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THE world bestows its big prizes, both in money and honors, for but one thing.

And that is Initiative.

What is Initiative.

I'll tell you: It is doing the right thing without being told.

But next to doing the thing without being told is to do it when you are told once. That is to say, "carry the message to Garcia; those who can carry a message get high honors, but their pay is not always in proportion.

Next, there are those who never do a thing until they are told twice; such get no honors and small pay.

Next, there are those who do the right thing only when necessity kicks them from behind, and these get indifference instead of honors, and a pittance for pay. This kind spends most of its time polishing a bench with a hard-luck story.

Then, still lower down in the scale than this, we have the fellow who will not do the right thing even when some one goes along to show him how and stays to see that he does it; he is always out of a job, and receives the contempt he deserves, unless he has a rich Pa, in which case Destiny patiently awaits around the corner with a stuffed club.

To which class do you belong?

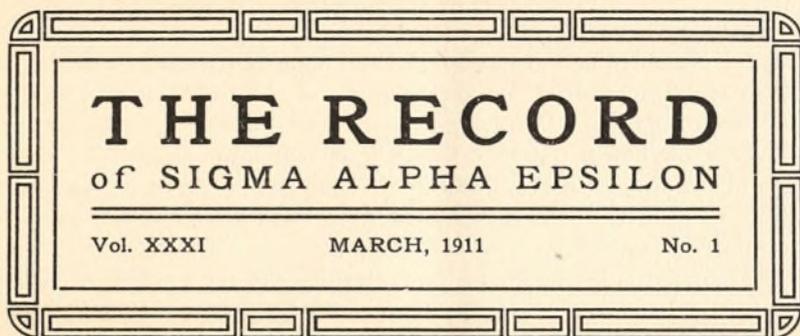
ELBERT HUBBARD in *The Philistine*.





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THE KANSAS CITY CONVENTION

BY JAMES E. CHAPMAN, ILLINOIS PSI-OMEGA

BUSINESS and pleasure, as component parts of a convention that produced results, were combined in just the right proportions at the Kansas City convention. Work and play each had its allotted time, and performed its most useful function, and the outcome was the most successful convention in the history of the fraternity.

Every delegate appreciated both phases of activity, and worked while he worked and played while he played; even the hard-working all-night committee men had some fun, for they determined that some relaxation was imperative to keep them from being worn to a frazzle at the end of the deliberations. To be sure, they wanted to get acquainted with the fairest of Kansas City girls, and that was the real reason why one could see "Billy" Levere guiding his way through the maze of the ball room, George Kimball passing bouquets, verbal ones, between dances, and "Deacon" Sheldon calling among the loudest for more encore.

Whenever and wherever fun was afoot, plenty of fun-makers were there, and not the least among them were the visitors. They came to have a good time and they had it, and so did the delegates—such a good time that it was proved conclusively that Kansas City is a good place to hold a national convention, not entirely because it is the hub of the United States, as the Kansas City alumni can prove to anyone, but because the alumni there count among their number such hustlers and all-round progressives as George and Billy Bunting, "Tubby" Sanford, and others whose records are sufficient guarantee of a rousing and enthusiastic meeting if they have anything to do with the arrangements.

Some more gifted pen, or typewriter key-board, may tell of the

joyful greetings at the smoker in the Pompeian room of the Baltimore Hotel, may dilate on the beauty and chivalry gathered in the ball-room, may put the doings of the rah-rah boys at the Hippodrome show into newspaper English, or soar into air-strata as high as did the orators at the grand finale banquet; here will be set down what the convention accomplished in a hard-headed business and legislative way.

Financially, the policy of the fraternity and the methods of Kimball, Stone and Levere in the office which keeps the sinews in good order were eminently justified by the results shown. The fraternity bank accounts are growing in size, and the funds in the charge of the Board of Trustees are satisfactorily placed, being secured, with the exception of the cash reserve, by liens on the houses of various active chapters. For the third time in the history of Σ A E, every chapter in the fraternity is square on the books of the treasurer. The convention fund reached the largest figure in our history.

A middle path was followed in the matter of extension, charters being granted to two out of the eight locals which presented petitions to the convention. The two new ones are Illinois Delta, at Millikin University, Decatur, Ill., and South Dakota Sigma, at the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, S. D. This extension increases the roll of chapters to seventy-two, a number which is exceeded by only three Greek-letter fraternities. It was a great day for those of the old guard, who were present in the convention, when they heard delegate after delegate voting aye, until the choice was unanimous for setting these new jewels in the crown of Minerva. How their thoughts must have flown back through the years in which they fought so valiently for the policy of conservative, well-considered extension! How their hearts must have swelled with gratification as they saw that policy vindicated today!

For the master-hand to guide the ship of state, the fraternity has gone once more to the Southland, and to the very State and City where Σ A E was born. General William Woodward Brandon, of "Mother" Mu chapter, class of 1892, was chosen Eminent Supreme Archon, the first Southerner at the helm since Hendree Harrison's tenure of the high office from 1900 to 1902. Clarence W. Stowell leaves the desk of the Eminent Supreme Recorder's office to step into the sanctum of Phi Alpha, as Eminent Supreme Deputy Archon, and Marvin E. Holderness, who once wielded the editorial blue pencil on Phi Alpha's pages with well-remembered insight and vigor, returns to the Supreme Council as Eminent Supreme Recorder.

George D. Kimball's untiring labors for the fraternity could not cease with his retirement from the high office of Eminent Supreme Archon, and it is a matter of congratulation to all who have the interests of Σ A E at heart that he accepts again the office of Eminent Supreme Treasurer, the office he conducted with signal ability for six years before he was elected Eminent Supreme Archon. Elmer B. Sanford still occupies the editorial chair in the office of *THE RECORD*, the place which he has filled so acceptably since he took the magazine over from Charles P. Wood. Deacon Sheldon and Billy Levere, although they are no longer members of the executive council, will continue to work like war-horses, and their influence has not ceased with their official connections. They could not help working for Σ A E if they were to try—witness Levere going to Vermillion to install South Dakota Sigma in January, despite his assertions that he must work less for Minerva and more for wherewith to buy bread and butter in his old age.

Volume IV of the *Convention Daily* appeared every morning under the able editorship of Brother Roy H. Monier, President of Province Zeta, and was of inestimable value in spreading notices and new news notes that should be known early in the rush of the convention. The *Daily*—evolved from the fertile brains of Sydnor Harrison and Billy Levere, and sprung as the latest novelty in fraternity annals at the Memphis convention of 1904—has grown to be a necessity as a time-saver, and a large factor in promoting good fellowship.

The success of the Kansas City gathering proved beyond all doubt that the holiday season is the preferable time to hold the national conventions. The registration committee was kept far busier than at Atlantic City, taking account of the attendance, which reached the high figure of three hundred. The snappy weather of December put zest into the work of convention floor and committee rooms, alike. Most of the delegates returned at once to their chapters fired with enthusiasm, and with that enthusiasm still at white heat, in the chapter houses all over the country, recounted the glorious work done by the sons of Minerva, and inspired their brothers to still greater loyalty and zeal for the work to be done in future years.

Oratory, cheers, dry facts, tears, politics, fears—all were interwoven in the doings of the convention. The tears were not the effect of the dry facts as cause, it should be said, in justice to those most essential facts, but were mixed in, some of them, with Levere's

stories of pathos, told from the history in advance. Many eyes were wet when the brothers stood for a minute in silence, out of respect to the memory of the last of the Founders, John Barrett Rudolph, who passed to the great beyond at his Alabama home, April 13, 1910. There was sorrow, too, that D. Howard Evens, Jr., whose picture was taken with Colonel Rudolph at Atlantic City, "the oldest and the youngest Σ A E's," fell ill immediately after the parade of the Eastern contingent at the opening smoker, and could not see any of the rest of the convention.

There was oratory on the program every day. It began soon after the first swinging of the gavel on Wednesday morning, when Eminent Supreme Archon Kimball called for order, and introduced the Mayor of Kansas City, Hon. Darius A. Brown, who carried out the formality of presenting the keys of the city to the gathered clan. Then two Southerners were pitted against each other, one to deliver the address of welcome, and the other to reply to it. Their nicely chosen phrases, hearty tones, and above all, the fraternal spirit back of their words, delighted the ears of all. Brother George Herbert Bunting, of Tennessee Zeta, welcomed the delegates and visitors on behalf of the Kansas City Alumni, and made everyone believe he meant "welcome" when he said it. Brother Bunting and Kansas City were both cheered. The response was made by Brother Thomas McNider Simpson, of Virginia Omicron, President of Province Gamma. He urged that the members endeavor to make their presence in the convention worth what it cost the fraternity to get them there. Speech and speaker were applauded.

Rev. William Wilson Elwang, Tennessee Zeta, '84, invoked the blessing of God on the fraternity and its convention, and prayed that those privileged to wear the badge should at all times hold before them the fraternity ideal, and acquit themselves honorably in the sight of men.

Reports of officers, appointment of committees, and business of a similar nature occupied most of the first day. It was not the uninteresting routine often implied by that stock phrase, but was frequently punctuated by vigorous argument, amusing anecdote, and soul-stirring story of achievement. It was good to be there, for the spirit of the founders was with us, pointing onward and upward to the best and truest ideals, symbolized for us by the goddess and the lion, by our name and by our motto, Phi Alpha, enclosed within its wreath.

Eminent Supreme Archon Kimball, in his report, praised the

work of Brother Levere as historian, and told of the progress made in the movement for a national Pan-Hellenic advisory association, which, based on Brother Kimball's suggestion, is now an organized body participated in by most of the national fraternities. He commended the Ritual Committee, the Committee on Standard Code of Rules, and the Board of Trustees. He stated that the finances of the fraternity are in excellent condition, discussed the inspection of the scholarship records of every active man by the province presidents, gave out some good ideas on the relations of alumni to their chapters, and urged that the members weigh well such extension as might be proposed, that no real opportunity of advancing the fraternity's strength be neglected.

Eminent Supreme Deputy Archon Carl E. Sheldon read his report on Phi Alpha, and showed that the publication had cost less than the amount appropriated at the Atlantic City convention.

Eminent Supreme Recorder Clarence W. Stowell followed with a concise statement of the work of his office, referring to the mass of details necessary to keep the records of nearly fourteen thousand men up to date and accessible on the instant, and urging the need of an employee who could bring to the work all the talents of a born statistician. He emphasized the spread of the movement toward owning chapter houses, and the work of all the chapters to that end. In his review of this subject, he stated that the property now owned by the fraternity is valued at about \$325,000.

The Report of *THE RECORD* was given by the Editor, Elmer B. Sanford. It presented interesting statistics concerning the publishing, and explained the apparent high cost as being due to a temporary delay in adjusting the postage rate. Criticisms of certain features were taken up, and ways in which they could be met were suggested.

Brother William Collin Levere, filling out the incompleting term of Brother Charles F. Stone, read the report of the Eminent Supreme Treasurer. The report covered the period from January, 1909, to December, 1910, the period being broken by the resignation of Brother Stone in March, 1910. Receipts and expenditures were read by totals, with indices to Phi Alpha for details, cash on hand was accounted for, and announcement made that the convention fund amounted to \$4,159, the largest in our history. The books showed that every chapter has met its obligations to the national fraternity, Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta being the first on the roll of honor for promptness, and Iowa Gamma second. The first named chapter thus

wins for the third consecutive time. The delegates from the prize-winning chapters, H. H. Bubb and Paul Feddersen, were asked to arise for inspection. They would not make speeches, but they smiled.

After his report on the finances, Brother Levere launched into a resumé of his monumental work on the history. He told of his great disappointment that a mistake had occurred in paging at the publishing house, which had cost him extra work and time in completing the index, the result being that instead of having the volumes ready for distribution at the convention, he could only repeat the promise to the publishers to have them ready by the middle of February. Proofs of a part of the index, passed around the convention hall, were viewed with interest by the delegates. The books are from the press of the Donnelly & Sons Company, of Chicago, and the first edition will comprise 2000 sets of three volumes each, about 500 pages per volume, the cost being approximately \$8000. In closing his report, Brother Levere narrated a number of incidents from the history, of fraternity life in college and afterwards, from which the brothers could measure how the history lives and breathes with the life of Σ A E. He fairly carried his hearers off their feet, and was saluted with nine rousing rahs when he sat down.

It was announced that A T Ω was holding its national convention at Atlanta, and that Σ N was convened at Indianapolis, and on motion of Brother Sanford, the Committee on Fraternal Greetings was instructed to send them messages appropriate to the occasion.

Thursday was the day after the ball, and the good time of the evening before had done its part in arousing enthusiasm for the day's work. For the delegates who had been placed on committees and had the vital things of the convention to take care of, it was the day of constructive statesmanship, the day for discussing, considering, and putting in order for presentation to the convention the matters of policy and procedure which demanded action. Some committees, notably that on Extension, of which Brother Levere was chairman, held conferences before the convention opened, in between times, and afterward, continuing to hear the arguments of petitioners until nearly 3 o'clock in the morning.

The committee on the De Votie Memorial Hall, General Brandon speaking as chairman, announced the completion of the hall, and its formal delivery to the fraternity. The total cost was \$8,012, and Alabama Mu chapter, for which the Memorial will be a chapter hall,

will provide suitable furniture. The hall is located on the main avenue leading from the central part of Tuscaloosa to the campus of the University of Alabama, and long before its completion, became known to all who pass that way as a monument to the memory of Noble Leslie De Votie.

Brother Albrecht F. Leue of the Ritual committee reported as finished the revision of the Ritual, and stated that an early distribution would be made. The committee met with the Supreme Council at Champaign last April, at which time the revision was virtually complete. The convention, on motion of Brother Brandon, ratified the work of the committee, and appropriated funds from the general treasury for defraying the cost of publication. Brother Dean Taylor, of the Ritual committee, stated that the new initiation service, as tested in actual practice, is very effective in portraying to the neophyte the significance and beauty of the emblems and teachings of the fraternity. The committee recommended that in order to produce greater solemnity and impressiveness in the exemplification, all speaking parts be memorized, and that after initiation, the initiate be made to memorize the vows that he has taken, and learn the essence of the meaning of our emblems, as also the requirements of the National Laws. A brief, yet solemn, pledge ritual, was suggested as an addition that some future convention might consider. An exemplification of the ritual as a feature of the convention after the election of officers was arranged for.

Brother Omar E. Garwood, President of Province Eta, gave the signal for the men to assemble after lunch on Thursday by introducing General Brandon as "the silver-tongued orator from the sun-kissed hills of Alabama." Brother Brandon spoke feelingly of our late brother, Colonel Rudolph, and of the last visit of the last of the Founders to the Brandon home. He roused the delegates to a high pitch when he told of Colonel Rudolph's pride and gratification over the great influence of $\Sigma A E$ in uniting the sons of the North and the sons of the South. He was frequently interrupted by applause, particularly when he struck the key-note that $\Sigma A E$ stands for the highest ideal in American manhood and citizenship. "The older I grow, the better $\Sigma A E I$ am," is the way the General puts it. When he sat down, nine rahs and a Phi Alpha were given him, at which he rose and said: "I'd rather have that yell with my name appended to it than any encomium that could be paid me by man."

A little later, Governor Herbert S. Hadley of Missouri was escorted to the desk by Brothers Brandon and Monier, and was greeted

with a rousing welcome. The Governor made a speech, only a brief one, to be sure, and the convention was greatly pleased. Speaking of some of his own college experiences, he said that there was no chapter of Σ A E where he attended, and that he was so verdant a freshman that he was noticed only for that. But in his sophomore year, he said, he had developed sufficiently to be considered eligible for conditional membership in a fraternity, the condition being that he should not attend any parties the first year of his membership, and later he was admitted to full membership with all its rights, privileges and mysteries. As he left the hall, Mr. Hadley and Phi Kappa Psi, of which he is a member, were both heartily cheered.

Friday's session opened with everybody expectant because the choice of new chapters, if any, and the election of officers for the coming two years were on the order of business for the day. The report of the extension committee was adopted, section by section, the result being to add two names to the chapter roll, the University of South Dakota and Millikin University, receiving charters. The members of the extension committee worked hard and faithfully in their secret sessions and argued forcibly before the convention, and the delegates conceded the wisdom of their selections from among the eight petitioners by voting unanimously to install chapters in the two universities recommended.

In the afternoon the election of officers was the matter of absorbing interest, and each delegate was on the *qui vive* to consider the qualifications of the nominees, and marched to the rostrum and deposit his ballot. The choice for all five offices meets with the heartiest approval of the fraternity at large; the records of each of the newly-chosen executives, what they have done in writing, speaking, organizing and various other forms of fraternity work, insures that the biennial period until the fraternity convenes again in December, 1912, in Nashville, will be two years of prosperity and victorious advance.

THE LEISURE HOURS OF THE CONVENTION

BY FRANK DAVIS, KANSAS ALPHA

THE chosen ones to the number of two hundred and fifty rallied at the smoker in the Egyptian room of the Hotel Baltimore on Tuesday evening and whooped it up to the tune of "Dixie" and "Maryland, My Maryland." There may have been more than that

number, but the brothers with the larger counts probably worked in some of the statuary, through a slight optical illusion.

The meeting suffered neither from an excessive formality nor any lack of energy and the chief amusement of the evening developed into what might be called "spanning operations." The brother from the East and the brother from the West formed a close corporation and endeavored to "span" the tremendous geographical gap between them. The brother from the North and the brother from the South got together and tried to span the bloody chasm that had separated them so many years ago. It dawned upon all parties involved, at the same time, that this spanning could be more satisfactorily effected by a larger number and soon spanning operations were taking place on a large scale all over the room.

There was a great plenty of tobacco at this smoker too—bales of it—but the devotees of the weed were neither suffered to enjoy it in peace nor allowed to put in away unbroken in their breast pocket for future reference. Any attempt to smoke brought upon the back of the unsuspecting offender a lusty pounding, an objurgation and an invitation to sing or yell. An attempt toward the latter and a moment later the victim was seized by some madly riotous son of Minerva and thrust into a hastily improvised line doing a cross between a Boston Hop and an Indian war dance to the tune of "Kelly's gone to Kingdom Come," with variations. Alas for that two bit perfecto so safely stowed away; it was busted now.

In truth marching had become the order of the day. We were marched and counter-marched, reviewed and exhorted, at first with cause and provocation, but later because the fascination of the movement seemed to have seized upon some reckless daredevils, who had no corns. Various and sundry attempts were made to sing and they all enjoyed a measure of success particularly the better known fraternity songs; any attempts at sectional singing quickly died before the howl of the on-rushing multitude. However one became more and more convinced as the evening wore on, that the members of Σ A E had not been selected because of any peculiar euphony of voice. The singing seemed to lack cohesion and continuity. At dancing it was entirely different. Earlier in the evening certain of the members who have talents along that line, had displayed them in the various corners and groups. As the evening progressed and the aforesaid "spanning" operations had rendered some of the brothers oblivious to unkind criticism, they tried it all over

again, wearing a fatuous smile and a wilted collar, with results most wonderful and awful to behold.

Perhaps we are not a fraternity particularly distinguished for our musical ability, but at organized rooting we hold that we excel and when at midnight with a little preliminary tuning up the "Phi Alpha Alicazee" boomed out in the corridors, the wakeful throughout the big hotel sprang hastily from their beds and the sleeping, slumbered no more. It was a most auspicious occasion.

Throughout the whole session there were small social gatherings during the day in all the corridors, lobbies and rooms. These meetings were well attended and much important business was transacted. The enthusiasm shown was very touching.

The ball on Wednesday of course made it our obligation and our privilege to escort the ladies. This matter of the ladies brings up a curious rivalry—the ladies usually do. We have long viewed the justifiable pride and arrogance with which the Southern brothers produced the queens of the Southland at their conventions, with chagrin and emulation and, vowed to do as well some day. The oldest war horse of the whole alumni association, who had long been accustomed to let society have his share of the supper and call it square, at like functions, felt the call of the conflict and had dates with the handsomest, most striking young ladies of his acquaintance. He spent three quarters of an hour climbing into his dress clothes, an hour and three quarters adjusting his cravat and donning his gloves, called a taxi and waded in. The result exceeded our fondest dreams. What say the brothers from Dixie now?

Save for the fact that there were too many handsome young men there for a fellow who had brought the girl, the party was an unqualified success, and the boys who had cultivated the art of balancing a salad plate on the wrist, a coffee cup on the third finger and working through a surging mob had a chance to distinguish himself by the skill and devotion with which he served his partner at supper. Dancing continued as long as the orchestra lasted and it was only by a great effort that some of the brothers were dissuaded from staying for breakfast. A "post-mortem" was later held at the hotel and all the main points gone over carefully as is the custom at such dissections.

The theatre party on the following night was entirely staid and dignified. Almost two hundred tickets had been sold for the line party at the New York Hippodrome Show. With the exception of a single "Phi Alpha" the public was allowed to remain in blissful

ignorance of the fact that we were not as other people. Some of the older members had to take their wives of course, and others took candidates for that position, probably for the same reason, but the main bunch were without impedimenta. Everybody was showing the effect of the strain. The show was good.

The social side of the convention got more attention than all the other sides combined. Maybe it deserves more, but we notice that it tends to make everything look blurred. The case is typical of the brother from the far-away chapter who wearily wound his way to his room on that last early morning, his face haggard and careworn, his derby at a dejected angle, his cravat awry; wearily he made his way to the window and threw it wide open drawing great breaths of fresh air. From below came the muffled clang of a far-away owl car and the heavy stillness of a sleeping city; mournfully he gazes at his bed and sleeping room-mate and unconsciously parodying on General Sherman, he softly murmurs, "Gee, this so-society life is — — —."

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION BANQUET

BY A. GLEN BROWN, ILLINOIS PSI-OMEGA.

THE greatest convention of Σ A E ever held, was brought to an impressive close with the banquet on Friday night. At the tables arranged in parallel fashion and perpendicular to the one set aside for the speakers of the evening, three hundred loyal sons of Minerva sat, to partake of the best eats Kansas City possessed. Old K. C. had proven her superiority in the manners of entertainment, including luxurious smokes, good theatres and unexcelled girls, but here was the final gathering—the most interesting and reverential session of the convention. It was the most reverential session, not in the sense that others were lacking in this quality but because this marked the close—the termination of those active associations of brotherhood in which brothers from all sections of the country participated. It was the most interesting session for many reasons. Mainly because of the ample provision of those things so conducive to the satisfaction of the appetites that had been so loyally neglected by the brothers whose time was all occupied in the work of the convention.

The same live, aggressive spirit which characterized the first sessions of the convention, was present in the last. The brothers rep-

representing the various universities and colleges from Maine to California exhibited undying loyalty for their Alma Mater by giving their yells and songs. Just before the toasts were given, the singing brothers of Illinois Beta entertained the banqueters with some new songs, the original products of Brother Harold Hill.

The toasts might be termed the most delicious feature of the convention. "Billy" Levere as toastmaster, proved that a convention banquet without his services would be very ineffective. Upon the introduction of matrimonial evidence against "Billy" by George Kimball, the prospects of obtaining the former for future service in the fraternity, were made dubious. The stories, experiences and bits of fraternity history which "Billy" related, were all stamped indelibly upon the memories of every brother as coming from the lips of the greatest man in Σ A E.

Omar E. Garwood, President of Province Zeta, was forced, on account of business obligations, to return to his home in Denver immediately after the closing business session of the convention. He was to toast to "Fraternity." His place upon the program was very ably filled by Howard Evans of Pennsylvania Theta. Brother Evans very effectively explained the value of the fraternity to the man with a willing recipient spirit.

Preston C. West of Tennessee Zeta spoke upon "The Old Guard." He related many interesting facts concerning the early days of Σ A E when it was entirely a sectional fraternity. He traced its rapid progression into the Northland, the result of the tireless efforts of the Bunting brothers.

"The College Man in Politics" by Raymond G. Barnett of Missouri Alpha, was a very scholarly view of the place for the young college graduate in the political world. He took as an example, Alexander Hamilton whose clear record in business and politics stands exemplary to the young man who enters into the broad arena of life with only a college diploma as a means of obtaining success.

There was one young son of Minerva whose services in the K. C. convention will be recorded in the fraternity archives as being very valuable indeed. That he will be heard from in future conventions, is certain. His name is Charles B. Franklin of Michigan Iota-Beta. He toasted to "The Ladies" in a very unique, humorous and interesting fashion.

Clarence W. Stowell with that same loyal spirit of fraternity which characterizes him as a tireless worker for Σ A E, forcefully



JOHN A. RICE, JR.
Rhodes Scholar From Tulane

set forth the significance and function of Σ A E as it should be understood by all devoted brothers.

From the "sun-kissed hills of Alabama" came one General W. W. Brandon, whose toast to "The Duty of an Σ A E," was the strongest and most impressive speech of the convention. In his eloquent style he gave to the younger men of Σ A E a message, which if taken to their chapters and followed, will bring great benefit and aid in the practice of the cardinal virtues.

Then followed the formation of the grip circle and the singing of the closing ode—"Good-night Brothers" with a few appropriate verses added by Billy.

And so the forty-sixth national convention of Σ A E ended. Both the old and the young Σ A E's who were in attendance at the several sessions, reluctantly wended their way from the banquet hall on the night of December 30, 1910, with the assurance that all brotherly friendships would be renewed at Nashville in 1912.

JOHN A. RICE, JR., RHODES SCHOLAR

BY WILLIAM KERMAN DART

TO the South has fallen the honor of announcing the selection of the two first Σ A E Rhodes Scholars. Mississippi and Louisiana simultaneously give forth to the world of Sigdom that members of our fraternity represent these states at Oxford this year.

The Louisiana Rhodes Scholar who won the trophy over four competitors is John Andrew Rice, Jr., Louisiana Tau-Upsilon, '11. Rice stood the examinations at Baton Rouge successfully in October, and in January the announcement was made that the Rhodes committee for Louisiana had picked him from among his rivals.

He comes of a family of Σ A E's. His father, who bears the same name, is a member of the Methodist clergy, and was initiated into our order at the University of South Carolina thirty years ago. His younger brother, initiated at Tulane, is now a student of Wofford College, S. C.

He was born at Darlington, S. C., February 1, 1888. A primary education was obtained in public and private schools throughout South Carolina, and at Starks' University School (Montgomery, Ala.); he completed his preparatory education at Webb School in Tennessee. Parenthetically it might be noted that he is the sixth Webb alumnus to be awarded a Rhodes Scholarship.

He entered the class of 1912 at Tulane, but by extra work made up a year and will receive his degree this year. In October, 1908, he was initiated into Σ A E by Louisiana Tau-Upsilon chapter. His fraternal activities have been varied; besides occupying nearly every chapter office, he was the chapter's delegate at the Atlantic City convention. His name should be familiar to RECORD subscribers as he served as chapter correspondent for one term.

It is to his unwonted energy that our Tulane chapter owes its present chapter house. Indeed the members of the Tulane chapter can never be too grateful to him for the unusual drudgery he underwent in obtaining the first fraternity house at Tulane.

His collegiate activities have included an editorial position on the *Tulane Weekly*, a position on the University Glee Club, and membership on the freshman-sophomore debating team. His interest in college affairs has always been active, but he has devoted the major portion of his time to the development of the internal affairs of his chapter.

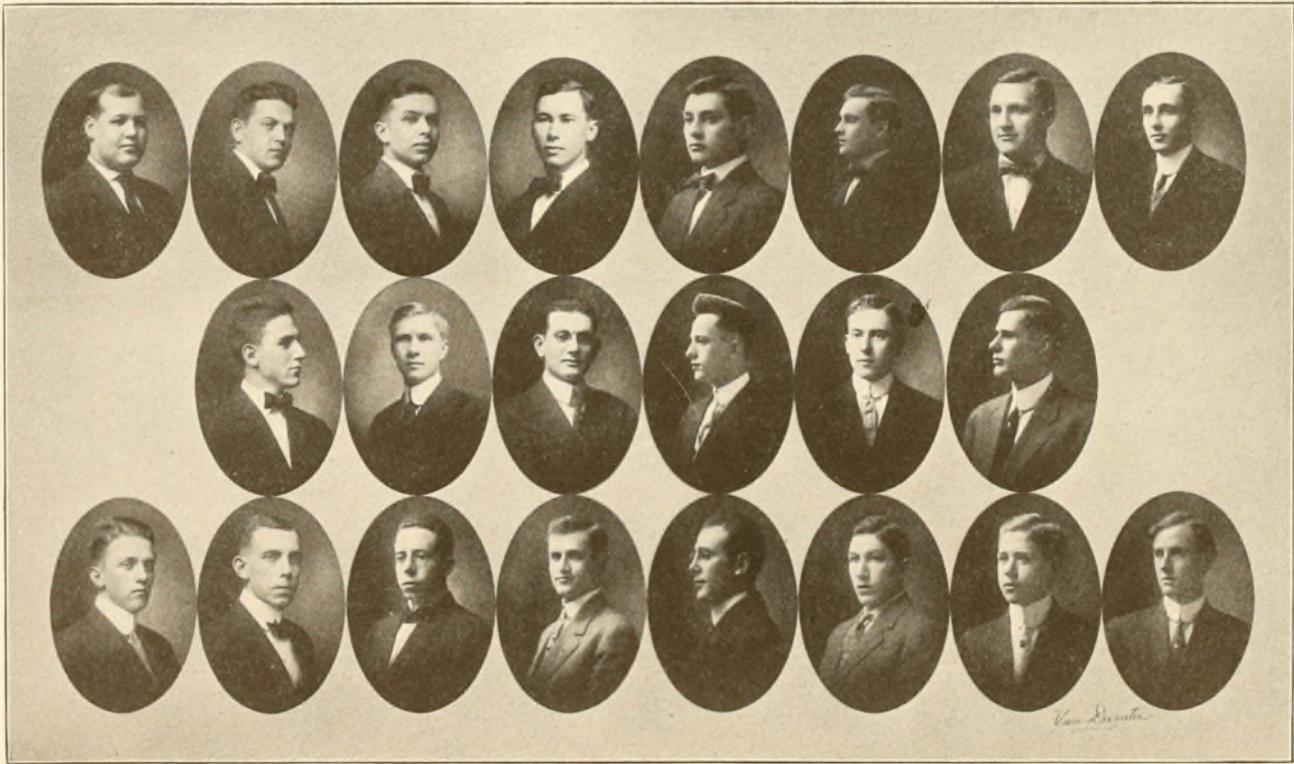
At Tulane he has pursued a literary course. At Oxford he will follow a course preparatory to the study of law. He leaves for England in September, and those that know him feel that it is only another step up in the growth of a career.

THE INSTALLATION OF ILLINOIS DELTA

HAROLD V. HILL, ILLINOIS BETA

IF the success of a chapter throughout its life depends upon the success which marks its installation, Illinois Delta should have one of the brightest and best futures possible.

The transition from Alpha Sigma Theta to Σ A E was a quick one. At 1:30 P. M., Saturday, January 14, some of the brothers from Illinois Beta arrived at the hall in Decatur where the installation took place. It was somewhat of a task to change a G. A. R. Post into a temple of Minerva, but the boys went to work with a will and at 2:30, we were through and ready to greet Billy Levere, "Light" Brown and the other Illinois Psi Omegas, on their arrival from Chicago. Brother Sanford having arrived in the morning, everything was in readiness to install Illinois Delta of Σ A E. At 4:00 P. M. the ceremony started, conducted by Elmer B. Sanford, editor of THE RECORD, as E. A., William C. Levere, Honorary E. S. A., as E. R., A. G. Brown, Illinois Psi-Omega, E. Ch., Howard



ILLINOIS DELTA. AT MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY

Green, Illinois Beta, E. H., Geo. Dycart, Illinois Psi-Omega, E. W., with the visiting brothers lending a helping hand. In our little company we had representatives from Illinois Psi-Omega, Indiana Alpha, Indiana Beta, Indiana Gamma, Tennessee Lambda, Michigan Iota-Beta, Kansas Alpha and Colorado Lambda.

There were thirty-nine fine fellows admitted into Σ A E, and as Billy said, it was a most healthy looking brood for mother Minerva. They have made it understood that from the first to last it has been and shall be Σ A E first, last and all the time.

At nine o'clock, Billy Levere and Tubby Sanford led the new brothers and visitors into the banquet hall where we sat down to a bounteous feast which lasted into the wee small hours. There was singing, some singing and some more singing and the name Formal Banquet absolutely vanished when some of the Illinois Beta brothers led an Indian dance around one of the tables.

After the cafe noir had been reached and smoke wraiths were floating ceilingward, Brother Roach of Illinois Delta introduced the toastmaster, our dean of toastmasters, William C. Levere, who in his own delightful way introduced the speakers, who responded to toasts as follows:

- The Passing of Alpha Sigma ThetaWalter Isaacs
- Σ A E BondsEugene Bradley
- The Road to GreeceA. H. Kurtz
- The Legacy of DevotieRaymond Southworth
- The Shrine of MinervaCharles Bowman
- The Promise of the FutureEllis Hudson
- A Toast to TuscaloosaGeorge Sutherland
- Earlier DaysDr. T. W. Galloway
- Sigma Alpha EpsilonElmer B. Sanford

It is hard to describe an Σ A E banquet and especially this one. Good fellowship, joy and brotherhood ruled the night. Not only those chapters present gave the hand of fellowship, but chapters all over the country sent messages of good will and welcome to Illinois Delta.

These new brothers realized they were saying farewell to old Alpha Sigma Theta, but as Brother Isaacs said, it was more of a passing into than out of. They are now with us in the bonds of Σ A E ready to guard the legacy of Devotie, ready to worship at the shrine of Minerva, ready to strive for the attainment of the ideals of our fraternity.

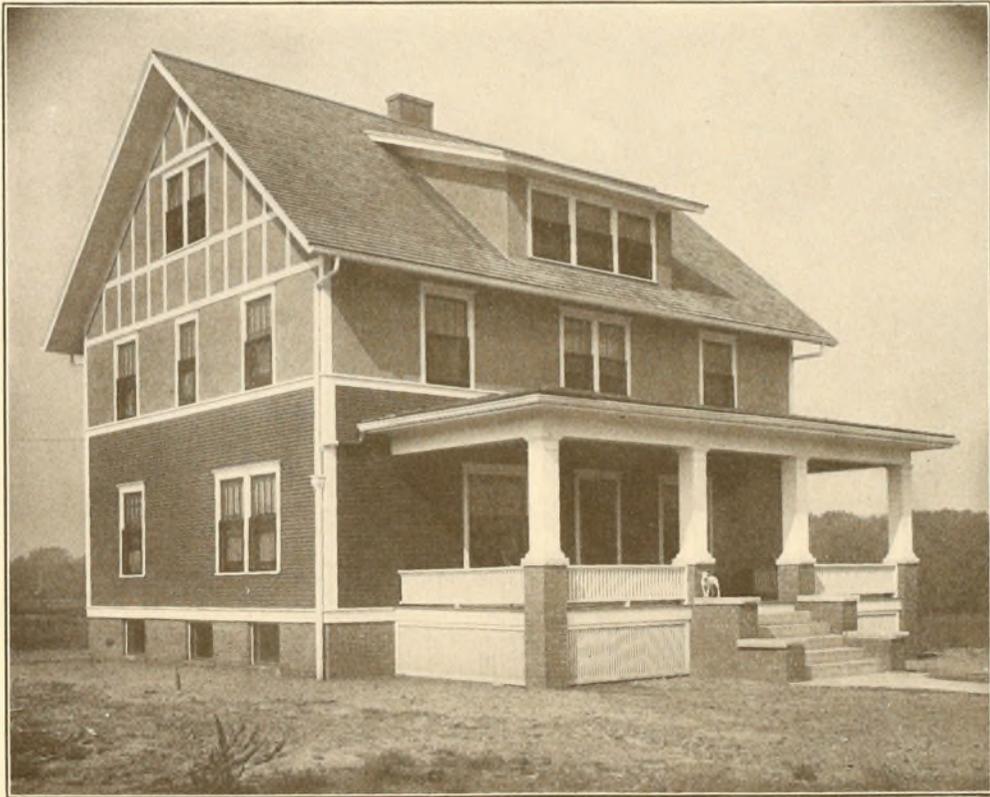
It is useless to try to tell of the endless good stories and many fine thoughts which were crystallized into the body of the nine toasts. Brother Isaacs of Illinois Delta told of the five years of striving and of the singleness of purpose which had reaped its reward. Brother Bradley, Illinois Beta, defined the strongest of Σ A E bonds to be honor, and had the same idea of fraternity ideals as Brother Southworth, Illinois Psi-Omega, who said the legacy of Devotie is the cardinal virtue, ours to cherish and uphold and to pass to each new son of Minerva. Brother Kurtz, Indiana Beta, sounded the key note of fraternity life and indeed of every line of endeavor. We receive from our fraternity that which we put into it. Brother Bowman compared our Minerva with the asteroidal body of that name—one of the most luminous of heavenly bodies, the other the most brilliant of goddesses, guarding, yet diffusing the light of Σ A E. The original little allegorical story of Brother Hudson was beautiful. I couldn't begin to tell it as he did. Dr. Galloway, the man "who is growing younger," spoke of his early days in the South.

The candles were burning low when Brother Sanford gave the crowning toast—Sigma Alpha Epsilon; she of such an humble start, of such a glorious present, of such a limitless future. The good-night circle was formed and Billy led the song, ending with his version of 101 verses, beginning with "Here's to Illinois Delta," and ending with "Here's to Nashville, 1912."

A rousing Phi Alpha was given and the banquet was over. The flow of good fellowship, the feeling of brotherhood, the inspiration of such a gathering can not help but arouse in every heart a love for Σ A E, a desire to cherish her teachings and a resolution to guard her and work for her in the years to come, as Illinois Delta is going to guard her and work for her.

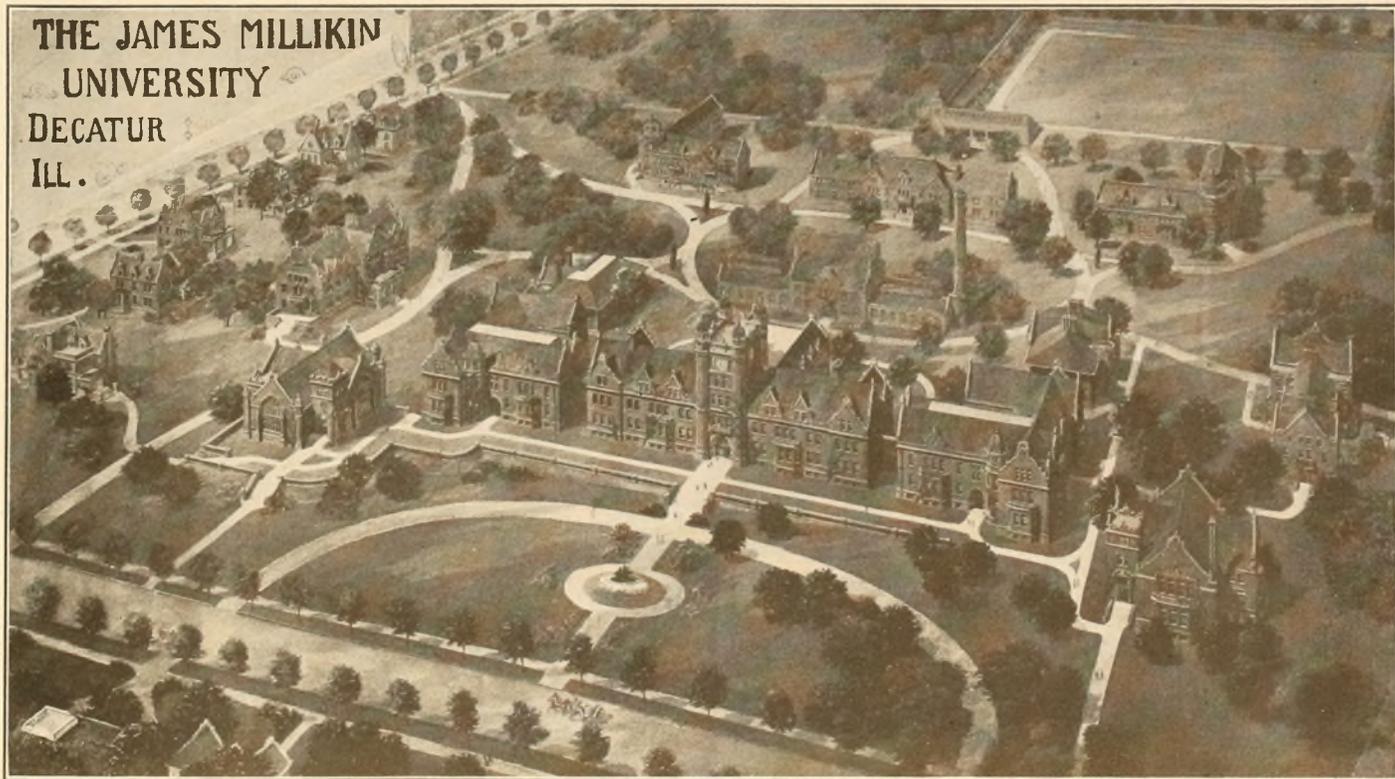
The following members of the fraternity were present at the installation ceremony:

Elmer B. Sanford, Michigan Iota-Beta; Frank A. Ward, Erwin A. Schmidt, Harold U. Hill, James N. Ashmore, Victor Sladek, Harry E. Ackerburg, Leon Kelso, Hugh H. Tolman, Edmund E. Bullard, Glenn W. Scheidecker, Eugene P. Bradley, Howard R. Green, William Lloyd Kelley, Carleton T. Trimble, all of Illinois Beta; Albert H. Kurtz, Indiana Beta; William C. Levere, Frank G. Adams, Raymond G. Southworth, George P. Dysart, A. Glen Brown, Ritz Mulder, all of Illinois Psi-Omega; Chas. N. Bowman, William V. Glover, J. Cliffe Duncan, Indiana Gamma; T. Fitz



THE CHAPTER HOUSE OF ILLINOIS DELTA

**THE JAMES MILLIKIN
UNIVERSITY
DECATUR
ILL.**



ORIGINAL PLAN OF THE CAMPUS

Five buildings of which have been erected and two more will be started this spring

Harwood, Colorado Lambda; T. W. Galloway, Tennessee Lambda; C. M. Yount, Indiana Alpha; I. L. Sears, Tennessee Eta.

The charter members of Illinois Delta are as follows:

Ray Oliphant, Edward L. King, Leonard H. Cassity, Edgar D. Morrow, Lloyd S. Wallace, Encil H. Summers, Louis P. Ritz, George E. Ewing, Harry Baxter, Walter F. Isaacs, Wm. H. Bell, Otis R. Hill, Ira J. Pease, Frank F. Scheffler, J. Harold Hampton, Corwine H. Roach, Floyd W. Perry, Loyal J. Petrie, Harrison J. McCown, Harry H. Farrel, Orville H. Martin, Grover W. Yoder, C. F. Aurand, Edwin H. Wiggers, Stanley S. Thayer, Archie T. Dunn, Leslie G. Fuquay, Clinton B. Rigg, Ellis H. Hudson, Donald J. Wallace, Lynn R. Taylor, Cleon M. Bell, U. R. Bell, E. S. Gilson, D. G. Cooper, K. L. Anderson, Emerson C. Springer, Raymond W. Lemmons, Robert H. Davidson.

MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY

BY ROBERT DAVIDSON, ILLINOIS DELTA

MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY is composed of two colleges; Lincoln College, located at Lincoln, Ill., and Decatur College and Industrial School, located at Decatur. The former college was originally Lincoln University which was organized in 1855. The Decatur College was founded in 1901 by Mr. James Millikin, of Decatur, who besides his original endowment of two hundred thousand dollars supplemented by funds from the citizens of Decatur, has by his will left almost his entire estate of nearly two million dollars to the Decatur College. The sole control is vested in a local board of managers whose policy is co-educational and non-sectarian in character.

The first group of buildings at Decatur was dedicated on June 4, 1903, the dedicatory address being delivered by President Theodore Roosevelt. The college opened its doors to students on September 15, 1903. The total enrollment for the year was 712. It has increased beyond the hopes of its most sanguine friends, and today there are 1200 students attending the university. Of this number about twenty-five different states and nearly two hundred towns and cities are represented from year to year.

The usual student organizations are strong and progressive in all of their activities, and include the athletic association, two literary societies, debating union, Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., dramatic art club, men's glee club, girls' glee club, and the usual departmental club.

In scholastic standing the college ranks among the best and most progressive in the Mississippi Valley. It is a member of nearly all

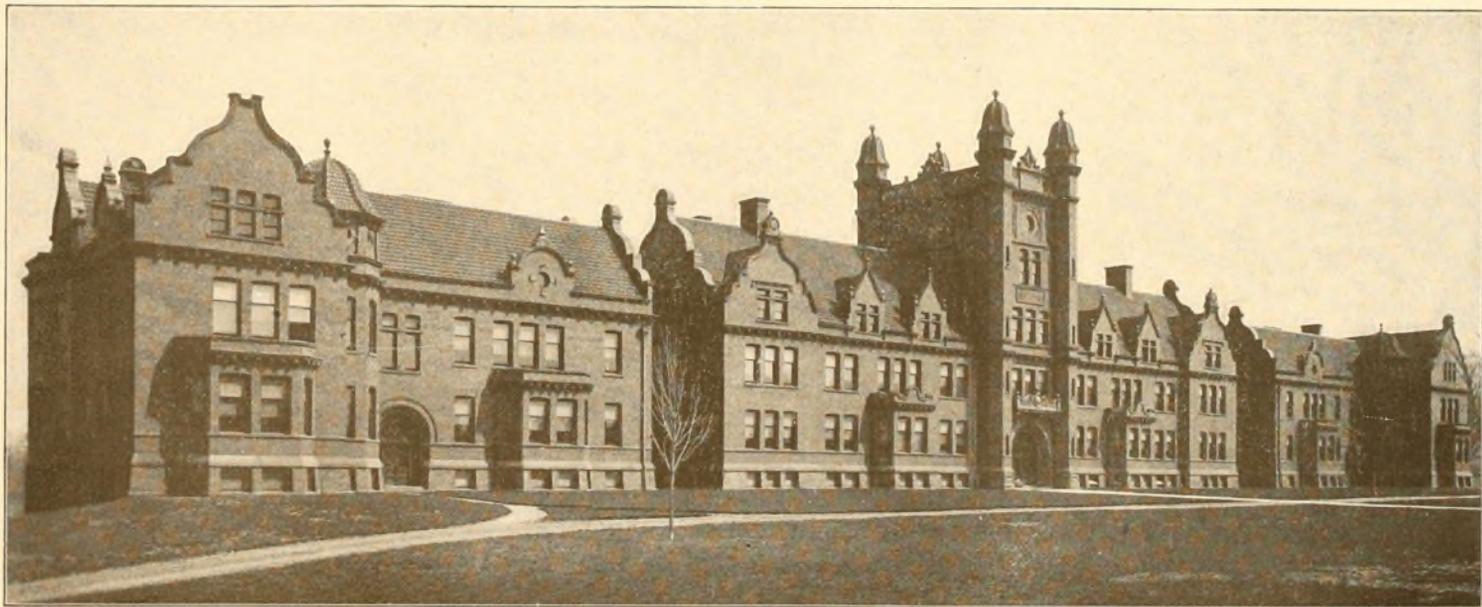
the college organizations in the West and has co-operated with many of them in advancing scholastic standing in many particulars. Its graduates are admitted to post graduate work in nearly all of the leading colleges and universities of the country, and its undergraduates who have found it necessary to transfer to some of the best colleges have had their credits recognized for a corresponding standing there. Its honor system has shown a most satisfactory per cent of students attaining honor and high honor recognition in their studies. Its graduates in its different departments have had but little difficulty in securing fine business and educational positions.

As is the case with every new school, Millikin met difficulties in securing a full schedule of athletic games with desirable schools for the first two years. When the University of Illinois recognized the school and its athletics by scheduling a 'varsity baseball game in her second year, it did much to give our athletics recognition. That year Illinois won the game eleven to nothing, the next year she won four to one in a ninth inning rally. Nebraska appeared on the baseball schedule the second and third years of the school's history. Millikin won the game each year from their formidable rival. So it was not long until Millikin had established a firm athletic standing among the schools of her class. Millikin is recognized today as one of the leaders in athletics among the schools just below the conference or the Big Eight Class. She has had a place on the football schedule of the University of Illinois the last two years, and played the University of Indiana in the season just closed. As an indication of our standing Notre Dame and Purdue ask for games with our football team this season.

Millikin without a doubt had the best minor college football team in the state in 1909. She was ranked second, with a new team this year after a very close hard-fought race in which Illinois Wesleyan won by having the best team in her history.

With the aid of a new gymnasium which is to be built, the enthusiastic support of the towns people, the fine spirit developing among the students, there is no good reason why Millikin should not take a high place in the athletic activities of the middle west.

The rapid and substantial growth of the college has been most satisfactory from the date of its opening. When the two new buildings are completed the value of the buildings and grounds including the equipment, will approximate \$475,000. Its productive endowment is about \$218,000, and it is receiving annual grants of about thirty thousand dollars for current expenses from the Millikin es-

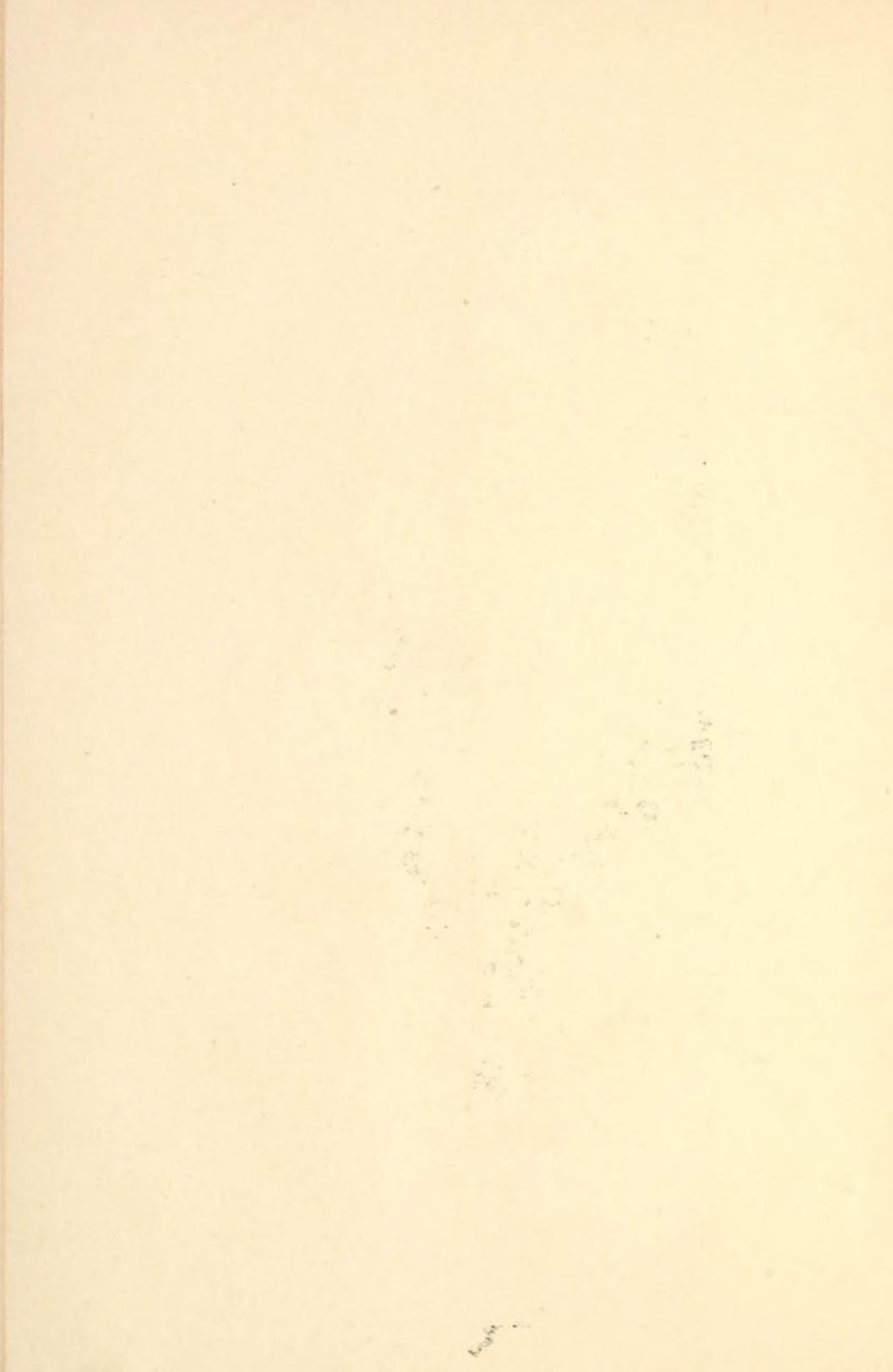


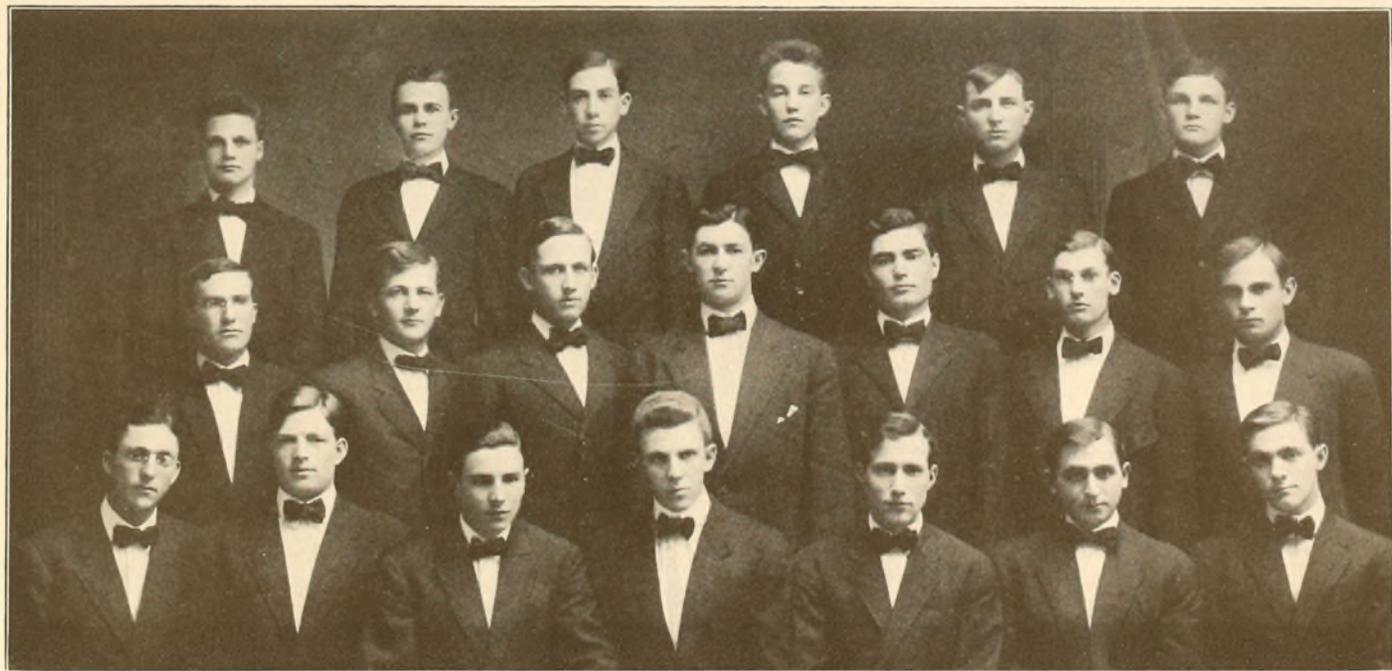
Engineering Hall

FRONT VIEW OF MAIN BUILDINGS

Liberal Arts

Domestic Economy





SOUTH DAKOTA SIGMA, AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

tate of nearly two million dollars. The average income from the above sources and tuition for the past three years has been nearly eighty thousand dollars. Now that its founding and policy have been so fully appreciated, its friends are more numerous and enthusiastic. With good financial backing and with the already enlarging plans for the development of its new schools in the near future, it is assured of even greater recognition as one of the educational forces in the West.

INSTALLATION OF SOUTH DAKOTA SIGMA

BY CHARLES W. STERLING, COLORADO ZETA

THE long awaited and much coveted installation of P. H. P. of the University of South Dakota into Σ A E took place the afternoon of Friday the twenty-seventh of January at Masonic Hall in Vermillion, S. D. The members of the fraternity present at and conducting the installation numbered eight, as follows: Brothers William C. Levere, Raymond Southworth and Howard Gould of Illinois Psi-Omega; J. H. MacKnight of Minnesota Alpha, Earle G. Johnson of Nebraska Lambda-Pi, Roy M. Day and H. P. Allstrand of Iowa Gamma and Charles W. Sterling of Colorado Zeta.

The beautiful and well fitted lodge room of Insence Lodge, served as a most admirable place in which to initiate the twenty-three members of P. H. P. who were present. Brother Levere, Past Eminent Supreme Archon, was master of ceremonies and was assisted in the work by Brother Southworth as E. R., Brother Sterling as E. Ch., Brother Johnson as E. H. and Brother Allstrand as E. W. The deep solemnity and impressiveness of our ritual was never more decidedly shown and the entire ceremony was given without a flaw. After the badges had been pinned on the new brothers and a rousing Phi Alpha had been given, Brother Levere presided over a short informal meeting and talked of matters important in fraternity life, giving the new chapter valuable instruction in those things which go to make up the best chapter and the best fraternity man.

In the evening the visitors and the newly made brothers gathered around two long tables in the banquet room of Masonic hall to celebrate the birth of the new chapter and to start it on the good old Σ A E path of success and prosperity. "Billy" Levere acted as toastmaster and responses were made as follows: "Good-bye P. H. P.," C. Clinton Croal; "The Alumni of Σ A E," Howard Gould;

"The Northwest for Σ A E," Charles W. Sterling; "The Road to Greece," J. H. MacKnight; "South Dakota Sigma," Guy Goddard; "From Dixie to Dakota," Earle G. Johnson; "Queen Minerva," Roy M. Day; "Sigma Alpha Epsilon," Raymond Southworth. The fact that "Billy" was toastmaster, we are happy to say, did not preclude him from talking and from his rich store of fraternity experience the new men caught a glimpse of what it means to be a member of Σ A E, while to the older men in the fraternity who were present the experiences related by dear old "Billy" caused the flame of love for Σ A E in their hearts to glow all the brighter and more determined. It was a very happy occasion and to think that such a good time could last no longer than it did caused a feeling of sadness in every brother when the mystic circle was formed and "Good-night Brothers" was sung for the last time.

On the evening following the banquet the new chapter gave a dance in the university armory, their guests being the visiting Σ A E's, President Gault and some of the faculty, the members of South Dakota Alpha of Φ Δ Θ and the members of the Beta Gamma local. The main decoration for the hall was a large Σ A E flag containing two hundred and eighty square yards of cloth which was stretched over the heads of the dancers. At one end of the hall was hung the large illuminated Illinois Psi-Omega badge and at the other a large leather Σ A E coat-of-arms while along the sides appeared various pennants and banners.

On the whole the installation of South Dakota Sigma was an event which will long be remembered at the University of South Dakota as this was only the second time that a national fraternity has been established in the institution. From now on instead of finding an Σ A E only once in a great while in the large state of South Dakota there will be many good loyal members throughout the state ever advancing the interests and promoting the extension of Σ A E and South Dakota Sigma.

The initiates are as follows:

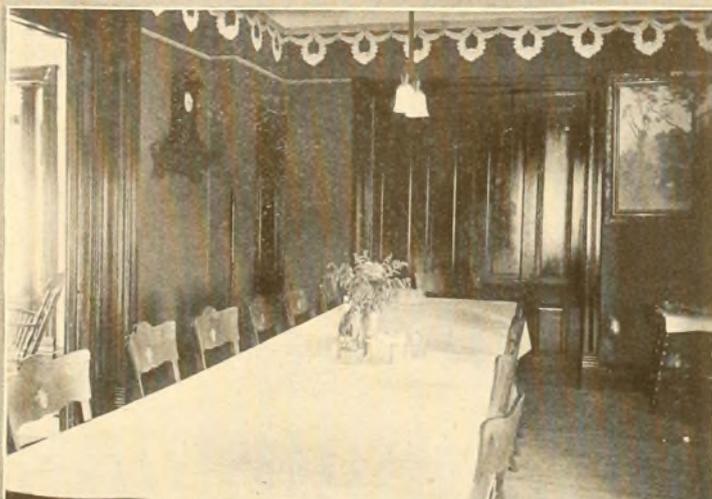
William Edward Hooper, Charles Clinton Croal, James Kirk, Jr., Guy Goddard, Scott Noel Burton, Ole Stadstad, Theodore Forrest Auldridge, Harlan Lee Caldwell, George Hubert Puder, Burl Leshar Warnes, Arthur Harman Goetz, Emmett Orrin Gilley, Laurence Gerald Collins, Claude Kent Banks, Frank Earnest Millard, Jr., Robert Virgil Laughlin, Walter Barth Allen, Clifford Leo Patrick, James Robert Fyfe, Earle Bristol Woodsworth, Lindsay Z. Fletcher, Mark Powers Bruce, Herschel Seymour Morgan.

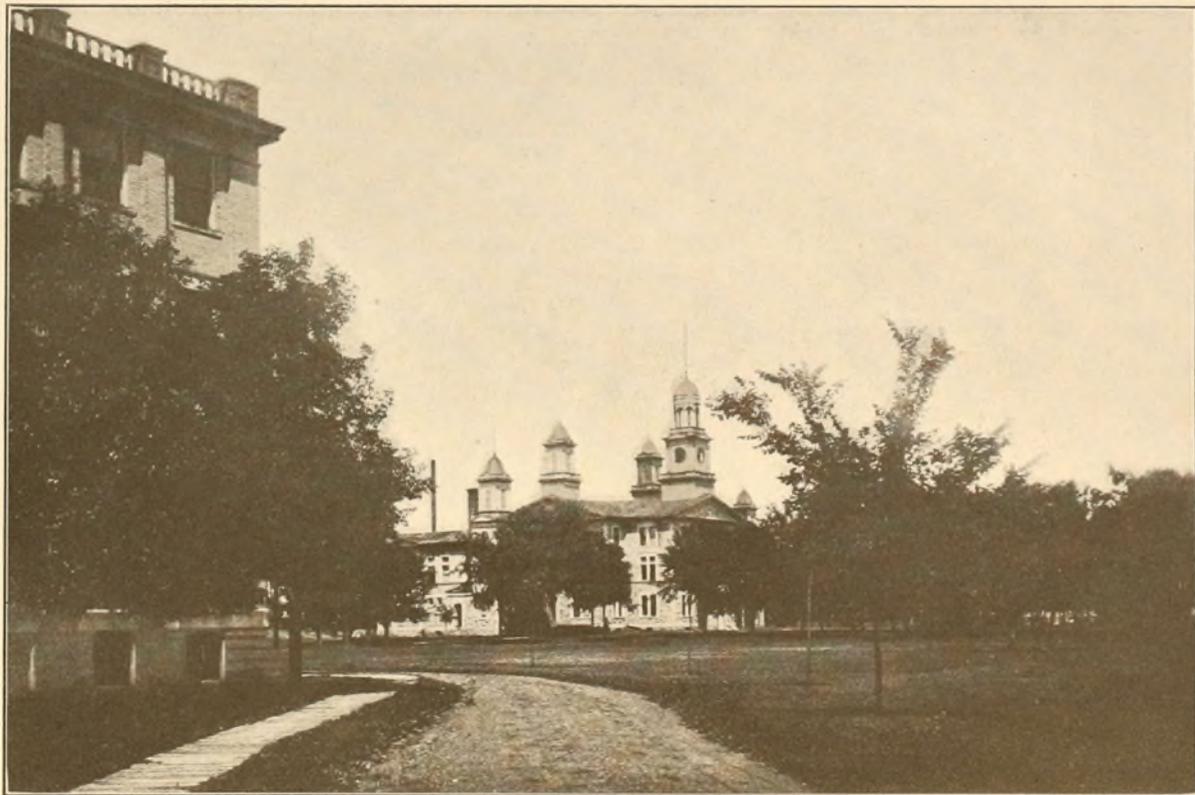


P.H.P. HOUSE



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA





ADMINISTRATION HALL, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

BY C. CLINTON CROAL, S. D. SIGMA

THE University of South Dakota was located at the city of Vermillion on April 21, 1862, by the first Territorial Legislature of the then Territory of Dakota, but existed as little more than a name until the year 1883, when the Territorial Legislature incorporated the university and appropriated money for the erection of buildings and the meeting of current expenses. On September 17, 1883 the first regular classes began work. Not until the year 1891, when, following the admission of South Dakota into the Union as a separate state, the institution was given its present name, did it begin the real work of a university in fact. During the territorial period and the early years of statehood the work of the university was hampered by the inadequate preparatory school facilities, and a great portion of its work was devoted to that phase of education. Within the last score of years the university has had its real growth and only during the last half of this period, even, has it really taken its position among the state universities of the West.

Vermillion, the seat of the university, is a little town of three thousand inhabitants, one of the oldest settlements in the State, and is situated on a high terrace overlooking the valleys of the Missouri and Vermillion rivers and facing the hills of Nebraska. Among the cities of the State it is noted for the variety of its scenery. The campus is situated pleasantly at a convenient distance from the business center of the city, and comprises over sixty acres. The grounds are beautified by vines and shrubs, and a profuse scattering of a large number of shade trees of many varieties. Independent systems of electric lights, water works and drainage go to make the surroundings modern and well kept in every respect.

There are seven principal buildings, ranged in the form of an open quadrangle, partly enclosing a roomy, well kept front campus. The new library, partly the gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie, is nearly completed, and will add much to the architectural beauty of the campus structures.

Naturally, the university stands at the head of the educational system of the State. Besides the College of Arts and Sciences, which is the central and most important part of the university, professional instruction is given in four other colleges, law, music, medicine and engineering. The university serves as the seat for the scientific work of the state, the departments of the State Geological and Nat-

ural History Survey, the State Health Laboratory, and the Pure Food and Drug Commission having their headquarters at and being identified with the university. The State Regents in their annual report to the Governor of the State, have well expressed the idea of the position of the university in these words: "We look upon the State University as the crowning institution of the educational system. It must be for the State the center of activity and interest in science, literature, language and the arts." The faculty of the university includes nearly sixty men and women, many of them with considerable reputation in the educational world, including Dean Sterling of the College of Law and Dean Ellwood C. Perisho and Professor George M. Smith of the College of Arts and Sciences.

The management of the University of South Dakota is vested in a Board of Regents, of five members, whose duties include the engagement of instructors and the expenditure of funds appropriated by the legislature for educational purposes. The income of the university is now derived chiefly from appropriations made by the State Legislature, but within a few years it is expected that the income from large grants of public lands which has been set aside for the use of the university will take on larger proportions. These lands are located in the northwestern part of the State, which section is as yet very little developed, and the income from these lands in the past has been but an inconsiderable amount in comparison to what should be produced in the future when that section becomes more thickly settled.

Beyond doubt there is a great future in store for the University of South Dakota, which with the continued progress of the great State of South Dakota with its 77,000 square miles of area, supporting the three great industries of agriculture, mining and stock raising, should be easily in a position of front rank among the great state universities of the Northwest. The opening of vast areas of public domain to settlement within the last few years opens up greater possibilities for the university, and with the increased population of the State will come a greater university and a greater appreciation of its work among the people of the State.



COLLEGE OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA



THE SUPREME COUNCIL

THE NEW SUPREME COUNCIL

BY DEAN TAYLOR, OHIO SIGMA, MASSACHUSETTS GAMMA

IN discussing the "new" Supreme Council elected at Kansas City the first thing that strikes one is that it is *not* especially new; but in its members, as in old wine and old books, we take new pleasure daily. Recount the list: General Brandon, "Colonel" Stowell, Uncle George—Eminent Supreme Tightwad, "Jimmy" Holderness, and "Tubbie" Sanford. The task here set (no easy one) is that of making those familiar with these names to truly know the men. THE RECORD's editor blandly said "The story is not hard to fix for all of them have been written up in THE RECORD before." Yes, their obituaries are strewn through every volume of THE RECORD since the first issue in 1899, when Kimball first got his, and it was said "being a man of experience, he will serve as a good balance wheel." This article shall have accomplished its purpose if through it, THE RECORD's readers come to know the men beneath the titles.

WILLIAM WOODWARD BRANDON

It is great to belong to Σ A E; belonging, it is magnificent to know the busy men of affairs who take time to nourish the heart virtues in attending conventions and to labor for the fraternity during time snatched from home and business. Such a one is General Brandon, father of the De Votie Memorial and newly elected Eminent Supreme Archon. To others he is General William Woodward Brandon, Spanish War veteran and Adjutant General of Alabama under four governors, lawyer, jurist, legislator, state official, party councilor, orator, statesman and potential state executive and United States Senator.

In his native state the published record shows that he was born in Calhoun County, Alabama, June 5, 1868, his grand parents coming from Lower Brandon on the James River in Virginia. His mother, whose maiden name was Woodward, is related to the Henrys and the Forneys and was a woman of rare culture. Early, young Brandon was thrown upon his own resources and through energy and perseverance has risen to his present position of statewide prominence and esteem. He came to Tuscaloosa, where is located the state university in order to obtain an education and was graduated from the law department of the university. Having served first as Justice of the Peace and then as City Clerk of his city he was then three times elected to the General Assembly of Alabama, serving from

1894-00. For ten years, from 1898-1908 he was Adjutant General of Alabama, serving under four governors. From 1907-1910 he was Auditor of State, being elected by one of the most overwhelming majorities ever known, even in Alabama. He served as one of the secretaries of the last constitutional convention and has many times been a member of the Democratic State Executive committee. He is prominent throughout the South as an orator and has done much work for his party on the stump in doubtful states. When his term as State Auditor drew to a close he was prominently mentioned for governor, but he declined to enter the race, preferring to return to his old home in Tuscaloosa, where he was elected Judge of the Probate Court. His friends however insist that eventually he must enter the gubernatorial race and astute Alabama politicians declare that it is not unlikely that, in years to come, his commonwealth may place him in the United States Senate. That is how the South knows General Brandon.

But in Σ A E General Brandon is the medium sized man with clear complexion and piercing eye, whose "Awful glad to see you all again," is accompanied by his vigorous Methodist handshake. Years in public life have made him thoroughly detest the petty politics with which so many organizations are cursed and he comes and goes about convention hall and corridor with no mysterious mien and those who wish to talk with him may do so where they find him. For him the charm of it all is that in Σ A E conventions, with men or measure, the rule is "If it's square—it goes," and those who unite on one vote oppose each other on the next.

Conscious of his power as an orator General Brandon is too generous to exercise it overmuch, preferring rather to be "one of the boys." It is his happy lot to be esteemed of mature judgment by the "old heads" while the chapter delegates are overheard to say "he's in with us."

Before the Memphis convention he became interested in the erection of a fitting memorial to Noble Leslie De Votie, the idea having been suggested by his chapter, Alabama Mu. He volunteered his services to go to Memphis and there before the special committee and on the convention floor he championed the project. In his superb plea upon the convention floor he touched us to the quick when he said:

"Go with me you loyal Sigs, to the humble mound beneath which rests the lifeless clay of Noble Leslie De Votie. No marble shaft marks his resting place by act of ours. Though for forty summers

the sweet magnolias of that Southern land have bloomed above his grave, though the snows of forty winters have banked above that sacred mound, no act of ours proclaims his memory to a world that he loved and to which he gave his life."

Since then the De Votie Memorial has arisen. The story is familiar. As a reward of work here well done the fraternity has elected him Eminent Supreme Archon.

CLARENCE WARNER STOWELL

Some we admire but can not love; some we love but can not admire—"Colonel" Stowell we love and admire. There is none of the fragrance of the magnolias in his speech but there is in his seriously spoken "By George," the Yankee ring that makes us know that neither principalities nor powers, things present nor things to come can separate us from Stowell, once we have known him.

In temperament and speech Clarence Stowell reflects the sturdy Scottish virtues of his mother, Kate Campbell's people. Stowell is so frank and so painfully honest that it has hurt his face. When you ask him a question that can be answered easier with conventional courtesy than with strict truth, Col. Stowell anticipates your disappointment, his face sags and before God he tells you the truth. If you see his face it is not necessary that he preface his reply with "My word, man, I'm sorry, but—."

IN *THE RECORD* it has already been told how he discovered Maine and arranged for a convention in Boston so as to have it put upon the map. Then he was the Glee Club and the college "annual" and after that he was fifty-seven varieties of chapter and province officer. From 1904-10 he was Eminent Supreme Recorder. During this latter period he was teaching school at towns in New York, Maine and in Providence, R. I. At Hollowell, Me. he tarried two years and sustained the dignity of High School principal with such success that, two or three years later he managed to return and break into a very old Maine family, marrying one of his former pupils. He has two sons, the youngest arriving last Christmas eve—No, the convention did not begin until the 28th.

Stowell served in the Spanish-American war and is the fifth in line to serve in a war in the United States. His father saw five years service in the civil war, a great uncle was in the Mexican war, a great grandfather in the war of 1812, and a "great great" together with a few other assorted ancestors swelled the ranks of the Revolutionary army. But, alas, the descendant of such men now

takes his chief delight in developing the Edgewood strain of Partridge Wyandottes.

Being tall in face and form and coming from New England the first impression of Stowell is, that you do not know him. This is a mistake; he knows you and all about your chapter. The trouble is, we have laid on him the iniquity of us all and he has the E. S. R. face. His face is longer than that of any previous E. S. R. because none other ever served so long.

In his years of service as recorder the varied lines of work have each been systematized and the vast mass of documents and other impedimenta have been cleaned up, gone over, re-classified and filed away in the vault of the De Votie Memorial home. The office has been run on a business basis, costing a little more money but abundantly justified by results. In the relentless tread mill of office routine Stowell has met the first causes of all fraternity difficulties. As a result he now has a consuming desire for big, careful, energetic internal improvement and he has thought out the problems and poured over the situation when it has seemed about as practical and soluble as the fourth dimension. Now as editor of *Phi Alpha*, with more leisure, we may expect his past experience to crystalize in a consideration of internal needs which will be the beginning of the next great era of the fraternity. Under Stowell, *Phi Alpha* will be a live wire; a chatty, newsy confidential house organ for Σ A E; a veranda for the undergrads as well as an opportunity for moss-back alumni to ventilate their views.

MARVIN EARLY HOLDERNESS

Among bankers it is refreshing to encounter one who does not lay awake nights trying to work up a solemn look nor imagine that the financial system is kept steady by the tense lines about his chin. Marvin E. Holderness, cashier of the First Savings Bank and Trust Co. of Nashville, Tenn. came to his present position because he is a man of keen insight and judgment and broad training in matters financial; but he does not let that interfere with his digestion. There are some royal good fellows whose bump of judgment has a concave surface, but Holderness is not of this kind.

Born in rural Arkansas he soon longed for a Bryant & Stratton diploma accompanied by one of those degrees looking like that conferred upon sleek Bostonians by the Mother Church. In St. Louis he obtained a commercial education and entered the offices of the Cotton Belt system, where he held a lucrative position until he de-

cided to pursue a course in Vanderbilt University. After his graduation in 1901, Holderness returned to his native state and taught school for a year. He then accepted the secretaryship of his alma mater and in that position brought no little credit on himself and the university. In 1906 he was elected assistant cashier of the First Savings Bank and Trust Company of Nashville which was soon followed by his elevation to the cashiership of the same institution. He is closely identified with various spheres of local influence and has a wide circle of intimate friends.

Holderness has been president of Province Epsilon and has previously served two terms on the Supreme Council, as editor of *Phi Alpha*. He will not be accompanied with the blare of trumpets in his work as Eminent Supreme Recorder—it is an office that can well dispense with such things—but the unequalled record of the retiring E. S. R. will be his guide and monitor. Promptness, precision and cordiality will mark his administration of the office. The visible emblems of his authority come in trunks and boxes trailing in the wake of the election and “The New E. S. R. and his Headquarters” is grist for another story.

GEORGE DEERING KIMBALL

Histories repeat themselves. When, in 1898 George Kimball began his service on the Supreme Council the title of THE RECORD's article was identical with the heading here used. Kimball is known to every Σ A E and no extended account of his achievements is necessary. One of the founders of Colorado Zeta, he was its most energetic member. From 1894-98 he was president of Province Eta; from 1898-00 he was Eminent Supreme Deputy Archon; from 1900-06 he did his great work as Eminent Supreme Treasurer; from 1906-10 he held the highest office in the fraternity. At the Kansas City convention he was again placed in charge of the treasury. What Levere did for *Phi Alpha* and what Stowell did for the Recorder's office Kimball has done for fraternity finances. When he left the office of treasurer at Atlanta in 1906 Σ A E, for the first time in her history, found every chapter account balanced and every one represented by an active man. It is a record of which he is justly proud.

The epidermis of an Eminent Supreme Treasurer must be impervious to heat, cold and moisture. George's is, and while sitting on the lid of the treasury, he doesn't care a rap whether or not you

make unholy use of his forward initials or let him off with the title "Eminently Superb Tightwad."

ELMER BIRD SANFORD

Conscious that one particular portion of this story will come in for especially rigid editorial scrutiny it behooves the writer to make this section moderate both in length and statement. Elmer Bird Sanford, A.B., LL.B., lawyer, at 1001 Commerce Bldg., Kansas City, Mo., was initiated into Σ A E April 7, 1900, at Ann Arbor. In the fall of 1901, he entered the University of Kansas, graduating from the literary department in 1903 and from the Kansas City Law School in 1905.

While at the University of Kansas, he organized a local society to which the Washington Convention of the fraternity granted a charter. In 1903, he was elected president of Zeta Province holding the office two terms. In 1903, he was appointed associate editor of *THE RECORD* and on the resignation of Dr. George H. Kress, in May, 1905, he was appointed exchange editor, which office he filled for five years. In April, 1910, the business cares of Charles A. Wood made it necessary for him to retire from the editorship of *THE RECORD* and the Supreme Council appointed Brother Sanford to fill the vacancy; the Kansas City convention elected him for the ensuing term.

Sanford takes to politics. He thought he would run for the Legislature. Naturally he so informed the leaders of the Republican Machine. They thanked him for the information but told him that there were no vacancies in the machine organization. He smiled and thanked them, and in a quiet manner began to get busy on his own hook. He defeated the machine candidate for the nomination at the direct primary and from that time on the machine took a greater interest in him. But when began the distribution of "plum pudding" the veterans of the grand old guard neglected to leave even the scrapings. Sanford was developing, his smile was more mature and two good County Judges made him County Excise Commissioner at a nice little salary.

Aside from politics Sanford has been practicing law successfully. Last December, just before the convention, he married Miss Allee Barbee of Kansas City.

THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE K. C. CONVENTION

Delegates

Officers.

Eminent Supreme Archon.....	George D. Kimball
Eminent Supreme Deputy Archon.....	Carl E. Sheldon
Eminent Supreme Recorder.....	Clarence W. Stowell
Eminent Supreme Treasurer.....	Wm. C. Levere
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President Province Gamma.....	T. McN. Simpson
President Province Delta.....	H. S. Warwick
President Province Epsilon.....	Wm. W. Brandon
President Province Zeta.....	Roy H. Monier
President Province Eta.....	Omar Garwood
President Province Theta.....	Paul A. Walker

Chapter Delegates.

Maine Alpha.....	Harold G. Wood
Massachusetts Beta Upsilon.....	Edward N. Peters
Massachusetts Iota Tau.....	Lloyd C. Cooley
Massachusetts Gamma.....	T. E. Buckman
Massachusetts Delta.....	Clifton C. Clough
New Hampshire Alpha.....	Robert H. Hatch
New York Alpha.....	Samuel T. Harris
New York Mu.....	Noel T. Dowling
New York Sigma Phi.....	Elwyn H. Spear
New York Delta.....	H. Ford Whipple
Pennsylvania Omega.....	R. W. Thomas
Pennsylvania Sigma Phi.....	H. Munson Corning
Pennsylvania Alpha Zeta.....	Harry H. Bubb
Pennsylvania Zeta.....	John W. Peoples
Pennsylvania Delta.....	Paul B. Rice
Pennsylvania Theta.....	P. P. Browning
Washington City Rho.....	Aubrey B. Witten
Virginia Omicron.....	Edward Finlay
Virginia Theta.....	T. S. Patterson
Virginia Sigma.....	Edward E. Browne
North Carolina Xi.....	R. M. Hanes
North Carolina Theta.....	James O. Cobb
Michigan Alpha.....	Gale H. Fisher
Michigan Iota Beta.....	John L. Cox
Ohio Sigma.....	Foster E. Spence
Ohio Epsilon.....	William F. Mitchell
Ohio Delta.....	V. E. Vining
Ohio Theta.....	Stanley G. Bachman
Ohio Rho.....	S. George Boyd
Indiana Alpha.....	R. L. Burton
Indiana Beta.....	A. H. Luhrman

Indiana Gamma	J. M. Howard
Illinois Beta	E. P. Bradley
Illinois Psi Omega	A. Glenn Brown
Illinois Theta	Valle O. Appel
Minnesota Alpha	J. Bowman Perry
Wisconsin Alpha	Francis B. McMahon
Georgia Beta	Graham Wright
Georgia Epsilon	Hugh N. Fuller
Georgia Phi	A. Moody Burt
Georgia Psi	Warren H. Thorpe
Alabama Iota	R. B. Carr
Alabama Mu	W. W. Pierson
Alabama Alpha Mu	Joshua S. Pruitt
Nebraska Lambda Pi	E. G. Johnson
Missouri Alpha	T. E. D. Hackney
Missouri Beta	Walter C. Harting
Arkansas Alpha Upsilon	W. H. McIlroy
Kansas Alpha	H. D. Knecht
Iowa Beta	Seth B. Weeks
Iowa Gamma	Paul C. Feddersen
Colorado Lambda	J. V. Harvey
Colorado Chi	Wm. B. Waldo
Colorado Zeta	Geo. R. Painter
Oklahoma Kappa	Shelley E. Tracey
Texas Rho	Thorton Hardie
Louisiana Tau Upsilon	Robt. A. Corbin
Louisiana Epsilon	F. E. Everett
Mississippi Gamma	Steve F. Mitchell
Kentucky Iota	S. J. Loury, Jr.
Kentucky Kappa	John S. McElroy, Jr.
Kentucky Epsilon	W. S. Thiesing
Tennessee Zeta	J. O. Anderson
Tennessee Kappa	I. S. Saxton
Tennessee Eta	Waldo Fite
Tennessee Nu	J. A. Simpson
Tennessee Lambda	Leonard S. Coile
Tennessee Omega	Enoch Ensley
California Alpha	Henry Swafford
California Beta	John W. Barnett
Washington Alpha	Arthur A. Cook

Alumni Association Delegates.

Cincinnati	Al. F. Leue
Carrollton, Mo.	Alex. R. Thomas
Chicago	Wm. Vawter, II
Des Moines	Arthur T. Wallace
Detroit	Chas. B. Franklin
Denver	Walter E. White
Evanston	Jas. E. Chapman
Iowa City	Wilbur J. Teeters

Milwaukee	Jas. W. Ashmore
Nashville	M. E. Holderness
Pittsburg	W. H. Patterson
Providence	D. A. Harrington, Jr.
San Antonio	Ernest Powell
Atlanta	J. G. Hazelhurst
Ardmore	Dean Harr
Jackson	Terry W. Allen
Kansas City	Geo. H. Bunting
Philadelphia	D. Howard Evans
St. Louis	J. R. Claiborne, Jr.
Minneapolis	J. W. McKenzie

Visitors

Alabama Alpha Mu.	P. H. Ward.	F. G. Apt.
Dr. E. L. Chambliss.	H. J. Wernsing.	Geo. F. Belt.
V. F. Pruitt.		W. S. Bellows.
Arkansas Alpha Upsilon.	Illinois Theta.	Roscoe C. Chambers.
Elmer T. Archer.	Stewart M. Chambers.	Leo B. Crabbs.
L. R. Ashe.	R. D. Hobbs.	R. P. Combs.
Ackert Bickel.	Wm. G. Mathews.	Will Cooper.
California Alpha.	Edwin A. Pearson.	Harold Callender.
R. G. Barnett.	Edw. W. Workman.	Hal Clark.
Colorado Zeta.	Illinois Psi-Omega	Roy De Vasher.
Chas. W. Sterling.	Merton Carroll.	C. B. Darnell.
Georgia Phi.	Jim Dick.	Frank E. Davis.
Folger Johnson.	Roy D. Miller.	R. Darraugh.
Georgia Psi.	James T. Watson.	W. W. Filkin.
Robert J. Taylor.	Kansas Alpha.	Roy B. Funk.
Iowa Gamma.	Wm. E. Hamner.	J. B. Gage.
A. D. Folker.	E. I. Judy.	E. R. Gafford.
Iowa Beta.	W. B. Maurer.	Amos E. Hawkinson.
R. I. Worcester.	Omar C. Miles.	F. T. Haddock.
Indiana Gamma	C. L. Newbold.	Ray A. Stockton.
H. T. Layne.	Joe O'Neil.	Geo. W. Tourtellot.
Frank C. Wade.	Joseph Patterson.	Claude Trotter.
Illinois Beta.	Joseph C. Plumb.	Raymond E. Watson.
Arthur W. Archer.	Thos. A. Purton.	William Wellhouse.
H. T. Barclay.	John B. Parker.	Michigan Iota-Beta.
C. R. Gray, Jr.	R. J. Ryland.	Theodore R. Bartlett.
C. T. Hewitt.	Jay Richardson.	Fred Carlat.
Harold Hill.	Thomas H. Reed.	Matthew A. Foster.
W. L. Kelley.	Earl K. Radford.	Ross Flynn.
A. T. Kincaid.	Lee Riley, Jr.	Howard W. Ford.
Hugh Layer.	La Rue Royer.	J. H. Harris, Jr
John Wm. Palmer.	W. H. Sloan.	Howard S. Holmes.
F. A. Schmitz.	Le Verne B. Spake.	Harrison Johnston, Jr.
Frank E. Ward.	Ed. Smith.	F. L. Jeffers.
	Bert Satterlee.	D. C. Miller.
	Theodore Alford.	

- H. R. Miller.
 E. B. Mill.
 R. L. Mehorney.
 Ralph Parker.
 O. D. Snyder.
 Henry Spring.
 H. C. Tallmadge.
- Missouri Alpha.
 Lyle Alderson.
 E. T. Allen.
 C. A. Bissett.
 Wm. Barton.
 Bruce Barnett.
 Arthur G. Black.
 Dr. C. A. Brown.
 A. N. Budd.
 Vaughn Bryant.
 G. A. Barton.
 W. Beamish.
 Geo. Calvin.
 W. E. Curry.
 Erret Combs.
 Granville Cole.
 Shannon Douglas.
 Murray Davis.
 Burr Douglass.
 Smith R. Downs.
 Henry N. Ess.
 Bruce Forrester.
 J. V. Holmes.
 W. H. Holmes, Jr.
 Will Hogsett.
 Delmer K. Hall.
 J. W. Harris.
 Wm. O. Lucas.
 R. F. Lakenar, Jr.
 Wm. Merriman.
 L. J. Marshall.
 S. D. Perkins.
 Ernest M. Quinlan.
 K. O. Rieger.
- R. F. Riffée.
 Robert C. Stone.
 Robert M. Snyder, Jr.
 Lock H. Sawyer.
 Dan G. Saunders.
 Woodford Taylor.
 A. P. Woodson.
 E. L. Winterman.
 H. K. Wallace.
 H. E. Walmer.
- Kentucky Kappa.
 L. Seelbach.
- Massachusetts Iota-Tau.
 Lock Davidson.
 C. A. Neal.
 Oak L. Throckmorton.
- Massachusetts Delta.
 W. A. Steimer.
- Missouri Beta.
 Wyatt C. Brodix.
 F. L. Bock.
 C. R. Castlen.
 M. W. Fordwell.
 James S. Gray.
- Nebraska Lambda Pi.
 F. W. Brown, Jr.
 Alfred W. Beckman.
 Wm. Beachley.
 Earl O. Eager.
 Albert T. Farvell.
 A. W. Field, Jr.
 Owen Frank.
 William Green.
 Walter A. Monson.
- New York Alpha.
 R. H. Bowman.
 Howard J. Carey.
- New York Sigma Phi.
 G. B. Breigam.
- New York Mu.
 MacDonald Mayer.
- New Hampshire Alpha.
 Stewart K. Gibson.
- Ohio Delta.
 W. A. Banks.
 D. M. Evans.
- Ohio Epsilon.
 Chas. D. Carlisle.
 Nellies N. Dalton.
 Bert R. Lyon.
- Ohio Theta.
 F. E. Kester.
- Ohio Sigma.
 Dean Taylor.
- Oklahoma Kappa.
 R. R. Bayless.
 R. W. Carson.
 H. H. Halsell.
 Ray S. Johnson.
 E. S. Wells.
- Pennsylvania Theta.
 George Freeman.
 Edwin Small.
 Ralph C. Stewart.
- Pennsylvania Zeta.
 J. E. Herdewich.
- Pennsylvania Delta.
 Earl Musser.
- Tennessee Zeta.
 Wm. M. Bunting.
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 L. G. Wilson.
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- Virginia Theta.
 C. S. Morrison.
- Wisconsin Alpha.
 Herbert D. Goldin.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

We have attended every Convention held during the past decade, and at the close of each one, it was generally declared to be the best.

The K. C. Convention The Kansas City Convention is no exception—for the old-timers were all agreed, that for a genuine Convention, as it ought to be, Kansas City surpasses them all.

From a social standpoint, the convention entertainment was not so elaborate as some previous ones. Its vantage points however, are in the things accomplished, the attention given to convention work by the delegates—and above all—the dignified and manly behavior of the delegates and visitors. The hotel manager's observation of college men made him reluctant to permit the use of the hotel as convention headquarters; because, as he said, "I'm afraid we will not have a hotel left when your convention closes." It is gratifying to us therefore, to have his commendation, saying that his opinion of college men had entirely changed. He complimented the members of the fraternity very highly and said he would be glad to have them back again.

Now that the convention has gone, and we are looking forward to Nashville—it may be well to consider, whether or not too much attention is not given to the social side of the convention. We are prone to believe, that much more good would result from our conventions, if delegates were given time to become better acquainted with each other—and, if committees could meet without interfering with attendance at sessions of the convention, or with social engagements. At every convention, the rush and scramble to do the impossible—to-wit, participate thoroughly in every part of the convention, wears and tears one to such an extent—that several days and sometimes weeks, are necessary to alleviate the ill effects of such a strain. We therefore advocate in all seriousness that, the Nashville Convention be one, devoting more time to committee work and less indulgence in entertainments.

It is fifty-two years since the first convention of Sigma Alpha Epsilon assembled at Murfreesboro, Tennessee—and fifty-five years since the meeting of the founders at Tuscaloosa. The years have literally flown, and one by one the first members of the fraternity have left our midst, to assemble in the grand chapter beyond. This period of the

Founders'
Day

past, is brought to mind by the celebration of founders' day—where the young and the old meet to honor the memory of those men who gave to the world, this Fraternity, as a lasting evidence of their friendship to each other. Little did they dream that the meeting in Johnson's School-house would mean so much to future generations—nor did they realize that the teachings of its ritual would play such an important part in reuniting a divided people. Truly have our founders left us a rich legacy—one we should ever strive to emulate. Brotherhood does not now mean more than in those early days—but its application may be broadened. We are not doing out part in this world, unless we too are reflecting, as best we know how, the true meaning of the word. Love your fellow man—radiate kindness and charity—and as Lincoln said—"bear malice towards none." For if we effect this condition of thought and poise—no small task—we will be fulfilling our greatest obligation to civilization.

It is with considerable pride that we point to the fact that George D. Kimball, while E. S. A. of the fraternity, at a meeting of national educators, proposed the resolution which has resulted in the two meetings of the inter-fraternity conference held in New York City. It is evident therefore, that our fraternity, is heartily in sympathy with such meetings, and for one, is willing to throw off the mantle of conservatism and distrust, which heretofore, has characterized most of the efforts to effect such an organization.

We are supplying to members of the fraternity, by a supplement to this issue of *THE RECORD*, a detailed report of the proceedings of the conference held in New York City last fall. It is full of valuable information. We urge every chapter to make a careful study of this report, and to adopt those recommendations which will best aid in realizing ideal conditions.

We are optimistic—and believe that the world is growing better. The signs of the time point to great changes in our political and social conditions. Such changes are slow to be realized—but they are coming. A great awakening is taking place among all the national fraternities. Each one recognizes certain evils which must be eliminated. Not altogether evils of the fraternity system, but rather a sort of rut into which members of fraternities have drifted. We all know, that man is naturally a social being—and even though the

fraternity system should be abolished, he will seek congenial companions. These attachments widen—clubs, debating and social organizations are formed, and the same tendencies of the fraternity system soon manifest themselves in these organizations. It is plain, therefore, that the evils of the fraternity system are but the evils commonly associated with young men. They are more noticeable among fraternity members, for as a rule they come more prominently before the attention of both faculty and laymen.

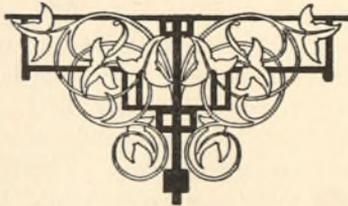
It therefore behooves every member of Σ A E not to be a grind—nor a goody-goody—but to reach that happy medium, where morality, play and work, blend to make the acceptable man.

Conservative extension has been the policy of the fraternity for many years. The days when charters were thrown from car windows, so-to-speak, is a very great contrast to the manner of now securing recognition of the fraternity. Witness South Dakota appearing before two national conventions, and Millikin persisting six years before her merits were fully appreciated. In both of these institutions we are to be congratulated upon securing two such splendid chapters. At South Dakota there is but one other national fraternity—and at Millikin we are pioneers. Both of these colleges offer splendid soil for fraternity growth and development. Both of our new chapters are beginning with such favorable conditions as to make some of our older chapters look to their laurels. Yet, knowing as we do, the experience of every fraternity, we can but offer a word of warning. Work is the price of success. Idleness and self-conceit are the rocks upon which most chapters are wrecked. Therefore, while we congratulate ourselves upon our new acquisitions, it is but proper that we should urge—not only the babies—but also the grown-ups—to live and act, so as to receive commendation.

Every editor of every fraternity magazine, during his tenure of office, must have sworn and “torn a passion to tatters” at the remissness and utter disregard of responsibility of chapter correspondents. We confess to not being an exception to this rule; but in this issue of THE RECORD, we are forced to acknowledge that our correspondents, with few exceptions, are a good lot. Every chapter is

represented by a letter. This is the first time such a thing has happened since we have been in charge of the magazine. This showing is gratifying—keep it up.

There is a general misapprehension that articles and contributions for **THE RECORD** are to be prepared by the staff of associate editors. On the other hand we hear complaints that too much of the reading matter is prepared by the same writers. The fact is we are anxious to secure readable contributions to the fraternity's literature—and want it understood that articles in any manner boosting or advocating the principles for which we stand, are most welcome.



THE GREEK WORLD

EXCHANGES

EDITED BY THOMAS McN. SIMPSON

THE RECORD acknowledges the receipt of the following fraternity publications since November 15, 1910:

November—*The Eleusis, Chi Omega; The Phi Gamma Delta; The Centaur, Alpha Kappa Kappa; The Delta, Sigma Nu; Themis, Zeta Tau Alpha; The Lyre, Alpha Chi Omega; Kappa Alpha Theta; The Anchora of Delta Gamma; The Garnet and White; Alpha Chi Rho; The Frater, Psi Omega; Delta Upsilon Quarterly; Sigma Chi Quarterly; Beta Theta Pi; The Caduceus of Kappa Sigma.*

December—*The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi; The Sigma Phi Epsilon Journal; The Key, Kappa Kappa Gamma; The Delta Chi Quarterly; The Shield and Diamond; The Shield, Theta Delta Chi; Delta Upsilon Quarterly; Caduceus, Kappa Sigma; The Phi Gamma Delta.*

January —*The Crescent, Gamma Phi Beta; The Anchora, Delta Gamma; Alpha Phi Quarterly; The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta; The Lyre, Alpha Chi Omega; The Garnet and White; The Caduceus, Kappa Sigma; Kappa Alpha Theta; The Phi Chi Quarterly; The Rainbow, Delta Tau Delta; Beta Theta Pi; The Arrow, Pi Beta Phi; The Mask, Kappa Psi; The Frater, Psi Omega; The Alpha Tau Omega Palm.*

February —*The Trident, Delta Delta Delta; Themis, Zeta Tau Alpha; Desmos, Delta Sigma Delta; Kappa Alpha Journal; Beta Theta Pi.*

The leading editorial in a recent number of the *Shield and Diamond* of Pi Kappa Alpha deals with the alumni problem. The suggestion is made that an officer be employed on salary to devise work for the alumni and to prevent their relief from fraternity

responsibilities. We clip the editor's view of the fundamental error that has been made in allowing the prevailing alumni situation to exist.

This fraternity, and all fraternities, have devoted too little attention to the alumnus at great cost to all concerned. The college secret society, as a fraternal order, has been greatly handicapped by this long established and arbitrary division of its members into two classes, of which the weaker and less capable has had the management and control of the order. The idea of alumni and undergraduates in fraternities was borrowed from colleges and universities, but was carried too far when the alumnus was relieved of his dues and his duties to the fraternity just as he was relieved of the burden of attending classes at college. The frat-old cry of disinterested alumni might never have been heard had not the alumnus been cast aside as useless, stripped of authority and released from work, turned out to do as he pleased for the rest of his days, just at the time when he might begin to be of most service. This mistake lies close to the root of all college fraternity troubles and it must be dug up and corrected at the next convention. Every year finds us with more and more alumni and every year finds these alumni with more and more wealth and power to aid the fraternity, yet every year doing less and less for it. Who compose the fraternity, anyhow? Is the fraternity made up of the active members, or the alumni, or both? Some times we talk of securing the interest and aid of the alumnus much as if he were asked to give his assistance to some one else, or to some order to which he was now a stranger and in which his rights were dormant and of the past.

If it was a mistake to cut a Brother Alumnus adrift alike from the troubles and pleasures of fraternity membership, it is high time now that he was lashed firmly and finally to both.

The Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega says editorially:

Current journalism has many examples of legislation concerning fraternities, on the part of state legislatures, and local faculties. Legislation there must be; no body of the magnitude of the Fraternity Body can exist without legislation, and the same kind of legislation is needed by each fraternity. But why need the legislation be "against" the fraternity? Why not "for" it, by its own able intelligent legislators? Both men's and women's fraternities are recognizing this question, and its bearing, as is shown by the articles on the National Pan-Hellenic Conference in this issue of *The Lyre*. While the Inter-Fraternity Conference is just beginning its work, the National Pan-Hellenic Conference of the women's fraternities has worked for eight years, unifying thought and bringing about a cordial relationship.

College men all over the country have heard "Teddy" Mercer, B © II, U. Va., plead with them for a higher tone in college life,

and the cutting out of the practices that degrade. *The Circle* of Zeta Psi prints an article from his pen on fraternity conditions as he sees them. A particularly pertinent sentence would make an appropriate address to initiates upon the presentation of the pin.

Fraternity men wearing their pins are spotted men, and when fraternity men indulge in any open immorality their very pins make them an earmark and a gullible public seeing one or two immoral fraternity men indulge in open foolishness jump to the conclusion that the fraternities permit and foster such conduct on the part of their men. If every fraternity man would realize the public position in which he stands through his pin, and would be clean and moral, then there would be no possible chance of the public being misled in this matter.

We wish we had room for the whole of a long editorial which appeared in *The Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta, on the subject of fraternity criticism and legislation. Here is a part of it:

Some of the persons who criticise fraternities seem to think that if fraternities were abolished there would be ideal college democracy. They appear to forget that this would be opposed to human nature. In all conditions of society and in all places there are class distinctions based on lines of social cleavage. There is no more aristocratic institution in the country than Princeton where fraternities have been prohibited over sixty years. The local clubs there are as exclusive as are chapters of fraternities in any institution in the United States. At Harvard and Yale, where fraternities are a negligible factor, there are many class distinctions based on birth, social position and wealth, and the highest social honors that students can receive are invitations to join local clubs and class societies. If all fraternities in American colleges were abolished today, there would at each institution spring up local organizations something like those at Harvard, Yale and Princeton, and these would have all the objections that are urged against fraternities, and would not have any of the restraining influences and corrective measures which are exercised by the national college fraternities, and which are a part of their general administrative systems.

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The true reason why fraternity men are sometimes deficient in classroom work is that fraternity men participate in many different college activities. Fraternity men are naturally leaders among their fellows. They are chosen for membership largely because they give promise of becoming leaders, and they undoubtedly take the most prominent part in the variety of student organizations which have grown up in most institutions.

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Now it is the height of absurdity for college faculties to arraign fraternities because the members devote too much time to fraternity work,

when these same faculties endorse and encourage the multiplicity of other student organizations.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Retracting remarks which he had previously made in denunciation of college fraternities, Dr. Guy Potter Benton, president of Miami University, addressed a large body of prominent educators by announcing a complete reversal of his former attitude toward the secret organizations.

He asserted that study of the matter had convinced him that secret societies constitute a strong arm of power for the college president in maintaining institutional ideals.

The occasion was the annual meeting of the National Association of State Universities, and its delegates, most of whom are college presidents, representing forty-two state institutions.—*Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

The complete address is printed in *The Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta for January. It is so carefully prepared and discusses the speaker's change of attitude so thoroughly and candidly that excerpts from it are unsatisfactory in giving a proper idea of its force. We clip one paragraph, but urge every one who can see *The Scroll* to read it all.

Admitting all the possibilities of evil present wherever groups of men exist, it must in the same breath be admitted that these evils are not confined to the groups commonly known as Greek-letter college fraternities. Man is a social being. He is bound to find companionship. Congenial friends will flock together, and wherever they gather the possibilities of evil are present, whether they call themselves club or society or fraternity. The possibilities of evil may be neutralized by the co-operation of the college authorities and fraternity officials, professors, alumni and upper classmen in a national organization as cannot possibly be done with the same effectiveness in an organization purely local.

The one obstacle in the way of making the fraternity entirely ideal in maintaining institutional standards is the fact that all men in college do not belong to fraternities. If every student could find his way into such a group, we should have in these organizations combined, an ally of great influence in maintaining institutional standards.

The faculty of Vanderbilt University have made rules governing fraternities, which action was taken because 65 per cent of the fraternity men failed in one or more studies last year. One rule requires each chapter to appoint a committee, to meet monthly with a committee of the faculty, and receive from the latter the names of any members who may have fallen below the required grade in scholarship; and the chapter committee is required to bring whatever pressure is necessary on delinquents to make them more studious and if such measures fail the delin-

quents will be dismissed from the university. Another rule prohibits any chapter from having more than two dances in any term and these shall close by midnight.

Last year the *Beta Theta Pi* published an account of the restrictions imposed by faculty regulations or inter-fraternity agreements on pledging and initiation of men in the institutions where $B \Theta \Pi$ has chapters. The following facts regarding regulations made by faculties are partly repeated from *The Scroll* for May and partly copied from the ΣX *Quarterly* for November.

At Cornell no "dates" may be made with a prospective candidate until he is actually registered in the university. At Arkansas, before initiation is permitted, the completion of the first term's work is required; at Iowa one semester's work. At Butler one term's work must be successfully completed; at the University of Washington one semester's credit must be obtained. At Wabash no student may be initiated until he has passed his first term's work, and if he fails in his work and also fails to make the required credits by the end of his second term, his connection with the chapter must cease. At Indiana a rule will soon go into effect which will forbid initiation until the candidate has passed in at least ten hour's work. At Chicago students may not be initiated until three months after matriculation. At Lehigh freshmen may not be pledged until January 1 nor initiated until February 1, and freshmen may not live in chapter houses. At Purdue freshmen may not be initiated before April 1. At Idaho no freshman may belong to a fraternity or enter a chapter house for any reason whatever. At North Carolina no fraternity may pledge a student until October 1 of his sophomore year. At Iowa Wesleyan no fraternity may pledge a student until he has begun his sophomore year and unless he has a grade of 85. At Texas a rule is under consideration which would require a student to complete four courses in his first term before initiation is permitted. At Kansas a rule is under consideration which will prohibit fraternities even to pledge men until they have completed the freshman year with full credit.—*Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.*

FRATERNITY NOTES

By mistake we inadvertently reported that K A had decided to extend into the North. Π K A is the fraternity which has crossed the line.

A O Π has entered Stanford taking up the local "Walden Club" in the old Δ T Δ house.

We are advised that the Φ Δ Θ chapter at Kentucky State University initiates honorary members.

Δ Υ entered University of Washington early in December.

Δ K E has granted a charter to Druids, a petitioning local at the University of Washington.

Δ Δ Δ , Δ Γ , Λ Γ Δ , Λ X Ω , Φ Δ Θ , and Φ Γ Δ , entered new houses this fall at the University of Washington.

At Pennsylvania State College there are locals petitioning Δ T, Φ K Ψ , and Δ T Δ .

Φ B K has established a chapter at Miami, Denison, Beloit, Indiana, West Virginia, and Washington and Lee.

The National Pan-Hellenic Conference of sororities admitted A Δ Φ and Δ Z to membership during 1910.

At Wisconsin, the fraternity having the highest scholarship for the semester gets the inter-fraternity scholastic cup.

In addition to granting a charter at the University of Wisconsin, Z Ψ is considering petitions from Dartmouth and Amherst.

With the repeal of the anti-fraternity laws which have been in force for several years at Union University, Tennessee, K Σ , K A (So.), Σ A E and A T Ω have revived their chapters at that institution.—*Rainbow* of Δ T Δ . This is news to us.

The national convention at Niagara Falls adopted the following: "That, at the opening of the collegiate year 1910-1911, each chapter shall direct its historian to prepare a history of its career from the establishment of the chapter, or shall appoint a committee to prepare such a history."—*Scroll* of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.

$\Sigma \Phi E$ has entered the University of California. $\Delta \Upsilon$ is now at the University of Washington.

We learn from the *Rainbow* that $\Delta T \Delta$ has been placed at the head of American college fraternities.

NEW CHARTER GRANTS OF SORORITIES.

$\Lambda \Delta \Phi$, Brenau, Judson; $\Lambda X \Omega$, University of Washington; $\Lambda \Phi$, Missouri; $B \Sigma O$, Christian, Crescent; $X \Omega$, Tufts; $\Delta \Delta \Delta$, Colorado, Oklahoma, Oregon; ΔZ , Nebraska, Baker; $\Gamma \Phi B$, Idaho; $K K \Gamma$, Kentucky; ΦM , Brenau, Randolph-Macon Woman's College; $\Phi M \Gamma$, Newcomb, Shorter College (Rowe, Ga.) Colby; $\Pi B \Phi$, Arkansas, Wyoming, Oklahoma, Wooster; ΣK , California, Washington State; $Z T A$, Alabama, Southern California; $E T \Gamma$, Boscobel Seminary (Nashville, Tenn.); $\Sigma I X$, Brenau, Crescent (Eureka Springs, Ark.) St. James, Xavier (Alexandria, La.) Old Alpha Chapter re-established.—*Trident* of $\Delta \Delta \Delta$.

Several sororities have chosen patron goddesses as follows: Athene by $\Lambda \Sigma A$; Hestia by $B \Sigma O$; Demeter by $X \Omega$; Poseidon by $\Delta \Delta \Delta$; Athena by $K K \Gamma$; Themis by $Z T A$; Hera by $\Lambda X \Omega$.—*The Shield* of $\Phi K \Psi$.

The fraternity pin of De Witt A. Clark, Amherst, '09, was stolen some time ago, and at his request the *Quarterly* furnishes the following description in the hope that if the pin has been turned in at a pawn-shop, notice to this effect may be sent to Mr. Clark whose address is 1104 American Bank Building, Seattle, Wash.

The pin was regulation Delta U monogram style, diamond center and corners, with pearls on the sides of the triangle; on the reverse side was engraved "De Witt A. Clark" and "Amherst, '09."

RECENT FRATERNITY STATISTICS

The following figures compiled from the 1910 and 1911 World Almanacs show interesting statistics of fraternity growth.

MEN'S GENERAL FRATERNITIES.

Name	1909	1910	Founded
Phi Delta Theta	17,486	17,860	1848
Delta Kappa Epsilon	17,000	17,475	1844
Beta Theta Pi	16,395	17,028	1839
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	12,700	13,362	1856
Phi Gamma Delta	12,008	12,469	1848
Psi Upsilon	11,436	11,661	1833
Phi Kappa Psi	11,000	11,000	1852
Delta Tau Delta	10,100	10,100	1859
Delta Upsilon	10,000	10,000	1834
Sigma Chi	9,862	11,200	1855
Kappa Alpha (South)	9,616	9,215	1865
Kappa Sigma	9,500	9,500	1869
Alpha Tau Omega	8,050	8,500	1865
Sigma Nu	8,000	8,000	1869
Alpha Delta Phi	7,372	7,372	1832
Zeta Psi	5,500	5,500	1847
Chi Phi	5,300	6,500	1824
Theta Delta Chi	5,200	6,000	1848
Chi Psi	4,920	6,500	1841
Phi Sigma Kappa	4,025	4,025	1873
Phi Kappa Sigma	4,000	4,000	1850
Delta Phi	3,750	3,750	1827
Delta Psi	2,600	2,600	1847
Pi Kappa Alpha	2,500	3,000	1868
Sigma Phi	1,450	1,475	1827
Sigma Phi Epsilon	1,200	1,600	1901
Alpha Sigma Phi	1,152	1,278	1845
Kappa Alpha (North)	1,100	1,200	1825
Theta Xi	1,050	1,275	1864
Delta Sigma Phi	750	750	1901
Sigma Pi	550	693	1897
Alpha Chi Rho	500	700	1895
Theta Chi	472	650	1856
Total	216,544	224,498	

WOMEN'S GENERAL FRATERNITIES.

Name	1909	1910	Founded
Pi Beta Phi	5,404	5,750	1867
Kappa Kappa Gamma	5,000	5,500	1870
Kappa Alpha Theta	4,078	4,500	1870
Delta Gamma	2,563	2,606	1874
Delta Delta Delta	2,500	4,000	1888
Alpha Phi	1,800	2,080	1872
Gamma Phi Beta	1,633	1,700	1874
Chi Omega	1,500	1,927	1895
Phi Mu	1,500	2,100	1852
Alpha Chi Omega	1,270	1,340	1888
Kappa Delta	850	850	1897
Alpha Xi Delta	800	813	1893

Name	1909	1910	Founded
Zeta Tau Alpha	725	725	1898
Beta Sigma Omicron	600	1,000	1888
Sigma Kappa	600	775	1874
Alpha Omicron Pi	500	900	1897
Sigma Sigma Sigma	340	370	1898
Total.....	31,663	39,936	

MEDICAL FRATERNITIES.

Name	1909	1910	Founded
Nu Sigma Nu	3,800	4,100	1882
Phi Chi	3,270	8,000	1894
Alpha Kappa Kappa	3,000	4,000	1888
Phi Beta Pi	3,000	3,600	1891
Phi Delta Chi	2,500	2,600	1883
Phi Rho Sigma	2,500	2,600	1891
Phi Alpha Gamma	2,400	2,400	1894
Omega Upsilon Phi	1,450	1,550	1895
Kappa Psi	1,300	1,500	1879
Alpha Sigma	1,150	1,200	1893
Alpha Mu Pi Omega	1,000	1,000	1891
Chi Zeta Chi	984	1,200	1903
Phi Alpha Sigma	800	900	1888
Delta Nu	650	650	1884
Pi Nu	600	600	1893
Zeta Beta Tau	400	600	1898
Phi Theta Chi	200	200	1902
Zeta Omicron	83	83	1896
Total.....	29,087	36,236	

LEGAL FRATERNITIES.

Name	1909	1910	Founded
Phi Delta Phi	8,950	9,600	1869
Delta Chi	3,110	3,184	1890
Phi Alpha Delta	1,600	2,862	1898
Theta Lambda Phi	1,500	1,600	1901
Alpha Kappa Phi	750	750	1858
Gamma Eta Gamma	600	600	1901
Sigma Nu Phi	245	245	1902
Total	16,755	17,746	

RECAPITULATION.

	1909	1910
Men's General Fraternities	216,544	224,498
Women's General Fraternities	31,663	39,936
Medical Fraternities	29,087	36,236
Legal Fraternities	16,755	17,746
	294,049	319,416

In 1910 there were 1,082 active chapters of men's general fraternities, 346 inactive, and 821 chapter houses. There were 346 active chapters of sororities, 70 inactive and 127 chapter houses. Of medical fraternities there were 317 active chapters, 24 inactive chapters, and 120 chapter houses. Of legal fraternities there were 302 active chapters, 8 inactive, and 72 chapter houses.

WILLIAM KERNAN DART.

COLLEGE NOTES

The cornerstone of the \$250,000 Robert Dawson Evans Memorial building, the gift of the widow of the copper magnate, Robert D. Evans, to the Boston University School of Medicine, was laid yesterday afternoon on the campus, off East Concord Street. The new building is to contain a department of clinical research and preventive medicine, in connection with the Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital.

The rule recently launched by the executive committee at Stanford, that freshmen will no longer be permitted to participate in athletics, is meeting with opposition from the students.

Dr. Matthew H. Buckham, President of the University of Vermont, died during December. He has been chief executive of the Vermont institution since 1871, and his passing marks the end of a scholarly gentleman.

By reason of the election of Woodrow Wilson to the Governorship of New Jersey, Princeton will shortly select a new president. Another college president, Dr. William deW. Hyde, of the University of Maine, is under discussion as probable senator from Maine. The entrance into the political atmosphere of such men of learned parts is an attractive sign of the times.

At Mount Holyoke Institute in 1913, the several women's sororities having chapters there will voluntarily disband. This forfeiture of charters has been agreed upon after much debate pro and con by the sorority members.

The present winter will see a series of lectures at Harvard on "The Social Problem and its Remedies." There will be addresses by many eminent sociologists among whom are announced lectures from Lincoln Steffens, Mrs. Florence Kelley, Judge Lindsey, Louis Brandeis, Dr. Richard C. Cabot, John Graham Brooks, James MacKay, James J. Hill, Senator LaFollette, Gifford Pinchot, Henry George, Jr., Hutchins Hapgood, Brand Whitlock, Charles Edward Russell, and Bishop Arthur L. Williams.

Andrew Carnegie has recently donated \$3,800,000 to the Carnegie Institute of Technology at Pittsburg. The funds will be used in enlarging the school facilities.

Yale University was the recent recipient of an anonymous gift of \$15,000 to be devoted to use as an emergency loan fund in the interest of instructors and assistant professors of the university. \$50,000 was also donated for other purposes.

There is a bill in the legislature to change the state supreme court from the state capitol, Olympia, to the campus of the University of Washington.

A class in auto engineering has been established at the University of Washington for the benefit of autoists who encounter trouble with the mechanism of that machine.

The University of Washington now boasts of one of the finest museums in the country. After several years of work, this has been put into fine shape and now contains many valuable specimens, particularly from the Orient, Alaska and the Pacific Coast.

Vice Provost Edgar F. Smith, founder and first editor of *The Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi, has been elected to succeed Provost Harrison at the University of Pennsylvania.

The new half-million dollar law building at Columbia, Kent Hall, is in use this year.

Brown has a handsome marble building in the new John Hay Memorial Library.

According to the *Shield and Diamond*, California leads all the other states in the ratio of young men and women seeking higher education, while the University of California has received more personal gifts than any other supporter by public taxation.

The University of the South, better known as Sewanee, is to have a new science hall at Mr. Carnegie's expense.

Washington and Jefferson College recently relinquished claim upon an endowment fund of forty thousand dollars because it was felt that its acceptance would leave the estate of the donor too insufficient for the needs of the widow and her children.

Dr. Wm. Preston Few has succeeded Bishop John C. Kilgo as president of Trinity College, Durham, N. C. One hundred thousand dollars for an academic building was the inauguration day gift of Mr. B. N. Duke.

Dr. Matthew Henry Buckham, for sixty years connected with the University of Vermont and for thirty years its president, died November 28, 1910.

An all-American college track team has been selected by James F. Sullivan, secretary and treasurer of the Amateur Athletic Union. The team chosen is as follows:

- 100-yard run, F. L. Ramsdell, University of Pennsylvania.
- 220-yard run, R. C. Craig, University of Michigan.
- 440-yard run, I. N. Davenport, University of Chicago.
- 880-yard run, G. H. Whiteley, Princeton.
- 120-yard hurdle, W. A. Edwards, University of California.
- 220-yard hurdle, C. P. Gardner, Harvard.
- One-mile run, A. F. Baker, Oberlin.
- Two-mile run, T. S. Berna, Cornell.
- Running broad jump, J. Wasson, Notre Dame.
- Running high jump, K. W. Burdick, University of Pennsylvania.
- Pole vault, L. S. Scott, Leland Stanford University.
- Putting 16-pound shot, J. Horner, Jr., University of Michigan.
- Throwing the hammer, Lee Talbot, Pennsylvania State College.
- Cross-country run, T. P. Jones, Cornell.

A professor in the University of Chicago told his pupils that he should consider them educated in the best sense of the word when they could say yes to every one of the questions that he should put to them. Here they are:

Has education given you sympathy with all good causes and made you espouse them?

Has it made you public spirited?

Has it made you a brother to the weak?

Have you learned how to make friends and keep them?

Do you know what it is to be a friend yourself?

Can you look an honest man or a pure woman straight in the eye?

Do you see anything to love in a little child?

Will a lonely dog follow you in the street?

Can you be high-minded and happy in the meanest drudgeries of life?

Do you think washing dishes and hoeing corn just as compatible with high thinking as piano playing or golf?

Are you good for anything to yourself?

Can you be happy alone?

Can you look out on the world and see anything except dollars and cents?

Can you look into a mud puddle by the wayside and see the clear sky?

Can you see anything in the puddle but mud?

Can you look into the sky at night and see beyond the stars?

OFFICIAL DATA

Engagements

Massachusetts Iota-Tau, '11—Amy Plant of Newton to Edward Demming Van Tassel of Newtonville.

Marriages

California Alpha, '10—W. P. Fuller to Miss A. Wright at Pasadena, Cal., February 22, 1911.

Colorado Lambda, '09—Wm. C. T. Rambo to Redette Cornell at Norristown, Pennsylvania.

'13—Roy C. Campbell to Grace Townsend at Denver, Colorado.

Colorado Zeta, '09—Lloyd B. Neill to Alta Grace Stewart, at Delta, Colo.

Georgia Epsilon, '10—William Merriweather Barnett to Leila Irvine at Washington, Ga.

Georgia Phi, '07—George Williams Gibbs, Jr., to Kathleen Maria Ingraham, at St. Augustine, Fla., December 7, 1910.

Kansas Alpha, '08—Earl Willis Jennings to Laura Lewis Bohlinger at Little Rock, Ark., December 27, 1910.

Kentucky Epsilon, '04—William O. Spanton to Elizabeth Lee Searles at Lexington, Ky., November 29, 1910. They will make Portland, Oregon their home.

Massachusetts Gamma, '08—John Avery Denison married to Laura B. Phinney, at Dorchester, Mass., October 8, 1910.

'00—Frederick Ware Lane married Zelma Wilkeson at Tacoma, Wash., June 15, 1910.

Missouri Beta, '05—Walter L. Hemplemann to Cevera Roenitz, Chicago, November 5, 1910.

Michigan Iota-Beta, '02—Elmer B. Sanford to Allee Barbee at Kansas City, Mo., December 9, 1910.

Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta, '02—Frederick D. Andrews to Miss Agnes Herr at Harrisburg, October 12, 1910.

Tennessee Kappa, '08—David Cleage Gaut to Marguerite Thrasher at Knoxville, Tenn., December 11, 1910.

Washington Alpha, '08—Burton O. Lum to Pansy Mary McKee, at North Yakima, Wash., January 12, 1911.

'07—Donald J. Calkins to Mabel Bryant Adams, September 6, 1910.

Wisconsin Alpha, '08—William Lloyd Davis to Sabena Mildred Herfurth at Madison, Wis., December 3, 1910.

Births

Illinois Psi-Omega, '97—A son, Abley Peterson, to Mr. and Mrs. James E. Chapman, at Soldiers Grove, Wis., January 27, 1911.

'06—A son, Robert Charles, to Mr. and Mrs. Noah G. Klove, at Leland, Ill., January 4, 1911.

Missouri Beta, '06—A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Wintermann at St. Louis, January 25, 1911.

Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta, '04—A son to Mr. and Mrs. John D. Elder, at Detroit, Mich.

Deaths

Massachusetts Gamma, '09—Leland Emerson Bristol, died at Portland, Oregon., August 2, 1910.

New York Sigma Phi, '76—Charles Gardner Coffin died at Catskill, N. Y., December 23, 1910.

Tennessee Kappa, '09—John Conner Laucks died at Elgin, Ill., February 2, 1911.

CHARLES GARDNER COFFIN

With the passing of the old year the soul of a highly esteemed and much beloved brother of $\Sigma A E$, that of Charles Gardner Coffin, New York Sigma Phi, '76, passed into the presence of its Maker. Brother Coffin was born in May, 1857, in the village of Catskill, N. Y. When he was thirteen years of age he entered the preparatory department of St. Stephen's College remaining there for the two preparatory years and then entering and graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Arts with the class of 1876. He was a member of the old Sigma Phi Society which in 1895 received its charter from the fraternity and became one of the charter members of N. Y. Sigma Phi.

Upon graduating from St. Stephen's he took a course in law at the Columbia Law School but he never practiced at the bar, devoting his attention to real estate and insurance, in his native village. Brother Coffin was a loving father and husband, a splendid citizen, a loyal alumnus of his college and an enthusiastic fraternity man. He was interested in the local organizations of his town; he was a volunteer fireman and as such enjoyed a state-wide reputation among the various firemen's organizations. He was also an active and energetic Mason having advanced to Knight Templary. He was also a good churchman and took the deepest interest in the parish of which he was a communicant and being a lover of music much of his time and attention were devoted to the music of the parish church.

His college honored him from time to time; he had been president of the Alumni Association of St. Stephen's, and had but a short time before his death been elected a member of the Board of Trustees. Nor was he any the less an ardent fraternity man. Always present at our commencement and initiation dinners, generally our inspiring toastmaster, full of the enthusiasm of the youngest initiate. He was ever ready with his goodly counsel and advice and more than once in the troublous days of New York Sigma Phi has he guided us over the shoals. So sympathetic, so hopeful, so thoughtful, so fatherly—we called him always "Pop" Coffin. Dear Pop was the most intense man I ever knew. Whatever it may have been that engaged his attention his whole heart, soul and spirit were thrown into the task. His enthusiasm was contagious. I actually weep now as I realize how greatly, how utterly we miss and shall miss dear Pop Coffin. We can but hope to attain to that state of bliss to which, there can be no doubt of it in the minds of those who knew Brother Coffin, he has now attained. Vale, dear Brother.

OSCAR F. R. TREDER.

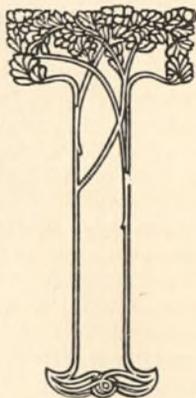
JOHN CONNER LAUCKS

John Conner Laucks was for four years an active member of Tennessee Kappa, during which time he played quarter-back on the 'varsity for the years of '07, '08, '09, was a member of the track team and held a high office in the cadet battalion.

After graduating from the University of Tennessee, Law Department, he obtained a position as superintendent of his father's coal mine at Virden, Ill.

On the morning of February 2, 1911, while on a tour of inspection of the mine a gust of wind blew his overcoat into the elevator shaft and drew him into it, killing him instantly. His remains were taken to Elgin, Ill., for burial.

His sudden death was a great shock to his many friends in Knoxville and Tennessee Kappa feels that she has lost one of her most beloved and faithful brothers.



THE ALUMNI

The Men of the Fraternity

T. U. SISSON, Tennessee Zeta, '89.

Wherever there was a lodge of Elks there was celebrated on Sunday these memorial exercises, the order everywhere observing the day in general exercises, each lodge paying especial tribute to its own dead, an annual event which in its very solemnity tells of the strong ties that bind the Elks and knit them in closer union. In Raleigh year after year these exercises have grown in impressiveness and beauty, those of this year reaching the highest degree of tender tribute.

The oration of the day was made by Hon. Thomas U. Sisson, of Winona Lodge, No. 1088, a member of Congress from Mississippi, his address being an eloquent and able one, emphasizing in beautiful language the thought that we live not to ourselves alone, but that our lives be made of service because of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. In his closing remarks he paid high tribute to North Carolina and its people, that from it had come the best there is to be found in the citizenship that is in other States. Mr. Sisson is a man of commanding figure, his words flow as from a ready fountain, and his address was of the highest order in thought and rhetoric, captivating his audience. It will be of State interest to say that his wife is of North Carolina stock, a niece of Dr. A. B. Hawkins, of this city.—*The News and Observer*, Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 6.

MAXWELL BLAKE, Missouri Alpha, '98.

Maxwell Blake and his family are on the way to Tangier, Morocco, where Mr. Blake is to be consul general for the United States. They are due to reach Tangier next Tuesday.

When Mr. Blake departed he told his brother, E. H. Blake, that he was going to the most important post he had ever held in the government service, but he did not explain that he has to be judge of the consular court, among his other duties.

The government of Morocco is so unstable that the United States will not trust the interests of its citizens who may be living in that country to the local courts. The government has consular courts in China and Turkey, independent of the office of the consul general, but in Morocco the consul general also is the head of the consular court. He also is the court of last resort and has power to sentence a man to death with the certainty that no court, American or foreign, could overrule his decision. The government owns a consular residence in Tangier, with a small courtroom attached. Most of the court work is of minor consequence.

Another duty of the American consul general at Tangier is to keep the

peace among the representatives of other governments. Several European governments are crowding each other for places of control, all wishing to increase their influence over the country. Sometimes these ambitions lead to real friction and it has become customary to let the American consul general arbitrate differences that arise in the diplomatic colony that are not of enough importance to be taken up by the various home offices.—*Kansas City Star*.

L. Q. C. LAMAR, Mississippi Gamma, '66.

The late L. Q. C. Lamar, former United States Senator from Mississippi, and at the time of his death an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, was a very absent-minded and abstracted man.

One day he entered one of the old horse cars that ran in Washington years ago, walked up to the box at the end where passengers were supposed to deposit their fares, put his hand in his pocket, took out a coin and dropped it in.

"Why, Senator," said a friend, "you put in a quarter instead of a nickel!"

"Did I?" said the Senator. "How very stupid of me!" Then he put his hand in his pocket again, took out a nickel, dropped that in and sat down with a satisfied smile.—*Saturday Evening Post*.

JULIUS KRUTTSCHNITT, Virginia Sigma, '73.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—There were reports today in the financial district that the probable head of the Missouri Pacific to succeed George J. Gould would be Julius Kruttschnitt, at present vice-president of the Harriman lines, in charge of maintenance and operations.

Mr. Kruttschnitt is a big man in every way, and has made a big record on the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific. He is at present with Judge Lovett, president of these roads, on a trip of inspection.

The idea of those who thought Mr. Kruttschnitt's election to be a possible one was that he was the choice of the banking interests who have recently come into control of the Missouri Pacific, and who would like to see him duplicate on the Gould roads what he has done on the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific in a way of physical reconstruction.

It was inevitable that Julius Kruttschnitt should be mentioned in connection with the presidency of the Missouri Pacific. For seven years he has been director of maintenance and operation of all the lines in the Harriman system. Probably no railroad man in the country is better equipped to take hold of the Missouri Pacific and make of it the great railroad its position entitles it to be. Mr. Kruttschnitt is 57 years old and began his railroad work as a resident engineer of Morgan's Louisiana & Texas Railroad in 1878. From there he went to the Southern Pacific and ever since has been connected with the Southern Pacific and Harriman systems.—*K. C. Star*.

SAMUEL SPENCER, Georgia Pi, '63.

Like all Georgians, we have to take a trip to Atlanta occasionally to catch an inspiration and see the sights and skyscrapers.

Landing, of course, first at the magnificent Terminal Station, a fellow is impressed with its grandeur, even though he sees it a thousand times, and just beyond its doors stands, in full view, the monument picturing the perfect features, in bronze, of the South's greatest friend, Samuel Spencer, whom all honored and loved, and especially Georgians, for it was the Empire State of the South which gave to the industrial world this gifted son, who did and was doing so much to develop her hidden resources, when he met his untimely death. His name and deeds will make many bright pages in the future history of the South as one of its greatest benefactors and developers. And be it said to his everlasting credit, none loved or honored him more than the employees of the great Southern railway system.—*Macon Telegraph*.

JAMES DE FREES LECRON, Illinois Psi-Omega, '08.

The appointment of James D. LeCron to the position of private secretary to Governor-elect Carey gives universal satisfaction in Albany County. The state of Wyoming and Governor Carey are to be congratulated in securing the services of so efficient a man. Mr. LeCron is a graduate of Northwestern University, has served successfully as private secretary to Dr. Merica, president of the University of Wyoming, has an engaging personality, is keen and intelligent in an unusual degree, and is a shorthand writer of the first rank. He is everything that a private secretary should be—reliable, tactful and full of vigor. Albany County and the University of Wyoming are to be especially congratulated on this appointment, because the man who holds the position of private secretary to the governor stands in the most confidential relation to the chief executive of any of the state officers, and can be of benefit to this county and to the university if he knows the requirements, which Mr. LeCron does in an unusual degree.

In politics, Mr. LeCron is a Republican, but he is an insurgent republican, dissatisfied with the lack of progress of republicanism in Wyoming. He showed his disgust of petty bossism and dirty politics in the last campaign by getting out and doing as effective work toward electing the fusion progressive republican and progressive democratic ticket, as any man in Albany County. If Mr. LeCron is indicative of the personnel of the state officers to be appointed by Governor Carey, Wyoming will have the best state officers she ever had. The *Boomerang* wishes Mr. LeCron every success in his new work, and predicts for him a place of prominence among the future leaders in Wyoming.—*Daily Boomerang*, Laramie, Wyo., Dec. 31, 1910.

ROBERT F. MADDOX, Georgia Beta, '90.**EDGAR E. POMEROY, Georgia Beta, '98.**

Coming as a fitting climax to what is probably the most popular city administration the city of Atlanta has ever known, retiring Mayor Robert F.

Maddox was last night presented with a magnificent silver service, a gift of appreciation for untiring services rendered, souvenir of the love and esteem in which Mr. Maddox is held by every true Atlantan.

Taft hall was crowded to the limit when the presentation was made, and safe it would be to say that there was not one in the audience whose sentiments were not voiced by Clark Howell, of *The Constitution*, as he, in a short but apt speech, told of Mr. Maddox's invaluable services to Atlanta and assured the retiring executive of the undying love, esteem and gratitude of the people of the city for which he has done so much.

Visibly touched, Mr. Maddox responded in kind, assuring his hearers that the splendid token with which the people have seen fit to give expression of love and esteem will ever be his most cherished possession, a daily reminder of associations and friendships dearer than life itself.

Mayor pro tem E. E. Pomeroy was also presented with a most handsome solid silver waiter, also a gift of the people in commemoration of Mr. Pomeroy's untiring efforts in behalf of the city for the past five years.

In making the presentation speech on behalf of the citizens of Atlanta, Mr. Howell briefly recounted the wonderful strides forward Atlanta has made during the past two years, and showed that to Mayor Maddox belongs no small share of the credit for this advancement. He said that he believed there is not in the entire city a man, woman or child who does not love Mr. Maddox for the truly wonderful work he has done, no one who fails to recognize his administration as one that will stand out pre-eminent in the history of the city.

In part, Mr. Howell said:

"I am not here to speak for myself alone. I come to express the sentiments of a great people, the people of Atlanta, who have come to know and love Bob Maddox as they have never before known or loved a chief executive. I come to give utterance as best I may to the honor, love and esteem in which he is held by all, and to present to him a slight token of these sentiments in behalf of the people has has served so faithfully and so well.

"A short time ago it was suggested that a testimonial of the feelings of Atlanta towards her retiring mayor would be fitting at this time. It was decided that this should come in the nature of a surprise, and for this reason the matter was kept comparatively quiet. Had it been made public I doubt not but that every man, woman and child in the city would have contributed, glad of the opportunity of showing their appreciation of Mr. Maddox's grand work among them. As it was, the subscriptions came in by the thousands, and had it been generally known there would have been no limit to the responses, just as there is no limit to the universality of the honor and esteem in which he is held.

"Truly, it may be said that you, Mr. Mayor, have served the city at an epochal period. Your administration has been the most noted in the city's history, one marked by not only the greatest development Atlanta has ever known, but by a government so upright, so free from even that faintest breath of suspicion, that the outside world marveled.

"And now, in behalf of every man, woman and child of every race and condition in the great city of Atlanta, I present to you this token of their

love and esteem, assuring you that you have won for yourself a place in their affections from which time nor circumstance can displace you."—*Atlanta Constitution*.

THOMAS H. REED, Kansas Alpha, '07.

The marriage of Miss Shirley Mallam and Mr. Thomas H. Reed took place last night at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy H. Mallam, 3217 Tracy Avenue. The wedding service was read at 8 o'clock by the Rev. George B. Reynolds, pastor of the Presbyterian church. The wedding music was played by Miss Edith Shepard, with violin obligato by Mrs. Edward Esher Yaggy of Hutchinson, Kas. The home was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The ceremony was performed in the living room before an altar of palms and white roses. The dining room table held a centerpiece of roses.

The bride wore a handsome robe of white satin trimmed with duchess lace. Her full length veil was caught with lillies of the valley and she carried an arm bouquet of bride roses. She wore a rope of pearls, the gift of the groom.

Miss Sidonia Mallam, the maid of honor, wore a charming gown of pink messaline over silk and carried pink Killarney roses. Mr. Reed was attended by his brother, Mr. Kersey Reed, as best man. The guests were limited to relatives and a few close friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed left for a Southern journey and will be at home after January 10, 3410 Central Street.—*K. C. Star*, Dec. 31, 1910.

W. V. SAUTER, New York Alpha, '10.

A most attractive wedding took place last evening at 7 o'clock in Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Broad and Diamond Streets, when Miss Marie Miller, daughter of Mrs. Charles Miller, of 2314 North Broad Street, became the bride of Mr. William Vitus Sauter, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Sauter, of 1637 Diamond Street. Rev. John Davies performed the ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Mr. Charles Miller, and was attended by Miss Bessie Haines and Miss Katherine Schofield as honor maids. Miss Sadie Carnill, of Oklahoma; Miss Pearl Mathieu, Miss Millie Ochs, of Allentown, and Miss Annie Hetzell were the bridesmaids. Little Miss Muriel Wood and Miss Elizabeth Miller were the flower girls.

Mr. Sauter selected for best man Mr. Carl Strickler, while the following members of his fraternity at Cornell acted as ushers: Mr. Henry R. Standiford, of Washington; Mr. Calvin W. Verity, of Middletown, Ohio; Mr. Russell B. Hurlburt, of Iowa; Mr. Newman Ebersole, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Mr. C. Lee Follman, of Williamsport.

The bride wore an exquisite gown of white satin entirely veiled in marquesette hand-embroidered in water lillies, the long veil being gracefully draped with orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of white orchids and valley lilies.—*Philadelphia Inquirer*.

Doings of the Old Grads*University of Arkansas*

'04. Ackert Bickle has organized an engineering construction company with offices at 204 Reliance Building, Kansas City, Mo. Among the incorporators are N. N. Dalton (Ohio Epsilon, '99), and Elmer B. Sanford, Michigan Iota-Beta, '03.

University of Cincinnati

'99. Nelles N. Dalton is associated with Peet Brothers Soap Factory in the capacity of chief chemist. He began with the company about five years ago. By energy and ability he has made himself almost invaluable to his employer. They swear by him.

Colorado School of Mines

'10. E. C. Brooks spent the Christmas holidays in Golden. He had but recently returned from a business trip to London and Paris. He left after New Years for the San Juan to take up a lease with some old graduates of the school.

'10. E. A. Zeisloft has been here recently for a weeks visit. He is on a vacation from his work on an irrigation project near Brogan, Oregon.

'09. William B. Patrick has been in Golden several times since the holidays but left recently for the coast.

W. S. Collins paid us a visit during the holidays. Brother Collins is resident engineer on irrigation work in Oregon.

Columbia University

'00. We are informed that two novels from the pen of Henry Sydnor Harrison are to be published this spring. "Queed" is the title of one which will appear in April from the press of Messrs. Houghton Mifflin Company.

Davidson College, North Carolina

'99. Romulus A. Nunn is a member of the North Carolina Legislature.

Dickinson College

'98. Harry I. Huber was elected to the New York State Legislature.

'07. Jay Paul Jameson was recently appointed Vice Consul General to China, with headquarters at Pekin.

University of Denver

'01. James M. McKetchnie is on the Editorial Staff of the *Denver Republican*.

'06. M. M. Bulkeley is practicing law at Wray, Colorado.

'06. Paul S. Worth is teaching in Pennsylvania State College.

'08. Edward C. Cline is engaged in the lumber business at Mancos, Tex.

'08. Paul F. Bessenden is teaching in Pacific College, Newberg, Ore.

'09. Lloyd B. Neill is extensively engaged in the lumber business at Greeley, Colorado.

'09. Guy L. Hammitt is teaching German and Mathematics in the high school at Breckenridge, Colo.

- '10. Bradford R. Kirkbride is studying music in New York City.
'10. Bartram A. White is in the haberdashery business in Denver.
'10. Isreal S. Heath has the position of principal in the high school at Gypsum, Colo.
'11. Walter Puke Johnson is Sporting Editor of *Rocky Mountain News*, Denver.
'12. Frank O. Skidmore, Jr., is Western Distributing Agent for the Santa Fe, headquarters at Vaughn, New Mexico.
'12. L. Edward Carlson is manager of the Crescent Ice Cream Co., Salt Lake City.

Franklin College

- '06. Calvin Moore is taking post graduate work in chemistry at Columbia University.
'09. Everett A. Spaulding is teaching in the high school at Gary, Ind.
'10. Raymond A. Thomas is with Armour & Co., at Atlanta, Ga.
Earnest Smith is traveling salesman for Marshall Field Co., of Chicago.

Gettysburg College

- '99. Rev. W. E. Brown, former pastor of the Lutheran Church of Middletown, Md., is now pastor of the Church of the Reformation, Baltimore, Md. Rev. G. N. Lauffer has resigned as pastor of the Lutheran Church of New Oxford, Pa., and has accepted a call to Newville, Pa.
'01. Dr. J. G. T. Holston, Jr., returned the latter part of November from a four months tour through southern Europe. Dr. H. C. Hoffman is president of the local Medical Society of Connellsville, Pa. The health of Dr. John W. Mehring has so improved that he has been promoted from patient to Interne at the Agnes Memorial Hospital, Denver, Col. Rev. W. H. Hetrick is president of the Philadelphia Conference of the Lutheran Church.
'04. F. G. Masters, professor of Mathematics in the Pittsburg high school, read a paper at the Harrisburg meeting of the Pennsylvania State Educational Society.
'07. L. L. Lammert is teaching at Wanonah, N. J.
'08. G. M. Rice is teaching Mathematics in the Preparatory Department of Gettysburg College.
'08. John M. Leonard is with the Brothers Valley Coal Co., 90 West St., New York City.
'09. H. B. Strock is attending Princeton Theological Seminary.
'09. R. J. S. Hoffacker is with a local bank in Hanover, Pa.
'10. R. W. Sebir is located at New Haven, Conn. Ernest Yohn is now connected with the firm of his father, the Yohn Music House of Harrisburg, Pa.
'12. C. L. Moody is with the Penna. R. R., Glen Rock, Pa. T. T. Cook is with the Bell Telephone Co., Harrisburg, Pa.

Harvard University

- '01. Edward A. Sherman made a close run for alderman in Newport, R. I., in December, 1910. S. G. Davenport returned to Cuba last Decem-

ber to become associated with the firm of Purdy & Henderson, architects and engineers in Havana.

University of Illinois

'01. Harlan H. Horner is now located at Albany and holds a responsible position as Chief of the Examination Division of the New York State Education Department.

'99. J. F. Kable is secretary and treasurer of the Portland Alumni Association of the fraternity. With his brother, C. H. Kable (Ill. Beta, '02), are established as architects and engineers with offices in the Chamber of Commerce Building, Portland, Oregon.

'03. Charles H. Green has opened an office in the Lewis Building, Portland, Oregon. He is civil and hydraulic engineer.

University of Michigan

'07. John F. Bates has been advanced to the position of associate professor of mechanical engineering at Iowa State College.

'98. Harvey Yeaman has opened a law office in the Board of Trade Building at Portland, Oregon.

University of Minnesota

'05. Ralph H. Baldwin, formerly with Harry O'Bryan, the "Insurance Man," has branched out for himself. He is located at Portland, Ore.

University of Missouri

J. R. Hughes, Jr. (Mo. Alpha, '98, Mich. Iota-Beta, '01), has been successful in establishing himself in a good law practice at Sacramento, Cal. Like all Missourians, he takes to politics, and now holds an important appointive position. His official title is Corporation Counsel for the city of Sacramento, Cal.

University of North Carolina

'87. H. R. Starbuck, '99 Henry M. London and '92 George W. Connor, all of the above chapter are members of the present State Legislature of North Carolina. The two first named are Senators and the last one named is a representative. Brother R. A. Nunn, Davidson College, North Carolina Theta, is also a member of the Legislature. Minerva is certainly well represented.

'99. Dr. E. C. Ballenger was elected president of the Fulton County Medical Society at the annual meeting of that association at Atlanta, Ga.

'01. Dr. Eben Alexander is holding the position as vice-president of the Board of Trustees of the Y. M. C. A., at Knoxville, Tenn.

Pennsylvania State College

Ex-'11. Richard M. Smith, former all-American tackle is working for the Hanna Company, 176 Green Ave., Detroit, Mich.

'10. Edgar Bruce Sutton is now located in the Neidring Laus Building at Granite City, Ill.

'06. John Griffen Culbertson has located at Wichita Falls, Texas. His address is Box No. 95.

Stanford University

'13. Le Roy H. Stanton left college and is now associated with his father in the lumber business at Los Angeles, Cal., 902 Grattan Street.

'98. Lewis S. Beedy announces that he is now a member of the law firm of Thomas, Frick & Beedy, with offices at 310 Sansome Street, San Francisco, Cal.

University of Tennessee

'98. Frank Maloney of Knoxville, Tenn., has been appointed Adjutant General of the State of Tennessee.

'00. Alec M. Hall, first Lieutenant, 28 Infantry, U. S. A., after three years at the recruiting station at Fort Slocum, N. Y., has returned to his regiment at Fort Snelling, Minn.

'06. Stanley H. Trezevant is a representative in the Tennessee State Legislature from Shebly County, Tenn.

'09. John A. Ayres is connected with E. A. Saunder's Sons' Company, a wholesale grocery concern in Richmond, Va.

'10. Robert W. Ramsey, Jr., is at present practicing law with the well known firm of Brown, Anderson, in the Business Men's Club at Memphis.—Joe A. Summers is the principal of the Limestone high school at Limestone, Tenn.—Frank M. Van Gilder has a position with C. M. McClung & Co. at Knoxville, Tenn. Arnall Peery has taken up scientific farming at his home in Spring Hill, Tenn.

University of Texas

'09 also '10. Stanford has contributed to *The Quarterly* of the Texas Historical Association an authoritative discussion of Apache Relations in Texas 1718-1750. He is to be sent to Spain by California University to do further research work in the history of the Southwest.

Virginia Theta

Lewis C. Lamont is now located at Butte, Mont.

'08. John A. Chambliss announces the formation of a new partnership for the general practice of law, at Chattanooga, Tenn. The firm is Pritchard & Sezer and Chambliss & Chambliss, with offices in the Hamilton National Bank Building.

Washington University, St. Louis

'01. Leon H. Brady is now located at Bingham Canyon, Utah. His address is Box R.

University of Washington

'05. Donald F. McDonald is now geologist to the Isthmian Canal Commission, with headquarters at Culebra, Panama.

'08. Oscar A. Frailey is a partner in the firm of North Coast Engineering Co. at Everett, Wash.

'09. John S. Ward is county engineer of Lewis Co., and resides at Centralia, Wash.

'07. Victor H. Zednick is a member of the state legislature from a Seattle district. He was recently re-elected graduate manager of athletics of the University of Washington.

'09. Arthur Dean is the proprietor of the Everett Map & Blueprint Co., Everett, Wash.

'09. George W. Nelson is connected with Chena Smelting & Refining Co., Chena, Alaska.

'10. George A. Barker is in the drug business at Cour d' Alene, Idaho.

Seven brothers in Tacoma are meeting regularly and hope soon to be able to petition Σ A E for an alumni association.

Chapter House Visitors

AT WASHINGTON ALPHA

Minnesota Alpha, '11. Frank Barnard dropped in on us the first week in February. He is now connected with a lumber firm in Everett, Wash. He says that the longer he stays in the West, the better he likes it.

Pennsylvania Sigma Phi, '09. Larry W. Long, traveling representative for a concern selling aluminum ware, has been around college this second week of February. Larry was tickled to find an old friend, Newell Sawyer, Pa. Sigma Phi, '08, who is now an instructor in rhetoric here. Long is thinking of taking law next year at the university.

New York Delta, '12. Frank W. Abrams passed through Seattle and visited the bunch the early part of November. He had been on a ranch for several months in Eastern Washington.

Georgia Pi, '57. James N. Gilmer, one of the oldest alumni, attended one of our dances and had a fine time watching us dance. He was the hit of the evening with the girls, a fact which made several brothers jealous.

ASSOCIATION LETTERS

Annapolis, Maryland

SINCE the December RECORD, our semi annual examinations have come and gone; incidentally dragging with them thirty-seven of the 739 midship-men. For the first time in the history of the new academy several first classmen were compelled to resign because of deficiencies in studies. Ordinarily the resignations are confined to the two lower classes. This year each contributed a few. Among the seven second class men who are leaving is Tucker Gibbs, '12. Tucker went into the examinations well satisfied but after struggling for six hours with the most unfair mechanics examination ever given here, he, with eighty of the 107 taking the exam., found himself deficient. The marks were raised on account of the extreme difficulty of the exam. but Tucker was a little below 2.5—the passing mark. Throughout the academy he has been known for his sunny disposition and willingness to work for a friend. When Tucker puts on "cits" the navy will lose one of the very best men who ever wore a Σ A E pin. That means, one of the best men the navy has ever had. If he returns to his chapter we cannot say more than that we envy her. With Gibbs gone we still have more midshipmen members than has any other fraternity.

The routine is always the same here. It is a very busy life—lots of hard work without a great deal of excitement. We have every branch of athletics represented so there are always plenty of free entertainments on Saturday. We are living on Gov-

ernment ground and as a consequence cannot charge admission to our athletics. That means we support them all by a jack pot. The heavy athletic association, however is very good about helping us, and several of the older alumni who have acquired considerable fortunes are deeply interested in their alma mater. In fact, we are at present erecting a large steel stadium, all of which is to be paid for by alumni. This business of no gate receipts removes part of the inducement for college teams to play us, especially as we cannot leave Annapolis. Still by paying expenses we usually manage to have as heavy a schedule as we can handle. Our football schedules are purposely light. The rest carry many of the larger colleges of the East. We would like very much to meet Army in basketball, gymnasium, rifle team and track; but we cannot seem to get together. For the past two years our basketball team has lost but one game each year. Last year's Track team won from Lafayette, Columbia, Pennsylvania State and Princeton—all the meets we had. Last year's gymnasium team won every meet; Captain Lamont defeated the Yale man who later won his block "Y" in the intercollegiates. Our Rifle Team is undoubtedly the best college team in the country, taking sixth place last summer at Camp Perry in the National Match. They are not to compete this summer. The Navy Department deems a foreign cruise of more practical benefit and it is impossible to both cruise and shoot at Camp Perry.

MAHLON TISDALE.

 Chicago, Illinois

THE following are the officers of the Chicago Alumni Association for the coming year, to take office March 11, 1911:

President—E. B. Lucius.

Vice-President—J. W. Davis.

Secretary—A. N. Bennett, 1623 Manhattan Bldg.

Treasurer—H. A. Hansen.

The Chicago Alumni Association is at present directing all its energy toward making a big success of the annual Founder's Day Banquet which is to be held at the University Club, March 11, 1911. Our mailing list includes the names of a few more than two hundred Sig Alphas but there are undoubtedly at least three hundred in the city and we are making strenuous efforts to get our one hundred and twenty-five or more for the banquet. This will make it one of the biggest affairs the fraternity has ever held in the city.

The association has been holding its regular monthly dinners during the winter, and, while the attendance has not been as large as might be desired, they have been very enjoyable affairs and have done much to keep up the enthusiasm and fraternity spirit of those who have attended.

Any Σ A E's who locate in Chicago in the future should send their names and addresses to the Secretary so that we can put them on our mailing list and help them get acquainted.

A. N. BENNETT.

 Cincinnati, Ohio

OHIO EPSILON has completed its first year of chapter house life, with nine brothers now residing at the house, which has become the center for both active and alumni members.

The DeVotie Hall Association, at its annual meeting, November 26, re-elected Brothers Dolph Ginter and Daniel Pierson to succeed themselves as members of the Board of Trustees, and the same night witnessed the initiation of three of Ohio Epsilon's pledges.

The annual meeting of the Cincinnati Alumni Association, to have been held in January, was necessarily postponed on account of the surrender of our genial secretary, Brother Claude Newkirk, to Cupid's charms; but as he married the sister of an Σ A E, we can forgive him. The meeting was held at the house, February 25, preceded by alumna dinner, and followed by a smoker given by Ohio Epsilon. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Harry L. Wieman; Vice President, Frank A. Buchanan, Jr.; Secretary, Richard T. Dickerson; Treasurer, Al F. Leue; Directors, Earl Eisenschmidt, Clifford Farbach, Carl G. Buchanan.

Founder's Day Banquet is scheduled for March 11, and will, as last year, be held at the chapter house. We are looking forward to a great time, for the banquet committee promises to surpass all previous efforts.

RICHARD T. DICKERSON.

 Des Moines, Iowa

THE alumni of Σ A E located at Des Moines have recently reorganized the alumni association that was chartered in 1905.

At the time of its original organization there were scarcely enough members to keep the association progressing successfully. Since then, however, enough Σ A E's have come to Des Moines to warrant a reorganization, and the association has recently accomplished this with the

following resident members as a nucleus:

A. L. Lahr, Nebraska Lambda Pi; Paul Jones, Iowa Sigma; J. Brown Martin, Pennsylvania Zeta; Clint B. Stirling, Iowa Gamma; K. N. McDonald, Iowa Beta; W. N. Keiser, Indiana Alpha; Paul Sawyer, Indiana Beta; Dr. J. H. Peck, Iowa Beta; A. T. Wallace, Iowa Beta; A. P. Dunn, Minnesota Alpha and W. F. Riley, Iowa Beta.

Together with the other members of $\Sigma A E$, who are now in college, Des Moines has a representation of twenty-one men, and we feel that our Alumni Association will be productive of much benefit and pleasure to its members, and will also be a means of strengthening $\Sigma A E$ in the city and state.

The officers elected for the new association were, President, W. F. Riley; Vice President, P. B. Sawyer, and Secretary and Treasurer K. N. Macdonald.

It has been and will be the custom of the members of the Alumni Association to meet at a Saturday noon luncheon on the first and third Saturdays of each month, and a cordial invitation is extended to all visiting $\Sigma A E$'s to be present.

W. F. RILEY.

Memphis, Tennessee

THE effect of the selection of Tennessee as the state in which the 1912 National Convention is to be held has been most wholesome. It has brought about a renewed interest among the alumni in Memphis. The hospitality of the Volunteer State being at stake, and the opportunity of entertaining our brothers in $\Sigma A E$ again, have caused the Memphis Alumni Association to be eager to aid Nashville, the conven-

tion city, in making the stay of every $\Sigma A E$ within our borders a pleasant one, and we are already making plans to go en masse to the capitol, and extend an old fashioned welcome in the good old Southern way.

The usual festivities on Founder's Day will be observed in proper style, and once more we expect to see seventy-five or more alumni seated around the banquet board. A committee was appointed at a recent meeting, and an excellent program is being arranged for March 9. There will probably be a box party followed by a banquet, and it is intended that the day shall be a general holiday among $\Sigma A E$'s here.

The results of the efforts of a steering committee have been very satisfactory, and many valuable men have been guided along the proper path. A large number of available men from Memphis are being considered by active chapters, and the Alumni Association stands ready to assist in every possible way. We are anxious to do favors for any and all $\Sigma A E$'s no matter where located.

WALTER C. CHANDLER.

Nashville, Tennessee

IT frequently happens that the members of a chapter upon graduation, drift into the same line of employment in a given locality. This is notably true of Tennessee Nu at Nashville, which is the second oldest chapter in the Fraternity. This chapter has had a pioneer representative in the banking field in the person of Joseph H. Thompson, who has for many years been the head of the Nashville Trust Company. During recent years many other alumni members of this chapter have followed his lead, and at present the

alumni membership is largely identified with Nashville's banking interests.

F. M. Mayfield is the secretary of the Tennessee Bankers' Association, with headquarters in Nashville. V. J. Alexander is cashier of the Cumberland Valley National Bank. M. E. Holderness was elected cashier of the First Savings Bank & Trust Company at its annual meeting in January. Frank K. Houston, assistant cashier of the First National Bank, was recently made a member of the directorate of that bank. James Garrett is the active manager of the Nashville Clearing House Association. J. J. Heffin is the manager of the Insurance Department of the First Savings Bank & Trust Company. James A. Sompson, still an active member of Tennessee Nu, holds the position as assistant book-keeper with the First Savings Bank & Trust Company. These brothers are all closely associated and ever on the alert to fill new positions with members from their chapter.

The next National Convention will be held in Nashville and the brothers above mentioned will doubtless become known to readers of this article, as the work of arrangement and entertainment will be largely given over to their hands.

Portland, Oregon

A meeting of the Portland Association of $\Sigma A E$ was called on the evening of September 13, at the University Club. The occasion was a Buffet Luncheon, complimentary to Brother Bert Rogers Lyon, who is

touring the west while filling an engagement on the Orpheum Vaudeville Circuit.

A number of the brothers were present and spent a very enjoyable evening, recalling old memories and incidents of college life, partaking of an excellent repast, and finally being royally entertained at the piano by Brother Lyon.

This being the first meeting of the season, was the occasion for the election of new officers for the ensuing year. Brother C. C. Hindman was elected President and Brother J. F. Kable to the office of Secretary and Treasurer.

Plans were discussed for later meetings—all the brothers being enthusiastic in their desire for closer friendship.

Brother Lyon was elected a "Non-Resident" member of the Portland Association, and the meeting broke up at a late hour.

Those present were: Bert Rogers Lyon, Ohio Epsilon, Ralph H. Baldwin, Minnesota Alpha, Drew Dell Stark, Maine Alpha, Roland W. Fairbanks, Illinois Beta, Charles C. Hindman, Pennsylvania Zeta, Coe A. McKenna, Washington City Rho, William Nielson, Massachusetts Iota Tau, Albert D. Wakeman, Ohio Epsilon, Eliot Holcomb, California Alpha, J. F. Kable, Illinois Beta, Ralph W. Rogers, Wisconsin Alpha.

An urgent invitation is extended towards every traveling $\Sigma A E$ to make himself known to Brother J. F. Kable, Chamber of Commerce Building, Portland, Oregon, and the brothers will attempt to make the visit pleasant.

J. F. KABLE.

CHAPTER LETTERS

Chapter letters for the May RECORD must be in the hands of the Editor not later than the fifteenth 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.

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

PROVINCE ALPHA

Maine Alpha, University of Maine,
Orono

WE have just passed through our midyear examinations and feel that Maine Alpha has come out of the ordeal in fine condition. Especially the freshmen have made a good start in the study line, and we trust that Σ A E at the University of Maine will make a strong bid for the scholarship cup offered to the fraternity having the highest average rank for one year.

On February 24 and 25 we hold our anniversary house party and banquet, in honor of the founding of Maine Alpha. We are looking forward to having many of our alumni with us at that time, as well as members from neighboring chapters who will be able to attend.

Baseball practice has commenced even though we are still buried in snow. Last year Maine turned out a championship team and indications point toward a successful team this year. Σ A E will not be found lacking in baseball men as we have Brothers Cobb and Ryan again with us this year.

The Musical Clubs are now in full

swing and expect a most successful season. Maine Alpha is represented in all the various branches. Brother Wood is leader of the Glee Club. We are also represented in the Masque by Brothers Maxey and Hart.

Many of the brothers who were at Kansas City may be interested to know that Brother Wood has been ill for the past three weeks with appendicitis. We are in hopes that he will be able to return to college soon but unless his condition improves more rapidly than it has for the past week he will probably be unable to graduate this year.

G. B. SPEAR.

Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon, Boston University, Boston

THERE has been no news of particular interest relative to Beta Upsilon since our last writing. The affairs of the chapter have been running along in much the same trend as usual. At the last election of officers Brother Peters was succeeded in the office of E. A. by Brother Albert Dow, of the college department of the university. Brother Peters gave the chapter two very successful

terms devoting much of his time and energy to the work. May Brother Dow follow his very worthy example.

Brother Charles Lawrence was chosen to fill the office of Province Vice-president which was made vacant by the death of Brother Abbott. Brother Lawrence has moved from his old office quarters on Beacon Hill, to 24 Milk Street.

We are all rather hoping that the next "Auburndale" will include a joint initiation at the old stand and can be depended upon to do our best to make such an undertaking a success. There hasn't been a real old time "Auburndale" for three or four years and B. U., for one of Province Alpha, would like to see a revival of the old custom.

Our greetings to the Fraternity and assurances of a hearty welcome to all visiting brothers.

CONRAD RICHARDSON.

Massachusetts Iota Tau, Massachusetts
Institute of Technology, Boston

MASSACHUSETTS IOTA TAU begins the second term without a change in its chapter roll except the loss of Brother Dean who has completed his course in architecture ahead of time. We were very glad to find that nobody was very heavily hit by the mid-years, and that everybody entered the second term with a clean slate. Brother Nickerson, who was with us last year, has returned and is arranging his work for this year. In the institute activities, we are taking our part. Brothers Kruger and Dorrance were elected respectively president and vice president of the freshman class. Brother Eicher is helping make "Technique" the usual high class annual that M. I. T. puts out. Several brothers are out for principal parts

in the "Show." All the sophomores are actively engaged in some activity. On the whole, we are pretty busy.

On February 24, we are to give a dance in Riverbank Court where we held a similar one last year. Several of the alumni are expected, and they have been promised a very enjoyable evening.

Recently there was announced the engagement of Miss Amy Plant of Newton to Brother Edward D. VanTassel, 1911 of this chapter. Brother VanTassel is certainly to be congratulated.

The suspense surrounding the impending announcement of the new site is becoming more tense every day. President Maclaurin has let it be known that the site is chosen, and that as soon as the finances of the deal are closed, an announcement will be made. The choice of sites seems to lie between several localities which are quite near Boston. Springfield made a strong bid for the institute, but it seemed better to stay as near to the city as possible. The annual state appropriation of thirty thousand dollars expires this year, and a great effort is being made by the alumni to get this appropriation raised to one hundred thousand dollars per annum. The question is before the Legislature at the present time. Without state aid and support the outlook will not be very bright. The professors of the different departments are working on plans and estimates of floor space which their departments will require, and it is understood that these are wanted in a hurry.

The fraternities have sent delegates to a joint meeting where the question of fraternity houses was discussed. Fourteen fraternities were willing to build on the campus if conditions were favorable. Our Build-

ing Fund Board is sounding the alumni on all matters pertinent to the question which will arise. In April will come the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the institute, and a Technology Congress is to be held. We hope that many of our alumni will be present, and that they will come around to the house at 263 Newbury St. and enjoy our hospitality. It is always a pleasure to become acquainted with or to renew the interest of our alumni. With best wishes to all $\Sigma A E$'s.

ROBERT O. WOOD.

Massachusetts Gamma, Harvard University, Cambridge

TO me devolves the duty of recording for the benefit of the fraternity at large a few of the doings of the Harvard chapter. We have taken in seven men so far this year and our prospects are good for several more. Indeed, we need men, for very shortly the end of the year will be here, when we shall lose about ten men by graduation.

Socially the past few months have been productive of a few good gatherings such as a Christmas party when Brother Leavitt distributed the appropriate gifts. In the college at large there have been the usual round of activities enhanced this winter by the availability of the Boston Arena for the college hockey contests. This is the first year it has been possible to have a very large attendance at hockey games.

We were all very much interested in the convention at Kansas City which Brother Buckman attended as the delegate from this chapter. Once again I desire to congratulate the new chapters that have been admitted to our midst.

At the date of this writing our second term is just commencing with

all the prospects for social, scholastic, and athletic activity beginning with the Junior Dance and ending with Commencement.

E. R. DAVIS.

Massachusetts Delta, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester

SINCE last writing the annual fall Auburndale Banquet for Province Alpha has taken place. A feature of this event was a joint initiation for which Massachusetts Delta furnished material for two new brothers, who were welcomed into the bonds of $\Sigma A E$ at that time. These were Brothers Very and Cherry, the former of Salem, Mass., and the latter of Worcester. There was a large attendance at the banquet which was a most enjoyable occasion. After the banquet most of the Worcester brothers went to the Boston Chapter house, where they were put up for the night, and given entertainment second only to the banquet itself.

On December 2 we entertained Massachusetts Gamma at a "Harvard Night." This occasion was celebrated by a banquet at a down-town restaurant, after which the brothers returned to the chapter house and spent the rest of the evening in a social gathering.

On December 21 the chapter held its second house dance of the year. It was well attended and helped to break the monotony of "Tech." Several such social functions are held throughout the year and are considered absolutely necessary for the social life of the chapter.

At the close of the football season we were honored by having the manager and captain for that year chosen from among our number, Brother Fötter being the new manager, and Brother Power the new captain.

Erother Landon has just been elected president of the senior class.

On February 21 and 22 will be held the annual house party, consisting of a dance on the evening of February 21 at Tuckerman Hall, and a tea on the afternoon of February 22 at the chapter house. During this time the out-of-town guests will reign in full power, the brothers finding accommodations outside. On the evening of February 22 will be held the annual Alumni Night. The brothers are all looking forward to this event with much pleasure, it being a time for renewing old friendships and for making new.

Massachusetts Delta welcomes the new chapters into the ranks of
Σ A E. EDWARD I. COMINS.

New Hampshire Alpha, Dartmouth
College, Hanover

THIS is the time of year when Hanover hibernates under a coat of snow; when winter activities,—skiing, snowshoeing, skating, hockey and basketball engage the athlete, while the studious “high-brow” plugs by his fire. This winter Dartmouth has had the first use of her new gymnasium, doing away largely with the seasonal stupor of the baseball, football and track men, giving them the chance of indoor preparation in their respective lines.

Since the last letter things have run smoothly in their accustomed way. Saturday evenings have been enlivened by feeds, smokers and “stunts” provided by our entertain-

ment committee. Special and merited attention was solicited by the annual freshman stunt, which this year took the form of a minstrel show.

The internal work of the chapter has been to adopt, with modifications demanded by local conditions, the by-laws recommended by the Province officers; the working out and enlargement of our financial policy; the encouragement of underclassmen efforts through the establishment of a committee on external affairs; and the striving for a more active social life. The latter particularly hard because of the isolated position of the college.

Externally we have not been inactive. Morton, '13, was elected by his class among the candidates for assistant managerships. Whitney, '12, is playing basketball as substitute. Eaton, '11, was chairman of the senior class nomination committee and with Young, '14, took part in the snowshoe races at the Winter Carnival. Barnes, '14, made the Glee Club trips, while he and Young are members of the Freshman Quartette. Smith, '12, Brady, '13, and Mulcahy, '13, are at the gymnasium every day training for spring track.

One of the pleasant events of the year was the report of Hatch, '11, our delegate to the National Convention. His “quest of the grail” was successful in more ways than one. We hope every chapter derived the same inspiration from their delegate that we did from ours.

CARL W. SAWYER.

 PROVINCE BETA

New York Alpha, Cornell University,
Ithaca

WITH the New Year already well on its way, it seems unprogressive to return to events of 1910, yet some of these events cannot well be ignored. This refers to our Annual Association Meeting held at the chapter house on November 12 and 13. It proved just as successful as we had anticipated, for eight of the old men returned to the scenes of their youth, to have a revival with us; they were Cowdrey, '95, Doolittle, '93, Turner, '06, Mellows, '06, Goodman, '00, Johnson, '05, Laurie, '07, and Husted, '08. A rousing good time was the result of this meeting, and we all felt a renewed interest in the chapter and fraternity work, when they had finished talking to us. Between November 12 and the December recess, we saw the football season close, with the usual results, though on the whole it has been considered that the Cornell team played excellent football throughout the season. By this time the chapter had become well represented in underclass honors, the following men being favored: McClure, Semaphore; Rountree, Pyramid, Senior General Committee and C. U. C. A. Cabinet; Hall, General Com.; McCormick, Dunstan and Sophomore Pipe Committee; Pitcher, Dunstan, and Sophomore president; Lawrence, L'Ogive and Sophomore Cotillion Committee; Surles, L'Ogive; Dillon, Cornellian Board and Sophomore Banquet Committee; Hendrickson, Freshman Banquet Committee. Some events worthy of note have happened recently in the university; on December 1 graduate manager of athletics, W. J. Dugan, resigned on account of ill

health; his place will be taken by J. H. Scott, '09. The Cornell Aero club has become actively associated with aeronautics to the extent of carrying on a demonstration with model gliders before a gathering of the student body. A Proctor system has been instituted recently, to be tried out as a venture. Theo. H. Tweston from Philadelphia holds the position and will act as an advisor to the students in matters outside of the university affairs. On December 17 preceding the Christmas holidays the freshmen gave the chapter the annual Christmas tree and entertainment with accompanying knocks and spirit of good fellowship. Before leaving Ithaca for the holidays we were pleased to hear that Brothers Wight, Lawrence, and Snyder had been selected on the Musical Club list for the Christmas trip. With our return in January has come the prospect of many finals, the usual horror of "Block Week." To offset this we are looking forward with pleasure to our Junior Week house party which begins February 7. We had here fourteen of the fair sex as our special guests. The plans for an unusually successful party seem bright, and we will do all in our power to make them remain so. If any of the brothers should happen to be near Ithaca at that or any other time they will find a cordial welcome always ready for them.

THOS. K. SENIOR.

New York Mu, Columbia University,
New York

OUR mid-year examinations are just over, and although we have not heard from them all definitely, we are sure that all our members got

through all right. After the rather trying times of the examination period we always turn to the festivities of Junior week with much pleasure and great relief. Of the most important events of that week are the fraternity teas that are held in the various fraternity houses on the afternoon of one of the days of that week. We consider that our teas has always been one of the best given and we have started to work this year to try to make it the best. This tea is really the only social function of the year in which every member of the chapter participates and works for, and everybody feels very much interested in making it a success.

Since the last letter we have initiated Derkin, and have one pledge who will be initiated in the near future. The chapter is particularly large and prosperous at present, eight men having been initiated and one pledged this year, besides several brothers who have affiliated with us.

A meeting of the alumni was held in the chapter house shortly before the Christmas vacation. After they had attended to the business part of the affair, they were joined by the chapter and an informal "feed" was indulged in.

Just before the holidays the members of the chapter held the annual Christmas party which was a great success. There was a Christmas tree of course and appropriate gifts were given to everyone, the appropriateness being explained in each case by Brother Norton, as Santa Claus.

Up at college the basketball team has been carrying everything before it and it looks very much as if Columbia would have another basketball championship to its credit. Practically the same team is playing this year that won the championship last year.

The faculty is trying out the honor

system in examinations, and the students are as a whole, very much interested in it and very much in favor of it. The system is being tried on the seniors in the engineering schools after a request made by the seniors that the system might be given a fair trial. As far as we can tell it worked very well indeed, but of course we do not know just what the attitude of the faculty will be towards it in the future.

WM. H. HAINES.

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

WINTER with its cold bleak winds and its deluge of snow is upon us. But in spite of the fact that some may call this the most melancholy time of the year, we at St. Stephen's find the sports of winter almost as enjoyable as those of the less severe seasons.

Our mid-years, thank goodness, are over. Good and bad fortune alike was forgotten the week after at the annual freshman ball held on the evening of February 3 in Preston Hall. The dance was a great success. The new men showed great ability in the way they conducted the dance and also displayed good taste in decorating the hall.

Debating clubs have been organized by the freshman and sophomore classes. It has resulted in several very interesting debates and gives promise of others in the near future.

The Glee Club has given several entertaining concerts and at a meeting of the directors it was decided to increase the schedule of concerts for the coming term.

Since our last letter we initiated the following men: Joseph Bond, Parker, Priddis, Deckenbach, McAllister, Hanson, and Wallace. The initiation banquet was held in Pres-

ton Hall. Besides the new and active members, a number of our alumni were present.

We have suffered a great loss in the death of Brother Coffin, '76, who was in every sense of the word a loyal $\Sigma A E$. "Pop" Coffin was extremely popular among the boys and was always present at the various functions of the chapter.

ELROY J. JENNINGS.

New York Delta, Syracuse University,
Syracuse, N. Y.

SAVED once more. By the aid of Minerva we have once more sailed through those examinations and have come out the victors. Our numbers remain the same and everyone is once more on "easy street" with the possible exception of one or two who will carry a little anxiety for a short period of probation. Although our chapter roll is a little smaller than usual we are in good condition for the rest of the year. I believe there are thirty-three active men now enrolled in the chapter, and one pledging awaiting our favor.

Class elections held today find us represented with the chairmanship of the sophomore executive committee, and the treasurer of the freshman class. As we won out in the big manager elections last spring, we are undecided yet whether or not to place a candidate in the field this year.

New York Delta has never been more in evidence socially than it has this year. At the Junior Promenade we were represented with the next to the largest number of couples, and the Senior Ball, which comes this week will see as many $\Sigma A E$'s. Our senior week formal was held in the chapter house last night. Draped in purple and gold streamers furnished the decorating effect, and "everyone said" that our house never looked

more beautiful. The whole affair was simply a success of which $\Sigma A E$ can be proud. We recently opened our house for the Third Annual Mid-Winter Hop, given by the staff of the *Syracuse Daily Orange*; and the Freshman Executive Committee will hold their dance here in the near future.

Our initiation banquet held last fall was well attended. Many of the alumni were back for the festivities and every one seemed to get still more of the real $\Sigma A E$ spirit. We are planning a smoker and general good time for the evening of March 9, Founders Day.

The university as a whole is eagerly anticipating the coming of the big inter-collegiate next spring. Any $\Sigma A E$'s who are coming this way at that time will be given a glad welcome by New York Delta. Our relay team has only lately returned from Boston where it vanquished Columbia by seventy yards. Brother Ross, '11, ran in second place on the team. The "four" has two more big meets this winter, and we hope to be able once more to carry off the premier honors of the season. Syracuse has another great team this winter besides the Relay Team. The 'varsity debaters have succeeded in gaining decisions over both Yale and Columbia in the forensic game.

In another part of this RECORD or in a future number we hope to show you a few views of our house as it has been remodeled. Look it over on print, and then come around, when you can, and we will try to make it as good as it looks. Yours in $\Sigma A E$.

A. D. SIMPSON.

Pennsylvania Omega, Allegheny College,
Meadville

THE strenuous battles of the mid-year examinations are over. Our

roll call shows not one fatality in its ranks. In fact it was announced in the chapel service of the college the other morning that we stood second scholastically of all fraternities in school. This certainly compensated for the many weary hours we put in preparing for the intellectual bouts.

Due to a law of the chapter which stipulates that each pledge shall be initiated when he has twelve hours to his credit at the college office, our five pledged freshmen will be taken into the bonds of $\Sigma A E$ in the near future. We are glad to say that all these men have proved themselves to be of the right calibre during their period of probation. At this time we also wish to introduce Brother Galbraith, '13.

In general college activities Pennsylvania Omega still gets her share. On the recent trip of the glee and mandolin clubs the chapter was represented by Nodine, Small, Davidson, Graham, Fegley and Thomas. In class basketball we have Kulp captain of the senior five, and Townsend manager and right forward of the sophomore team. Lore is now assistant manager for the 'varsity basketball team. In debate we still hold our good record, having had four men on the two class debates and also two men on the 'Varsity Teams. The try-out for the play to be given by the dramatic club this year, four of the chapter have made parts, namely, White, Nodine, Lore and Thomas.

Since the second semester opened we had a pleasant visit from P. C. Deemer, '09, and McCarthy of Ohio Sigma. The casual visits of the various brothers are a source of great pleasure to the active chapter and let no traveling $\Sigma A E$ fail to partake of our hospitality whenever possible.

R. W. THOMAS.

Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi, Dickinson College, Carlisle

SINCE the writing of the last letter nothing of importance has happened, but affairs have been moving smoothly both in the chapter and in college circles.

In athletics, basketball is now occupying the centre of the stage and Dickinson bids fair to be well represented in this. The 'varsity team has quite a schedule ahead of it, including an extensive trip through New York state. $\Sigma A E$ was represented in the line-up of the opening game with Allbright College and we emerged victorious.

Baseball practice has started in the cage and the outlook for a good team is extremely prosperous. Manager T. B. Miller is at present arranging an interesting track schedule and making arrangements for the annual "Indoor Sports Carnival."

Following the precedent of former years, the College Banquet will be held February 22 and every one is looking forward to this event with an unusual amount of anticipation. Another event of importance happened which delighted every Dickinsonian. The faculty recently conceded to the students the privilege of presenting an annual "Varsity Show." This custom has been discontinued for the past several years and the news of its revivification is joyfully received by all.

In social circles $\Sigma A E$ has not been the least active. We were represented by thirteen men at the Comus (inter-frat) Dance and we have given several small parties at the house.

At the present time we are very much engaged in making preparations for the annual "March Stunt" and reception to celebrate Founder's

Day. In anticipation of this affair we are making a number of improvements to the house.

We have had several visits from some of our old men and men from other chapters. We hope to have the pleasure of gripping the hand of all brothers who get this way.

S. W. STAUFFER.

Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta, Pennsylvania State College, State College

“MID-YEARS” have come and gone, and our chapter roll remains the same. As a result of this we all feel relieved and happy, and will celebrate by having a dance in the chapter house on the third of February.

Since our last letter to the RECORD we have taken into the folds of Σ A E Gilbert B. Meyers, '14, of Pittsburg, and we are now hot on the trail of another good man who is being rushed by the other fraternities as well.

Basketball season is in full swing and State has one of the fastest teams she has had in many years. We are represented on the 'varsity by Haddow who is holding down the center position, and playing a star game. Craig and Meyers are playing the forward positions on the freshman team. Baseball candidates have been recently called out for indoor practice, and eight of our men have reported. They are: Bubb, Workman, and Haddow, all “S” men and members of last year's 'varsity, Murphy, captain of last year's freshman team, Wilson, Turner, Jacobs and Craig. Our two Dramatic Clubs, the “Thespians” and “Pharsonians” are now busy with their new plays. Bear and Turner are members of both clubs and Tanguy is a member of the caste of the “Thespians.” Van Reed is a member of the college orchestra

and band, and Bear is a member of the glee club.

We are now looking forward to our Founder's Day banquet as some of our alumni will be here with us then. Sometime during the coming spring we will hold a reunion of our alumni and will try to get as many as possible to attend so as to make it a great success.

We take this opportunity to extend an invitation to all Σ A E's to drop in to see us whenever opportunities afford it.

C. W. RHODES.

Pennsylvania Zeta, Bucknell University, Lewisburg

LOOKING over the half of the college year just passed we feel that the Pennsylvania Zeta has well justified the optimism which marked our return last fall. Since our last letter we have been doing things at Bucknell in a true Σ A E style, and with a certain enthusiastic dispatch which has increased our prestige.

Early in December we initiated Zehner, '13, of Tamaqua, Pa. Zehner, popularly known as Whitie, has distinguished himself in all three branches of college athletics, playing on the 'varsity football, basketball and baseball teams. Just to give a touch of versatility to his accomplishments Whitie frequently entertains us on the ivory keys, at which he displays no mean ability.

The return of Brother Peoples, '11, after having been out a term, brings our present active chapter roll up to sixteen. The stringent faculty ruling, which makes the completion of a year's college work requisite for fraternity initiation, necessarily keeps the number of our active men low. At present, however, we have the largest membership among the fraternities at Bucknell.

The number of pledged men (freshmen) was increased last week when we placed the pledge pin on Weaver, '14, of Rebersburg, Pa. Weaver is not only a good student but he has also shown a spirit in underclass affairs which well deserves admiration, though it has been disastrous for him. At present he is bearing a broken arm as a remembrance of his daring defiance of the sophomores in the "proc. scrap."

With our basketball season half over we feel rather proud of our straight victory. Our indomitable Whitie promises to fight hard to keep the score clean to the end. After the game with Gettysburg, we entertained Brothers Bigler and Dayhoff, both of whom were playing with the Gettysburg team. It was also our pleasure to have with us Brothers Corning and Mackintosh from the Pennsylvania Sigma Phi chapter for several days. Early in the term a number of old alumni dropped in to look us over, among them Brothers Painter, Metzger, Murdock and Meyer. The visits of both alumni and members from other chapters are always appreciated; they tend to promote a friendly Σ A E spirit, therefore we extend the cordial hospitality of our house to all who may find it possible to visit us.

R. A. STILL.

Pennsylvania Delta, Gettysburg College,
Gettysburg

ONCE more we have the opportunity to acquaint the alumni and sister chapters with our progress and activities.

Although we were fortunate in landing quite a number of good men at the beginning of the year, we were not satisfied; we have been constantly on the job, keeping in mind the fact that good conditions can always

be bettered. As a result we present to the fraternity the name of C. W. Beard, '14, as member and Bowd W. Nell, '12, recently pledged.

Since the close of the football season, which was one of the most successful in many years, all attention, in the athletic line has been turned towards basketball. As in all athletics we are well represented, Beeple, '13, and Dayhoff, '14, holding regular positions on the 'varsity. Fluhrer, who was a member of last year's team was so unfortunate as to sprain his ankle, which will keep him out of the game this season. The coming baseball season promises to be a successful one for Gettysburg, since quite a lot of good material entered school in the fall. We have Fluhrer and Beaver of last year's team and two or three other worthy competitors for positions.

The brothers are also represented in many other college activities. Price, '11, and Fluhrer, '12, are members of the college Press Club. Fluhrer is a member of the Junior Prom committee. Wolf and Bream are members of the freshman banquet committee, Wolf being chairman. Spangler, '13, is a member of the musical club. Most every other member is represented in some college or class activity.

Quite a few movements are in progress for the advancement of the college since the election of Dr. Granville as president. A three thousand dollar fund is being raised for the means of establishing five new courses next year. Everywhere there seems to be more college spirit, among the alumni and also among the students and in fact everything seems to point towards a Greater Gettysburg. With the installation of the new courses one of which will be civil engineering, a better class of students is assured which will be

highly advantageous to the fraternities at Gettysburg.

Rice, '08, is teaching in the Gettysburg Preparatory school. He takes quite an interest in Pennsylvania Delta and we are very fortunate in having him so closely associated with the chapter.

Lammert, '07, and Kessler, '08, spent two weeks with us near the close of the fall term. We have received numerous visits from other brothers and we certainly do appreciate these visits; it not only shows an interest in Pa. Delta but it instills spirit and enthusiasm into the chapter.

C. WALT BEAVER.

Pennsylvania Theta, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia

THE second term of the college year has just begun and our chapter is in a most prosperous condition.

Brother Bissell has left college to go into business and is now located at Birmingham, Ala. His departure has reduced our chapter roll to twenty-eight members, which will soon be increased by the initiation of four promising candidates.

The new house question is one that has been greatly considered by this chapter but we have not accomplished anything definite until recently. Brother Walling informed us at our last meeting that the trustees of this chapter had purchased an option on two pieces of property, located directly across from College Hall. This is an ideal sight for a fraternity house and we all feel that it is the greatest thing that has ever happened for the welfare of the chapter. The best fraternities in college will be our new neighbors and we will be in the center of college activity. These properties will be vacated during the summer and will be

ready to move into next fall. We all feel that with the chapter's best efforts assisted by our alumni that Pennsylvania Theta will soon have a permanent home of her own.

Brother Smith who developed a victorious football team last season has recently been re-elected head coach.

Brother Jourdet has been commanding a great deal of attention on the 'varsity basketball team which is making a strong fight for the championship. Brother Eisenman is playing an important position on the freshman team and Brother Browning is manager of the 'varsity.

Brother Baines who rowed our last year's freshman crew is going to respond to the call and will without doubt be among the 'varsity eight.

Brothers Ward and Armstrong are holding down their positions of goal and left wing on the hockey team. The team has however been greatly handicapped on account of unfavorable weather.

Brother Wolle who scored for Pennsylvania in the Intercollegiates last spring, has been a point winner in several of the indoor meets this winter.

Brothers Browning, Ingersoll and Wolle all of whom are Mask and Wig Club members, have responded to the call for this year's production.

Brother Wolle was recently honored by election to Friars, a permanent senior society.

The annual chapter dance will be held on Washington's birthday at the Huston Club.

The Founder's Day Banquet will be held on the eleventh of March in conjunction with the New York alumni. Several prominent $\Sigma A E$'s have consented to respond to various toasts on this occasion which will, without doubt, be the greatest in the history of the chapter.

J. B. FRINNELL.

PROVINCE GAMMA

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

WASHINGTON CITY RHO held its initiation on November nineteenth just too late to get in the last issue of the *RECORD*, but it now gives us great pleasure to introduce to the fraternity nine new men; they are: Bingham, Bizzell, MacLaghlen, Maddox, Robinson, Smith, Thomas, Wilson, and Young. The ritual was witnessed by many old men of the chapter and by several who came down from Pennsylvania Theta. After the rites a banquet awaited the guests and new brothers. Many stories were told and speeches made "of" and "by" our new brothers in Σ A E.

The old Christmas custom in the chapter of having a tree was observed. The parlor doors were thrown open upon a beautifully arrayed tree loaded with tinsel and toys for each son of our large family. Santa never was "more" jovial and his children never so happy. Each member received his presents in person and made a few remarks upon the appropriateness of the gift. A big supper followed afterward.

On New Years Eve the chapter held its holiday dance. Horns and confetti emphasized the New Year's best wishes.

It has now become a set custom to have the men drop in on Sunday afternoon with their friends between the hours of five and seven. Tea is served and good music is always to be heard. These little afternoons at home have proven to be a very delightful way of meeting our friends and have become quite popular.

At our last smoker Brother Bush-head introduced a most interesting

guest "The Chief of the Creek Nation, Motie Tiger." The old man was in town to see the great White Chiefs Capitol, and we were fortunate to have a visit from him. With the use of an interpreter he made a very eloquent address speaking to us as he would have spoken to his young warriors. In this day and generation it is not only unique but a great privilege to be addressed by the greatest living American Indian. His theme for the most part was on "Tribal Loyalty" the trait so dear to the Fraternity as well as to the Indian.

We were again able to entertain the Virginia men with a supper as we did after the Georgetown-Virginia game last fall. A number of them came up for the dance given at Chevy Chase College on February 11. After a very pleasant evening spent at the college we returned to the house and had one of Fred Mores famous chafing dish suppers. We also had as our guests the Delta Chi men from Georgetown.

The mid-years are now over with a good showing throughout the chapter. The upper class dance was held on February 10 at the Arlington. A feature of the dance was the attendance of Σ A E men.

The Pennsylvania Theta men who attended the initiation were Brothers Browning, Bains, Innes, Faber, and Finnell. We have also had calls from the following brothers: Viss (Ohio Rho), Lloyd (V. M. I.), MacAllister (N. Y. Sigma-Phi), Rogers (Ill. Beta) and Wenger (Va. Omicron). We would like to have you on our next list Brother Σ A E.

H. B. CHUBB.

Virginia Omicron, University of Virginia,
University Station

VERY little of interest has happened at Virginia Omicron since the last issue of *THE RECORD*. Only a few new men entered college after Christmas and, as yet, we have found none that look good to us.

Brother Whiteside was unable to return after Christmas on account of his eyes; he was a member of the Glee Club and his absence will be keenly felt by that organization. Wenger is also a member of the Glee Club.

Athletics, both in track and basketball, have been very successful so far this season. In the George Washington meet Virginia won the cup for the highest number of points; and, although represented by only five men in the Johns Hopkins meet she carried off second place. A good schedule has been arranged including a triangular meet in April between Pennsylvania, Dartmouth and Virginia. Caldwell is almost sure of a place on the relay team. Our basketball team is going good now, having recently defeated two of our rivals, Washington and Lee and Georgetown. Our baseball schedule is a little longer than usual and includes games with nearly all of the larger Eastern universities. As was expected Finlay, who played a star game at end on the football team last fall, secured a berth on the All-South Atlantic eleven.

The Mid-Winter Germans livened up things quite a bit and one afternoon we gave a "tea" for some of the visiting girls. Once every month we give a big soiree, commonly known as feeds, and about two hundred of the students are invited, and it is now conceded that our soirees set the standard.

We are looking forward with much pleasure to a visit from Brother Fred Moor and several other members of Washington City Rho.

Brother Olivier, who was in this chapter several years ago, paid us a visit shortly after the holidays; he is now stationed at the Lick Observatory. Brother Finley, our delegate to Kansas City, has made us several very interesting talks on the proceedings at the convention.

SAM R. CONNELLY.

Virginia Sigma, Washington and Lee
University, Lexington

JUST on the eve of the Thanksgiving Hops and with Lexington full of visiting girls, who were to attend the dances, an epidemic of typhoid was raging through this section of Virginia, and as a result the faculty deemed it wise to disband college until January 3, 1911. We are very glad to state that none of the brothers of Virginia Sigma fell a victim to this disease.

After a vacation of about five weeks all of the brothers—with the exception of two—returned and now our little circle around the fire is complete, although the presence of Brothers Daniel and Steeton is greatly missed.

Ed Brown, our delegate to the Kansas City convention, gave us a very full report of the doings of the convention. Virginia Sigma is very well pleased with what was accomplished.

Since Christmas E. S. Frost, Jr., '14, of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been initiated into the sacred rites. He is a great athlete and promises to make the chapter an excellent man.

The postponed initiation of the Ribbon Societies was held the latter part of January. Brother Ferry made If A N and Brothers Oates, Camp-

bell and Grantham made White Friar. Brother Campbell also made $\Phi \Delta \Phi$.

The entire student body is looking forward with very great pleasure to the Fancy Dress Ball February 21. This is without a doubt one of the swellest dances given during the year.

Our basketball season is in full swing. On the Northern trip we only lost two games—while at home we have won every game played. Our prospects for a championship team are very good. While it is a little early for baseball—yet there are indications that there is a stack of good material in the freshman class.

With practically the whole of last year's team back one might predict for Washington and Lee the best team she has ever had.

Any wandering son of Minerva will receive a hearty welcome at our fireside.

C. PINCKNEY GRANTHAM.

North Carolina Xi, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

THE great event in every second year of fraternity life happened since the last RECORD in the form of the National Convention of $\Sigma \text{ A E}$.

Brother C. A. Vogler our chosen representative, was taken sick, and was not able to go, Brother Hanes taking his place. We congratulate the fraternity upon its new chapters and are very glad to know of characters being granted to them. Brother Hanes reports the convention as a great success, both in a business way and for having a rousing good time.

At present in college nothing of importance is going on, it being between seasons. We had our mid-year dances on the fifteenth and sixteenth of February, these consisting of the Junior Orator and German Club dance. On this occasion the glee club gave an entertainment at Chapel

Hill, $\Sigma \text{ A E}$ being represented by Brother Shoffner and Brother Haney who is manager of the musical association.

The basketball team, on which Brother W. S. Tillett is a star, has been quite successful so far. Prospects for baseball are bright.

Brother Hanes was elected an assistant marshal for commencement.

D. R. MURCHINSON.

North Carolina Theta, Davidson College, Davidson

WITH the opening of college on January 4, all the brothers had returned with the exception of B. F. McMillan, Jr., who has begun the practice of pharmacy at Red Springs, N. C.

We have initiated two men—W. S. James, Laurinburg, N. C. and G. W. Carr, Durham, N. C., and with the return of L. E. Sally, who has for the past year been attending South Carolina Military Academy, the chapter now numbers twelve.

Since the issue of the December RECORD Brothers Allan and Huske, representing the college, won the inter-collegiate debate with Wofford College, S. C. Allen is again on the honor roll for scholarship.

The chapter was very much gratified at the actions of the National Convention at Kansas City.

In football Davidson has made a record of which we are justly proud, having scored a total of 229 points to our opponents 36.

Brother "Pink" Ervin, '11, at right half-back, ably represented us on the 'varsity, while "Shorty" Wamer, '12, substituted at right end. Carr, '14, is captain of freshman class team.

We are looking forward to Junior Prom which comes off February 22.

ALEX SPRUNT.

PROVINCE DELTA

Michigan Iota-Beta, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

THE world of Michigan Iota-Beta has been rotating on its axis at an unprecedented rate the last few months. It has been a strain on the calendar to work the necessaries, and to embrace each opportunity offered, but it has been done, and to the finish with a good wind. With men mixed in the Michigan Union Opera, in the Comedy Club, on the 'varsity football team, in politics which landed us the 'varsity football managership for next fall, and further the Fall Dance, examinations and last but not least, the palpitating claims of J-Hop, the little lull that follows with the beginning of the second semester is as welcome and refreshing as will be that first touch of spring, that even now blushing withholds its appearance until a somewhat warmer day.

The initiation hinted at in the last letter resulted happily for all concerned, and the verdant ones for whom it was an initial experience have ceased to remember the day when they worshipped not before our altars. To their number are soon to be added the names of two other first year men of exceeding promise, Thornton and Cartwright, who are now wearing the pledge button. We are receiving the congratulations of the other fraternities over the pledging of Jerry Collins, a leading student in the engineering department, and one of the strongest independents on the campus. These three men will be put through the mill as an appetizer for Founder's Day Banquet.

Athletically, we boast an "M" about the house these days upon the

husky chest of Borleske who did not a little in the routing of the Gophers, and who drew upon himself much favorable expert criticism. Politically our star received a great boost in the election of Learmonth to the 'varsity football managership. It was a good clean victory following on a hard fought battle. A fellow engineer and a law, both independents, were his opponents, both well known on the campus, each having a strong following and bidding threateningly for the position. The ballot returns justified our confidence.

The inter-fraternity political circle has been agitating itself with the result that a resolution has been adopted rejecting the prevailing system of pledging support. This will relieve materially constrained and inconvenient situations, and leave the various fraternities free to espouse the better and right side according to their judgment.

The last three days following examinations were devoted to studying particularly the finer arts. For three days have the women of choice reigned supreme in these startled halls; for three days have vestibules, window seats, be-pillowed corners, the rejuvenated attic and part of the basement been metamorphosed by social magic into shady nooks and pulsing dells which ever and anon rang with the laughter of gay nymphs gathered by thoughtful and guaging hands from the cardinal points of the compass. It is now all a pleasing retrospect to produce new spirit and life and to knock the dire non-tony out of study.

It will take some time to be once more in the spirit of the books, but

we hope to be re-established there eventually. H. A. ELLIOTT.

Michigan Alpha, Adrian College, Adrian

AFTER a holiday vacation of nearly three weeks our band of brothers were again found in the harness ready for work when school convened on January 4. Their rest from college duties and pleasures seemed to bring renewed energy and spirit and we now find a greater seriousness for work and an apparent greater delight in college and fraternity activity.

The close of the first semester on February 7 proved for us here that a college fraternity organization is not detrimental to scholarship, for with the close of finals the grades of our brothers were in such condition that criticism would not be suggested to the minds of any who might be more attentive in that special direction than to the curriculum prescribed for their consideration.

We are happy in possessing this year to a marked degree a condition of harmony and good feeling which linked with seriousness and a mind "to do" spell success, and since it is but natural for one so minded to be in for all healthful activity and advancement it has been our good fortune to be favorably represented in all the healthful college activities.

In football three $\Sigma A E$'s were presented their "A's." Basketball is now the topic of the season and here Brother Beem has made good and Brother Westerman, the manager, is serving as utility. With the coming of the baseball season considerable enthusiasm is being shown, and here is luck to you brothers, your "friends" are with you.

Since writing the last letter "Mose" Knisley and "Stub" Graham have been initiated into the mysteries and

since our return from vacation George Cantrick is wearing the diamond pin. These men are all proving themselves worthy of their trust. Within a few days "Spike" Hunter will be bound by the Bonds. We also have a new pledge with us, George Grey, who is already loyal in his fraternity spirit.

Since the great Kansas City Convention $\Sigma A E$ must surely mean more to all of us. Study her more brothers and be alive to the great fraternity factor of which you are a member. A full appreciation of her power for good might really surprise some of you brothers who have not thought very seriously of the work being accomplished.

We are planning for a great time on Founder's Day, as no doubt all of our chapters are. The last one of these noble men has now gone into that other world. Let us make more out of the day than ever before and instill into our new men a reverence for those brothers who have given to us this additional opportunity for achievement.

GALE H. FISHER.

Ohio Sigma, Mt. Union College, Alliance

THE new term opened with all of the brothers back and ready for work. Six of the pledges of last fall were initiated on November 21, and our number is now twenty-two. The latest initiates are, Drukenbrod, Shem, Wise, Windle, Auer, and McMillen. We hope to be able to initiate some of the remaining pledges before the end of this term.

The fall term affair was held at the home of Brother Shimp and was very much enjoyed by all. Plans for the winter term affair have not been fully decided upon, but a theatre party to Canton is contemplated.

On January 14, Ohio Sigma held a

smoker for the alumni in Alliance. At this meeting plans were discussed by which means we might get the house proposition started. A board of directors was elected for the "Ohio Sigma Chapter House Company," and a committee was appointed to draw up a constitution. The board of directors is composed of the following alumni and active men: C. Y. Kay, '71; H. Lindale Smith, '93; H. C. Kochler, '96; Frank M. Shelton, '99; I. E. Reidinger, '04; Gibson, '12; Pritchard, '13.

Basketball is not quite up to the usual standard this year financially and also in winning games. This is accounted for mainly because of the basketball league in Alliance which is drawing big crowds at all of the games, and creating great enthusiasm. But basketball at Mount Union is not losing out for when a rival college meets us upon our own floor, the support which the students give by their rooting is greatly responsible for the interesting games played. The different classes of the college are organizing teams and no doubt many enjoyable games will be played before the season ends.

Inter-collegiate debates are now being considered by those of bebat-ing caliber. The preliminary contest for places on the teams is to be held February 14, and Ohio Sigma is looking for her representatives to stand among the first in the choice. The debates will be held sometime in April with Muskingum and Hiram.

We are glad to welcome all alumni of the Fraternity to our chapter house at any time. During the past months not a few Σ A E's have stopped in to give us a greeting, while on their way through Alliance. These visits are surely appreciated, for we learn of the many interesting things which have happened in school and also of the many things

which we can only look forward to now.
HERBERT PRITCHARD.

Ohio Delta, Ohio Wesleyan University,
Delaware

THE opening of a new semester sees a number of changes in the roster of Ohio Delta. Brother Paul R. Smith, '12, goes to take a position with the National Index Company of Columbus, Ohio, while E. S. Jes-ter enters the medical department at Western Reserve. But two new pledges, "Preps" Markward and Vin-ing help to again fill out our num-bers. Brother Herendeen is in school again, after an absence of a semester.

The absence of Brother Smith from school necessitated election of a new college yell leader and man-ager of the College Glee Club, both positions being held by him. Brother H. M. Vawter has already been chosen as glee club manager. He is also a member of the 'varsity Track Team as is also Brother Day.

The 'varsity basketball season has thus far not been a very successful one, the team having been defeated both by Denison and Ohio State, but we hope for better luck in the future. Brother Prugh has won his numerals at the Senior, and Brother Marting on the sophomore basket-ball team.

Brother Marting is also a member of the sophomore debate team and the 'varsity debate squad; Brother Dubois is a member of a recently organized college orchestra.

A most enjoyable Pan-Hellenic Banquet was held on the evening of January 13, at one of the hotels of the city. The affair was more elab-orate than a previous event of the kind and was productive of much good feeling among the fraternities.

The work of collecting the endow-ment fund for the university pro-

gresses, the \$410,000 mark having been passed.

R. R. HALL.

Ohio Epsilon, University of Cincinnati,
Cincinnati

THE chapter since the last letter has enjoyed increased strength as regards organization, new men, and college honors. Contrary to custom we have pledged another man since our first initiation in November, and have endeavored to search out men who have developed since the day of registration. Consequently there have been many rushing parties at the chapter house with the result that the other fraternities at the university have been watching us keenly for any move we might make.

The usual round of fraternity and sorority dances made the Christmas holidays a dream of never ending pleasures. Our dance was held at the Arvondale Club on December 23. Many of the brothers from neighboring chapters were present and of course the alumni and active members of this chapter were there in great numbers.

There has been no noteworthy change in the university itself. The new gymnasium, mentioned in my last letter, will be completed in June. We eagerly await its completion, for the addition of all the facilities included there means a boom to athletics.

The football team finished a very successful season by a decided victory over Dennison. Brother W. F. Mitchell was elected manager for the ensuing year and already he has closed a strong schedule, the most important game of which will be with Ohio State on next Thanksgiving.

The basketball season has been far from successful but we are still

hanging on with the hope of improvement.

The baseball schedule has been closed and in a few weeks a call for candidates will be issued. The team promises to be exceptionally strong this year.

In the near future a series of university plays will be given for the benefit of athletics. These plays never fail to bring out a large attendance, for the cause is a good one and the money realized is always needed.

As to the other fraternities I am pleased to say that they are all doing well. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has a house on McMillan Street and $B \Theta \Pi$ has rented a house on Eden Avenue. Among the fraternities there is developing a friendly relation. One thing that fosters this feeling is the Fraternity Bowling League which ΣX leads in scores to date.

Another annual event that strengthens this friendly inter-fraternity relation is the Pan-Hellenic Dance which this year will be given at the Walnut Hills Mansion on March 8. Already keen interest in the affair is being manifested.

CLIFFORD PORTER HALL.

Ohio Theta, Ohio State University,
Columbus

WITH the dreaded semester examinations over, Ohio Theta finds herself very lucky in having all of her old men in the ranks, and an old pledge, Harold Gintner, who registered this semester and will be with us. We also wish to announce the pledging of the following men who will be initiated Saturday, February 18: Herbert Baker, Galion, O.; Roy Duff and Harold Gintner of Columbus. Another Columbus man, Paul Larkin, has just been pledged.

In athletics which is holding our

attention at present, basketball and track, Ohio State has been doing very well. It looks like we would secure the state championship in both. As usual Ohio Theta is well represented having Brothers "Dick" and Ferry Rigby on the basketball team, with Foss doing the pole vault and Barricklow putting the shot, in the track meets. On the freshman basketball team we have one man, Baker, who looks like 'varsity "stuff." Candidates for the baseball team are now "working out" indoors and indications are strong for a good team.

During the month of December several men had to leave us: Brothers Daugherty of Lancaster, Court-right of Columbus, and Denny of Middletown. It is possible that one or two of them will be back next year. J. Cotter Dugan, who hails from the good old $\Sigma A E$ town of Celina, has passed the State Bar examination and will probably locate here in Columbus. He graduated in 1910 from Georgetown University, and has been taking some special work at Ohio State.

The new Students Building, "Ohio Union" has been opened, and on February 25 Ohio Theta will entertain with an informal dance in this hall for the new initiates.

We have with us two $\Sigma A E$'s who are working in Columbus: Brothers Paul Smith, Ohio Delta, and Frank Kloeb, Ohio Theta. Five or six of our alumni are rooming in a house nearby which they call the $\Sigma A E$ Annex. Although we are still on $\Sigma A E$ corner, it is our intention to be in a new house by the beginning of next semester.

R. S. BEIGHTLER.

Ohio Rho, Case School of Applied
Science, Cleveland

THE mid-year exams. have come and gone, and with them have gone about 100 faces familiar on our campus. But Ohio Rho is congratulating herself as being very fortunate in this respect, losing but one man. All the fraternities here were hard hit, losing from one to four men each. But we have not neglected the social side, worrying over our books. The social committee, with Guinther as chairman has given us a fine program of dances. On March 9, we are planning to give a Founders' Day banquet, in conjunction with the city alumni association.

We feel justly proud of our football team, although we did not win the championship. We lost but one game all season, and that by a 6-0 score to Oberlin. Twitchell was captain of the team, and was again chosen as All-Ohio halfback. Parsons, although a green man at the game, made the 'varsity and won his "C." Our hockey team is making a proud record this year. Clarke and Maloney are regulars on the team, while Eckstine and Parsons are subs.

It will not be long now until the seniors begin their annual inspection trips. This year the Electricals are going east, while the Mechanicals go west, both parties starting March 27. We are already making plans for the coming rushing season, during which we will have to work hard, as we lose eight men this year by graduation. Any information in regard to men expecting to enter Case will be greatly appreciated.

HARRY L. SENN.

Indiana Alpha, Franklin College,
Franklin

SINCE last heard from, Indiana Alpha has not been pursuing the social side of life to any great extent. However on November 11 we gave a dance in our hall for our alumni and lady friends, at which affair we tried to do ourselves justice.

Renewed efforts have been made in the chapter house plans, and our alumni are co-operating with us as never before. The new year found our seven out-of-town men comfortably located in a fine seven room house, which is easily accessible, being about three blocks from the courthouse, in one of the best parts of the town.

Although we have had only twelve active men so far this year, there have been nine pledges ready to join us and do their share of work. These were initiated on February 13, and together with Branigin, who has returned to school this term, we have a splendid working "bunch" of twenty-two men.

Great interest has been shown by the active men and alumni, in the stag banquet to be held by the three Indiana chapters at Indianapolis on March 11. This is a new feature in the state and, as should be the case, every one is looking forward to the joint meeting with much enthusiasm.

Basketball is now at its height in most colleges of the country and none the less at Franklin. We have Meyers playing center, and Burton, as captain of the 'varsity playing guard, with Frellick as an utility man. It is Franklin's good fortune to have not only the best team that has represented the college in years but also one that will make a strong bid for secondary championship of the state.

The board of directors of the college have hired Dr. Myron S. Haynes, of Shurtleff College, to increase the endowment one half million dollars. He is having good success and from present prospects will have the required amount raised by the time school closes. This will put the institution on a much firmer basis than now and will no doubt increase the enrollment of the college proportionally.

The form of student government, suggested by Brother Clark (and mentioned in the last RECORD) has been put in practice during the last term and has proved very successful. There are a few minor defects, which are bound to occur in such an institution. By this plan the student body controls all college activities.

We are always glad to see strange $\Sigma A E$'s in Franklin, and more than ever since we have a house to welcome them in. Don't forget there is a chapter of $\Sigma A E$ at Franklin College.

RALPH S. FRELICK.

Indiana Beta, Purdue University, West
Lafayette

SINCE the last issue of the RECORD Indiana Beta has added another man to her list of pledges, D. S. Kulp, making a total of nine men pledged this year. Owing to the university ruling these neophytes will not be initiated until April. We are glad to welcome Brother M. S. Pritchard, who has come to Purdue from Franklin College and has affiliated with our chapter.

In school activities $\Sigma A E$ feels as though she has taken high honors, having Fletcher, captain of this year's football team, Hier and Montfort on the 'varsity baseball team, Campbell, editor in chief of *The Debris*, our college annual, and manager of the Harlequin Club, the

school's foremost student organization. Brother Fletcher was elected chairman of the Junior Prom. committee, Purdue's greatest social function. A number of other school offices are divided among the members of Indiana Beta, Brother Kurtz being baritone soloist for the Glee Club while M. Taylor is president of the freshman class and M. Crockett is on the Insignia Board.

Basketball holds the attention of most Purdueites just now and the team expects to win the Western championship, having gone through thus far with no games lost and nine victories to their credit. Baseball practice will begin soon and the team, conference champions in 1909, hopes to again win the pennant. With Hier and Montfort on the team its progress will be closely watched by Σ A E's at Purdue.

We have enlivened the school year by giving a number of parties and dances. On March 9 we shall give our annual Founders' Day formal and hope that all brothers who can, will visit us and partake of the festivities. A joint banquet of the Indiana state chapters will be held at Indianapolis on March 11. This is the first attempt to get the state chapters together for a function of this kind and it is the intention to make it an annual event.

It is with deep regret that we lose A. R. Mormon and J. G. Hollmeyer from the active chapter. Both men have left school to take responsible positions in the business world. In closing we extend a hearty invitation to all brothers who may sojourn our way to drop in and see us and partake of the hospitality of Indiana Beta.

H. C. BRUCE.

Indiana Gamma, University of Indiana,
Bloomington

AT the time of writing our last letter we were getting well started in what gave promise of being a most prosperous year in all the fields of work in which a good fraternity may look for success. Though fortunate last fall in having a large number return, twenty-one, we have nevertheless, worked hard, and now are beginning to be repaid in the pleasure that always comes with the completion of a task well done. On January 16 we initiated eleven men, seven of whom we pledged in September and four in January. These men are: C. Y. Dodds, D. A. Bartley, F. B. Smith, V. D. Keiser, H. D. Hart, W. B. Cummins, J. F. Lindsey, C. L. Butcher, R. E. Goodrich, H. E. Wagner, R. E. Rubush.

Indiana University has this year taken steps to improve the scholarship of the organized bodies in the college. Observation in the past has shown that the grades of the unorganized men and women of the college was better than the organized. All the fraternities took definite steps for improvement in this line. The report of the term just past shows them in the lead. We are very proud of our own record, especially the freshmen, among whom there was not lost an hour's credit. In athletics our attention is at present turning toward baseball. Brothers Howard and Hoy are sure of regular places on the 'varsity. Brother Rubush is the best twirler on the freshman squad.

Our annual installation dance was given on the evening of January 20. We give other informal dances throughout the term. Every week we

entertain in our home with an informal dinner.

In closing I wish to ask all who may get within hailing distance of Indiana Gamma to come to see us.

H. E. MILLESON.

Illinois Psi-Omega, Northwestern University, Evanston

SINCE the last writing, the chapter has felt the great enthusiastic influence of the National Convention held in Kansas City. Besides the delegate Brown, Brothers Watson, Carrol, and Miller, and Pledge Dudley of the active chapter were in attendance. At Kansas City the forces of Illinois Psi-Omega were materially increased to ten by the presence of Billy Levere, Roy Monier, James E. Chapman, J. Lee Dick, and Wm. A. Vawter 2nd. Every one in the chapter has received a detailed account of the proceedings of the convention, and all have resolved to prepare, now, for Nashville.

James A. Patten, Northwestern's loyal benefactor, has announced a gift of \$250,000 to the university for the purpose of instituting a department of Pathology in the medical school.

The statistics of this year's registration which have just been published, show a decided increase in the enrollment of the university. Liberal Arts with an increase of ten per cent over last year, now has 1250 students.

The Purple basketball team has not been faring well this season owing to the ineligibility of several promising candidates. Pledges Merrey and Coleman have been chosen as members of the freshman 'varsity basketball squad. The track team

has been making good records in the few meets that have been held. Brother Watson won first place in the two-mile in a meet against Chicago and he also took second place in the mile. Schwarz is the best hurdler in college. Brother Hubbard is the 'varsity quarter-miler. Pledge Alt is a member of the freshman 'varsity track team which defeated Chicago University freshmen in the first indoor meet of the season. Ackerburg is a sprinter on the freshman team.

Northwestern, for the first time in her history is represented by a 'varsity swimming team. The team brought great laurels to itself, when in the first conference meet, it overwhelmingly defeated Chicago. Brother Schwarz is the 'varsity backstroke. Pledge Alt has been elected to the captaincy of the freshman 'varsity swimming team.

In other activities, Σ A E is receiving her share of honors. Brother Boswell is a member of the Junior Prom. Committee. Brother Hinsdell has been re-elected reader for the Glee Club. "Medium" Brown, a freshman, has been elected by his class to the Student Undergraduate Board of Control. Pledge Thomson is advertising manager for the freshman Trig play. Brother "Light" Brown has been selected as right-end on the All-Class football team.

Three members of the chapter attended the installation of Illinois Delta, January 14. Brother Southworth accompanied Brother Billy Levere to Vermillion, S. Dak. on January 28, where they were present at the installation of South Dakota Sigma.

We will initiate eight freshmen February 25, at which time we hope to have present many of our alumni.

A. GLEN BROWN.

Illinois Beta, University of Illinois,
Champaign

ILLINOIS is proud of her undefeated gridiron heroes of last fall, but that is a memory of the past, while the present stage is held by a good basketball team which is holding its own and by a promising baseball team for this coming season. Brother Matter played a very speedy and accurate game at forward in every half this season up to vacation, but has left school now to enter the real estate business, with his father and brother Ray Matter of this chapter, in Montana. In the baseball line Brother Kelso promises to make a strong run for the twirling job. Brother Ackerburg stood a chance of making the squad as mask artist, but has withdrawn from the university to enter the Northwestern school of law in Chicago. The loss of Brothers Matter and Ackerburg will be felt by Illinois at large and Illinois Beta in particular.

Since our last letter Brother Paul Gillan formerly of Wisconsin Alpha has affiliated with this chapter. Brother Carl Gray, Jr., who affiliated from Missouri Beta last year, has completed his course at Illinois and taken up a position with the Frisco Railroad system.

Several of the members of Illinois Beta were fortunate enough to be able to hear Brothers Levere and Sanford initiate our new brothers of Illinois Delta into our ranks. The installation, the banquet, the toasts, and the spirit of brotherhood and good fellowship that was present will not soon be forgotten by the attending brothers.

Lincoln Hall is rapidly nearing completion and will be finished for use by next fall if all goes well. Improvements are being made in sev-

eral of the older buildings and two or three new ones are being started at the university, showing that Illinois is not retreating or standing still, but gradually growing in size, as well as in standing among the best universities. In the fraternity life at the university, expansion is just as noticeable; the new Phi Gamma Delta house will be ready for use in a short time; the Kappa Sigs have laid the foundation for a new house just across the street from our chapter house, one other fraternity is planning to break ground in the spring, and a few other fraternities and at least one sorority are looking over designs for new homes. All of these fraternity houses mean company for us, because they are all being built in a district which we broke into and which for a long time was known as the Σ A E Farm.

The date for our annual formal dance has been set for March 10, and is to be followed by our annual banquet on the night of March 11. Illinois Beta always has a hearty welcome for any Σ A E who comes her way, and wishes that all who can would visit and take advantage of that welcome.

HUGH H. TOLMAN.

Illinois Theta, University of Chicago,
Chicago

THE first quarter in our school year is over, and the second is half completed. Seventeen men are back on the active roll of the chapter, including six freshmen, who were initiated January 22. The new men are Oakley Morton, Francis Mathias, Dudley Dunn, Earle Shilton, Fred Glascock, and George Leisure. This leaves us with five pledges, one of whom, Hobbs, is still in Hyde Park high school, and will enter the university next year.

One or two changes have occurred in the chapter roll since the last writing. Brother Allison has graduated and is now located at his home in Corning, N. Y. Brother Nickerson has left for Boston Tech., to again take up the burden of a scholastic life.

Three of our freshmen have been singing in the Glee Club, and the freshman debating team was honored by the presence of Brothers Morton and Shilton. Brother Appel is president of the senior class, and Brother DeGraw is captain of the senior basketball team, which has practically won the interclass pennant. Brother Bills is literary editor of the *Cap and Gown*, the university annual. Brother Karsten is vice-president of the Fencibles, the sophomore honorary debating society.

Work on the Harper Memorial Library, the latest great addition to the university is progressing rapidly, and will probably be completed by the end of the school year. The huge building nearly completes the hollow square of buildings which will eventually be the formation of the university.

The Illinois Theta house is always a cordial home for visitors, and we hope that all who pass through Chicago will take advantage of its hospitality. PAUL D. KARSTEN.

Illinois Delta, Millikin University,
Decatur

SINCE the Kansas City Convention we have been very busy. We hardly had time before January 14 to realize that our hopes for a charter had been realized. On that day nineteen of our alumni returned to be initiated with us into Σ A E, making a class of thirty-nine altogether. Immediately after the installation we had to suspend active

fraternity work for a time in order to prepare for the semester examination. All the men passed successfully and we have started the new semester with a clean sheet and a good record.

We found that we must adapt ourselves to almost entirely new conditions, new laws, new rituals, etc. We are acquainting ourselves with the national laws and the new rituals, both of which appeal very strongly to the chapter. So far no new men have been initiated but several of our alumni, who were unable to be here at the installation, have signified their intention of returning in the near future to be initiated.

We have been greatly pleased with the enthusiasm of our men. We thought fraternity spirit had always been strong in our local chapter, but it is nothing as compared with the new spirit of Illinois Delta. This is shown not only in closer fellowship, but by the zeal and earnestness with which every one is getting into the work of the chapter, which promises well for our future success and growth. ROBT. A. DAVIDSON.

Minnesota Alpha, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

THE month of February marks the beginning of a new semester at Minnesota. By this time the ever-dreaded exams. are a thing of the past, but this year we did not lose an active man through failure. Since the last letter many things of interest to Σ A E have happened at Minnesota. On November 7, 1910, we held our initiation at the chapter house, and it is with great pleasure that we now present to you as brothers, Allen L. Moore, Walter Noonan, Simon Lund, Samuel G. Clark, and Percy Wash. They are all workers and have already acquired the Σ A E

spirit. December 15, we initiated two more who are equally as active and loyal to $\Sigma A E$. They are Henry M. Dennis and Elliott Freeman. The latter was recommended by a $\Sigma A E$ seventy years of age who became a brother in 1857 at Tennessee Nu, Mr. J. Harris Fields.

It will be many days before the chapter forgets the initiation of December 15, for upon that day we had a real live smoker with the city fire department out in our front yard. A fire was discovered in our chapter room which had been prepared for initiation and in a few minutes the chemical engines were at work, not, however, until the chapter room was badly damaged and all our robes and paraphernalia lost. We adjourned to the next floor and with one robe and one ritual, the total saved, we initiated the two men. After the service we held our annual Christmas banquet at the Radisson Hotel. The alumni and the active chapter were there in force and it will be many a day ere we again listen to such toasts as were given by Brothers Woodruff, New York Mu; Dr. A. E. Smith, Minnesota Alpha and others.

The holidays were as welcome as a letter from home and the seventeenth of December saw the house deserted except for the old standbys. There were seven good men who kept 1121 open and welcomed the visiting brothers.

Everyone was looking forward to the national convention at Kansas City. Although we were represented by only two men, every $\Sigma A E$ from Minnesota was there in spirit. Our delegates have nothing but the very highest praise for the Kansas City convention and for the $\Sigma A E$ alumni who made it.

The beginning of school after the holidays found every man back, but our joy was somewhat dampened by

the news that two had decided not to return after the second semester. They were Donald Paddock and Harvard Rockwell both of Duluth. We miss them and after having had two such fine fellows with us we feel that their place cannot be filled. "Paddy" was the "merry sunshine," always a good fellow. Rockwell was an equally good fellow and a plugger.

Socially, things have been lively, in fact more so than ever. Our informals have been fine, and there have been many inter-fraternity parties at which we were represented. This year saw the introduction of a new custom at Minnesota. The Tau Shonka club, composed of senior fraternity men, gave the Pan-Hellenic dance which was a huge success. Two hundred and twenty-five couples attended. It was very informal but surpassed by far any party that has been given at Minnesota for a long time. Brother Perry was one of the prime movers in this project. February 3 saw one of the finest little informal parties ever given at the house. Everyone enjoyed himself. On February 11 the chapter was entertained at the home of Brother Graves, Nebraska Lambda Pi, who lives at St. Albans Bay on Lake Minnetonka. The party left the house at noon and returned at midnight. Mr. Graves and Mrs. Graves who is also a strong $\Sigma A E$, tendered the guests one of the finest parties that has ever been pulled off. It will be some time before the bunch leave off talking about it. On February 21 the Junior Ball, the social event of the year will be given at the Radisson Hotel. A goodly number of the brothers from Minnesota Alpha will be there.

On January 28, 1911, we celebrated our tenth anniversary and it was a celebration indeed. We gave it in the form of a smoker for the

alumni and there were about forty-four $\Sigma A E$'s at the house that night. Between acts the White Man's Hope and others put on some real classy fistic bouts. Brother Huntington, the heavy weight challenged Brother Johnson, our only Swede, to a battle which they ended by whipping the referee. After the various bouts a feed was served and toasts were given by Brother Hardeastle, Colorado Chi, president of the Twin City alumni association, and visiting brothers among whom were Horner of Illinois Beta and Paust of Wisconsin Alpha. We are now looking forward to our annual Founders' Day banquet on March 9, which is a red letter day to all $\Sigma A E$'s.

We have also been maintaining our past record around the campus and in all college activities. Pledgeman Geib is playing on the freshman basketball team. Brother Moore has been elected to the staff of *The Minnesota Daily* and freshman representative on the cabinet of the Y. M. C. A. Brother McKenzie, to quote the *Minneapolis Journal*, "secured the plum of all the senior committees when he drew the chairmanship of the committee on general arrangements for the Senior Prom." In consequence he will lead the grand march at this function, which is to the seniors what the Junior Ball is to the juniors. Brother McKenzie has done things this year. Among other things he has made the *Minnesota Magazine* a financial success in his position as business manager.

Brother Rockwell was elected president of the sophomore engineering class by a unanimous vote. Minnesota Alpha is now represented by two men in Phi Delta Phi. Brother Horn was elected and initiated in January. Brother Horn is also chairman of the committee of the Junior Fall Association.

It hardly seems necessary to say much about athletics. You probably know Minnesota's record during the football season just passed and also what happened to us at the hands of Michigan after a season of unparalleled success. However, there is one consolation, we did our darndest. The brothers of Minnesota Alpha wish to thank the brothers of Michigan Iota-Beta for their royal entertainment of those who attended the game from Minnesota. And we wish also to extend equal thanks to the brothers of the Chicago chapter who extended equal hospitality at the Chicago game. It is our hope that the time is not far off when we can reciprocate. At present basketball is the major sport at Minnesota. We are confident that our quint will be a credit to the university, and even make bold to predict that the championship will be ours. Our only defeat so far was by Illinois who took our scalp in a game whose score was 18 to 17. The licking was made possible by Brother Matter of the Illinois team. We had our turn, however and beat Nebraska badly in two games. Brother Frank of Nebraska played a star game. The game with Wisconsin was very exciting. With the score 12 to 3 against them Minnesota came back in the second half and won the game by a score of 17 to 16. Brother Birch of Wisconsin starred for the visitors and Brother Hyland of Iowa was referee. Iowa also suffered a defeat by a score of 37 to 7. Brother Ryden, captain, and Brother Thomas were nearly the whole team. Brother Hyland was again referee.

The inter-fraternity basketball games are now on and the excitement is waxing intense. We are going to win the cup this year if it is at all possible. We have a good team and Brother Hawke is captain. In our

first game we defeated A T O by 15 to 8 and won the second game with Δ K E by default.

This winter we have had the pleasure of meeting many visiting brothers. Brother Bert Lyons of Ohio Epsilon was with us a week and he came at a time when his cheery smile was most welcome. He kept up the spirits of us all during exam. week, by his music and general good-fellowship. The chapter always looks forward to Brother Lyon's visits and wishes that he might stay with us for months instead of one short week. Brothers Sloan of New York Alpha and Stickney of New Hampshire Alpha have dropped in on us quite frequently this year. Jack Horner of Illinois Beta also drops in occasionally. We were glad to have had the pleasure of meeting the Σ A E's on the visiting football and basketball teams. Brothers Frank of Nebraska; Matter, of Illinois; Birch of Wisconsin; Ryden, Thomas and Hyland of Iowa; Brother Kent who is director of athletics at Northfield and others have all been here with their respective teams. Brother Gray of Iowa Gamma also spent the night with us not long ago. It is a great pleasure for us to meet the visiting brothers as we are so far out of the beaten paths that Σ A E's from other chapters are quite strangers.

With the coming of April Dr. George D. Vincent of Chicago will be installed as the next president of Minnesota. In his opening speech he won the heart of every student by his personality and strong character. He impressed everyone as the one man to succeed our Grand Old Man. We feel proud that he is soon to be our leader, but with his arrival also comes the departure of our beloved Prexy Northrup. President Northrup graduated this year after twenty-six years of the most faithful

and successful service to the University of Minnesota. We feel that no man can quite fill his shoes.

We in closing wish to welcome into our band South Dakota Sigma and James Millikin chapters, and we are glad that they are Σ A E's as they are to be one of us.

CHAS. L. HORN.

Wisconsin Alpha, University of Wisconsin, Madison

AFTER safely passing the mid-semester examinations six freshmen were initiated into the fraternity making our active number about twenty with which to start the work of the year. Since then, in accordance with our method of pledging slowly but surely, we have pledged four more men, and after buttoning a few more good ones we intend to initiate during the first part of the coming semester.

Last December we purchased the Chi Psi property on Lake Mendota and intend to move there next fall. Situated directly on the lake, and in the fraternity section, it is the best location at this university for fraternity purposes. We had hoped to be able to have the coming Province Delta convention here next year, but things look rather discouraging now so that we may be compelled to postpone this date until two years hence.

During the month of January there has been the best ice-boating on Lake Mendota that we have had for several years. This, together with the hockey rinks and the new toboggan slide built by the university, has kept everybody out of doors most of the time. We have, however, held our own in society and have had several very successful dances and other "fussing" functions.

This year saw the entering class again break the record in numbers

filling the university to the limit. The new biology building is fast nearing completion, and, with it out of the way, other big plans of the board of regents will be started. Wisconsin is growing also in the number of fraternity. There are at present twenty-two national chapters here, while a local fraternity called $\text{K} \Phi \Gamma$ has recently decided to draw its members from the whole university instead of from merely the college of agriculture as it has been doing in the past, with the ultimate intention of petitioning some national fraternity.

We have just finished our first semester's work without losing any men through the "con" route. However, it is with great regret that we will have to start the second semester with two of our number missing. "Cap" Worthington has just finished his work for a degree in chemistry, and Brother Carper is obliged to re-

turn to Denver for the rest of the college year. Brother Webbe of Indiana Theta, vice-president of Province Delta, is with us while attending the short course in agriculture.

At present the outlook for a winning baseball team in the inter-fraternity league here this spring is good, which fact will compensate a little for the way in which we have been dropping horse-shoes in the bowling league. In 'varsity athletics Brother Birch is captain of the basketball team and two of the brothers will be out for baseball when practice begins.

In conclusion let me say that it is our hope that we may be able to receive constantly, as in the past, any wandering brothers who happen to reach Madison, and that we have no doubt that all of you who have time will stop at 615 Lake Street without a second invitation.

FRED B. SHERIFF.

PROVINCE EPSILON

Georgia Beta, University of Georgia,
Athens

AT present we are in a very prosperous condition, in fact this year so far has been a banner year for us. Twenty-one brothers returned after Christmas and since then Sam Cann of Virginia Theta and Thomas Wylly of Georgia Phi have affiliated.

Socially the chapter has been shining. We pulled off our annual dance February 3 and several visiting brothers added to the success of the occasion.

The committees for the commencement dances have been chosen and $\Sigma A E$ has chairman of Senior and Law hop committees, and in addition to the foregoing a member of the Pan-Hellenic and Junior.

In athletics, football was quite a success. This being due to a large extent to the fact that Brother Franklin proved such an excellent captain and also the good work done by Brothers Hay and Maclean.

In basketball we have been represented at guard by Brother Creekmore, who has been elected captain for next year.

Baseball practice has just begun and it looks as though at least three $\Sigma A E$'s have the positions for which they are trying cinched.

The work toward the chapter house is progressing steadily. When the time comes we will call on our alumni and by their aid crystalize our efforts.

Georgia Beta extends greetings to her alumni and sister chapters,

and will always be glad to see any brother who happens to pass through Athens.

HENRY LANIER.

Georgia Psi, Mercer University, Macon

GEORGIA PSI is working with enthusiastic determination to retain the envious position to which it has risen and to uphold its high standards. The outlook for this year was extremely discouraging but through the efforts of last year's chapter we now have fifteen names upon our roll. Two new men, Edwards and Wise, have been initiated since Christmas. The spirit of fraternity life has been propagated, and every one is conscientiously working with one end in view, that is, to make Georgia Psi a better chapter than ever before, and one that posterity will look back upon with pride.

We have been, up to this time, sadly in need of larger quarters. Through the kindness of the faculty we were allowed the use of an adjoining room to the hall now occupied. Remodeling commenced some weeks ago and the room is nearing completion. It is the unbiased opinion of all that we will have the most comfortable assembly rooms here, and to which there will be some "class."

The basketball team has far surpassed any team of former years. The victories have been few, but the spirit manifested by the school in supporting the team has added greatly to the showing made. The fact that the schedule was very strenuous serves to explain the reason for the defeats we suffered. Prospects are good for a baseball team this spring.

We wait with eager anticipation for the day to come that we have the Founders' Day banquet. It prom-

ises to be a record breaker in size and we hope to make this occasion one that will long be remembered. We invite all brothers to be with us at this time.

The scholarship of the brothers is of the very highest, and we expect many honors to be received by the graduates. We are well represented in all the college activities, some of the brothers taking leading parts.

The school is making wonderful progress in every way, much of which is due to Brother Jameson's able management and noble work in its behalf. Coach Stroud is conceded to be one of the best athletic instructors the college has ever had. He is a zealous and willing worker, the results of which are readily recognized.

We extend our best wishes to all our brothers who failed to return this year and wish them every success possible in their present vocations. We are always glad to welcome any Σ A E who might pass through Macon and it would be a pleasure to have you with us. Georgia Psi sends its best wishes to all sister chapters.

ROBERT J. TAYLOR, JR.

Georgia Epsilon, Emory College,
Oxford

GEORGIA EPSILON regrets the loss of Wm. H. Briggs of Valdosta, Ga., who saw fit to leave us during the holidays. He is now connected with a bank in his home town.

All of the brothers feel very much better since the strain of mid-term examinations has passed.

Since our last letter a Pan-Hellenic Council has been formed by the seven fraternities represented at Emory. Each fraternity has two representatives.

Brother Fuller has been elected

editor-in-chief of the *Emory Phoenix* to fill the unexpired term of the former editor who has withdrawn from college.

Track work has begun and we hope to be well represented in this the only form of inter-collegiate athletics permitted by the faculty and trustees. Baseball practice begins today. Several of the members of the chapter will try out for positions on their respective class teams.

The annual Inter-collegiate debate between "Emory" and "Emory and Henry" will be held in Oxford this week. The question for debate is: "Resolved, that there should be some legislation by the government for the guarantee of bank deposits." Emory champions the negative.

K A moved into its new home during the Christmas holidays and this gives Emory three fraternity houses.

THOS F. CROWELL.

Georgia Phi, Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta

SINCE the opening of school last September our chapter roll has decreased a little and at present there are quite a few men besides Σ A E's who feel resentful at the way the mid-year exams have treated them. After all though Tech is a pretty good old place if we do seem to be handled roughly at times, and although we will miss the eight men who have left the chapter, we have become used to having it happen and allow for it at the first of the year.

At the end of the 'varsity football season Brother Patterson was elected captain for the next year, and this season no sooner ended than the class football commenced. This was by far the best series of class ball we have ever had, more interest and spirit was shown, and more good material brought out than ever be-

fore. Σ A E was pretty well represented on most of the teams and we were proud of the work our members did.

On the night before Christmas vacation we gave our annual dance, which was a very enjoyable affair. We spent a good deal of time, and thought on this one thing and when the hour arrived were more than ready to have a good time. One feature of the evening was a figure during which white leather pennants with Σ A E and our coat of arms on them in purple and gold were given away as favors.

After Christmas vacation, of which we have had glowing accounts from each and every member of the chapter, we were busy with school work, but now that exams are over we have determined to get together and work a little harder for the chapter. We have not been getting along as well this year as might be. We have a good chapter and we know it, but that is no reason why we should rest on our laurels, so to speak, and expect things to go on as well as ever. A little dissention arose which made the chapter still less willing to work together, and when a chapter gets idle the first things that crop up are little fault-finders, each finder neglecting his own fault. The chapter has gotten together now and has faced the situation squarely.

Baseball season has started now and we are all anxious to see what will be turned out as a team. We have not such very good prospects as Brother Henry Collier, for two years our star pitcher, was one of those "badly treated" by exams. and will not be with us this year which leaves us without a twirler. Brother Howard Clark who was here two years ago and on the team returned last September after a year's ab-

sence. Somehow Tech always manages to turn out something good so I guess we won't have to worry much.

We are glad to see the interest that some of our alumni have in us, coming to the meetings and spending spare moments at the house. Brother Jack Thiesen misses so few meetings that he seems almost an active member, and his advice as well as that of all the alumni is very helpful to us.

A new addition to the chapter was made in February when we initiated Jack Pease, of Columbus, Ga. Brother Pease is the youngest of four Σ A E brothers, all well known Georgia Phi men.

A few of our chapter had the pleasure of attending the annual dance of our sister chapter, Georgia Beta on February 3 in Athens. We were treated royally and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity of being a guest at one of their beautiful dances.

Georgia Phi, like most all chapters has trouble in making its members pay their dues promptly and in an endeavor to remedy this we have adopted the following plan:

A committee of three alumni members has been appointed by the finance committee of the chapter to attend to our delinquent brothers. This includes house dues as well as chapter and fraternity dues. The brothers are given until the fifteenth of each month to liquidate and on the sixteenth a written statement of the brothers indebted to the chapter and the amount owed by each is banded by the treasurer to the alumni committee which has absolute power in dealing with those in arrears and the chapter leaves it entirely in their hands. This takes the responsibility of suspending men off the chapter, which is so apt to

cause hard feeling, and puts it in the hands of older men who are more cold blooded in business matters, and are not influenced to be lenient by any ties of friendship or close acquaintance with the men they are dealing with.

H. W. PATTERSON.

Alabama Iota, Southern University,
Greensboro

SINCE our last letter nothing of very great importance has happened at Southern University concerning Alabama Iota. We have just finished mid-term examinations and the members of the Σ A E held their usual high standard.

In athletics we are still holding our own, though we lost by the departure of Brother Coor, a good basketball man. He was manager of the team, also played forward. Brother Cleveland is making a splendid showing as guard in this phase of athletics. Pratt, who is to coach the baseball team has appeared upon the scene, and practice has begun. Σ A E expects to have a good representation, although not quite as large a one as we had on the gridiron. Brother Carr is manager of the team, and this reminds us of the fact that Σ A E has had three managers this year in the athletic world. Football, basketball, and baseball.

In other college activities Σ A E is distinctly in the lead. Brother Jarman is soon to speak on the anniversary occasion of his society, and five of us have been selected to speak during commencement. Brother Carr has just been elected president of the Y. M. C. A.

The Southern University is in better condition than ever in its history. Many preparations for improvement are on foot. A new science building is soon to be erected.

At the beginning of the next scholastic year, the University Training School will open its first session.

We were extremely pleased with the report of our delegate to the national convention at Kansas City. We welcome our baby chapters into our midst, and wish for them all the pleasures and benefits which may be derived from membership in our noble order.

P. B. JARMAN, JR.

Alabama Mu, University of Alabama,
University, Ala.

SINCE the writing of our last letter many interesting things have occurred at the university.

In the first place our football schedule, which was proving so disastrous to us, was completed in triumph. The great victory Thanksgiving day will be long remembered in our history, as it was in this game that we were pitted against our former coach who, while with us, earned the title "Wizard of the South." On this winning team were McDowell and Keller. Manning also made his "A." The inter-class football series was again postponed till after Christmas, but, when played off proved to be one of the most exciting in many years. Basketball immediately followed. This feature of athletics is encouraged by the new coach, and the prospect is good for a 'varsity team next year. A great impetus has been given departmental athletics this year by our new coach, who is endeavoring to put athletics on a broader basis. In all these inter-class events we were creditably represented. Since February the baseball candidates have been working out regularly and the season's outlook is very good.

The university is continuing in that prosperity mentioned in our last let-

ter and is asking the present legislature for an additional half million dollars for maintenance and equipment. Among those enrolled after the holidays were Brothers Pittman and Ard, and our new brother, James Black.

Alabama Mu is jubilant over the expected visit of Brother William C. Levere. He is coming to inspect the De Votie Memorial Hall and we regard his coming as one of the important events in our history. The banquet to be given in his honor, attended by General Brandon, other prominent $\Sigma A E$'s, and alumni, will be a notable occasion.

In conclusion we send greetings and best wishes to our alumni and to the fraternity as a whole and sincerely trust that many will arrange to visit Tuscaloosa commencement, when we shall formally open the Memorial Hall.

JOHN R. McLURE.

Alabama Alpha-Mu, Alabama Polytechnic
Institute, Auburn

WELL, what do you know about this? Alabama Alpha-Mu is going to have a chapter house—no joke and no mistake. It may seem strange and unbelievable, but we "po' devils" have accomplished what has seemed to have been impossible for so long. Hence we are patting ourselves on the back and saying, "well done." The Lord and the alumni alone know what "strainin' and strivin'" and "rippin'" and "snortin'" there has been during the past several years in an effort to get out of the present hand-box we're in now, and to get into a home which we could call our own. And just to think that its really acomplished. Don't you know we're happy? We've got the one and original "smile that won't wear off."

Our new home is splendidly located, handsomely fitted up, and almost perfectly arranged, making a splendid chapter house. We will take possession on March first, probably, and we want to assure all brothers that the latch string hangs on the outside, and all they need to do is open the door and walk in.

At present, the entire interest of the college is focussed upon basketball and class football, although baseball is beginning to sit up and take notice. Alpha Mu has no representative on the regular basketball this year, although J. P. Major is a near regular, and a player of much promise. But although Alpha-Mu has no one on the Auburn team, $\Sigma A E$ seems to be well represented in basketball, for of the two college teams that have played here this year, Central of Kentucky and University of Texas, three men, Seelbach, Seelbach, L., and Hess, of the former, and Hardy and Massingale, of the latter, were $\Sigma A E$. We enjoyed these brothers' visits immensely, and urge them to come again.

Alpha-Mu is well represented on the class football teams. On the senior team there is Malone, quarter and captain. Major is coach of the juniors. Samford, Woodburn, and Watson are members of the sophomore 'varsity. The rivalry between the classes is running high. The first two games resulted in 0-0 ties. On the playoff of the senior-freshman tie, the freshmen won by a 6-0 score. The championship game will be

played February 22. The baseball season has just begun, and it is too early to say much about it. Brothers Major and Davenport, last year's 'varsity men, are sure of positions.

Brothers J. S. and V. F. Pruitt, the two brothers from Alpha Mu who attended the Kansas City convention returned with most glowing accounts of it. They are loud in their praises of the Kansas City alumni and their ability to do things up right. Both brothers were also imbued with the spirit of $\Sigma A E$'s real greatness and magnificence, and they have made us realize in a far greater degree the true significance of our noble fraternity and have roused us to higher standards. Their glowing descriptions of the convention, have also made us all resolve to attend the Nashville convention, come what may.

Despite her prosperity, Alpha-Mu has suffered some severe losses during the past three months. Brothers Means, Horton, Summers, and Lewis have resigned college for various reasons, and their loss is sorely felt. We hope to have all four of these brothers back in college next September. But with the exception of the loss of these men, which let us hope is merely temporary, Alpha-Mu is enjoying the best of prosperity, and sincerely extends best wishes to all sister chapters, and especially our "baby" chapters, for the same prosperity in all things.

CHAS. C. THACH, JR.

PROVINCE ZETA

Missouri Alpha, University of Missouri,
Columbia

WITH the opening of the second semester the prospects for the future of Missouri Alpha look much

brighter. We initiated one new man from Kansas City. This makes nine pledges in all this year. We have twenty-three men in the chapter now which is an average number.

We are preparing to build a new

house to cost about eighteen thousand dollars. We have a good lot paid for and unencumbered. The house is to be a three story structure of brick and stone. On the first floor there will be a chapter room, a reception hall, a parlor, a den and the chaperones rooms. In the basement we will have an initiation room, our dining room and the kitchen. This will give us the first floor all open. The second and third floors will each have eight bedrooms with toilet and bath. To get this house we have to give first and second mortgage on the house and lot. Our agreement is to pay two thousand dollars when the house is completed and two thousand dollars each year—this to include the interest. Our plan to raise the money is by assessment on the chapter and a complete canvas of the alumni; and here we want to ask their support in this matter because we are going into something that must be carried out, as it is the life of Missouri Alpha in the future. We have a plan to issue third mortgage bonds at a rate of interest not yet decided upon—and when these bonds are sold and the first mortgage is removed, they will become second mortgage and be bought up in their turn. We hope to place many of these bonds with the alumni, who feel they can not help us by a gift but would be willing to make a loan at a very small rate of interest.

The chapter has been honored this year by the work of some of its men. Brother Hackney was again a star on the football team and was elected captain for next year. Hackney and Lakenan will be out for baseball and both have a good chance of making the team. Bryant is the author of a musical comedy that will be produced here in March. The work has been pronounced by critics as an

amateur masterpiece, and it will be placed in the Shubert contest for amateur musical comedies.

The faculty of the university is taking a very strong stand now in regard to scholarship. They asked the Pan-Hellenic Council to pass a one semester freshman rule, which it refused to do, and now the faculty is considering passing a one year rule. This, if passed, will work a great hardship for a while and especially on us when we move into a new house. It seems that the fraternities have raised their standing this semester and the action of the president will depend upon this. The requirements are much harder now than in the past; the reason for this being the large number of students and the need of buildings. The enrollment is now more than three thousand and the school is growing rapidly.

Our basketball team has suffered two defeats and gained four victories. We were glad to have Brother Chappell from Ames and Brother Frank from Nebraska with us while they were on the basketball trip—and we extend an invitation to all $\Sigma A E$'s when it is possible for them to visit us. Missouri Alpha received the full benefit of the convention, and it seems we have a new spirit which one only knows after they have attended a national convention of $\Sigma A E$. The majority of our chapter attended and we send our regards to the many brothers we met in that short week in Kansas City.

A. R. THOMAS.

Missouri Beta, Washington University,
St. Louis

WE have weathered the storms of the mid-year examinations and feel quite proud of the fact that we are able to present the same chapter

roll now that we did last October. In fact our number has been increased by the pledging of Eugene French who by the time that THE RECORD appears will be an active member of the chapter.

Student affairs have been quite active throughout the year. The close of the football season saw Washington's athletic treasury with a large deficit. The student body, however, promptly responded to the distress signal and as a means of paying the debt gave "Quadrangle Toure," a musical comedy of college life, at the Odeon theatre. The event was successful both from a financial and from an artistic and musical point of view and all who had anything to do with the production of the play may well be proud of the fact.

Owing to the financial difficulties of which we have just spoken, inter-collegiate athletics have been dropped for the rest of the year. Inter-class athletics have been substituted, however, and are proving very popular. The sophomore seem to be the basketball champions of the school wrestling that title from the juniors in an exciting game by the close score of 23-22. As an incidental fact I may mention that five of the ten men who participated in this game were $\Sigma A E$'s. Track athletics have also taken on a new lease of life, and when we do enter the inter-collegiate field again after our vacation of one year we expect to surprise the other members of the Missouri Valley Conference.

Our annual dance took place Friday night, February 10, at the Union Club. The dancing hall was decorated to represent a tropical garden and adding to this the many pretty girls, good music, enticing refreshments and indulgent chaperones, all

the elements were present for a general good time, which we believe all had.

We extend greetings and good wishes to all of our sister chapters and hope that all $\Sigma A E$'s passing through or spending a few days in St. Louis will take the trouble to look us up at Tower Hall, Washington University.

AUGUST M. BRINKMAN.

Nebraska Lambda-Pi, University of Nebraska, Lincoln

THERE is much cause for joy in the Nebraska Lambda Pi chapter today. All ten of our freshmen passed their hours and initiation will take place in the near future when we will present to $\Sigma A E$ ten of the best men ever initiated.

Our representatives at the Kansas City convention returned loaded to the muzzle with $\Sigma A E$ spirit and their glowing accounts of the affair has indeed given us a fresh impetus which nothing else could do. Brother Field, who attended every meeting with remarkable regularity, reports the time of his life. But as yet it has not been learned what is the cause of all his joy. Our twelve brothers attending convention came back with the highest praise for the hospitality and good fellowship of the Kansas City alumni.

Our inter-fraternity basketball team comprised Brothers May, Lofgren, Sidell, Bachoritch, and Pledges Weidner and Peterson have thus far swept everything before them. The inter-fraternity league is composed of two divisions and we play A T O chapter in the near future for the championship of both divisions.

Brother E. G. Johnson returning from the South Dakota installation speaks in highest praise of our new brothers of the North. As the Uni-

versities of Nebraska and South Dakota are meeting each other more and more in the different lines of college activity we feel sure we shall see a great deal of each other and we extend a hearty invitation to our new brothers to come and visit us at any time.

In university activities one event worthy of mention is the dedication of the new Mechanical Engineering Building. Also the bill now pending in the legislature in session here at Lincoln to move the university from the city campus to the State Farm campus some two miles from the city. The outcome of this agitation will be of great importance to all the fraternities owning houses.

In athletic circles an athletic director is much in demand and although none has been chosen C. C. Childs seems to all, a logical candidate.

Brother Owen Frank still continues to be the shining light in athletic activities. He is at present on a trip with the Nebraska basketball team.

Brothers Kessler and Green receive their degrees this winter and it is with regret that we lose them.

Nebraska Lambda Pi extends a most hearty welcome to any brother coming this way. Special invitation we send to all alumni to come and visit us.

R. E. DAVIES.

Arkansas Alpha-Upsilon, University of
Arkansas, Fayetteville

SINCE our last letter we have moved into a chapter house and we are just now beginning to realize the benefits and pleasures connected with one. We have nine brothers staying in the house and eleven that eat here but as soon as we get our new men we hope to increase the number in the house to twelve.

On Saturday, February eleventh,

we initiated Mr. Roy W. Wood of Little Rock, Ark., into the beauties and mysteries of $\Sigma A E$ as prescribed by the new ritual. The initiation was impressive, the robes heightened the mysteriousness of the occasion while the beauty of our teachings was forcibly brought out.

We are preparing to have a formal opening of our house and a Founders' Day dance on March tenth. In the afternoon we are going to have a reception at the house and in the evening we are going to have a fancy dress German in our newly decorated and commodious hall.

On Monday, February thirteenth we had the pleasure of entertaining Brothers C. B. Thweatt and W. A. Ragen who were on the committee sent by the legislature to investigate the condition of the university. We gave a dinner on the same evening in honor of our visiting brothers at which all our alumni in the city and faculty were present. The occasion proved to be a very pleasant one.

In baseball Arkansas again looms up as a contender for the championship of the Southwest and an opponent to be feared by the colleges of the Missouri Valley and of the Western Conference. $\Sigma A E$ will be represented on the baseball team by Brother Creekmore at short stop and by Brother Wood at first base.

$\Sigma A E$ has been further honored by having two of her members elected to the committee of the student's honor system. The committee is composed of three members from the senior class, two from the junior class, one from the sophomore class, and one from the freshman class. Prother Warner was elected as one of the members from the senior class and Brother Bradie from the junior class.

We have a spare bed room in our new house and will be glad to have any of the brothers drop in at any time.

PHILIP H. BRADIE.

Kansas Alpha, University of Kansas,
Lawrence

KANSAS ALPHA has had "one big year" so far, if you'll pardon a colloquialism. During the Christmas recess the chapter, almost in a body, descended upon Kansas City for the national convention and the biggest time in our lives as $\Sigma A E$'s. We returned to a month of hard work before finals.

There has been a great deal of anti-fraternity feeling in the school and the faculties have been watching the scholastic records of Greek-letter men very closely so it is with a great deal of what we consider pardonable pride that we look back at our last semester's work.

Since Christmas Kansas Alpha has initiated two more good men, Sam Fairchild of Hutchinson and Tom Puckett of Galena.

The big event of our year was the anniversary ball, a biennial affair, given the tenth of February, the nearest day possible to February 14 on which we were installed at Kansas. It was a most successful affair and, if we can judge from the way people are talking about it, one of the best and prettiest of the large parties ever given in Lawrence.

Basketball is in full swing and $\Sigma A E$ has Watson, '12, on the 'varsity. With the beginning of track work we miss Hal Clark who left us at the end of the fall semester to go into business in St. Joe, Mo. We had looked to him for the distances and in him we lose one of our best men. Hamilton, '12, is track captain and under him we have Watson

in the two mile, Haddock in the sprints, and Callendar in the middle distances.

In dramatics we were represented by Maurer, '14, who made a part in the Masque Club's presentation of "The Dictator."

All in all, Kansas Alpha has had a very good year and we hope that the sister chapters have been as fortunate and wish them all luck.

REIS J. RYLAND.

Iowa Beta, University of Iowa,
Iowa City

THE first semester has just closed and in summing up the events of the preceding months, we find that the brothers have played an important part in the various activities of the university.

At the close of the football season, during which Iowa won the undisputed championship in the State and second in the Missouri Valley Conference, four of the brothers were awarded the honor "I's." The fortunate ones were captain Hyland, O'Brien, Thomas and Weeks.

Basketball is now holding the center of attention and under the leadership of Brother Ryden, as captain, have started the season under very favorable conditions. Brother Thomas is a member of the team for the second year and is playing the position of left guard.

In literary and dramatic circles the brothers have been especially active. Brother Burkheimer was recently elected president of Polygon upon the retirement of Brother Thomas. Burkheimer also has an important part in the dramatic club play "The Dream Girl," which is to be staged in the near future. Brother Zimmerman is president of the Iroquois Society and Brother Weeks has lately been elected to member-

ship in the same. Zimmerman is managing the Irving-Erodelphian play, in which Brothers Martin and Patrick have been assigned leading roles.

Brother Cobb is representing the medical school on the Greater University Committee and is also president of $\Phi P \Sigma$, the professional medical fraternity.

During the past week Iowa Beta celebrated its seventh anniversary by giving a ball on Friday, February 10 and a banquet on the following evening at the Berkeley Imperial. Many alumni returned for the festivities and their memories refreshed by the initiation of two neophytes. Martin and Vincent are the names of the men whose names will now appear as brothers in the records of $\Sigma A E$.

Brother Martin is a member of the freshman honorary society ΨM and also a member of Polygon. Brother Vincent is a member of $\Phi \Delta \Phi$ the professional law fraternity. Further we wish to announce a new pledge in the person of Ernest Hamilton from Winterset, Iowa.

In closing will say that we will be glad to entertain any brother who happens to be in the vicinity of Iowa City. We also wish to extend our greetings and best wishes to our baby chapter and the fraternity as a whole.

W. J. O'BRIEN.

Iowa Gamma, Iowa State College,
Ames

THE opening of the second term, on January 26, found all our old men of last term back and one or two more in addition. Brother Whitehead, '12, has returned after an absence of one term. He was taken seriously ill with typhoid fever just before college opened in the fall, and was very low for some

weeks, but recovered his health in time to re-enter for the spring term.

We were fortunate in pledging two more very good men at the close of last term, and another when school opened this semester. Two of these men being sophomores, we are planning on their initiation March 9, as a part of the Founders' Day program. On account of the college ruling we are unable to initiate the other pledges until they have completed their freshman work.

Although Iowa Gamma has not made so great a showing in college activities as usual, we are still well represented. Folker, '11, was made alternate on the Dairy Stock Judging team and Day, '12, holds a prominent place on the Y. M. C. A. cabinet. In athletics, Chappel, '12, is doing very good work on the varsity basketball team. Feddersen, '12, is trying out for class basketball. Haggard, a pledge, made the cross country team which won third place for Ames in the Western Inter-collegiate cross country run at Madison, Wis. Lessel, '13, Nordstrum, '13, Whitehead, '12, and several of the pledges have begun training on the track.

The chapter has already given two dances this term. The first one was an impromptu affair, but was greatly enjoyed. We gave our first regular dance of the term on February 3, and it was a very enjoyable occasion.

Iowa Gamma was represented by Brother P. C. Feddersen, '12, at the national convention. At the installation of South Dakota Sigma Brothers R. M. Day, '12, and H. P. Allstrand, '13, represented the chapter. They report having been royally entertained, and are impressed with the brilliant outlook for the future of South Dakota Sigma.

Brother W. A. Wentworth, '10, who holds a position in the Bacteriological Laboratories at Michigan Agricultural College, made us a visit

at the close of the past term. We would be glad if more of our brothers could find it convenient to do the same.

G. A. Loomis.

PROVINCE ETA

Colorado Chi, University of Colorado,
Boulder

TWO incidents of widely different character, yet bound together in results, have been absorbing the attention of Colorado Chi during the past month. The first was the annual house party, and the other was our initiation, held on the third and fourth and on the tenth and eleventh of the current month, respectively.

The house party was the largest we have ever given and was a success in every way. Twenty-five girls were in attendance. The party began with a banquet at the Boulderado Hotel, after which we proceeded directly to the Junior Prom. The next day, Saturday, we put on a burlesque comedy written by one of our men, entitled "When Romeo Paid for What Juliet," the same play that won us first prize at the carnival held just before Christmas. Saturday evening we had a dance at the house, and so ended the house party.

On the tenth and eleventh we initiated ten pledges. On the latter date after the initiation ceremony we had a social meeting at the house and to say that we had a glorious time is to put it very mildly. The Denver Alumni Association made their annual visit, which added greatly to the memorableness of the occasion, and then in addition to that Colorado Zeta sent up nine men, so that all together we had twenty-five visitors. In the afternoon we played Colorado Zeta a game of baseball

and got trimmed by a score of ten to one. In the initiation ceremony we used the new ritual for the first time, and are ready to go on record that we think it a distinct improvement.

This was the first year that we have had the "one semester rule," that it not initiating men until they have been in attendance at the University for at least one semester. We think the rule has worked exceedingly well, though like all experiments it developed many unlooked for features. However, when put to the working test its expected difficulties smoothed themselves away, while others that were not anticipated came into prominence.

The Mackey Auditorium is nearing completion and should be ready, perhaps by next fall. The west wing of the Science Building has just been completed and the Geology Department has taken possession.

Just now the only department of athletics that is receiving any attention is basketball. Up to this time the 'varsity has lost but one game. That one was with the Colorado State School of Mines at Golden. There is a second game to be played with the Miners here at Boulder and if Colorado should win that game a third game will be played on a neutral floor.

Baseball practice will begin in about a week, and prospects are bright for a winning team.

R. R. ANDRUS.

Colorado Zeta, University of Denver,
Denver

THE fates still continue to treat Colorado Zeta favorably in scholarship, student activities and social functions. We have an active chapter of twenty-three men, and Sinclair, just recently pledged, who is one of the strongest men in the sophomore class.

Since the fraternity has inaugurated the system of requiring a passing grade in at least ten hours of college work per quarter, there has been some speculation as to how many fraternity men would loose their registration. But to the credit of $\Sigma A E$ we didn't lose a man, being the only fraternity in school not to do so.

We are quite satisfactorily represented in student activities. Allen, Huffman and Wells are on the Glee Club, which by the way has a three week's trip scheduled for this season. We have Henneberry, secretary of the Student Association, and King, president of the Dramatic Club. Huffman won first place on the freshman oratorical team. We are represented by Bailey and Wells on the 'varsity basketball team. In the annual $\Gamma \Phi B$ play just recently presented, Bailey starred in the title role. Rufus A. King lately made $\Phi \Delta \Phi$, legal fraternity, which has a scholarship qualification. Sterling is business manager and Henry assistant manager of the *Clarion*, the college publication.

We have lately been favored by calls from Brothers Cook, delegate to the national convention from Seattle, Barnard from Minnesota, and Kirscher of Iowa. We are always glad to welcome visiting brothers from other chapters.

LLOYD W. KING.

Colorado Lambda, Colorado School of
Mines, Golden

THE chapter weathered the storm known as final week in a seaworthy condition and has centered on second semester work. We lose no men on account of studies this year and hope to make such an arrangement permanent. Five seniors from the chapter will leave April 25 on the Senior Trip, arriving back in Golden again for graduation on May 22.

During the holidays, there were about a dozen men at the house and all managed to pull through the time without mishap. Several parties were given as a means of consolation to the brothers who were unable to reach home for Christmas. Brothers Collins and Reinhart spent an evening at the house and were very welcome.

Before the holidays and before the bunch broke up, we had a very enjoyable Christmas tree. The presents from the tree were of necessity, not expensive but sometimes caused great mirth.

January 21 the basketball team played Boulder with a resulting score of 26-23 in favor of Golden. Brother Andrus, Boulder's captain and Smith were at the house after the game.

Brothers Kissock and Litchfield represent the chapter on the team, Kissock being captain. We also had the satisfaction of winning from Denver University by a score of 53 to 21.

Brother Bancroft from Stanford lectured before the Scientific Society recently. He took dinner at the house and spent the evening after the lecture. He assured for himself a welcome in the future by preferring the company of the fellows to the intellectual conversation of the

president and also he was not above the need for refreshment.

Brother Ramsey, '12, was elected to the engineering honorary society, T B II. He with Brother Lannon uphold the honor of the chapter in T B II.

Brother Campbell, one of this year's initiates, surprised the chapter by making known recently, that he had been married for three months.

Brother Brooks spent the holidays in Golden and Brother Zeisloft was in from Oregon for a short visit in February.

W. M. CURRENS.

South Dakota Sigma, University of
South Dakota, Vermillion

IN this, its first chapter letter in THE RECORD, South Dakota Sigma presents itself to her sister chapters in Σ A E, and desires to express her appreciation of the many telegrams and letters conveying congratulations and best wishes, that have been received during the past few weeks. We hope to be able, in time, by a faithful performance of our duty as a chapter in Σ A E, to reward the action of the Kansas City convention in recognizing us. We realize that in granting a charter for the establishment of South Dakota Sigma at the University of South Dakota the fraternity has expected much from us in the maintenance of high standards, and it shall be our earnest endeavor to fulfill the expectations of the fraternity.

On the afternoon of Friday, January 27, 1911, Brother William C. Levere assisted by a number of brothers from neighboring chapters conducted the ceremonies whereby the members of the P. H. P. Society were made members of Σ A E. There were twenty-three initiates—twenty active men and three alumni. Brother Chas. W. Sterling, of Colorado Zeta,

entering our chapter as an affiliate, brings the total active membership of South Dakota Sigma to twenty-one. Following the ceremony, the installation banquet occurred in the Masonic Building, and the following evening, Saturday, January 28, 1911, the installation ball was given in the armory at the university. We were exceedingly fortunate in having Brother Levere with us at the installation, and we know that his words of advice and encouragement will have a lasting and beneficial influence upon Σ A E's baby chapter.

One of the most interesting and appreciated telegrams received at the time of the installation was the one from Brother J. H. Fields, Dickinson, N. Dak., who has the distinction of being the oldest living member of Σ A E. He wrote: "Fifty-four years an Σ A E, I send congratulations."

We were unfortunate in not being able to have many of our alumni with us at the time of the installation, but Brothers Auldrige and Puder, practicing attorneys at Pierre, S. Dak., and Milbank, S. D., respectively, found time to absent themselves from their business to be with us at that time, as did also Brother Claude Banks, who has been at home at Watertown, S. Dak., this year. It is expected that several of the others will drop in during the year at some convenient time for initiation.

A number of Σ A E alumni from other chapters who are living in the State have visited us occasionally during the year, and we hope that the interest that they have manifested in our welfare will continue.

With the attainment of our hopes in being admitted into Σ A E our efforts shall not cease. We have already made preparations for the accumulation of a fund for building a new chapter house of our own

upon the lots which the chapter already owns, and within the next two or three years we feel confident that South Dakota Sigma will take her place among the number of $\Sigma A E$ chapters who live in their own houses.

We are hampered slightly in this move by the small number of our alumni, but what we lack in quantity in this regard is made up in interest and zeal.

LINDSAY Z. FLETCHER.

PROVINCE THETA

Louisiana Epsilon, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge

THE mid-season finds Louisiana Epsilon prospering as well as could be hoped for. Since our last chapter letter we have initiated two new men: John J. Houtz of Selinsgrove, Pa., and Joseph B. Dawkins of Monroe, La. This addition in strength increases our membership to sixteen.

Socially, the past months have been very successful. We have given several dances, all of which have been well attended. We have also had a number of informal smokers which those present seemed to enjoy. Five of our chapter are members of the University Cotillion Club, which gives a dance every month. Brothers Baysinger, Spiller, Dupont and Paulsen have recently been admitted into $\Theta \Omega \Phi$, a local inter-fraternity organization. Brothers Dougherty and Phillips were already members, so $\Sigma A E$ now has six brothers in this organization.

In football this year Brothers Moore and Paulsen missed earning the 'varsity "L" by one game each. Brother Paulsen was ill during the last trip of the team and although he was with the squad he was unable to play. Brother Phillips is manager and guard on the 'varsity basketball team which seems to have a good season before it. Brother Leshar is a forward on the team, and both have been playing good ball.

In other college activities $\Sigma A E$

is holding her own as stated in our last letter. Brother Isacks is senior captain of the battalion and Brother Everett is lieutenant-adjutant. Isacks is also editor-in-chief of *The Gumbo*, the college annual, with Brothers Everett and Sanders as associate editors. Brothers Leshar, Phillips and Sanders, are associate editors of *The Reveille*, the college weekly paper. Brother Sanders is president of the oratorical association. All the brothers are doing well along academic lines and there were but few failures among us during the mid-term exams., which have just vanished.

We have recently enjoyed visits from several of our alumni. Brothers Frank Sharp and McKenna were in town for a few days. We are always glad to see any of our brothers and assure them of a cordial welcome.

J. Y. SANDERS, JR.

Louisiana Tau-Upsilon, Tulane University, New Orleans

FOR the last two or three weeks all of the men of our chapter have been able to be together just once. This circumstance was due to heavy examination schedules. A number of the men of Louisiana Tau are medical students. Their examinations began several days before those held in the academic department. During these two weeks medical and academic members of $\Sigma A E$ were unable to mingle together. The last examination was held February 4;

and it is now possible for our family of brothers to reunite as one.

At present the chapter is in a most thriving condition. This fact is due in large part to men that have been active members for several years. Much credit for this condition is also due to the new men taken in near the close of October. These men are prominent in the first-year class; and have already shown an active interest in their fraternity. With the acquisition of the men last referred to, with several affiliations and with a majority of our men of last year back, the chapter now includes twenty-two active members. Next year we expect a chapter even larger than the one of this year. We now have five pledges to $\Sigma A E$.

In my former letter I made the prediction that in Brother John Rice, Jr., we should soon send an $\Sigma A E$ to Oxford, England. This prediction did not miscarry. Brother Rice was awarded the Rhodes scholarship; and will leave for Oxford next fall. Reasoning in proportion as is our loss to Oxford's gain, the university at Oxford and all organizations there of which Brother Rice may become a member will profit much in having him among them. Candidly speaking, in Brother Rice the chapter loses her hardest worker and most valuable man.

On Friday, January 13, the elections to the different managerial offices in athletics, were held. Managers to the track, baseball, basketball and football (for next season) teams were chosen. As shown in the wide interest in all departments of the university in these elections, athletics at Tulane are on a firmer basis than ever before. It is expected that the student body, almost to a man, will back up the 'varsity in various events to come. On Fri-

day and Saturday, January 28 and 29, the basketball squad opened its present season in Baton Rouge, where is situated the Louisiana State University. The significance of these games was the renewal of relationships between L. S. U. and Tulane. Earlier in the season Tulane was formally readmitted into the S. I. A. A. It was a member of the S. I. A. A. that relationships with L. S. U. were more easily brought about. The basketball team this year is especially good and much is expected of it. A good, lengthy schedule has been arranged. Prominent among the teams to be played here are, the University of Texas, L. S. U. and Sewanee. Next week Texas will be the attraction (incidentally the captain and manager of the Texas team are both $\Sigma A E$'s; and Friday and Saturday, February 18 and 19 L. S. U. will be seen here. Viewing the fact that there is hardly a man at Tulane who has seen these most bitter rivals (Tulane and L. S. U.) meet in any sport, a great number of enthusiasts chief among them the alumni are expected at these games of the eighteenth and nineteenth. After the second game, Saturday night, a Tulane "University Dance" will be extended the L. S. U. team, students and alumni. It is hoped that this dance will seal the resumed athletic relations of the two universities on a most friendly basis.

Near the first of the new year (1911) Louisiana Tau moved into a new home, which being in the same neighborhood as our former residence is equally as convenient to the university. This new home of which we are very proud, because of its beauty, convenience and spaciousness, was formally opened to our friends on Saturday night, October 21. On this occasion a typical $\Sigma A E$

dance was given. Invitations were extended members of the leading fraternities of the university. Now that the mid-term examinations are over we expect "to make things hum" as far as social events are concerned.

Our new house is but a stepping stone toward greater and higher things. Some day we hope to own just such a home as we are now renting. Until this plan is realized the present members of Louisiana Tau will not rest contented. As I stated in my former letter, this, the ownership of a house, in the near future, is our most pleasant prospect.

J. BURRUS MUNN.

Mississippi Gamma, University of Mississippi, University, Miss.

THIS has indeed been a banner year for Mississippi Gamma. Although laboring under such adverse circumstances here, owing to the action of the board of trustees in abolishing fraternities after June 30, 1913, we have taken a leading part in all college activities. Our chapter numbers twelve at the present time; and every man is a worthy and energetic wearer of the purple and gold. Two new men have been initiated since the last writing and we take pleasure in presenting to the fraternity, Fred S. Carter and Allen Williams.

We have what we consider the flower of the freshmen, well in hand, and if a concession can be secured from the board of trustees allowing us to initiate next fall, Mississippi Gamma should have an exceedingly strong chapter.

Four men represented $\Sigma A E$ on the 'varsity football team during the past season, namely: Mitchell, Trotter, Powe, and Carter. Mitchell was elected captain of next year's team,

owing, both to his general popularity in college and his superiority as a player. Carter, a recent initiate in our chapter, received favorable mention by several critics for All-Southern tackle.

Our prospects are fully as bright for places on the baseball team. Mitchell, Trotter, and Jordan of last year's team, Powe of '08, and Smith, who made his "S" at S. P. U. last year, are all likely candidates; Carter will contest as a weight man, and McIlhenny as quarter-miler on the track team.

No social stunts have been pulled off here this year, owing to the fraternity fight, but our men have taken a stand for higher scholarship owing to the accusations of the anti-fraternity that we were deficient in that respect.

Brother William Rogers of Tennessee Zeta was a welcome visitor in our chapter during the month of January. He took the Rhodes scholarship exams. here and won the appointment over several strong competitors.

Mississippi Gamma extends cordial invitations to all the alumni to pay us a visit, and any advice as to ways and means in our present fraternity fight will be accepted gladly.

R. ARTHUR JORDAN.

Texas Rho, University of Texas, Austin

AFTER the Christmas holidays, our membership was diminished by the loss of Brothers Moore and McNaughton. "Bart" and "Mac," when last we heard from them, had sailed from Port Arthur for Panama, whence they expect to "paddle their own canoes" for Egypt. They report enjoyable experiences in spite of hard work and bum grub.

But, to make up for this loss, we added to the chapter on the night

of February 1, freshmen Bradford Hardie and Walter Rotchell, two plucky freshmen. They are very promising material.

Texas' basketball team is now absent on a trip through Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas which was planned and executed by Brother Hardie, its manager. The team is captained by Brother "Happy" Massingill and *The Texan* says today that his work at forward is "exceptionally good."

John Canfield is in the race for editor-in-chief of the *Varsity Magazine* and we believe that his own worth together with the energies of his campaign manager "Big Bill" Murray will certainly land him safely.

On Sunday, February 12, we invited the Σ A E sisters in school, to dine with us at the chapter house. Misses Lochridge, Canfield and Runge graced our board and we had a merry time.

We see in local papers where Brother J. S. Dean, while on a visit to the A. & M. campus, was the honoree of a dance given by the bachelors of the faculty.

We have changed our plan of housekeeping with the new year. Texas Rho has followed the plan recommended by several sister chapters in *THE RECORD* and adopted by two or three Texas neighbors. We now have a housekeeper. Mrs. Wilhite has taken charge of our dining room and our hearts are lightened by freedom from the responsibility.

Brother Wm. E. Dunn, '09, has sent us a copy of his last historical work, "Apache Relations in Texas, 1718-1750." The author is soon to be sent to Spain by California University to do research work.

February is the month when our social clubs give dances and recep-

tions, when our literary clubs give plays, when our music clubs give concerts and when our profs give us themes to write and expect the most work. Of course the brothers of Texas Rho are more or less involved in all this, but we are hoping that the March exams won't prove as tragic as present conditions might predict.

During the past month our alumni have been very generous with themselves. Francis J. Winter, '06, and Leslie B. Gardner, '08, of Waco were guests at the chapter house during the inauguration ceremonies. Luther O. Whitman, Louisiana Tau-Upsilon, of San Francisco. D. M. Prendergast, '05, Waco, Texas, and J. M. Eskridge, president of our San Antonio Alumni Association each spent a day with us. Their visits are bright spots in the month.

We cordially invite others to follow suit for we can always make room for even more than the proverbial "one."

M. WYNNE LAY.

Oklahoma Kappa, University of Oklahoma, Norman

THE semester examinations are just over and it is our belief that Oklahoma Kappa has a leading place in the scholarship contest which occurs between the various fraternities. The prize for the highest grades is the possession of a scholarship cup, the fraternity holding the cup for three consecutive semesters may have the permanent possession of it.

After playing a star game at half-back on the university football team for the past three years, Brother Capshaw was chosen as captain for the coming season. This choice was a popular one, as it is the general sentiment that he was the most de-

servicing of this honor. Brother Elmer Capshaw, a younger brother of the captain, played a good game on the "scrubs" and it is predicted that he will easily make the first team next year. Brothers Jones, Brown and Tracy will try for places on the baseball team and Tolbert, Jones and Capshaw are promising candidates for the track. In tennis, Tracy as manager is trying to arrange for tournaments with Texas and Kansas Universities.

The majority of the social events of the university occur in the spring; in accordance with this custom the annual formal party will occur some time in April and we hope to have as many alumni with us as possible. A successful rushing dance was given at the opening of the second semester and a few days later the Pan-Hellenic Association gave their second annual dance. All fraternities here participated in this event, which was unanimously declared a success.

The rushing season at the opening of the second semester was almost as exciting and interesting as the earlier rush, and in keeping with her past reputation Oklahoma Kappa was fortunate and takes pleasure in announcing the following men as pledges: Grover Syrother, Tom Mayfield, J. E. Lambert and Truman Dunn. Pledge Mayfield has just won a position on the university debating team which will meet Colorado here in a few weeks. Mayfield is also president of the Democratic Club. Strother and Lambert will be

candidates for football next season and Dunn will undoubtedly make the quartette.

The students of the university have started an agitation in the Legislature for the addition of certain buildings to the university campus; through this means the Laws have practically secured an appropriation of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Most of the credit for this work is given to the student committee of whom Brother Walker is chairman, Brother Tolbert, secretary, and Pledge Mayfield an active worker. In the student elections that have occurred to date, Jones was elected president of the Medics, Tracy is on the executive committee of the senior class, Tolbert is vice-president of the Laws and president of the Senate, the leading debating society of the university. Oklahoma Kappa has four men in the local law club which is petitioning the $\Phi \Delta \Phi$ legal fraternity. Tracy has been chosen as a member of the Senior Honor Society.

The chapter has had the misfortune to lose four of the freshman initiated this fall and as some of the other chapters here have had like experience, a rule will soon be passed by the Pan-Hellenic providing for the completion of twelve hours, or a half year's work before initiation. We believe that this rule will help both the university and the fraternities and Oklahoma Kappa is leading the fight in its behalf.

SHELLEY E. TRACY.

PROVINCE IOTA

Kentucky Kappa, Central University,
Danville

DURING the past few years Centre has taken many steps upward. She was the second institu-

tion in the South to raise her entrance requirements to fourteen units. A large and excellent science building has just been erected, and only a few months ago a new professor was

secured to take hold of and develop the engineering courses which have never prospered here. From present indications his work will be successful.

But more important improvements are soon to be made. A new library building will be constructed and the old one used as a biological laboratory and museum. A large gymnasium building with a swimming pool, Y. M. C. A. rooms, reading rooms and other conveniences is likewise promised. The scheme too of building fraternity houses on the campus has been much discussed. This is what the men entering Centre in 1912 expect.

No small part of the success, with which funds for these improvements have been collected, is due to the very wide advertisement our athletics have given us. Our athletics continue to improve each year, and for the past two years especially we have been successful. The services of our very popular and efficient coach have been secured for another year. Better athletic material comes in every year. The present freshman class for instance furnished some very fair athletes—a half dozen or so made the football squad and in the inter-class basketball contest they easily defeated the other class teams. Kentucky Kappa has more than played her part in athletics. Last year we had nearly as many "C" men as in all the rest of college.

We are having a jolly time at the house. Not long ago we were seized with a liking for the Σ A E songs, and now every night we have a concert. Brothers Enright, Coleman, law '10, and Mason, '10, occasionally drop in to spend a night with us. There are ten of us at the house and we all like it it a hundred per cent

better than the dormitories, or a room with some family in town.

E. MACK, JR.

Kentucky Iota, Bethel College,
Russellville

OUR chapter has had its "ups and downs" since the last issue of THE RECORD. Among these "downs" is the loss of Brothers Lowry, Lyne, Warder and Roberts, by their leaving college. We miss all these very much but instead of grieving over our loss we went to work and as a result we have initiated Settle Evans, '15, R. R. Perry, '15, O. A. McArthur, '15, and E. R. Ware, '14, all of whom are good fraternity men. Evans will be catcher on the baseball team. Perry is an all-round fellow and is very enthusiastic. McArthur was captain of our winning football team and will hold the same position on the nine this spring. Ware is a new man from Kentucky State and will make good in baseball. He has already made good socially. Gary (captain), Haynes, and McArthur represent us on the basketball team.

We will have the best rooms in the college when the workmen finish repairing them.

One of the most enjoyable occasions of the season was a reception at the home of Brother Katterjohn, given by the chapter on February 6. About sixty loyal Σ A E's were present and every one seemed to enjoy the evening very much. We were very glad to have several of the alumni with us and they added very much to the enthusiasm of the evening.

We have recently had the pleasure of meeting Brothers Catlett and Anderson from S. P. U. and Farmer and White from Union. They were with their respective basketball teams

and showed the standing of their chapters by being the best men on their teams. It does us good to meet such men as these and it is our wish that we may know more like them.

Lowry, our representative at Kansas City, reported that he had a fine time and would not miss the next one for anything. He was so enthusiastic that we have already decided that we will not send a delegate to Nashville, but that "we will all go."

R. H. WOOTEN.

Kentucky Epsilon, Kentucky State University, Lexington

RATERNITY life at Kentucky Epsilon has been marked by the organization, a few weeks ago, of a Pan-Hellenic Council. The council has already brought about a closer friendship between the fraternities and promises to be a good thing. A baseball league will be formed in the spring; we have some good material and think we have an excellent show of winning the pennant. It has been decided that each fraternity give a dance every other year. The Pan-Hellenic gives a dance February 17 and a banquet at the end of the year.

Brother R. V. Garred, who went to West Point last April and was forced to leave there on account of illness, returned to Kentucky State after Christmas. We are going to take in two men next week—Donald Maus and Ralph Lane, a former football star at Mooney where he was captain of the team. He is confident of making the 'varsity next fall.

Brother Ferguson surprised us last week and is now sojourning with his bride in the sunny Southland. His wife, who was Miss Laura Spinks, of Cincinnati, has always been an enthusiastic friend of $\Sigma A E$. We also have little hope for another brother

who, in the last few weeks, has wearied of a bachelor's lonely existence.

Kentucky State has fine prospects of having a winning baseball nine this season and there is no doubt but what $\Sigma A E$ will be well represented on the team. Brother Rees who caught last year will be successful in holding his position, and three others—Lear, Renick, and Garred will very likely make good. The team will take a short southern trip and an extended northern trip.

A new legal journal similar to the Harvard *Law Review* will be issued by the law department, and Brother Rees has been elected business manager. Brother Thiesing, who was our delegate to the national convention, was today elected treasurer of the junior class for 1911; and Brother Sallee has been appointed on the staff of *The Idea*, the college publication.

The chapter is having a very successful year in every way and all are greatly enjoying their college life.

JAMES H. SALLEE.

Tennessee Zeta, Southwestern Presbyterian University, Clarksville

SINCE our last letter everything has been running along smoothly, and there is little news of interest to be put in a chapter letter. We did not lose a man by the Christmas exams, and prospects are good for carrying our entire number through the year.

Since our basketball season has closed and warm weather is here for a while, baseball occupies the time of those of us who entertain hopes of "making good." Only four 'varsity men returned. Brothers Thompson and Scott think they are going to make good without a doubt, and Catlett, Buchanan and Outlaw will be likely applicants for position on

the 'varsity and "scrubs." The prospects for the team on the whole are not exceedingly bright, but with the arrival of a few men on the field in the next few days and constant work until April 1 we will at least have a team as good as our average.

Brother Wm. M. Rogers lately received the Cecil Rhodes scholarship appointment from Mississippi. He is with us at present teaching in the high schools of this city. He coached our football team last fall and during the season stood the examinations. He will leave for England in August.

Tennessee Zeta is delighted to hear about the success of the Kansas City convention and welcomes the new chapters into the fold. We are glad to know that the next convention will be held at Nashville and intend to take no mean part in it.

W. L. SCOTT.

Tennessee Lambda, Cumberland University, Lebanon

THE new term, which formally began January 23, found Lambda chapter in a most excellent condition with fourteen active members answering roll call.

With the outgoing senior law class this chapter lost one of its most popular and conscientious members in the graduation of Brother Guy Stevens of Princeton, Ky., who served so admirably as Eminent Archon. Brother Stevens reflected credit both to himself and to his fraternity because of his high standing in class work and in athletic sports—particularly baseball.

He was succeeded as E. A. by Brother Ben Wilkes, of the literary department, whose faithful service as Eminent Recorder was generally recognized. Brother Leonard Coile who represented Lambda at Kansas

City convention was re-elected eminent treasurer but resigned some days later to accept a traveling position for a well known fraternity jewelry house. Few chapters have ever had a more faithful officer or a more enthusiastic member than was Brother Coile.

Lambda's chapter membership has been augmented since the opening of the present term by the transfer of Daniels and McGehee of Mississippi and the initiation of Padgett of Dallas, Tex., and Poe of Tulsa, Okla., all of whom have entered the law department of Cumberland. The chapter is confident of having at least two other men of the new junior law class pledged ere this letter appears in *THE RECORD*—which will give Lambda an active membership of eighteen men.

The semi-monthly dances, which are given in the beautiful ball room of the chapter house, continue to be functions of very considerable pleasure to the fraternity men and their fair guests who grace the occasions by their presence.

MARSHALL W. TRUSSELL.

Tennessee Nu, Vanderbilt University, Nashville

MID-YEAR examinations have just passed and so have most of us—"just passed." All have started the new term with a firm resolve to do better than ever before. One may guess how apt we are to do any better but it is just as well to make good resolutions since no one is harmed by them and there is a certain amount of good to be derived from the act. The cutting out of hazing at Vanderbilt seems to have done the freshmen a great deal of harm as well as deprived the Sophs of a lot of fun. Since hazing was abolished in 1907—each year has

shown an increase in the number of freshmen who fail in class work. The past term an amazing number of the verdant ones flunked. It is doubtful however whether this increase is due to the cutting out of hazing or the lack of application.

In fact, Vanderbilt is so raising the standards both of entrance requirements and college work that the students looking for an easy mark pass by without stopping and seek other schools. The arrangement between Vanderbilt and Peabody through which men in either school may take work in the other and get credit towards the degree is going to be an excellent thing for both institutions. Peabody is to build on a part of Vanderbilt University campus and in exchange Vanderbilt medical school is to move to the old Peabody campus. A few weeks ago W. K. Vanderbilt gave the university \$150,000 and the General Education Board an equal amount.

The new rules placed on the fraternities have been observed only in part but in general have done very little more good than harm. There are fewer dances but that is about the only effect of the regulations. The clubs now give their dances down town instead of in the chapter house. The senior class is making unusual plans towards having a really up-to-date commencement such that the underclassmen will stay over for it and the old grads come back to it. Heretofore there have been few attendants except seniors.

Although it is two years until the national convention is to be held here the alumni have already begun making preparations for it. All the brothers here are heart and soul for making it the greatest in the history of Σ A E. It can be done with such men behind it as Brothers Holder-

ness, Houston and J. W. Moore. Here's hoping we all meet here then.

A. A. SWANN.

Tennessee Kappa, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

MID-YEAR examinations are over and since we have only two weeks before pledge night, we are very actively engaged in rushing. Our number having undergone no decrease on account of failure on these examinations, our next step is to increase our band by pledging the best men on the "hill." A feature in rushing which has been exceedingly gratifying to Kappa is that a good number of our most faithful alumni have come back to their alma mater to be present at the critical time and lend their best efforts and ripe experience toward rushing.

In basketball our only candidate, F. S. Neely, is playing a good game at guard on the 'varsity. Track season is drawing near and we will have as candidates several of our last year's men, including captain and manager. Last year we had almost a complete monopoly of the track team and our prospects are even brighter for this spring.

Recently there has been organized on the "hill" a "Booster's Club," which is to take hold of and endeavor to improve on some of the present conditions. Brother I. S. Saxton was elected secretary of this organization and several of our brothers are actively engaged in promoting its influence.

Besides having every man in the chapter a member of the Tennessee Cotillion Club we have Brother Saxton, I. S., and Craddock, C. E., as vice-president and secretary, respectively.

We are well represented in the

university Glee Club and Brother J. S. Van Gilder has been elected manager for 1911.

A. F. FULMER.

Tennessee Omega, University of the South, Sewanee

MATTERS have been running quite smoothly in the chapter since the date of our last letter. True, no more freshmen have become eligible for us to initiate but our ranks have been strengthened by the return of Power Farish, '13, one of last year's initiates, who was forced to be absent the first half of this year. Although the winter season here is none too gay, we have had several little informal affairs in the house which have materially livened up things and have added much to our chapter life.

Also, the Pan-Hellenic board has been especially successful this year in creating a good feeling among the fraternities represented here.

The university was very unfortunate about two weeks ago, in having one of her finest buildings almost entirely destroyed by fire. This was the Hodgson Memorial Infirmary, the loss estimated at about \$45,000. This was partly covered by insurance and indeed, the misfortune seemed to serve as a stimulus, for already enough has been subscribed by friends of the university to rebuild. Thus it looks as though we will have a better hospital than before.

There has been much activity in other affairs. St. Augustine's Chapel, an old frame building, has been torn down and the debris removed, plans being under foot now to beautify this and other places on the campus.

The basketball team left a few days ago to be gone on a ten day's trip during which time they are to

play nine games. This is something never before attempted by an S. I. A. A. team. Up to date they have lost three straight games but we are hoping for a whirlwind finish. We are represented on the team by Frank Green who gives promise of being one of the best forwards in the South.

By the time this is published, baseball practice will have begun. The prospects at Sewanee, while not extraordinary at least seem encouraging. There are five of last year's 'varsity back. This ought to be a fairly good nucleus, especially as there is some very promising new material. Brother Ensley, one of the old men, will be out again. Brothers Green, Guerry and Farish have also signified their intention of trying to make places on the 'varsity. So it seems now that we will have our fair share of representatives in this branch of college life.

ENOCH ENSLEY.

Tennessee Eta, Union University,
Jackson

TENNESSEE ETA is indeed glad to report the chapter in splendid condition. We have initiated the following men since our last letter: W. L. Owen, '14, W. C. McGee, '14, F. F. Fite, '14, and M. B. Moore, '12. These men are earnest workers and we feel that $\Sigma A E$ has been fortunate in selecting such men to work for the Purple and Gold.

Brother S. V. Medling has returned for the second term, while Brother R. G. Craig has left us to enter business.

Our number of active men is now eleven, all of whom are making good grades in their class rooms. Many of our men were on the honor roll the past term, which shows that we believe in good class work.

Union's basketball team has one

Σ A E, W. E. Farmer, on the regular five while several others play in many of the games. T. J. White, Jr., was one of the winners of the tennis tournament of last fall, while Fowlkes was a close second.

In baseball we feel sure that we will be represented by several players. Brother W. E. Farmer is manager of the team, and he is planning to play some of the best teams in the South.

Brothers T. C. Fowlkes, W. L. Owen and W. A. Fite are reporters for the college weekly, the *Cardinal and Cream*.

We are planning to have a great time at our Founder's Day banquet, which is an annual affair with us. We also expect to give a ball in the spring and would be glad to have any brother visit us for the occasion.

Brother J. C. Walker, Tennessee Lambda, '07, who has held the chair of modern languages here for three years, was married to Miss Analon Wakefield of Pulaski, Tenn., just before Christmas. Many and beautiful were the gifts presented to them.

Tennessee Eta's correspondent was the delegate to the national convention at Kansas City. He returned filled with interest and enthusiasm for Σ A E, saying that a national convention is a great thing and especially so if it is held with the Σ A E's of Kansas City.

We extend the best wishes to our sister chapters during the next few months of the school year, and may we all come out victorious in June.

WALDO A. FITE.

PROVINCE KAPPA

California Alpha, Leland Stanford, Jr.,
University, Stanford

NINETEEN hundred ten terminated a semester that had begun with uncertainties as to an expected and anticipated big year for California Alpha, and now, notwithstanding the difficulties encountered at that time, the new year presages to be an exceptionally prosperous one, since all the aforesaid incumbrances have been alleviated. Our semesterly recognition by the faculty resulted in the loss of Brother Henderson, '12, for a part of last semester but his return this year was allowed on condition that he would not blackmail the student's affairs committee in the *San Francisco Call*. With his return and that of Brother Post, '12, came also the three pledged entrants, Dugliss Sim and John Brown of San Jose and Lee Narver of Los

Angeles, who were formally initiated into the bonds.

We feel the loss of Brother Partridge, '12, who left for the present semester along with Brother Killian, '11, the latter having bidden farewell to college for all time.

Of the college activities we have in Brother Erb, '12, captain-elect of the next semester rugby team. Brother Swafford, '11, the re-elected manager of the *Chaparral*, bi-monthly publication of the Hammer and Coffin Society, Brother Finnie, '12, manager of Glee Club, Brother Henderson, '12, athletic editor of the college annual, *Quad*, Brother Woodville, '11, stage director of the Sword and Sandals Society and others in dramatics. In this last capacity might be mentioned here that we have several brothers who took important roles in the sophomore and English Club plays and two others,

freshmen, who are scheduled to appear in the junior opera. Dramatics seem to be an important forte with the chapter this year, but it is hoped that from the number of underclassmen who are out for track and baseball, that these latter worthier and salient features will counterbalance harmoniously those of the literati.

Of the alumni we see Brother Turner, '08, daily and the privilege of having an older brother living in the house is a greatly appreciated as it is helpful.

On Washington's birthday six of the brothers are to journey to Pasadena to be present at Brother Fuller's, '10 betrothal to Miss Wright, '10, a member of the K K Γ sorority.

Of the latest important innovation in the university, besides the slow work of rebuilding the ruined structures has been the construction of the new baseball diamond and accompanying bleachers, which on its completion, will make the Stanford athletic grounds the best equipped on the coast.

In closing we extend the glad hand to all those Σ A E's who may be passing our way.

C. M. URANG.

California Beta, University of California,
Berkeley

SPRING term opened at the University of California with fifteen of our men on the safe side of the fence. The affiliation of Bob Jones, '12, from Colorado Zeta brought our number up to sixteen. The following week we initiated Doug. Hotchkiss from Auburn and Al. Thomson from Los Angeles, giving us an active membership of eighteen. At this initiation we had with us Brother Kuppfer from Iowa Gamma, Brother Blood from Missouri Beta, Brother Coburn from Georgia Phi, and

Brother Ticknor from Massachusetts Delta. Our alumni association was well represented as was California Gamma, an organization composed of our younger alumni who live together in San Francisco.

We as usual are holding down our end in college activities. Jack Barnett, '11, managing the senior assemblies, and is on the senior finance committee for commencement week. "Cotton" Hotchkiss and Chris Buckley are on the freshman track squad, Sarg Worton is making a strong bid for the basketball team, Ollie Wylie is on the 'varsity pitching staff, Heine Ray, Jack Feeley and Joe Conklin are trying out for the team. We are represented on the glee club by John Stroud, Shorty Wheeler and Ollie Wylie and two of these, John Stroud and Shorty Wheeler, are members of the Dekoven Club.

The university is keeping up with her improvements. Boalt Hall of Law was opened this term and is now being occupied by the law students. Ground has been broken for a new agricultural building.

Jack Barnett never tires of telling of the work accomplished and the fun he had while in Kansas City. According to him it was one big howling success and California Beta joins with him in thanking the Kansas city alumni, headed by Tubby Sanford for the good times at Kansas City during convention. We heartily congratulate Illinois Delta, and South Dakota Sigma and wish them the very best of success.

"Pete" Jackson, an alumnus of the California chapter of Zeta Psi, entertained us last week by the presentation of about three hundred stereoptican pictures of the Civil War times and battles. This was accompanied by a very interesting talk and description of the same.

We are looking forward to Founders' Day when the banquet will be held in the usual way in that good old place, San Francisco.

There is always something doing at the Mansion house on Ridge Road—drop in and see us.

JOEL CONKLIN.

Washington Alpha, University of Washington, Seattle

ONE successful semester has gone and, of course, the gentle spring will be conducive to even better results the coming one. All our freshmen weathered the faculty rule, requiring twelve hours work before initiation, and during the first week of February ten men went through. I beg to introduce as brothers George Rex Barton, Harlem, Mont., Paul H. Crilly, Blaine, Wash., Karl Staatz, Tacoma, Philip Wallter, Walter Van Horn, Richard Johnston, Wayne Sutton, Seattle, Arthur and Homer Ward of Centralia, Wash., and Bertram Elliott, of Vancouver, B C.

In keeping up the good work of Σ A E, Charles Clementson was re-elected basketball captain, and Staatz is first substitute. Sutton surprised everyone by his great showing as 'varsity end on Washington's championship football team. Arthur Cook is manager of the Glee Club, of which Burton Cook is also a member. Gregory is editor of *The Washingtonian*, the college monthly magazine and associate editor of *The Daily*. Zednick was recently re-elected graduate manager of athletics. I regret to say that Angevine,

freshman class president, was forced to leave college through illness and Clementson will leave in March to play professional ball in the Northwest league.

Our delegate, Arthur Cook, returned from the convention shortly after Christmas vacation and since then we had to keep late hours listening to the stories of the good times he had on his trip. Already we have started to save up for the big time in Nashville in 1912.

Within the last three months we have pulled off several good times, including an informal during Thanksgiving week, dances to two sororities, and again on February 25 we will entertain with an informal dance. On December 16 last our alumni treated us royally to a dance of sixty couples. A steamer dance in the late spring will round out a successful year as far as we are concerned socially.

Within the last week the entire student body has been stirred to indignation by the attempt to flunk 130 students for cutting military drill or refusing to buy uniforms. One fraternity alone would have lost more than half her chapter had this rule been enforced. However, a compromise was effected and the rule modified so as to concern very few men. Brother Pinkerton was sent to the state capitol immediately to represent the student body in its fight and signs point to a successful campaign on his part.

With hopes that every chapter has shared the good fortune Washington Alpha has met this year, I beg to remain,
VAN M. DOWD.

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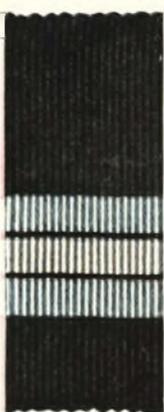
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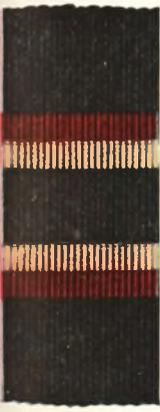
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