astronomy; Professor D. B. Myers, head of the School of Medicine; Arthur L. Foley, Professor of Physics; Robert J. Aley, Professor of Mathematics; James A. Woodburn, Professor of History; Charles M. Hepburn, Professor of Law.

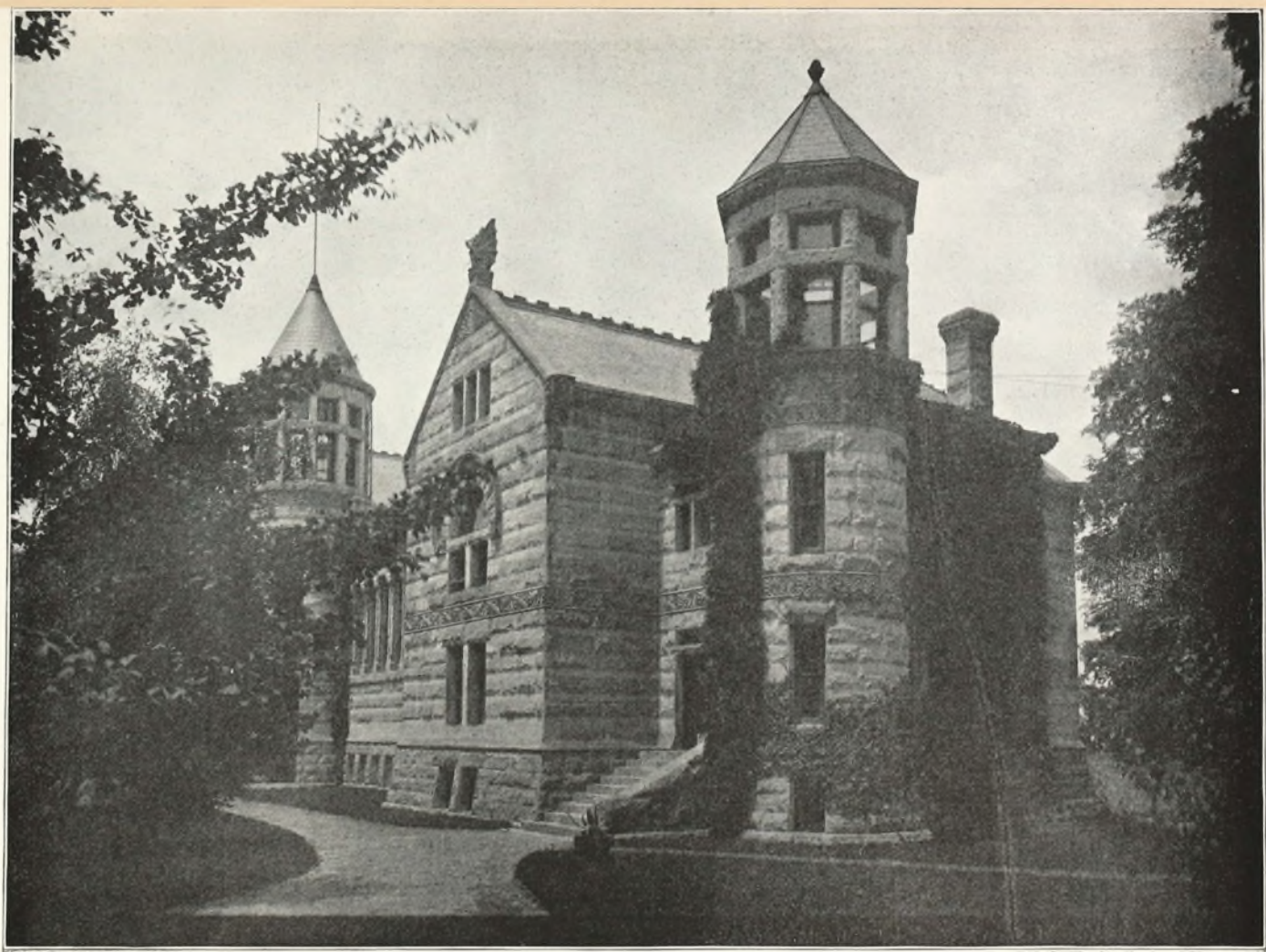
The fact that Indiana University is a coeducational school has added much to the spirit that pervades its classic halls. There are four sororities at Indiana University—Kappa Kappa Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta, Pi Beta Phi and Delta Gamma.

Indiana University is among the strong institutions of the Middle West. Her spirit is that of the West—thoroughly democratic—and it may be summed up in the words of her president, William Lowe Bryan, in his inaugural address: "What the people need and demand is that their children shall have a chance—as good a chance as any other children in the world—to make the most of themselves, to rise in any and every occupation, including those occupations which require the most thorough training. What the people want is open paths from every corner of the State, through the schools, to the highest and best things which men can achieve. To make such paths, to make them open to the poorest and lead to the highest, is the mission of democracy."





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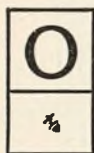


UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA—MAXWELL HALL.

## The Installation of Indiana Gamma.

By *Fred A. Caskey,*

Ohio Theta, 1908.



OUT at Bloomington, Indiana, at the University of that State, there used to be a bunch of fellows who styled themselves the "Dywyki Club." But there is no more Dywyki, because, on January eighteenth last, William C. Levere and Carl Sheldon, and a few more of us went out to that little town and completely wiped that Dywyki Club off the face of the earth. But we gave them something else—they go by a new name now, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon has in her already large family another member, Indiana Gamma. In the very same old hall where our "Billy," nearly five years ago, told that crowd of boys just what they would have to do, and just what it meant to successfully petition our Fraternity, they finally realized their ambitions and desires and were initiated into S. A. E. With "Billy" Levere as E. A., Carl Sheldon, as E. R., and assisted by Brothers Holmes, Michigan Iota-Beta, Lerum, Wisconsin Alpha, A. W. Archer, Illinois Beta; L. S. Gordon, Indiana Beta, and Fred A. Caskey, Ohio Theta, the thirty-five men, including a few of the original Dywyki, were led through our beautiful and impressive ritual into the cherished secrets and teachings of the Fraternity. It was certainly a grand sight, one that we'll all remember. On this occasion Brother Levere wore the original pin of the Fraternity. This cherished emblem is the property of a little girl down in Louisiana, the granddaughter of one of the founders.

After the "Phi Alpha" was over, the "glad hand" passed around, the pins all on, we went down joyfully to the New Tourner Hotel. The banquet was certainly one grand success from start to finish, the management of the hotel was very earnest indeed in its efforts to make this feature of the installation a success. One of the most

impressive features of the evening was the telegram of congratulations from Colonel John Rudolph:

Pleasant Hill, Ala., January 18, 1907.

Carl E. Sheldon, E. S. D. A., Bloomington, Ind.

Permit me through you to say to the Gamma brethren that as fate separates us so far apart, it will be impossible for me to be with them on this most auspicious occasion. My heart and soul will hover over them and breathe my most cherished hopes and tenderest blessings upon them. My prayers shall ever be that heaven's blessings may rest upon this new-born chapter, and may their efforts be crowned by many anniversaries.

Fraternally in S. A. E.,

JOHN B. RUDULPH.

Truly a wonderful toast in itself, and certainly one that made a lasting impression on its hearers.

#### Toast List.

Toastmaster .....	Carl E. Sheldon
"Province Delta" .....	Arne C. Lerum
"Loyalty" .....	R. D. Chadwick
"The Atlanta Convention".....	S. A. Duling
"Fraternity" .....	A. W. Archer
"Past, Present and Future".....	L. S. Gordon
"Dywyki" .....	Olin B. Norman
"Sigma Alpha Epsilon".....	William C. Levere

The better part of the next day was taken up in persuading our former E. S. A. to stay for the dance, in the evening. However, some of the afternoon was spent at the chapter-house, a cozy little home, one that any chapter would be proud of. A meeting—it might be termed Indiana Gamma's first real meeting—was held, and impromptu speeches were made by Brothers Levere, Sheldon and a few others of the visitors.

On the evening of January nineteenth, New York Delta entertained with a formal dinner and dance at the New Tourner. The ladies were out in all their glory, making the occasion replete with enjoyment, and never to be forgotten.

All of us know that the University of Indiana ranks as one of the best State institutions of the West. There are, at the present time, a number of the very best national fraternities at the University. Nearly all of them have existed there for years. We



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all realize just what confronts our new brothers. Yet, I do think, Indiana Gamma has a very good start. The old Dywyki Club had attained no little prestige—as much as any organization of the kind could under such circumstances—and I prophesy early success for our new chapter.

**Visitors.**

Michigan Iota-Beta: H. S. Holmes, Ellis; Washington Alpha: S. A. Duling; Wisconsin Alpha: A. C. Lerum; Illinois Psi-Omega: Paschal Ritter, William C. Levere; Illinois Beta: A. W. Archer; Ohio Sigma: Wm. Pearse, Thomas Greenwall; Ohio Theta: Fred A. Caskey; Indiana Alpha: Dill, R. D. Chadwick, C. L. Nichols, L. W. Beam; Indiana Beta: L. S. Gordon, H. H. Everest, W. B. Porter.

**Members of Indiana Gamma.**

Ralph Penn, Waverly Daniel Bretz, S. A. Duling, Monroe Greeman, Daniel E. Herschelman, James R. Mauck, Walter F. Drollinger, Percy Mortimer Day, Jesse Blaine Gwin, Frank DeVore Gorham, Olin B. Norman, Wm. Earl Brown, Robert Moss Hough, Earl Price, Ross Bradley Bretz, Edward A. Lawrence, Joseph Bruce Dorsett, Herschell Lynn Lucas, Harold Owen Gudge, Richard Marion Smith, Elbert Shirk Waymire, Charles Franklyn Wade, John I. Rinne, Charles Franklin Woods, Don J. Henry, Charles F. McCarthy, Richard M. Brumfield.

## The Convention in the Papers.

Arranged by *Charles C. Thomas,*

Virginia Sigma, 1904.

**Editorial in Atlanta Constitution, December 28, 1906.**

Atlanta is glad to extend a cordial and hearty welcome to so representative a gathering of young men as is found in the more than three hundred delegates now here from almost every State in the Union, attending the semi-centennial convention of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.

More than three-fourths of these are still undergraduates, delegates sent direct from the various university and college chapters from Maine to California, and from Michigan to Texas, future citizens of prominence and force in their respective communities, among them, perhaps, some of the coming men of the nation.

Those who have been led to look upon assemblages of college men as containing always a surcharge of that spirit of enthusiastic exuberance whose overflow borders on rowdyism, must have been agreeably surprised in finding the S. A. E. convention one of the most dignified and orderly bodies it has ever been Atlanta's pleasure to entertain. It will go far toward dispelling that erroneous belief which anyhow has been founded largely on miscellaneous examples of football rooting.

These S. A. E.'s are the class of men Atlanta wants. We hope some of them will become so favorably impressed with our spirit of progressiveness and the opportunities offered, that they will decide ultimately to cast their lot with us.

A notable and interesting feature of the convention has been the presence with the delegates of John B. Rudolph, of Pleasant Hill, Ala., the sole surviving organizer of the Fraternity, a man who lost his arm in the defense of Atlanta in the struggle of the sixties. His every appearance has been the signal for general cheers, and the greeting which the delegates from every section have always delighted to extend him has been little short of hero-worship.

**Atlanta Journal, December 26, 1906.**

Perhaps the most conspicuous visitor at the semi-centennial convention in Atlanta of Sigma Alpha Epsilon is Colonel J. B. Rudolph, of Pleasant Hill, Ala., the only living founder of the Fraternity.



"I paid a very pleasant visit to Atlanta once before," said Colonel Rudolph Wednesday morning in the lobby of the Piedmont. "It was right after the battle of New Hope church, in May, 1864. I had my arm shot off in that fight, and was afterwards brought here. I spent about three weeks in what was known as the Fair Ground Hospital.

"They were mighty nice to me, then, especially one," continued the colonel, with a merry twinkle in his eye, "and I am glad to get back. I'm all here but my arm and it's not very far off."

Colonel Rudolph was a distinguished member of the Tenth Confederate cavalry. He first visited Atlanta in 1845, when he was only ten years of age.

In order to make certain of his presence at the convention, Marvin E. Holderness, of Nashville, Tenn., journeyed all the way to the home of Colonel Rudolph in Alabama, the two traveling over twenty miles through the country in coming to Atlanta.

Despite his gray hairs, the Colonel is at heart, and in disposition as young as the youngest S. A. E. present. He is an excellent storyteller, and while in the lobby of the hotel is always the center of an interested and admiring group.

He was given a tremendous ovation Wednesday morning at the opening session of the convention, when he arose to speak. "Reminiscences" was the subject allotted to him.

A copy of his speech delivered at the opening session of the convention is printed below:

"Mr. President and Brethren of the Noble S. A. E.: On contemplating this semi-centennial of our order, and the gathering of our brotherhood from every quarter of our great republic, coming until their gathering footsteps sound to mine ears like the mingling of many winds and the breathings of many waters, to the Queen City of the South, and upon further contemplation of the great honor thrust upon me as the survivor of the eight, whose minds wrought, and whose souls wept, over the birth hour of our noble society, it is due to us all that our greetings should be as 'apples of gold in pictures of silver,' and as the lonely one whose footsteps linger a short time longer in the corridors of time ere I go to join the seven, who have left us to mourn their irreparable loss, I, as their only representative, waft to each and every chapter and to each and every brother gathered here to-day a message of love and good cheer from the distance of fifty years ago, when my life was young and my eye was bright with the hopes of youth.

"I hope that every single one of the many gathered here in this magnificent conclave shall catch the spirit of my greeting, and I feel

that the gentle, noble and kind spirits of those who wrought so well in the establishment and perpetuation of our loved order, though absent from us, look down upon us and approve all that we have done, and that their benefactions and benedictions rest upon us in the fullest degree.

“Ever near us, though unseen,  
The dear immortal spirits tread,  
For all the boundless universe  
Is life—there is no death.’

“I assure you, beloved brethren, that this honor thrust upon me by our secretary and the brotherhood, is esteemed and appreciated by me beyond the power of my heart to feel or tongue to tell. I no longer look forward through the vista of youth to the fruition of cherished hopes, nor do the dreams of early manhood cheer me on to the accomplishment of yet greater ambition, nor do I stand where the meridian sun of life beams in its effulgent splendor upon me in middle life, where the goal of success has been reached by years of trial and hardship. But, my brethren, I stand where the seared and yellow leaf of age begins to press upon my brow, and the crown of many winters, and to those thus standing not many of the laurels of life, not many of the honors that bless one’s existence, come. How sacred the honor, how esteemed the privilege, and how beloved the occasion then to me only those who stand in the winters of life’s chilling blast can tell.

“I greet you to-day in the name of the far-off time when S. A. E. was framed in our loved University of Alabama. I greet you in the name of those noble spirits who threw their life-love around our noble order, but who now have crossed over the river and rest under the shade of the trees. I greet you in the name of those younger ones who took up the work of our order and planted chapters everywhere upon the brotherhood breast of our common country, and whose shouts of victory yet resound in the air.

“I greet you, beloved, in the name of those immortal principles blazoned upon our lovely badge and ask you to catch the inspiration of our motto and live in such manner as to prove to the world the truth of its dear teachings.

“But I must turn from the pleasures of my introduction to the topic you have assigned me. When we met to organize what we are now proud to call the S. A. E., we knew not the broad sweep of her influence, nor yet the nobility of her reach among other noble Greek fraternities, as the sweep of the years should advance her interests, sway her destinies and emphasize her tenets. Some of us were fearful that she might find an untimely grave in the dark waters of oblivion, but a kind Providence designed nobler things for her than that.

“Have you never stood upon some lofty mountainside and watched

the progress of some tiny stream, so small at first that it seemed as if it would lose its way among the grasses and fern that obstructed its progress? But no, another joins it here, another there, here a creek and there a rivulet, until casting your eye over many a plain you see the tiny stream flowing forth a mighty river, whose course is grand, whose volume is great, and whose current is irresistible. So it was with the destiny of the noble S. A. E. Commencing in uncertainty and from a small beginning, it has steadily grown from its conception fifty years ago until now it numbers among its members some of the most able jurists, greatest statesmen, noblest clergymen and scholars, and one of our best beloved presidents—William McKinley—who wore our beloved S. A. E. badge when the oath of president was administered to him.

“Among the spirits who inaugurated its being, there is one more to be mentioned than the others—Noble L. DeVotie, who threw all his genius for organization, purpose in planning and determination to succeed, into its first years of life. He afterwards became a Baptist minister of note and distinction, and after a life well spent in doing good to others, he sleeps well in his tomb his Savior blessed and hallowed for him. Another great spirit among the first eight was the tireless Kerr, who afterwards forged to the front as an able lawyer in the Northwest.

“There have been other great men along down the history of S. A. E., with whose names and deeds you are perhaps as well acquainted as I. It is not necessary to tire you with historical sketches, but you will be interested to know that while our brothers have come and gone through the ages past, the principles of S. A. E. remain unchanged, and will last forever. If I had a small part in laying the foundation stone that fact is the pride of my declining years. Noble Leslie DeVotie wrote the ritual which remains the same to-day in its essential points. It fell to my lot to design the badge, which has been but slightly varied from the design which I selected on a visit to New York in that memorable year, and which is practically identical with the badge.

“It rejoices me to-day beyond measure to see the unexampled prosperity which has come to our beloved order. Countless thousands now rejoice in the triumphs of our Fraternity as it carries its examples and blessings to the far distant shores of Maine to the sunny peninsular of Florida, and from the broad sweep of the Atlantic seaboard to the golden sunset of California and Oregon.

“I deem it a sacred privilege to address you at this time, so auspicious as a link between the past and the present, for it may not be in the scope of Providence that I shall meet with you again this side of the crystal sea in the city of our God, and if not, I stand as a living

link to-day between the times that have been and the times that are to be, and as one who is more than a well-wisher to those noble sons of our Fraternity of the present generation, let me bid you a holy God-speed in every noble endeavor that you are making. Like General Fremont, who stood first upon the sunlit summits of the nation's western range of mighty mountains, and, turning his eyes to the east and placing his hand to his ears as though listening, his companion said, 'To what at you listening?' He replied, 'I am listening to the tread of the millions, coming footsteps of those who will one day occupy these beautiful lands.'

"So do I stand to-day upon this pinnacle of fifty years of the history of our Fraternity, and look forward to the dawn of coming years and the tens of thousands who are yet to lift higher our crest of power and progress and bid you God-speed. May the glad auspicious occasion of this great meeting be as the rising sun which shall climb the zenith until it shines in all the effulgence of midday glory! May the order prosper and grow until, like some tall cliff that rears its awful form, swells from the vale and halfway meets the storm,

"Though round its breast the rolling clouds are spread,  
Eternal sunshine settles on its head."

**Atlanta Constitution, December 23, 1906.**

Purple and Old Gold will be the reigning colors in Atlanta during four days of the present week, for the sons of Sigma Alpha Epsilon meet in national convention at the Piedmont, Wednesday morning, in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Fraternity.

Delegates and visitors will begin arriving Monday, and by the time the opening session is called to order it is expected that fully eight hundred S. A. E.'s will have assembled from every quarter of the country.

Special trains from New York and Chicago are scheduled to arrive on the afternoon of Christmas day, and a third will reach the city Wednesday morning from Cincinnati. Each will be filled with large delegations from the North, East and West.

**Atlanta Journal, December 24, 1906.**

The flags and colors of every college in the United States, in which there is a chapter of the S. A. E. Fraternity, are fluttering in the lobby and parlors of the Piedmont hotel Monday. This is in presage of the Fraternity's convention, which is to be held from December 26 to 29.

**Atlanta Journal, December 25, 1906.**

Many delegates to the convention of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon have arrived in the city, and others are coming in by every train.

The first meeting of the convention, which will be a business one, will be held in the assembly room of the Piedmont hotel Wednesday morning at ten o'clock.

The convention is to be one of the largest in the history of the S. A. E. There are a large number of members of the Fraternity in Atlanta and throughout Georgia. The chapter at the University of Georgia was established in 1866, and was the first Greek-letter fraternity to enter the University. Several hundred Georgians, many of them the most prominent citizens of the State, are members of the order, and most of them will attend the convention.

**Atlanta Journal, December 26, 1906.**

From Maine to Jamaica, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific, visitors were assembled in Atlanta Wednesday morning for the purpose of attending the fiftieth anniversary of the national convention of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Early in the day the gayly-bedecked lobby of the Piedmont hotel was well filled with wearers of the royal purple and old gold, and when the convention was later called to order by General George Paul Harrison, not a vacant seat was visible in the assembly hall.

A notable feature of the gathering of S. A. E.'s is the number of older men present, who have remained loyal to their Fraternity during the intervening years since their college days, and who are now mingling freely with their former comrades and the undergraduate members.

Among the former are Col. John B. Rudolph, who was present at the founding of the Fraternity, on March 9, 1856, at Tuscaloosa, Ala., and C. C. Sanders, who was a charter member of the chapter at the old Georgia Military Institute, at Marietta, Ga., in 1857, just one year after the Fraternity's birth. Mr. Sanders is now president of the State Savings Bank at Gainesville, Ga.

The first issue of *The Convention Daily*, a publication containing convention news exclusively, made its appearance Wednesday morning, and was given wide circulation among its members. The staff is composed of William Kernan Dart, editor. Associate: J. H. Cabaniss, H. S. Holmes, Garrard Haines, Lewis Marks, A. B. Purton, George W. Leech. Business manager, Charles R. Strong.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon is the only fraternity that publishes a daily paper at its national conventions.

Visitors will be gathered together for the first time in a social way Wednesday evening, when they will be tendered a smoker, beginning at nine o'clock, at the Piedmont by the Georgia Phi chapter at Tech and the Atlanta Alumni Association. The affair will be en-

tirely informal. "Billy" Levere will preside in his inimitable way, and a thoroughly good time is assured.

During the remainder of the week secret sessions will be held each morning and afternoon. The fiftieth anniversary dance will occur Friday evening, and the convention will be brought to a close Saturday night with the semi-centennial banquet at the New Kimball.

**Atlanta Journal, December 26, 1906.**

Visitors to the S. A. E. convention were delightfully entertained Wednesday evening at a smoker given at the Piedmont by the Atlanta Alumni Association and the Georgia Phi chapter at Tech.

Purple and Old Gold were the prevailing colors in the elaborate decorations in the dining-room, which has never presented a more attractive appearance. The ceiling fairly bristled with the vari-tinted pennants of the sixty-eight colleges in which the Fraternity has chapters, while at the end of the room appeared a massive S. A. E. seal bordered with electric lights.

The evening was spent in an entirely informal manner, the smoker having been planned with a view of having the visitors become better acquainted with one another. "Billy" Levere was assigned to the seat of honor.

College yells were given almost incessantly during the evening, and it was near the hour of midnight when the happy guests dispersed.

**Atlanta Journal, December 28, 1906.**

One of the largest houses of the season witnessed the performance of "Peer Gynt" with Richard Mansfield in the title role. The S. A. E.'s, wearing their badges of purple and gold, occupied a number of the boxes, as well as several rows in the parquette.

**Atlanta Journal, December 27, 1906.**

Thursday morning's session of the national convention of Sigma Alpha Epsilon was devoted to routine business, the delegates meeting at nine o'clock in the convention hall at the Piedmont. Flattering reports were submitted showing the splendid growth and prosperity of the Fraternity.

The members assembled at noon in the lobby of the Piedmont and marched in a body to the State capitol, where the convention photograph was made. The men formed in two columns, extending over several blocks. Each wore upon his arm the colors of his Fraternity, royal purple and old gold, and the procession presented a striking appearance as it wended its way through the center of the city.

Another business session will be held Thursday afternoon, while a number of theater parties have been planned for the evening at the Grand.

Atlanta has literally opened wide her arms to the assembled S. A. E.'s. Their names have been registered at the Capital City Club and the Atlanta Athletic Club, full privileges in each instance having been extended to the guests of the convention.

Colonel Walter F. Brown Thursday morning tendered a personal invitation in behalf of the Park Commission and city of Atlanta, for members of the Fraternity to visit Grant Park and inspect the cyclorama.

S. A. E.'s are especially interested in the battle of Atlanta, as one of the participants was Col. J. B. Rudolph, the only living founder of the Fraternity, who is present in Atlanta.

Visitors are still arriving for the convention upon each succeeding train, and the number of those present will be largely augmented by the end of the week. Among the prominent members who reached the city Wednesday was Henry Sydnor Harrison, editor of *The Record*.

Possibly the most gratifying report in the history of the Fraternity was rendered at the present convention by Hon. William C. Levere, Eminent Supreme Archon.

**Atlanta Journal, December 29, 1906.**

Atlanta was honored by the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity at yesterday morning's session of the biennial convention, which will be brought to a close with the events scheduled for to-day and to-night, in the election to the position of Eminent Supreme Treasurer of Charles Frederic Stone, of F. I. Stone & Co.

The election of officers was the main event of the morning session, and resulted in the unanimous choice of the following:

Eminent Supreme Archon—George D. Kimball, of Denver, Col., formerly Eminent Supreme Treasurer.

Past Eminent Supreme Archon (honorary)—Colonel John B. Rudolph, of Pleasant Hill, Ala., the only living member of the band who founded the Fraternity.

Eminent Supreme Recorder—Clarence E. Stowell, of Providence R. I., re-elected.

Eminent Supreme Deputy Archon—Carl E. Sheldon, of Illinois.

Editor of *The Record*, the Fraternity Quarterly—Charles P. Wood, of Arkansas, formerly of Atlanta.

**Atlanta Constitution, December 30, 1906.**

With the banquet at the New Kimball last night, an affair abounding in the joy of good fellowship and fraternity, and one of the largest of its kind ever given in Atlanta, came the end of the fiftieth anniversary convention of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

For four days had the secret order men held sway in the city, and

while larger places have harbored the national assemblage of Sigma Alpha Epsilon at one time or another, without doubt, the one just come to a close has been the most successful in the history of the Fraternity.

The visitors expressed themselves as being well pleased with the reception given them by the Atlanta members, who have left nothing undone for the entertainment of their brothers from a distance, and while the social events are unsurpassed in gayety, the serious matters discussed in secret session have been most satisfactorily disposed of, and it is generally conceded by all concerned that the convention from beginning to end has been marked with unbounded success.

Business meetings have been held each morning and afternoon of the four days, and none of the time consumed has been without profit to the Fraternity.

Four distinct social events were arranged by the Georgia Phi chapter of the Tech and the Atlanta Alumni Association, upon whom the entire burden of the convention fell, and all these will be long remembered by the S. A. E.'s—the smoker, on Thursday evening, the theater party, the anniversary dinner dance, and the culminating event, the banquet of last evening.

The number in attendance exceeded expectations, and yet no delegate or member was overlooked in point of comfort or entertainment. The lobby of the Piedmont has each day been thronged with Fraternity men, who could be distinguished by their emblems, and it is safe to say that so in evidence were the S. A. E.'s during the four days of the session that many who never before heard of a college fraternity became aware of the existence of one of them.

Pretty decorations made by the colors, Royal Purple and Old Gold, together with pennants from the sixty-eight colleges and universities represented, have attracted much attention at the Piedmont, the headquarters, even from those not connected with the Fraternity—and all in all never before has any convention drawn as much notice as the one just finished.

At yesterday morning's session two more chapters were added to the Fraternity's already large roster, chapters having been granted to clubs at the University of Indiana and Syracuse University, this making the entire number of sixty-nine chapters, thus increasing the growth of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Both universities in which Sigma Alpha Epsilon will go are influential in every respect, and undoubtedly the Fraternity will gain considerable strength in the addition of the two.

The bodies of young men applying for admittance from the two were proven to be of the representative class to make a conservative estimate of their character, men among the foremost in studies, col-



lege politics and athletics, and will no doubt prove to be a means of making Sigma Alpha Epsilon better known.

It is not without careful consideration that any fraternity grants admission to new chapters, and these two found favor with the entire assemblage of Sigma Alpha Epsilons yesterday.

Georgia Phi, the Tech chapter, was given all the college pennants used in decoration, and these will be a valuable collection for her club room. Each chapter likes to have flags from every college containing Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and such an award is appreciated more than the layman will think.

At adjournment, the afternoon session was called for 2:30 o'clock, when that most important matter, the selection of a meeting-place for the next national convention, came up.

The afternoon session marked the end of the convention and also the end of the busiest day the S. A. E.'s had experienced during the entire meeting.

It was thought that the matter of the selection for the meeting-place of the national convention in 1908 would be decided upon, but this was referred to the Supreme Council, who will, in the early future, make an announcement of their choice of city.

The Atlanta Alumni Association expressed the pleasure it had given them and all local members to have the convention in Atlanta for the four days, and extended an invitation for the next convention, and while they were sincere in this, the convention never meets in the same city in succession, and opinion is rife as to what will be the choice of the Supreme Council.

Eminent Supreme Archon Levere stated that the Atlanta newspapers had done more for the convention than the papers of any city where it had convened, and the entire assemblage voted thanks to the press of the city for its kindly consideration.

Many other matters of extreme interest came up, and these provoked heated discussion, but all of them were of a secret nature, and not to be given out for publication.

At 5:30 o'clock the retiring head, William C. Levere, who has served his Fraternity long and faithful, declared the fiftieth anniversary convention adjourned, and the last gathering of the Fraternity was at the banquet at the New Kimball last evening.

The fiftieth convention of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity wound up in a blaze of glory last night with the anniversary banquet at the New Kimball, hundreds of members gathering around the board until a late hour.

The spacious dining-room of the hotel had tables in every available place, and the event was easily the largest of the kind held in this city for many days. The room was beautifully decorated in the colors of

the Fraternity, Royal Purple and Old Gold festooning the ceilings, and smilax being gracefully draped on the walls around the pennants of every college and university in the land at which are chapters of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

A large coat-of-arms was placed over the mantel at the end of the dining-room, and on one side of it was an S. A. E. pin made of incandescent lights; on the other illuminated arrangement showing the words "Fiftieth Anniversary Convention."

The members of the different chapters were seated together at the tables, and each giving yells of their home college, from Harvard to the Georgia Tech, imbued the occasion with much of the indomitable college spirit.

Before the dining-room was thrown open fraternity men congregated in the lobby and upstairs, and drew the attention of many by their joyous outbursts.

An elaborate menu was served, and after the last course Judge John T. Pendleton, the toastmaster, himself making a very appropriate and appreciative talk, called on prominent members of S. A. E. for toasts, which were very interestingly responded to.

Probably the most interesting of the toasts was that of Hon. John B. Rudolph who, at the age of seventy-two years, is the *only* surviving founder of the Fraternity. He told of the circumstances of the founding of S. A. E. at the University of Alabama, when he and Noble Leslie DeVotie, together with two others, made the start of what is now a great national Fraternity. Mr. Rudolph stated that in those days he had no idea that the order would ever rise to its present height, and his talk was followed by the greatest demonstration of the evening.

The banquet was the last gathering of the national assemblage until two years hence, at a place to be later designated by the Supreme Council, in whose hands the matter was placed yesterday.

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GEORGIA PHI, GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

## Attendance at the Convention.

By *Lauren W. Foreman,*

Georgia Epsilon, 1901.

**T**HE attendance at the Atlanta Convention, which reached in many ways the high-water mark in fraternity life, touched a figure which will give future conventions something to do to surpass. From the official records which were kept some interesting compilations have been made which are herewith presented. Unfortunately, it was impossible to get all the visitors to the convention to register, so that the rolls are not absolutely complete. However, it is thought that practically every out-of-town man registered, though it is certain that fully as many as fifty Atlanta men, at one time or another in attendance, failed to register.

The register shows three hundred and forty-five names, representing every one of the sixty-eight active chapters, and as well five chapters which are now inactive.

It was natural that the largest attendance from any chapter should have been from Georgia Phi, whose domicile is in Atlanta, that the four Georgia chapters should have far outstripped the chapters from any other State, and that Province Epsilon should have been represented by nearly five times as many men as its nearest competitor, Province Iota.

In chapter attendance Georgia Phi was first, with 55 men; Georgia Beta, second, with 47; Georgia Epsilon, third, with 37, and Georgia Psi, fourth, with 20. Of the chapters outside Georgia Tennessee Nu led with 11 men; Tennessee Kappa was next with 8, and Alabama Mu next with 7. South Carolina Gamma, Alabama Alpha-Mu, and Tennessee Zeta each had 6 representatives present. North Carolina Xi, Illinois Psi Omega, Tennessee Eta, Georgia Pi and Tennessee Omega had 5. Four men were present from Massachusetts Gamma, Georgia Delta, Virginia Sigma, Michigan Alpha,

Michigan Iota-Beta, Ohio Epsilon and Mississippi Gamma. Nine chapters each had three men present, while two men were on hand from each of seventeen chapters. The rest, as already stated, were all there, though each had only one man to uphold its flag.

Epsilon led the provinces with 183, Iota was second with 42, Delta third with 32, Gamma fourth with 29. Beta had 18 representatives, Zeta and Theta 11 each, Alpha 10, and Eta, the most distant from Atlanta, 9.

Next to Georgia, Tennessee led the States with 37 men who were initiated on her soil, while Alabama furnished 15.

In the following tables, the chapters are arranged geographically in that showing the attendance by provinces, while in that giving the names of those who attended the convention the chapters are arranged in alphabetical order. The stars indicate the delegates from the various chapters.

#### ATTENDANCE BY PROVINCES.

##### PROVINCE ALPHA.

Maine Alpha, 2; Massachusetts Beta Upsilon, 1; Massachusetts Gamma, 4; Massachusetts Delta, 1; Massachusetts Iota Tau, 2.—Total 10.

##### PROVINCE BETA.

New York Alpha, 3; New York Mu, 3; New York Sigma Phi, 1; Pennsylvania Alpha Zeta, 3; Pennsylvania Delta, 2; Pennsylvania Theta, 3; Pennsylvania Zeta, 1; Pennsylvania Sigma Phi, 1; Pennsylvania Omega, 1.—Total 18.

##### PROVINCE GAMMA.

Washington City Rho, 3; Virginia Omicron, 1; Virginia Pi, 1; Virginia Sigma, 4; North Carolina Theta, 3; North Carolina Xi, 5; South Carolina Gamma, 6; South Carolina Phi, 1; North Carolina Rho Rho, 1.—Total 25.

##### PROVINCE DELTA.

Michigan Alpha, 4; Michigan Iota Beta, 4; Ohio Delta, 2; Ohio Epsilon, 4; Ohio Theta, 1; Ohio Rho, 1; Ohio Sigma, 1; Illinois Beta, 2; Illinois Theta, 1; Illinois Psi Omega, 5; Indiana Alpha, 3; Indiana Beta, 1; Minnesota Alpha, 1; Wisconsin Alpha, 2.—Total 32.

##### PROVINCE EPSILON.

Georgia Beta, 47; Georgia Epsilon, 37; Georgia Phi, 55; Georgia Psi, 20; Alabama Alpha Mu, 6; Alabama Iota, 2; Alabama Mu, 7; Georgia Delta, 4; Georgia Pi, 5.—Total 183.

PROVINCE ZETA.

Missouri Alpha, 1; Missouri Beta, 3; Nebraska Lambda Pi, 2; Arkansas Alpha Upsilon, 2; Kansas Alpha, 1; Iowa Beta, 1; Iowa Gamma, 1.—Total 11.

PROVINCE ETA.

Colorado Zeta, 2; Colorado Lambda, 1; Colorado Chi, 1; California Alpha, 1; California Beta, 2; Washington Alpha, 2.—Total 9.

PROVINCE THETA.

Louisiana Epsilon, 3; Louisiana Tau Upsilon, 2; Mississippi Gamma, 4; Texas Rho, 2.—Total 11.

PROVINCE IOTA.

Kentucky Epsilon, 1; Kentucky Iota, 2; Kentucky Kappa, 2; Tennessee Zeta, 6; Tennessee Eta, 5; Tennessee Kappa, 8; Tennessee Lambda, 2; Tennessee Nu, 11; Tennessee Omega, 5.—Total 42.

Grand total 345.

ATTENDANCE BY CHAPTERS.

ALABAMA ALPHA-MU.

E. H. Cabaniss, Jr, Birmingham; John H. McClellan, Atlanta, Ga.; John P. Moore, Indianapolis, Ind.; J. E. Nelson, Birmingham, Ala.; \*W. L. Purdue, Greenville, Ala.; Fred S. Shepherd, Chattanooga, Tenn.—6.

ALABAMA IOTA.

Frank K. Gamble, Jasper, Ala.; \*Leroy M. Wilson, Gadsden, Ala.—2.

ALABAMA MU.

John B Rudolph, Pleasant Hill, Ala.; S. M. Austin, Wetumpka, Ala.; W. W. Brandon, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; \*J. H. Cabaniss, Birmingham, Ala.; E. J. Cain, Wetumpka, Ala.; Sorsby Jemison, Birmingham, Ala.; G. W. Willett, Atlanta, Ga.—7.

ARKANSAS ALPHA UPSILON.

E. I. Brown, Pittsburg, Pa.; \*J. M. House, Jr., Fayetteville, Ark.—2.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

\*F. B. Goudy, Denver, Colorado.—1.

CALIFORNIA BETA.

\*Norris E. Cochran, Berkeley, Cal.; R. H. Smilie, Berkeley, Cal.—2.

COLORADO ZETA.

\*Franklin T. Badgley, Denver, Colorado; George D. Kimball, Denver, Colorado.—2.

COLORADO LAMBDA.

\*L. M. Allen, Hackensack, N. J.—1.

## COLORADO CHI.

\*Clifton Vansant, Boulder, Colorado.—I.

## GEORGIA DELTA.

Jeff. Davis, Toccoa, Ga.; J. J. Gaillard, Macon, Ga.; Charles R. Winship, Atlanta, Ga.; E. W. Cullman, Canton, Ga.—4.

## GEORGIA BETA.

Hooper Alexander, Atlanta, Ga.; A. D. Adair, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.; H. H. Atkinson, LaGrange, Ga.; J. F. Baxter, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.; P. H. Bell, Decatur, Ga.; O. H. B. Bloodworth, Forsyth, Ga.; Walter R. Brown, Atlanta, Ga.; Charles H. Brand, Athens, Ga.; H. H. Cabaniss, Atlanta, Ga.; H. L. Collier, Atlanta, Ga.; B. C. Collier, New York City; J. M. Cozart, Washington, Ga.; A. T. Cox, Atlanta, Ga.; B. B. Davis, Macon, Ga.; H. H. Deane Griffin, Ga.; Cam D. Dorsey, Atlanta, Ga.; E. R. Dorsey, Atlanta, Ga.; Ewing Dean, Atlanta, Ga.; John B. Felder, Jr., Americus, Ga.; Edward N. Fortson, Atlanta, Ga.; Jno. Z. Hoke, Jr., Athens, Ga.; Eugene P. Hoke, Athens, Ga.; Marion M. Jackson, Atlanta, Ga.; J. L. Johnson, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.; Winfield R. Jones, Atlanta, Ga.; J. L. C. Kerr, Decatur, Ga.; R. Porter King, Atlanta, Ga.; L. M. Landrum, Atlanta, Ga.; J. D. Lowndes, Atlanta, Ga.; Holland B. Lowndes, Atlanta, Ga.; A. J. McBride, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.; Thos. S. Mell, Athens, Ga.; Chas. I. Mell, Athens, Ga.; Henry P. Moore, Augusta; A. A. Murphey, Barnesville, Ga.; G. A. Nicholson, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.; E. E. Pomeroy, Atlanta, Ga.; Ronald Ransom, Atlanta, Ga.; Loring Raoul, Atlanta, Ga.; T. J. Ripley, Atlanta, Ga.; J. J. Scott, Decatur, Ga.; Trammell Scott, Atlanta, Ga.; Robert B. Scott, Decatur, Ga.; Marion H. Smith, Atlanta, Ga.; H. H. Steiner, Atlanta, Ga.; Howard Van Epps, Atlanta, Ga.; Clifford M. Walker, Monroe, Ga.—47.

## GEORGIA EPSILON.

N. R. Bayard, Charlotte, N. C.; W. Troy Bivings, Atlanta, Ga.; J. C. Brooks, Washington, Ga.; Harry K. Brooks, Washington, Ga.; I. M. Callaway, Atlanta, Ga.; A. H. Crovatt, Brunswick, Ga.; John F. Denton, Atlanta, Ga.; J. R. Duncan, Douglasville, Ga.; J. LeRoy Duncan, Atlanta, Ga.; Quillian Felker, Dalton, Ga.; F. H. Ficklen, Washington, Ga.; Lauren Foreman, Atlanta, Ga.; Lawrence O. Fortson, Washington, Ga.; Blanton E. Fortson, Atlanta, Ga.; Q. L. Garrett, Lithia Springs, Ga.; S. G. Glenn, Atlanta, Ga.; B. S. Heard, Covington, Ga.; P. W. Lester, Covington, Ga.; Louie J. Leonard, Atlanta, Ga.; A. W. Lynn, Atlanta, Ga.; E. B. Martin, Augusta, Ga.; George Nelson, Atlanta, Ga.; J. R. Pattillo, Atlanta, Ga.; W. S. Roberts, Douglasville, Ga.; A. B. Simms, Covington, Ga.; A. J. Smith, Atlanta, Ga.; C. M. Taylor, Conyers, Ga.; Frank M. Tucker, Wymberville, Ga.; W. D. Thomson, Atlanta, Ga.; L. D. Thomson, Atlanta, Ga.; J. D. Thomson, Atlanta, Ga.; W. M. Timmons, Atlanta, Ga.; B. E. L. Timmons, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.; S. O. Vickers, Atlanta, Ga.; W. B. Watts, Atlanta, Ga.; W. A. Wilson, Atlanta, Ga.; J. E. Hunnicutt, Atlanta, Ga.—37.



## GEORGIA PHI.

Frank B. Atkinson, Brunswick, Ga.; V. G. Baker, Atlanta, Ga.; John A. Betjeman, Albany, Ga.; George Brown, Canton, Ga.; H. O. Cox, Atlanta, Rogers W. Davis, Atlanta, Ga.; Sidney S. Dean, Rome, Ga.; Joel Dean, Ga.; Rome, Ga.; Donald Donalson, Atlanta, Ga.; G. J. Drake, Griffin, Ga.; Strother Fleming, Atlanta, Ga.; C. T. Furlow, Atlanta, Ga.; C. M. Furlow, Atlanta, Ga.; Guy Garrard, Columbus, Ga.; T. M. N. George, Jr., Marietta, Ga.; John F. Glenn, Atlanta, Ga.; G. R. Glenn, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.; Thos. M. Gibbes, Minneapolis, Minn.; Geo. W. Gibbs, Jr., St. Augustine, Fla.; Garrard Haines, Savannah, Ga.; G. H. Harrison, Ocala, Fla.; L. J. Harris, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.; W. P. Heath, Atlanta, Ga.; A. V. Jones, Canton, Ga.; W. C. Jordan, Atlanta, Ga.; J. C. Kirkpatrick, Atlanta, Ga.; H. W. Kirkpatrick, Atlanta, Ga.; Henry A. Leonard, Atlanta, Ga.; Geo. S. Lowndes, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.; Hunter McClure, Atlanta, Ga.; James Maddox, Rome, Ga.; P. M. Marshall, New York City; A. B. Means, Anderson, S. C.; Hugh Montgomery, Marietta, Ga.; Robert S. Mumford, Cartersville, Ga.; Burke B. Murph, Marshallville, George Muse, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.; Francis A. Norman, Columbus, Ga.; J. N. Pease, Jr., Columbus, Ga.; W. C. Pease, Jr., Columbus, Ga.; Geo. L. Pratt, Atlanta, Ga.; S. C. Rumph, Atlanta, Ga.; Fitzhugh Scott, Milwaukee, Wis.; W. T. Spivey, Atlanta, Ga.; C. H. Strong, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.; Chas. F. Stone, Atlanta, Ga.; A. R. Sullivan, Jr., Rome, Ga.; L. M. Thompson, Atlanta, Ga.; S. Y. Tupper, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.; Geo. D. Tucker, Memphis, Tenn.; B. W. Tye, Atlanta, Ga.; Louis Wright, Rome, Ga.; Morris Yow, Toccoa, Ga.; Lambert S. Coburn, Luthersville, Ga.; Folger Johnson, Atlanta, Ga.—55.

## GEORGIA PSI.

R. D. Brown, Hawkinsville, Ga.; H. A. Codington, Macon, Ga.; A. H. Codington, Macon, Ga.; Edward Crawford, Atlanta, Ga.; A. A. Drake, Macon, Ga.; B. K. Godfrey, Atlanta, Ga.; Bryan M. Grant, Atlanta, Ga.; O. G. Jackson, Hollonville, Ga.; Robert P. Jones, Atlanta, Ga.; W. C. Kilpatrick, Macon, Ga.; W. C. Kilpatrick, Macon, Ga.; Mell A. Knox, Social Circle, Ga.; Marshall Lane, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.; John Morris, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.; J. Clay Murphey, Macon, Ga.; H. C. Peeples, Atlanta, Ga.; Robt. L. Render, LaGrange, Ga.; Louis F. Tisinger, Gainesville, Ga.; F. B. Tribble, Anderson, S. C.; William Ogburn.—20.

## GEORGIA PI.

W. A. Hansell, Atlanta, Ga.; George P. Harrison, Opelika, Ala.; L. J. Hill, Atlanta, Ga.; C. C. Sanders, Gainesville, Ga.; J. S. Todd, Atlanta, Ga.—5.

## ILLINOIS BETA.

\* A. N. Bennett, Chicago, Carl E. Sheldon, Sterling, Ill.—2.

## ILLINOIS THETA.

\* Paul R. Gray, Chicago.—1.

## ILLINOIS PSI OMEGA.

\* Clyde D. Foster, Lowell, Ind.; W. C. Levere, Evanston, Ill.; Walter E. Long, Evanston, Ill.; Jack D. McCartney, Thomasville, Ga.; Ritz C. Mulder, Evanston, Ill.—5.

## INDIANA ALPHA.

C. E. Burton, Indianapolis; \* W. E. Hendrickson, Franklin, Ind.; Henry C. Hougham, Franklin, Ind.—3.

## INDIANA BETA.

\* T. J. Rison, Danville, Va.—1.

## IOWA BETA.

\* I. A. Burkheimer, Iowa City, Iowa.—1.

## IOWA GAMMA.

\* R. D. Whitacre, Ames, Iowa.—1.

## KANSAS ALPHA.

\* A. B. Burtow, Minneapolis, Kans.—1.

## KENTUCKY EPSILON.

\* H. C. Power, Lexington, Ky.—1.

## KENTUCKY IOTA.

\* Lynn D. McCarley, Auburn, Ky.; John T. Pendleton, Atlanta, Ga.—2.

## KENTUCKY KAPPA.

\* N. H. Dosker, John W. Phelps, Atlanta, Ga.—2.

## LOUISIANA EPSILON.

\* McWhorter Beers, Baton Rouge, La.; Charles W. Goyer, Baton Rouge, La.; C. B. Hicks, Grand Cane, La.—3.

## LOUISIANA TAU UPSILON.

William K. Dart, New Orleans, La.; \* Robert M. McGehee, New Orleans, La.—2.

## MASSACHUSETTS BETA UPSILON.

\* Lewis Marks, Allston, Mass.—1.

## MASSACHUSETTS GAMMA.

\* H. J. Mullin, Cambridge, Mass.; H. L. Sanborn, Stillwater, Me.; R. F. Smith, Allegheny, N. Y.; Wm. E. Waterhouse, Boston, Mass.—4.

## MASSACHUSETTS DELTA.

\* L. I. Thomas, Worcester, Mass.—1.

## MASSACHUSETTS IOTA TAU.

\* H. G. Spear, Boston; Charles F. Davis, New York.—2.

MAINE ALPHA.

C. W. Stowell, Providence, R. I.; \*R. F. Talbot.—2.

MICHIGAN ALPHA.

S. A. Duling, Bloomington, Ind.; M. T. Horton, Adrian, Mich.; \*William R. Lyons, Adrian, Mich.; V. F. Demly, Detroit, Mich.—4.

MICHIGAN IOTA BETA.

\*Edward T. Holmes, Adrian, Mich.; E. B. Sanford, Kansas City, Mo.; N. W. Wagener, Kansas, City, Mo.; Clyde I. Webster, Detroit, Mich.—4.

MISSISSIPPI GAMMA.

E. A. Dawson, Okalona, Miss.; \*E. G. Hightower, University, Miss.; L. C. Pigford, Lumberton, Miss.; Walter Trotter, Jr., Winona, Miss.—4.

MINNESOTA ALPHA.

\*Charles N. Hensel, St. Paul, Minn.—1.

MISSOURI ALPHA.

\*James R. Claiborne, St. Louis.—1.

MISSOURI BETA.

Terry W. Allen, St. Louis, Mo.; \*Harry W. Costlen, University City, Mo.; Walter T. Hendrick, St. Louis, Mo.—3.

NEBRASKA LAMBDA PI.

Arthur H. F. Beckham, Lincoln, Neb.; \*M. A. Mills, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.—2.

NEW YORK ALPHA.

L. J. Doolittle, New York; A. J. McElroy, Syracuse, N. Y.; \*F. C. Fenger, Ithaca, N. Y.—3.

NEW YORK MU.

H. S. Harrison, Richmond, Va.; E. B. Lyford, New York; \*McDonald Mayer, New York.—3.

NEW YORK SIGMA PHI.

\*F. H. Simmonds, Troy, N. Y.—1.

NORTH CAROLINA THETA.

\*John B. McAllister, Washington, Ga.; Walter Martin, Augusta, Ga.; M. L. McKinnon, McKinnon, Ga.—3.

NORTH CAROLINA XI.

A. B. Andrews, Jr., Raleigh, N. C.; Alfred R. Berkele, Mayodan, N. C.; Francis Hutchison, Charlotte, N. C.; \*Stahle Linn, Salisbury, N. C.; Ralph Van LANDINGHAM, Atlanta, Ga.—5.

NORTH CAROLINA RHO RHO.

A. J. Crovatt, Brunswick, Ga.—1.

## OHIO DELTA.

\*E. P. Monroe, Galion, Ohio; George W. Rittenour, Delaware, Ohio.—2.

## OHIO EPSILON.

\*Carl B. Buchannon, Cincinnati; Clyde K. Cairns, Cincinnati; Ainslie Carter, Cincinnati; Al F. Leue, Cincinnati.—4.

## OHIO THETA.

\*J. G. Belknap, Perry, Ohio.—1.

## OHIO SIGMA.

\*Charles F. Matthias, Alliance, Ohio.—1.

## OHIO RHO.

\*Thomas M. McNiece, Mansfield, Ohio.—1.

## PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

\*L. L. Lammert, Frostburg, Pa.; Earl Musser, Wichita, Kansas.—2.

## PENNSYLVANIA THETA.

George Freeman, Jr., Shreveport, La.; Ralph C. Stewart, Philadelphia, Pa.; \*Albert S. Wedle, Troy, Ohio.—3.

## PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA ZETA.

C. R. Potteges, \*John G. Culbertson, J. N. Perry, Wilksburg, Pa.—3.

## PENNSYLVANIA ZETA.

\*George W. Leach, New Bethlehem, Pa.—1.

## PENNSYLVANIA SIGMA PHI.

\*J. Paul Jameson, Washington, D. C.—1.

## PENNSYLVANIA OMEGA

\*H. H. Hamm, Knox, Pa.—1.

## SOUTH CAROLINA GAMMA.

Julian Calhoun, Spartanburg, S. C.; Tom Hill, Anderson, S. C.; M. W. Sloan, Anderson, S. C.; \*J. Marion Latimer, Spartanburg, S. C.; S. T. Prince, Anderson, S. C.; Chas. E. Klugh, Spartanburg, S. C.—6.

## SOUTH CAROLINA PHI.

James A. McCullough, Greenville, S. C.—1.

## TENNESSEE ZETA.

Walter Barker, Clarksville, Tenn.; E. L. Carney, Clarksville, Tenn.; \*John F. Conns, Clarksville, Tenn.; William M. Denton, Dalton, Ga.; Scott C. Lyon, Clarksville, Tenn.; Bryce F. Rumpon, Clarksville, Tenn.—6.

## TENNESSEE ETA

\*R. H. Anderson, Jackson, Tenn.; G. C. Anderson, Jr., Jackson, Tenn.; E. H. Edenton, Jackson, Tenn.; George C. Ferrell, Humboldt, Tenn.; H. M. Harris, Jackson, Tenn.—5.

TENNESSEE KAPPA.

M. D. Arnold, Jr., Knoxville, Tenn.; F. T. Borhan, Knoxville, Tenn., Saxton D. Crawford, Knoxville, Tenn.; Charles L. Ficklen, Memphis, Tenn.; David C. Gaut, Knoxville, Tenn.; George B. Malone, Memphis, Tenn.; \*Thomas P. Summers, Mooresburg, Tenn.; William Bate Williams, Memphis, Tenn.—8.

TENNESSEE LAMBDA.

\*Samuel L. Doak, Lebanon, Tenn.; W. W. Hood, Atlanta, Ga.—2.

TENNESSEE NU.

C. B. Bryant, Charlotte, N. C.; E. T. Hall, Atlanta, Ga.; John J. Hefin, Nashville, Tenn.; M. E. Holderness, Nashville, Tenn.; Frank K. Houston, Nashville, Tenn.; \*C. H. McHenry, Nashville, Tenn.; Murrell Pinson, Nashville, Tenn.; Hendrick Stam, Amsterdam, Holland; Charles B. Thweatt, DeVall's Bluff, Ark.; S. Y. Tupper, Atlanta, Ga.; S. M. Barr, Chattanooga, Tenn.—11.

TENNESSEE OMEGA.

George W. Duncan, Jr., Macon, Ga.; Robert Gibson, Jr., New York; Earle R. Green, Atlanta, Ga.; \*H. H. Lumpkin, Columbia, S. C.; R. S. Rust, Jr., Atlanta.—5.

TEXAS RHO.

Clifford Braley, Austin, Texas; \*Ballard Caldwell, Austin, Texas.—2.

VIRGINIA OMICRON.

\*A. C. Montgomery, Birmingham, Ala.—1.

VIRGINIA PI.

J. S. French, Atlanta, Ga.—1.

VIRGINIA SIGMA.

R. C. Barnett, Anderson, Fla.; \*W. R. J. Dunn, Birmingham, Ala.; B. McD. King, Brazil; Charles C. Thomas, Atlanta, Ga.—4.

WASHINGTON CITY RHO.

Herbert Bryson, Jr., Washington, D. C.; Leonard Day, New York City; \*E. C. Wilson, Washington, D. C.—3.

WASHINGTON ALPHA.

\*B. O. Lum, Seattle, Wash.; Victor Zednick, Seattle, Wash.—2.

WISCONSIN ALPHA.

C. C. Douglas, Atlanta, Ga.; \*Walter H. McNally, Madison, Wis.—2.

## History of Georgia Phi.

By *Jack Gilbert Holtzclaw,*

Georgia Phi, 1907.

**T**HE idea of founding a chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon at the Georgia School of Technology was first conceived in 1889 by B. C. Collier, of Georgia Beta, and Y. W. Jones, of Georgia Phi. These two brothers gathered around them a band of eight good fellows and petitioned the Charlotte Convention of 1889 for a charter. Although the college was then only three years old its future looked bright and the charter was granted to Georgia Tau. On March third, 1890, Georgia Tau was formally installed. At the time, Alpha Tau Omega was the only other chapter at Tech, but it had been established over a year and was on a very firm basis. The advantages of a technical school were seen from the first and good fraternity material flocked in every year. Alpha Tau Omega was taking advantage of this and had built up a large and prosperous chapter. Georgia Tau, imbued with the S. A. E. spirit, went to work at once to overcome this lead of the A. T. O.'s. The odds were against them in every way. Georgia Tau had no meeting-place, while A. T. O. was in a good room in the Academic Building. The first meetings of Georgia Tau were held in the woods back of the campus. Finally a room in the Academic Building was secured, and then came the task of furnishing it. The members of the chapter furnished it from their own rooms, as far as possible, and then they dug down in their pockets. In a short while the chapter was on a good foundation and ready to begin the fight in earnest.

At the beginning of the fall term in 1890, six men were initiated, several of them being taken from the very hands of the rival of S. A. E. This victory put the chapter in excellent spirits and showed them that they could fight against great odds. There was no checking this spirit and Georgia Tau continued to grow.

In 1892, a "Barb" organization was started in the college by a man who was being rushed by both fraternities. He soon saw his mistake and became a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, after which the Barbs went to pieces. In this year the name of the chapter was changed from Georgia Tau to Georgia Phi and the rooms in the Academic Building were given up. It was decided to have the chapter meeting-place in the business district of the city and a room was secured in the Knights of Pythias Building.

In 1895 the president of the school, Dr. Hopkins, resigned, and in his place was elected Professor Lyman Hall, who then occupied the chair of mathematics. From the time Professor Hall took charge the school began to grow. Several new buildings were erected, the attendance increasing in proportion. Tech's reputation spread, and less wide-awake fraternities than Sigma Alpha Epsilon began to see the possibilities of the field. In 1895 a chapter of Kappa Sigma was organized, followed by Sigma Nu in 1896. Another step in the progress of the chapter was made during this year, when the rooms were again changed for better quarters in the Franklin Building. In 1898 Kappa Alpha put in a chapter, making a total of five fraternities represented. The enrollment of the school was then about three hundred and fifty, and the average enrollment of the chapters about twenty-two, S. A. E. leading with thirty-two.

The year 1899 was another notable one for Georgia Phi, in that two of its alumni were on the Supreme Council. Floyd C. Furlow, '97, was E. S. A., and G. Hendree Harrison, E. S. T. This is a fact of which very few chapters can boast—two members of the same chapter on the Supreme Council at the same time. At the next Convention, in 1902, G. Hendree Harrison was elected E. S. A., making two Georgia Phi men to hold this office two successive terms. Again, at the Atlanta Convention of 1906, Charles F. Stone, a Georgia Phi man, was elected E. S. T.

At present nine fraternities are represented at Georgia Tech. K. A., in 1898, was followed by Phi Delta Theta in 1900, Chi Phi in 1902, Phi Kappa Sigma in 1903, and Pi Kappa Alpha in 1904. The enrollment of the school is now nearly six hundred and consequently each chapter has a chance to get some excellent material.

Every rival chapter ranks S. A. E. next to itself, which is, at least, a good sign.

The spirit of the early nineties is still present. Experience is a good teacher, but teaching from experience is next best. This is the way Georgia Phi was taught by those who went before. These loyal brothers who gave their all to Georgia Phi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon did not do so in vain, for their example to those who followed them is with us yet. The influence of this example makes the spirit of "never give up," which has characterized Georgia Phi since those days of meeting in the woods.

The chapter is now on a solid foundation, financially and in every other way. The present enrollment is twenty-two. The rooms have been changed again and the chapter is now at home in a spacious suite in the Alfriend building.

May Georgia Phi of the future ever be a strong, progressive chapter, a credit to the men who by virtue of true merit have always held S. A. E. so well to the front at Georgia Tech.

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## Thomas Chappell Cook.

**F**OR several years previous to the Memphis Convention it was believed by the Fraternity at large that our only surviving founder was Colonel Rudolph, but when the preparation of the Manual was in progress Dr. Kress discovered that Dr. Thomas Chappell Cook was still living and active in the practice of his profession at Weimar, Texas. It was hardly realized that he was so soon to depart, however, and when Brother Levere announce his death in the pre-convention Lion's Paw, the news came as a shock and a surprise to Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Thomas Chappell Cook was born 19 September, 1836, in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He attended the University of Alabama and aided DeVotie and his confreres in organizing the Fraternity. Before the first meeting was held, however, at which meeting formal steps of organization were taken, Cook had left for Princeton University



to complete his college career. How he was considered a member is best explained by the following passage from Mother Mu's minutes for May thirty-first, 1856: "A motion was made and carried that Mr. T. C. Cook be considered a member of the Fraternity by virtue of his co-operation with the founders, he having left the University before the organization of the society. DeVotie was appointed to inform him of the fact."

Cook's fraternity life was necessarily restricted by the circumstances under which he joined, but that he took more than a mere active interest in the Fraternity's affairs is shown by various odds and ends that appear in the old minutes. For instance, we note that in January, 1857, a letter was read "from Mr. Adams, of South Carolina College, to Mr. Cook, asking for a badge and consenting to join Sigma Alpha Epsilon. It was moved and carried that the Corresponding Secretary write to Mr. Adams." Then on January seventeenth, we find that "Brother DeVotie read a letter from T. C. Cook, stating the desire of some friends at Nashville to establish a chapter of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon at that place. Brother Cook also sent the names of these friends attached to the pledge of secrecy." On June thirteenth, we find Cook "strongly recommending" a fraternity jeweler in the North as official maker of our badges. In 1857 Cook received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Princeton, two years later his Master of Arts degree, and in 1859, the same year, he received his Medical degree from Pennsylvania.

Returning to his home young and ambitious, Cook found himself in a community which was ready to cut the thread which bound it to the North. Then in rapid succession came Harper's Ferry, Sumter, The Star of the West, Bull Run, all either previous to or concurrent with secession. The kinescope dragged all into its picture, and Cook soon found himself wearing the gray uniform of a surgeon of the First Heavy Artillery. Cook was really one of the bravest of the Southern heroes, for he worked against great odds, handicapped from a lack of supplies and medicines, but giving the best aid and comfort that the conditions allowed.

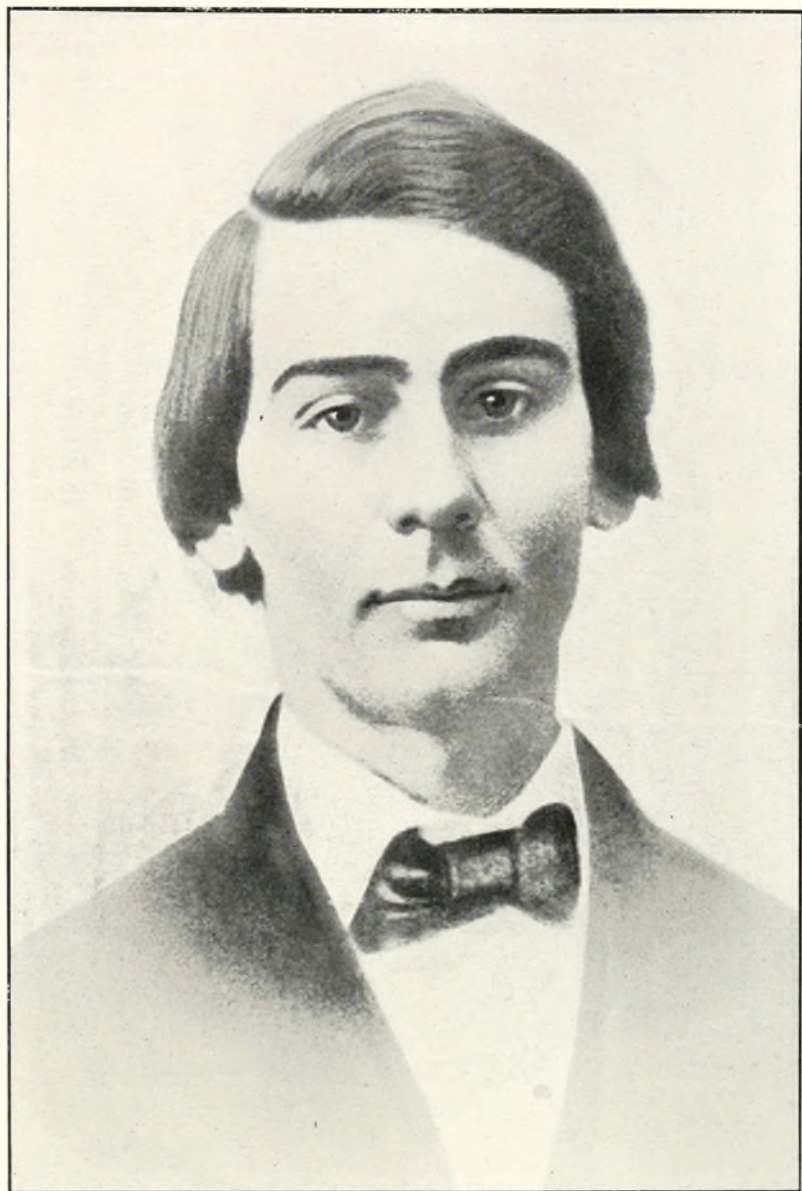
Drifting to the comparatively unsettled State of Texas at the close of the war, he got beyond the ken of his Fraternity. Of the

founders with whom he had associated four had died by 1865. He settled into a routine practice of a country physician, was offered in 1867 a position as Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics at the Galveston Medical School, but declined; he was a member of the State legislature in 1885 and 1886. He was, after the war, United States Examining Surgeon of the army and navy.

It is rather to be regretted that the Fraternity knows so little of the latter days of his life. For many years it was supposed that he was dead, and the Furiosos and Bombastes of the Fraternity asserted it without taking the trouble of a second investigation. It remained for George H. Kress to make the definite discovery in the preparation of the Manual, and the Fraternity had hoped to meet him at the Fiftieth Anniversary Convention. But ere the hosts gathered at Atlanta, Cook was dead. On February eighteenth, 1905, he was beckoned by death and passed away peacefully at Weimar, Texas.

Few of us knew him, save from the inadequate data of the fraternity publications. All of us mourn him as a man good by repute, as a co-operator of DeVotie, and as a founder of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. May his memory ever be green, and may some ardent investigators unfold the darkness that envelops his memory as they have uncovered the career of Noble DeVotie.

WILLIAM KERNAN DART.



*A. L. DeVotie.*



## Noble Leslie DeVotie.

By *William C. Levere.*

### IV.—(Continued.)

**D**EVOTIE spent two years at Howard College. They were years of intellectual growth and development. It has been a long time since then, and not many of his classmates are now living, but those who emphasize Colonel Sumter Lea's opinion regarding his abilities. General George Johnson, of Tuscaloosa, was a college-mate, and he is one of those who remember the brilliant mental qualities of the boy, while S. S. Sherman, still living, at the ripe age of ninety-two, though he severed his connection with Howard of which he had been president, just before DeVotie entered, knew him almost from birth, and recalls that in all that pertains to intellectual mark, DeVotie was full of rich promise. There was still another of DeVotie's college-mates at Howard who was especially dear to him, and with whom he was destined to form a friendship which should last as long as life. This boy was John B. Rudolph. The attachment was mutual from the first, and despite that these boys differed much in characteristics, these very differences seemed to draw them together. DeVotie was studious, inclined to quietness, and with a decided literary bent; Rudolph, while content to give the average boy's attention to his books, was a major on the playground. Probably no boy that ever attended old Howard College loved fun and had more of it than John B. Rudolph. He was of large heart and repaid DeVotie's loyalty with the coin minted in the land of love. If these two boys could have torn aside the curtain of the future and have seen the happy years they were to spend together at the University of Alabama, where they were destined to found a brotherhood which would keep their memories fragrant among the youth of their

country for succeeding generations; if they could have looked further and seen the cruel carnage of civil war, on whose altar the one was to give his young life as the first sacrifice, the other to gain the scars of the hero, what mingled thoughts would have been theirs! But dreams of this kind did not haunt them as under the balmy skies of Alabama, side by side, they grew and waxed strong for two happy years. This friendship in the formative period of their lives had a decisive influence on their character building. This, the most generous of virtues, mellowed their youthful spirits and gave them early in life a taste of the best the world has to offer humankind. Lord Byron, years after his school-days were over, declaring on one occasion that this school friendships had been passions with him, and speaking of his chum, Lord Clare, said, "Even now, I never hear the word 'Clare' without a beating of the heart." It is an inestimable advantage for two young men to share a friendship, helpful and inspiring, such as this, for, as it has been well put by Thomas Hughes, of Rugby, who perhaps has understood boys as no other man has, "Blessed is the man who has the gift of making friends; for it is one of God's best gifts. It involves many things, but above all, the power of going out of one's self and seeing and appreciating whatever is loving and noble in another man."

When Noble DeVotie entered Howard College, it was with the expectation of completing the course there. The circumstance which led to his withdrawal after two years was of an unpleasant character, though it reflected in nowise, except the most honorable, upon him. Nor did it interfere with his attachment to the college, for, a few years later, he returned to find there a chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and though this attempt was unsuccessful at that time, he still maintained his affection for the institution and long planned to write a history of Howard College, which indeed he began while he was living at Selma.

Young DeVotie's record for his two years at Howard College stands as an example of industry, ability and manliness. It was this latter quality which led to the difference between him and the president of the college, and which resulted in his withdrawal from it and his transference of his student life to Tuscaloosa, where he

entered the University of Alabama, 25 October, 1853. Some student at Howard wrote an anonymous criticism of the president of the college. It was such a performance as has taken place frequently since the history of colleges began. The president was a good man, but he had only been the head of the institution for two years, and possibly he was a little too fearful of his dignity. Instead of allowing the matter to pass by unnoticed, as would probably have been wise, he determined to discover the offender. To do this, he adopted the process of elimination. By putting every student on his honor and asking him whether or not he wrote the paper, he believed he would eventually force a confession from the guilty party. DeVotie refused to be put to this test. This was not to protect himself, for not only did the president have reasons for knowing him not to be the student he was searching for, but the student-body, for the most part, well knew who had written it, and well knew that DeVotie was innocent. DeVotie explained his refusal by saying that if he knew who had written the criticism, he would not consider it manly to tell, and if he did not know, there was an injustice in compelling him to acquiesce to a plan which, if successful, would lead to the crimination of a college-mate. It then became a matter of discipline with the president. This boy, DeVotie, had refused to answer a question which the authorized head of the institution had asked him. He must answer, or in the future be denied admission to the classes. The president offered DeVotie a paper, saying that if he would sign it that this would be sufficient. The boy of fifteen clung to his ideals of loyalty and honor and proudly refused. The moral courage with which his father had declared him endowed received its vindication.

(To be continued.)

## Tragic Death of Samuel Spencer.



**S**AMUEL SPENCER, well known as one of the greatest railway magnates of his day, was killed in a rear-end collision on the Southern Railway, near Lynchburg, Virginia, 29 November, 1906, Thanksgiving Day. He was initiated into S. A. E. at Georgia Military Institute, in 1862; he founded Georgia Beta, and was a charter member of re-established Virginia Omicron.

The story of the wreck is told by the *Atlanta Constitution*, as follows:

Lynchburg, Va., Nov. 29.—Samuel Spencer, president of the Southern Railway Company, and one of the foremost men in the development of the Southern States, was killed this morning at 6:10 o'clock in a rear-end collision, in which two fast passenger-trains were involved, ten miles south of Lynchburg, and a mile north of Lawyer's depot. In the same wreck three of his guests were killed. Only Mr. Spencer's private secretary, E. A. Merrill, of New York City, and one of the three porters survived the accident.

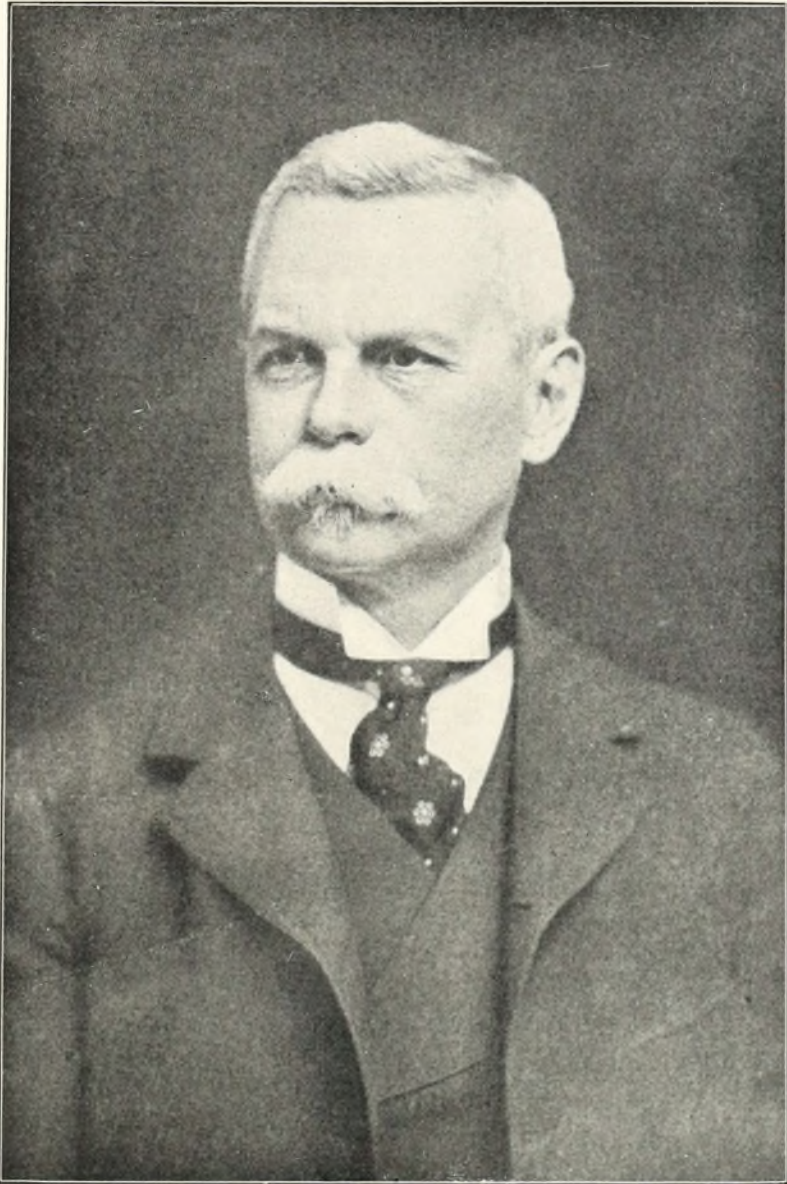
Mr. Spencer's destination was Friendship, N. C., where he was going on a hunting trip, with Messrs. Schuyler, Fisher, Redwood and Merrill as his guests.

President Spencer and his entire party, as far as is known, were sleeping when the collision happened and the probabilities are that all of them excepting Dispatcher Davis were killed instantly. It is certain that life was extinct before the flames touched them. President Spencer's body was burned almost beyond recognition, as was that of Mr. Fisher. The body of Fisher and the body of Mr. Schuyler were taken from under the train before they were burned very much, having been singed only slightly. President Spencer's car was attached to the rear of the Jacksonville train, which was standing still when struck.

President Spencer was lying directly under the big locomotive of the rear train. So great was the force of the impact that the forward train was sent at least fifteen hundred feet ahead, the locomotive going over and upon the body of Mr. Spencer. Until after the debris burned itself out and the engine cooled off, the bodies could not be removed.

The fact that President Spencer was a native Georgian adds significance to the editorial tributes of the *Atlanta papers*:





—Courtesy of *The Atlanta Georgian*.

**SAMUEL SPENCER.**



In the tragic and untimely death of President Samuel Spencer of the Southern Railway, not alone does the railroad and financial world sustain a severe and deplorable loss, but there will be missed from the modern army of progress and industrial growth a leader among men—a leader who knew how to do things and did them.

There are few men in America who have done for modern industrial progress what President Spencer had done. Taking hold of the Southern Railway at its birth, when many of its component parts were fresh from the block of receivership and bankruptcy, he developed it and made it grow into a gigantic system of more than six thousand miles, ramifying the Southern States from Maryland to the Mississippi, from the Ohio to the orange-groves..

And this has been the work of Sam Spencer, a Georgian, admired and esteemed by the railroad world, and in whose splendid achievements all Georgians have felt and manifested a just and pardonable pride.

Taking hold of his work some fifteen years ago, his efforts met with response far beyond the dreams of the originators of this great project.

However much some may have differed with him in certain of his policies, there are none but will admit that President Spencer was a great force in modern Southern progress. That he was likewise a man of sincere convictions and integrity of purpose none will dispute. He was distinctively a man of business at the head of a great industrial enterprise and unflinching and faithful in the performance of the duty which its development placed upon him.

At the same time he was never unmindful of the development and the growth of the people and the country served by the railway system of which he stood at the head. He rather co-ordinated the two, seeking conservatively, yet energetically, to advance the interests of both.

Samuel Spencer will always be known as one of the greatest of the "Captains of Industry" produced by the new South, and no man has done more than he to make the South what it is today.—*Atlanta Constitution.*

The sudden and tragic taking-off of President Samuel Spencer removes from the national railroad field one of its foremost and most forceful figures; particularly will it come home to the South, and especially to this part of the South, with a sense of personal loss. Samuel Spencer was a man of marked individuality, who had forced his way up into the higher places of his chosen profession through sheer force of personality and merit. As an organizer, and as an executive chief, he had few superiors, and he had also the quality of making and keeping friends. Even those who have differed with him in his views upon current industrial matters of general moment always did him the justice to recognize that he was a man of superior parts and abilities.

The manner of his death is a most tragic commentary upon the railroad situation in the South today. He was killed in a wreck on the road of which he was himself president. And there should be no greater hesitation

in commenting upon the underlying causes of most railroad wrecks of the present time, using this particular wreck as a text, than there would be if the life of the president of the Southern had been spared. It is the truth now, as it was the truth before, that many of them are caused by such things as delayed schedules; and these are themselves traceable to either the incompetence or indifference of officials who have charge of the movements of the trains. And because Samuel Spencer was the head of a great railroad system, the tragic and shocking manner of his death is calculated to drive home the point with more of force, and perhaps hasten the coming of a period in which there shall be less delay and less danger in railroad travel than there is today. In short, there are avoidable wrecks and unavoidable wrecks; and the death of a railroad president in any sort of a wreck is calculated to turn the attention of the railroad people—through the operation of a very human trait—more closely to the attention of wrecks in general, and to methods for their elimination.—*Atlanta Journal*.

As the career of the late president of the Southern Railway fades into the distance, it becomes distinctly apparent that Georgia has contributed one of the distinctly great figures that have created and ruled the era of railway and industrial development in which we live. As the head of this great system, Mr. Spencer has frequently been the subject of comment and sometimes of controversy in matters in which he has differed or seemed to differ with individuals of the great section over which his lines traversed. But we think there are few people living in this generation who would withhold from Mr. Spencer the belief that he was at heart loyal to the South, to its traditions, to its prosperity, and anxious in his own way to bring about its progress and development.

A gentleman close and personally near to the late president of the Southern Railway, relates a conversation in which the South was his subject, with its developments and aspirations, and loyally confiding to each other, Mr. Spencer had declared that the one great dream of his life was to record a signal and acknowledged service to the section in which he lived, and that he would not like to die until he had made every section of the South which his multiplying lines traversed, "to blossom like the rose." "When that is done," said he, "I could feel that my work was ended and could die happy in the consciousness of a great and completed mission."

It was Mr. Spencer's lot to close his great career just at a time when all the great railway systems of the country were flooded and overwhelmed with the tremendous tides of prosperity which multiplied the volume of freight and passengers beyond the power of the railroads to sustain. And of course, coming at this time, there will be many who will find an additional tragedy in his death from the fact that he himself died as the result of a service perhaps inadequate to the great volume of transportation which it carried.

But whatever the comments and criticism of the public upon the past record of this great and strenuous financier, his place is secure among the

great men and the great actors of his time. And with those who knew him best, loving him best and trusting him most, it is certain that the fame of his achievements will be joined to the real integrity and to the patriotic scope of his motives, and he will be remembered as among the greatest of the friends and benefactors of the South which gave him to his times.—*Atlanta Georgian.*

His career was one of remarkable achievement:

Samuel Spencer was born in Columbus, Ga., March 2, 1847, and was therefore in the sixtieth year of his age when he lost his life in a wreck on the Southern Railway, still in the full possession of his physical vigor and great mentality. He was the only son of Lambert and Verona Mitchell Spencer.

Young Spencer's boyhood was spent in Columbus, Ga., and there he received his early schooling, afterwards entering the Georgia Military Institute at Marietta, Ga., which he attended until 1863, when, at the age of sixteen years, he enlisted in the Nelson Rangers and went to the front in the uniform of a private soldier of the Confederacy. This command was attached to the corps of the great cavalry leader, General N. B. Forrest, and the Rangers were participants in many bloody battles. Mr. Spencer was in the armies of General Joseph E. Johnston and General John B. Hood, and was in the battles of the campaign of 1864, and took part in the battles around Atlanta. At the battle of Franklin the young soldier participated in one of the bloodiest battles of modern times.

#### FIRST HONOR MAN IN TWO UNIVERSITIES.

Finishing his career as a soldier, young Spencer returned to his home at Columbus, and in the fall of 1865 matriculated as a student at the University of Georgia, graduating in 1867 with the first honors of his class. Having taken the classical and literary courses at the University of Georgia, and determining to become a civil engineer, in 1868 he entered the University of Virginia, again graduating with first honors in 1869. It is said that Mr. Spencer made the most brilliant record ever made by a student at the University of Virginia.

He began the practice of civil engineering, his first work being on a short railroad line between Columbus and Opelika, Ala., after which he filled a number of positions with the Savannah and Memphis Railroad Company, successfully filling the positions of rodman, leveler, transitman, resident engineer and chief assistant engineer.

His next employment was with the New Jersey Southern Railway in the capacity of clerk, his introduction to the railway magnates of the East, who soon discovered that Mr. Spencer was destined to become one of the greatest railroad men of the country.

#### MARRIED IN COLUMBUS.

In Columbus, Ga., on February 6, 1872, Mr. Spencer was married to Miss

Louisa Vivian Benning, the daughter of General Henry L. Benning, who earned the soubriquet of "Old Rock" from the soldiers of the Confederacy. General Benning was no less distinguished in civil life, being a distinguished jurist, who once filled the position of Supreme Court Justice.

Mr. Spencer's next engagement was with the transportation department of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and this marked the rapid upward march of Mr. Spencer to the position of being one of the greatest railroad generals of the country. After serving several years with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, Mr. Spencer was made, in April, 1877, superintendent of transportation of the Virginia Midland Railroad, remaining in that position until January, 1878. In 1878 and 1879 he was general superintendent of the Long Island Railroad, following this with two years' service as assistant to the president of the Baltimore and Ohio.

The Baltimore and Ohio made him general manager of the trans-Ohio divisions of that road, and his next step upward was his election to the position of third vice-president. He served successfully as second and first vice-presidents until December, 1887.

#### REACHES PINNACLE OF SUCCESS.

He became president of the Baltimore and Ohio, serving as such until 1889, when his services were engaged by J. Pierpont Morgan & Co., as a railroad expert, representing their interests in this capacity until June 18, 1894, when he was made president of the Southern Railway, which position he was filling at the time of his death. Under his skillful management, the Southern prospered, owning or controlling at this time 10,000 miles of railway, valued up in the hundreds of millions of dollars and employing nearly forty thousand men.

His presidency of the Southern represented, however, but a small part of his activity, his capacity for management and his executive ability being demonstrated by the fact that he was also president of the Alabama Great Southern, the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific, The Mobile and Ohio, the Georgia Southern and Florida and the Northern Alabama railways.

As a railroad expert, Mr. Spencer was a national figure, being universally acclaimed as one of the most intellectual and successful railroad developers of the country.

#### LEAVES LARGE FORTUNE.

As president of the Southern Railway system it is said that Mr. Spencer received a salary equal to that of the president of the United States—\$50,000 per year. This, however, was only a portion of his earning. He received salaries as president of five other railroads, was a director in large enterprises and it is probable that no other man in the United States received greater compensation for his services. He left a large fortune, estimated at something like ten million dollars.

Mr. Spencer is survived by his wife, who but recently visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. Frank E. Callaway, at her home in this city on Fourteenth

street; three children, Henry B. Spencer, of Washington, D. C., sixth vice-president of the Southern Railway; Mrs. James B. Laying, of New York, and Vivian Spencer, a prominent attorney of New York.

He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Frank E. Callaway, of Atlanta, and Mrs. Stanford E. Moses, of Savannah. Mrs. Moses is now in Atlanta, visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank E. Callaway.—*Atlanta Constitution.*

In the office of the general council of the Southern Railroad in Washington is a frame containing a newspaper article relative to a recent railroad trial, wherein the case was one of national import.

An incident described in the article relates to that lion of financial power, Pierpont Morgan, who, after he had given sworn testimony of vital importance, was asked if he gave the facts of his own knowledge.

"No," was the reply, "not of my own knowledge, but the information was given to me by Samuel Spencer, and I would swear to anything he stated as a fact."

This single tribute to an accuracy proceeding from moral principle and proficiency of knowledge, demonstrated by one of the greatest men the South has given to the machinery of the nation's productive forces, illustrates but one of the many qualities of the man who has been among the foremost in the public eye of our great republic.

Of Mr. Spencer as the husband, the father and the brother, as the friend and the citizen, there are thousands to testify, and there are many who will write of him through the knowledge of warm personal relation.

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HIS NATIONAL SPIRIT.

That Mr. Spencer was an exponent of this spirit was given national recognition in the responsibilities that have been thrust upon him, no greater example of which could be given than in his part in the recent rate bill agitation in the United States Congress. He was selected by the railroad systems of the country as their representative before the national body, and was entrusted with the responsibilities of personally presenting their side of the question.—*Atlanta Constitution.*

The body was taken to Washington for burial:

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—After impressive funeral services at St. Johns Protestant Episcopal church the body of Samuel Spencer, president of the Southern Railway, who was killed in a wreck on his own road Thanksgiving day, was laid to rest yesterday afternoon in the receiving vault at Oak Hill cemetery.

Long before the hour set for the service the church was crowded and hundreds of persons were turned away. The service was conducted by the Right Rev. Henry V. Satterlee, bishop of Washington, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Roland Cotton Smith, the rector of St. Johns, and the assistant rector.

## EMPLOYEES ATTEND SERVICE.

Many of those who attended the service came from the South. Officers and employees of the Southern Railway, 319 in number, assembled at the general offices of the company here, and proceeded as a body to St. Johns church. They were headed by the four general superintendents of the company, Messrs. Foraker, Loyall, Ritchie and Coapman, and included General Passenger Traffic Manager Hardwick, General Passenger Agent Tayloe and Assistant General Passenger Agent Cary.

## OTHER ROADS REPRESENTED.

Practically all of the officers of the company throughout its system of nearly five thousand miles were in attendance upon the services. Joining their friends of the Southern Railway in paying respect to President Spencer were representatives of the Mobile and Ohio, Georgia, Southern and Florida, Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific, New Orleans and Northeastern, Central of Georgia, Atlantic Coast Line, Seaboard Air Line, Chesapeake and Ohio, Pennsylvania and Norfolk and Western.

Among the distinguished people who attended the church services were Vice-President Fairbanks, Justice White, of the Supreme Court of the United States; Senator and Mrs. Foraker, of Ohio; Senator Bacon, of Georgia; Governor Swanson and Senator Martin, of Virginia; Senator Kean, of New Jersey; Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock; Senator Wetmore of Rhode Island, and former Senator Henry G. Davis, of West Virginia.

## ALL WHEELS STOP.

At two o'clock, just as the strains of Chopin's funeral march pealed from the church organ, every train on the Southern system came to a standstill, and every employee of the road put aside his work. For five minutes the thousands of employees of the Southern paid silent tribute to their dead chief.—*Atlanta Georgian*.

Extracts from a statement by the trustees and directors of the Southern Railway:

The personal qualities of Mr. Spencer, his integrity in heart and mind, his affectionate and genial disposition, his loyal and courageous spirit, his untiring devotion to duty, his persistent achievement of worthy ends and his comradeship on the fields of battle, of affairs, and of manly sport, combined to establish him in the loving regard of hosts of friends in every section of the country, and nowhere more securely than in the affection of his fellow-workers in the service of the Southern Railway Company.

“ To the great public not less than to the commercial interests did he recognize his obligation. How well he conceived, how admirably he performed that duty, was indicated in the last of his public addresses, his last message to his friends in the South, delivered at Montgomery, Ala., on October 25, 1906, an address which deserves wide circulation and close consideration, not



only in his own South that he loved so well, but throughout the whole country, which he had learned to know far better than most of its citizens, wherever born.

SYMPATHY FOR FAMILY.

“His chosen career has closed, but the wisdom and the virtues that characterized that career will abide as long as there shall be a regard for duty bravely done and for high service gallantly rendered.

“To his family we extend our deep and most respectful sympathy, and our assurance that for them, as well as for his associates, honor and happiness will ever result from their relation to Samuel Spencer, that just and upright man.”



December, 1906, will not be set down as the date of any great turning-point in the history of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. The time of the Atlanta Convention was well taken up with important business, still there was no radical legislation, no decided change of policy to make this gathering historic. But as a gigantic success this convention will ever be famous and, probably, unsurpassed. The idea of going back "home" to hold a semi-centennial celebration made a strong appeal to sentiment and aroused enthusiasm that had long been dormant in the breasts of hundreds of the older southern alumni. Perfect management on the part of the Atlanta alumni and the unparalleled hospitality of this city, which we suspect is decidedly partial to S. A. E., made the social features enjoyable in the highest degree. Notwithstanding these advantages of time and place, this great convention was the logical result of a progressive administration, which left undone nothing that might possibly redound to the credit of the Fraternity.

To the alumni of Atlanta the Fraternity gives unstinted praise for their tactful management of all that pertained to the comfort and entertainment of delegates and visitors. It would be unreasonable to expect as much from any other city, for it is safe to say that at no other one place could be found another Charlie Stone and a Lauren Foreman, with another Georgia Phi and several hundred such loyal supporters.

**Atlanta  
Hospitality.**

An inspiring feature of the convention was the presence of a number of men who were initiated during the first few years of the Fraternity's existence. Led by Colonel John Rudolph, these grand old men manifested a spirit of undying enthusiasm and devotion to the true principles of fraternity—a spirit of love for Sigma Alpha Epsilon. The sight of a large assembly of vigorous young collegians of to-day took our venerable brothers back to the days when they themselves were living out their youthful dreams under the benign guidance of *Alma Mater*. Their reminiscences will never be forgotten by those who heard them talk, and every delegate took back to his chapter a ringing message of hope and enthusiasm caught from the men who were taken into S. A. E. during the fifties and sixties. Our founders set an example of chastity and personal integrity that could well be taken as a standard by every S. A. E., a standard that will perpetuate the name of Sigma Alpha Epsilon as an association of gentlemen of high ideals and honorable achievement.

The  
Old Line.

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The Fraternity gave its unrestricted endorsement to the administration of the Supreme Council that has admirably managed its affairs during the past four years. The retiring members of the Council have won undying fame and, what is more to them, the confidence and regard of all good S. A. E.'s. It is gratifying to see that the world is acknowledging the worth of these men. Our former Editor is making a name for himself in journalism, and our retiring Deputy Archon has before him a well-paved way to success in business, while he who watched over us all from his high seat in Evans-ton has entered most auspiciously into the service of his State.

Councils,  
Old and New.

Time may work its changes and great fraternity workers may come and go, but Sigma Alpha Epsilon will ever cherish the names of Sydnor Harrison, Marvin Holderness and William Levere.

In choosing the new officers it was natural to give highest honor to him who, for two years as Deputy Archon and for six more as Treasurer, has done yeoman's service. The Recorder was endorsed as unanimously as he was re-elected. Successors to the three retir-

ing members of the Council were chosen with a view to the continuance of a policy conservative as well as progressive, at the same time considering in each case past experience and familiarity with conditions in every section.

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A very conservative policy of extension is confirmed in the granting of charters to the petitioning locals at the University of Indiana and Syracuse University. Both were well organized, occupying nicely appointed houses, and made up of gentlemen up to the S. A. E. standard, so in each case it was the chance to start in at a first-class institution with a first-class lot of men—a chance that no wide-awake fraternity will let go by. The Fraternity is expecting much from Indiana Gamma and from New York Delta, and present indications point to a fulfillment of these expectations.

**Two New  
Chapters.**

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On another page will be found details of the burning of the finest fraternity house in the world—the Chi Psi house at Cornell. As a result of the fire, Chi Psi mourns the loss of four manly fellows who perished in the flames. Those who escaped dashed back time and again into the burning building trying to save their imperiled brothers. In one instance, after having been twice overcome by smoke, a man dragged forth his room-mate with night-clothes aflame. The rescued man died from his burns, but the rescuer recovered. When our Cornell chapter moved into its new house the Chi Psi's, who had for years been elegantly quartered in the Fiske-McGraw mansion in the immediate neighborhood, extended to their new neighbors courtesies that won for them the sincere esteem of New York Alpha. To one acquainted with the high tone of Chi Psi's Cornell chapter the awfulness of this holocaust comes home with great force, and knowing, as we do, the spirit of our Fraternity, we can assure our fellow Greeks that the heart of Sigma Alpha Epsilon goes out to them in their sorrow.

**Chi Psi's  
Sorrow.**

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It is the good fortune of THE RECORD to have developed within the last five years into a publication worthy of the Fra-

ternity. During this time the subscription-list has been almost doubled, and the appearance improved immensely.

**The Record** There has been a wealth of interesting reading, including many articles of considerable historical value. The editorial page has been a live wire in fraternity affairs—apace with the times, brilliant and always clean. This improvement in *THE RECORD* is due to Champe Andrews, in that it was he who went out and found Henry Sydnor Harrison and set him to work. Harrison worked as earnestly and as effectively as the fondest S. A. E. dreamer could picture a man's working to advance the interests of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. He has endeared himself to the entire Fraternity, winning, besides, the respect and commendation of our rivals in the Greek world. In the words of the Phi Delta Theta *Scroll*: "Mr. Harrison has made that magazine one of the best and most interesting of fraternity journals, and we regret that his connection with it is severed."

The Fraternity has accepted us mainly upon the recommendation that we have been intimately associated with Henry Harrison. If we can live up to the requirements of this recommendation, we shall be doing well indeed. *THE RECORD*, now a well established journal, does not depend for support upon those who are prompted by a charitable impulse. Alumni, old and young, are cheerfully subscribing and helping with contributions and suggestions; the chapters seem to realize their responsibilities. It is not improbable that *THE RECORD* will exert a wider influence as its subscription-list swells, and as members generally become more aware of the possibilities of a good fraternity publication. There are thousands of S. A. E.'s whom it has been as yet impossible to reach, but we somehow feel that there is going to be more or less of an awakening from this lethargy, and this feeling makes us sanguine as to the future.



## Exchanges.

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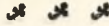
The RECORD acknowledges the following exchanges since October:

October.—*The Key, Kappa Kappa Gamma; Beta Theta Pi; Phi Chi Quarterly.*

November.—*Alpha Phi Quarterly; The Rainbow, Delta Tau Delta; Desmos, Delta Sigma Delta; Crescent, Gamma Phi Beta; Kappa Alpha Theta; Alpha Xi Delta; Phi Gamma Delta; Eleusis, Chi Omega; The Journal, Omega Upsilon Psi; Themis, Zeta Tau Alpha; Sigma Chi Quarterly; Beta Theta Pi.*

December.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly; Phi Gamma Delta; Trident, Delta Delta Delta; Delta, Sigma Nu; Scroll, Phi Delta Theta; Alpha Tau Omega Palm; Shield, Phi Kappa Psi; Kappa Alpha Journal; Caduceus, Kappa Sigma.*

January.—*Kappa Alpha Theta; Shield, Phi Kappa Psi; Rainbow, Delta Tau Delta; Garnett and White, Alpha Chi Rho.*



We clip from the *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi the following paragraph, which to us is one of the signs of the times. The dissatisfaction due to the present condition of some college fraternities seems to be growing, and it is hoped that the fraternities will come out of their apparent lethargy and annihilate the existing evils before it is too late:

But to quote the *Sun*, it says: "The college fraternity seems to be about to stand trial again, this time in a Western university. At a recent meeting of the Board of Regents of Wisconsin University one of the members said: 'I am going to make a thorough investigation of fraternities and sororities at Wisconsin and other universities, and, if the facts warrant it, at a future meeting a resolution to restrict these organizations will be introduced. It seems to me that they are undemocratic in the highest degree. They form a caste among the students that is inexcusable. They are expensive to the parents. There may be something to say about the benefits of these organizations, and if there is, the advocates of the system will be given ample time to have a hearing. But my present impressions are not at all favorable. The proposed dormitory system, when carried into effect, will do away with the major reason given for their existence.' Following the order of the faculty that hereafter tickets for the Junior 'prom' shall be sold for \$3 instead of \$6, the proposal of an investigation may be looked upon as a movement in the direction of simplicity in college social life, and as such, deserving of commendation. It must be remembered that the University of Wisconsin is supported by the State, and that tuition for residents of Wisconsin is free, a circumstance which gives the Regents excuse for more minute supervision of the social activities of students than is generally exercised in eastern schools of higher learning. So far, however, as the remarks of the official referred to may be construed as an attack upon the whole institution of college secret fraternities, they will meet with strong and, we think, deserved opposition from the great body of college graduates. Apparently the old bugaboo of secrecy does not enter into his objections to fraternities. It is too well understood, even by non-fraternity men, that their mysteries are innocent concessions to the romantic predilections of youth. As to the important counts of the indictment, we are not prepared to say that some chapters of some fraternities are not too exclusive and may not fairly be charged with extravagance. If such conditions exist at Madison, by all means let the offending chapters be 'restricted,' if by that is meant a fatherly talking to by their alumni in the faculty or in

the general body of graduates, and if such remonstrances are vain, let them be dissolved by faculty order. But there is too much of good in the way of honest, helpful, brotherly effort among the members of these societies, which, far from being undemocratic in essence, appeal to the natural instincts for organization of the American boy (so much so in some institutions that nearly every student is a member of some fraternity—and where, then, is your 'exclusiveness'?) to warrant any educational authorities in 'restricting' them out of existence."



Any suggestion as to how to stimulate interest among the alumni is always welcome. The following, from *Phi Gamma Delta*, will undoubtedly interest the really active chapter:

So the question which each fraternity worker asks is, "How shall we keep aflame the loyalty of our alumni?"

Certainly not by forgetting them until something is needed and then reminding them only by passing the hat. No; the relation is one of the heart, and must be made mutual to be permanent.

If you would retain the regard of your alumni, you must yourself have a sincere regard for them. You must do the little things that show them that you have a vital interest in them and in their welfare. You must share your pleasures and hopes and plans with them. And then, when your alumni realize that you are facing the same problems, fighting the same old fight, and striving for the same ideals that they faced and fought and strove for, the recollection of the old days will stir the heart-strings and set their blood coursing; and with awakened interest and a hearty hand-grasp your alumni will be with you.

This sounds easy, but it is hard; and the hardest part is with yourselves—to establish and maintain the attitude of sincere interest. But do your part and the alumni will do theirs. It may take time, and you may not get the very last alumnus, but those alumni worth while will respond to the earnest endeavor. The best may not be the easiest to reach, but the true heart knows how to reach them.



This poem, from *The Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta, speaks for itself:

#### THE USELESS FRAT MAN.

Once there was a frat man—we needn't specify,  
 He might have been an Alpha Delt, a Deke, or Zeta Psi,  
 An S. A. E., a Sigma Chi, or maybe A. T. O.,  
 (Most any name would do as well and be as apropos)



But the moral of the tale  
 Is that this exclusive male  
 Never seemed to be the kind of chap the fellows liked about ;  
 For a stupid lot was his,  
 And the explanation is,  
 He put nothing in, so he got nothing out.

Once in a while he'd pay his dues and come around a bit  
 And let himself be bored (which he most frankly would admit) ;  
 He said he rather thought the thing was out of date—antique,  
 And, after graduation, he forgot it in a week ;  
 And when he went away  
 You could hear the fellows say  
 They really thought the chapter worse off with him than without ;  
 And to every neophyte  
 That they took in, they'd recite ;  
 "If you put nothing in, why, you'll get nothing out."

Once there was a frat man—will you swear it, now,  
 Never was there such a man as this in Delta Tau ?  
 Positively certain were we talking *entre nous*.  
 Nothing in this useless man at all resembles you ?  
 Oh, there may be few things worse  
 Than this hesitating verse,  
 But it serves a bully purpose if it clears away a doubt ;  
 You may take this as the truth,  
 And swear by it, pretty youth—  
 If you put nothing in, then you'll get nothing out !

S. M.



The following paragraph, from the *Alpha Chi Rho*, contains much food for thought. Is not the evil suggested the basis of all fraternity evils ?

All associations of men—no matter what their ultimate aims may be—stand confronted by a far more subtle danger than that which comes through active hostility from outside sources ; and that peril is in the indifference of their members to first principles. This insidious foe frequently creeps into fraternities, and if permitted to exercise its malign influence, will inevitably destroy the entire fabric.



Fraternities in many institutions cultivate antagonism by their utter lack of college spirit. They become the knockers, the society men, the prigs, the dudes, the boozers, and everything but uni-

versity men. Their selfishness takes them out of the genuine college life, and, instead, places them in a dangerous atmosphere. In observing this evil the *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma prints the following:

Very often the remark is made that fraternity spirit is a serious check to college spirit and for this reason fraternities ought not to be tolerated. It is unfortunate that this statement is all too true with reference to many institutions. The striving for supremacy in politics, the clamor for honors won by scheming diplomatists, causes college interests to be very much subordinated, in fact, ignored at times, to the desire of fraternity men to come out on top. Can this be called true spirit? Does it show an ardent love for either fraternity or college welfare? It is more a craving for fame and glory than a desire for advancing friendship.

It is time for the people in the Greek world to awaken to the fact that their organizations came into existence, not to govern the college, but to aid it in so far as they could. To be true college students we must have college spirit; to be loyal fraternity members we must have fraternity spirit; yet why need the one prevent the other? Let us remember that the college gave birth to the Greek-letter society and allow the enthusiasm produced by each to be guided in its own channel. If one has the true idea of the meaning and purpose of fraternities, he will realize that they are subordinate to the institutions with which they are connected. Because many fail to understand this the existence of national organizations has been prohibited in some of our best universities, in others the footing of fraternities is wavering. It will strengthen fraternities as well as colleges if we recognize their true relationship and do what we can in the interests of both.



Some months ago we published an address of Chancellor Andrews, of the University of Nebraska, on "The Evils of the College Fraternity." This address contained many interesting suggestions, and the appended clipping from the *Sigma Chi Quarterly* indicates that he has succeeded in interesting the fraternities of his University in his ideas. The result will be closely watched:

At the University of Nebraska we have recently organized an Inter-Fraternity Council which shall regulate all matters pertaining to fraternities. In the free discussion of questions by this council we hope for much good. The council is composed of one alumnus and one active member from each academic fraternity (not honorary or professional) represented in the university. The president of the council shall be a fraternity man from the faculty. At present there are eleven fraternities, so the council has twenty-three members. No active man is allowed to represent his chapter who has

a failure or condition in his studies during the two semesters previous to his election, and he must have fifty hours' college credit. So far the council has taken action on two questions ; first, there shall be no rushing of new men until after the Thanksgiving vacation each fall ; second, no fraternity shall initiate a student who is delinquent in any study.

The question of scholarship seems to me to cover a great many of the other questions. If a man stands well in his studies, he will not have much time to fool away. My experience is that fraternity men do not stand as well, on the average, in their classes as the rest of the students. The cause must be that the fraternity men do not study, as they are above the average in ability and intelligence. If we can find some plan by which to force the active chapters of Sigma Chi to place good class standing as a requisite for all their men, a great step forward will have been taken."



Active chapters often need assistance. Equally as often do they remind their alumni of this fact. Yet when new men are recommended by the alumni, the chapter too often ignores all communications and fails to take any action on the recommendations. This widens the chasm, already too great. Editor Baird, speaking of this situation, which was given vigorous discussion at the last Beta convention, has the following to say in *Beta Theta Pi*:

In the first place the right of the undergraduates in a chapter to select their initiates without coercion or interference is absolute and is conceded. Indeed it is the prime duty of any chapter to secure what it believes to be the right kind of men and to perpetuate the trust delivered to its members by their predecessors.

But the chapters are always asking for help. They ask that the alumni, not only of their own, but of other chapters, shall take the trouble to notify them of eligible men coming to their college. When such men are introduced by the alumni, too often the attitude of the chapter is one of fault-finding and criticism instead of intelligent co-operation. It was evident from the statements made on the floor of the convention that when an alumnus had taken the trouble to send one or more men whom he considered eligible to a chapter, he frequently had the experience of knowing nothing of the result of his effort until he saw the list of the chapter's members in the annual letter. Too frequently the only answer he had was to find the boy whom he had endeavored to interest in the fraternity coming back to his home for a vacation wearing the pin of some other fraternity. Under such circumstances an alumnus is justified in feeling that the chapter lacks a proper sense of propriety and that his efforts are not appreciated and he ceases altogether to interest himself in its welfare.

How easy it would be for the secretary of a chapter under such circum-

stances to write the alumnus, thanking him for his kind efforts, telling him that they had promptly made the acquaintance of the lad he had sent to them, but that, under stress of college life, he had not seemed to develop quite as a Beta should, that the boy's name had been proposed for election several times and that each time there had been some negative votes and that finally he had joined another chapter composed of men more of his own kind. And how easy it would be, if the chapter had found the young man all that he was supposed to be, and had initiated him, to write and thank the alumnus for his kind interest and say how much the chapter appreciated it.



"Ah, make the most of college days you spend  
Ere to the dust of business you descend,  
Dust into dust to turn and thence to live  
Sans song, sans stein, sans rough-house, and sans friend!"

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## News of the Fraternities.



PI BETA ALPHA sorority has entered University of Washington.

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KAPPA ALPHA THETA has entered Washington University, St. Louis.

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THETA NU EPSILON, the Sophomore fraternity, has recently installed a chapter at the University of Texas.

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The Vanderbilt chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha has died, leaving twelve fraternities represented at that institution.

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After two years of semi-inactivity, Phi Delta Theta at North Carolina, has initiated three new men, now numbering four in the active chapter.

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ALPHA TAU OMEGA entered the Worcester Polytechnic Institute on November 27, 1906, absorbing the Arm and Hammer Society, a local founded in 1904.

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DELTA KAPPA EPSILON and ALPHA TAU OMEGA have recently in-

stalled chapters at University of Wisconsin. There are now at Wisconsin seventeen national fraternities.

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A recent issue of the *Wisconsin Alumni Magazine* included a severe criticism of fraternities on the ground that they engendered in their members false ideas of personal superiority.

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Sigma Alpha Epsilon has absorbed the local society, Chi Tau Kappa, at Dartmouth.— $\Delta \tau$  *Quarterly*.

The *Quarterly* seems to be pretty well up on unauthentic S. A. E. extensions news.

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The editor is advised by the Cornell chapter of  $\Sigma \Lambda \Xi$  that the ground upon which its chapter-house stands is the property of the New York Alpha Association of  $\Sigma \Lambda \Xi$ , and does not belong to Cornell University, as stated in the December *Scroll*, quoting from the  $\Delta \tau \Delta$  *Rainbow*.— $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  *Scroll*.

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The anti-fraternity legislation in Arkansas has resulted in a ruling by the faculty forbidding the pledging or initiation by any fraternity of any student who has not completed at least fifteen hours' collegiate work for the first term. The fraternities, as a rule, are cheerfully complying with this regulation. The chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, which violated the rule, was ordered by the faculty to return its charter and dissolve.

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Among the fraternities at Minnesota there is quite an activity in the building and "planning-to-build" line. Phi Kappa Psi is erecting a new house on University Avenue, said to cost about ten or twelve thousand dollars. Phi Gamma Delta and Sigma Chi own lots on University Avenue, but as far as is known at present, are not yet ready to build. University Avenue seems destined to become a fraternity row in the near future, as all the fraternities, with three or four exceptions, are either located there, or have their eyes on building-sites along this thoroughfare. Minnesota Alpha of S. A. E. owns a lot adjoining this property of Phi Gamma Delta, and intends to build as soon as possible.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon *Record* recently published a list showing the Fraternity membership of the present governors of States. There was one each in Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Kappa Psi, Chi Psi, Psi Upsilon, Zeta Psi and Kappa Alpha (Southern). Kappa Sigma expected to be in this classification with M. R. Patterson, who is to be the next governor of Tennessee. Mr. Patterson's name was carried on our catalogues for twenty-five years, but when he was asked about it he said Kappa Sig was his first love, he was to be a charter member of Kappa at Vanderbilt, but there was no one to initiate him, and he was honorably discharged of all obligations before he became a Phi Delta Theta—all of which is recorded to the chagrin of our Fraternity. The writer has seen in the chapter minutes where one of the governors, in the above list, and now mentioned for the presidency, was blackballed by Kappa Sigma. There can be no personal application in this, for all governors have the presidential bee.—K  $\Sigma$  *Caduceus*.

The semi-centennial convention of  $\Sigma$  A E was held at Atlanta, December 26-29. It was attended by Col. J. B. Rudolph, of Pleasant Hill, Ala., seventy-two years old, the only survivor of the eight founders of the Fraternity. The report of the Eminent Supreme Archon, Mr. W. C. Levere, strongly advocated the writing and publishing of a Fraternity history, and also a requirement that every active member purchase a copy of any future edition of the Fraternity catalogue.  $\Sigma$  A E has never had a song-book, but Mr. Levere said that, all other schemes to obtain songs having failed, "he was the originator of a scheme, the outcome of which proved very successful, so much so, in fact, that to-day the manuscript for the  $\Sigma$  A E song-book is completed, and it contains, without doubt, the finest selection of words and music possessed by any fraternity in this land. More than this, we have closed the contract with the engraver and the work on the book is actually being done." The convention granted charters for chapters at Syracuse and Indiana. A feature of the convention was the publication of *The Convention Daily News*, a four-column sheet of news and gossip, the first volume of which was issued during the convention at Memphis, two years previous. The social features were a smoker, a theater party, a ball, and a banquet. Guests at the smoker were presented with souvenir steins bearing the letters " $\Sigma$  A E." The Georgia Tech. chapter was given all the pennants used in decoration. Mr. G. D. Kimball, of Denver, succeeded Mr. Levere as E. S. A. Mr. C. F. Wood, of Little Rock, succeeded Mr. Henry Sydnor Harrison, of Richmond, as editor of *The Record*. Mr. Harrison has made that magazine one of the best and most interesting of fraternity journals, and we regret that his connection with it is severed.— $\Phi$   $\Delta$   $\Theta$  *Scroll*.

### The Chi Psi Fire at Cornell.

A fire, which broke out between three and four o'clock in the morning of December seventh, completely destroyed the beautiful Chi Psi house at Cornell. Two members of the fraternity, Nichols and Grelle, were burned to death in the building, and two others, Schmuck and McCutcheon, died as a result of burns received before they could be rescued. Three of the Ithaca volunteer fire department were buried beneath a falling wall. There were many deeds of heroism on the part of those who were trying to rescue the occupants of the doomed building. It was one of Ithaca's wildest nights, the wind blowing a gale from across Lake Cayuga, and there was great suffering from cold as well as from the fire. The house stood adjacent to the campus, on an eminence overlooking the lake. The Phi Kappa Psi house stands nearest, with Alpha Delta Phi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon within a stone's throw on the other side. Phi Sigma Kappa, Alpha Tau Omega and Kappa Sigma are a little further away down the hill. The Chi Psi house was of massive stone construction, finished handsomely inside. The fraternity will build again on the same site.

According to the Phi Delta Theta *Scroll*:

The building was the finest college fraternity house in existence. It was built over twenty-five years ago, at a cost of \$130,000, but, six or eight years ago, it was bought for the chapter by a member of X Ψ in Ithaca, who paid for it only \$45,000. The insurance was only \$25,000.

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### The Denver Pan-Hellenic Club.

Beginning with a membership of three hundred, which includes the governor of the State and prominent members of the judiciary, and with two thousand fraternity alumni to choose from, the Pan-Hellenic Club of Denver promises to be one of the very largest and most prosperous of its kind. George D. Kimball, E. S. A. of S. A. E., is treasurer of the club. The *Denver Republican* of February tenth gives in detail the plans of organization:

The Pan-Hellenic Club, comprising a composite membership of all the Greek-letter fraternity men in Denver and the state, has begun its career in Denver clubdom in a most auspicious manner. Yesterday a contract was entered into by the officers of the club with the

management of the Adams hotel, whereby the organization takes up a three-year lease on the entire top floor of the hotel.

The entire top floor is to be rearranged and redecorated for the benefit of the fraternity men, and they will have, in addition, full use of the roof garden, which has formed such a valuable adjunct to the hotel. The ballroom will be kept intact, and will be newly decorated. Archways will be put in between the adjoining rooms, and the eight bedrooms on the top floor are to be converted into committee rooms, card-rooms, etc.

A fine library is to be one of the features of the club, and about \$2,000 will be spent in procuring furniture. Decorators have already been engaged, and it is hoped to have the rooms remodeled by the first of next month, ready for occupancy.

Articles of incorporation will be filed with the Secretary of State to-morrow, and an active campaign for membership will be taken up immediately. Three hundred men have already signed as charter members, and it is hoped to increase the membership several hundred during the first year. The initiation fee has been fixed at \$10, and the club dues at \$2 per month.

A special effort is going to be exerted to bring the national conventions of Greek-letter fraternities to Denver. A movement is now on foot to bring the convention of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity for 1910. It meets in Pittsburg in 1908.

The officers of the new club are: J. W. Cary, president; H. E. Insley, vice-president; George D. Kimball, treasurer, and Dr. C. B. James, secretary. They are on the board of directors, which also includes C. Henry Smith, H. D. Lowrie, John M. Way, Warren L. Daniels and Clarence T. Gray. The House Committee is composed of Arthur Houston, Walter C. Stickney and Ira C. Rothgerber. The Entertainment Committee consists of James Braden, H. B. Woods, C. F. Clay, Dr. Baker, Harry Cranmer and S. J. Sackett.

The following fraternities will be represented in the membership:

The Delta Theta, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Nu, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Chi Psi, Kappa Alpha, Delta Upsilon, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Alpha Tau Omega, Theta Delta Chi, Kappa Sigma, Psi Upsilon, Phi Kappa Sigma, and others. This includes also national law and medical fraternities.

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### The Situation in Arkansas.

In its issue of January fourth, the *Arkansas Democrat*, of Little Rock, published an interview with a member of the University faculty:



The question of social life at the University was raised. "What about the old question that has been a thorn in the flesh of the student-life for the past several years—the relation of 'Frats' and 'Barbs?'"

"That, as you well know, has been a source of some solicitude on the part of the faculty and on the part of the best portion of the student-body, whether fraternity or non-fraternity. Yet we are inclined to think it has at all times been exaggerated by persons not acquainted with local conditions—persons living in distant parts of the State, and taking only *ex parte* statements from the partisans of both sides, the number of which, thanks to the splendid judgment of the young men and women of the University, is comparatively small.

"There is now, however, a strong feeling that the question is on a fair road to a most happy settlement. The faculty is now, and for that matter, has always been, diametrically opposed to the intrusion of the legislature in the settlement of a purely social question at the University. It is the belief of the faculty that this question should be left solely to the faculty to be dealt with as they, who have the advantage of knowing every phase of the question, shall deem best.

"It may with all justice be further said that there has not been a time within the very recent history of the school when there was a better feeling among the students themselves relative to the matter. The thinking element in both factions of the student-body want the matter settled once for all, and are working as industriously as are the teachers for a logical solution of the question.

"By a recent action of the faculty certain regulations will become effective January fifteenth, which, it is reasonably believed, will be of invaluable aid. The regulations in question are: First, no student shall join either a sorority or a fraternity who shall not have completed the entrance examinations of the University and have at least fifteen hours' college credit for one-half of the Freshman year; second, the keeping of liquor in a chapter-house, gambling or running a disorderly house shall be deemed a just ground for the forfeiture of a fraternity charter.

"How do the fraternities feel toward these regulations, seeing they affect only that wing of the body of students?"

"They have generally expressed perfect satisfaction. They feel that such a regulation is absolutely fair; that a large part of the trouble and talk has arisen out of exaggerated ideas in portions of the state where exact conditions are not known, and that such a regulation as the second will guarantee the strict observance of college regulations already established, and will take away the intimation that the fraternities, in the main, indulge in such disorderly conduct. As for the first regulation, it is a fact that many of the more mature men in the

fraternities have been opposed to the taking in of extremely young members, or those whose college experience and qualifications are limited.

"Yes, on the whole the outlook for the University is bright, and we believe the year of 1906-07 will go down in the history of the University as decidedly the most fruitful of all in the matter of really important results."

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### A Fraternity Green Goods Man.

About three years ago there was in attendance at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, one Cecil James, who was, for a time, pledged to the local chapter of Beta Theta Pi. Upon entering college he associated himself with the very worst element and conducted himself disreputably, despite the earnest efforts of his fraternity friends to have him straighten up and do better. On account of his continued reprehensible actions the Beta pledge was withdrawn by the chapter in September, 1904, and for the same reason he was finally dismissed from Miami. Not long afterwards, James appeared at the University of Michigan, where he bought a Beta Theta Pi badge and passed himself off for a Beta. He was soon found out and shown up by the members of that fraternity in a way that made his life at Ann Arbor no longer a beautiful dream, so he departed for regions unknown.

The next appearance of the aforesaid Cecil James in the Hellenic limelight, is narrated in the *Indianapolis Sunday Star*, as follows:

Bloomington, Ind., January 19.—Parading for the last three months as a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity of the Michigan University chapter, and living at the house of the Dywyki Club, which had secured a charter in the Fraternity, Cecil Gordon James was found yesterday to be an imposter, through the appearance of several members of the organization from Michigan, who arrived here for the installation of the  $\Sigma$  A E chapter to-night.

James had gained a knowledge of several of the important secrets of the Fraternity, and this, with an acquaintance of a number of prominent members of the Fraternity and a plausible story, enabled him to dupe the local club with ease. He was to-day forced to sign a statement in which he swore that he would never reveal the secrets he had learned, or try again to pose as a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.

A girl was responsible for uncovering his deceit. A Michigan Kappa Alpha Theta was visiting Miss Murphy, a Theta of the local chapter. Miss Murphy informed her friend that there was a Σ A E man here. The Michigan girl immediately, upon hearing the name of James, declared there was no S. A. E. in Michigan by that name. She wrote her brother at Michigan, who is an S. A. E., and found that she was correct.

The men at Ann Arbor wired the local club to keep the imposter here until some of their number arrived for the installation. The matter was kept a secret until the Michigan man got to Bloomington, when they immediately faced him and forced a confession. He claimed to have gained the secrets through an alumnus of the "frat." The S. A. E.'s took the paper which the young man signed and presented it before every fraternity in Indiana.

Young James drew his money from the bank and left town to-day. The affair created much surprise here. James has been here for three months, and during that time the imposition which he was practicing was never suspected. He was always very quiet and reticent about himself, but he was popularly accepted as a member of the Σ A E Fraternity in good standing.

A number of prominent members of that Fraternity are in town to-night for the installation of the new chapter of the organization. The Dywyki Club has sought for a charter persistently, and as a result of its success the members are celebrating this evening in royal style.

James is evidently intent upon forcing some fraternity to initiate him to prevent his divulging certain "secrets" of which he claims to have knowledge. After thoroughly investigating his past reputation for veracity, it is evident that his personal assertion is enough to falsify any claim. He was sharp enough to see an opening at Bloomington, where an organization in which there was no S. A. E. was seeking the favor of the general Fraternity. It was natural, under the circumstances just prior to the convention, for these men to be hospitable to one claiming membership in Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Cecil Gordon James knows very little about fraternities, but there must be some features that are beginning to impress him.

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The 1907 *World's Almanac* gives the following Fraternity statistics:

NAME.	MEMBERSHIP.	CHAPTERS.		HOUSES.	FOUNDED.
		ACTIVE.	INACTIVE.		
Alpha Delta Phi.....	10,363	24	5	24	1832
Alpha Chi Rho.....	437	8	1	7	1895
Alpha Tau Omega.....	7,500	56	23	40	1865
Beta Theta Pi.....	15,000	69	21	61	1839
Chi Phi.....	4,982	19	15	14	1824
Chi Psi.....	4,375	18	11	18	1841
Delta Kappa Epsilon.....	16,250	41	13	31	1844
Delta Phi.....	2,500	11	5	0	1827
Delta Psi.....	4,000	8	8	8	1847
Delta Sigma Phi.....	715	6	0	1	1901
Delta Tau Delta.....	8,586	49	36	42	1859
Delta Upsilon.....	9,500	37	4	30	1834
Kappa Alpha (N).....	1,093	7	2	7	1825
Kappa Alpha (S).....	6,775	50	13	29	1865
Kappa Sigma.....	7,500	76	15	47	1869
Omega Pi Alpha.....	258	6	0	5	1901
Phi Delta Theta.....	15,366	70	23	48	1848
Phi Gamma Delta.....	12,000	55	26	44	1848
Phi Kappa Psi.....	10,167	43	20	36	1852
Phi Kappa Sigma.....	3,600	26	17	18	1850
Phi Sigma Kappa.....	3,000	22	0	16	1873
Phi Kappa Alpha.....	2,500	32	0	8	1868
Psi Upsilon.....	10,700	22	2	21	1833
Sigma Alpha Epsilon.....	12,900	68	27	48	1856
Sigma Chi.....	8,282	56	21	45	1855
Sigma Nu.....	6,161	56	14	33	1869
Sigma Phi.....	1,360	8	2	8	1827
Sigma Phi Epsilon.....	600	13	0	5	1901
Theta Chi.....	340	2	0	2	1856
Theta Delta Chi.....	5,270	25	16	21	1848
Theta XI (Scientific).....	927	8	1	7	1864
Zeta Psi.....	5,500	22	9	19	1847

This is a total of 198,507 membership, 1,013 active chapters, 350 inactive chapters, and 743 houses.

Eighteen women's fraternities are given with 22,833 membership, 254 active chapters, 47 inactive chapters, and 78 houses. Pi Beta Phi leads with 4,408 membership, with Kappa Kappa Gamma second with 4,234 membership. Pi Beta Phi has 36 chapters, while Kappa Kappa Gamma has 32.

The professional fraternities are estimated at 52 with 37,000 membership. Phi Beta Kappa is credited with 63 chapters and 12,000 members. The men's locals are estimated at 75 with 6,000 membership, while the women's locals are estimated at 50 with 1,200 membership.

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## College Notes.



Work will soon be begun on a new library at Washington and Lee.

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Ten Eyck, the famous oarsman, who formerly coached the Syracuse crew, has been engaged by Wisconsin.

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Tulane has withdrawn from the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association, on account of the "One Year Rule."

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The combining of Southern University and North Alabama Conference College into one college has been seriously considered.

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Work has begun on the new law building at the University of Texas. When completed, it will be one of the finest in the South.

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The Young Men's Christian Association of the University of Texas is thinking seriously of erecting a building to cost \$75,000.

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Samuel W. Browne, the millionaire manufacturer of New York, recently donated a \$100,000 hall of chemistry to Syracuse University.

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The Kansas legislature has appropriated a considerable sum to

the State University. The Engineering Department will be the object of the first expenditures.

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The Baptists of Georgia are raising a \$300,000 endowment fund for Mercer University. A \$40,000 dormitory is now nearing completion, and work will soon begin on a handsome library and another dormitory. The two literary societies have planned to have buildings of their own.

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The new main building at the University of Minnesota has been named "Folwell Hall," in honor of the first president of the University, Dr. William W. Folwell, who is now professor in the Economics Department. This building, when completed, will relieve the congestion which now exists on account of the loss of its predecessor, the "Old Main." It is to be finished some time this summer, and will be ready for occupancy at the opening of the college in September. A bill is now up before the State Legislature of Minnesota asking for an appropriation for new buildings for the colleges of Education, Dentistry and Engineering. The General Alumni Association has been agitating several question of interest and importance to the friends of the University of Minnesota. Chief among them is the appropriation by the legislature for money for new buildings, and for higher salaries for the professors and instructors. Circulars stating the facts of the case and the needs of the University are being distributed among the alumni, and the thing is being carried out on such a large scale and with such determination to accomplish results that it seems as though something must surely come of it. There is a proposition to enlarge the campus by the purchase of a large tract of land adjoining the present property, and this will no doubt become a necessity in the near future if the present rate of growth continues. It looks very much as though things were to be done along all of these lines at the present session of the legislature.



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

- North Carolina Xi*, '85.—Augustus White Long to Catherine Colt Pennington, at Plainfield, N. J., 2 June, 1906.
- North Carolina Xi*, '99.—James P. Bunn to Ella Lee Moorman, at Bristol, Tenn., 6 July, 1906.
- North Carolina Xi*, '99.—Captain George B. Pond, U. S. A., to Winifred Van Allen Webster, at Steubenville, O., 25 September, 1906.
- Minnesota Alpha*, '04.—Morton S. Kingston to Fern De Gonzaque Marsell, at Evelith, Minn., 30 October, 1906.
- Minnesota Alpha*, '06.—George W. Wallace to Bessie Koons, at Minneapolis, Minn., 27 December, 1906.
- Wisconsin Alpha*, '05.—Frank McWethy to Gertrude Erickson, at Escanala, Mich., 10 January, 1907.
- Wisconsin Alpha*, '06.—S. Irving Gilpatrick to Hertha K. Emeis, at Davidson, Ia., 14 February, 1906.
- Missouri Beta*, '06.—Remington Schuyler to Anna Louise Ponder, at Milton, Dela., 26 January, 1907.
- California Beta*, '04.—Arthur H. Halloran to Helen Green, at San Francisco, Cal., 23 January, 1907.
- Louisiana Tau-Upsilon*, '99.—Abner Blanks Gilmore to Eunice Rowland, at New Orleans, 17 December, 1906.
- Texas Rho*, '05.—Edwin Cowan Connor to Grace Lanham, at Austin, Texas, 1 January, 1907.
- Kentucky Kappa*, '06.—Dean Andrews to Lolita Sheppard, at New Orleans, La., 18 January, 1907.

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## In Memoriam.

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### Samuel Spencer.

Inasmuch as God, in His divine wisdom, has seen fit to take from our midst Brother Samuel Spencer; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the members of the Georgia Beta Chapter of the Σ A E Fraternity, of which chapter Brother Spencer was an honored founder and by whom he is revered as one of its most illustrious alumni, extend to the bereaved family their deepest sympathy in their affliction; and be it

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of Brother Spencer; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy be sent to THE RECORD OF SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON, and that a copy be inscribed on the minutes of the Georgia Beta Chapter, and, as an added mark of respect, that a separate page be set aside for these resolutions.

B. B. DAVIS,  
H. H. DEANE,  
Committee.

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WHEREAS, Our distinguished brother, Samuel Spencer, has been suddenly taken from life's activities in the very midst of his splendid services to a great section of our country, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we, the members of Virginia Omicron, record our appreciation of the strength of purpose and of will that characterized him and of the beneficent results of his leadership, together with our sorrow at the premature termination of his work; and be it further

*Resolved*, That as an expression of our sympathy with the bereaved family, we forward to them a copy of these resolutions, and that they be also spread upon the record of the chapter and published in THE RECORD OF SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON.

(Signed:)

T. MCN. SIMPSON, JR.,  
C. P. OLIVIER,  
P. A. PERKINS, JR.,  
Committee.

University of Virginia, 8 December, 1906.

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### Harold L. Flanders.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Our Heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, to remove from among us Harold L. Flanders, whose sudden death occurred at Boulder, Colorado, on November 20, 1906; and



INASMUCH as we, the members of Colorado Chi Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, have been deprived of a true and honored brother of our order, it is our desire to express our appreciation of his sterling worth and exemplary character in the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That in the death of Brother Flanders the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity has lost one of its most loved, loyal and earnest members, who, in his life, exemplified the cherished principles of our order; and be it

*Resolved*, That we, as individuals and as members of this fraternity extend our deepest sympathy to the sorrowing family.

(Signed:)

CLIFTON T. VANSANT,  
MAX R. SCHWER,  
HUGH THATCHER,  
Committee.

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BOULDER, COL., November 20, 1906.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in His omniscient wisdom, to take from us our beloved fellow student Harold L. Flanders, be it

*Resolved*, That we, the College of Engineering, express our deep sorrow in the loss to the University of a loyal member, respected of all, and be it

*Resolved*, That we convey our heartfelt sympathy to his family and classmates in their bereavement, and be it

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be published in the *Silver and Gold*, and copies of them be sent to the bereaved family and his fraternity brothers. For the College of Engineering.

(Signed:)

PAUL AFFOLTER, President,  
HARRY CURTIS, Sec'y and Treasurer.

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WHEREAS, An All-knowing Creator has seen fit in His wisdom to remove from this earth and take unto Himself a former member of this department, Harold L. Flanders, and

WHEREAS, The members of the Colorado School of Law have in his death lost one of our members, who was honored and respected by all; therefore be it

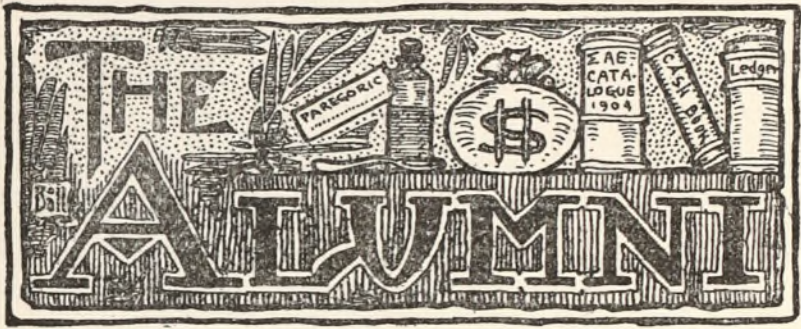
*Resolved*, That such sympathy and comfort as may come from mortal men, we convey to his family and to his fraternity brothers in their sorrow.

The Colorado School of Law.

(Signed:)

J. J. MORRISSEY, President.  
F. H. MEANS, Secretary.

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## The Men of the Fraternity.

Under the heading, *Kentucky Man Who Always Wins*, a Chicago daily publishes a sketch of **J. C. W. Beckham**, Kentucky Kappa, 1888:

John Crepps Wickliff Beckham, age thirty-seven, is to be the next senator from Kentucky. He is the youngest senator-elect in the United States, and when he takes his seat he will be the youngest member. He has been governor of Kentucky for nearly seven years. He became governor of the bourbon commonwealth when just one month within the requisite age limit of thirty years. Having succeeded to the chair of the chief executive once through the death of Governor William Goebel, he has been elected twice to succeed himself, a record without parallel in Kentucky.

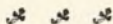
When Beckham first became governor he was looked upon as a man of unusual luck. He was regarded as "the accident of an accident," albeit a tragic one, he having succeeded Goebel because he was lieutenant-governor when Goebel was assassinated.

But Beckham has long since demonstrated that it is not all good fortune for him. In the face of the most determined opposition, and a strong disposition on the part of the older politicians to oust him as a "young upstart," he has not only held his own, but won every political battle he has fought. In retaining his post of governor of Kentucky he has met and defeated the most astute politicians of the state. He has swept ruthlessly from his path Joseph Blackburn and

James B. McCreary, the senators from Kentucky. Blackburn tried to crush him. Instead Beckham sent him back to private life, and sent Judge Thomas H. Paynter to the Senate to succeed Blackburn. Then Beckham decided to go to the Senate himself. Senator James B. McCreary, who was a member of Congress before Beckham was born, was his opponent. When the Democratic primary returns came in it was soon seen that the youthful Beckham had added another victory to his list, and McCreary's scalp to his belt.

Beckham is certainly a political prodigy. In addition to the fact that he goes to the United States Senate at such an early age, it must be remembered that he has won the Democratic nomination, which is equivalent to election, on the temperance issue. That he should do this in Kentucky, of all states, will cause the outside world to wonder. And Kentucky, which has two hundred and fifty-three distilleries and eighty-two dry counties in paradoxical conjunction, has shown that it is a temperance state by sending Beckham to the United States Senate. In his campaign Beckham met the bitter opposition of the whisky interests.

Beckham was born in Bardstown, Ky., November, 1869. He was the grandson of Governor Wickliff, and comes of one of the oldest families in Kentucky. His mother has the distinction of being the daughter of a governor of Kentucky. Beckham had a predilection for politics, and when eleven years old won his first election as page in the Kentucky legislature. He has never been beaten in his life.



The *Denver Republican* of January twelfth gives an account of the success of a young engineer, Eugene Y. Sayer, California Alpha, '98:

Announcement was made yesterday that the Improved Equipment Company, which was fathered by Henry L. Doherty, president of the Denver Gas & Electric Company, and which has had its main offices in Denver, is to remove its headquarters to New York city, where Eugene Y. Sayer, of this city, will be placed in charge as manager.

The business career of Mr. Sayer, who is a Denver boy, has been marked by rapid advances in his profession, one of the most striking incidents in which was his invention of the box drill for mine workings, which has become in universal use. At the age of thirty Mr. Sayer has made a fortune and is possessed of a handsome income. He was also the first man to build an electric line from Colorado Springs to the foot of Pike's Peak.

His promotion to manager of the Improved Equipment Company is another substantial step in advance, as this concern has developed into one of the largest construction companies in the country. Start-

ing originally with the object of improving the apparatus for generating gas, the company now has two large factories, one in St. Louis and one in Fort Wayne, Ind., where it manufactures equipment for installing gas and electric plants complete. They built eight plants in different parts of the country recently, and have contracts for a great many more.

Mr. Sayer has a large circle of friends in this city who will hear with pleasure the news of his advancement.



The trial of Dr. J. H. Feist, in Nashville, for the murder of Mrs. Rosa Mangum, attracted wide-spread attention. On the side of the state were Lytton Hickman, Tennessee Nu, '96; W. H. Washington, Virginia Sigma, '70, ex-attorney-general of Davidson county, and F. M. Bass, Tennessee Nu, '96, present attorney-general of Davidson county. On the defence were K. T. McConnico, Tennessee Nu, '96, and Robert Vaughn Tennessee Nu, '94, likewise, ex-attorney-general of Davidson county.

The jury returned a verdict of "guilty," probably because there were three S. A. E.'s in the prosecution against two in the defense:

It is probable the speeches in this case were as able as any ever heard before in the court-house. It was a case in which opportunity for eloquence and skillful handling of facts was presented to each side, and every such opportunity was more than accepted. The opening arraignment of General Washington was a scathing, powerful excoriation of the defendant, and he played upon the jury as he detailed how the wolf had watched the lamb and at last had seized her. The opening speech of Judge Anderson for the defense was likewise a splendid effort; it was a masterful presentation of the law of circumstantial evidence applied from the standpoint of a defendant. The speeches of Lytton Hickman for the state, and A. G. and Charles Rutherford, for the defendant, which followed, won favorable comment on all sides.

Then came the closing arguments, which are always the feature of any murder trial. Pitted against each other in these were two of Tennessee's most gifted young sons, Attorney-General F. M. Bass, for the state, and K. T. McConnico, for the defense. Eloquent and learned, skilful and convincing, impressive in delivery and powerful in presentation, these two young giants of the legal profession met in a battle royal at the close of the argument in this noted case. Five hours and more K. T. McConnico addressed the jury, his rich and resonant voice echoing and re-echoing through the classic walls of

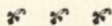
the Davidson's time-honored and historic Temple of Justice. Logic and eloquence, facts and figures, circumstances and detailed incidents, followed one after another. The audience listened with bated breath at the splendid presentation of this man, and finally when he closed with an eloquent appeal full of pathos and tenderness, many eyes in the court-room were bathed in tears.

Then followed a hush of expectancy. All eyes were turned to the tall form of the attorney-general of the commonwealth, upon whom devolved the duty of closing the argument in a famous, absorbing case. The public recalls the crowd that gathered in the court-room on last Thursday morning to hear the attorney-general, and when a tall form strode toward the table behind which the jury was to be addressed a hush was on the room and all eyes were upon the features and waited for the voice of that man. For three and one-half hours he spoke, and never before in the court-house has there been a more able exposition of facts, a more convincing handling of evidence, more fervid eloquence, more conveyed impression than fell from the lips of the tall young prosecuting officer. His towering form naturally lent an appearance of the dramatic to his effort, and this was further heightened by his impressive delivery and searching tones. At times he seemed ten feet tall as he raised his head aloft and poured forth a flood of eloquence or a deluge of imprecation and convincing circumstances.—*Nashville Banner.*



**General George W. Gordon**, *Tennessee Nu*, 59.—Memphis, Tennessee, February 13.—Gen. George W. Gordon, Congressman-elect from the tenth district, resigned from the superintendency of the Memphis public schools at the regular monthly meeting of the board of education, after having served in that capacity for fifteen years. His resignation will go into effect on March first, as he will be inaugurated into Congress on March fourth.

In order to perpetuate the name of Superintendent Gordon in the city schools, in the upbuilding of which he has figured so prominently, the board acceded to a request from the teachers of the Moseley Avenue school that that institution be henceforth called the Gordon School, or as amended by the board, the Gen. George W. Gordon School.—*Nashville Banner.*



**James R. McKeldin**, *Tennessee Kappa*, '81.—At 2:45 o'clock this morning J. R. McKeldin died at his residence, surrounded by the members of his family.

James R. McKeldin was one of the many men who came to this city from East Tennessee and left his definite impress on the business and social life of Atlanta.

Mr. McKeldin was born in Athens, Tenn., something over forty years ago. From his boyhood days he evinced talent for business affairs of a large nature. Coupled with this was a sunny, genial temperament which attracted men to him. His loyalty to his friends was absolute, and he not only made friends, but held them. Charitable, free of purse, Jim McKeldin was, withal, a well-poised man, who gave judiciously and who looked at matters of business with a clear-eyed intelligence.

His success in Atlanta began almost from the day of his arrival. His business life in this city was inaugurated when, some twenty years ago, he became the senior member of the firm of McKeldin & Carlton, retail shoe dealers. Mr. McKeldin's personal popularity contributed largely to the success of the firm which soon had one of the largest patronages in the city.

Absorbed in his business during the day "Jim" McKeldin ever found time for the social amenities of life, and there was none more popular than he at the social functions of the Capital City Club, the Driving Club, or the homes of his friends in Peachtree street. For years Jim McKeldin formed one of a coterie of society men who lived at the Bell house. Nearly all of these men have won success in some direction. A bond of friendship, tried and true, has remained since the day they first met.

Some seven years ago Mr. McKeldin severed his connection with Mr. Carlton and went into another line of business. Of late years he was a member of the firm of Atkins, McKeldin & Brown. He married Miss Bessie Draper, daughter of Captain W. R. Draper, one of the most lovable young women in Atlanta, and his widow, a son, two brothers—Hugh McKeldin, of Athens, and John McKeldin, of Knoxville,—together with a sister, Mrs. Pettus, of Athens, and his mother, survive him.—*Atlanta Constitution*, 8 December, 1906.



John M. Thompson, *Kentucky Chi*, '72.—Governor Patterson this morning announced the appointment of ex-State Senator John Thompson, of Davidson county, as State Commissioner of Agriculture.

The appointment of Senator Thompson is not a surprise, it having been unofficially understood for some time that he would be named by Governor Patterson as Commissioner of Agriculture. Saturday the *Banner* stated that the appointment would probably be announced to-day.

The new Commissioner is one of the best-known Democrats and farmers in Middle Tennessee. He took an active part in General Patterson's campaign for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, and the campaign which resulted in the election of the present governor. He is a practical farmer, being the owner and operator of a large

farm in this county, and has made a close study of all agricultural subjects, both from a practical and scientific standpoint.—*Nashville Banner.*

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## The Doings of the Old Grads.

### PENNSYLVANIA STATE.

'95. T. R. Cummins is with the J. G. White Co. at Pottsville, Pa. W. J. Moore is superintendent of the Latshaw Pressed Steel and Pulley Co., Allegheny, Pa.—'96. H. H. Jones has recently accepted a position with the Illinois Steel Co., Chicago. J. A. Dunsmore is a mining engineer with the Keystone Mining Co., Johnstown, Pa.—'97. W. E. Houseman has accepted a position with the Hill Clutch Co., Cleveland, O.—'02. H. A. Mott is with the Commonwealth Power Co., Jackson, Mich.—'03. E. E. Godard is with the Pennsylvania Railroad at Altoona, Pa. E. E. Hewitt, ex-'03, is superintendent of the Adrian mines, Buffalo-Rochester Coal and Coke Co., Punxsutawney, Pa. D. A. Jones is with the Lackawana Light, Heat and Power Co., Scranton, Pa.—'05. E. D. Gerber is with the Allis-Chalmers Co., New York City.—'06. R. W. Bain is with the Armstrong Cork Co., Chicago, Ill. J. C. B. Rhoads has gone to Mexico on railroad construction work. H. M. Sankey is with the Pennsylvania Railroad, at New Castle, Pa.

### NORTH CAROLINA.

'01. William B. Whitehead died at Wilson, N. C., 13 October, 1906.—'02. Robert S. Hutchison is with the law firm of Burwell & Cansler at Charlotte.—'03. W. J. Gordon, who is preparing for missionary work, is spending this year in the Episcopal Seminary at Cambridge, Mass.

### SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

'85. John A. Rice is pastor of Payne Memorial church, New Orleans.

### MISSOURI.

'03. H. W. Prentiss, Jr., formerly secretary of the University of Cincinnati, has resigned his position and accepted one with the Armstrong Cork Co., of Pittsburg.—'07. W. E. Suddath has entered the practice of law in Warrensburg, Mo.

### MINNESOTA.

'04. Merton S. Kingston was married, 30 October, to Miss Fern DeGonzague Marsell, of Eveleth, Minn. Kingston is engaged in the mining industry on the Minnesota iron range.—'06. George W. Wallace was mar-

ried 27 December to Miss Bessie Koons, of Minneapolis. Brother Wallace has been in the employ of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Co. since his graduation last June, but recently left there to accept a position in the mines of the cobalt district, near Toronto, Can.

## M E R C E R .

**Ex-'00.** The marriage of J. Clay Murphey to Miss Fanny Plant, both of Macon, Ga., has been announced for April 10th. The ceremony will be a quiet one, at home, with only the families and S. A. E.'s present.

## T U L A N E .

'04. Frank Hart is practicing law in New Orleans. Lucius McGehee is practicing medicine in Hammond, La.—'05. Herbert Cobb is surgeon at the Tours Infirmary, New Orleans.—'03. Jefferson Caffery is located at Franklin, La.

## T E X A S .

**Ex-'05.** Davis Prendergast is practicing law in Colorado.—'05. Edwin Cowan Connor, of Dallas, Texas, was married to Miss Grace Lanham, the accomplished daughter of Governor Lanham, 1 January, 1907. After a delightful wedding reception at the Executive Mansion, the happy couple left on a special train for Eastern points to spend their honeymoon. Mr. and Mrs. Connor are now at home at Dallas, Texas.

## M I S C E L L A N E O U S .

The vote received by the main  $\Sigma$  A E candidates at the November elections was as follows :

For Congressman from the Second Kentucky District—Augustus O. Stanley (Kentucky Alpha-Epsilon, '88), Dem., 13,282; Paul M. Moore, Rep., 7,406; Hill, Prohibitionist, 551; Roll, Independent, 229. Stanley's majority, 5,876.

For Congressman from the Tenth Tennessee District—George W. Gordon (Tennessee Nu, '59), Dem., 10,378; Thomas Haines, Rep., 501.

For Congressman from the Tenth Virginia District—Henry D. Flood (Virginia Sigma, '86), Dem., 5,962; E. D. Gregory, Rep., 2,696.

For Governor of Kansas—Edward W. Hoch, Rep., 152,147; William A. Harris (Washington City Rho, '59), Dem., 150,024.

Besides these,  $\Sigma$  A E carried off the following political honors: William W. Brandon (Alabama Mu, '92), elected Auditor of Alabama by an overwhelming majority; J. C. W. Beckham (Kentucky Kappa, '88), nominated at the Democratic primary for United States Senator by 2,000 plurality, which is equivalent to an election.

A number of S. A. E.'s have been elected to State legislatures, notably William C. Levere (Illinois Psi-Omega, '98) and Clifford Braly (Texas Rho, '05).  $\Sigma$  A E is beyond the shadow of a doubt well represented in the political field.



The thirtieth Legislature of Texas by its good work has already made a reputation for itself. In its ranks are found four loyal S. A. E.'s, namely : Clifford Braly (Texas Rho, '08), Rockdale, Texas; John T. Briscoe (Tennessee Lambda, '05), Devine, Texas; Temple H. McGregor (Tennessee Lambda, '93), Houston, Texas, all members of the House of Representatives; and Senator W. A. Hanger (Tennessee Lambda, Texas Rho, '90), Fort Worth, Texas. These men are among the most prominent in the whole body. On every important committee we are sure to find an S. A. E. In fact, three of these men are now away on investigations, two in St. Louis seeking evidence in the Senator Bailey case, and the third at Gatesville looking over the State Reformatory. Two of them are on the Taxation Committee, the most important standing committee in the House.

Three little S. A. E.'s appeared in the homes of our Twin City (St. Paul-Minneapolis) alumni recently. Lucien Merritt (Minnesota Alpha, '04) and Curtis L. Harrington (Illinois Psi-Omega) is each the proud father of a baby boy, while Brother Alvin V. Skiles (Virginia Omicron) is acting in the same capacity to an S. A. E. girl.

Curtis L. Harrington (Illinois Psi-Omega), until recently a member of the firm of Wyvell-Harrington Co., of Minneapolis, has entered into a partnership with Alvin V. Skiles (Virginia Omicron). Skiles was in the real estate business for himself, while the nature of Wyvell-Harrington Co.'s business was real estate. Ralph H. Baldwin (Minnesota Alpha) is connected with the new firm, which is known as the Harrington-Skiles Co.

The Twin City Alumni Association is already a very substantial organization, though it has been in existence but a couple of years. There are about thirty or forty members who get together every month for a "feed" and general good time.

The members of the Fraternity in this city (Minneapolis) think that they have a unique situation in the life of several of the alumni. Eight S. A. E.'s, representing five different chapters, all live together in a boarding-house located at 62 South Eleventh St. They are: Ralph H. Baldwin, Maurice V. Evans and Arthur E. Smith, M. D. (Minnesota Alpha); Benjamin A. Paust (Wisconsin Alpha); C. M. Jett (Kentucky Epsilon); G. R. Kenny and Donald B. Fegles (Iowa Gamma) and Thomas M. Gibbs (Georgia Phi.)

## Association Letters.

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### Cincinnati, Ohio.

THE Cincinnati Alumni Association at its January meeting had its annual election of officers. Brother Clyde Kemper Cairns was elected president, Morgan Van Matre, vice-president, Al F. Leue, treasurer, Dr. George S. Mytinger, secretary, and Dr. C. Stanley Smith, Albert T. Ellis and Taylor C. Greenwald, directors. The meeting was well attended and much enthusiasm was manifest. Our convention delegate made his report and for the time being we lived over the joys of active chapter life, and wished we had all been at this greatest of Σ A E conventions.

Cincinnati alumni are exceedingly well pleased with the new council and look forward to a prosperous administration. Brother Leue is very full of plans for bringing the 1908 convention to Cincinnati, and the matter is under consideration.

Dr. William Mühlberg was recently appointed chief medical director of the Union Central Life Insurance Company.

Brother Joseph Blacker is about to become a benedict, his engagement to Miss Eggers, of this city, having been announced.

News is rather scarce, and since the writer never was a correspondent before—either in active chapter or

out—this will be about all for this time.

GEORGE S. MYTINGER.

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### Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

IN the two years and three months of our existence as an alumni association, we have not let one month pass without a meeting and dinner. We earnestly hope that we may, and indeed we expect that we shall, be able to say this in the future.

We have had three monthly gatherings since the last RECORD went to press. At our December meeting we elected Fitzhugh Scott as our delegate to the Atlanta national convention, and R. B. Ellis as alternate. Brother Scott has reported it a most successful and enjoyable convention. At our February dinner we made preliminary arrangements for our Founders' Day banquet. As March ninth falls upon a Saturday this year we will be able to hold the banquet on that date. This will also be our regular annual meeting for the election of officers.

Our president, Dr. D. E. W. Wenstrand, who some time ago announced his engagement, has now entered the bonds of matrimony. By the time the March RECORD appears another fellow alumnus will have become a benedict. Brother S. Irving

Gilpatrick will be married February fourteenth to Miss Hertha Emeis, of Davenport, Iowa.

A number of Milwaukee S. A. E.'s will attend the Junior Prom. at Madison, February fifteenth, as guests of the house-party of Wisconsin Alpha.

Brothers Wenstrand and Gilpatrick will furnish chaperons.

We extend fraternal greetings to all our brothers, and assure a most hearty welcome to every visiting S. A. E.

ROLAND W. ZINNS.



## Chapter Letters.

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

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

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### PROVINCE ALPHA.

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Maine Alpha, University of Maine,  
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**M**AINE ALPHA extends to the new chapters a most cordial welcome and wishes them all the success that true  $\Sigma$  A E spirit and energy can bring forth.

Maine Alpha held its annual ban-

quet February twenty-third. About fifty brothers were present, twenty of whom were alumni. It was evident, by the enthusiasm shown on that night, that the alumni never forget what it is to be an S. A. E. Every one present declared it to be the best banquet that Maine Alpha has ever held.

Washington's birthday was observed at Maine Alpha by holding an afternoon and evening party, invitations being extended to our alumni and friends of the fair sex. It was the most enjoyable social function of this year.

We were sorry to lose Stinchfield, '10, and Hall, '09. Frank Smith, ex-'08, came back for the second semester from the West, where he has been working on the U. S. R. S. since last spring.

We have eight men on the musical clubs this year, one man on the relay team, and the prospects are that we shall have two, and possibly three, on the Varsity baseball team, also a good delegation on the Varsity track team.

Our financial basis is as firm as it ever has been and we are in hopes of coming out square at the end of the year.

We are sorry that we have not been visited by more of the brothers from other chapters, but trust that more may come in the future.

C. P. MESERVE.

Σ A E House,  
20 February, 1907.

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Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon, Boston  
University, Boston.

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**N**OW that the great semi-centennial convention has adjourned and the mid-year "exams" are over, we are once more ready for a few months of hard work. To those of us who are seniors the parting next June will be a sad occasion, for we will leave behind familiar faces and staunch friends.

We wish to extend a most cordial

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greeting to our new sister chapters. May they "live long and prosper" and be a credit to the Purple and the Gold.

At the semi-annual election Brother Marks, our hard-working Eminent Archon, retired from office, and we take great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity as our present Archon, Harris Eugene Wales.

Last week, to celebrate the passing of the "mid-year" and for social purposes, we held an "open house," which was voted to be a great success. A large delegation of brothers from Massachusetts Gamma attended, bringing with them Brother Lund from far-off Seattle. We were mighty glad to see them, the only thing to be regretted is, that more did not come. Although every room in our house is occupied we can always find a place for one more, and we hope that all brothers wandering down our way will give us an opportunity to find that place.

W. N. MOFFETT.

Σ A E House, 156 Mt. Vernon St.

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

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**T**HESSE letters come so few and far between that one has a chance easily to forget happenings since the one previous, but we shall see if we can't rake over the embers of smoldering time and pick out some sparks of interest.

Since our last confab, the chapter has swelled its membership to twenty-nine by the initiation of two, and the affiliation of N. L. Coleman, of Colorado Chi. Our ambition of the year—to gain a chapter of

thirty—has not as yet been realized, though there is still time. The semi-annual "Auburndale" is ahead of us, and we must have some one to "goat." Those last two men we took in have waited too long, so they think, to give over their sorrows to the next lot.

In spite of its good outlook at the first of the year, Number 263 hasn't forgotten how to prosper, the proverb of a good beginning and bad ending notwithstanding. Our man "Jack" Moses landed his launch in the Sophomore class presidency, and Tom Saul is working off his superfluous energy on the "Institute Committee." Nicholas and Coleman are keeping up our reputation on the glee and mandolin club. Take it all in all, there seems to be nothing especial to kick about.

Another thing that makes us pat ourselves on the back is the grand finale delivered us at the rounding up of the first term. Should one from another college have dropped in at the Institute last week he might have marveled in the seeming great generosity of our ever-dominant faculty in tendering an unusual number of flunks. Even the Bursar scratched his pate and wondered. But, brothers, we have wandered from our theme—and, yet, only to lead up to the cause of this back-patting. Massachusetts Iota Tau came out of the melee with a very few bruises, and those so scattered and painless that there is a general rejoicing. One man, Silkison, is so overpowered with—is it the report?—that he celebrates nearly every evening by going "hunting" at Wellesley. 'Tis great game, this.

Besides the occasional visits of Brother Charley Davis and Colonel Stowell, we have enjoyed the calls of Skinkle, Indiana Beta, Freeman, Pennsylvania Theta, and Loemb, Washington Alpha. Skinkle was East on a business trip, and dropped in for a few minutes.

Now, fellows, its the same old story—be it a few minutes or more, we think we can make you feel that a call at M. I. T. has not been wasted. The house still stands, and open, as always.

HOWARD H. MCCHESENEY.

Σ A E House, 263 Newbury Street,  
14 February, 1907.

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Massachusetts Gamma, Harvard University, Cambridge.

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MASSACHUSETTS GAMMA reports a chapter in good condition, having initiated nine men, with the expectation of two more initiations before June. Our annual play will be given in April, a month earlier than last year. We sincerely hope that any S. A. E.'s who are in this vicinity at that time will make an effort to be with us at one of the performances.

A few nights before Christmas we had a "tree" at the house. Every one received some kind of a gift—even if it wasn't any more than a lemon. About 8.30 p. m. the "Sunday school students," as they were said to be, filed into the front room and took places on the window-seats and the floor about the gorgeously decorated tree. The order of services was as follows:

Address of Welcome—G. F. Evans.  
Yule Log is Brought in by Steward  
—R. N. Shreve.

Lighting of Same by King Alcohol  
—"Jack."

Recitation (for boy of five)—Carl  
Downes.

Entrance of Santa Claus Through  
Window—G. A. Schneider.

Distribution of presents, and attached  
poetry.

I wish to make a suggestion which has occurred to me while looking over the volume of annual chapter-letters. It is this: That in its letter each chapter have published a group-picture of its members, with *names* of same below. All of us have had the pleasure of visiting sister chapters but have invariably found it impossible to remember the names of the brothers whom we have met, even though we may recall many of the faces. If some such plan were adopted by all of our chapters the annual volume of letters would be of increased interest, as containing the names and pictures of all brothers who have been active for that college year. I firmly believe that this would be a unique means of bringing about a wider acquaintance among members of our Fraternity.

Just now we are in the midst of preparations for our annual dance, which occurs to-night (St. Valentine's Day). Our arrangement committee is composed of Brothers Tenney, Usher, E. Lewis and Montgomery. In our next letter we shall give an account of the excellent time which we now anticipate.

We are pleased to report a visit from Brother Lum of Washington Alpha, and from Brother Freeman of Pennsylvania Theta. We were mighty glad to have them stop off on their post-convention tours and hope that

we shall see them again.

Best wishes to our sister chapters.

RAYMOND F. SMITH.

Σ A E House 20 Prescott St.

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Massachusetts Delta, Worcester Poly-  
technic Institute, Worcester.

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MASSACHUSETTS DELTA is just settling down after the busy days of mid-year examinations. Delta starts in the new semester with twenty-three active members and two pledges. The mid-year rushing season is now on and by the time this letter is printed we hope to have several more names added to our chapter-roll.

We are looking forward to our annual alumni ball which will take place on the evening of February twenty-first. The following night is "alumni night," and from present indications it is safe to say that this will prove to be the biggest gathering of alumni in the history of the chapter.

The interior appearance of the house has been greatly improved within the last few months. A great deal of re-decorating, which has been needed for some time, has been done. There is still more to be done before all our expectations are realized, but we feel very much encouraged by the work already accomplished.

Although nothing definite has yet been heard concerning the spring "Auburndale," Delta is planning to send a large delegation in order to atone in some measure for her small representation in the fall.

H. W. DENNY.

Σ A E House, Humboldt Ave.,  
12 February, 1907.

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 PROVINCE BETA.
 

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New York Alpha, Cornell University, Ithaca.

THE December RECORDS reached Ithaca the day of the sad calamity of the Chi Psi fire. Hill crest is but a stone's throw away. At about half past three in the morning one of the brothers gave the alarm of fire. We all jumped from our beds in the dormitory and there was that beautiful Fiske-McGraw mansion in flames. It took us but a moment to pull on sweater and trousers. The cries for help were plainly audible. Each one took an armful of clothes with him, for it was the wildest and coldest night Ithaca has had in years. The wind from the lake was terrific and just fed the flames. Very little could be done. Four of the Chi Psi men perished. Two of them died from burns and the other two never got out of the building at all. Three firemen were buried under a falling wall. The hearts of all the University and the sympathy of everybody throughout the country went out to Chi Psi in its great sorrow.

Since December several  $\Sigma A E$ 's have visited us. Brothers W. R. Johnston, Jr., and Louis Cowdrey returned for the Holy Cross football game. When the Pennsylvania and Cornell 1910 teams met here we were visited by Brother Andrew L. Smith, coach of the Penn. team, and Cornwall and Deitrichs, who were on the team. Brother Ralph S. Kent was the coach of the Cornell Freshmen aggregation, so it was with us as a case of Smith vs. Kent. A short time ago we had the pleasure of a

short visit from R. B. Smith, Pennsylvania Theta, '03, who was coach of the Pennsylvania basketball team. Troutman of Pennsylvania Theta was here on University Founder's Day with the Pennsylvania Musical Clubs; the Pennsylvania and Cornell Clubs gave a joint concert in the Lyceum theatre and the Savage Club entertained in the Dutch Kitchen later in the evening.

Cornell won the intercollegiate cross country run at Pennsylvania. The Cornell-Pennsylvania football game was a hard fought, evenly matched battle, ending 0-0. Our hockey team has been successful in all its games to date. The basketball team holds down next to last place. In track at the recent meet in Boston, Cornell won the relay race from Columbia. Work on the board track is progressing finely and the baseball squad under Coach Dan Coogan is working daily in the armory cage. An excellent southern trip has been arranged for the Easter holidays and the outlook is bright.

Hill Crest entertained several of the fair sex at the time of the Cornell-Swarthmore football game and recently during our annual Junior Week. The Junior Week house-party was not large, with five girls and two chaperons. Everybody had a very enjoyable time. Brother Lyford, captain of last year's basketball team, visited us for a few days then. Howard had one of the leading parts in the Masque play and Husted was property manager.

Several honors have come to  $\Sigma A E$  recently. Patten made the Senior



Ball committee; Drennen, the Vigilance committee, "Mermaid" and Sunday Night Club; White, the Junior Smoker committee; Husted, the Junior Feed committee, Scabbard and Blade and Cornell Masque; E. T. Cook, Jr., is Track Director of class of 1910 and member of Freshman Panquet committee; Thomas made Pyramid; McCallie, class football team and Joerger the Savage Club. Drennen, Howard and Joerger went on the annual Christmas trip with the musical clubs, visiting Buffalo, Cleveland, Detroit, Milwaukee, Chicago, St. Louis and Toledo. Several S. A. E.'s were met on the tour and they made things very pleasant for the visiting brothers during their short stay.

Since the second term opened several brothers have left us. Fenger, Gillette, White and Sloan have gone and Emerson will go home as soon as he leaves the infirmary. We have been unfortunate enough to have Drennen and Howard down with diphtheria. However, Hill Crest has escaped quarantine but several of the brothers went home.

Fenger returned with glowing accounts of the Atlanta Convention which undoubtedly was a pronounced success.

Just before all the brothers left for home for the Christmas holidays we had our annual Christmas Tree, and the Freshmen entertained the chapter with a very clever minstrel show.

Tonight we leave for Syracuse, where the Orange Club will be installed tomorrow as the New York Delta chapter of the  $\Sigma$  A E. Tonight we will be given a smoker at the Orange Club's house; during Wash-

ington's birthday the initiation ceremonies will take place and, in the evening, a banquet. Brother Stewart, President of Providence Beta, Brother C. W. Stowell and the E. A's of the different chapters of the Province, will officiate. Brothers Stewart and Stowell will return to Ithaca with us and remain over Saturday and Sunday.

New York Alpha sends very best regards to all her sister chapters and sincere wishes for their welfare.

WILLIAM P. JOERGER.

$\Sigma$  A E House,  
Hill Crest.

21 February, 1907.

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New York Mu, Columbia University,  
New York.

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THE year 1907 sees New York Mu I in the front ranks at Columbia exerting her best efforts for  $\Sigma$  A E.

This year, for the first time, Columbia held a "Junior Week." A basketball game Wednesday night started the series of events. Thursday night was "Columbia night" at the "Red Mill." Friday afternoon teas were held by most of the fraternities and Friday night the Junior ball was held at Sherry's. From present indications "Junior Week" has come to stay at Columbia.

Our tea this year was pronounced a decided success, and especially favorable comment was heard from all sides on the artistic work of the decorative committee.

With the opening of the second half year, two new buildings were added to Columbia, Hamilton Hall, which is used for college courses, and a chapel. Columbia has long

needed a chapel and at last she has obtained one well worth the trials of waiting.

There are rumors of a banquet to be given by the New York Alumni Association. Those who attended last year's banquet at the New York Athletic club are anxiously inquiring if these rumors are facts. New York Mu hopes that further news will be favorable.

We regret that Brother Wolfersperger, Cornell, '06, is still absent from us. While home on his Christmas vacation he was taken ill and has not been able to return to his work.

R. G. WILLIAMS.

Σ A E House, 531 West 113th St.

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

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THE Atlanta convention surely must have been one great gorgeous affair. Brother Simonds, our delegate, came back after the Christmas recess all filled with fraternity zeal and enthusiasm. Every time he speaks, even now, it is, "at the banquet they did this," or "at the smoker they said that." And the yarns and stories—well, his report was a good, clear, business-like account of the whole convention, and the many helps and suggestions which he brought back with him have already proved of great assistance to us.

St. Stephens is running along just as smoothly as ever. The cold winter days and the long nights are all conducive to good fellowship and fraternity spirit. Now that the mid-year's examinations are over, every-

body is plodding along on that long stretch to the Easter holidays. The only diversion that will break the monotony of this dreary season will be the Lenten preachers. The Freshman hop, on the evening of February eighth, was the last dance until after Easter and we fellows made the most of it. All over the hall the long blue and orange streamers floated gracefully from the ceiling, and the numerals, 1910, on the west wall looked better than we ever thought they could. The whole dance was a big success, at least everybody said so.

Just now the basketball team is getting ready for a trip through New England. They have some good games booked and the fellows are working hard. The athletic association presented last season's football coach, an S. A. E., with an extremely pretty gift—an appreciation, they said, of his faithful work.

I feel a delicacy in asking that some of our outside brothers favor us with a visit, because we're so out of the way. But if any of them are passing this way and don't stop off—well, we'll not like it much, for we want to show them a good time.

J. HENRY OEHLHOFF.

12 February, 1907.

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New York Delta, Syracuse University, Syracuse.

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WASHINGTON'S Birthday will henceforth have for us a new meaning, for in a manner strenuous enough for Roosevelt himself, the delegation from New York Alpha did their part towards transferring the Orange club into New York Delta of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

The forenoon "preliminaries" were interesting, the afternoon rites were absorbing and the banquet at the Yates hotel in the evening was delightful.  $\Sigma$  A E spirit reigned supreme and every one was joyful.

These events were preceded by an informal smoker at the club-house on the evening of February twenty-first. This, too, was a jolly occasion, and now New York Delta presents herself with twenty-six active and twenty-six alumni members. There are several more alumni members who were unable to be present and who will be initiated later.

We hope great things for  $\Sigma$  A E and are ready to do all possible to bring about a realization of this hope.

With three men trying for the crews and five for track, we are busy in athletics. Brothers Allen and Parks being respectively track and football captains helps to keep us interested. Track work and baseball will be hard to carry on this spring, owing to the unfinished condition of the stadium. Work will begin soon, however, and we hope to have it finished by fall. Our house is near the stadium's main entrance.

Last week was Senior week. The Senior ball was held on the twenty-eighth. Our booth was handsomely decorated in Oriental style and seemed quite a popular place, whether due to the decorations, the occupants or the punch, we can not judge.

We feel that we have been given a good start on our way as S. A. E.'s by the good advice and competent direction of the men in charge of our installation, prominent among whom were Brothers C. W. Stowell,

E. S. R.; R. C. Stewart, president Province Beta, and A. J. MacElroy, who have been very closely in touch with us for some time. Many messages of good will were received and read at the banquet and chief among these was a long and very kindly letter written by Colonel John B. Rudolph, our last surviving founder.

Brother Don R. Almy as toastmaster was a star, and the many representatives from other colleges, particularly from Cornell, added a great deal to the festive occasion.

ACKLEY E. BLOCHER.

$\Sigma$  A E House, 804 Croton St.,  
4 March, 1907.

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Pennsylvania Omega, Allegheny College, Meadville.

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THE second term at Allegheny College began this year with very few changes from the last term, but we are breathing more freely because the first semester examinations are safely over.

Everybody is looking forward just now to the Washington's Birthday Banquet, one of the big events of our school year, and the different classes are busy preparing for the stunts they will have that night. Another center of interest is our basketball team. They are making quite a record for themselves this year by their fast team-work and steady playing. They have not lost a game and on a recent trip defeated Grove City and W. U. P. by a large score.

Since the last letter Pennsylvania Omega has been very busy with fraternity matters. We are making preparations for a banquet on Foun-

ders' Day and are expecting many of our alumni back to help us celebrate. As the twentieth anniversary of the installation of this chapter comes March fifth, the banquet will be a double celebration and we are counting on a big time.

I wish to introduce to the general Fraternity, Raymond B. Drum of California, Pa. Brother Drum comes to us from California Normal, and bids fair to become a strong man in  $\Sigma A E$ . I wish also to say here that we are very sorry to lose Brother Robinson who left us last term to enter business in Pittsburgh.

We had the honor of entertaining four men from Ohio Sigma last term, and we certainly enjoyed their short stay. They were Brothers Pontius, Rickard, Keckley and Miller, members of the Mount Union basketball team. We also received a short visit from Brother DeWolf of Pittsburgh. We want every S. A. E. who passes this way to drop in, see us and make this house his home while in Meadville.

Pennsylvania Omega extends her best greetings to all the old and to all the new chapters in the  $\Sigma A E$  world.

HOMER L. DEEMER.

$\Sigma A E$  House,  
11 February, 1907.

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Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi, Dickinson College, Carlisle.

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IN our last chapter letter we reported that Woodward, '07, would not be able to be with us this year on account of ill health. We were very pleasantly surprised on our return after Christmas to find

that he had sufficiently recuperated to return to college. He is now with us and has entered upon his work with accustomed zeal.

This winter has brought with it an unusually large number of social functions among the fraternities.  $\Sigma A E$ 's first attempt in this line was a social "stunt" given at the house on the evening of November twenty-first. The rooms were decorated with fir and honeysuckle, and the whole house was thrown open. The evening was spent in playing cards, singing and telling tales before the open fireplace, with refreshments later. We are planning now for our annual mid-winter reception and dance on the evening of March eighth. At that time we hope to see as many as possible of our old men back, for we expect to make it a grand occasion.

Among the social functions given by some of the other fraternities are a dance at the chapter-house by  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , a card party by  $\Sigma X$ , a theatre party and dance by  $\Phi K \Psi$ , a house-warming by  $\Phi K \Sigma$ , reception by  $\Omega \Psi$  Sorority and a reception and dance by  $\Pi B \Phi$  Sorority.

The glee and mandolin clubs have been organized for this year.  $\Sigma A E$  is represented on the glee club by Gill, J. Long and Jameson and on the mandolin club by Jameson, Woodward and Sawyer. At a recent Sophomore election Brother Peters was elected manager of the *Microcosm* for next year. Curran secured the captaincy of the Freshman basketball team and will lead it in the annual Sophomore-Freshman contest February sixteenth; Pelgrift will play center for the Freshmen.

Our chapter-house plans are developing in a satisfactory manner. We have received some very encouraging letters from our alumni recently and as soon as we can find a desirable lot we hope to purchase. When we do secure a lot and start to build we are expecting our alumni to stand back of the active chapter and do their best to make this long-dreamed-of house a reality. Brother Sawyer was recently elected Senior member of our Chapter-House Committee in the place of Brother Davies.

Our delegate to the Atlanta Convention, Brother Jameson, reported a pleasant and profitable trip. We are glad to hear of the two new chapters added to our number and extend to them our best wishes.

ELBERT R. NUTTLE.

Σ A E House, 173 W. Louthier St.  
13 February, 1907.

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

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA-ZETA has been "up and doing" this year, and as a result we have done a few things of which we are proud. The thing on which we pride ourselves most is that we have purchased Professor Osmond's property as a location for our new chapter-house. This property is acknowledged by everyone as the most desirable location for a fraternity house. Several other fraternities here have been trying to buy this place for some time, but we were the successful ones. We have rented the property until we are ready to raze the present house and build our new one. It

is our ambition to have one of the best chapter-houses in Σ A E, so that not only this chapter, but the entire Fraternity may point to it with pride. Culbertson has been our mainstay in this undertaking. Our alumni responded nobly to our call for assistance, and out of a possible living membership of 121 we have 68 stockholders in the association.

We felt quite gratified when Culbertson and Potteiger brought the big Σ A E flag back from the convention, because we were working for it. Great credit for this is due to "Dutch" Breneman. If "Dutch" has anything to do with it, we will keep that flag forever.

Brothers Starr, Allen and Hayes have left college, for this year at least, and "Biddy" Topper, ex-'08, and "Mayor" Ross, ex-'09, have entered college. "Bill" Williams, '96, and his wife paid us a very pleasant visit shortly before the holidays. "Dutch" Gerber, '05, was with us during our Thanksgiving house-party, and Bruce McCamant, '04, paid us a short visit after the holidays. We enjoy these visits of our alumni and hope that they may be of more frequent occurrence.

On the twenty-second of February we intend giving a smoker to our successful football team. We are all looking forward to March ninth and intend having a great time. Last year's celebration was one long to be remembered.

In closing, we extend the usual welcome to all S. A. E.'s who get in our neighborhood.

R. B. MECKLEY.

Σ A E House,  
11 February, 1907.

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

IT is with much pleasure that I report to the Fraternity the initiation of J. Raymond Stratton, '08, of Blossburg, Pa., and Warren T. Wilson, '09, of Du Bois, Pa. Both of these men have the true spirit of  $\Sigma A E$  and can be counted on to add much to the welfare and happiness of Pennsylvania Zeta.

College life since our last letter has been moving in about the usual manner, with a few "stunts" thrown in to vary the ordinary routine. We have given several card parties which have been the source of much pleasure not only to ourselves but, we think, to our guests as well. A series of Pan-Hellenic dances given in the Twelfth Regiment armory have also been pleasant affairs and have helped to foster a kindly feeling among fraternity men.

For the first time Bucknell this year is to have a "Junior Week," from February nineteenth to twenty-third inclusive. The principal event will be the Junior "Prom," which promises to be the most important social function of the year. Two basketball games, one with Swathmore and the other with the alumni, will without doubt be good games and will give the "old men" and the guests a chance to see play one of the best basketball teams Bucknell has ever had.

The interfraternity organizations  $\Phi \Delta \Sigma$  and  $\Theta \Delta T$  held their initiations this term, as usual. Among the initiates we were represented in  $\Phi \Delta \Sigma$  by Innes, '08, and Gebhardt, '08; in  $\Theta \Delta T$  by Winegardner, '09, and Florin, '09.

Prospects for a winning baseball team are unusually bright this year. With one exception last year's positions are filled, unless some of this year's candidates, who, by the way, seem very promising, succeed in "ousting" some of the Varsity players. August, '07, and Leach, '07, who have played on the team for the last three years, will represent us this year for the last time, while Winegardner, '09, and Eastwood, '10, pledged, bid fair to secure us future representation.

So far this term we have enjoyed short visits from Brothers Goodman, '05, now of Massachusetts Iota-Tau; McCormick, '06, Pottriger of Pennsylvania Alpha-Theta, and Lammert of Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi. We are always pleased to see any S. A. E.'s who come this way.

B. H. OLMSTED.

$\Sigma A E$  House,  
20 February, 1907.

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

ONCE more Father Time refers us to his register. Christmas vacation is over and college again opens fire upon the young idea.

The enthusiasm of the Atlanta Convention has been carried into our midst, permeating into the remotest corners. All this we owe to the earnest endeavors of our representative, Brother Lammert. With this spell of enthusiasm has come a supply of new furnishings to our chapter quarters.

Brother Jacobs, '03, has returned from his trip through eastern and southern Europe, and is now teach-

ing Chemistry and Botany in the Cumberland Valley State Normal School. Goodell Sieber, ex-'04, has also returned from his work on the surveying corps at Lake Charles, Va. Hetrick, '01, was here during Christmas vacation, but he got away without being seen. Deatricks, '01, has been a regular bi-monthly visitor.

Lammert, '07, has been generaling the basketball team as captain, with Lautz, '08, also a member of the team. Lautz, '08, Bright, '09, and Strock, '09, have only recently returned from a two weeks tour with the musical clubs. In the literary field of activity, Manges, '08, has been elected editor of the *Mercury*, and Albright, '08, assistant editor. Bright, '09, is representing his class on the Sophomore debating team.

The season of class banquets is here and almost gone, the Sophomores having been worsted by the Freshmen at both underclass banquets. The college has created a new professorship, and has elected a Johns Hopkins man to the position—chair of physics.

We are always glad to welcome visiting brothers into our hospitality, and hope that S. A. E.'s will make themselves known to us when visiting Gettysburg.

GEORGE W. KESSLER.

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Pennsylvania Theta, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

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Now that the struggles of mid-year examinations are over, we are able again to take up with renewed energy the activities of the second term. Fortunately, Pennsylvania Theta has pulled through without

losing a single man on account of deficient university work. We regret exceedingly, though, to have lost, earlier in the year, two brothers, one from failing health, the other to start his career out in the world.

Since the appearance of the December issue several events of interest to both fraternity and university have occurred. The football team took a well-timed brace and succeeded in winning the Michigan and tying the Cornell games, the two important ones of the season. Junior week, which came this year during the Thanksgiving holidays, proved, as anticipated, a very enjoyable one. Brother E. L. Greene was conspicuous on several committees. Basketball now occupies the limelight, and, though so far not as successful as in the preceding year, we have great hopes of our team's winning championship honors before the close of the season.

Brother F. H. Gaston, '07, was recently elected class prophet, while Brother E. W. Thomas is again on the baseball squad and will undoubtedly hold down third base another season.

On December eighteenth Pennsylvania Theta gave an afternoon reception. The house was beautifully decorated throughout with evergreens. The same evening the matrons and ladies receiving were given a supper and box-party by the members of the committee. The affair proved as in years past a social success.

But now the attention of all S. A. E.'s is enthusiastically turned toward the possibility of occupying

and owning a new house this coming fall. An excellent proposition has been offered us, plans already started and a good, sound, business like basis established for increasing our building fund. This is a very important event in the life of Pennsylvania Theta, for all we need now to place us head and shoulders above our rivals is a beautiful home.

We are now looking forward to the Easter performance of the Mask and Wig club. Brothers N. W. Vloper, '09, H. M. Gay, '10, and B. L. Simmons '09, will be members of the chorus.

Pennsylvania Theta has been glad of all opportunities of welcoming any brothers visiting the "City of Brotherly Love." We had with us

from Michigan Iota-Beta Brothers Goudy, Holmes and Kane, at the Michigan-Pennsylvania football game, and later on Brothers Lum of Washington Alpha and Smiley and Cochran of California Beta.

Now that the National Convention held in Atlanta is a thing of the past, we can only recount the good times the members and festivities brought with them. Brothers Ralph C. Stewart, President of Province Beta, and A. S. Weddle, delegate from Pennsylvania Theta, returned to Philadelphia beaming with joy.

A hearty welcome awaits every S. A. E. who pays us a visit.

BERKELEY L. SIMMONS.

Σ A E House, 3705 Walnut St.,  
14 February, 1907.

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## P R O V I N C E   G A M M A .

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

**T**HE number of our chapter has been increased by three, that many men having been initiated since December, and we are very proud of these additions. We have initiated so far this year five neophytes and will have another initiation in the near future.

The chapter held a dance at the chapter house in November, and it was a typical S. A. E. affair. A great many alumni came and the brothers of Washington City Rho turned out in full force, with the prettiest girls in Washington. We are to have another on March first. The chapter has given numerous Sunday afternoon teas since Christmas, with a

smoker now and then for those who balk at tea. At Christmas we had our usual Christmas tree with appropriate presents for the usual brothers. The parlors were decked with holly and mistletoe, voices were strong for the songs we sang and "everybody happy."

Brother Anderson of Ohio Rho has succeeded Brother Boughton of Ohio Rho as E. T. of our chapter. Case seems to turn out very good financiers.

The chapter has recently received visits from Brother Alfred M. Austin, Past E. S. A., Brother John G. Capers, Past E. S. A., and Brother Lieut. H. T. Bull, U. S. A., of Massachusetts Gamma.

George Washington University has sent a basketball team into the field and has so far defeated Virginia and



the Staunton Military Academy, of Virginia. Brother Biddle of our chapter is assistant manager of the team.

When in Washington drop around.

JOHN E. BISCOE.

Σ A E House, 2024 G St., N. W.  
23 February, 1907.

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Virginia Omicron, University of  
Virginia, Charlottesville.

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THE beginning of the year 1907 finds Virginia Omicron moving along in a prosperous condition, though there is "very little doing" at present.

It is with the deepest regret that we report the loss of Brother A. C. Montgomery, who recently withdrew from college to accept a position in his home town, Birmingham, Ala. We all feel very greatly this loss, for no one has ever gotten closer to the hearts of the brothers in Virginia Omicron. His withdrawal will also very materially diminish the strength of the chapter, as he was one of its most influential members and one of its hardest and most conscientious workers. Brother Montgomery, during his two and one-half years membership, brought to the chapter many honors. Last year he was elected secretary and treasurer of the engineering class, and this year he was president. We hope that he will again be with us next fall.

Virginia closed, last Thanksgiving, in many respects a very successful football season, by holding the Carlisle Indians down to a score of 18 to 17, being beaten only by a goal. No S. A. E.'s were on the team, I am sorry to say, but Brother Caldwell

showed up superbly and was only kept from his position by the five-month eligibility rule. We can safely expect him to make good next fall.

Baseball practice has now begun and there is indeed a large number of applicants out. Most of last year's team is in college, besides a wealth of new material. Consequently, an unusually good team is expected for the hard schedule which has been arranged. Among the applicants are five S. A. E.'s, in whom we rest hopes for representation in this phase of athletics.

We take great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity Brother H. E. Patcheller, who was initiated January twenty-sixth.

We hope that S. A. E.'s passing through Charlottesville will not forget to look us up.

JOHN W. ROSS, JR.

14 February, 1907.

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Virginia Sigma, Washington and Lee  
University, Lexington.

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VIRGINIA SIGMA'S last meeting of 1906 was quite out of the ordinary, for two of the brothers had prepared an extra fine luncheon, which came as an enjoyable surprise. From all reports of our three representatives at the national convention, they had one of those grand old times which are never forgotten. Their advice is—never to let a big thing pass without being there to get your share.

All of us were glad to have brother G. H. Miles back with us; he raised our number to fourteen.

On January nineteenth (Lee's

birthday), Hon. Charles Francis Adams, of Massachusetts, delivered at Lee Memorial Chapel the finest address on General Robert Edward Lee that has ever been heard here. This was a great day for this little historic town. The old alumni who were here when Lee was president gathered here to warm up their friendship. There were several banquets to keep good spirits up. We were lucky enough to have Brother Montgomery of Virginia Omicron over; we enjoyed his visit very much.

The long-thought-of library will soon be in the hands of the contractor. It will be one of the finest buildings on the campus.

We have a good baseball schedule for this season. A few of the old "stars" are back and there is no reason for not having a first-class team.

We hope that all brothers who are wandering through this neck of the woods will make it a point to look us up.

R. D. MOORE.

14 February, 1907.

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

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THE interest and hope of chapter I Xi lie in the erection of our new home. The weather has greatly retarded progress on the building, still it is good to see that construction is well advanced and that completion is but a few weeks off.

Chapter Xi, however, is in no way to sit idly back and enjoy the raising of this beautiful structure, for it must be paid for. Through the loan of the general Fraternity this

has been made possible at an early date; but it is impossible even now if the alumni of Xi and the active chapter do not work together in an earnest endeavor to pay for the house.

The eyes of the college are now turning toward the baseball diamond and there we expect to be well represented. Brothers James and Harris will doubtless take their old places again on the Varsity, while we have two promising candidates in Thomas and McAultner on the second team.

The Kappa Alphas intend to erect a new chapter-house, their present one being quite small.

The  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ 's, after being dormant for two years, initiated three men about a week ago, now numbering four in the active chapter.

There is at present little to report along lines of real interest in college life, but our other chapters may be assured that Xi is living in that vigorous way so essential to growth and strength.

ALLEN T. MORRISON.

$\Sigma A E$  House,

10 February, 1907.

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North Carolina Theta, Davidson College, Davidson.

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THE "rushing season" proper is now over, and North Carolina Theta has four new initiates added to her roll. As usual Theta came in for her share of the best men, and I feel safe in saying that the four new wearers of the royal purple and old gold, are the best in the Freshman class. The new initiates are S. O. Fleming, G. M. Mack, James Allan,

Jr., and D. A. Lynch, all of South Carolina. Including our five brothers on the faculty and Brother Team, '04, of the Medical College, our total number is eighteen. We were unfortunate in losing two of our best men Christmas, T. W. Rankin, '09, and H. M. Burgard, '09.

Although we can not say that from point of view of numbers this is the strongest year in the history of North Carolina Theta, yet I feel sure that we have never had a more congenial crowd of fellows, or a crowd which in any way has shown more true fraternity spirit and love for  $\Sigma A E$ .

As usual, we are well represented in every department of college life. During the football season one of our men, Cely, played star ball on the Varsity eleven, and Burgard and Rankin showed up well on the scrubs.

We expect to have three men on the Varsity baseball team this spring, and to be represented in field athletics also. Some of our other honors are, four men on the honor-roll for scholarship, president and critic of the literary societies, president of the Freshman class, vice-president of the athletic association, and assistant in chemistry.

In closing we wish to say that all S. A. E.'s will find a hearty welcome with North Carolina Theta, and we hope they will visit us when in this vicinity.

WM. C. ROSE.

20 February, 1907.

South Carolina Gamma, Wofford College, Spartanburg.

WE are in now what is properly termed the "rushing season" at Wofford, that is the time comprised between Christmas and June. By this time last year the battle for new men was already being vigorously fought between the different fraternities on the campus, but now our only glory lies in the memory of bygone victories, as our arms now stand serenely stacked in the relic chamber of the faculty. Last year's enrollment of one hundred and twenty Freshmen has completely filled the woods with desirable game and the fraternities are looking anxiously on at the wasted material and dreaming of untold possibilities, could the faculty's sign of "Hands Off" only be removed. When we realize that this doctrine of "Touch them not" will in the course of three short years place our chapter upon the dead list of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, truly then the temptation is great to anoint the eyes of a few straying Freshmen as a preliminary to their flirtation with "naughty William." Of course we have our charter yet, and mean to keep it as long as  $\Sigma A E$  can make a noise at Wofford.

We have begun preparations for our celebration of Founders' Day. We expect to have a number of our alumni with us to share in the festivities of the occasion. A delicately prepared spread will wind up the evening in our chapter hall.

Our chapter was represented at the Atlanta Convention by Chas. E. Klugh, S. L. Prince, J. M. Latimer

and T. F. Hill, all of whom brought back to the chapter renewed enthusiasm and inspiration. South Carolina Gamma sends greetings to the newly installed chapters and wishes

them and all sister chapters success during the coming year.

S. W. TAYLOR.

94 E. Cleveland St.,  
17 February, 1907.

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P R O V I N C E   D E L T A .

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

THE opening of the second semester finds Michigan Iota-Beta thriving in a degree far surpassing any progress ever noted at a corresponding period in a college year at this university. Materially prosperous and enjoying a fraternity spirit that is best attested to by a chapter of 23 men with three first-class pledges, this branch of Sigma Alpha Epsilon can respond in clear affirmative tone to the question "Everybody Happy?"

Since last writing for THE RECORD, we have been busy making much history of interest to all our actives and alumni, and, we trust, to S. A. E.'s at large, as well. We had not had the opportunity to initiate before the call for copy for that convention number came to our ears. Suffice it, that on November eleventh we gathered under the shield five Freshmen, whom we sincerely believe better fraternity material than it has been Michigan Iota-Beta's pleasure to secure in many a year. The initiation banquet saw grouped about the festal board 25 congenial followers of De Votie. The new faces were those of Walter E. Henes, Menominee, Mich.; J. P. Sanderson, Jr., and Charles D. Franklin, Denver, Colo.; Malcolm Y. Marshall,

Henderson, Ky., and M. F. Shannon, Los Angeles, Cal

S. A. E. spirit glowed brightly that night. We had responses to toasts from representatives of many different chapters affiliated with us. Claspng hands with us were men from Pennsylvania Zeta, Colorado Chi, Nebraska Lambda-Pi, Kansas Alpha, Ohio Epsilon and Missouri Beta and Illinois Theta. All in all, it was the most successful initiation feast we ever attended. And we hope to duplicate it, or even surpass it, within a fortnight, when we shall have inducted at least three—possibly four—more fine fellows into the brotherhood of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Just about the time of the fall initiation, we had the pleasure of entertaining some of the brothers who came up from Vanderbilt with the gridiron champions of the South. In the middle of November three of us managed to scrape up "tin" enough to get down to Philadelphia to the Pennsylvania-Michigan game. Pennsylvania Theta did everything under the sun to render the visit of the delegation most enjoyable. The only thing the Quaker brothers did not let our Michiganders taste was victory. It is our hope that next fall when Pennsylvania comes here to play at the gentle game of football we can send back to the City of Brotherly Love a Pennsylvania The-

ta crowd as well-beaten but as happy as the trio that returned to us from the banks of the Delaware last November.

Our interest in the latter part of December, was, of course, centered on the semi-centennial convention at Atlanta. Howard S. Holmes, our delegate, was one of the associate editors of the *Convention Daily*. He, primarily a man of finance, left here with extremely frigid feet on account of that assignment to a man-of-letters' task. We cheered him up with a suggestion that he might exchange his reportorial job for that of the office "devil." He brought back some samples of the *Daily* which forced us to conclude that the editor-in-chief did a cracking good job at turning out off-hand Creelmans and Davises. Our Brother Wagener also attended the convention, and the chapter was otherwise represented by two province-presidents. We heard with much interest and evident approbation of the work of the convention, and only sighed that all of us could not have tasted the hospitality of the Dixie Queen City. Soon after the convention we were represented by Holmes and Ellis at the installation of Indiana Gamma.

Mid-year "exams." and the "J" hop absorbed our attention the last fortnight. We came through both with flying colors. Though the tests of scholarship were markedly stiffer than usual, we lost not one man through the swinging of the faculty axe. As for the hop, with its attendant days of social strife, it was in many ways a triumph for us. In the first place, Brother Cox was gen-

eral chairman of it, with presiding power over a committee of twenty in charge of all arrangements for the social functions of the year at Michigan. Then, out of nineteen fraternities and an independent group, we had the third largest representation on the floor—the Δ K E and Z Ψ leading us by a small margin. Our booth, draped in Oriental colors, was one of the prettiest in the big hall of Waterman gymnasium. The Saturday and Sunday following witnessed a round of social gayety at the house. Formal dinner, house-party, concerts, driving, a trip to a pretty little lake near here—all were successfully carried through, and were, we are led to believe, a source of pleasure to our fair guests.

While the mind of the Wolverine student-body has been in the main riveted on studies since the Christmas recess, a good deal of the undergraduates' attention has been given to the question as to whether or not Michigan should longer remain in the western intercollegiate conference, or "Big Nine." Those leading the agitation for withdrawal have argued that since Michigan no longer maintains close athletic relations with Wisconsin, Minnesota, Indiana, Purdue, Northwestern and Iowa, Michigan should not be controlled by the will of an organization in which these institutions have a vote. In this, the leaders have been backed by a practically unanimous student-body.

The faculty board of athletic control has passed the entire problem, with its many ramifications and tangles, up to the university senate.

There it now is, while all is uncertainty in athletic circles here. The students have appealed to the board of regents, which exercises complete control over the university, to take the direct supervision of athletics in its own hands, and withdraw Michigan from the conference. The threat has been made by other Western colleges to ostracise Michigan if this is done.

It is practically certain that the Wolverine track athletes will compete in the eastern intercollegiate meet next spring, as well as in the Pennsylvania spring carnival. The baseball nine will take its usual southern trip to Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio at the time of the Easter recess. The director of athletics is endeavoring to arrange a series of games with some eastern nine.

The glee club will go on its spring jaunt at Eastertide. We are represented in that organization by H. A. Ellis, G. M. Ellis and Armstrong. Cox has just been elected to Sphinx, the Junior society. Moore and Owen have returned to college after an absence of one semester.

FRANK G. KANE.

Σ A E House, 1408 Washtenaw Ave.

15 February, 1907.

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Michigan Alpha, Adrian College,  
Adrian.

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her mystic bonds. On that night Messrs. Davies, Moore, Stanton, Roberts and West were ushered into our brotherhood.

Our hall, too, has received additions. A week before the initiation it was thoroughly renovated and the scent of varnish, paste and paint could still be detected on that eventful night. New pictures adorn the walls; old ones have been "gone over;" new chairs, settees and the like are liberally displayed and a dainty cozy corner has been finished off in Royal Purple and Old Gold, adding its charm to the old Hall that has been the home of Michigan Alpha since her birth twenty years ago.

At the election of the officers of the athletic association we landed five out of the eight offices. Moore was made secretary, Spahr, treasurer, and Lyons, Davies and Lazear were elected to the executive board. There are no more loyal students in school than the S. A. E.'s and they are the mainstays of athletics, as was shown at the election. Adrian is having a most successful basketball season and her team is making a great showing under Captain Britain and Manager Lazear.

The college has suffered a great loss in the death of Dr. Geo. B. McElroy, the senior member of the faculty. Dr. McElroy has been identified with the college for the past forty-one years and it has indeed lost a pillar. He has been recognized as one of the greatest mathematicians of the country, in fact, of the world, and he sacrificed great honors to stay at Adrian and build up the department of mathe-

**M**ICHIGAN ALPHA started the new year with flying colors, returning from the Christmas vacation with fifteen men. December fifteenth was a big day at Adrian as Σ A E initiated five neophytes into

matics because he believed it his duty to his church. The services were held in the chapel January thirty-first, under the auspices of the Masons, of which organization he was a member.

Star Literary Society held its forty-eighth anniversary February eleventh and on the program  $\Sigma A E$  was represented by Davies, orator; Voorhees, who rendered several violin selections, and Voorhees, Cairns and Davies who are members of the college quartett. The quartett was the "hit" of the evening, giving several of the most popular college songs. It is to make a trip through Ohio, Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia during the spring vacation.

The baseball outlook is not very good, owing to the fact that no battery has yet made an appearance. On this account manager "Brit." has not yet scheduled any games and we all fear that Adrian will not be represented among the college baseball teams of '07.

Adrian, in the past three years, has become very enthusiastic over tennis and a number of teams are expected to be developed before the tournament which will be held some time in May. As in the other phases of college life  $\Sigma A E$  is again in the lead as the best tennis men in school are "some of the fellows," and we hope to have the leading team, which team will represent Adrian in matches with other colleges.

Brother McEldowney of Illinois Theta, who is now at Ann Arbor, made us an unexpected visit in January. We enjoyed his exceedingly short stay and hope to see him again. He was on a trip West and only

dropped in for an hour or two, but promised to make a longer one on his return.

PAUL R. LAZEAR.

13 February, 1907.

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Ohio Sigma, Mount Union College,  
Alliance.

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THE fall term not offering an overabundance of material, all the fraternities made a hard fight, but  $\Sigma A E$  came out with five of the best men. Mount Union is showing lots of college spirit in athletics. The basketball team is doing great work, having recently defeated the Massillon Tigers, State champions.  $\Sigma A E$  holds three places: Rickard, captain, Keckley and Miller.

A short time ago the fellows entertained informally with a sleigh ride. On the evening of February eleventh Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Messick gave a most delightful six o'clock dinner for the active S. A. E.'s. After a delicious course dinner everybody joined in lively fraternity chat. We have not yet held our winter affair but will probably give a banquet at Canton.

Amid all our successes and joyous times we regret very much that one brother, E. W. Taylor, has been confined to the hospital with typhoid fever most of the term. Brother Taylor is now recovering and we will all be glad to have him with us again.

H. B. JOHNS.

$\Sigma A E$  House,  
20 February, 1907.

Ohio Delta, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware.

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WITH half the term gone, and with college and fraternity interests pressing, Ohio Delta finds herself unusually busy. We are looking forward with much interest to the annual Washington's Birthday banquet, our own reception and banquet to the S. A. E. girls on the following night and the Pan-Hellenic banquet.

At the end of last football season, we entertained all the Greeks in honor of the team. Captain Rike, who was later honored by unanimous re-election for 1907, and two other regulars, Weaver and Marting, represented  $\Sigma$  A E. The function was very pleasant and did the Fraternity much good.

Wesleyan is to have the finest athletic field in Ohio. The funds have been secured and some work done. As soon as the weather permits the work will be hurried up, in hopes of completion by next fall. The fence around the field is to be paid for by the students. With our new gym and this athletic field our facilities for athletic work will be unequalled in the State.

Our banquet to our new men on January nineteenth was exceptional in many ways. A number of our alumni were present. We took in a strong class of new men, ten in all, and listened to toasts bearing marks of Atlanta enthusiasm. Brother Monroe who represented us at Atlanta, toasted Sigma Alpha Epsilon and filled us with the spirit which pervaded the convention.

At present the inter-fraternity bas-

ketball games have the stage. We have already defeated A T  $\Omega$  and promise to be in strong at the finish, with aspirations for the championship and cup. The Varsity basketball team, on which Evans represents us, has started out on a very promising season. Several of our most important games are before us, but a long string of victories assure us of success.

We are making extra effort to get our house in prime condition and are making some improvements. Our financial scheme of each member's owning stock in the house enables us to keep pace with our needs.

We are greatly interested in the restoration of athletic relations with Ohio State. Our teams are capable of meeting the best in Ohio and our claims to superiority can never be settled on paper. Our extremely friendly relations with Ohio Theta make this very desirable from a Fraternity standpoint. Our student body favors it to a man and we are eager for the faculties to announce that peace has been made.

EUGENE B. FISHER.

$\Sigma$  A E House, 23 N. Washington St.  
13 February, 1907.

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Ohio Epsilon, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati.

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THE first semester over, the mid-year examinations a worry of the past, the second semester well under way, and Ohio Epsilon is still enthusiastic and prosperous. Although we have lost two of our new men from active college work, in that Neil Finch has received an appointment to West Point and has left our



ranks for more martial glory, and Earle Schmidt has obtained a very good position with a reliable business house here in the city, the rest of the fellows are working hard for the coming rushing season and many good things are expected.

Our representatives came home from the Atlanta convention filled with the spirit of the times, and they have succeeded in inspiring the rest of the chapter with some of the enthusiasm that was evidently uncorked at Atlanta.

Ohio Epsilon is represented well in college affairs this winter. Two of our brothers, Fred Hooker and Bill Foley, were bid to the inter-fraternity Sigma Sigma.

Socially Ohio Epsilon is as prominent as ever. We have given three dances, the Christmas Prom, being quite the dance of the season, at least so said all the girls. We are now looking forward to several smokers, an informal dance, and, of course, the much-talked-of Founders' Day banquet.

We extend our sincere congratulations and the right hand of fellowship to the new chapters and wish them all the success in the world.

Remember that we are still on the map in this part of the world and are ready with the glad hand for all visiting brothers.

THOMAS G. WITHERSPOON.

12 February, 1907.

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Ohio Theta, Ohio State University,  
Columbus.

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OHIO THETA takes great pleasure in joining with all the old chapters in welcoming into our cor-

respondence the two new chapters whose letters we hope to read in this RECORD. Σ A E may well be proud of her two youngest, if all reports are true. It was a source of much inspiration to hear the report of our delegate, Brother Caskey, telling of the installation of Dywyki at Bloomington, and we are certain that the Syracuse chapter installation was equally inspiring to chapters in that vicinity.

The Christmas finals proved fatal to but one of us, a Freshman from Cleveland, whom we are all sorry to see leave us. Carl Taylor, a Senior mechanical engineer, has gone from us to accept a position with the Alliance Mines Door Company. Our depreciation in numbers has been as small as that of any chapter in school and considerably less than many of them. All of our law men were eminently successful in the February examinations, so that, all in all, we have much cause to be glad, since some of the other chapters here at this state have lost as many as one-third of their men.

With all this to make us glad, we have been sad and uneasy, with our "Big Jim" Lincoln in the Grant Hospital with a serious case of typhoid. All anxiety was relieved, however, when the report came from his physician a few days ago, stating that the big football captain will be back with us in a few weeks. One of our old men, Gleu G. McLroy, formerly E. C., has just left the same hospital, where he was successfully operated on for appendicitis.

Our chapter received a great stimulus when Brother Jack Belknap returned from the convention at At-

lanta, bedecked with souvenirs and full of enthusiasm for the Fraternity. And right here Ohio Theta wishes to extend to the new officers her best wishes for a successful term.

Pan-Hellenic spirit is very strong at Ohio just now and ever since the great banquet last November there has been that fellow feeling which we fear is too often lacking. A Pan-Hellenic vaudeville and Varsity show was the first outbreak after the banquet, and we are assured of another athletic carnival under the auspices of the association.

Brother Isaac Cook, '06, captain of last year's track team, has been with us for the past four weeks, having accepted a position as instructor in the Department of Agriculture.

Brother Acklin, '08, as chairman of the Junior social committee did himself honor by the successful management of the Junior Promenade on February twenty-second.

Brother Fred Caskey, '08, was elected assistant baseball manager for the ensuing season, which assures for him the more dignified position of manager next year.

We are hoping to have a few more men to initiate into the mysteries of Sigma Alpha Epsilon during the spring term. Material has been so scarce since the fall rushing that at present we can think of but one chapter in school that has initiated since Christmas.

We are looking forward to a dance on March eighth, when we will have our brothers from Ohio Delta with us—and we are also depending on a great reunion on "New Year's Day"

to make a final pull for our new house.

H. DWIGHT SMITH.

Σ A E House, 1550 Neil Ave.

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Ohio Rho, Case School of Applied  
Science, Cleveland.

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**B**ECAUSE of the fact that we are ever anxious to be on the right side of the alumni, we are going to put them first in this letter. Of all the alumni we know, Brother Jackson is presumably the happiest. He certainly has good cause to be, for after the Christmas holidays he brought back with him as his bride one of the most charming and enthusiastic S. A. E. girls that it has ever been our pleasure to meet. We might mention Brown as the next happiest man, but more of that in the next issue. Voss, '06, has returned from Billings, Montana, and is now with West, '02, who is president of the R. H. West Steel and Iron Casting Co., recently organized in this city. Miller, '06, is with the Macbeth Iron Co.

On the first of the month there was an S. A. E. supper at the Rathskellar which was fairly well attended. It is the intention to hold these suppers once every month hereafter, and as they are very enjoyable, they can not help becoming popular. The alumni will confer a favor upon the E. C. if they will send him their addresses and occupations, or positions, so that he may check up the list for the alumni letters.

The Founders' Day banquet will again be given at the Euclid. We would like to see plenty of S. A. E.'s

from all directions gather around that festive board.

On the twenty-first of this month will be given our fourth informal party, and on the next evening there will be a smoker at the chapter-house. This latter will be considered as the celebration of our installation, although—in fact—it is a few days late.

At a recent meeting of the Case Athletic Association it was decided to abolish track athletics—for this year at least. Case is so badly handicapped in this branch of athletics that it seems almost useless to attempt to do anything with it for the present.

The musical clubs are well under way, and have an excellent list of engagements, procured by King, who is manager of the clubs. S. A. E. is represented by four men.

Riely is a very busy man these days, as he has the management of the *Differential* on his shoulders.

We recently had a short but pleasant visit from two Cornell brothers—Thomas and Harris. We're never satisfied, though. What we want now is more visits from more brothers.

SOLON J. BOUGHTON.

Σ A E House, 2039 102 St., S. E.  
11 February, 1907.

Indiana Alpha, Franklin College,  
Franklin.

WITH the beginning of the mid-winter term Indiana Alpha was found with her full number of men from the preceding term. We succeeded in pledging one man, Melvin Crowell, of New York,

whom, along with one of our last term's pledges, we expect to initiate at once, making our active chapter number twenty and one pledge.

Our entertainments this term will consist of two affairs, one being our annual Founders' Day banquet, which we expect to make the best in the history of our chapter. The other will be a general reception to the independent students

In athletics we are taking a prominent part. The basketball season which has been a successful one, under the captainship of Brother John Coon, has just closed and the team unanimously elected Brother Ray Chadwick captain for next year. We are now looking forward to the baseball season and we anticipate a strong team. Σ A E here is expecting to be well represented on the nine, as three of last years men are back and a number of new ones will try. Our manager, Brother John Coon, has a good schedule arranged, and with Brother Ray Beam in the box we are confident of a successful season.

The college is looking forward to a large increase in attendance at the opening of the spring term, and Alpha is prepared to take her share of the best fraternity material.

With best wishes to sister chapters, we repeat the invitation to come and see us.

O. E. BEHYMER.

21 February, 1907.

Indiana Beta, Purdue University,  
LaFayette.

MORE interest has been manifested by Indiana Beta in the National Convention at Atlanta this year

than has been in any other convention for many years past. This was due to the action on chapter extension. It was with very great pleasure that we received the news of the acceptance of the petitions of Dywyki club at Indiana University and Orange club at Syracuse University. Every since Dywyki club sent out its first petition we have had special interest in the conventions. This special interest was due to our close relations with Indiana University and its students. We realized that it was the place for a strong  $\Sigma A E$  chapter. We know now that our realization was true and so we extend a hearty welcome to our new chapter, Indiana Gamma. With this same feeling we will greet the announcement of New York Delta.

Our social life the past few months has been rather limited as regards fraternity functions. A harvest party on Hallowe'en was our last social function and it was a big success. We entertained nearly forty couples and as they glided among the pillars of cornstalks and mounds of pumpkins, sipping cider from the fount of happiness, we were filled with pride. Yet with this we do not feel that we have reached our limits and we expect to end the year with an exceptionally large house-party in the late spring.

Owing to the size of our last year's graduating class we were weak in numbers the beginning of the school year. Marriages and sickness also helped to weaken us, but with everyone getting out and working in the fall we accomplished our aim. As a result, we have pledged four new men since our last letter to *THE RECORD*, making a total of fifteen, three be-

ing upper classmen we initiated last fall. We introduce as our four new pledges, Edward Charles Buss, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Rex Sanders Gay, Sheldon, Ill.; Edwin Joseph Parrock, Youngstown, Ohio; William Irwin Lucius, Cincinnati, Ohio. With such a strong class of first-year men we are assured a strong chapter for the next four years, at least. Our new men have already shown their spirit by keeping their eyes open for good S. A. E. material.

Since the basketball team has begun the season athletic interest has been revived and will no doubt remain so during the year, as the baseball prospects are very good. We are all anxious for spring to arrive so we can take our places on the diamond. There will be a general indulgence in the sport of baseball this year for, at this early period, action has been taken to form fraternity, class and club leagues among the students. No doubt  $\Sigma A E$  will set a hot pace for the members of the fraternity league.

Many of our alumni have been back to see us recently, among them Lawson Stone, "Bumble" Knode and Dean Chadbourne.

On November eighteenth, 1906, Walter Essington, one of our members here, surprised us by announcing his marriage to Miss Shirley Craig, of Noblesville, Ind. We regretted to lose Brother Essington, but were consoled after thinking over his future life, which will be many days of happiness.

Indiana Beta sends good wishes and happiness to all chapters,

GEORGE T. WHELDEN.

$\Sigma A E$  House, 40 Salisbury St.

Indiana Gamma, University of Indiana, Bloomington.

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WITH this issue of THE RECORD, Indiana Gamma wishes to introduce herself to her sister chapters and to pledge herself to faithfully perform her duties and in a short time to place  $\Sigma A E$  in the highest ranks at Indiana University.

On the evening of 18 January, 1907, Dywyki Club was formally initiated into  $\Sigma A E$ . The initiation was in the hands of Brother Carl E. Sheldon, who was assisted by Brothers Lerum and Levere. Brothers from Indiana Alpha and Beta, Illinois Theta, Michigan Iota-Beta, Ohio Epsilon and Theta also took part in the initiation. There were thirty-three initiates, twenty-six active men and seven alumni. Several of our alumni who intended to be initiated at that time but who were unable to get here are coming in later. After the initiation everybody went to the New Tourner hotel, where a banquet was waiting for us. Brother Sheldon, who was toastmaster for the evening, certainly filled his office to its utmost capacity. Toasts by Brothers Levere, Lerum, Gordon, Archer and others were highly appreciated. On the following evening an installation dance was given at the same place, at which there were about sixty or sixty-five couples, each fraternity and sorority here being represented. After the dance, which lasted until eleven p. m., there was a six-course supper, at which Brother Levere was toastmaster. Toasts by Brothers Sheldon, Gordon, and Wade of  $\Sigma A E$ , and Strickland of  $B \Theta \Pi$  were very inter-

esting. This closed what several people who should know say was one of the largest social functions of its kind ever given in Bloomington.

We are greatly indebted to Brother Archer of Illinois Theta for the fine scroll given us at the initiation. It is the result of his own work and is certainly a great addition to our chapter.

Indiana Gamma starts on her new life with great hopes and aspirations. We have already initiated a man who was being rushed by several other fraternities here. We hope next term to secure a few more.

We have with us now Brother Smith, from Kentucky Epsilon, who is superintending the building of a creosote plant here. Any brothers who come to Bloomington are cordially invited to try Indiana Gamma's hospitality.

HAROLD O. GUDGEL.

$\Sigma A E$  House,  
12 February, 1907.

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Illinois Psi-Omega, Northwestern University, Evanston.

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NORTHWESTERN is now passing through the ordeal of "mid-years," so that at present the university is engaged in one long "exam." In a few days we hope to awaken from our lethargy and get busy for the "social whirl" of the second semester, which will be ushered in by the post-exam. dance, February fourteenth. Our annual party will be given on April twelfth.

We are sorry to report the illness of Brothers Patton, LeCron and Arnold at Christmas-time. Patton was taken with typhoid and will be un-

able to enter college again this year. He expects to leave for his home in Ogden, Utah, in a few days. LeCron and Arnold are victims of the scarlet fever epidemic. They both expect to be in college in a few days.

On January fourteenth we initiated J. B. Garnett and Lois Galland. This makes our active chapter number 22.

The university has become very enthusiastic over basketball. The fraternity games seem to be attracting more attention than the inter-collegiate games. Two leagues have been formed among the fraternities. The winning teams from each of these leagues will play for a trophy given by the university. At present our record is clean. Hill, our captain, is doing some great work. Heren is on the Varsity team. A little incident, which occurred at one of the games, will show the popularity of "Sarah," as he is called. "Sarah" had made a star play. From the side lines a charming "co-ed," wringing her hands, exclaimed, "Isn't he just grand!" Goold, Lyon, Crume and Stuntz are our other representatives in the fraternity contest.

The report of the fellows who attended the Atlanta convention show that it must have been a fitting celebration for our fiftieth anniversary. Atlanta S. A. E.'s certainly gave us a fine example of southern hospitality.

"Billy" Levere is still with us between sessions of the legislature. We always regarded him a "big" man as E. S. A. and treated him with due respect. But now, since he is so much "bigger," we feel that

a great deal more is due him. Our pledge, Lowell, took it into his head to rough house the state legislator. He seemed to be rather successful, as we heard cries of alarm coming from William C.'s den. We rushed to the scene of action and found Bill with his hands on his "chest" crying, "Fellows, help! help! I'll faint!" The camphor bottle was brought in, the statesman brought back to earth, and the pledge given his usual list of black marks. We find "Billy" the same loyal S. A. E., although he does not now hold the office of E. S. A.

Brothers Smiley and Cochran, of California Beta, visited us on their return from Atlanta. Other visitors have been Duling, of Indiana University; Twinning, Green, Davis, Nusbauun, Van Deventer, Monier and Hostetter. Bentley, of Ohio Delta, who is attending Armour Institute, is living with us. He is a very welcome addition to our bunch.

Brother Ritter was our representative at the installation of Indiana Gamma. He reported an unusually good time, and royal entertainment by a mighty cordial bunch of fellows. Illinois Psi-Omega is glad to welcome them, as it will the Orange club at Syracuse into our circle of brothers.

Visitors from other chapters are always welcome. This is the only way to make our fraternity a real fraternity. Come and see us whenever you are in our section of the country.

ARTHUR T. JOLLEY.

Σ A E House, 2122 Sherman Ave.  
13 February, 1907.

Illinois Beta, University of Illinois,  
Champaign.

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ILLINOIS BETA is having a very prosperous year. We are fortunate in having strong officers, and the spirit of the chapter has never been better. There are thirty-one active members in the chapter and all are working well together. That our finances are in good shape is shown by the fact that we have cleared about \$300 on the board and are running about \$100 ahead with the house treasury.

All the energies of the chapter this year are bent towards making successful our plan for a new house. The plans were drawn by a Chicago architect and the foundation was laid last fall. Everything is now in readiness to begin building operations as soon as the weather will permit. The house will be the finest and most complete fraternity house at Illinois.

With the close of the first semester we lost three men—G. K. Johnson, '08, E. L. Lyon, '08, and R. W. Fairbanks, '09. We were very sorry to see these men go, especially since none of them will likely return. To take the place of those who left we were more than glad to welcome brothers H. E. Reams, ex-'07, R. U. Norris, '08, and N. C. Dunham, '08. Reams has been with a Nevada mining company since last June. Norris and Dunham are welcome additions to the Varsity track team.

On March twenty-second will occur our annual formal party. This year we have decided to make it a mask ball. Many of the alumni are expected to return for this event and we

hope to have visiting brothers from other chapters.

We are glad to express our pleasure and satisfaction over the election of Brother Carl E. Sheldon to the office of Eminent Supreme Deputy Archon. The "Deacon" who graduated from this chapter with the class of '02, has always maintained an interest in us, and we are much indebted to him for the advice and help which he has always given. Illinois Beta is confident that he will fill his new office with credit.

The chapter has two pledges—Elmer Cooper, '10, of Bloomington, and G. V. R. Gloyd, '09, of Macomb. These men will be initiated at an early date.

We wish to especially invite all wandering S. A. E.'s to visit us on March twenty-second. We will guarantee them a hearty welcome then or at any other time at which they may visit us.

ALBERT ALLEN.

Σ A E House, 33 East Green St.,  
20 February, 1907.

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Illinois Theta, University of Chicago,  
Chicago.

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OUR university has been running along smoothly since the death of President Harper in January, 1906, under the administration of Acting President Harry Pratt Judson. After the past year of apprenticeship, as it were, which he has served, his abilities have been proven and recognized, and last week he was appointed president of the University of Chicago by the Board of Trustees. Everybody feels that no one is as well acquainted with the

details of the administration of affairs here, nor as able to follow out the systematic scheme for the growth and development of the university which President Harper laid out, as is President Judson, and we all look for him to make the University of Chicago a school of greater influence and renown. Our endowment fund received an addition of almost four million dollars this year, so that we feel assured that the means for accomplishing the great projects in view for the university are not a cause for worry.

As to the future of athletics here, we are no more sure than are the other big universities of the West. We hope by next fall to have some sort of association or "Big Five"—some arrangement by which the best teams of the West can meet under strict rules and fair regulations. At least, the present disorganization will, in all probability, be replaced by some better scheme for athletic control.

Illinois Theta did not receive any of the four million dollar gift from Mr. Rockefeller, but we haven't worried about that. Since the last letter, we have passed a busy, but uneventful three months. At present we are busy planning for our annual party, which we hope to give sometime in April. We tried to combine forces with the chapter at Northwestern University, and give an S. A. E. party that would go down in history, but conditions and circumstances in Evanston made it impracticable for this year at least, so that we were forced to give up the plan. However, at their kind invitation, some of us are going to do our best to attend their party on

April twelfth, and hope they will do likewise when we have our affair. We want to know the brothers at Northwestern much better than we have hitherto, and we feel sure that this will bring the desired result.

We have decided to postpone all initiations until the spring quarter—that is, until all our pledges will be eligible under university rulings—and then to take in five together. Frank O'Brien was initiated early in January, so he can assist us in properly handling his fellow "frosh."

Brother Lewis Christy is with us from the Colorado Lambda chapter at Golden. At the June commencement we shall lose Brother Adolph Pierrot, who won laurels this year in the productions of Goldsmith's "Good-Natured Man," given by the Dramatic club, and in the "Deceitful Dean," a musical satire on university happenings, as well as in several oratorical contests. We also regret that graduation will take Brothers Paul Gray and John Rees from us at the end of this school year.

Ask anyone where the Σ A E House is and you are sure to find "Welcome" on the door-mat. So don't forget us when you are in Chicago.

ROBERT M. TOMS.

Σ A E House, 6116 Lexington Ave.  
23 February, 1907.

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Minnesota Alpha, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

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THE month of February marks the beginning of the second semester at Minnesota and by this time the work is well started. We won't say anything about the result of ex-



aminations, as that is a very distasteful and disagreeable subject and we should prefer to let our college friends and all concerned work out their own salvation with the university authorities when they become involved in any difficulties of this nature. It is enough to simply state that examinations are over and that we hope it will be smooth sailing for the rest of the year. For Minnesota Alpha the going has been beautiful thus far and we feel very well satisfied with ourselves.

Since the last RECORD we have pledged three men, making a total of twelve for the year, nine of whom have been initiated. Two of the three, however, are high school men and will not be initiated until next fall. They are Walter Shore and Le Roy Reynoldson, both of Minneapolis East High School. George Judson is the third man. He is a "middle law" and will have been initiated by the time this is in the hands of THE RECORD's readers.

The chapter turned four pledgings over to the Twin City alumni for the purpose of initiation on November twenty-third. The old boys—and some of them aren't so old, either—did the thing up in fine shape and the chapter feels greatly indebted to them for their attention and interest in doing this. The alumni located in the Twin Cities are very close to the active men of Minnesota Alpha and we of the chapter feel that we are very fortunate in having such a crowd of men interested in us to such an extent. The men initiated on that night were: Clarke J. Carson, of Glenwood, Minn.; Charles C. Smith, of

Joliet, Ill.; Arthur Stratte, of Dawson, Minn., and William T. Lund, also of Dawson. Lund is a brother of "Doc" Lund, one of last year's graduates from the College of Medicine, and it is needless to say that we are glad to have one of the family in the fold.

Most of the fellows went home for the Christmas holidays and returned with the mingled feelings of gladness and regret which are so natural for college men to have at such times. Brother Charles Hensel was one of those who had to forego the pleasure of a Christmas at home, but he did it in the interest of the fraternity, as he was the man who represented us at the Atlanta Convention. He reports the finest kind of a time and can not say too much in praise of the Atlanta alumni for the treatment given the delegates.

The annual Founders' Day banquet of the chapter, held at the Hotel Nicollet on the twenty-sixth of January was a fitting close to the fifth year of Minnesota Alpha's existence. The affair was well attended by both active and alumni members, about forty gathering around to celebrate the anniversary of our entrance into  $\Sigma$  A E. Brother E. E. Madeira, of New York Sigma-Phi, rector of Christ's Episcopal Church, St. Paul, was master of ceremonies and the assembled brothers owe very much of the spirit of the occasion to his wit and gift of speech. It was at this time when all the brothers were together that Brother Hensel made his report of the proceedings of the National Convention. We were all sorry to learn that Brother "Billy" Levere's reign

had drawn to a close in order to allow him a little time to mix up in politics and help to run the State of Illinois. We at Minnesota, and there's no doubt that the feeling is general in every chapter and alumni association of the country, will miss "Billy" in fraternity work, and to say that we appreciate what he has done during the time he has been engaged in it would be a small recognition of his services indeed. But it's a case of "The King is dead, long live the King." We have another good man to take, and fill, Brother Levere's shoes, and that means something, too. We are glad to hear of Brother Kimball's new honor and we feel confident that he will be as good a man in the office he now holds as he was in the position of E. S. T. The news that charters had been granted to the Dywyki club of Indiana and to the Orange club of Syracuse was received with favor and Minnesota Alpha heartily welcomes the new chapters into the fold.

In athletics this year Minnesota has been very successful. Football was something different as a result of the new rules all over the country, and especially in the West. The eligibility rules laid down by the faculty representatives of the Big Nine conference tended to change things. The Freshman rule knocked out several stars and the rule allowing but five games, together with the abolishing of the training table, made the conditions of playing the game very different from what they had been. But the game thrived very well under the new regulations and every one concerned seemed to

be pretty well satisfied, though it was probably thought by some that too much of the old excitement and fury of the gridiron game had been done away with. The only big game in the West was that between Minnesota and Chicago on November 10, in Chicago. The game was played in a drizzling rain and the day was most unfavorable for a contest between such teams. The play was very close throughout and neither team had much the best of it. Minnesota won, however, 4 to 2, and there was much rejoicing in the Gopher camp over the result. We of course were very proud to have beaten the champions of a year before, and call our team the champions of the West for the season of 1906, though every one does not agree with us, a perfectly natural state of affairs on both sides.

We were doomed to disappointment the week following when Uncle Sam's Carlisle Indians came up to Minneapolis and treated us to a 17 to 0 defeat. The rest of the football season was uneventful and we are now interested in basketball as an athletic diversion. Minnesota has the reputation of turning out strong teams in this branch of sport and has a good chance to again carry off the premier honors in the Western Intercollegiate Basketball Association. Only two games have been played thus far, both victories for "Ski-U-Mah" over Wisconsin and Illinois. Two games with Chicago in the latter part of March will no doubt have a great deal to do with the determination of the championship, Chicago and Minnesota being regarded the strongest teams. Min-

nesota Alpha is not represented on the basketball team, and Loomis was our only football man, he being a sub-tackle.

Baseball work has begun in the gymnasium and Minnesota has a good schedule of intercollegiate games arranged. The team is an unknown quantity and probably will not be a champion in its class. Baseball is not one of the popular sports here and there is not much interest in the game as a form of college athletics. Track and field work is another branch in which we have never developed any surprising strength and it is not likely that we will have a better team than the average to send to the conference meet in the spring.

The Junior Ball, which is the big social function of the college year, was held in the university armory on February seventh. It was a very enjoyable affair and the Juniors who arranged for it report that it was a success in every particular. Brothers Furber and Gessell were on committees to arrange for the ball. Our annual formal party will occur this year on the evening of Easter Monday at the Minikahda Club. The committee in charge promises the best ever and we are looking forward to a splendid time on that occasion.

We are glad to note the return to college of Brother Ben Pratt, who was forced to stay out the first semester. Brothers Gessell and Davis accompanied the university glee and mandolin clubs on their trip through the northern part of the state during the Christmas holidays. Gessell was in the mandolin club

while Davis sang in the glee club. They report a very fine time, though it was pretty cold and they were held up by snowdrifts on several occasions.

The election of the student board of control of athletics, held recently, created quite a little excitement. The main point at issue was the question of faculty or student control of athletics. John Gleason, who had been president of the board for the previous year, was elected to succeed himself, over Monte Brown, captain of last year's baseball team, and Joe Kjelland of the football squad. Gleason stood for absolute student control and there will no doubt be a little more excitement when the faculty and student members of the board come together to discuss any point upon which there is not a mutual agreement.

Minnesota Alpha wishes to extend greetings to all her sister chapters, old and young, and a cordial invitation to all brothers to come and see us when in Minneapolis, whether it is to simply say "Hello" or to stay a week.

PIERCE P. FURBER.

Σ A E House, 112 Church St. S. E.  
Minneapolis, Minn.

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Wisconsin Alpha, University of  
Wisconsin, Madison.

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EXAMINATIONS for the first half year are practically over and everything is in readiness for the Junior Prom, which takes place February fifteenth. It is usual for all the fraternities to give house-parties for the visiting girls, and Σ A E is following the custom. The house is

being put in readiness and we expect about thirty guests. Brother Gilpatrick and wife, of Milwaukee, expect to be with us, and Brother Wenstrand and wife, also of Milwaukee, are to chaperone us. We are also expecting Brother Parsons, of Los Angeles.

We have taken in three more good men since the writing of our last letter: Frank Brownlee, of Milwaukee, Mark Moore, of Owatana, Minn., and John Howard, of St. Charles, Ill. The last was tackle on the Varsity football team, and was a member of last year's track team. The initiation took place December nineteenth. After the initiation we had a banquet which partook of the nature of a Christmas dinner. Several of our alumni were with us, and much good  $\Sigma$  A E spirit was aroused. We have given some very successful dancing parties this year at "Keely's."

$\Sigma$  A E is still holding its place before the public through the activities of its members in college affairs. The Red Domino Dramatic Society gave its annual play on January twelfth. It was entitled "A Rose o' Plymouth Town" and Brother Gruenewald took one of the leading roles. Hewitt is one of the chief characters in the Junior Play to be given the Saturday after Prom. The play was written by two Juniors and is a comedy taking off different phases of college life at Wisconsin; it promises to be a great success. Van Meter will very probably make the crew, and Phelps, Howard and Brownlee will try for the baseball team.

The athletic situation at Wisconsin

is much improved, due in a great measure to the efforts of Dr Hutchens, our new director of athletics; and Wisconsin will again resume her old place in western athletics. The faculty have agreed to allow big games of football again and the "big four," Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota and Chicago have arranged a schedule of games for the next few years. Mr Ten Eyck has been secured to coach the crew and the practice is going on faithfully every night. It is now practically assured that the crew will go east this summer, and arrangements are being made to bring the Syracuse crew to Madison for a race this coming June. Baseball will soon occupy the center of the stage here, and we shall again have a Varsity team. Candidates are already having preliminary practice in the gym. The track men are beginning indoor training. The material seems good, but nothing definite is known as to our chances. If we can persuade Brother Parsons to stay here, it will materially brighten our prospects.

Two more national fraternities have chapters at Wisconsin. Rho Delta Phi, a local, got a charter from  $\Delta$  K E and was installed just before Christmas, and another local, Alpha Delta Omega has just secured a charter from A T  $\Omega$ ; it will be installed February twenty-third. Now there are seventeen nationals here at Madison.

There is going to be a big All-University Dinner given in the gym February twenty-second. Big plans are being made and to all appearances it will be a great success. The purpose is to get the faculty and stu-

dents in closer touch, and create that healthy spirit for which Wisconsin has always been noted.

A number of our alumni have visited us recently, Brothers McKenzie and Gove, of Milwaukee, Houghton, of Red Oak, Iowa, and Stair, of Lake Mills. Brother Robinson, of Northwestern, has also paid us pleasant visits. Remember, all S. A. E.'s

are heartily welcome whenever in or about Madison, and if at any time there are any brothers on teams or organizations from different schools coming to Madison, let us know, for you are always welcome at Wisconsin Alpha.

A. H. GRUENEWALD.

Σ A E House,  
9 February, 1907.

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Georgia Beta, University of Georgia, Athens.

THE forward strides taken by Sigma Alpha Epsilon during the Atlanta convention were made very apparent by the many high compliments paid us while we were the guests of Atlanta. No better favor can be bestowed upon anybody than to feel assured of the full meaning of the word "Welcome," whose appreciated meaning was made known to all S. A. E.'s through the great hospitality of Georgia Phi, the Atlanta Alumni Association and the citizens of Atlanta.

We of Georgia Beta again take the privilege and pleasure of thanking our hosts, assuring them that the whole Fraternity heartily seconds our words.

Nothing has met with greater approval in our charter than a suggestion made by the Atlanta Alumni Association: "Founders' Day occurring on Saturday, we of the Atlanta Alumni Association are very desirous to have every active S. A. E. in the State gather in Atlanta on March

ninth and celebrate the day in union." The Piedmont hotel has been secured for the banquet and the chapters from Tech, Emory, Mercer and Georgia will meet to join in one toast—to the welfare of our sister chapters. Georgia Beta heartily endorses this movement and will be present twenty-six strong.

The University of Georgia has enjoyed a very prosperous session since September. The largest attendance in the history of the institution is recorded, its enrollment reaching 450.

Georgia Beta, foreseeing the many opportunities in our university, has taken steps forward and we boast of being well represented in all phases of college activity.

It is with the greatest pleasure that we welcome among us and introduce to our brothers Robert H. Jones, of Atlanta. As affiliate we extend the glad hand to Brother J. B. Gordon, of Georgia Phi.

J. DOZIER LOWNDES.

Σ A E House,  
25 February, 1907.

Georgia Psi, Mercer University,  
Macon.

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**M**ERCER UNIVERSITY is now in the midst of a great campaign for a larger endowment, to which it is hoped that the Baptists of our great State will give generously of their rapidly increasing wealth. Already, those who love this old college are rejoicing as they see her moving on to greater things. A magnificent forty thousand dollar dormitory is now nearing completion; a beautiful library building will soon be erected; then, another large dormitory. The two literary societies, are formulating plans for buildings of their own; and when the three hundred thousand dollar endowment is procured Mercer will have gone many strides toward that greater university of which many of us have been dreaming.

It is rather early for me to be writing of the prospects for next year, but I can not help predicting a much larger enrollment than ever before.

Georgia Psi is in splendid shape. The personnel of the chapter is well up to the standard, and a membership of fifteen is large enough under present conditions. Donovan of Georgia Phi has lately affiliated with us. J. F. Eden, Jr., '05, is with us again taking a special course, preparing for the ministry. We have recently pledged a splendid fellow, and hope to initiate him as soon as he recovers from a serious illness. We have our eyes on one or two other good men. We are already on the lookout for good material for next fall, and prospects are good.

On February eighth we had the

pleasure of meeting Brothers Tipton, Pinson, Steele and Van Stam, of Tennessee Nu. The occasion was an entertainment by the Vanderbilt Glee Club. Georgia Psi went to the Grand *en masse* and occupied two double boxes decorated with Σ A E pennants.

The Atlanta Alumni Association has invited us to join them and the other Georgia chapters in the Anniversary Banquet in Atlanta on March ninth, and should all agree to accept the invitation we shall go, expecting a great and joyous time.

Greetings to the new chapters at Indiana and Syracuse, and to all the chapters from Texas to Maine and from Georgia to Washington.

J. F. EDEN, JR.

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Georgia Epsilon, Emory College,  
Oxford.

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**O**N returning to college after the Christmas holidays we were all disappointed in hearing that Rheney and Fortson would not be with us this year; we hope, however, to have them with us again next year. Our number has been increased by the initiation of Kolb and Wilson.

On Founder's Day the four chapters in Georgia are going to meet in Atlanta to celebrate with the Atlanta Alumni Association. There will be a banquet, with toasts from representatives of each active chapter and from the alumni. All S. A. E.'s in Georgia have been asked to attend this banquet, and in this way we expect to come closer together and to know each other better. Georgia Epsilon will attend in a body.

For the first time in several years, the college is going to get out an annual, to be called the "Emoree." The Senior class is at the head of the "Emoree," and with the support of the student-body they expect to get out an annual of which every student will be proud.

In baseball we will be represented by several men, and in the track meet S. A. E.'s will be in evidence.

We have had visits from several of our alumni, among them: McCamy, Watts, L. D. Thomson, LeRoy Duncan, B. E. L. Timmons, Stratford, W. H. Lewis, Jenkins and Lauren Foreman.

Georgia Epsilon has for a long time needed new rooms and at last they have been secured. With the new rooms we shall be in better shape to entertain our alumni and all visiting S. A. E.'s, whom we are always glad to see.

W. R. STRICKLAND.

11 February, 1907.

Georgia Phi, Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta.

GEORGIA PHI comes before you with three great bows to make. First, we bow to the retired members of the Supreme Council: "Your duty has well been done; we feel ourselves your debtors." Next we bow to the present Supreme Council: "You are the pick of S. A. E. We have sown well, and well, we know, we shall reap." Finally, we bow to the grand success that our National Convention was. Its good will always be felt and its effects will never die. North, East, South and West participated in its greatness

and well did they as brothers further the cause of  $\Sigma A E$ . The convention opened our eyes to many new things and we naturally expect them to benefit us; of course it left us our share of work to do but, I'm glad to say, we have about finished all of this and if there's any we have left undone it will surely be attended to before long.

We can now boast some of the most handsomely decorated rooms that are to be seen anywhere—thanks to the convention and to our sister chapters. If one desires to see where  $\Sigma A E$  is represented all that he has to do is to step into our rooms and there he will find adorning our walls a most beautiful collection of pennants from the greatest colleges in the United States.

This is late in the year to present new men, yet Georgia Phi secured some staunch additions after Christmas and with pleasure we bring before the Fraternity brothers, A. C. Rountree, Eugene DuBose Hill, John G. Hazlehurst and Montgomery S. Hill. We feel safe in saying that great things may be expected from them. Although the rushing season is some time off we have our eyes open for all good  $\Sigma A E$  material and quite a lot of it have we found in the various preparatory schools in this city; most of this material we know will be coming to Tech. next year.

Here lately we have had several small banquets which were greatly added to by the presence of some of the older alumni. We intend to have these feeds more regularly hereafter, and by so doing we hope to further that good cheer of old  $\Sigma A E$ , and hope, too, to bring the

older and younger brothers in closer contact with each other.

Of course, every letter will contain some word or other about the banquet on Founders' Day, so we must add ours. We are not only looking forward to the banquet with much pleasure, but we are looking forward to the greatest Founders' Day banquet that has yet been given. The alumni association is working hard on this and, right now, banquet tickets are on the market. We have heard from very reliable sources that instead of there being a maximum of one hundred at the banquet, that number will be far below the minimum which can not be less than two hundred, so you may judge what a banquet we are going to have.

We are now having spring weather in this section of the country and naturally the baseball squad is taking advantage of it. We have our share of representatives on the field and are expecting them to make tenaciously good; several of our brothers have almost been assured that they will be regulars—so we are living in hopes.

In closing let us say to all of our brothers, should they ever visit Atlanta, that our rooms are cozy as can be and stand ever at their disposal; if you can't find them, take up the first telephone book you see and there, under the letter "S," our address and 'phone number will be found. Nine times out of ten you will find a loyal S. A. E. to answer your call or to heed your knock. Look us up, we are ever glad to see you.

R. JACK THIESEN.

15 February, 1907.

Alabama Iota, Southern University,  
Greensboro.

THE past quarter has been one in which Alabama Iota has done and dared more than at any other time in the past few years. The morning of January eleventh our newfraternity regulation had expired, and ere the sun had risen we were in search of the much-coveted game among the new students—and surely success crowned our efforts. We lost three men at the close of first term; this, of course, we very much regretted, but now we are still ten strong. Brother Killaugh having returned to our town, we feel as though we might say eleven, even though he will not enter school until next September.

We most heartily welcome our Dywyki brothers and those of the Orange Club, wishing for them unbounded success, which is certain to crown the efforts of such thrifty organizations.

There was somewhat of a scare as to the stability of our college some weeks ago—fearing, lest we might combine with the North Alabama Conference College—and even yet we are not sure. But so long as a lot of fine fraternity material does come to our school, and so long as we are able to capture two-thirds of the same, despite the fact that there are four fraternities among which it is supposed to be divided, we shall ever prosper. At times our membership is small, but we do our best to make up with quality for the deficiency in numbers.

S. W. H. WILLIAMS.

15 February, 1907.



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

**T**HE University is improving each year, and this year it gives evidence of unusual growth. Some time ago there was started a campaign to induce the present State legislature to make large appropriations for the erection of more university buildings. The indications at present point to success.

The call for the first baseball practice of the season has been made and from now on the music of the swatted ball will fill the air. Those who have watched the practice of the team in years past are unanimous in saying that the outlook for the coming season is the brightest in the history of the sport at the university. A strong number of last year's team is on hand and a wealth of new material which gives great promise, with a coach in whom the entire squad has the greatest confidence, makes up a formidable combination. Manager Jones has arranged an excellent schedule, and in addition to it "Coach" has arranged a post-season trip for the team. This trip will include games with eight of the leading colleges of the East, and will probably be the most extensive eastern trip ever taken by a southern team. Besides baseball, much interest is being manifested at present in basketball.

Our delegate to the Atlanta convention returned filled with enthusiasm, assuring us that it was the best convention ever held.

The Greek world represented here is in a prosperous condition. The

best of friendship exists between all the fraternities.

W. O. TURNIPSEED.

12 February, 1907.

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

**A**UBURN reopened on January second after the Christmas vacation of ten days, and it was very gratifying to find every brother back in his accustomed place. Very soon after, we pledged three new men—D. J. Duffee, Jasper, Ala., R. Y. McIntyre, Thomasville, Ga., and M. A. Smith, Prattville, Ala. It is needless for me to use that time-worn expression of their being worthy of Σ A E. On the night of February the second they were initiated and afterward we enjoyed a delightful informal luncheon in our hall. Several alumni were with us and it seemed that the gods were extremely propitious to a good time.

Basketball is all the go in athletics at present. We have Captain Woodruff, Manager Wilkinson and Ware and Dryer, who play on the Varsity. The three games played so far have been victories. The team will make a strong bid for the southern intercollegiate championship and has every reason to expect success. In class football, Watkins is captain and half-back of the Seniors and Wilkinson the coach. Wall coaches the Juniors and Teague plays end on the Freshmen.

At a meeting of the Senior class Perdue was elected editor-in-chief of the *Glomerata*, our year-book; Wat-

kins is associate editor. They promise us the best annual put out for years.

On March ninth we expect to cel-

ebrate with a smoker and banquet. We invite our sister chapters to visit us at this or any other time.

T. B. DRYER.

## PROVINCE ZETA.

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

EXAMINATIONS have come and gone, but Missouri Alpha is still here, having lost only one man, Brother W. E. Suddath, of Warrensburg, Missouri, who finished his course, taking the A. B. degree. He expects to take up the practice of law in his home town.

In December we had the pleasure of a visit from the Masque Club of Kansas University. They presented "David Garrick" in a very creditable manner to a representative audience. We were certainly mighty glad to have Brother Jay Richardson out at the house.

The last of January the glee club of the University gave its annual concert. We were represented on the club by Ellis, Combs and Hudson, the first of whom very ably undertook the management. The concert here as well as the excellent trip of two weeks showed the marked success of Brother Ellis. At present practice for both track and baseball is going on vigorously and prospects seem bright. Brother Shannon Douglass is out for track and Brother Walton Holmes is showing up well with the catcher's mit. Shortly before Christmas and also in early February we had two very attractive in-

formal dances out at the chapter-house.

Recently the appearance of the house has been greatly improved by the purchase of new draperies and rugs for the chapter-room and by the putting up of a steinrack in our dining room. The members of the present chapter are all getting steins with their names and classes engraved on them, and we have requested that as many of our alumni as care to shall do the same. The steins are to become a permanent feature and in after years when an old grad returns, his stein will be ready for his use.

At present we are all looking forward to our annual dance, which is to be held on April fourth. Great preparations are being made and a cordial invitation is extended to every S. A. E. who may be anywhere near Columbia. Lately, in addition to the ten chapters of national fraternities here, a local Zeta Chi has been established. According to reports it is going to petition some fraternity in the near future.

Before closing, we wish to introduce our latest initiate, Brother Murray Davis of Kansas City, Missouri.

JOE. E. PRENTIS.

Σ A E House,  
15 February, 1907.

Missouri Beta, Washington University,  
St. Louis.

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SINCE our last letter, Missouri Beta has initiated the following men, whom we take great pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity: Grandison Royston, Dorsey Hager and Dilworth Hager. K. Spencer, Missouri Alpha, entered Washington in February and has affiliated. The chapter at present numbers seventeen active men and two pledges.

At the close of the football season Harry Castlen was unanimously elected captain of the 1907 team. Basketball is the absorbing interest at present. On February fifteenth we were defeated by Missouri State University in a hard fought game. That it was hard fought is shown by the fact that the score was tied four times during the game, the Tigers winning out in the last few minutes. At the close of the game all acknowledged that W. Hendricks was easily the star for Washington. The prospects for track and baseball are good. We expect to be represented in each. H. Casten has joined the Phi Delta Phi honorary law fraternity.

K A Θ recently granted a charter to the H E T local girls' club, which has been in existence for several years. This club has always been considered the strongest girls' club. It is also rumored that the two other girls' clubs here are being considered by national sororities.

On February fifteenth Missouri Beta gave its annual dance to its alumni and friends. We are told that it was the prettiest and most enjoyable affair given this year. How-

ever, we do not claim this much, for the dances given by the other fraternities have been very good indeed.

Our delegates to the convention at Atlanta have been entertaining us, ever since their return, with tales of our Fraternity, our only living founder and the hospitality of the "Sunny South." They told us we had missed half of our lives by not going to the convention. In order not to miss the other half most of us have resolved not to miss another convention. Then again they told us that we should be proud that we are S. A. E.'s, which of course was unnecessary, but nevertheless it made us feel thankful that we were, and we silently swore again always to be true to the teachings of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

FRANK H. FISSE.

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Nebraska Lambda-Pi, University  
Nebraska, Lincoln.

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SINCE the last issue of THE RECORD we have gone through the strenuous period of a rushing season. Although we were allowed to rush in a very limited way during the first part of the year, our real rushing and pledging season did not come until the week of Thanksgiving. As a result of our work we "landed" six excellent Freshmen.

The re-election of Brother Eager to the position of athletic manager for next year has reflected credit upon both himself and the Fraternity. Brother Eager took up the duties of this office last spring with a debt on his hands from the football season of the year before. He

successfully managed both track athletics and baseball last spring so as to make a good profit, and during the past football season he did his work so successfully as to clear up several thousand dollars. For his valued services he has been honored with the position for next year and his salary has been doubled.

Brother Burruss is playing a star game in basketball and will most probably be elected captain for next year.

One thing of encouragement to us has been the excellent records in scholarship made by the chapter this year. The raising of the fraternity's standards in this respect can not but reflect credit and is certainly to be heartily commended.

Brother Mills, our delegate at Atlanta, gave us a good account of the convention and spoke very highly of the grand way in which he was entertained and of the jolly bunch of S. A. E.'s that were there.

One little stunt that we tried this year and one that proved very successful, was that of having a Christmas tree the night before we left for the holidays. Every active man and many of the alumni gave something as a Christmas present to the Fraternity. Many valuable and useful gifts were received, in the line of furniture, etc., for the chapter-house. We propose to do this every year hereafter.

On the evening of March first we shall give a dancing party at the Lincoln Hotel, and on the following night our Founders' Day banquet at the same place. We changed the latter, so as to give our out-of-town

alumni the chance of attending both the ball and the banquet.

When in Lincoln come out and see us.

J. J. RUNNER.

Σ A E House, 307 North 24th St.,  
23 February, 1907.

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Arkansas Alpha-Upsilon, University  
of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

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SINCE our first term examinations are over and we are all again engaged in our regular work, we have time for pleasure and some social stunts. Of course, during and just previous to examination week we are all very busy and have no time for pleasure.

Fayetteville's first skating rink, opened during the Christmas holidays, has proved a drawing card for the students. On Monday night, February fourth, the local Kappa Sigma chapter gave the first skating party, and from all accounts it was a most enjoyable affair.

Our chapter is moving along in ease and good fellowship as usual. We all find great pleasure in our new chapter rooms which have been opened since our last letter. In connection with the rooms we have a large dancing-hall which has proved very popular. On Wednesday night, February sixth, this hall was opened to the students for a dance, and judging from the hour to which the dancing was prolonged, we would say that it was most delightfully enjoyed by all.

Our faculty has been exceedingly busy for the last two weeks grinding out several resolutions. Among them was the resolution governing the

pledging and initiating of men by the fraternities. The resolution forbids the initiation, or even pledging of any student who has not completed at least fifteen hours collegiate work for the first term. The fraternities as a whole think this resolution very beneficial, and are glad to comply with all the requirements. Under this resolution the good feeling that now exists among the students is sure to be prolonged.

As a result of violating this law by pledging a girl who had not passed the required number of hours, the local chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha was ordered by the faculty to turn over its charter to the national officers and to dissolve organization. We wish to express our deepest sympathy for the Zeta Tau Alpha girls, and we hope that they will speedily recover from the blow.

Our chapter suffered in the loss of Brother Bourland, who, on account of ill-health, did not return after the holidays. Bourland is a good S. A. E. and a hard worker, a man whose loss would be keenly felt by any chapter. We also miss from our ranks Brother Rice, of Little Rock, who was unable to return after the holidays.

Our Varsity baseball team is being rounded into form. Among the candidates are Brothers Horne and Stanley, both of whom were on the team last year; and Tom Gatling, who has quite a reputation as an outfielder.

On the whole our chapter is in a flourishing condition and we see no stumbling-blocks ahead.

J. H. STANLEY.

Kansas Alpha, University of Kansas,  
Lawrence.

THE item of greatest importance to Kansas Alpha is the recent party given by the active chapter, February fourteenth, the fourth anniversary of its founding. A large number of the alumni were here for the party. This occasion affords an opportunity for the alumni to get together each year and meet the new brothers. All present at the party seemed to have the time of their lives, and pronounced it a great success.

The Regents have asked the present legislature for one hundred thousand dollars more than was ever asked of a previous legislature. Included in the appropriation is money to build a general engineering building to cost one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and a mining engineering building to cost one hundred thousand dollars. The bill providing for this has passed the Senate and beyond doubt will get through the House without being cut down. The entire amount asked for the next two years is nine hundred thousand dollars.

An additional sum of money has come to the University in a round-about way. A hotel belonging to the Boston Emigrant Aid Association was destroyed here in 1856 by a United States marshal. The right to collect was turned over to the University some years ago and every since then the University has had its claim before Congress. About a month ago the bill passed Congress and was signed by the President. The money will probably be used to

build an addition to the present engineering shops.

Since the last letter we have been visited by brothers Ellis, Combs and Hudson of Missouri Alpha, who were here with the Missouri glee club. Brother Walton Holmes of Missouri also spent a week with us.

THEODORE C. ALFORD.

20 February, 1907.

Iowa Beta, State University of Iowa,  
Iowa City.

WE are scarcely able to realize that the school year is half over. Iowa Beta has been busy. Now we are looking forward to another half year which we hope will be equally busy and equally prosperous.

Since our last letter we have initiated William Carberry, of Penora, Iowa. Brother Carberry last spring won his "letter" on the relay team and last fall played end on the varsity football team.

We are already looking forward to next year and are proud to say that "Mike" Highland, of Des Moines, and Summer Chase, of Waterloo, are both wearing the pledge button.

There is another who is wearing our pledge, but in this case we can never replace the pledge with the official pin. Still, we are glad to know that our little pledge would have worn the pin most loyally had he been permitted to reach manhood. We were proud to put the purple violets and the little diamond button upon Ellis Teeters. We could not make our words nor even the  $\Sigma A E$  grip tell all our sympathy for our brother, Professor Wilber J.

Teeters, who has endeared himself to us as a man who is all that a brother in  $\Sigma A E$  should be.

Our misfortunes only bind us more closely together. This was demonstrated at our annual banquet, which was held not long after our bereavement. Every man, whether faculty brother alumnus, or active member, came away realizing more clearly than ever before what  $\Sigma A E$  should mean to him.

Since our last letter we have not been idle in university affairs. Brother Hotz is leading man in the "Little Minister," which the dramatic club will soon stage. Brother Kent for a second time won the yearly short-story contest held by the *Junior Annual*. Brother Riley is manager of the Senior play.

We are just finishing the basketball season. Brother Rule, gymnasium director, is coach of the team and Burkheimer is playing forward. Indoor baseball has started. We will undoubtedly be represented on the team by Kirk, Kent and Poyneer.

In debating, Macbride, Riley and Myers composed a team in the Minnesota preliminary. Myers will be a member of the final team. Two of our men, Carberry and Myers, contested in the final N. O. L. preliminary, Myers winning first place. He will speak in the final oratorical contest at Madison, Wisconsin.

At the time of the Ames football game we were favored by a visit from Iowa Gamma. We hope to see more of Iowa Gamma at the state track meet in Des Moines, May twenty-fifth. Plans are on foot for a banquet and joint initiation.

At our annual banquet we made definite arrangements for raising a house fund. We are now confident of having a house of our own within a few years. But whether we are housed under our own roof or not we will always be mighty glad to see visiting S. A. E.'s.

W. L. MYERS.

Σ A E House, 400 N. Clinton St.,  
2 February, 1907.

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Iowa Gamma, Iowa State College,  
Ames.

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THE spring semester opened with the house practically full; only four men remaining outside. We missed the faces of brothers Kupfer and Balthis and felt their loss keenly in both the business and social side of our fraternity life. Brother Kupfer has so long taken such an active part in fraternity work that it has been hard indeed to settle into the routine life without him, but the latter part of the spring promises to see them both back. Both are far ahead in their work, and are now getting in two or three months of practical experience in the lumber camps of northern Wisconsin.

We have not forgotten the work done by the "Cyclones" of last fall in landing the State championship. On this team we were ably represented by Brothers Nelson, Gray and Everett and Guy Lambert; Nelson made left guard on the all-Iowa team. About fifteen of our men visited Iowa Beta during the Iowa-Ames game, and were very royally entertained. Another one of our men who is a coming member of the football squad is G. H. Tellier; he won his "R" on the Reserves last fall.

Spring activities have brought more fame to S. A. E. men. Allen is manager of the Sophomore class play, and Walker is a member of the caste. Gray was elected president of the '09 class for the spring semester; E. N. Wentworth won the contest opened by the literary societies for a college song. In baseball, Harris and Berry, pitcher and right fielder respectively of last year's squad, are again out for practice, and one of our new men, Beiter, is showing up favorably as a catcher. Powers is trying for outfield, although an infielder hitherto. On the track the two Lambert boys and Gray remain from last year's squad, and bid fair to be point winners again this year.

A few brothers have visited us since the last letter. Frank Libby, of Iowa Sigma, was present at our fall party, and D. K. Chadbourne, of Indiana Beta, stopped with us a few hours while on a business trip. Brothers Buket and Collison, '06, of our own chapter have both made hurried visits, and Brother Hanssen of the same class looks in on us frequently. A. D. Shamel, Illinois Beta, was here during the vacation, so only a few of our members were able to greet this brother of tobacco fame.

We know there are several S. A. E.'s throughout the State who could visit us just as well as not, and others who travel through here and do not take the pains to look us up. We do not think they dislike or are afraid to, but merely hate to disturb us, as they put it. This is indeed a mistake, and Iowa Gamma is always waiting with open doors to welcome brothers not in the chapter.

GUS SCHERLING.

Σ A E House.

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 Colorado Chi, University of Colorado,  
 Boulder.
 

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WITHIN the last few months Colorado Chi has had to go through one of the most trying times which falls to a college man's lot. This is the death and burial of one whom we have learned to love, whom some of us have worked with for three happy years, and who by many a generous and manly act has made himself dear to everyone. It is with deep sorrow that we acknowledge the will of the Almighty in the loss of Brother Harold L. Flanders. He was universally liked throughout the school, and had been editor-in-chief of the 1905 *Coloradoan* and a member of the glee and mandolin club.

There have been some few changes in the faculty since I last wrote. Professors Herbert T. J. Coleman and Vivian G. C. Henman, both of Columbia University, have been appointed to the chairs of Education and Psychology which were made vacant by leave of absence granted to Doctors Stanford Bell and Bair. Next fall we lose Dr. William Duane, the head of the Physics department, who goes to Paris to accept a position under Madame Curie, the radium expert. His successor has not been decided upon.

We are looking forward to the baseball season to retrieve some of our lost honors in football. We have the majority of last year's team back, with the addition of several good pitchers.

Brother Vansant, our delegate to the Atlanta convention, brought back to us glowing and enthusiastic accounts of good fellowship and hospitality which made us all wish that we might have been present.

ALDEN McLELLAN, JR.

Σ A E House, 1205 Thirteenth St.  
 10 February, 1907.

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 Colorado Zeta, University of Denver,  
 Denver.
 

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GREAT things have been happening in and around Denver University since our last letter. Chancellor Buchtel has taken his seat and is now Governor of Colorado. What is of more direct interest to our chapter is the election of George Kimball to the office of E. S. A. in Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Kimball is a product of Colorado Zeta, and we naturely feel proud of him.

Since Chancellor Buchtel has taken the governor's chair, Rev. Seiter has been appointed field secretary of Denver University. Seiter is an old Colorado Zeta man, and we are glad to have him with us again.

D. U. athletics this year, under the direction of coach J. P. Kockler, have reached a higher standard than for years past. Since the football season closed, basketball has taken the prominent place and our team is playing as fast a game as any in the State. On the fifteenth they start for a sixteen day trip east, where they will meet the fastest teams around Kansas City and Chicago. Out of the squad of eight men who will take the



trip there are five S. A. E.'s, including the captain.

The Greek-letter men of the city of Denver have just organized for mutual benefit. We have not learned all the particulars, but hope to have them in time for the next RECORD.

We wish to introduce Brothers Andrews and Henning, whom we have lately initiated. Andrews played quarter on our football team this year, and Henning is now playing with the basketball team.

A few weeks ago it became necessary for the chapter to suspend one of its members, requiring him to give up his room in the house for the present. The other fraternities in college were promptly informed of this action. The same day that the members of Beta Theta Pi were notified, one of their members took occasion to inform our member above mentioned, that if he had any trouble securing a room, the members of Beta Theta Pi would be glad to have him take a room in their chapter-house. They invited him to dinner at their house several times, and also to be present at a theatre party given by the members of B Θ Π. We sometimes hear of strained relations existing between chapters of various fraternities. This is not surprising when one chapter will treat another such a discourteous manner (to put it mildly) as above stated. Any chapter is liable to be obliged to discipline a member for good and sufficient reasons which concern no one outside the chapter, and at such times it shows very poor policy on the part of a chapter of another fraternity to attempt to interfere.

RAY SECHRIST.

Σ A E House, University Park,  
12 February, 1907.

Colorado Lambda, Colorado School of  
Mines, Golden.

THIS chapter is still thriving and seems to be approaching the critical stage in its career, that is, the time when it will have a house of its own. At the last meeting the treasurer announced that the two lots we took up less than a year ago had that day been fully paid for. This we consider very good for a chapter so young and with less than fifty men all told. The chapter-house proposition is naturally taking more of our attention than ever before, because we now have a basis to start upon. In the meantime we are trying to improve upon our present house by renting one of the finest houses in town, located right on the campus, and in every way a superior house to the one we now rent. We hope to carry this deal through, thereby strengthening ourselves materially.

The chapter now numbers twenty-one men, which includes two new fellows, W. B. Cary and A. E. Gregory, both Freshmen, whom we initiated on January twenty-fifth. We hope that any brother knowing of good S. A. E. material coming to Golden next fall will let us know in time.

This school repeated its record of the past two seasons and did not lose a game on the gridiron. This speaks very well for the coach, "Shorty" Ellsworth, who has been responsible for the state championship for the past three years. Basketball is now in full swing, while baseball starts within a few weeks.

We have been greatly interested

in hearing about the Convention from our delegate, Brother Allen; we imagine that without a doubt it surpassed anything previous in that line. Colorado Lambda congratulates our two new chapters, at the University of Indiana and at Syracuse University, and wishes them continued prosperity.

Denver is becoming a big fraternity center, the latest thing in that city being a Pan-Hellenic Club, which will mean a great deal for the Greek-letter men.

We hope that any brother who comes this way will be sure to visit Colorado Lambda.

LERROY P. CLAPP.

Σ A E House,  
4 February, 1907.

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California Alpha, Stanford University, Palo Alto.

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STANFORD UNIVERSITY opens the spring term with a full house, and introduces into the realms of Sigma Alpha Epsilon three new initiates: Carl Breer, '09, Los Angeles, Harold Mandrel, '10, and George Chapman, '10, San Francisco. George W. McIntosh, '07, returned this semester from Mentone. We lost by graduation one man, Burris Goudy, who now holds a good position at Ely, Nevada.

Our initiation was rather a novelty this year—no stunts nor goats to ride—and we have decided to cut out all rough work, as we believe it detracts from the solemnity and beauty of the ritual. We were glad to have present Professor Allen A. Young, of Wisconsin Alpha, and two brothers from Cornell, John J. White, Jr., and Carl L. Wernicke.

It is with great pleasure that we read in THE RECORD of the initiation of Wm. H. Gilbert at the University of Maine, a young man whom we entertained at our house before the earthquake.

Our delegate at the convention brought us very glowing accounts of the fine men he met there and of the cordial hospitality of all the Atlanta brothers.

James Lanagan, '00, the head coach of the Varsity baseball team, is now engaged in turning out a fast bunch of ball-tossers and we hope that Brother Goodell, '09, may be able to hold down the pitcher's boxleft vacant by the graduation of Dudley D. Sales, '06, who now represents the university as graduate manager of the student body.

On the crew we have brother Turner, '08, the old reliable Varsity coxswain and three candidates for seats in the boat; Cole, '08, Stark, '09, and Phelps, '09.

Fred Lanagan, '08, our Varsity pole-vaulter of last year, is doing good work on the high hurdles also, and bids fair to show as good form as his brother Harry Lanagan, '05, who won first points for Stanford two years in the high and low hurdles. In the distance events Harold Mandrel, '10, holds the Pacific Coast interscholastic records for the two mile, mile and half mile. Dave Martin, '10, is also doing well in the high jump.

Harry Bruning, '09, after the closest and most strongly contested election ever held here, won out against four competitors and will edit the *Quad*, the Stanford year-book for next year.

Last week we enjoyed a visit from Leo Chandler, '00, and his wife; they were up here from Los Angeles on their honeymoon.

It is with great longing that we are looking forward to the annual banquet in San Francisco, with the alumni association of that city, and in the same spirit we wish to every loyal brother in  $\Sigma A E$  a pleasant and prosperous year.

CLAUDIUS RAYMOND.

$\Sigma A E$  House,  
18 February, 1907.

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California Beta, University of  
California, Berkeley.

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IN spite of the fact that the fuel famine deprived us of our usual cozy fire in the "lounging-room" on the opening day, there was, nevertheless, a warmth and heartiness in every handshake which well made up for the lack of a blazing pine log.

With three exceptions, every man was able to return to college; Boykin, '07, and Kinsey, '08, resumed their studies after an absence of six months.

During the last football season, two of the fellows played in the game with Stanford, and each won his C. These were Bell, '09, and Freeman, '10. Kinsey was voted into the "DeKoven," or college glee club, making two of our men members of that society, Cochran being the other one. Last fall, Pendleton, '08, was initiated into the Skull and Keys honorary society.

Much diligence has been shown this time in beautifying the chapter-house. A new baby-grand piano has been installed in our parlor, and the

placing of several extra tables and chairs in the vacant corners of the house adds greatly to the general comfort.

Eight pledged men are winding up their high school careers this term in anticipation of becoming staunch S. A. E.'s next fall, and pledge pins have been placed on two still younger "preps."

On January twenty-third, Brother A. H. Halloran, '04, married Miss Helen Green, of San Francisco. Several of the brothers were present at the wedding, wishing our brother and sister a happy and prosperous future.

Brother Halloran is on the staff of the *Mining and Scientific Press* of San Francisco, being one of the managers of that paper.

HOWARD B. KINSMAN.

$\Sigma A E$  House, 2519 Ridge Road.  
20 February, 1907.

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Washington Alpha, University of  
Washington, Seattle.

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OUTSIDE of three smokers and two dances, not much of particular interest in the life of Washington Alpha has happened since the last RECORD. The majority of the fellows came through the mid-year examinations with excellent grades, only a couple of conditions and no flunks being received. While the members are not bookworms, they have always been somewhat proud of good scholarship and last semester's results were in harmony with former scholastic achievements.

One of the most pleasant smokers of the year was held at the chapter-house this week. A score of enthusi-

astic alumni, several pledges and down-town friends of the fellows gathered and had a genuine good time. The night following we were entertained by Brother James N. Gilmer, Georgia Pi, at his home near the campus. Brother Gilmer is the oldest S. A. E. on the Pacific coast, having been initiated into Georgia Pi 23 February, 1857, the second year of the Fraternity's existence.

Our informal dances this year have been very enjoyable. The formal annual S. A. E. dance occurs May thirtieth, in commemoration of the transition from Klatow to Sigma Alpha Epsilon. During the same week we have a reception to all the Varsity students and the annual banquet. Arrangements are being made for an appropriate observation of Founders' Day.

Brother Furguson, '07, has left college to accept a position as bridge designer for a prominent local concern. Brother B. O. Lum, who

represented the chapter at the Atlanta convention, has not yet returned from the East, where he has been visiting ever since the convention. It was his intention to visit as many of the chapters as was possible before his return.

Pi Beta Phi was installed here in December. A number of parties, given in honor of the girls, marked the advent of the new sorority. The girls had maintained a local organization for six years before being recognized by a charter. They are making excellent progress as a national, taking a place with the strongest fraternity at the University. A local fraternity came into existence a few weeks ago. They are petitioning Delta Tau Delta, and having a couple of Delta Taus in the local, they are thought to have good prospects of success.

VICTOR ZEDNICK.

Σ A E House, 4506 14th Ave., N. E.,  
7 February, 1907.

## PROVINCE THETA.

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

As usual Louisiana Epsilon is prosperous. Although we have initiated no new men since September, we have a goodly number in view and, of course, expect to get the pick of them. We have a rule here by which no man can be initiated into a fraternity before his Sophomore year. This gives the fraternities plenty of time for sizing up the material, and as a consequence the standards of the fraternities are very high; but it sometimes seems unfair to the boy

who, when he first comes to college and is asked to join a fraternity, has to wait a year and sometimes more before he is eligible to join.

Louisiana Epsilon has suffered a great loss in the departure of Brother F. O. Zevallos for his home in Lima, Peru. He completed his course in Sugar just before Christmas, and his diploma will be sent to him in June.

Baseball is the topic of general interest at Louisiana State University just at present. The squad has been out now for over a week, Louisiana Epsilon being represented by two men, one of whom held a position

on last year's Varsity. We are also represented on the track team, which, according to the present outlook, promises to be one of the best in the history of the institution.

Spring athletics begin here much earlier than at most colleges on account of the extreme mildness of the climate, and as a result the men get in several weeks of good training before most colleges begin their spring athletics.

C. W. GOYER.

Σ A E House,

13 February, 1907.

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Louisiana Tau-Upsilon, Tulane University, New Orleans.

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**M**ARDI GRAS has passed, Lent is on, and all the social gaieties of New Orleans are at an end until Easter; and all the college boys have gone back to work again.

Louisiana Tau Upsilon has ten active men this year, six old men and four Freshmen (initiated this year). We have been very successful in all phases of college life, having been well represented on the football team by Andrews, fullback, and "Pat" Reily, a substitute. Our team was very light, which, in most cases, accounted for its defeat.

Tulane has now withdrawn from the S. I. A. A. and we will be able to put out fine baseball and track teams this spring, for we can use our men who have been in college only this year. The one-year rule was the one which worked such a hardship on us.

Brother Clive W. Kernan is business manager of the *Jambalaya*, the annual, and Secretary of the Senior class. Andrews was president of the Freshman class, and Reiley vice-

president. Boatner Reiley, law, was elected assistant manager of the track team. Our men are all members of the german clubs and other social organizations in college. W. K. Dart and Boatner Reily are members of "The Ivy," the law club.

We have six good men pledged for next year, and only two men in the graduating class, so we expect a large chapter next year.

We are sorry not to have seen more S. A. E.'s in New Orleans for the Carnival this year, for we want every one of them who comes to the Crescent City to look us up.

With best wishes to all our sister chapters.

WM. BOATNER REILY, JR.

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Mississippi Gamma, University of Mississippi, University.

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**M**ISSISSIPPI GAMMA'S men returned after the holidays fresh with news of the Convention, and began work with a new and stimulated enthusiasm. Four brothers attended the Atlanta Convention and came back with a new conception of fraternity work and more ardent lovers of S. A. E. All reported having had a most pleasant trip.

Since our last letter we have initiated five of the best eligible men in college and it affords me much pleasure in introducing to the general Fraternity such brothers as B. S. Beall, Jr., A. H. McDonnell, W. N. McLeod, S. P. Stubblefield and Walter Trotter, Jr. These men have added a strength to the chapter which is felt by all the old men.

On the night of January nineteenth, Mississippi Gamma enter-

tained her prospective men for next year with a smoker, which was decidedly the nicest we have yet had and all enjoyed it to the utmost. Sigma Chi entertained in its new chapter-house on the ninth of February, and Kappa Alpha has issued invitations for its annual german for February fifteenth.

Mississippi was quite successful in her past season of football. We won third place in the S. I. A. A. and lost only two games. Σ A E led all fraternities by having four men on the squad. Baseball will soon begin and our prospects are exceeding bright for a successful season. Σ A E will be represented by two, and possibly three men. In the recent statistical vote Brother C. C. Hightower was voted the best baseball player, and Brother E. G. Hightower the most popular man in college.

We are anticipating visits from several of our old men and we sincerely hope they will not disappoint us, not only because we want to see them, but because of the good effect they will have on Freshmen.

ERIC ALLEN DAWSON.

10 February, 1907.

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**Texas Rho, University of Texas,  
Austin.**

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**A**T roll-call after the Christmas holidays eleven "presents" were heard by the S. A. E.'s at the University of Texas. We have had just plain, old hard luck this year. We initiated seven men, received one affiliate, and have since lost five of the initiates, the affiliate and one old man. Brothers Crawford, Mistrot

and Westbrook withdrew from the University before Christmas, Keating was unable to return on account of rheumatism, and the others remained at home for various reasons. We expect to have all these fellows with us next year again, and still we have eleven of the best men in the University.

We have entertained many guests the past term, and in particular we enjoyed a short visit from the four S. A. E.'s on the Washington University eleven. We are always glad to receive brothers, and would be glad if many others would drop in when in town.

The University of Texas is enjoying the most prosperous year in its history. The attendance is the largest ever known, and everything is moving along nicely. Work has begun on our new law building, and, as the legislature is in session, we are cherishing a faint hope that they will give us money for a new gymnasium and library. The recent change in the administration caused the old Board of Regents to become extinct, as only two of them were reappointed.

Athletics here are constantly changing for the better. Our football team suffered only one defeat the past season; our basketball team has been vanquished but once during its career; and the prospects for a winning baseball team are the brightest in years. Coldwell played a star half-back on the Varsity, and we have two men who made the nine last year, and who will probably play again this season.

We are making extensive arrangements for our annual picnic to "The

Dam" on Washington's Birthday, and expect to have many alumni with us. We also expect to entertain at our annual dance in the near future. Two of the fraternities, Phi Delta Theta and Beta Theta Pi, are going to hold their province conventions here next spring, and we shall no doubt have an interesting time in the Greek world. An attempt has been made to divide our school into Fraternity and Anti-Fraternity parties. In the election of the final ball president the backbone of the strife was broken, when

the fraternity men, assisted by numerous "Barbs," won an overwhelming victory. Brother Ritchey is chairman of the Supervisory Committee of the final ball.

Hoping that the Atlanta convention has benefited Sigma Alpha Epsilon more than tongue can tell, and that every loyal brother will cooperate in behalf of the cause throughout the land, Texas Rho sends her best wishes to all sister chapters.

LOYD LOCHRIDGE.

Σ A E House, 202 East 24th St.,  
9 February, 1907.

### PROVINCE IOTA.

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

**W**ITH the first term's work at an end Kentucky Kappa has seventeen active members.

Our rooms which have just been entirely remodeled with a view to dancing were formally opened on the evening of February first with a dance which was the social success of the month.

The board of trustees elected to devise a plan to erect or buy a chapter-house drew up a very practical plan which the chapter now has under consideration.

The basketball season brought out many competitors, nevertheless two of our men, Dosker and Hess were easily able to hold their positions on the first team.

Brother Enwright has been chosen as class representative on the carnival committee and Dosker was recently elected president of the Chamberlain Literary Society to succeed

Brother Crenshaw, who held that position during the previous term.

Central is looking forward to a prosperous season in baseball and Kappa has some fine material in the baseball line.

With best wishes to all our sister chapters.

COLEMAN H. LASSING.

17 February, 1907.

**Kentucky Iota, Bethel College, Russellville.**

**W**INTER is almost over and spring will find Kentucky Iota in good shape.

Brother Cannon did not return after the Christmas holidays, and we have lost in him one of our most popular and loyal men. Since our last letter we have initiated two men. We have another man pledged; he will be initiated before another week has passed.

Brother L. D. McCarley was our delegate to Atlanta; he brought back

from the convention such glowing reports that all the men in the chapter resolved to try to attend the next one.

Kentucky Iota has taken the usual prominent part in midwinter athletics. Two of the basketball team, Beauchamp and Walker, are S. A. E.'s. Walker is captain. Brother L. D. McCarley has been elected manager of field sports.

We hope to take a prominent part in baseball and track this spring, and to hold Kentucky Iota to the front as usual.

C. P. WALKER.

14 February, 1907.

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**Kentucky Epsilon, Kentucky State College, Lexington.**

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**N**OTWITHSTANDING that we were to a large degree unfortunate in the return of old men at the opening of college, the true spirit of fraternity was manifest. We now have thirteen active members, having lost one, Wilson, who was unexpectedly called home, but the last message from him is that he hopes to be with us again in the near future. Since the last letter we have added to our membership one man, M. C. Cheek, a matriculate in the civil engineering course, and a fine fellow in every sense of the word.

Brother Jack Raredon, who left us some time last year, was up about a week ago to be initiated into the "Mystic Thirteen," a Sophomore honorary society, having been pledged last year while at college.

Brother Sterling Price was chosen by the Patterson literary society its representative in a debate. While

not receiving first honors, he followed as a close second.

We have been very active socially, having been represented in several theater parties and numerous other social functions. Our dance this year will occur on April fifth and we wish to make it a most enjoyable occasion.

In athletics we do not rank among the first in numbers, but the few whom we have the honor of claiming do well in their positions. Swearingen, who was unanimously elected captain of the baseball team, will resume his previous position as pitcher, while Kirk will lend an arm to the Scrubs; Price is on the gymnasium team, and some of his stunts appear almost magic.

Our college at present is a fine institution, but can not compare with what it will be in the near future. At present there are several large buildings under headway, the normal building, which will be exclusively for the education of school teachers and professors; a large addition to the school of mechanical engineering, also a new library and an agricultural building, both of which are to be the very finest specimens of architecture.

M. C. KIRK.

Σ A E Hall, 805 Trust Company Building.

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

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**S**INCE our last letter no doubt the greatest of Σ A E conventions has come and gone. Five of our fourteen men had the opportunity of attending and of directly receiving



the benefits to be derived from such a convention, while all of our members have felt the influence of that meeting, and so it was with renewed efforts and more enthusiasm that the work of our chapter was begun again after the holidays. We are sorry to state that W. K. Harrison did not return after Christmas, but by the initiation of C. W. Carr, whom we are pleased to introduce to Sigma Alpha Epsilon, our number remains the same.

In a recent election held by the athletic association of our school, Brother Martin was chosen manager of the next Varsity football team. He will probably play third base on this year's baseball team. Hall, an initiate of this year, will no doubt be the greatest pitcher S. P. U. has ever had on her third team. The prospects for a good nine this year are exceptionally bright. There is plenty of good material in school and the idea of having a good coach has materialized.

An opera by local talent is to take place during the coming week for the benefit of our athletics.

In basketball S. P. U. has already made her mark. On the first of February Cumberland University was defeated 22 to 21. This victory was in a large measure due to the effective playing of Briggs, the leading athlete of our chapter. This brother was recently elected editor of the Annual.

Tennessee Zeta has enjoyed one social event since Christmas. A dance given in honor of Miss Beaumont proved to be the most enjoyable of any heretofore. Plans are now on foot for a chapter banquet in the early spring.

The visit of Brother F. K. Houston, our province president, on February first was appreciated. We only hope that some of our other province officers will see fit to pay us a visit; the same to any other brother who happens to be passing this way.

JNO. F. COURTS.

2 February, 1907.

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Tennessee Lambda, Cumberland University, Lebanon.

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ALTHOUGH initiating only one man, Tennessee Lambda was successful in "getting all she went after" from the Junior law class. One of our rivals, also, initiated one man, making only two fraternity men in the entire January law class.

We regret the loss by graduation of Brothers Cameron and Batson, but with our new initiate, Brother J. R. Cox, and the return of Brothers Bushyhead and Chambers, we are easily able to maintain the high standing of our chapter.

The S. A. E. weekly dances have proven a great success and are a source of great enjoyment to all. It is generally conceded that Bushyhead will be captain of the baseball team, which, from all indications, will be the best that C. U. has had for several years.

Brother Sam Doak returned from the Atlanta convention with a grip full of songs, yells, etc., and an abundance of Fraternity enthusiasm.

We send best wishes to all sister chapters, and especially to the new ones recently added to the roll of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

ALBERT S. BRITT.

Tennessee Nu, Vanderbilt University,  
Nashville.

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INTERMEDIATE examinations have come and gone and we are glad to be able to report that as a whole the chapter has passed through them successfully, for while we do not believe in the devotion to studies to the exclusion of other phases of college life, we are proud of the record that no member of our chapter has had his name read out for failure in his work for several years, and we are desirous of keeping this record unbroken.

Several of us had the good fortune to be in attendance at Atlanta and all report the best of times and give glowing descriptions of the scenes of happy good-fellowship there. The splendid success of the gathering gives us a renewed idea of the greatness of our Fraternity. We extend the heartiest of congratulations to our new chapters and the wish that they may always be worthy exemplars of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Although the football season is long since past the splendid success of Vanderbilt still lingers in our minds. Our team was brought into the limelight by completely outplaying and defeating the famous Carlisle Indians by a score of 4 to 0. It is possible now that we will have a game with Yale for next season. Sherrell was a substitute for part of the season and Gwynn, who weighs only one hundred and twenty-eight pounds, was on the bench for several games toward the latter part. If he were only a few pounds heavier, it is generally conceded that

he would make a splendid Varsity man. Thweatt, Pinson and Mason all played good games on the second team. We will have nine men out for baseball this spring and several ought to make good. On the track we will be represented by one of our new men, Mason, who, if he keeps up his preparatory school record, will undoubtedly make the Varsity in the sprints and in the quarter. We are holding our fair share of the college honors. Lloyd is editor of *The Hustler*, the weekly, and Chappell and Mayfield are on the staff of the same publication. Tipton, Pinson, Stam and Steele are on the glee club.

On the whole we are in excellent shape and the outlook for next year is likewise encouraging.

The chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha here has died out, only two men returning this year. This leaves twelve fraternities in the field.

E. B. MAUPIN.

Σ A E House, 2102 W. End,  
7 February, 1907.

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Tennessee Kappa, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

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THE discordant feeling that has prevailed among the fraternities here at Tennessee for the last five or six years has reached a pitch which exceeds that of any previous season. From the present outlook there seems no hope of bringing about a compromise in any form. In both general and class elections the political battle is being waged with a bitterness that is contrary to all college spirit, yet there seems no way of avoiding it. It is a simple question

of "fight or die," and neither side has shown any readiness to "give up the ghost."

Previous to the last athletic association election held in December, representatives from all the fraternities and from the non-fraternity men also met, with the object of effecting a compromise in the coming election, in this manner gradually leading to future peaceable relations among the fraternities. It seemed the general opinion that this was the desired result. Every one had seen how so-called fraternity politics was injuring the University in many ways, and especially along athletic lines, and successful athletics are dearer to the average college student than any "Ph.D." that was ever written on a sheepskin.

At last it seemed possible that the "dove with the olive branch" would soon light in one of the trees on the campus and there would be great rejoicing. Somehow this condition at the University of Tennessee did not materialize. The meeting that was sure to bring those good results adjourned without having accomplished anything further than an emphatic understanding among all present that the fight was on—and only the "mighty" would survive. The athletic association election came off, but no election was held. Instead, an attempt was made to elect two tickets at the same time and in the same hall.

The "Allied Powers," consisting of  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $A T \Omega$ ,  $K \Sigma$  and  $K A$ , led by a deposed non-fraternity leader, elected one ticket, while  $\Sigma A E$  and  $\Pi K A$ , together with a large number of non-fraternity men, elected an-

other. Of course both elections, or rather, attempts, were declared void by the athletic committee, although our side had plainly a large majority. A new date was set for the election. In the meanwhile, however, notwithstanding the fact that they had only fifty-three members in the association for them, against one hundred and seven against them, the defeated "mighty" went to the president of the University and said that unless their ticket was allowed to go in they would withdraw from the association. As a result, when the day of the next election rolled around our entire ticket was placed in office without a dissenting vote, the entire membership representing the "Allied Powers" having withdrawn from the association. Is there any wonder that Tennessee is not successful in athletics, when it is known that such occurrences have been going on for the past five years?

Tennessee Kappa is, and has always been in favor of eliminating this course in "Political Statesmanship," but there is no way of avoiding it, and it is certainly unnecessary to add that this chapter will be in the arena until the last combat is over.

Through our efforts arrangements are already on foot for the revival of the alumni association here at Knoxville. Former chapters have many times felt the need of such an organization. The many benefits that an active chapter will derive from a well-organized alumni association are too numerous to mention. We hope that the near future will see this association a certainty. So sure

are we of the success of this venture that there will be a toast at our Founder's Day Banquet, "To our Knoxville Alumni Association."

All of us who had the great pleasure of attending the Atlanta Convention have never ceased to sing the praises of the Georgia city and of the true hospitality of the Georgia S. A. E.'s. "Charlie" Stone and his brother S. A. E.'s of Georgia, were "there with the bells on." From the time the first yell of some over-enthusiastic collegiate, interrupted Judge Van Epp's "adjournment of the Senate," at the smoker, until some loving brother kindly "tucked us in" at the Piedmont after the banquet, there was naught to mar the greatest dream of pleasure that ever fell to the lot of a loyal S. A. E.

Tennessee Kappa extends her best wishes to all sister chapters and especially to those two who have lately been shown into the mysteries and blessings of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

GEORGE B. MALONE, JR.

6 February, 1907.

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Tennessee Omega, University of the South, Sewanee.

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THE writer finds Tennessee Omega scattered. Indeed, very widely scattered, for you may find some of the Sewanee crowd from Canada right on down to Texas. However, we expect to be back together again in March. The mountain will wake up, the chapter-house be opened, and Tuesday night will find us making the old yell ring out as of yore.

There is a lot of work waiting for

us. We were fortunate enough to get all the land close around the chapter-house ploughed deeply in the fall, so the winter snows could pulverize it, and make it ready for grassseed in the early spring. It will greatly improve the looks of the house when we get it harrowed and sown. Then the tennis court must be prepared for summer days—and summer girls, and the interior of the house brightened up a bit with some new pictures and sofa-pillows.

There are rumors of prospective fraternity material worthy of Σ A E. We shall keep our eyes open, but such rumors remind us of the inevitable ones about great half-backs, tackles—giants—who will register in the fall in time for football. The months roll around, and a little scrubby fellow of a hundred and thirty pounds or so shows up, or may be a two hundred and fifty pounder, with a waist measure of sixty inches, and with a record for the hundred of twenty-seven and a half, determined to play half-back or nothing. Still, we'll hope for the best.

In baseball we have the captain, Brother Scarbrough, who is well known in southern athletics. Brother Gordon will be sorely missed at short-stop, but a number of S. A. E.'s, especially Silas Williams and Kenneth Lyne, stand a good chance for the team. Cobbs was elected editor-in-chief of the *Sewanee Magazine*, so now Tennessee Omega has two editors-in-chief, Whaley of the *Purple* and Cobbs of the "*Lit.*"

Brother Noë left us in December to be ordained for the ministry. We

regret very much to lose him, and wish him all success in work.

We can't close without a word of the Convention. For a long time the thoughts of Tennessee Omega's delegate lingered around the joys of those convention days. The "Colonel," irrepressible, ever young, though his hair and beard are snowy white; the geniality of our "Billy"; the dignity of George D. Kimball; Terry Allen's *silent* acquiescence in everything that was done, and finally, all that splendid body of men, young and old, whom it was worth going twice the distance to see and know.

Atlanta claims that if we will give her another chance, she can better the Convention of 1906, but she or any other city will have to labor hard to do it.

HOPE H. LUMPKIN.

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Tennessee Eta, Southwestern Baptist  
University, Jackson.

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THE year of 1906 was an eventful one for Tennessee Eta, marked as it was with accomplishment and progress. The year of 1907 has opened with the brightest prospects. Since our last letter we have initiated three young men into the mysteries of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. The new brothers are—Henry Warren White, Waldo Arington Fite, Reuben Henry Scott—all of Jackson. By the return of Brother Humphreys we now have thirteen in the chapter.

Eta was represented at the Atlanta convention by R. H. Anderson and H. H. Edenton, the former going as delegate. Both report a pleasant

time and a profitable, enthusiastic meeting.

Our men are anticipating a glorious time at the Founders' Day banquet, which will be held on March seventh, the regular date being inconvenient. For the past six years Eta has observed this custom, and each banquet has been well attended and highly enjoyable. Our alumni in Jackson have been very regular in attending these affairs, and we are determined to make this year's banquet surpass even those of former days.

In regard to our work and standing in school, we are doing well. Our class work is upon a high plane for the most part, and our standing in the literary societies is of the very best order. In elections S. A. E. has held her own by virtue of true ability. Every man of our chapter is a member of one or the other of the literary societies—the Apollonian or the Calliopean.

S. A. E. has shown up well in athletics as well as in the regular college work. The success of the 1906 football squad is due primarily to the leadership of Brother Callahan. No less than three S. A. E.'s will hold positions on the baseball team during the coming season. Whenever our men try for anything they add persistency to their efforts, and to this fact we attribute our success in athletics.

Of late we have been honored by visits from Brothers P. E. Holland, L. L. Fonville, G. C. Anderson, Jr., and Joseph Frye, all of whom have at one time been active members of Tennessee Eta. The lapse of years

has not lessened their interest in  
Σ A E.

We extend to all of our brothers a  
hearty welcome to visit us when in  
this vicinity. Any brother who is  
near Jackson on March seventh will

receive a cordial greeting at our ban-  
quet. If at any time an S. A. E.  
comes within our territory let him  
not hesitate to look us up.

C. H. BROWN.

12 February, 1907.

## Here and There.



The convention photograph was taken on the steps of the Georgia State Capitol.



A number of delinquents have been scratched from our mailing-list to make room for real subscribers.



Colonel Rudolph's beautiful address at the opening exercises of the convention will be found in full under "The Convention in the Papers." Other convention addresses will appear in the May RECORD.



### Convention Photographs.

Photographs of the Atlanta Convention may be obtained from Chas. F. Stone, 814 Century building, Atlanta, Ga. These photos are seventeen inches long, and will be sent postpaid on receipt of \$1.25 in money order or N. Y. check.



The Orange Club of Syracuse was installed as "New York Delta," February twenty-second. A sketch of the University and an account of the installation will appear in the May RECORD. New York Delta has a chapter-letter in this number.



A very unusual courtesy was extended to Atlanta Convention visitors by Brother James Epps Brown, South Carolina Mu, '88, manager of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, who placed at their disposal, gratis, the entire Bell long-distance service. Visitors were enthusiastic in expressing their appreciation of this kindness.



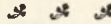
The Capital City Club and the Atlanta Athletic Club were as hospitable as possible, throwing open their doors to all out-of-town S. A. E.'s.

### Shingle Announcements.

The new Fraternity Shingle is now ready for distribution. Over one hundred copies have already been sent out. Terms and conditions governing distribution can be found in December *Phi Alpha*, and will also be set forth in a special circular to be furnished to chapters and alumni in March.



The Atlanta press gave generously of its space to reports of the convention. Each of the four dailies gave in detail the doings of the S. A. E.'s. Brothers Foreman and Lynn, of *The Constitution*, and Lane, of *The Journal*, took commendable care to have accurate and interesting reports in their respective papers. *The Constitution* presented to THE RECORD its entire set of convention cuts. *The Journal* loaned its cartoon cut and an excellent photograph of Colonel Rudolph, from which the half-tone appearing in this number was made. *The Georgian* furnished us with a picture of Samuel Spencer that could not have been procured elsewhere.



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Uncontrollable circumstances made the editor a month late starting work on this number of THE RECORD. There was, on this account, fear and trembling about the showing that was to be made in the chapter-letter department. The large amount of matter and the uncertainty as to who could be depended upon to get it up properly and in a limited time made the editing of this number a one-man job of no mean magnitude. It would be of little interest to our readers to detail the storm and stress of the past two months—suffice it to say that the March RECORD is out within a week of schedule with a letter from every one of our sixty-nine chapters.





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