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## Two U. S. Senators From Arkansas

SENATOR JOHN N. HEISKELL, Tennessee Kappa, '93.

SENATOR WILLIAM M. KAVANAUGH, Kentucky Chi, —.

*By Charles C. Thomas*

WITH the appointment of John N. Heiskell and the election of William M. Kavanaugh to the Senate of the United States, the Fraternity possesses the unique distinction of having one member of the Fraternity to become a successor to another member of the order to this important office. Unsolicited and unexpected to both, this signal honor brought into instant public notice two of the most important factors of the Southwest—two men whose careers have been much alike, who stand for the same things in the public good, and of whom the State of Arkansas expects much in the next twenty years of her development.

John Netherland Heiskell is a Tennessean, a son of Judge Carrick White and Elizabeth Netherland Heiskell, with his career beginning November 2, 1872, at Rogersville, Tenn. He attended the public schools of the state and a private school in Memphis before entering the state university at Knoxville, from which he was graduated in 1893. Newspaper work interested him from the first and he engaged in staff duties at Knoxville, Memphis, Chicago, and Louisville, before coming to Little Rock as editor of the *Arkansas Gazette*—the oldest paper west of the Mississippi with the exception of the *St. Louis Republic*. At the death of Senator Jeff Davis, he was appointed by the governor to the vacancy in the Senate—and possesses the distinction of never having held a political office up to

this time. As the youngest senator, he assumed office January 6, 1913. Believing that he could accomplish more for the general good of his state as active editor of his paper, he declined to allow his name to be brought before the Arkansas Legislature for election to the short term in the Senate, and in his farewell address to that body, he received an attention seldom accorded a new member, by the force and logic of his remarks. Modest and unassuming in general, a type of the thinker who directs his best energies to the public service, intensely interested in promoting the welfare and prosperity of his state, he commands the trust and confidence of all classes of citizens. His independence and fineness of nature is shown in his refusal to allow his name to go before the Arkansas Legislature as a candidate for the short term in the United States Senate on the ground that his conception of the work and duty of an editor is such that he requires an absolute independence, which is not possible if the editor or his paper is hampered by possible political obligations.

The Arkansas Legislature, January 29, 1913, cast its first ballot for the election of a senator to the short term in the United States Senate, and the honor was given to Judge William M. Kavanaugh of Little Rock, a member of Kentucky Chi. Judge Kavanaugh is a native of Greene County, Alabama, and was born March 3, 1866. His father was a Methodist minister and the family came to Arkansas, locating at Clarksville, when the state was in an unsettled condition. Curiously, his career, too, began with the *Gazette* in Little Rock—first as a reporter and later as the general manager of the paper.

Judge Kavanaugh has delved deeply into local and state politics and has held a number of political offices. He is a National Democratic Committeeman from his state and is highly regarded by the incoming Democratic administration and leaders. He has proven his signal ability as an organizer and developer of enterprises, being identified with some of the most important banking and trust organizations of the Southwest and the Mississippi Valley. He is essentially a builder and constructionist—representing the type of the successful American business man who possesses adaptability to make himself an important factor in all his undertakings.







PART OF THE DELEGATES AND VISITORS AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION  
December 26-28, 1912



## Nashville the Ninth

By Samuel F. Clabaugh  
Alabama Mu

**B**RINGING to a focus the best thoughts, hopes and ideals of 15,000 college men in America, closing the most eventful period in the life of the Fraternity, and opening an era of even greater constructive work, the Nashville convention constitutes the most significant chapter in the history of  $\Sigma$  A E.

Inspired by the messages that came from every chapter, encouraged by the success of the Fraternity in every phase of its work, guided by the counsel of its great men, and fired with the zeal that has carried the message of De Votie to every section of our country, the delegates entered into their work with remarkable enthusiasm.

When they had concluded it, they had dispatched a great volume of routine business, opened the door of  $\Sigma$  A E to a great American institution, provided a life subscription plan to the fraternity magazines, secured the ties that bind the alumni, perfected the wonderful organization of  $\Sigma$  A E, sent out the best fraternity man in America on a nation-wide mission to our chapters and alumni associations, declared for scholarship, clean chapter life and true manhood, and renewed their vows to  $\Sigma$  A E.

But it must not appear that the Nashville convention was all work and no play. Whenever three hundred collegians get together and forget to have a good time, human nature will have changed. In addition to being the largest, most important, most significant, most eventful, and most memorable convention in fraternity history, it was also the most enjoyable and the most delightful. Nine times has  $\Sigma$  A E enjoyed the proverbial hospitality of Nashville, and each time it has been more lavish than before.

So much has been told of the convention through the *Convention Daily* and *Phi Alpha*, that it is not necessary in the limits of this brief résumé to go into the details of the work of the Nashville Convention. There was something doing from the moment that the first early arrivals scratched their autographs upon the register at the Hermitage until the last stragglers had cleared out, and Bill



**FRATERNITY MEN  
IN FULL SWING**

300 S. A. E.'s Meet in Annual Convention.

**HOLD TWO SESSIONS**

Welcomed by M. S. Waldrop—Mr. Davette Reardon—Annual Ball at Hermitage.

SOME FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT COLLEGE KNOCKING AT DOOR OF S. A. E.

**BANQUET WILL BE  
THE BIG EVENT  
OF CONVENTION**

Plans Complete for Whirlwind Finish Saturday Night. Fine Program.

**LEVERE GIVES  
FINE LECTURE ON  
S.A.E. HISTORY**

Splendid Address on the Fraternity Yesterday Was an Inspiration.

**HEAR REPORTS  
OF OFFICERS**

Applications For New S. A. E. Chapters Referred to Extension Committee.

**FRATERNITY MEN  
ARE COMING IN**

Big S. A. E. Convention Begins in Earnest Today.

**Who's Who at the Convention**

**SMOKER HELD LAST NIGHT**

Address of Welcome by Marvin E. Waldrop—Ball at Hermitage Tonight—Program.

**SMOKER STARTS  
THINGS OFF WITH  
A GREAT RUSH**

Tennessee Nu Keeps Open House in Honor of Visiting Delegates.

**THE PURPOSE OF  
THE CONVENTION  
IN A NUTSHELL**

Prominent Men of the Fraternity Settle Keynotes. What the Fraternity Needs.

**Fraternity Men Will Gather  
In "City of Opportunity" Today**

S. A. E. Members Coming From Many Sections to Attend Ninth Annual Convention—Will Be Here Four Days—Program.

**S. A. E. CONVENTION  
OPENS IN NASHVILLE  
FOR THE NINTH TIME**

**S. A. E. NATIONAL  
CONVENTION WILL  
OPEN HERE TODAY**

**CONVENTION BALL  
LAST NIGHT WAS  
BRILLIANT EVENT**

Nashville Men are Royal Hosts at the Beautiful Dance.

**THREE HUNDRED  
"SIGS" PRESENT**

Fortieth Biennial National Convention of S. A. E. Fraternity.

**WELCOMED TO NASHVILLE**

Supreme Archon Brandon Presents Report and Makes a Number of Important Recommendations.

**SEVERAL SOCIAL FEATURES**

**ANNUAL ELECTION  
OFFICERS TODAY!**

This Event Closes Sessions of S. A. E.

**ANNUAL BANQUET TONIGHT!**

The Monthly Ball Tomorrow—Supreme Archon Plans Banquet—Convention Closed by Secretary's Dismissal.

**S. A. E. CONCLAVE  
WILL CLOSE WITH  
BANQUET TONIGHT**

**Ninth Time Nashville Will Entertain National Convention of S. A. E.**

Delegates from every Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapter in the United States will gather here Thursday, Friday and Saturday—Important Items of Business to Be Transacted—Smoker, ball, theater party and banquet included in the entertainments.

SOME NEWSPAPER HEAD LINES OF THE CONVENTION AT NASHVILLE, DECEMBER 26-28, 1912

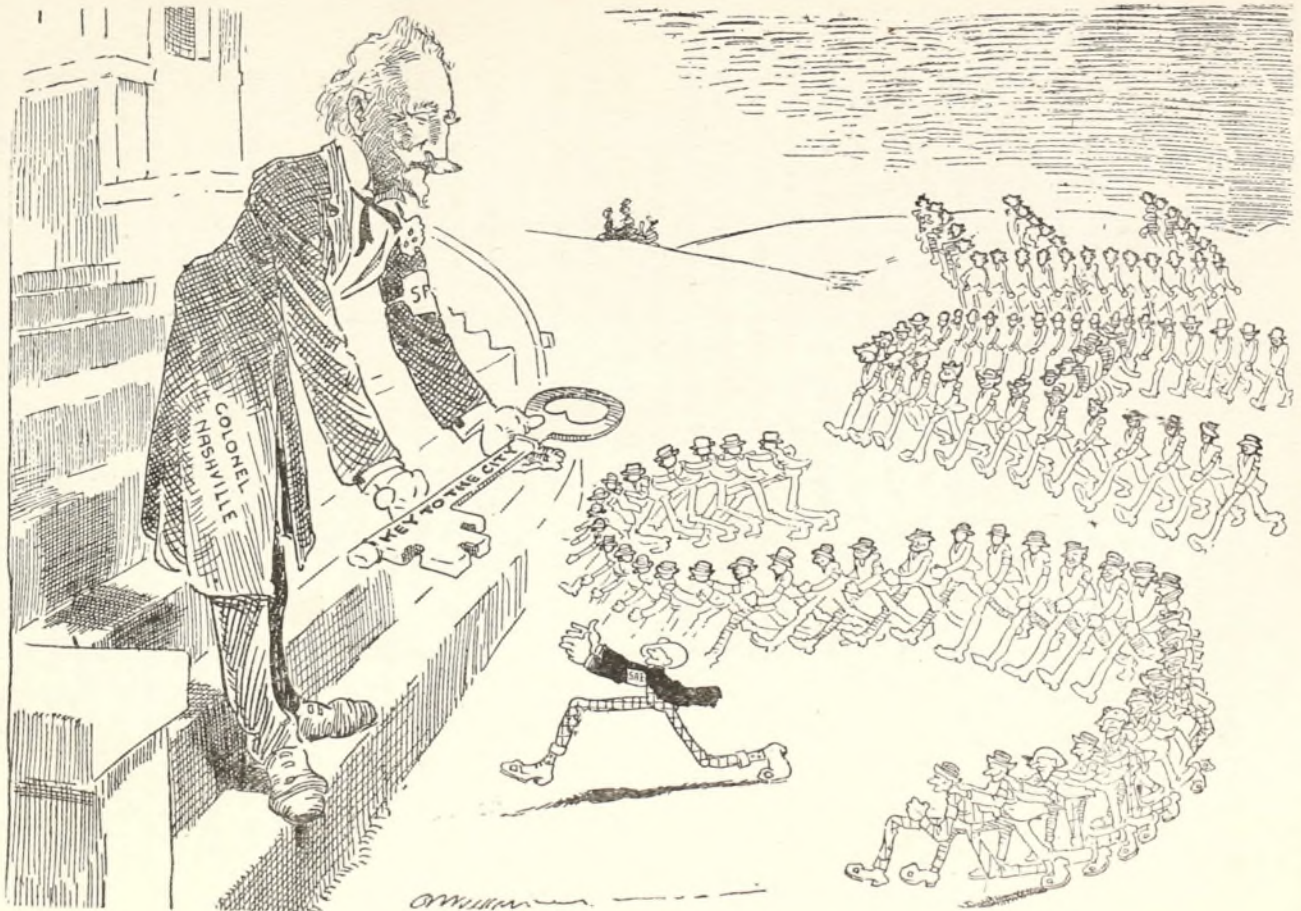
Brandon had returned to the "banks of the rolling Warrior, among the sun-kissed hills of Alabama, where the magnolias bloom, in the classic shades of old Tuscaloosa that gave to the world  $\Sigma$  A E."

The convention began with a smoker at the chapter house of Tennessee Nu on Christmas night, which started things off with a rush. A royal welcome awaited the delegates from the Nashville  $\Sigma$  A E's and the Vanderbilt men, who were the hosts of the occasion. A most delightful evening was spent in meeting old friends, making new ones, disposing of a handsome collection of "eats," and finally dispersing with songs and yells of scores of American colleges.

Thursday morning, Judge Brandon's gavel called the convention to order and began the real work. From then until the convention adjourned *sine die*, the delegates were busy making history.

Thursday afternoon brought one of the real treats of the convention in Billy Levere's illustrated lecture on the history of the Fraternity. So impressed were the delegates with this magnificent story of the life of  $\Sigma$  A E, that Brother Levere was urged to carry his message to every chapter and alumni association in the Fraternity.

The convention was more than fortunate in bringing back to the fold a number of our distinguished sons who are reflecting credit upon the college and the fraternity world. Jacob M. Dickinson attended one of the sessions of the convention, and of course, was forced to say a few words to the delegates. His talk was an inspiration for better and greater things—for to have such a busy man leave his office to mingle with college boys, indicates that the Fraternity made a deep impression upon his heart. The oldest member present was Charles R. Gay of North Carolina Xi. He was initiated before the war in 1858 and while in college was very active in fraternity work, holding the office of corresponding secretary. Even after graduation his interest continued for it is said that when the Fraternity placed a northern man at its head, the old feeling of sectionalism, for a moment, took possession of him, and he wrote a letter protesting against the Northerners not only taking the "niggers" of the South—but the Fraternity as well. But to see Brother Gay today no one would even suspicion that he was ever other than the modern  $\Sigma$  A E belonging to no section but to the United States. J. Washington Moore, Bryan Collier, Joseph R. Wilson, a brother of President Wilson, and many other men known



CARTOON FROM THE NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN



to the older generations of fraternity workers were present to participate and lend dignity to our convention.

Perhaps one of the most interesting features of this convention was the fact that just fifty-one years ago a convention of the Fraterniy was held in Nashville, in the State Capitol, in the same room where General Brandon with his gavel in hand, in his melodious but stentorian voice, called the fortieth national convention of  $\Sigma$  A E to order. Nashville has entertained nine conventions, the first being in 1861 and the last in 1912. The convention of '61 was the fourth and the convention of 1912 was the fortieth.

After the theatre party on Tuesday night came one of the unique features of the convention—an all-night session that put the Chicago and Baltimore political conclaves in the class with embroidery circles and church socials. A big volume of business was transacted, and just before dawn, the convention adjourned until 9:30 A. M. of Saturday, the brief interim being occupied largely with committee meetings. It seemed impossible to complete the home stretch by Saturday night, but it was done and nothing was overlooked.

If the climax of fraternity life is the fraternity convention then the climax of the convention is the banquet, and the banquet that brought to a close the Nashville convention was one of the most notable events in the history of the Fraternity.

When Billy Levere writes the next volume of the history of  $\Sigma$  A E, its pages will glow with the story of the Nashville Convention of 1912.

The South is the land of poetry and eloquence; and the address of welcome delivered by Marvin E. Holderness the present Eminent Supreme Archon of the Fraternity, is a genuine heartfelt welcome from a son of the South. It is a gem and we herewith present it to the readers of *THE RECORD*:

General Brandon and Brother  $\Sigma$  A E's: From whatsoever land or clime, I greet you and bid you welcome. Welcome in the name of the Nashville Alumni Association, welcome in the name of Tennessee Nu, and welcome in the name of the Southland. Welcome to our city, welcome to our state, and welcome to our heart of hearts. Your coming is a joy to us, and your presence thrills us with a deeper appreciation of the bond that unites us for you remind us that we are brothers now in a nation-wide fraternity.

But yesterday the Star of Bethlehem shed its radiant glow of "Peace on earth, good-will toward men," and the Christmas carols tuned our hearts to the sympathetic chord of the brotherhood of man. How appropriate is this season for our convention, a kind of forgiving, charitable,

pleasant season—the one time of the long calendar-year when men open their hearts, forget self, and think of the thousands around them, and may this convention harmonize with such a spirit. This is the golden hour for the love of fraternity, rising above every other consideration, to smother the embers of discord. This is the auspicious day when we shall work and play together like a happy family, under the olive branch of peace.

The gates of the city are open wide, the keys to its by-paths are in your hands. Enter ye in and take possession thereof. But under the excitement of business, and amid the whirl of pleasure, do not fail to pause and look about you, for, be it remembered, you are on historic ground.

The Cherokee, Creeks, and Chickasha Indians were the first possessors of the fertile lands now known as Tennessee. They were followed by French, Spanish, and English soldiers, traders and explorers. The true stories of the Indian wars in this state are far more interesting than fiction, and ever since the pioneer days, the citizens of this Commonwealth have been a bellicose people, so much so that a review of history proves how well deserved its sobriquet, "The Volunteer State." Tennessee volunteers made King's Mountain famous, and it was our own Andrew Jackson who showed the British how to fight in the War of 1812. I hope many of you will go, while you are here, to the home of Old Hickory. The historic Hermitage, his home, with its relics and mementoes, stands as a connecting link between the times that are and the times that were. Tennessee was the "battle-ground" of the War between the States. Chickamauga, Shiloh, Lookout Mountain and Franklin are but synonyms to the historic mind of blood and carnage, and around this city in which you are met, resolve the bitter memories of tumultuous conflict. Polk and Willow, Cheatham and Forrest and Farragut were conspicuous Tennesseans in the War Between the States. As you came into our midst from the North and from the South, you noticed the white and silent cities reminding you that brother once went to war with brother, but your meeting here today tells you that the question was forever settled, and the extension of our fraternity across the Mason and Dixon's line, bears its testimony to a reunited people. Not only has much of our nation's history-making been done in Tennessee, but what is of more importance to us for the time being, much  $\Sigma A E$  history has been made here. The first General Convention of  $\Sigma A E$  was held in 1858, at Murfreesboro, an hour from our Union Station. Only four delegates attended that convention, but they did things in true  $\Sigma A E$  style, and when the convention adjourned they had determined upon extension, arranged for the publication of a catalogue and adopted a chapter-nomenclature.

The first General Convention held in Nashville assembled in the very room in which you are now gathered, in 1860, and was attended by thirty delegates, but it attracted the attention of the Greek-letter world as it was in those days.

In several succeeding Nashville conventions decisive and important steps were taken in the development of our fraternity. At a Nashville convention the fraternity magazine was made possible. At a Nashville convention the form of government was changed from the Grand Chapter to the Supreme Council System. At a Nashville convention delegates from regularly organized alumni associations were first seated, and it was at a conven-



tion in this city that delegates from the North first sat in the councils of  $\Sigma$  A E, marking the day that gave our fraternity its truly national spirit.

I make no apology for rehearsing the history of Tennessee, nor do I think myself to have trespassed upon your time by reviewing  $\Sigma$  A E's history made here, for "that man is little to be envied whose patriotism would not gain force upon the field of Marathon, or whose piety would not grow warmer among the ruins of Iona."

But this is all past, and some of it ancient history, and we glory in it only as such. Our eyes are now to the future, and we are concerned as to whether the Nashville Convention of 1912 will be an epoch-marking convention. I believe it will. Great work is mapped out for this convention, and monumental plans are forming. Master minds of the fraternity have foreseen the needs, have heard the call of the active chapters, and have been at work. Unless I misinterpret the spirit of the times, the Convention of 1912 will go down in history as the body that welded together by innovation the powerful, but hitherto wasted, resources of alumni strength, and prepared to tend and nurture the active membership for a greater fruition of fraternity life.

Most candidly I declare that you—delegates—active and alumni, will abandon the golden opportunity of your fraternity career, if you fail to ratify a plan of life-subscription to our magazines, and an endowment plan that will bind the alumni to the fraternity and hold them in touch after they have passed the walls of their alma mater.

Frankly and seriously I declare that you—delegates—active and alumni, will forego the crowning achievement of this convention if you fail to make permanent the office of Secretary and to install an official visitor. Sigma Alpha Epsilon has a man, fitted by nature, equipped by training and seasoned by experience for this new office. A man whose life has been a noble sacrifice to  $\Sigma$  A E. A man against whom the breath of suspicion has never been whispered. A man whose fraternity life has been an open book, and whose value to the fraternity cannot be adequately estimated. That he would serve the fraternity in this capacity, I do not know, for he has never told me—he is not an office-seeker. I do know that he has never yet failed to respond to Minerva's call and I do not believe he would now. Gentlemen, if we fail to install the office of Permanent Secretary and Officer of Visitation, and call back to service genuine, true, noble, great-hearted Billy Levere, our regrets will only be commensurate with our lives.

I have been hoping the Convention of 1912 would go down in history as the great "Constructive Convention," and I beg your pardon if, being overzealous in the cause, I have neglected to make you welcome. Again I bid you welcome, and count it an honor to do so. You are the chosen men from the several chapters of our fraternity and the faithful alumni who are bearing the brunt of battle. While you are here we want you to enjoy yourselves; we want your spare moments to be filled with love, laughter and song, and your hearts filled with a consciousness of our love. When you shall have known our men, and met our girls, and celebrated with us the Feast of Minerva, and when the curtain shall have been rung down upon the closing events of this convention, we shall be satisfied if you take away with you a pleasant thought of us, and remember our Nashville as always the city of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

## The Social Side of the Nashville Convention

By *V. O. Barnard*

Alabama Mu

THE social side of the Nashville Convention of Sigma Alpha Epsilon will long be remembered with that pleasant recollection that a really good time leaves. There was plenty of hard work done at the convention—the greatest convention in our history—and the reaction may have helped produce that intense enjoyment that characterized the play of the convention. The social side, however, even without the joy of play after hard work, was of that degree of excellence for which Nashville and Tennessee Nu of Σ A E have long been noted, and was nothing more or less than true Southern hospitality.

The social side of the convention started off with a rush Christmas night with a smoker out at the Tennessee Nu chapter house. In spite of the usual holiday train service, a goodly number enjoyed the hospitality of the Vanderbilt Chapter. Music and good cheer, delicious dainties and fragrant cigars, jokes and yarns, and a Christmas tree, all mixed with fraternal spirit, produced an evening of exceptional enjoyment.

The next night—Thursday night—was the Convention Ball at the Hermitage, one of the most brilliant balls ever given in Nashville. The convention was the guest of the Nashville Alumni and Tennessee Nu.

The ballroom was a thing of beauty. Pennants and college emblems, of variegated colors, decorated the walnut panelled walls, while from the ceiling hung immense vine-draped chandeliers. From behind screens of palms softly swelled exquisite strains of music.

It was some dance. Led by Brother F. G. Tupper and Mrs. Tupper, from Atlanta, and assisted by Brother Holderness and Miss Eunice Jackson, of Nashville, seventy couples swept by in the

grand march to the strains of Guest's orchestra. It was a magnificent sight. Nashville has long been celebrated for its pretty girls, and this Convention Ball proved the justness of this assertion. There is not an  $\Sigma$  A E but will take oath that for beauty and charm and graciousness and dancing, the girls of Nashville are unexcelled.

In the wee-small hours a delicious supper was served in the loggia—a place of beauty also—with its immense palms and ferns and plants, and flower decorated lights. Here also was enjoyment, and it was a particular treat to hear Brother Brandon's toasts.

At a late hour the dance broke up, and on every side was heard the expression "the greatest ever."

The theatre party Friday night at the Vendome to see "Everywoman" was a success. The play was exceptionally good, and was heartily enjoyed by all who attended.  $\Sigma$  A E's were everywhere in evidence, and constituted the nucleus of an appreciative audience. Time passed by rapidly, and when the curtain fell on the last act every brother rose with that pleasant feeling that comes after an evening of intense enjoyment.

Saturday afternoon a delightful little informal dance was enjoyed out at the Tennessee Nu house. Some thirty or forty couples were present, and the dance was a material asset to the social pleasures of the convention. The Nashville girls confirmed the impression given at the Convention Ball that they are the best yet, and the afternoon was enjoyed to the utmost by those who attended.

The climax was reached when the social side of the convention culminated in the banquet Saturday night. This was the long looked for night, and it fulfilled all expectations. For over four hours hundreds of  $\Sigma$  A E's sat at their tables in the magnificent Hermitage Banquet Hall. It was an inspiring sight. Phi Alphas and songs, interspersed with snappy college yells, rang out from time to time, until the toasting began.

Honorable Jacob M. Dickinson presided with that ease and ability that has long made him famous as a toastmaster. Introducing each speaker with appropriate remarks, his keen wit and good humor permeated the banquet.

He first presented Dr. Ivan Lee Holt, of Cape Girardeau, Mo.,



who spoke on "The Evolution of the Fraternity System." It was a masterly address, and he handled his subject with a degree of thoroughness rarely approached. He traced the evolution of fraternity from the dawn of the world down to its present great place in American colleges. His speech was a masterpiece.

Next came a magnificent toast by General William Woodward Brandon, whose subject "Down where the Magnolias Bloom" brought forth the polished and rare eloquence for which he is justly noted. Brother Brandon, from the "sun-kissed hills of Alabama," brought the delegates to their feet time after time in one of the greatest bursts of eloquence seen during the entire convention. The effective refrain in his speech was the South, and the great fraternity it has given to the Greek-letter world, and he struck the keynote of his speech in his magnificent appeal for the union of the brothers of the North and South. It was a privilege to have gone to the convention just to have heard General Brandon's speech, and when he sat down pandemonium broke loose.

Following most appropriately was Brother William C. Levere's toast "Across the Mason and Dixon's Line." He joined hands with Brother Brandon in proclaiming this not a Southern nor a Northern fraternity, but a National one. His toast was intensely appreciated and applauded.

Brother H. C. Talmadge, of the University of Michigan, spoke for the active chapter men, and voiced the sentiments of the delegates effectively as to what a revelation the convention had been to him, and how he realized now what a great, broad, active body of men composed Sigma Alpha Epsilon. He paid a glowing tribute to Brother Brandon, and what he had meant to the Nashville Convention.

Brother H. G. Garwood, of Denver, responded to the toast "The Inviting Fields—the West." He showed the greatness of this section of Sigma Alpha Epsilon—and also expressed his appreciation of Southern hospitality.

The toast, "The Old Guard," brought forth a beautiful talk by Brother J. Washington Moore, of Nashville, Tennessee, the sentiment of which was:

“Is not old wine wholesomest, old pippins toothsomest,  
Old wood burns brightest, old linens wash whitest?  
Old soldiers are surest.”

Brother Alva M. Lumpkin, of Columbia, S. C., responded to the toast “To Women” in a manner extremely enjoyable, and most happily voiced the sentiment:

“There’s in you all that we believe of Heaven; amazing brightness, purity and truth, eternal joy, and everlasting love.”

Brother B. C. Collier, of New York, put warmth into a cold cash theme when he responded to “The Board of Trust,” and made a very interesting and able address on “Put Money in Thy Purse.”

Brother Dickinson, in a few well chosen remarks, replete with fraternal sentiment, brought to a close a banquet that will never be forgotten by Σ A E’s who were fortunate enough to be present.

Thus ended the social side of the greatest convention yet held by Sigma Alpha Epsilon.



## Delegates and Visitors of the Nashville Convention

THE following is a list of the delegates and visitors who registered at the Nashville Convention (December 26-28, 1912). The delegates are indicated by a star preceding the name. The list is arranged according to provinces and in the order in which the chapter appears in the fraternity directory. There were others in attendance at the convention and in order that the list may be completed, the editor would appreciate securing the name, chapter and address of others present but not mentioned in the list.

- |                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| MAINE ALPHA                | *Jno. W. Day                  |
| *Edward L. Getchell        | Watson Selvage                |
| *Clarence Warner Stowell   | NEW YORK DELTA                |
| MASSACHUSETTS BETA-UPSILON | *A. D. Simpson                |
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| *D. Howard Evans           | PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA-ZETA       |
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| *Warde R. Bowles           | *Edward Louis Rinkenbach, Jr. |
| MASSACHUSETTS DELTA        | PENNSYLVANIA ZETA             |
| *Raymond Harvey Wulf       | *Ralph Amos Still             |
| Harold C. Irons            | PENNSYLVANIA DELTA            |
| *Charles G. Sherman        | *Harold H. Spangler           |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA        | PENNSYLVANIA THETA            |
| *Albert Brooks Washburn    | James Harvey Irwin            |
| Rugar Young                | *Owen Williams Kennedy        |
| NEW YORK ALPHA             | WASHINGTON CITY RHO           |
| *Lewis J. Doolittle        | William Cannon Houston, Jr.   |
| *Pierce M. Wood            | *Lanier P. McLachlen          |
| NEW YORK MU                | *Aubrey B. Witten             |
| *Byron Bennett Boyd        | VIRGINIA OMICRON              |
| NEW YORK SIGMA-PHI         | *Wm. D. Anderson              |
| Gardner R. Coffin          | *Thos. Gibson Hobbs           |

VIRGINIA SIGMA

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Clarence T. Boyd  
Edward A. Glover  
McPheeters Glasgow  
James N. Montgomery

VIRGINIA PI

J. Stewart French

NORTH CAROLINA XI

\*George Carmichael  
William E. Edmonson  
C. E. Gay  
Howard Bently Shofner

NORTH CAROLINA THETA

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SOUTH CAROLINA PHI

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 \*William Warren Crews

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 \*George Vaughn Timmons

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 Robert L. Hughes  
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 \*Samuel Francis Clabaugh  
 Joseph Arthur Gaboury, Jr.  
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 \*Holt Andrews McDowell  
 Grady Reynolds  
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 John E. Kattejohn  
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 George Elder Kelly  
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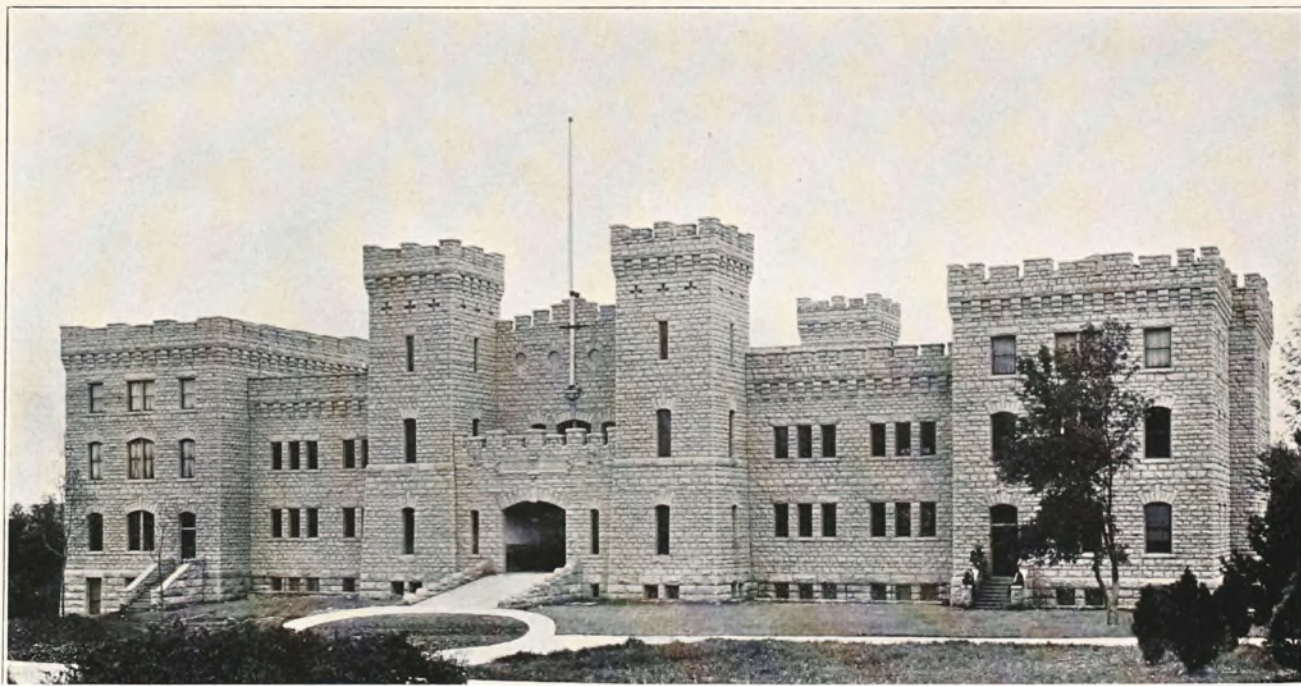
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NICHOLS GYMNASIUM  
Kansas State College  
Manhattan, Kan.

# The Kansas State College

By *Thomas A. Leadley*

Kansas Beta

THE Kansas State College owes its origin and existence to the Morrill Act of 1862 which was signed by President Lincoln on July second. It was entitled—"An act donating public lands to the several States and Territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanical arts." Contrary to the opinion of many the college is not devoted entirely to the study of agriculture. In fact, the course in agriculture is only one of the thirteen courses offered by the institution, while the division of agriculture is composed of four allied courses, consisting of agronomy, animal husbandry, dairy husbandry, and horticulture.

The college buildings, twenty-one in number, and representing with their equipment, a value of two million dollars, are situated on the crest of a sloping hill, northwest of Manhattan, on one of the most beautiful and picturesque campuses in the United States. They are constructed of white limestone, quarried from the hills surrounding the town, and are of stable and attractive design. The new agricultural hall, now under process of construction, will, when completed, represent a cost of five hundred thousand dollars, and will be one of the finest in the West. The rapid growth of the institution during the last few years has made the construction of many new buildings necessary. Plans for other buildings are now being drawn and will be erected when the appropriations are granted by the state legislature.

While Kansas State College is noted throughout the world for its work in agriculture, the other sciences taught at the college are not the least of its endeavors. The mechanic arts division, which includes mechanical, electrical and civil engineering and architecture, is thorough and practical and deserves recognition. The equipment is large and sufficient to demonstrate nearly all practical points in engineering.

The course in veterinary medicine is both practical and popular. Very much experimental work, with the diseases of live stock, is



carried on and the students are given the benefit of actual practice in the veterinary hospital, which is operated by the college. In addition to this, expert medical advice and consultation is offered to the farmers of the State in combating all diseases and problems peculiar to farm animals. A serum plant, for the manufacture of hog-cholera vaccine, is also operated by the veterinary department. The degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine is granted at the completion of the four year course.

The course in home economics was organized in 1897 and was designed to teach young women to be home-keepers and capable women in whatever sphere their life work may be. It is a very popular course for most of the young women are enrolled in this course.

The course in general science comprises a group of subjects which are fundamental for any higher education. Opportunity is also given the student in this course to specialize in some particular line of work without taking the course in that line, which would include some subjects not bearing directly on the work. In addition to the above courses, the college offers courses in printing and in industrial journalism. These have been organized for a comparatively short time but are increasing in enrollment every year.

In order to illustrate the growth of the Kansas State College during the last 25 or 30 years, these facts are given. In 1879 the faculty consisted of the president, five professors and six instructors, while the enrollment was 207. In 1897 the student enrollment had increased to 734 or over 250 per cent in eighteen years. Four professional courses, each four years in length, were organized at that time: agriculture, mechanical engineering, domestic science, and general science. This marked the beginning of an era of uninterrupted growth and development. Since that time the college has broadened its scope and increased the thoroughness of its work. At the present time with an entrance requirement of 15 Carnegie units, a board of instruction numbering 190, and an enrollment of 2,500 students, nothing but prosperity and increasing progress seems to be in store for the Kansas State College. The college has been admitted to the Missouri Valley Conference and puts Kansas State on a par with the leading colleges in the surrounding states.



A GROUP OF COLLEGE BUILDINGS



LIBRARY (Fairchild Hall)



MAIN DRIVE AND ANDERSON HALL IN THE DISTANCE (Library at left)





# The History of Phi Alpha Theta Local

By *Geo. W. Packer, Jr.*

Kansas Beta

IN February, 1906 Phi Alpha Theta was born. The home of this organization is Kansas State College, Manhattan, Kansas. The local was founded by six young men, students of the college, who were desirous of starting an organization to cement the friendships formed in college and to apply to a national fraternity for a charter. From the very beginning Phi Alpha Theta has progressed greatly. In 1906 when the fraternity was in her infancy she was unable to support a house. However a suite of rooms was obtained and used throughout the following months of the school year.

During the first year of the local several good men were pledged and initiated into the fraternity. It seems that it has always been the good fortune of Phi Alpha Theta to get her share of the best material in school; young men with a determination to do things. Had it not been for that, probably we never would have had the comfortable house that we now call our home. The bunch grew in number until it was able to furnish a house. Phi Alpha Theta has maintained a house since the beginning of the school year of 1907. The chapter house we are now occupying was designed by one of our members, a student of architecture, and was built to serve as our home until we could get something better and more permanent. We hope that it will not be long before we have a house more suitable to our needs—for we already have a building fund that looks encouraging.

It has always been the ambition of the local to maintain a high standard of good fellowship in the college and we feel that we have succeeded in doing so. Perhaps the chief ambition of the local was to make our fraternity worthy of the consideration of a charter from Sigma Alpha Epsilon which we selected after a careful study of the fraternity situation. Our first petition to Sigma Alpha Epsilon was sent to the national convention in Kansas City, Missouri, in December, 1910. The fact that we were not granted a charter on the

merits of our first application did not discourage us in the least. We kept on working for the betterment of the local with a determination of some day making it worthy of a charter from Sigma Alpha Epsilon. The second petition of the Phi Alpha Theta fraternity was sent to the Nashville Convention in 1912. It was here that our happy dream of four years came true. Through the devoted work of Brothers Washburn and Mackey and the chapters in Province Zeta we were granted a charter by the favorable vote of every chapter of  $\Sigma A E$ .

Thus Kansas Beta became the youngest daughter of Mother Mu. The installation of the chapter was held in the chapter house Saturday afternoon, January 25, 1912. Brother William C. Levere assisted by Kansas Alpha gave us our start in the real Greek World. Having Brother Levere with us during our installation is something of which we are very proud. The banquet in honor of the occasion was held Saturday evening, at Hotel Gillette, Manhattan, Kansas.

The initiation ceremony has given us an impressive lesson in the beauties of fraternity life in Sigma Alpha Epsilon; and it is our ambition and our hope to conduct ourselves so as to reflect credit upon the college and the Fraternity. If the teachings of the Fraternity are emulated we cannot be otherwise than successful in our undertaking. With a full realization of the serious duties before us, we accept the task and go steadfastly towards the goal.



KANSAS BETA CHAPTER HOUSE AND INTERIOR





## The Installation of Kansas Beta

By *Raymond E. Watson*

Kansas Alpha

ON the afternoon of January twenty-fifth, there was born at the Kansas State College at Manhattan, Kansas, a new chapter of our Fraternity. This chapter is Kansas Beta. A very fine social program was arranged by the members of the local who were initiated on that day.

On Friday evening, the twenty-fourth of January, festivities began. A dance at the new chapter house was the opening event of the big installation proceedings. A great many of the older men did not arrive at Manhattan in time to take young ladies to this dance, but, through the thoughtfulness of our new brothers at Manhattan in providing extra girls, and through their courtesy in almost insisting that we dance with their own girls, we were never without the company of the fairer sex. As the evening waned, everyone waxed warm in their newly formed acquaintances, and, ere the dance was half over, everyone felt as if Manhattan was his home, and the young ladies attending this dance were his oldest and best friends.

After the dance, the old men all gathered around the festive board and, together with the local men, recounted instances and reminiscences of the past, which more than happily whiled away the few intervening hours between the closing of the dance and the dawn of day.

It was rumored around the house that evening that some of the older brothers who had just arrived in town, were so smitten with a few of Manhattan's best in the fairer line, that we were to be deprived of their society the morning following; and, true to the rumor, about ten the next morning, two or three of the older brothers, dolled up in their silks and satins, and, after many a careful re-arranging of cravats, started out to meet their Cleopatras.

However, all the brothers re-assembled in time to meet Brother Levere, who came in on the noon train. From that moment, of

course, all thoughts of the fairer sex receded rapidly into the dim background.

Immediately after dinner, the older men gathered together and sent the neophites up stairs and then we all got busy familiarizing ourselves with the installation ceremony. About three o'clock on Saturday afternoon, Brother Levere, who was Eminent Archon, called us to order and we donned our purple robes. Thirty-six men were to be initiated, and Brother Howden and Brother Hawkinson, who were Eminent Herald and Eminent Warden, were sent up stairs to prepare the neophites for the ceremony. The neophites were arranged in the order in which they had entered the fraternity, commencing with the oldest member and running down the line. The ritual was departed from in this small particular, due to the fact that thirty-six men were to be initiated—that the neophites were led before and signed the mystic scroll before entering the temple. When all the signatures had been attached to the sheepskin, the neophites were led into the temple. The local chapter house at Manhattan was very well arranged for the initiation. It was a very impressive spectacle to see the grave and serious faces of thirty-six young men file into this room to take the step which for six long years they had been anticipating. Brother William C. Levere was Eminent Archon; Brother R. E. Watson was Eminent Recorder; Brother Hal Rambo was Eminent Correspondent; Brother Wm. M. Howden was Eminent Warden; and Brother Ames E. Hawkinson was Eminent Herald. The officers were assisted by Brother Earle Muser, (Pa. Delta), Albert S. Teed, (Kan. Alpha) and Guy Varney, (Mich. Alpha). The initiation was carried on without any mishap whatsoever, and the writer must confess it was the most impressive initiation he had ever attended.

After the initiation was over, we were delightfully surprised to learn that Brother Levere was going to give his illustrated lecture upon  $\Sigma$  A E life. We were indeed fortunate in that we were given the privilege of hearing Brother Levere deliver this lecture in the Manhattan opera house. This delightful talk lasted about an hour, and I am certain that our new brothers in  $\Sigma$  A E learned more of our fraternity life and carried away more of our fraternity spirit



KANSAS BETA, MANHATTAN, KANSAS  
and the Installation Officers





than they could possibly have done by reading a thousand books on fraternalism.

Promptly at eight-thirty in the evening, fifty loyal  $\Sigma$  A E's filed into the banquet room of the Gillette Hotel singing the songs of the Fraternity and thanking Heaven for the wonderful gift of friendship. An elaborate dinner was served in what seemed to be some sixteen courses. The more we ate, the more they brought on, and hungry as we were, we could eat but only a small portion of the many good things that were served us on that evening. But, after the last course had been served, we learned the best part of the evening was yet before us. Brother Levere was the toastmaster and told us many stories that threatened to work havoc to more than one of the well-fed brothers. Professor C. J. Dillon of the faculty was to be the first speaker of the evening. Unfortunately, on account of some unforeseen event, Professor Dillon was unable to be present. Brother Watson was called upon to make a few remarks in his place. Professor H. H. King, a very fine old scout in the faculty at Manhattan, was the next speaker of the evening. He dwelt largely upon the subject of scholarship in fraternities, and I am sure that we could have had no better speaker upon this subject than Professor H. H. King. It is certain that our new brothers went away from the banquet hall that evening with the feeling that the Fraternity was not all joy but had many responsibilities attached therewith; and that, in order to get the best out of fraternity life, the average standing in scholarship must be maintained. Brother Hal F. Rambo was the next speaker to address us, and his subject was "Kansas Alpha's Welcome." Many a quaint old joke was cracked by this erstwhile football player, who showed that evening that he was no better on the gridiron than he was on the banquet platform. Brother Walter A. Lambert also of Kansas Alpha, followed with a very delightful discussion of chapter life in Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and those who heard Brother Lambert deliver this address in that quaint and serious way of his, went away feeling that Brother Lambert had acquitted himself with the greatest honor. O. W. Hunter, of the local chapter at Manhattan, was the next to meet his fate. From what Brother Hunter told us in the preliminaries of his speech, we were led to believe that Brother Hunter was far from a public

speaker, but ere this brother's speech was half delivered, we were prone to believe that Brother Hunter had spent some months upon the preparation of his oration. Last, but not least, came that redoubtable old David D. Gray, who has a brother in nearly every fraternity in the United States. He delivered what was perhaps the best speech during the evening. Brother Gray, in explaining how he came to be appointed to the distinction of making a speech on this occasion, informed us that it was due not to any oratorical powers he possessed that he was thus honored, but due solely to the fact that it was his turn to wear the fraternity dress suit.

Many a rousing Phi Alpha was given at the close of this banquet, and all went away feeling that there was something better in life to live for, and that membership in our Fraternity was one of the greatest privileges that could be awarded to any man during his lifetime; and we feel sure that there was never a better local admitted to  $\Sigma$  A E than the Kansas Beta chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. All loyal  $\Sigma$  A E's, I know, join with me in wishing them the greatest of success and good fortune. The following thirty-six men are the charter members of Kansas Beta:

Fred F. Greeley, Manhattan, Kan.; Robt. J. Mackey, Wichita, Kan.; O. W. Hunter, Manhattan, Kan.; Hilar B. Rennalls, Manhattan, Kan.; Thomas T. Parker, Parsons, Kan.; Walter J. King, Enterprise, Kan.; Harvey J. Sellers, Minneapolis, Kan.; David D. Gray, Topeka, Kan.; Harry E. Overholt, Lindsburg, Kan.; Wayne E. Sullivan, Junction City, Kan.; Evan H. Richardson, Manhattan, Kan.; Harold H. Bates, Manhattan, Kan.; Frank F. Bergier, Glasco, Kan.; Odith K. Spurrier, Guthrie, Okla.; Whitcomb Glenn Speer, Clay Center, Kan.; Fred R. Oshant, Hays, Kan.; Dick Lewallen, Manhattan, Kan.; Roy N. Young, Beloit, Kan.; John A. Billings, Grantville, Kan.; Ray B. Ellis, Pleasanton, Kan.; Leon W. Taylor, Chapman, Kan.; Edgar L. Noel, Glasco, Kan.; Thomas Washburn, Ottawa, Kan.; Geo. W. Packer, Jr., Kansas City, Kan.; Byron J. Taylor, Chapman, Kan.; Gordon Auld, Concordia, Kan.; Willis D. Price, Reading, Kan.; Charles A. Hunter, Blue Rapids, Kan.; Thomas A. Leadley, Rozel, Kan.; Geo. B. Kirkpatrick, Eureka, Kan.; Geo. D. M. Jones, Kansas City, Mo.; Fred H. Loomis, Alton, Kan.; Symington Morrow, Kansas City, Kan.; D. G. Tepfer, Wichita, Kan.; Gayle B. Sims, Edgerton, Kan.; Lawrence V. Fickel, Manhattan, Kan.

## The S. A. E. Pocket Directory

By *Robert C. Carlson*

Illinois Psi-Omega

THE  $\Sigma$  A E Pocket Directory has 373 pages and yet it is so small and light that it can easily be slipped into a pocket and one would scarcely know it was there. Every  $\Sigma$  A E has his name in it twice and it is only because these 30,000 names are printed upon the finest of Bible paper that a book of such an immense amount of material could be printed and made small enough to be what its name indicates—a pocket book.

The most interesting part of the book is a geographical index, showing at a glance where every  $\Sigma$  A E in the world lives. This makes it the most complete catalog that the Fraternity has ever published. I have been asked by the editor of *THE RECORD* to write a review of it but as I have access to the letters which have been written by  $\Sigma$  A E's from all over the country, giving their opinion of the book, I am going to let this "cloud of witnesses" act as reviewers themselves.

The appreciations which follow may seem to be numerous but they are really and comparatively but a few, when one considers the great bulk which I find on file. Those which I have not printed are equally as warm in their appreciations as these which immediately follow. So, from here on I am going to allow the Fraternity at large to see what many  $\Sigma$  A E's think of the new  $\Sigma$  A E Pocket Directory.

"The little book is a great comfort to me, besides giving me the address of a number of old friends; I also could find out how many had crossed over the Great River. It is now nearly thirty years since my college days and I was astonished to see so many still living who were members of the Fraternity in my time." Charles H. Greer, Georgia Delta.—"It is a book that none should be without, for the assistance in meeting unknown brothers in distant cities when traveling is well worth double the price." Thomas W. Cozart, Georgia Beta.—"It is the best, handiest, and most complete little



book of its kind I ever saw." Francis Schmidt, Nebraska Lambda-Pi.—"Through this book I have already discovered that one of my acquaintances is an  $\Sigma$  A E from a Colorado chapter. I had seen him nearly every day last summer, but never knew he was a brother until I saw his name in the Directory." George E. Nelson, Massachusetts Gamma.

"Am tickled to death with the book and have found several friends of mine in different parts of the country that are now members of the Fraternity, a fact of which I was ignorant. The appearance of the book is great." Fred L. Davies, Michigan Alpha.—"It is O. K. and has informed me of many  $\Sigma$  A E's near at hand whose existence was unknown to me before." Kenneth Westerman, Michigan Alpha.—"It is an excellent work and all the  $\Sigma$  A E's that have seen it are of the same opinion." A. A. Cook, Washington Alpha.—"It is a great work and has given me great pleasure in locating old friends." J. M. Fourmy, Louisiana Epsilon.—"Congratulations on the completeness and excellency of the little volume, and I am sure that all good  $\Sigma$  A E's will find it worth many times the small price charged for it." William H. Tyler, Virginia Omicron.—"An examination of it reveals its practicability and the endless amount of somewhat thankless work put upon it." E. M. McMahon, Wisconsin Alpha.—"The Directory should prove very useful to all members of the Fraternity." N. J. Gantt, Tennessee Nu.—"The  $\Sigma$  A E Pocket Directory is indeed a great credit, and already through it I have been able to locate several old friends of whom I had lost track." Robert W. Humphreys, Dallas, Texas.—"A long felt want, and no  $\Sigma$  A E should be without one." Lyman McAntyre, Indiana Gamma.

"This little book has many times more than \$1.00 worth of value in it." C. B. Owens, Kentucky Epsilon.—"It is certainly a great piece of work and worth five times the money." Oscar E. Veit, Nebraska Lambda-Pi.

"One of the most valuable books of its kind I ever saw." Charles M. Sullivan, Illinois Beta.—"Well pleased with the book, as it is a beauty." Harry B. Keegan, New York Delta.—"It is first class in every respect." Henry M. Hanssen, Iowa Gamma.—"It is great." Ralph C. Stewart, Pennsylvania Theta.—"We appreciate the labors

in getting data and are much pleased with the result." Albert N. Nickels, Maine Alpha.—"Gotten up in excellent shape and is of a fine size." M. O. Bolser, Iowa Gamma.—"We will all find it a great help in locating the brothers." Robert Johnson, Washington City Rho.—"The book is a credit to the Fraternity." Folger Johnson, Georgia Phi.—"The book is very convenient." B. S. Heard, Georgia Epsilon.

"Congratulations on the successful outcome of such a stupendous task." W. Boughton, Ohio Rho.—"The Book deserves the praise of every good  $\Sigma$  A E." Franklin Miller, Missouri Beta.—"The book will be of much value to the Fraternity. Such a directory has long been needed." W. J. Gessell, Minnesota Alpha.—"A mighty convenient and useful article." P. H. Adams, Greenport, New York.—"Will certainly be very useful to the Fraternity." F. M. Graham, Wisconsin Alpha.—"Much thought and care is in this little volume." J. W. Crowe, Maine Alpha.—"Congratulations on the good work." Robert E. Follin, North Carolina Xi.

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## Rudolph M. Anderson, Arctic Explorer

BY *Wilbur J. Teeters.*

THE first man pledged to Iowa Beta was Rudolph M. Anderson, the subject of this sketch. His name is not new to the readers of *THE RECORD* and through his Arctic explorations in company with V. Steffanson and the discovery of the blond Esquimo, the whole scientific world has become intensely interested in these explorers.

Doctor Anderson, or "Capt." Anderson as he is more familiarly known, is a modest man and only in the confines of the chapter house, surrounded by his old friends, did he speak of the trials and hardships of the trip into the frozen North which covered a period of four and one half years.

The expedition was unique in that they planned to live off the country and relied upon their trusty rifles to supply them with food.

They also adopted the clothing, modes of travel and food of the Esquimo; lived in snow houses in winter and skin tents in summer.

The expedition, financed by the American Museum of Natural History of New York and the Geological Survey of Canada, started in April, 1907 overland by way of Winnipeg and Edmonton up to Mackenzie river for Coronation Gulf.

At the mouth of the Mackenzie river, they expected to find whaling ships from which to get necessary supplies, but on account of ice none were able to enter eastern whaling waters the summer of 1907, so they were compelled to make a westward trip of five hundred miles for supplies and returned eastward some two hundred miles and wintered at Colville river.

The next three years were taken up in a fifteen hundred mile exploration of the country to the eastward, in which they came in contact with thirteen different Esquimo tribes and only two men of any of the tribes had ever seen a white man and these as near as could be determined must have been members of Franklin's party, which was lost in 1848. In an article such as this only mere mention can be made of some of the incidents that occurred in the four and one-half years.



RUDOLF M. ANDERSON, Explorer  
In costume of Coronation Gulf Eskimo





The Esquimo is friendly to the white man. He is jovial in disposition and has few of the vices of civilization. He has no written language and they found only one tribe who could count up to six.

The Esquimo belongs to the Stone Age and hunts with spear, bow and arrow. They have no iron and use cold hammered copper, even for needles, which are about the size of a safety match and four cornered. They use the split sinew from the back of the deer for thread.

Doctor Anderson found the most valuable articles for barter were steel needles, ten-penny nails and butcher knives. Iron for trading purposes is worth its weight in gold.

The summers are short, and from the fact that they have continuous sunlight, hot, the temperature in the interior even reaching over one hundred. The mosquitoes are so bad that during this period the face and hands have to be protected at all times.

It requires some nerve to be your own dentist but Doctor Anderson pried a troublesome molar out with a piece of a file and a sharpened piece of bone.

Upon one occasion, Doctor Anderson, with an Esquimo, made a trip for supplies that should have covered a period of about two weeks. After an absence of seven weeks a searching party found Doctor Anderson just recovering from a siege of pneumonia. He had contracted the disease from nursing the Esquimo and the Esquimo in turn had nursed him.

On several occasions the food supply ran low. On one trip they were caught in a terrible blizzard and unable to find game, so were glad to live for a time upon whale meat that had thawed and frozen for four successive seasons. They selected the tongue.

At another time they were reduced to seal oil for a period of over two weeks. They found that it did not satisfy hunger so mixed it with hair from fox skins and moss to make up bulk. Only once were they reduced to eating the thongs of their shoe lacings.

Doctor Anderson made a collection of twenty-seven bears of the region and probably has discovered a new species. His collection of animals, birds and Esquimo clothing and house furnishings is probably the most complete yet secured.

The discovery of the blond Esquimo was made on May 13, 1910.

This tribe comprising possibly two thousand people was unknown to the other tribes and had general characteristics of Europeans. Their language was similar to that of the Esquimo. A few had blue eyes and quite a few had hair of a reddish hue. The theory of Steffanson and Anderson is that they are descendants of Scandinavians that settled in Greenland several hundred years ago and that disappeared between the years 1412 and 1585.

A second expedition headed by Steffanson with Doctor Anderson in charge is to leave San Francisco in May. They will have their own ship and will sail through Bering Strait into Beaufort Sea, which is north of Alaska.

From observations taken, principally the tides and winds, they are of the opinion that the million square miles of area yet unexplored must contain land, possibly a tract as large as Greenland. The trip will take three winters and four summers. Upwards of \$70,000.00 needed for the expedition has already been secured.

Doctor Anderson was given a splendid home-coming reception upon his return to the University, for he is truly a worthy son of the University of Iowa, having spent seven years of his life here as student, graduate student and assistant in Zoology. He was prominent in athletics and his record in the low hurdles still stands as the University record. His ability as a student is attested by his election to Sigma Xi, the scientific honorary society.

He was in the Spanish-American War and after he left the university spent two years in teaching at Blee's Military Academy, Macon, Mo.

He is a Mason and every inch a man who by his courage and wonderful discoveries has brought honor to his Alma Mater, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and his country.

## Baird's New Manual of Fraternities

THE growing importance of the fraternity system in American colleges and the vital relation of these organizations to many academic problems have been an increasing theme of discussion in the last decade. This discussion will now take on new vigor in the face of the massed facts and statistics, comprised in the new edition of the standard "Manual of College Fraternities," edited by W. Raimond Baird of this city, and now on the eve of publication.

An institution, which in fourteen years has more than doubled its membership, now totaling more than 389,000, and which now includes more than 2,500 active branches or chapters, owning or renting property for residential purposes, worth at a very low estimate more than \$15,000,000, challenges inquiry and study. To the foreign instigator these Greek-letter societies have always been a source of interest because of their unique organization and character. Today they seem likely to become more and more the subject of serious consideration by the wide-awake college executive, who can measure their enlarging possibilities for both good and evil.

The forthcoming volume is the seventh edition in Mr. Baird's series, of which the fifth appeared in 1898 and the sixth in 1905. It is in the fourteen years between the fifth and seventh editions that the Greek-letter system has grown with the greatest relative rapidity and taken on the characteristics of age and permanence, assuming withal the soberer aspects that promise greater usefulness in the future.

Even in the group of academic men's fraternities, whose beginnings date back to the '20s, '30s, and '40s of the previous century, and whose success inspired the later and still widening extension into women's colleges, technical and professional schools, the growth during this period has been the greatest in their history. Seven new fraternities have entered this well-tilled field since 1898, making now a total of thirty-six. The increase in membership in this one group has been from 130,980, in 1898, to 249,124, in 1912, or more than 90 per cent. The gain in active chapters has been from



781 to 1,141 in the fourteen years, or 46 per cent, while the number of houses owned or rented has risen from 348 to 950. The number of chapters, owning their own houses, has grown from 134, in 1898, to 513 at the present time; in short, has nearly quadrupled.

The vital statistics of these men's fraternities, including all the historic societies and omitting only a few of the youngest and smallest, are as follows:

Fraternity	Membership	Active Chapters	Charter Houses
Alpha Chi Rho .....	882	12	12
Alpha Delta Phi .....	11,425	25	23
Alpha Tau Omega .....	10,128	62	51
Beta Theta Pi .....	18,371	72	69
Chi Phi .....	5,762	21	19
Chi Psi .....	5,324	18	18
Delta Kappa Epsilon .....	17,683	42	38
Delta Phi .....	3,995	12	11
Delta Psi .....	3,755	7	7
Delta Tau Delta .....	11,321	56	52
Delta Upsilon .....	11,656	40	39
Kappa Alpha (Northern) .....	1,977	7	7
Kappa Alpha (Southern) .....	8,258	47	30
Kappa Sigma .....	11,298	79	62
Phi Delta Theta .....	17,845	74	69
Phi Gamma Delta .....	15,290	59	54
Phi Kappa Psi .....	12,602	43	43
Phi Kappa Sigma .....	4,693	27	26
Phi Sigma Kappa .....	3,363	27	20
Pi Kappa Alpha .....	2,931	33	20
Psi Upsilon .....	12,093	23	22
Sigma Alpha Epsilon .....	14,784	72	52
Sigma Chi .....	11,925	64	42
Sigma Nu .....	9,227	67	59
Sigma Phi .....	2,744	10	10
Sigma Phi Epsilon .....	2,039	29	21
Theta Chi .....	963	10	10
Theta Delta Chi .....	6,389	26	24
Zeta Psi .....	7,476	24	19

It is worthy of note that the most significant features of the extension of the fraternity system, as represented by this pioneer group, have been in recent years the invasion of Eastern institutions by so-called Western fraternities and the slower but nevertheless steady invasion of the West by Eastern fraternities. Conspicuous among the Eastern institutions that have attracted Western fraterni-

ties in the last decade and a half have been Brown, Dartmouth, Lehigh, Maine and Pennsylvania State. In the West, California, Washington, Ohio State and Illinois have had the largest accessions to their rolls of Greek-letter societies, many of them representing the Eastern fraternities.

A rather notable change of policy on the part of some leading fraternities led to a remarkable rush into the two great Canadian universities—McGill and Toronto—where there are now fifteen chapters of American fraternities instead of five in 1898. Still another sign of the breaking down of the spirit of provincialism, which so long hampered fraternity growth, is the recent decision of a purely Southern society to give up its time-honored exclusiveness and plant chapters in the North.

In respect to relative growth other branches of the fraternity system show even more striking results than the academic societies. Thus the women's societies have increased in number from seven in 1898 to twenty-two at the present time. They have 381 chapters now against 122 fourteen years ago, and 41,578 members as compared with 11,708 at the previous count. The same strong tendencies toward chapter house life is shown in the increase in number of houses from 33 in 1898 to 176 today.

Less known because of their restricted field, the professional fraternities show the largest relative growth of all. From 23 in number in 1898, with only 119 active chapters, they have increased to 46, (including women's professional fraternities,) with 634 active chapters, of which 247 occupy houses. Their membership has risen from 11,140 to 70,909—in short, has multiplied six times in the fourteen years.

But growing numerical strength and property holdings do not compass the largest gains which college fraternities have made in these later years. Reading between the lines of Mr. Baird's Manual one can see that more notable than the tangible evidences of prosperity has been the new spirit that has arisen, notably among the alumni, who are realizing more and more that they are primarily responsible for the mental and moral health of the younger generation, and likewise among the undergraduates, who are feeling

more keenly the necessity of maintaining the chapters in sound condition, if only for the sake of the fraternity's good name.

This new spirit has shown itself somewhat in the strengthening of the fraternity organization, especially in the central administrative body, and this has had an inevitable reaction on the chapters, stimulating them to greater efficiency. Better business methods have been installed, new zeal for scholarship has been inspired, and close supervision of delinquent members is becoming common.

More important yet, this spirit of alumni-undergraduate co-operation has brought about in some fraternities the appointment of permanent Secretaries whose sole business is the fraternity's work, and whose constant visiting of the chapters with wise counsel and news of other chapters' experience is justly expected to exercise a large and beneficent influence. Mr. Baird is inclined to question whether this new development is applicable to the more widespread organizations, meaning apparently those having a very large number of chapters. As a matter of fact none of the fraternities which have established the system (Alpha Delta Phi, Chi Psi, Delta Upsilon, Delta Kappa Epsilon, and Zeta Psi) has more than forty-two chapters.

This same new spirit among the alumni led three years ago to the organization of the Interfraternity Conference, which now meets in Thanksgiving week annually in New York under the Presidency of men like Hamilton W. Mabie and President Faunce of Brown University, to discuss fraternity problems.

That there are formidable problems to be solved, even the warmest friends of the college fraternity cannot deny. Testimony is plentiful that in many institutions the fraternity men fall far below the average in scholarship. President Schurman of Cornell among other college executives has spoken his mind plainly on the necessity that lies upon every self-respecting chapter to maintain proper scholastic standards.

Out of the great development of chapter house life has come a tendency, altogether too marked in some institutions, to overbuild—to provide the student members with conditions of ease and luxury, such as many will not be likely to have for years after they leave



college or university. Snobbishness, exclusiveness, a disposition to pick men who are wealthy rather than worthy, intellectual sloth and moral flabbiness have been the unpleasant fruits of chapter house extravagance, which is by no means as common as is supposed.

Over against these disadvantages Mr. Baird marshals the promotion of business habits, social discipline, mutual helpfulness, and stimulation of college allegiance. Possession of a dissipated member is regarded today generally as a chapter liability, not an asset. The tendency to supervise closely the college work of all members is steadily growing. "The chapter house has come to stay," concludes Mr. Baird in discussing this point. "Its development is sure, but it needs watching by the older heads among the alumni and the college authorities."

That the fraternity chapters in American institutions may develop into something like the English colleges is a view that the editor of the manual holds with some others who have studied their growth. They see in the establishment of chapter libraries, prizes, and scholarships a forecast of the time when chapters may have their own teaching force, maintained by endowments and relieving the college of much subsidiary work of instruction and all matters of discipline.

To others, looking to the more immediate future, it seems reasonable that the soundest development of chapter life will be in stimulating alumni co-operation, making the chapter houses foci of influence from older men to younger, and enabling the teaching force to gain that close personal touch with the student body which was the strength and charm of college life a generation ago and which has become such a feeble thing in the average institution today.—*New York Times*.

## Fourth Annual Interfraternity Conference

THE fourth annual meeting of the Interfraternity Conference was held at the University Club, New York City, November 30, 1912. Delegates were present from all general fraternities for men, excepting a few that have recently been organized, and excepting Psi Upsilon and Chi Phi, which declined invitations. Applications for representation were granted to Theta Xi, which draws its membership from students in technical institutions or scientific departments of universities, and Delta Chi, which was founded as a fraternity for law students, but now admits students in college courses who expect to study law. The propriety of the recognition by a previous conference of Acacia being questioned, because its members are chosen only from students who are Masons, and because it had initiated members of Greek-letter fraternities, a representative of it stated that it no longer admitted members of such fraternities, and that it was, in effect, a general fraternity, although it did not have a Greek-letter name, which statement was accepted as satisfactory.

Though Chi Phi declined to send a delegate, one of its prominent members, Dr. Edward E. Sparks, President of Pennsylvania State College was present. Among other leading educators in attendance were Dr. Guy Potter Benton, President of the University of Vermont, one of the delegates of Phi Delta Theta; Dr. John G. Bowman, President of the University of Iowa, one of the delegates of Sigma Chi, and Dr. George Harris, formerly President of Amherst College, a representative of Alpha Delta Phi. Telegrams were read from Dr. Benjamin Ide Wheeler, Alpha Delta Phi, President of the University of California, and Dr. William A. Shanklin, Sigma Phi, President of Wesleyan University, expressing interest in the conference, and a letter from Dr. Hamilton W. Mabie, Alpha Delta Phi, was read, which expressed regret that he could not attend because of his absence from the United States.

The delegates of Phi Delta Theta, in addition to Doctor Benton, were George Banta and Walter B. Palmer. Dr. Oscar H. Rogers, Sigma Phi, elected Chairman of the conference at its 1911 meeting, presided. A resolution was adopted which limited the representation

of each fraternity to three delegates and two alternates, the delegates to have only one vote between them, and the alternates not to have the privileges of the floor unless they should become delegates.

Oscar H. Cheney, Phi Gamma Delta, chairman of a committee appointed to prepare forms of uniform chapter accounting, presented a report which was adopted, and enough copies of the same were ordered printed to supply all of the chapters of the fraternities represented.

William Raimond Baird, Beta Theta Pi, chairman of a committee appointed in 1911 to report in regard to local associations of fraternities to regulate rushing, presented a printed report of 47 pages, which gives information about rushing methods at 78 institutions. At 26 of these institutions local conferences have made rushing agreements, and the report quotes or summarizes such agreements. The following is quoted from the report:

We believe that if each fraternity in this conference should through its officials urge its several chapters to actively promote and enthusiastically assist in the organization of local conferences, they would speedily be formed everywhere. It is plainly evident that unless they are so formed and unless they remedy the admitted evils of rushing, that the college authorities will assume control of such matters and put such limitations upon the activities of the different fraternities as to cripple their membership and interfere with their progress.

The committee was continued, with authority to prepare a simple form of constitution and by-laws for local interfraternity conferences, and to furnish sufficient copies of the same to the general officers of the various fraternities for distribution among chapters.

Albert S. Bard, Chi Psi, chairman of a committee appointed in 1911 to report in regard to the relations between college authorities and fraternities, presented a printed report of 32 pages, condensing the replies received from 75 institutions to the questionnaire dealing with the extent of faculty supervision over chapters, faculty cooperation with chapters in respect to discipline and scholarship, and the relative scholastic rank of fraternity men and non-fraternity men. Referring to statistics which have been published, showing that in some of the larger universities the scholarship of fraternity men compared unfavorably with that of non-fraternity men, the report says:

That the fraternity is the *cause* of inferior scholarship, or, at most, of more than an inconsiderable proportion of it, or that the men in the fraternities would not be below the others in average scholarship were the



fraternities out of existence, does not seem to be shown, if, indeed, any conceivable data could form a sound basis for such a conclusion. The testimony from the colleges themselves, on the other hand, is overwhelming that the fraternity has repeatedly been in concrete instances a valuable aid to scholarship, and that this potentiality may be, in time and with attention, developed.

The report declares the belief of the committee that "it is the duty of the college to make use of every available means to influence and stimulate the development of every student," and that no college "should fail to make use of the fraternity group as an instrument of education." The report further says:

Two systems of faculty advisers are in vogue, one of advisers to the individual students, and the other of advisers to the self-constituted groups of students, in most instances the fraternities. In neither case should the responsibilities of such position be shifted to older students, although the assistance of the latter is often valuable and may well be employed.

Your committee sees no reason why both systems should not exist concurrently. The testimony is overwhelming as to the potential value of the fraternity as an educational influence and a fulcrum by which the mental and moral tone of the student community may be raised. Of course such a system would be of especial value to the students whose need is greatest, viz., to delinquents or men falling below the proper standards.

Whether the faculty adviser be nominated by the college or the fraternity is not especially important, but he should always be acceptable to and elected by both. Naturally, wherever possible, he would be a member of the fraternity.

The report says that, in the opinion of the committee, "the information derived from this canvass of the colleges emphasizes the soundness of the following recommendation adopted by the 1910 conference, and especially the opportunity of the colleges to take the initiative therein:"

That each fraternity chapter govern itself in accordance with a code of house rules satisfactory to the college authorities.

That each fraternity chapter choose a member of the college faculty, preferably a member of the fraternity, as associate adviser in appropriate matters.

That we recommend the adoption by all colleges of the practice now followed in some of the colleges, of furnishing frequent reports of scholarship either direct to the students themselves or, in the case of fraternity men, through the faculty representatives, so that each man in college may be kept informed of the progress he is making in his work.

Hamilton H. Douglas, Grand Consul of Sigma Chi, stated that the constitutionality of the act of the legislature of Mississippi excluding fraternities from state institutions would be tested in the courts.

A proposal looking to the general adoption of a system of deferr-

ing the pledging of freshmen until their second semester was presented by John Patterson, in behalf of the Delta Upsilon, which at its recent convention, passed a resolution favorable to such restriction. The question was referred to the executive committee of the conference, with power to name a committee to investigate the subject.

The committee on nomination of officers of the conference, reported the following ticket, and the nominees were unanimously elected: President, William A. Trimpe, Sigma Chi, attorney-at-law, Chicago, Ill.; Secretary, Francis W. Shepardson, Beta Theta Pi, associate professor of American history in the University of Chicago; Treasurer, Oscar H. Cheney, Phi Gamma Delta, President of the Pacific Bank of New York; Executive Committee—Dr. Oscar H. Rogers, Sigma Chi, New York, and James Duane Livingston, Delta Phi, of the Troy Trust Company, New York. Mr. Trimpe, who was elected President, is Grand Tribune of Sigma Chi, Doctor Shepardson who was re-elected Secretary, is General Secretary of Beta Theta Pi and President of Acacia. Mr. Cheney, who was re-elected Treasurer, was a Lay Archon of Phi Gamma Delta and has since been elected President of that fraternity.

The conference of 1913 will meet at the University Club, New York City, on the Saturday after Thanksgiving day.

#### FRATERNITY EDITORS MEET

On the evening before the meeting of the conference, there was a meeting of men who were or had been connected with fraternity journals. About twenty-five enjoyed a dinner, for which arrangements had been made by Mr. James T. Brown, business manager of the *Beta Theta Pi*. This was the second interfraternity editorial dinner preceding the Interfraternity Conference, and the occasion was a very delightful one. Mr. William Raimond Baird, editor of the *Beta Theta Pi*, and author of "American College Fraternities," presided and led in an informal discussion of various topics relating to Pan-Hellenic matters, and especially to the editorial and business management of fraternity journals. Those present from Phi Delta Theta were George Banta and Walter B. Palmer.

Mr. Banta spoke in favor of the fraternities giving the Interfraternity Conference at least limited legislative powers, so that it might enact binding rules with regard to such questions as the

exclusion of members of high school fraternities, postponing initiation until after the first semester, and regulating rushing practices. His proposition was favored by Mr. Ed. L. Sutton, editor of the *Kappa Sigma Caduceus*, but was considered impracticable at this time by Mr. James Anderson Hawes, editor of the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*, and Mr. Frank F. Rogers, editor of the *Delta Tau Delta Rainbow*. Mr. Hawes stated that some of the chapters of Delta Kappa Epsilon would certainly object to the Interfraternity Conference exercising legislative instead of advisory powers, and that several fraternities that had been very timid about entering the conference would seriously object to submitting to its authority if it should undertake to enact legislation that would be binding on all of the fraternities represented in it. An editorial by Mr. Baird in the *Beta Theta Pi* for January says:

The opposition to the college fraternities is becoming more intense, more united and more effective everywhere. It calls for more united and efficient action on the part of the fraternities than has heretofore been had. In the Interfraternity Conference at New York the representatives of the several fraternities seemed to be in great accord on most of the propositions which were brought before the meeting for consideration and discussion, but all, or a great majority of them, seemed averse to *doing* anything or passing any resolutions which would have any binding effect upon anybody. They seemed afraid of accomplishing anything for fear that in some way they may lose some small atom of individual freedom of action. In brief, they are each one of them in favor of the enactment of laws and the passage of resolutions tending to promote more harmonious feelings on the part of the different fraternities but are very generally against the enforcement of such laws or the carrying out of such resolutions. We fear that nothing will be accomplished by this body until the delegates to it are given some legislative authority and some power to bind their respective fraternities.

Mr. Baird argues that binding force should be given to acts of the Interfraternity Conference, because "One chapter in a college can defeat entirely the efforts of the other chapters to accomplish anything by staying out of whatever local organization the fraternities may form," and also because there have been "a number of instances where one or more of the fraternities belonging to such a local conference violated the regulations of its organization or evaded them in a tricky way or otherwise sought some advantages by not playing fair with the other members of the conference."—Walter B. Palmer—In *The Scroll* of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .



## EDITORIAL COMMENT

Of course, the latest convention is the best, the greatest, and the most important, in the history of the Fraternity: but the foregoing expression, though trite, may be used with decided emphasis when referring to Nashville the **The Nashville Convention** Ninth. For—all our years of growth and development have not furnished us with more important and far-reaching legislation than that passed by the Nashville Convention. The traveling or permanent secretary, who is to devote his entire time to the fraternity business; the extension into Kansas State College; the encouragement of scholastic standing among members of  $\Sigma A E$ ; the life subscription to *THE RECORD*—all indicate a healthy convention—and one which will hereafter be recorded as an epoch making period in our history.

There is an old saying that the third time takes the charm—and, no doubt, Kansas Beta, our newest and youngest chapter is congratulating itself upon the fact, that, for them, **Kansas Beta** the charm still remains true. At any rate they are rejoicing upon their success after six years' arduous effort. But in the hour of merry making it is wise to stop and consider the serious side of fraternity life and the many obligations it imposes. Especially, in this day of anti-fraternity legislation, it behooves Kansas Beta pioneers at Kansas State College, to so conduct themselves, scholastically, morally, and socially, as to win the hearty support, of both the faculty and students of the university. And the fact that we now have a new Jewell in the crown of Minerva only indicates that the Fraternity has confidence in our baby chapter to do even more than we intimate here. Kansas Beta is welcomed into our Brotherhood and has the good wishes of all  $\Sigma A E$ 's.

Already, the "Pocket Directory" has proven its worth as an addi-



tion to the now long list of fraternity publications compiled and edited by that ceaseless worker, Wm. C. Levere. We have had innumerable occasions to use its alphabetical index to ascertain the chapter and location of members of the Fraternity. We have found its examination intensely interesting; for one of the first questions naturally arising is, what has become of Skinny? Tubby? Warhorse? and Cupid? and to have your college and fraternity mates brought before you by means of the directory is worth many times its cost.

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The Nashville Convention adopted our pet scheme for a Life Subscription to THE RECORD and in a decade from now we hope the wisdom of that action will be more than demonstrated. If we are not badly mistaken, Bryan C. Collier's statement, that future years will prove it to be one of the greatest constructive measures ever adopted by the Fraternity will be fully justified. The plan has been and will be explained in Phi Alpha—but suffice it to say here—that a life subscription for ten dollars is not only feasible—but will ultimately enable the Fraternity to pay all of its expenses from the income to be derived from the "Life Subscription Fund," which is to be kept intact as an endowment. Here is a golden opportunity for each chapter to devise some means of getting their alumni members sufficiently interested to take advantage of this offer.

Just think of it—THE RECORD for life for ten dollars.

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It has taken a long time to convince us that the high school fraternity, in most instances, is not a good thing for its members and the school. We have been, in time past, one of the strongest supporters of the high school fraternity—being a member of one, and having been employed to represent them before the legislature of one of our states.

**The High School Fraternity**

Though we confess, that the good opinion is based entirely upon conditions existing fifteen years ago—when, we believe, the high school fraternity, as we knew it, would be a credit to any institution. But times have changed, and, no doubt, much of the ill

feeling now existing toward college fraternities can be traced to the general disgust for the high school boys, who little realize the meaning and purpose of a fraternity.

Phi Delta Theta has courageously set the example for other fraternities and at its convention in Chicago adopted a resolution which will prevent the initiation into that fraternity of any one who has been a member of a secret organization during "prep" days. Perhaps, such action on the part of all college fraternities would bring about wiser legislation than now proposed in many states and we hope that Sigma Alpha Epsilon will soon be one of those national organizations to assist in this good work of elimination and at the same time self-preservation.

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We have just received the sad news that the father of Al Leue has joined the innumerable caravan. When one knows about Brother  
**Condolence** Leue's father it is easy to understand why it is that "Al" has always been such an unselfish worker for  $\Sigma$  A E; and though we can not, by mere words, ease the pangs of bereavement, yet we can assure our brother that, during the dark hours, his fraternity friends share with him the sorrows as well as the joys of life.

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We have just finished perusing the first issue of *Banta's Greek Exchange*, the newest magazine published in the interest of the  
**A New Magazine** Greek-letter fraternity. It has the distinction of being published not in the interest of any one fraternity—but for the information and welfare of the college fraternity world in general. It is to be a quarterly and will contain much interesting reading matter as well as necessary information. If we may judge from the first issue, it will be a magazine especially useful to the fraternity editor and instructive to the chapters of the Fraternity.

The staff consists of George Banta ( $\Phi$   $\Delta$   $\Theta$ ), editor-in-chief, Walter B. Palmer ( $\Phi$   $\Delta$   $\Theta$ ), fraternity editor, Ida Shaw Martin ( $\Delta$   $\Delta$   $\Delta$ ), sorority editor, George Banta, Jr. ( $\Phi$   $\Delta$   $\Theta$ ), exchange editor and John A. Ayres ( $\Sigma$  A E), business manager. We earnestly

commend the new magazine to all students of fraternity problems and wish our contemporary the success its mission deserves. The magazine is published at Menasha, Wisconsin and the subscription price is one dollar a year.

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With the passing of 1912 the Fraternity has lost the active services of two very earnest workers. General Brandon will always be with us in memory; for to have heard him expound fraternity and  $\Sigma$  A E in particular is like sitting at the fountain which bubbles forth the sweet, soothing waters of sincerity and eloquence. Each individual teaches us something—the General, we believe, like the banished Duke Shakespeare tells us about—sees good in everything. The Colonel, though not from Kentucky, has for many years been a prominent figure at our conventions. We remember very distinctly, our first convention at Washington in 1902 when Stowell, the sergeant-at-arms, a big man in every way, so impressed the delegates that he was elected a member of the supreme council. That first impression has been lasting, for the Colonel has endeared himself to his many friends in the Fraternity. We can only hope the General and the Colonel, will remember the army of  $\Sigma$  A E 's, as we remember them; and that the world will bestow many honors upon them.

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Within the past two or three years anti-fraternity legislation has been proposed in the legislature of the following states:

**Fraternities on Trial**      Texas, Ohio, Wisconsin, Kansas, Arkansas, Mississippi, Missouri, South Carolina and Nebraska. Truly an alarming situation—and one that should awaken every fraternity to the realization that there must be something seriously wrong with the fraternity system to bring out such a manifestation of hostility and disapproval. It is all very well for the fraternities to hide their heads in self-satisfaction and indifference; but the time has come for all fraternities to face the situation and convince the sore-heads and the ignorant that the fraternity system is a benefit rather than a detriment. We know that the principles of all fraternities are good. And we also know that the principle of arith-

metic is perfect; but every problem is not correctly solved. However, this does not prove that the principle is bad—but rather indicates that a mistake has been made by the one applying the principle. So it is in the fraternity world. Fraternalism stands for the highest—the best—the noblest—and every fraternity strives to emulate its teachings. In a few instances, mistakes are made, the standards are forgotten, and for the nonce, the system is given a set back. But the fair minded man could not possibly find objection with the college fraternity, even when its ideals are only half realized. Therefore, in this day, it behooves every chapter of every fraternity to convince the college world, state legislatures, and all opponents, by actions, that all criticism is based upon wrong information or prejudice. Let Σ A E be leaders in this movement.

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With the new year THE RECORD is fortunate in being able to have upon its staff two men already well known to the members of the Fraternity. Roscoe C. Chambers of Kansas Alpha, a frequent contributor to our pages, is a clear and forceful writer—waxing eloquent when pointing out virtues to be acquired or warning of the pitfalls before college men. We shall look forward with interest to more contributions from his pen. Sam F. Clabaugh of Alabama Mu, a newspaper man of experience, editor of the Convention Daily at Nashville, will also be a frequent contributor. We believe with these two additions THE RECORD is well equipped to serve the Fraternity.

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Several articles and cuts properly belonging in this issue were not received in time to be included. On account of the change in the editor's residence, much confusion has resulted in the delivery of the mail. However these articles will appear in the May number; chapter letters and all manuscript should be in the editor's possession by April first.



# THE GREEK WORLD

## EXCHANGES

EDITED BY *Charles McN. Simpson*

Delta Upsilon at its last convention heard some splendid sentiments from those who responded to toasts, and the QUARTERLY has preserved some of them for us. The democracy of true fraternity is a conception that sadly never penetrates into some minds, and it is always refreshing to see that side emphasized rather than exclusiveness. The cure lies here for no little of the opposition now encountered. Therefore this extract is worth reading.

Right here, then, is where the college fraternity has a most important mission in democracy. True fraternity must develop its rarest good qualities where men are in the closest association. The fraternal spirit is responsive to the favorable environment of the chapter meeting and the chapter house, but we must remember that always there is danger that the very environment, which has fostered the fraternal spirit, may yet circumscribe it; that the pleasant good fellowship of the chapter will exclude that broader fellowship with all men in the college, and in the end that a spirit of petty exclusiveness, the meanest snobbishness will prevail. A college fraternity, which in any way contributes to bring about such a spirit, is a menace to the college and a foe to democracy.

On the other hand, the spirit of fellowship and mutual helpfulness developed by the fraternity should help the fraternity men better to understand and to get on with other men outside of the fraternity. Human nature, we must remember, is the same in Alpha Delta Phi as it is in Delta Upsilon, and it is the same outside of all fraternities as it is inside of all fraternities, and then there is, outside of the college and outside of the collegiate environment, the big fraternity which we all sooner or later must enter and play our part.

The big fraternity, as wide as the nation and wider—the big fraternity is the democracy which I have in mind tonight.

Another speaker at the same banquet gives very clear expression to the idea that one's attitude toward his fraternity should be that of one who holds an honor in trust, not as a fee simple gift.

We commonly speak of *our* fraternity; it is a handy way of saying; but it is not *our* fraternity. It is the fraternity to which we belong. I want every undergraduate to remember this is not our fraternity. This fraternity was handed down to us by those who had it before us; they handed it down to us as trustees, and as trustees we have no right to dispose of it and have no right to hurt it. Our only duty is to conduct

it as good trustees, and when we get through we must hand it down to our successors better than we received it. We should remember these things, and we should remember that the man who comes into this fraternity isn't a boy who wants to spend four years of happy time in college, but a man who is to spend those four years as preparation for a larger and real work. And those who hold office in our fraternity must remember that these men, in college life and afterwards in the world, should not be lost sight of, but must be kept close to us; we giving them a renewal of their pledges, they the benefit of their experiences, until all are devoted and all are experienced, and all are giving these things to making our fraternity worthy of its opportunities and ideals.

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College men of course are not perfect, and therefore fraternity men are not perfect. To call attention to the temptations that beset them is not to berate them but to warn. Most of the leading fraternity journals are giving some attention to the matter of personal conduct. The *Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta* published last year a notable and widely read series of letters from Doctor Wieland on college men and the social evil. Combining some humor with stern advice are these remarks made by President James to the students of the University of Illinois, as quoted by the *Caduceus of Kappa Sigma*.

"Many failures in the college work of the first two years can be directly traced to alcohol and tobacco. The only safe things for college students in such matters is taste not, touch not, handle not. Seniors and juniors might build up a most excellent college tradition if they would prohibit freshmen and sophomores from smoking and drinking, on the ground that they are still infants, at least in the academic sense.

"College students," he said, "should follow the simple, economic principle of doing at the college the thing which is of most advantage to them at that time and at that place, leaving for other times and other places the acquiring of habits and the doing of things for which other places offer better or at least as good opportunities.

"You can learn to dance at home as well as here. I believe, indeed, there are better dancing masters in Chicago, or even in Bloomington, Decatur or Springfield, than in Urbana-Champaign. If you wish to excel in this art, therefore, it would be better to select some other place of residence. You can learn to drink and smoke at any small town in the state of Illinois, and the elements of poker may be learned even at any cross-roads.

"The one thing you can do better here than at home is to develop your intellectual powers.

"Dawdling along over your books or your problems or your laboratory work and thinking chiefly of social or athletic matters will not bring to you the specific advantages which university residence ought to bring.

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The *Delta of Sigma Nu* calls attention editorially to the over emphasis of the social side of college life, but we cannot quite agree

that the evil is restricted geographically. The clipping below would be stronger with the word "southern" stricken out.

Some of the southern chapters of all fraternities go in too much for the social side of college life. Does it pay? Stop and think. What profiteth it if a chapter shall give the swellest dance and yet not be able to pay the fiddler? What gain is there to strain the fraternity purse to the point of bankruptcy just to be heralded around the campus as the "leading sports?" Many other similar questions will suggest themselves. Now when a chapter does these foolish things one year and returns next fall with accumulated debts to disgrace and dishearten the innocent new men taken in, what shall we do about it?

Particularly striking and wholesome is the editorial advice to new men given by the *Shield* of Theta Delta Chi. We append the tabulated suggestions. With the change of name and insignia they become suitable for adoption by any one.

In building the platform for your college career, look over the following suggestions for material for planks and you may find some good timber:

1. In almost every case your college expenses are being paid by your parents. You owe it to them to try to please them first of all.
2. Make up your mind right now that you will complete your course for a degree; half an education is but little more useful than half a coat.
3. The members of the faculty want to be your friends if you will let them; try it, for it will pay you.
4. Don't make the mistake of thinking you know more than the upperclass men; maybe when you have been at college as long as they have you will know as much as they now know.
5. Because you have become a member of a Greek-letter fraternity has not *ipso facto* made you a superior creature. Bear this in mind in your intercourse with non-fraternity men.
6. Take as many of the language courses as you care to take, but omit the "bad language" course. You may think it sounds big, but in fact it indicates how small you are.
7. When the temptation to drink comes to you, remember the fraternity has many needs that your money could help to supply.
8. If you are tempted to gamble, try to count up the prominent men of your home town who got their starts in life by gambling. You will not get tired counting.
9. Whenever temptation to do any wrong confronts you, look at the *Shield* you wear. Your acts reflect on it for good or evil.
10. *Remember*—You are not merely a Theta Delt for today or for college career—you are a *Theta Delt for life*.

President James B. Curtis, of Delta Tau Delta, always has something good in the *Rainbow*. In a recent issue he discussed the danger of drifting. There are three points to which he calls especial attention. We can take only a few sentences here and there. While the continuity of the article is broken somewhat the general idea



of the responsibility of the chapter for detecting and halting the drifting process in a member is preserved.

It must be borne in mind that this is a commercial age, and it may be that too much importance is given to one's financial standing; but, nevertheless, it is true. Do not, therefore, in any chapter neglect to take up with any individual the fact when it is found that he has commenced to drift in his finances. No alumnus or older brother will be faithful to his duty to the fraternity if he is guilty of neglect in this matter. Apply the remedy promptly by showing the boy the extravagances in which he has indulged and from which he gets practically no reward. If this is done with the beginning of the year and continued through it, you will reap the reward in finding that the financial standing of each of our members at the close of it is better than you had expected.

The matter of poor *Scholarship* is always one that must be kept in mind, because the drifting process here is easier, if anything, than in finances. This arises from the fact that the individual may drift until he has a poor standing before any of his brothers are aware of it. It is not fair to the high-minded men of the chapter, who are doing faithful work, to have their record, as a whole, spoiled by an individual who is either lazy or lacks order in the arrangement of his method of study, especially when the remedy is so simple. Every chapter is urged to give this matter immediate attention and not in a spasmodic way, but to keep up a constant effort throughout the year to the end that the fraternity may discharge its duty to each of its members and that the chapter, as a whole, may have a standing of which it may be proud at the end of the year.

It is much easier to detect the lack of proper morals in any member of the chapter than financial shortcomings or intellectual carelessness. If a member is upon the down-grade morally, there are many things which will soon become apparent to his fellow members in the chapter. It does not mean that because a low grade of morals is easier to detect, it is less important than either one of the other matters mentioned herein. The fact is that a member who is on the down-grade morally and who is not stopped by a strong arm will do a chapter much more harm than one who is deficient in nearly anything else. The fact that it is an easier matter to discover by his fellow members proves that it is likewise more likely to become quickly known to the college community. It is peculiarly true that when it does become known it is discussed more generally than any other subject. If anything, it needs more prompt attention than almost any other matter. The older members and alumni will be delinquent in their duty to the chapter and the General Fraternity if, upon the discovery of such a tendency, they do not at once exercise the authority which is vested in them. There should be no dilly-dallying with a matter of this kind, because it may be the ruination of some boy who has been sent to college for high purpose, and it may lead to condemnation of the chapter and Fraternity as a whole by parents and friends who are seeking an excuse.

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The president of Theta Delta Chi, Frank E. Compton, is giving both time and money to the scholarship campaign in his fraternity. He contributes an interesting article to the initial number



of *Banta's Greek Exchange*, in which he expresses great encouragement at the response his efforts have met with, and to him it is an evidence of the ease with which undergraduate opinion is moulded. The problem does not seem a difficult one, as he views it.

After all, the problem of directing this powerful organization of 249,000 men along right lines, is not so difficult. It means simply the moulding of undergraduate opinion.

Just think of the splendid influence that could be exerted in a comparatively short time if every college president, every fraternity officer, and every fraternity magazine should emphasize the importance to the undergraduate of the value of scholarship.

I have no fear that by laying too much stress upon this line that we will be turning out mere book worms. The call of athletics and other college activities is loud enough and attractive enough so we don't have to preach to our men to follow that call. I believe that every college course is so arranged that it is possible for the young man of average intelligence to handle his studies satisfactorily and have time enough left to enable him to do something worth while along other lines of college activity. The great benefit to be gained by association with his classmates, by proper amount of athletics, by religious work and clean social pleasure, and all other things that go to round out a young man into a well bred, manly, moral, educated gentleman, will come to the college man who keeps before him the thought that his main purpose is to get a good education.

Some fraternities are giving prizes and awards of different kinds to stimulate their chapters to maintain high averages in scholarship. Others will no doubt be following along this same line before long. It only remains for the college faculties to study how best to utilize this powerful army of fraternity men, how best to co-operate intelligently and sympathetically with the college fraternity chapters, in order to raise the standard of every fraternity so high it will not only be above criticism, but a powerful factor for good not only in scholarship, but in morality as well.

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Generalities are good as far as they become manifest in good works. No amount of discussion of the problems of the fraternities will avail anything unless the officers realize their responsibilities and are strong enough to measure up to them. Therefore a few clippings that are of special interest to chapter officers. The first is from *Kappa Alpha Theta* and asks a very pertinent question concerning chapter efficiency.

Do our chapters choose their officers by the standard of efficiency or of popularity? Should the girl we love best be elected to an office regardless of her qualifications? Many an attractive and adored sister has never had the responsibility of her own wardrobe, so why should a chapter give her the care of the finances, when by poor management she may place the chapter in an embarrassing position in the community? To the Greek world, our chapters are judged by the corresponding editor; to the fraternity, they are judged by the corresponding secretary. Smooth management and business-like meetings depend largely on the president, while

several of our chapters have added the duty of chairman of the scholarship committee and of the rush committee to the office of vice-president. If each chapter would consider the reflection cast upon it by its officers would there not be more judicious elections?

Then follow two suggestions from the *Arrow of Pi Beta Phi*, one that touches at the heart of continued efficiency—pass your experience on to your successor; and one that gives particular advice to the correspondent, the same advice that modern business would give, and the same method it demands.

In our chapter it is the custom to keep a "suggestion-book" for each of the offices of the chapter. Thus each successive girl who for instance, becomes corresponding secretary, benefits by the experience of her predecessor and in turn, records things which she found helpful. *Promptness and typewritten Arrow letters* should be the foremost note in every secretary's "suggestion-book." Another necessity is a letter-file where the correspondence of the chapter may be kept in most accessible form.

The dominant word for the ideal corresponding secretary should be "system". Work becomes worry, only when there seems to be no time to get it done. Inability to get work done is generally due to lack of planning. Let the corresponding secretary set apart some time each day for her fraternity duties; let her keep her mail well separated, so that she may know what has been answered, what has been reported to the fraternity, and what is still awaiting further attention. If she follows some such system, worry does not burden her and her work is much lighter.

And finally one from the *Shield* of Theta Delta Chi which may serve to impress upon correspondents the essential importance of their work, not to themselves, but to the alumni and the fraternity at large.

Unquestionably, the first part of the *Shield* that is read is the Charge Letter section by the largest proportion of *Shield* readers. This is but natural. There is to be found the personal news of the active charges that is of the greatest interest to all Theta Deltas, graduate and undergraduate. These things being true, it follows that the Charge Letters should be prepared in the most interesting and attractive way. This depends upon the individual Charge Editors, for although this department is the place where the most of the Editor's blue pencil is worn away, yet one thing that that blue pencil cannot do is to supply news that should have been reported but was not.

Looking back over past issues of *The Shield*, we find charge letters entirely unworthy of the name, mere paragraphs of inane generalities. When this happens, it casts a reflection first of all upon the Charge Editor responsible and second upon the Charge he represents.  $\Theta \Delta \chi$  should not have a charge in a college which cannot furnish more than one paragraph of news of interest to the Fraternity each three months. Such a college is evidently in a most unflourishing condition.

Perhaps there is no office the exact duties and prerogatives of which

are more hazily defined than are those of province president, or district chief. The office varies greatly in its importance among the fraternities, and its occupant may be anything from a figurehead to a vital force. Our own opinion would call for large advisory authority and little executive responsibility. The office should be concerned chiefly with internal development along all lines, and not mere handling of reports. Men with some originality and some vision, and not mere clerical experts are needed in these places of responsibility and of opportunity. The importance of the office is clearly recognized by the editor of the *Beta Theta Pi*, who comments upon one of the functions of the chief, that of inspector.

We do not believe that any district chief should make a criticism of the condition or conduct of any chapter unless he has made a personal visit to such chapter and ascertained directly, and by personal contact with its members, the circumstances surrounding it, how its condition, if undesirable, arose, and what is being done to remedy what he is criticising. Of course, information at second hand is often just as valuable as information from direct inquiry and personal inspection, but a spirit of resentment always arises in the mind of a delegate representing a chapter when he is subjected to criticism by some one who has no direct personal knowledge of the facts which he alleges as a basis of his statements, no matter whether they are true or not. We believe that the inspection of the chapters by the district chiefs should be more frequent, more prolonged, and more thorough than heretofore. To that end, we think it would be well before visiting the chapters, for a district chief to send a list of questions, some of them quite formal and perfunctory in their character, and others quite searching, to which answers might be written out, and that when he arrives at his destination he might consider those answers before making any inquiry concerning the reasons for the conditions which might seem to him to be unfavorable. Again, in connection with this matter, we believe that arrangements ought to be made by the authorities of the fraternity for conferences of the district chiefs during the college year so that conditions at the different chapters might be discussed, and the solution of problems at one college or in one chapter might be utilized to secure the solutions of similar problems at other colleges and in other chapters. We have from time to time, through our district chiefs and General Secretary, acquired vast funds of information and learned many things by experience which have not been transmitted to the successors of those who have acquired such information and it has been lost and all the expense and trouble which they have been put to in acquiring it has amounted to nothing.

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The next two quotations have to do with the alumnae problem, but they are equally suggestive in connection with the alumni problem. The first is an interesting and, so far as we know, an original suggestion from the *Alpha Phi Quarterly*.



Why do we so generally use the ambiguous term "active" when we speak of our undergraduate members as distinguished from our alumnæ? A person not versed in the fraternity vernacular would naturally suppose that a fraternity is made of two classes—"active" members and the rest, whatever the latter may be. None of us, probably, mean to imply that our alumnæ are not active in the work of our fraternity, the growth and well-being of Alpha Phi, its reputation and standing, are a sufficient witness to the fact that our alumnæ *are* active; we hope that they will continue to be thus in the future as they have been in the past. Why, then, should we, in referring to the members who are now in college, use a term which is meaningless to many and which contains an implication which is not just to our alumnæ? Why not say "undergraduate" when we mean that, and relegate the term "active" to that lingo of worn out inaccurate words and phrases which one of our contemporaries has dignified with the name of the "cannery".

Now maybe the alumni would be active if we did not appropriate the word wholly to the younger brothers.

The second clipping is a little bit of real life; one can scarce restrain a sigh for the shattered ideal of fraternity in the little girl's heart, and yet how many a busy man has struck some enthusiastic youngster practically the same blow. The *Crescent of Gamma Phi Beta* clipped it before us from the *Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega.

There is nothing sweeter than the freshman's wholesomeness and enthusiasm and the following incident is a reproof to indifferent alumnæ. If you *must* grow old, if you *must* lose interest, don't let the freshman know!

Contrary to all established rules, the incident which serves as the text to my little preachment, I reserve for my "lastly." I hope it will impress every fraternity girl who reads it as it did the one who heard it related. A member of one of our woman's fraternities was walking along the street of a New York City suburb, when a young girl hurried out from one of the houses facing the street and greeted the older woman cordially. "This is Mrs. R—, is it not? I trust you will pardon my informality, but I am a freshman, —, at — University, and the girls told me you were one of the alumnæ living here. I hope we may come to know each other well." To which youthful enthusiasm the other replied: "Why, that's all very well, my dear, but I've been out of college and fraternity life sixteen years and I have other duties and cares that take up my time, and fraternity doesn't mean much to me now." Can you see the light go out of the younger girl's face, and her puzzled look as she turned away? She was perhaps trying to reconcile the unpleasant spirit in which she had just been received with that sacred bond of sisterhood which received such prominent mention during the initiation ceremony.



## FRATERNITY NOTES

The following new chapters are announced in recent publications:  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ , North Dakota, Iowa State and Colorado College;  $\Delta T \Delta$ , Pennsylvania State;  $B \Theta \Pi$ , South Dakota;  $\Sigma \Phi E$ , Cornell;  $\Theta \Delta X$ , University of Washington, Colgate, Toronto;  $A \Sigma \Phi$ , University of Washington;  $T B \Pi$ , Pennsylvania State, University of Washington;  $\Pi K \Phi$ , Emory;  $\Theta \Delta \Phi$ , (law) Fordham;  $\Delta \Delta \Delta$ , Franklin, Coe, Iowa State (revived);  $A \Delta \Phi$  (women's), University of Kansas, State College of Washington.

Rhodes scholars who are members of  $\Phi B K$  have formed an association with the purpose of establishing an Oxford chapter of that fraternity if a charter can be secured.

A law fraternity for women has been established at the University of Southern California. Membership is based upon scholastic standing.

$\Delta \Sigma \Psi$  has been established at Indiana University with the purpose of recognizing all-round athletes as  $\Phi B K$  recognizes scholars.

$A X P$  convened on February 20, 21, 22, in New Haven, Hartford, and Middletown. A peripatetic convention is a new suggestion.

$\Theta \Xi$  (engineering) held its convention in New York on Washington's Birthday.

$\Theta \Delta X$  meets in Chicago March 12-15. This is a month earlier than the usual convention date and is expected to prove more convenient to all concerned.

The seventh national convention of the literary fraternity Sigma Upsilon met at Randolph-Macon College, Virginia, on January 2. A new constitution was adopted, a charter was granted to The English Club of the University of Texas, a certificate of membership was ordered to be designed and printed, a new charter form was adopted, and an annual short story contest among the chapters was set on foot.

Nebraska has two local honorary fraternities,  $\Theta K N$  in law and  $A \Sigma P$  in pharmacy.

The board of student representatives at Columbia has refused official recognition to  $\Theta N E$ .

Two University chapters have this year been charged with violating Pan-Hellenic agreements. The  $\Sigma X$  chapter at Indiana University was expelled

from the council for lifting a  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$  pledge; the  $\Lambda \Delta \Phi$  chapter at the University of Chicago has been debarred from pledging men for a full year, for having taken a pledge of  $\Delta T \Delta$  from the latter's chapter house and entertaining him a full afternoon. Sigma Chi's defense is that the man "lifted" had been forcibly detained by Phi Delta Theta and came to them as soon as he was at liberty; Alpha Delta Phi, it is said, will withdraw from the council, forfeiting participation in interfraternity activities, but freeing itself of all interfraternity restraints.

A memorial tablet to Major Archibald Butt, who lost his life in the *Titanic* disaster, has been erected by Delta Tau Delta in the chapel at the University of the South. He is thus jointly honored by his fraternity and his university.

$\Pi B \Phi$  offers for next session a graduate fellowship valued at five hundred dollars, which may be used by the successful applicant, necessarily a  $\Pi B \Phi$  with a bachelor's degree, at any university at home or abroad which offers the best advantages in the line of her particular study.

In New York City,  $\Lambda \Delta \Phi$ ,  $\Delta T \Delta$ ,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ ,  $B \Theta \Pi$ , and  $K \Sigma$  have club houses and  $\Theta \Delta X$ ,  $\Psi \Upsilon$ , and  $Z \Psi$  have club rooms.

President Woodrow Wilson is an alumnus of the University of Virginia chapter of  $\Phi K \Psi$ , and Vice-president Thomas R. Marshall of the Wabash chapter of  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ .

The DePauw chapter of  $\Delta K E$  claims as an alumnus the Japanese ambassador to the United States.

All fraternities now forbid dual membership, although many years ago it was not uncommon. The following instances of double membership are shown by the book [Baird's Manual] and a careful examination of the lists would doubtless disclose others: Theodore Roosevelt,  $\Delta K E$  and  $\Lambda \Delta \Phi$ ; Andrew D. White, formerly United States minister to Germany,  $\Sigma \Phi$  and  $\Psi \Upsilon$ ; Stewart L. Woodford, formerly United States minister to Spain,  $\Delta \Psi$  and  $\Delta K E$ ; Benjamin B. Odell, formerly governor of New York,  $B \Theta \Pi$  and  $\Psi \Upsilon$ ; Lloyd Lowndes, formerly governor of Maryland,  $\Delta T \Delta$  and  $\Phi K \Psi$ ; Francis A. March, professor in Lafayette College,  $\Delta K E$  and  $\Lambda \Delta \Phi$ ; Rev. Theodore T. Munger,  $B \Theta \Pi$  and  $\Psi \Upsilon$ .—*Scroll* of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .

Northwestern University proposes to build twenty-eight dormitories arranged as quadrangles facing on the lake. Three houses in each quadrangle of seven, the two end houses and the middle one, will be assigned to fraternities on a ninety-nine year lease, at a rental sufficient to pay for the property in that length of time and the interest at a nominal rate on the unpaid principal. Fraternities desiring to acquire property rights earlier can make larger payments. The ground is not charged for, there are no taxes, and the university will furnish heat and light at cost. The exterior design rests wholly with the university, but the interior may be arranged

to suit the contracting fraternity. The university reserves the right to require the residents of these houses to take their meals in the commons, if one is established.

The University of Alabama now requires all fraternity houses to be on the campus, but it makes a liberal offer. It will provide a site on a ninety-nine year lease at ten dollars a year, and will lend at six per cent as much as sixty per cent of the cost of the house, and will agree to purchase the house at a fairly appraised valuation in case the chapter becomes extinct.

Harvard is a fraternity graveyard. A Δ Φ, Β Θ Π, Δ Κ Ε, Φ Κ Σ, Ψ Υ, Ζ Ψ, Δ Φ and Χ Φ have tombstones there. But there are three live fraternities there—Θ Δ Χ, 1856; Δ Υ, 1880; Σ Α Ε, 1893. These three at least seem to be flourishing. We can speak from personal knowledge of Σ Α Ε, having, by invitation, attended one of its recent commencement "spreads," at which were entertained perhaps 500 people. It rents a large house near the university. Θ Δ Χ also, we believe, rents a house. Δ Υ owns an \$18,000 house, and every spring gives a show in Boston and nearby towns. The profit from the show this year, \$1,000, was turned into the house fund, which enabled the chapter to burn the mortgage on the house.—*Scroll of Φ Δ Θ.*

The percentage of failures among men is increasing; among women, decreasing. At least that is the result of figures at Wisconsin University, and the same is said to be approximately applicable to Nebraska. The delinquency committee has made public the following statement: "The report shows that the average woman student has far the better of her brother. \* \* \* The fraternity man and his Greek-letter sister are found far in the rear of their so-called 'Barb' brothers and sisters. This, however, applies only to the general averages. One or two fraternal organizations maintain a better average than does the non-fraternity element."—University of Nebraska chapter letter, *Lyre* of Α Χ Ω.

#### RECENT CONVENTIONS OF FRATERNITIES

Eight fraternities held conventions late in 1912—Chi Phi at Richmond, Va., November 29-30; Delta Kappa Epsilon, Memphis, Tenn., December 4-6; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Nashville, Tenn., December 26-28; Phi Gamma Delta, Indianapolis, Ind., December 26-28; Phi Kappa Sigma, Baltimore, Md., December 26-28; Alpha Tau Omega, Louisville, Ky., December 27-29; Sigma Nu, Atlanta, Ga., December 30-January 1; Phi Delta Theta, Chicago, Ill., December 30-January 4.

We are indebted to the courtesy of the editor of the *Phi Gamma Delta*, Mr. E. B. Hulley, of Pittsburgh, Pa., for the following details regarding the Phi Gamma Delta convention:

Our ekklesia had 501 delegates and visitors—our biggest convention. It elected as President, O. H. Cheney, of New York, who has been prominently identified with the Interfraternity Conference. Our biggest legislation was that authorizing an Executive Secretary, and providing funds from the



treasury and by assessment to pay his salary and expenses. This man will organize the field work and strengthen the fraternity and individual chapters. We adopted the name "executive" instead of "traveling," since the latter gives the picture of a man riding in Pullmans at the fraternity's expense, and arouses some hostility to the idea. The new Secretary is to be named within a month by the Board of Archons, under whose directions he will operate.

We also began, formally, our \$100,000 memorial fund for the founders. This is to be raised by contributions from alumni, and we expect to raise it in ten years. The interest from this will be used in advancing the interests of the fraternity and paying the expenses of the Executive Secretary. About \$7,000 was pledged toward it on the floor of the convention by alumni in ten minutes. No new charters were granted—none being voted upon. Two were discussed—Williams College and Stetson University (Florida)—and will probably be voted on by mail soon. Our next convention will be at Atlantic City, December 29-31, 1913.

For the following details regarding the convention of Alpha Tau Omega we are indebted to the courtesy of the editor of the *Palm*, Mr. Claude T. Reno, of Allentown, Pa.:

The recent Alpha Tau Omega congress elected Nathan F. Griffin, Esq., of New York City, as Worthy Grand Chief, decided to meet two years hence at Nashville, rejected a proposition to hold future meetings during summer instead of Christmas vacation, adopted a system of uniform accounting for the chapters, appointed a committee to compile a manual of the duties of every grand and chapter official, provided for the adoption of a new form of official badge, required the *Palm* to furnish a bound volume annually to each chapter, appointed a committee to consider and report upon the advisability of employing a paid or traveling Secretary, provided for the furnishing of all stationery by a central office, authorized the publication of a new edition of the song book, re-enacted its opinion that fraternities should prohibit the initiation of freshmen until after successfully passing the work of the first term, rejected a proposition to hold future conventions during summer instead of Christmas vacation, and decided to meet two years hence at Nashville.

In an account of the Delta Kappa Epsilon convention, published in the *Quarterly* for December, Mr. James Anderson Hawes, General Secretary of the fraternity, says that the "new chapter at the University of Texas," chartered by the convention, "will be our only chapter between the Mississippi River and the Pacific Coast," and that "it will be a strong link in our chain." The convention enlarged the council of the fraternity by providing that it shall consist of one member chosen by each chapter. The council shall select an executive committee, who "shall carry on the routine affairs of the fraternity." Members of the executive committee shall be residents of New York City, but not necessarily the other members of the council. A solid silver loving cup, fourteen inches tall, was presented to Mr. Hawes by "a few of his many friends, in slight appreciation of his untiring loyalty to Delta Kappa Epsilon." At the convention banquet, Mr. Charles F. Mathewson, President of the council, said:

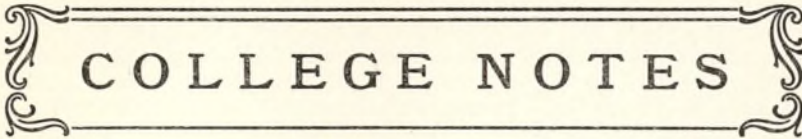
While the position of Fraternity Secretary has been established, with a nominal salary of \$2,500 a year for a man who gives his whole time to it, you have inadvertently overlooked providing the funds for the purpose of meeting the \$2,500. The result is that the taxes which come to the council are insufficient to meet the expenses of the fraternity and the salary of the

Fraternity Secretary as well; and it follows that all other expenses are first met and the Secretary, Brother Hawes, waives all salary except such as is left, which is a very small amount after the other expenses are provided for. And I know of no other man in the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, and no man in any other fraternity, who ever has given or would give his entire time to the interests of the fraternity as has Brother Hawes, with virtually no compensation whatever, but almost wholly at his own expense.

We have no information in regard to the conventions of Sigma Nu, Chi Phi and Phi Kappa Sigma.—*Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.*

We are indebted to Walter B. Palmer, Phi Delta Theta, for the following news about their Chicago convention:

The recent Phi Delta Theta convention chartered North Dakota, Iowa State and Colorado College, elected as President, Dr. Guy Potter Benton, President of the University of Vermont, adopted an accounting system, and prohibited the initiation of prep school fraternity men after four years, subject to the Interfraternity conference.



## COLLEGE NOTES

President Remsen, of Johns Hopkins University, has been forced by ill health to give up the work of the office, although he had intended to remain at the head of the institution until his successor could be chosen. Until the vacancy is filled, the administration of the university will reside in a board consisting of seven members of the faculty.

The new president of the University of Oklahoma is Dr. Stratton D. Brooks.

Dr. Raymond A. Pearson has become president of Iowa State College, succeeding in the administrative office Prof. Edward W. Stanton, for two years acting president.

The William M. Rice Institute, Houston, Texas, began its work this year. It has an endowment of about ten million dollars, making it at its opening the seventh richest college in the country. Its building plan is elaborate, and its departments will cover a wide range of arts and science, pure and applied. Tuition will be free throughout.

The New York Coffee Roasters' Association has pledged one thousand dollars annually toward the support of a fellowship in coffee research in Columbia University.

Columbia has added several buildings on the campus recently. One of the most interesting is a home for the president, who has not heretofore lived on the campus since the university moved to Morningside Heights.

Northwestern University supports a settlement, and the students through their settlement association, with dues of twenty-five cents a year, support a "fellow," who is a college student, each year.

A lectureship on eugenics has been established at the University of Virginia by Mrs. Huntington Wilson, of Washington, D. C.

Yale is raising a million dollars endowment for its theological department, the scope of which it intends to widen greatly.

Colorado College is to have something new in the way of a gymnasium. The building is to contain an indoor and outdoor gymnasium, lockers, bath, dining room, common room, and other conveniences.

Harvard is to have a new library building with a capacity of two and a half million volumes, fourth in book capacity in this country. It is the



gift of Mrs. George D. Widener, of Philadelphia, as a memorial to her son, Harry Elkins Widener, who with his father went down with the *Titanic*. The young man was a graduate of Harvard, and he left his collection of some three thousand rare books, valued at about three hundred thousand dollars, to the university. These volumes will have a special place in the library given by his mother.

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The new group of medical buildings opened this session for use at the University of Minnesota cost about six hundred thousand dollars.

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At the University of Chicago the new Harper Memorial Library, the addition to the Ryerson Physical Laboratories, a concrete wall about Marshall Field, and a concrete stadium, are in use this year.

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Rochester University is engaged in raising a fund of a million dollars for salary increases, faculty enlargement, and additions to the equipment. Efforts are being made to raise an additional hundred thousand dollars to provide for a separate co-ordinate college for women to supplant the present co-educational system.

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The University of Nebraska has introduced a uniform accounting system for student organizations. All funds will be deposited in local banks, and disbursements made by uniform voucher checks.

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The Cornell *Daily Sun* is conducting a vigorous campaign for the amendment of the State Constitution so as to permit college students to vote in state and national elections at their colleges instead of compelling them to return to the place of their residence if they wish to vote.—*Key* of K K I.

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King's Crown, a Columbia University club, has become a sort of clearing house for all student activities not athletic. Membership is open to officers of instruction, alumni, and students, and entitles holders to reduced rates at all performances given by the constituent activities.

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The students' association at Northwestern ruled the women students out of the sections occupied by the men on football days, claiming that the presence of the girls disrupted the cheering squad.

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Investigation of the records at Columbia show that in forty years there has been a decrease of twenty-three per cent in the proportion of New York students to the total enrollment. More striking still, the college, which is theoretically the foundation of the university, has less than a tenth of the entire enrollment.

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At the University of Pennsylvania the Mask and Wig Dramatic Club has added \$5,000 to a fund now amounting to \$15,000, the income of which is used for general university expenses. Since its organization the club has presented a hundred thousand dollars to the university.

The University of Pennsylvania plans an exploring expedition to the Amazon River and Jungle regions of South America, the expedition to use a specially constructed yacht, and to be gone three years. Admiral Carvalho of the Brazilian navy is to be a member of the expedition.

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The Tolo Club, an honor society for senior women in Washington, has taken the initiative in establishing a Tolo Emergency Fund to meet a need which has long been felt among the student body of the university, namely, the need of a fund from which small amounts may be borrowed without interest by students who are dependent upon their own resources, and are unable to meet the demands of the amount.

The idea is not original with the Tolo Club, but has been most successfully put into practice by many of the schools and colleges throughout the country. At Wellesley, a fund of this sort is maintained by the Student Aid Society, at Bryn Mawr it is known as the Student's Loan Fund. Similar funds are maintained at Smith, Columbia, Cornell, Chicago, Stanford and many others.

That the idea is being well received at the University of Washington is evidenced by the interest which is taken by the various organizations of the University, a number of which have already signified their willingness to co-operate in putting the fund on a firm basis.—*The Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega.

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Package libraries, which consist of about forty separate articles on the subject desired, are sent out free of charge by the University of Wisconsin extension division to any person in the state. During the eighteen-month period that closed with October 1, 238 package libraries on woman suffrage were called for, as compared with 114 calls for information on the income tax, 107 on commission form of government, sixty-five on the initiative and referendum, and fifty-nine on parcels post.—*Σ X Quarterly*.

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Announcement has been made at the University of Chicago of a new system of retiring allowances for professors or their widows. A fund of \$2,500,000 taken from the \$10,000,000 Rockefeller gift of 1910 has been set aside for this purpose. This pension system will grant to men who have attained the rank of assistant professor or higher, and who have reached the age of 65 and have served 15 years or more in the institution, 40 per cent of their salary and an additional 2 per cent for each year's service over 15. The plan also provides that at the age of 70 a man shall be retired unless the board of trustees specially continues his services. The widow of any professor entitled to the retiring allowance shall receive one-half the amount due him, provided she has been his wife for ten years. Because the University of Chicago has a provision in its charter giving Baptists a certain preference in its board, it cannot receive advantage from the Carnegie Foundation; but the last gift of \$10,000,000 from Mr. Rockefeller allows it to do its own pensioning.—*The Scroll* of Φ Δ Θ.



## OFFICIAL DATA

### Engagements

- Alabama Mu*—Mrs. Ernest Fenollosa of Mobile, Alabama, announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Erwin Scott to Mr. Seaborn T. Whatley of Seattle, Washington.
- Kansas Beta*, '14—Geo. W. Packer, Jr., of Kansas City, Kansas, to Miss Katherine Van Noy of Los Angeles, California.
- South Dakota*, '11—The engagement of H. L. Caldwell to Miss Vera Kahl has been announced.
- South Dakota Sigma*, '13—The engagement of Lawrence G. Collins to Miss Mabelle Wright has been announced.
- New York Mu*, '10—Robert LeF. Fairburn of New York to Miss Mary Laile Fanning of New York. THE RECORD inadvertently printed the above notice in the December RECORD under the heading of marriages, We regret very much having made this error and trust that it has not caused either of them embarrassment or inconvenience.

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### Marriages

- Arkansas Alpha Upsilon*—J. A. Ferguson to Miss Lillian Mullins, Chi Omega, Texarkana, Ark., December 24, 1912.
- California Beta*, '11—Herbert E. Smith to Miss Alice Crocheron of Brooklyn, N. Y., January 18, 1913.
- California Beta*, '11—Robert E. Simpson to Miss Lou Thompson of Los Angeles, Calif., February 19, 1913.
- Colorado Chi*, '09—John David Lobb to Miss Edna Iyall Klein at Pittsburgh, Pa., December 17, 1912. At home in Lowena, N. Y., after February 1, 1913.
- Colorado Zeta*, '15—John E. Lee to Miss Marjorie Thompson (Pi Beta Phi) at Denver, Colorado, December, 1912.
- Colorado Zeta*, '11—George R. Painter to Miss Jessie E. Mills (Pi Beta Phi) at Denver, Colorado, January, 1913. The ceremony was performed by Reverend Charles O. Thibodeau, Colorado Zeta, '08.
- Illinois Psi-Omega*, '09—Ritze Claus Mulder to Miss Edwina Elizabeth Gamble of Evanston, Illinois, February 1, 1913.
- Indiana Alpha*, '12—Robert Wallace Baker to Mildred E. Mullendore (Delta Delta Delta), Franklin, Indiana, June 26th, 1912. At home No. 629 South Minnesota Avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
- Indiana Beta*—John B. Theiss of New York to Miss Florence Blair Moorehead of Chicago, December 23, 1912. At home Plaza Hotel, New York City after February 1, 1913.



- Iowa Beta*, '05—Dr. R. M. Anderson to Miss Mae Belle Allstrand (Pi Beta Phi) at Sioux City, Iowa, January 22, 1913. After February 1 address will be 514 West 122nd Street, New York City.
- Kentucky Epsilon*, '12—Richard V. Garred to Miss Ollie Maye Clarke of Lexington, Ky., January 7, 1913. At home Louisa, Kentucky.
- Kentucky Epsilon*, '12—Tyree Lydell Lloyd to Miss Elizabeth McFarland of Lexington, Ky., December 28, 1912.
- Michigan Iota-Beta*, '12—Robert Buhrman to Miss Clara V. Scott, Cincinnati, Ohio, August 28, 1911.
- '12—I. J. Harkleroad to Miss Helen Josephine Sanford, Elyria, Ohio, December 18, 1912.
- '13—Henry L. Coman to Miss Katherine White, Menominee, Michigan, August 5, 1911.
- '13—J. Wyndham Johnston to Miss Jessie Henschen, St. Louis, Missouri, October 14, 1912.
- New Hampshire Alpha*, '11—Stanley Gale Eaton to Miss Sibyl Wright, at Montpelier, Vermont, December 20, 1912.
- New York Delta*, ex-'15—Ray W. Ames to Miss Lena Comstock.
- New York Delta*, '08—Thomas J. O'Meara to Miss Schelbecker of Albany.
- New York Sigma Phi*, '98—Frederick D. H. Coerr, M. D., married Miss Audrey De Renne on Wednesday, November 20, in the chapel of St. Bartholomew's Church.
- Ohio Rho*, '08—S. J. Boughton to Miss Theodore Jocelyn Ferguson at Denver, Colo., November 6, 1912. At home 1312 Oneida Street, Montclair, Denver, Colo.
- Oklahoma Kappa*, '13—Peyton Earle Brown to Miss Edith Clower, Cleburne, Texas, December, 1912.
- Pennsylvania Delta*, '08—Dr. James Erwin Diehl to Lily May Tucker at Raleigh, N. C. At home Trenton, N. J.
- Pennsylvania Delta*—Geo. W. Kessler to Ruth Estelle Broughton at Tunkhannock, Pa. At home, 65 Pinehurst Ave., New York City, N. Y.
- Pennsylvania Theta*, '07—Dudley S. Bright to Miss Dora E. Norris of Washington, D. C., October 16, 1912.
- South Dakota Sigma*, '10—Theodore F. Auldrige of Pierre, S. Dak., to Miss Irene Quirk (Alpha Xi Delta, '15), of Highmore, S. Dak.
- Tennessee Kappa*, '98—Cowan Rodgers to Miss Katherine Briscoe, Knoxville, Tenn., November 27, 1912.
- Tennessee Nu*, '07—H. Erwin Brausford to Miss Carrie Eastman of Jacksonville, Texas. At home Blytheville, Ark., where Brother Brausford is connected with Cross-Brausford Grocery Co.
- Virginia Omicron*—Archie G. McNaughton to Miss Susan Tier of Schenectady, N. Y., October 9, 1912.
- Virginia Omicron*—Earl Niel Western to Miss Lucile Gerstle of Chattanooga, Tennessee, December 5, 1912.

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### Births

- Illinois Beta*, '03—A son, Harold Adams, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Johnson, Rockford, Ill., January 8, 1913.

- Indiana Gamma*—A son, Franklyn Charles, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Wode, Fredonia, Kan., January 11, 1913.
- Iowa Beta*—A son, Paul David, to Dr. and Mrs. John H. Peck, Des Moines, Iowa, December 31, 1912.
- Kansas Alpha*, '03—A daughter, Mary Crabbs, to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Barr Crabbs, Kansas City, Mo.
- Kansas Alpha*, '08—A son, William Hamilton Sloan, to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sloan, Oklahoma City, Okla., December 1, 1912.
- Louisiana Epsilon*, '02—A son, James Edward, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. James Edward Byram, St. Joseph, La., November 20, 1912.
- Michigan Iota-Beta*, '12—A son, Robert Thomas, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Buhrman, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Michigan Iota-Beta*, '13—A daughter, Mary Katherine, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Coman, Menominee, Michigan.
- Michigan Iota-Beta*, '13—A daughter, Doris June, to Mr. and Mrs. Edmund W. Biggers, 29 Hague Ave., Detroit, Michigan.
- Ohio Theta*, '05—A son, Stanley Bright, to Mr. and Mrs. Russell I. Hare, New York City, August 28, 1912.
- Ohio Theta*, '07—A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. H. Dwight Smith, New York City.
- Tennessee Kappa*, '10—A son, Robert Waddy III, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Ramsey, Jr., Memphis, October 26, 1912.

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### Deaths

- Indiana Gamma*, '12—Jesse Myers Harvard died at his home in Indianapolis, January 17, 1913.
- Ohio Theta*, '01—Harry Garfield Wagstaff was killed in an automobile accident in Havana, Cuba, December 15, 1912. He was a resident of the Isle of Pines.
- Tennessee Kappa*, '93—Harper L. Chamberlain died after a long illness at Knoxville, Tenn., October 29, 1912.
- Tennessee Kappa*, '98—Charles William Warring died in Texas, May 1, 1912.
- Tennessee Kappa*, '04—Jacob L. Thomas died very suddenly at Knoxville, Tenn., July 20, 1912.
- Virginia Omicron*, '59—Judge S. Chas. Young died at his residence in St. Joseph, Louisiana, December 2, 1912.



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## IN MEMORIAM

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### JUDGE S. CHARLES YOUNG

*Virginia Omicron, '59*

December 2, 1912, at 4 o'clock p. m., departed this life, at his residence in St. Joseph, Louisiana, Samuel Charles Young, a native of Adams County, Mississippi, where he was born January 18, 1838. He was a son of Dr. Benjamin F. Young, of that county, and on both paternal and maternal sides was descended from parents who typified that aristocracy of vigorous life and cultured intellect of which the South has been so justly proud. He was married in 1861 to Miss Blanche LeSassier, of New Orleans, whom he survived, and from which union there were two sons, Dr. Louis LeSassier Young of the U. S. Navy, who died in 1896, and Hon. Benj. Farrar Young, a leading attorney of the local bar.

A short time before the Civil War Judge Young moved to Tensas Parish, where he resided throughout the rest of his life. His natural tastes influenced him to engage in agriculture on an extensive scale, and even when the infirmities of age had made impossible his active participation in this business his natural love of the soil, its culture and plant life, was shown in his garden, which he personally superintended, taking a just pride in its liberal yield, and sharing with his neighbors the bounty it produced.

As a member of the legal profession, his firm has always stood at the top of the bar. He was college bred, a close student and thoroughly equipped for the practice of his profession, and was a successful lawyer, enjoying a large and remunerative practice, and the utmost confidence of his brother practitioners and his clients, giving from his well stored mind, and his ripe experience, that class of advice and service that bespeaks the highest ethical purpose of the profession to which he was an honor. From 1884 for eight years he presided as Judge of the Ninth District Court.

As husband, father and friend, he exemplified in his life the highest ideals: positive, direct and firm in the serious affairs of business, he was yet in his social intercourse an elegant type of the courteous, cultured gentleman of that Old South that is soon to pass into tradition, and was ever tender, gentle and considerate with those that claimed his love, being rewarded by a filial devotion, ever watchful, thoughtful and perfectly unselfish.

His associates and the community in which he lived and worked have lost a calm and safe adviser, a loyal friend and an exemplary citizen.

### JESSE MYERS HARVARD

*By J. Frank Lindsey, Indiana Gamma, '13*

There was probably never a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon who has done so much good for his fraternity and mankind, during his brief career,



as Jesse Myers Harvard who was called from this world by his Maker on January 17, 1913.

With a pleasing disposition and a strong personality he crept into the hearts of every person with whom he came in touch. His ideals were the highest, always standing firm for the things which go to make the better man. One of his most prominent virtues was his everlasting sympathy. It made no difference to him whether it be a member of his chapter, or a person outside, he was always ready to lend a helping hand in counsel.

Harvard's life has been a short one, being just past twenty-six years of age. He was raised on a farm near Indianapolis. Received his high school education of Clermont, Indiana, entering Indiana University in the fall of 1907, at which time he was initiated into the Fraternity. Choosing economics as his major he graduated with the class of 1911.

Harvard's honors in the university began upon his entry. He took an interest in athletics and during his freshman year was a member of the football and basketball teams; and in his junior and senior years was considered the best southpaw pitcher in the conference.

Not satisfied with the athletic attainments he was given the office of president of the Y. M. C. A., his first step in social service which was to be his life's vocation. The Republicans of the university selected him as their candidate for president of the Lincoln League. This was followed by an act of appreciation on the part of the faculty for his work in the university by being awarded a Key in Phi Beta Kappa.

During the few short months of his life after graduation he devoted his time to social service work in Indianapolis, being Secretary of the Associated Charities in that city. Realizing his education was not complete he entered the university last fall to work on his master's degree in social research work under Doctor Weatherley, with whom he had planned to make a survey of the social conditions of Indianapolis this year. He never lost sight of his work in Indianapolis during the time he was in school, but spent every week end in assisting some poor child or destitute mothers in being cared for.

One of his last remarks to his mother, when informed that he would die, was, "It is too bad mother that the Lord is going to take me when I had planned to be so happy in making others happy. But I am not going to die mother. I will live on."

Although it is hard for some of us to understand why such a promising life should be taken from this world, yet we can be consoled in the fact that his spirit lives on.

### HARPER L. CHAMBERLAIN

#### *Tennessee Kappa*

Harper L. Chamberlain, aged thirty-nine years, died Tuesday morning, October 29, 1912, at the home of his parents, Capt. and Mrs. W. P. Chamberlain, at 1620 West Cumberland Avenue. Mr. Chamberlain had been in failing health for the past eight years, and about two years ago, his condition became so grave that he was taken to the Johns Hopkins Hospital, where, after a stay of several weeks, he had recovered sufficiently to permit his coming home. After a short time, however, he again began to decline, and his death was not unexpected.

Beside his parents, the deceased is survived by his widow, formerly Miss Kate Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Russell, of this city, whom he married eight years ago, and a brother, Fred W. Chamberlain, also of this city. He was a nephew of Mrs. W. P. Washburn, of Knoxville, and Capt. H. S. Chamberlain, of Chattanooga.

Mr. Chamberlain was a graduate of the University of Tennessee, and also of Phillips Exeter Academy. He was an excellent musician, playing various instruments, and was for several years manager of the famous old Knoxville Legion band. He was a member of the B. P. O. Elks, the F. & A. M., and of the  $\Sigma$  A E fraternity.

Mr. Chamberlain has been connected with some of the leading business institutions of the city. For a time, he was connected with the East Tennessee National bank, and was afterwards manager of the Knoxville Electric company. At the time of his death, he was a member of the firm of Sanford, Chamberlain & Albers, wholesale druggists.—Knoxville *Times*.

### JACOB L. THOMAS

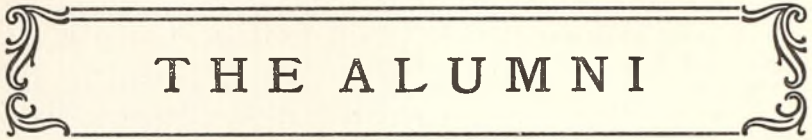
#### *Tennessee Kappa*

Jacob L. Thomas, thirty-one years of age, a member of the firm of Cowan-McClung Company, died suddenly shortly after noon Saturday, July 20, at the family residence, No. 504 West Main Avenue.

The deceased was one of the best known young men in the city. He was also well known to the business men over East Tennessee and the adjoining states. He had been connected with the Cowan-McClung company for a number of years. For the past four years, he had been a member of the firm. He was conscientious and closely attentive to business, and was popular with all of the employees of the company.

Mr. Thomas was a son of the late Jacob L. Thomas and Mrs. Lucy M. Thomas. He was born in this city October 11, 1881. He entered the University of Tennessee and was graduated with honors in the spring of 1904, and immediately entered the employ of the firm of which he became a member. Mr. Thomas was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity at the University of Tennessee.

The surviving members of the family are his mother, Mrs. Jacob L. Thomas, Sr., four brothers and a sister. The brothers are Charles M. Thomas, Jesse Thomas, H. M. Thomas and Matt G. Thomas. The surviving sister is Miss Margaret Thomas, who is abroad. She has been cabled of the death of her brother.—Knoxville *Times*.



# THE ALUMNI

## Men of the Fraternity

**JOHN N. HEISKELL, Tennessee Kappa**

**W. M. KAVANAUGH, Kentucky Chi**

Judge W. M. Kavanaugh, Democratic national committeeman, president of the Southern Trust Company of this city, the Little Rock Street Railway & Electric Company and of the Southern League and prominent in business here, was today elected United States senator for the short term which ends March 4, to succeed Senator John Netherland Heiskell, editor of the *Arkansas Gazette*. Mr. Heiskell was appointed by Governor Donaghey at the death of Senator Davis to serve until the legislature should elect a successor. He announced when he accepted the appointment that he would not allow his name to go before the legislature and refused to allow any of his friends to make any request of any legislator that he might be retained in the Senate. He gave as his reasons that he would not allow the *Gazette* to be under the obligations which would be raised by a canvass for the place with the legislators. His idea is that an editor should be absolutely unhampered by political promises or obligations.

The appointment of Mr. Heiskell as senator met with practically unanimous approval throughout the state and newspapers that were avowedly unfriendly to Governor Donaghey, who appointed him, and to the *Gazette*, which he edits, praised the wisdom of the appointment. It is believed that if Mr. Heiskell had allowed his name to go before the legislature and his friends to make a campaign for him that he easily could have succeeded in remaining in the Senate until March 4.—*Kansas City Star*, Jan. 28, 1913.

**CHARLES BISMARCK AMES, Mississippi Gamma**

For the reason that the legislature seems likely to extend the Supreme Court Commission to 1915, and that his private business will not permit the sacrifice that two years more in the service of the state would entail, Supreme Court Commissioner C. B. Ames, formerly member of the law firm of Flynn, Ames & Chambers, and one of the most prominent lawyers of Oklahoma, has handed in his resignation to the Supreme Court to take effect March 1.

It is understood upon fairly good authority, that Judge Ames will be succeeded by Superior Court Justice Farrar L. McCain of Muskogee, who ranks high among the leading members of the Muskogee Bar.—*Daily Oklahoma*, Oklahoma City, Feb. 3, 1913.



**JULIUS KRUTTSCHNITT, Virginia Sigma**

Julius Kruttschnitt, the chief operating official of what was until lately known as the "Harriman System" and now the chairman of the board of the Southern Pacific, in a recent statement to the *Railway Age Gazette*, touches the most important points in the insuring of safety in travel. He says:

To increase the safety of transportation on railways I think we should abolish the use of the word "unexplained" in connection with accidents, the cause of and individual responsibility for every one of which, whether serious or trivial, should be determined, sparing neither talent, time nor money to do so.

The results should be frankly and freely given to the public, to enable it to form an intelligent opinion the weight of which will be irresistible in bringing about the necessary corrections, which should be left to the railroads themselves, unhampered by hasty and ill-considered legislation, too often inspired or influenced by promoters of patented devices.

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**GEORGE WHITFIELD CONNOR, North Carolina Xi**

The house of representatives made a good start today when it elected George Whitfield Connor, of Wilson, to preside over its deliberations. As Speaker Mr. Connor will bring the necessary dignity to the position to maintain the best traditions. The work of the house will move as rapidly as consistent with orderly dispatch of business, for he is experienced, alert, and quick. He knows what to say and do and when and how to say it and do it. Much of the progress of legislation depends upon the capability of the Speaker. An inefficient Speaker would let the business become a confused jumble in a little or no time. With George W. Connor in the chair there will be no confusion. He has served two terms in the legislature and is thoroughly familiar both through training and experience with the procedure. Through association he has the utmost confidence of the old members and in the same way and through his courteous demeanor and impartial ruling he will soon have that of the new ones. He knows the needs of the state. He has studied the problems that are to be solved and he brings a matured wisdom to the solution of them.

Mr. Connor is a son of Judge Connor and is 40 years old. He graduated at the university in 1892 and was the recipient of several honors. He is a lawyer by profession and as a private citizen is without reproach. With the election of such a man the house has discharged its first duty worthily.—Editorial, *The Raleigh Times*, Jan. 8, 1913.

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**DR. RUDOLPH M. ANDERSON, Iowa Beta**

Dr. Rudolph Anderson of New York, the polar explorer, was married at Sioux City, Iowa, on January 22, 1913 to Miss Mabelle Allstrand of Sioux City, Iowa. Miss Allstrand was a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority when in college at the University of Iowa, and was one of the most popular girls in college.

Mrs. R. M. Anderson will accompany her husband, Doctor Anderson, in the dash of Stefansson and Anderson to the Arctic ocean next April. University people have received this interesting bit of news from New York City,

the present home of Doctor and Mrs. Anderson. For a woman to accompany the explorers on such an expedition is not usually credulous, but those who will remember the ability of Mrs. Anderson and her capability in all lines of work during her college days here, will not wonder at the undertaking which she is now fostering.

The exact date of the trip is not known, but it will probably be started sometime in April of this year.

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#### **TENSARD R. DEWOLFE, Pennsylvania Omega**

Tensard R. DeWolfe has, for the past six years, occupied the position of Secretary of the Voters' Civic League of Pittsburgh. This organization is composed of a few business and professional men of Pittsburgh, who have given unstintedly of their time and money for a more moral and cleaner city. Under obloquy and hate and misrepresentation from those who have been filching and using public offices solely for their own gains, they have wrought wonders. It was the Voters' League that discovered and forced to trial scores and scores of boodling councilmen, and gave Pittsburgh such a lesson of what its decent citizens can accomplish if they go at it in a sane and systematic way. This lesson is one that will not soon be forgotten. As a result of this, and other disclosures, the legislature passed a bill, putting all councilmanic power in the hands of seven salaried councilmen, thus securing a decided improvement over previous conditions. One of the most recent and vital achievements by this league was the investigation of certain important bureaus of the city government. In this investigation, the Director of Public Safety, whose department has to do with the protected vice of the city, was found to be conducting his office as illegally and improperly as the vices are themselves. This was another important stride toward the publicity of Mr. DeWolfe, since he is the officer who has made the charges that have sent many scoundrels to jail and the penitentiary, and who has driven certain customs of graft and inefficiency, it is hoped, forever from the municipal life of Pittsburgh.

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#### **FRANK H. NUTTER, JR., Minnesota Alpha**

Frank H. Nutter, Jr., Minneapolis, was yesterday elected state drainage engineer by the state drainage board. His work is to locate and supervise the construction of state ditches. Mr. Nutter is a Minneapolis product. The was educated in the public schools and is a graduate of the University of Minnesota. He was formerly engineer for the park board of Minneapolis. The appointment is effective March 1 and is due to the resignation of George A. Ralph. The drainage commission adopted a resolution declaring that Mr. Ralph's retirement from public work is a loss to the state.

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#### **WILLIAM C. LEVERE, Illinois Psi-Omega**

When Theodore Roosevelt was in Chicago recently he expressed his appreciation of the large vote he received here in the recent national election. It appears that few, if any, other cities in the entire country gave the Roosevelt and Johnson ticket so large a percentage of its vote. Today William C. Levere, who acted as manager of the local Progressive campaign, received

from Mr. Roosevelt a fine, large portrait of himself, inscribed, "To William C. Levere, with the best wishes of Theodore Roosevelt."

### EDWARD M. McMAHON, Wisconsin Alpha

Doctor Albright, and Detroit, too, is fortunate in the selection of his personal representative, Mr. McMahon.

As the youngest general agent for the Northwestern Mutual, Mr. McMahon made an unusual record, and his selection by Doctor Albright as the latter's personal representative is regarded by insurance men as a promotion of vast importance, for a man who was graduated from the University of Wisconsin as recently as 1908. In insurance circles he is already widely known as "the college man in life insurance," due, in a measure, to an address delivered by him before the Northwestern agents a year or so ago on the subject, "The College Man's Opportunity as a Placer of Life Insurance." Insurance publications throughout the country quoted Mr. McMahon extensively on that occasion.

Mr. McMahon was a leader in college. In 1906 he represented the University of Wisconsin in the Northern Oratorical League, and, by the way, was defeated only by the representative of the University of Michigan. While a student in the Wisconsin law school, Mr. McMahon edited and published "The Wisconsin Alumni Magazine," which has given him a large acquaintance among the university alumni.

The addition of both of these men to the business and social life of the city is a most welcome one. Detroit already has many leaders in various lines.—*Detroit Saturday Night*, Sept. 21, 1913.

### WALTER B. CAPERS

*Capers, Walter B. The Soldier-Bishop Ellison Capers.* Illustrated. Cloth, pp. 369. New York: The Neale Publishing Co. \$3 net.

To find among the new books on one's library table at the same time "Cease Firing" by Mary Johnston, and "The Soldier-Bishop Ellison Capers," by Caper's son, is an interesting coincidence. The fervid pages of Miss Johnston's intense fiction and the no less vivid chapters of the biography of the Confederate General fall in the same period of the Civil War. Ellison Capers enlisted at the opening of the great conflict and took part in the initial maneuvers preceding the bombardment of Fort Sumter, was wounded at Chickamauga, was at Dalton and Jonesboro, and with General Hood and Joseph E. Johnston in the strenuous campaigns of the Army of the Tennessee. The journal and letters which record these experiences prove again how far truth exceeds fiction in its power to stir the mind and heart. But the war theme is not the only claim to interest in the biography of Ellison Capers. We have a glimpse of earlier days, perhaps equally heroic, and of another commanding figure, the father of the soldier-bishop, William Capers—pioneer missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church to the Creek Indians in 1821, the founder of that church's work among the negroes, and in the "great divide in 1844 the champion of the Southern cause and the organizer of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, of whom he was at once elected bishop." This "soldier of the Prince of Peace" evidently fought as valiantly for his principles in the Church militant as did his son in the



conflicts of the Confederacy. And the son, "accepting the defeat of the Civil War in fine spirit," entered his father's profession and became in due course a bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, having as his diocese the State to which he had given a patriot's devotion. The life of this "best-known and best-loved man in South Carolina" in war and in peace was worth recording and is worthily recorded.—*Literary Digest*, February 15, 1913.

## Doings of the Old Grads

### *University of Alabama*

'98. David T. Blakely is a successful contractor with headquarters in Knoxville, Tennessee.

F. B. Travis, junior special agent of the Southeastern Underwriters' Association in Alabama, with headquarters in Montgomery, has been appointed special agent for the Florida rating and inspection bureau of that association. His headquarters will be in Jacksonville, Fla. Mr. Travis and wife leave immediately for their new home.

This is a promotion for Mr. Travis and comes as a recognition of his long and efficient services with the underwriters association.

### *University of Arkansas*

Stanley Philip is managing his large ranch in South Dakota.

'10. Philip Brodie won the Cecil Rhodes Scholarship and leaves for Oxford this fall.

### *Arkansas Alpha Upsilon*

'09. P. G. Milford is now living in Watsonville, Cal.

'12. J. A. Dickinson is working for the Big Rock Crushing Co., Little Rock, Arkansas.

'07. J. H. Stanley is practicing law in Little Rock.

'06. Dan Block is in the insurance business in Wynne, Arkansas.

'12. W. H. McHray is a promising insurance man in Fayetteville, Ark.

W. B. Conner is a Gorge planter living at Augusta, Ark.

'10. Claud Sparks is buying cotton in Pine Bluff, Ark.

W. E. Green is with the Mutual Life Insurance Company. His headquarters are in St. Louis.

### *University of Chicago*

'08. Harry H. Harper is with Oliver & Co., real estate dealers, Chicago.

'08. Stewart Chambers is with the *Kansas City Journal*.

'09. William Matthews is manager of Appleton & Co., Chicago office.

'09. Tom Miller is manager and salesman of Shaw, Walker & Co., Chicago office.

'11. Lyle Harper is with Hibbard, Spencer and Bartlett, Chicago.

Kenneth Wenger is with the Standard Oil Co's. branch at Chicago.

Nathaniel Rubinkam is with Hoyne, O'Conner & Irwin, attorneys at law, 1007 Stock Exchange Bldg., Chicago.

Harold Nickerson is with the Central Indiana Gas Co., Hartford City, Indiana.

*Cornell*

C. P. Wood is the secretary of the Atlanta Cornell Alumni Association which was organized November 1, 1912 with thirty charter members.

Ex-'05. H. S. Bentley is with the Rauch & Lang electric automobile agency, Atlanta, Ga.

*Cumberland University*

'03. Robert M. Rainey lives at Atoka, Oklahoma, and is one of the youngest district judges of the state.

*Dartmouth*

'09. Parker Taber is engaged in agricultural pursuits at Taber Park, Pittsburg, N. H.

'10. Ben. Burpee is at the Harvard Medical School.

*University of Denver*

'02. Wayne C. Williams is the newly appointed assistant district attorney of Denver county.

'08. Charles O. Thibodeau is pastor of the Highlands' Methodist church, Denver.

'09. Austin R. Kracaw is practicing medicine in Denver.

'09. Jerry A. Pierce is president of the Pierce Drug Stores' Company, which operates a number of retail establishments in Denver.

'09. Charles W. Sterling is a special attorney in the Department of Justice, with headquarters at Washington, D. C.

'10. Fred King is practicing law at Delta, Colorado.

'10. Bradford R. Kirkbride is singing one of the leading roles in the southern Spring Maid Company.

'11. George R. Painter is editor of the Telluride *Daily Journal* at Telluride, Colorado.

'11. Walter Pyke Johnson, sporting editor of the *Rocky Mountain News* of Denver, and one of the best known sporting authorities in the West, has been appointed general manager of the big indoor athletic meet to be held in Denver March 1 under the auspices of the Rocky Mountain conference, a feature of which will be the Greek-letter relays for the fraternity chapters of the state.

'12. Mark Volk is practicing dentistry in San Diego, California.

*Gettysburg College*

'05. B. U. P. Cobaugh is professor of science at California Normal, California, Pa.

'07. E. L. Menges is preaching at Urbana, Ill.

'07. A. L. Bright is located with the Brill Car Company at Philadelphia, Pa.

'12. T. C. Cook is editor-in-chief of the *Chesapeake Telephone News*, Baltimore, Md.

'11. P. B. S. Rice is now located at Harrisburg, Pa., with the Chestnut Blight Commission.

'12. R. E. Yohn is engaged in the piano business at Harrisburg, Pa.

'12. C. W. Beaver is teaching Mathematics at Kenmare High School, Kenmare, N. D.

*Georgia "Tech."*

'10. "Gene" and Montgomery Hill both with the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co., have received promotions to responsible positions. "Gene" has been placed in charge of the traffic department at Louisville, Ky., while Montgomery holds the same sort of position in Memphis, Tenn.

'08. W. T. Spivey has located in Atlanta and is with the Industrial Engineering Co.

*Indiana University*

'08. Edw. P. Elsner was elected State Senator last fall and now occupies the berth of chairman of the Judiciary Committee in the Legislature. He is also a trustee of the State University.

'09. J. Bruce Dorsett is superintendent of the High Schools at Columbus, Nebr.

'09. Harold Owen Gudgel owns a nice automobile business in Lawrenceville, Ill.

'09. Charles Franklin Wade is handing out legal advice in Fredonia, Kans. P. S. He has a fine new baby boy.

'09. Jesse Blaine Gwin is secretary of the Associated Charities of Paterson, N. J.

'10. Frank Lawhead is practicing law in Stackton, Cal.

'11. Jas. P. Ornsby is working for the "2" Railroad Co., at Omaha, Nebr.

'11. C. L. Butcher is doing a good law business at 422-3 N. Bank Bldg., Seattle, Wash.

'11. R. T. Schwartz recently opened a law office at Kokomo, Ind.

'11. Cecil R. Peterson has law offices in 315 Grant Bldg., Los Angeles, Cal., and reports business.

*University of Iowa*

'05. Dr. R. M. Anderson will leave for the Arctic regions again in April with his fellow explorer, Dr. Vilhjmar Stefansson. A schooner of one hundred tons has been obtained for this expedition, which will be one of exploration and discovery of uncharted lands rather than a continuation of the former ethnological and zoological researches. The party expects to be gone for two or three years.

*Kentucky State*

'12. W. S. Theising has accepted a position with the National Steel Car Co., Hamilton, Can.

'12. R. V. Garred is practicing law with his father at Louisa, Ky.

'09. W. L. Coons has accepted a position with the Fayette National Bank, of Lexington, Ky.

'10. R. A. Loury is now located at Huntington, W. Va., with the Sullivan Machinery Co., of Claremont, N. H.

*Massachusetts Institute of Technology*

'10. Frank Frederick Bell, having completed an extensive trip "around



the world," is now at work on the Panama-Pacific Exposition Buildings in California.

'12. Philip Chapin Jones has sailed for South America, where he has accepted a position with one of the largest transportation companies in Argentine Republic.

'09. Horace Clark is now spending his second year in Bolivia, where he is doing engineering work.

*University of Michigan*

'11. Harold Titus, of Traverse City, Mich., is now traveling through the West in search of material for his stories which have been appearing in *Colliers* and other periodicals.

'12. John L. Cox, of Birmingham, Alabama, is now working for the Burroughs Adding Machine Co. At present he is located in Birmingham.

'12. William J. Learmonth, of Holyoke, Mass., is at present employed by the United States Radiator Corporation of Detroit and is at present making his home in that city.

'12. Jerry Collins, is now working for the Graham Concrete Pile Co. in Chicago.

'11. Glen L. Codman, of Traverse City, Mich., is now traveling through Michigan lecturing on concrete for the Universal Portland Cement Co. of Chicago, Ill.

*University of Minnesota*

Dr. S. N. Reep a member of the faculty of the University of Minnesota and an alumnus of  $\Sigma$  A E announces that he will personally conduct two European tours for the summer of 1913. Tour 1 is to Norway "The Land of the Midnight Sun," with extension into Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Holland, Belgium, France, England. Tour 2 is to Italy "The Land of Art and History" with extension into Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Belgium, France, England. Brother Reep will furnish upon request all information concerning itinerary, cost, and plans of either or both tours. Send requests to Dr. S. N. Reep, 627 Oak Street, S. E., Minneapolis, Minn.

*University of Missouri*

Robert L. Lokeran and Henry N. Ess, Jr., have formed a partnership for the general practice of law at Kansas City, Mo.

*Northwestern*

Noah G. Klovis, formerly of Leland, Illinois, has moved to Chicago to start in the manufacture of motor trucks. His business address is 5630-32 Evanston Avenue. His residence address is 5500 Southport Avenue.

*University of Oklahoma*

Ex-'13. Ross R. Bayless is cashier of a bank which he is interested in at Inola, Oklahoma.

'10. Mack A. Tracy, a charter member of Oklahoma Kappa, is practicing law at Elk City, Oklahoma.

'11. Shelley E. Tracy is now advertising manager for the Williamson-Halsell-Frazier wholesale grocery firm, with offices in Oklahoma City.

*St. Stephen's College*

'92. The Reverend Jacob Probst, M. A., has been elected fire-chaplain at Patchogue, Long Island.

'94. The Reverend J. Morris Coerr, M. A., priest-in-charge of Christ Church Mission, Port Jefferson, Long Island, has resigned and is now Rector of Christ Church School for Boys at East Setauket, L. I.

'94. The Reverend Lewis Gouverneur Marvis has assumed his duties as rector of All Saint's Church, Worcester, diocese of Western Massachusetts.

'98. The Reverend W. B. Sams, formerly at Uniontown, Florida, has accepted work at St. John's Church, Bainbridge, and the Church of the Epiphany, Cuthbert, Georgia.

'98. Watson B. Selvage, M. A., Professor of Ethics and Apologetics in the University of the South, has been elected President of the Tennessee Academy of Science. The Academy, like those of other states, is composed of the chief scientists of the state.

'09. The Reverend Stephen Gardner, deacon, has been assigned to duty in Christ Church, Rushville, Ill., assisting the general missionary of the diocese of Quincy.

'12. The engagement of George Thurauf has been announced.

*Sewanee*

Mr. Lewis Cobbs, Jr., of Montgomery, has come to Birmingham to accept an important position with one of the largest lumber plants of the district, and is regarded, notwithstanding his youth, as an expert in forestry. After graduating at the University of the South at Sewanee, Mr. Cobbs took a special course in forestry at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and has been since that time in the government service in the department of forestry. When the great Birmingham lumber plant applied to Washington for an expert, Mr. Cobbs was recommended and appointed to his present position, being regarded as especially fitted for the duties involved, because of his intellectual attainments and his thorough preparation at two of the best universities of the country.—Birmingham *Ledger*.

*University of South Dakota*

'14. Hershel Morgan is on his way to Leadville where he plans to work in the mines. Brother J. R. Fyfe is now working there and we hope that Morgan will be fortunate enough to get work with him.

'11. C. Clinton Croal has accepted a position in the legal department of the C. M. & St. P. Ry. at Aberdeen. He has an office with Porter & Grantham.

'13. R. V. Laughlin is working in the State House at Pierre.

'14. Earle Woodworth has returned to Vermillion from his work at Yellowstone Park and is now working for the leading tailor here.

*Southwestern Presbyterian University*

Joseph R. Wilson, a brother of President-elect Wilson was mentioned as a compromise candidate for the United States Senate due to a deadlock in the Tennessee Legislature. Brother Wilson is now being urged as the logical man for Secretary of the United States Senate.

*Syracuse*

'12. Elmer G. Quinn is with the Bausch-Lomb Optical Company of Rochester, being connected with the Scientific Bureau.

'10. Lewis C. Preston who is in the service of the State Water Commission is now located at 73 Green Street, Ogdensburg.

11. H. Ford Whipple has accepted a position in an architect's office at Middletown, N. Y.

'06. Leveritt Loghry has taken a position with the Franklin Manufacturing Company at Franklin, Penn.

'03. M. E. Carr, for several years connected with the Bureau of Soils at Washington, D. C., is now engaged in the real estate business at Albany, Georgia.

'11. Percy A. Ross is in New York City as an assistant in the Electrical Testing Laboratory.

*University of Tennessee*

'93. J. N. Heiskell has been appointed United States Senator from Arkansas, to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Jeff Davis.

'98. Frank Maloney has been re-appointed Adjutant General of Tennessee. He is also actively engaged in railroad contracting.

'04. Lucius Lamar Heiskell is clerk and master of Shelby County, Tennessee, and resides in Memphis.

'04. T. Nash Buckingham is in the insurance and real estate business, with headquarters at Memphis.

'10. Robert W. Ramsey, Jr., is practicing law in Memphis, being a member of the firm of Ramsey & McCormick. His partner Grover N. McCormick, is also an  $\Sigma$  A E from Tennessee Lambda at Cumberland University.

'11. C. E. Craddock is located in Chattanooga with the Chattanooga Railway & Light Co., as Electrical Engineer.

'12. Herbert B. Henegar has a position with the American Zinc Company, and is located at Mascot, Tenn.

'12. Irving S. Saxton is attending Yale.



## ASSOCIATION LETTERS

*The May issue of THE RECORD will contain a story about the observance of Founders' Day by our many alumni associations scattered all over the country. We are desirous of having a detailed account of your celebration, so as to give the Fraternity the pleasure of reading about your good time. Send manuscript to the editor, Box 1459, Los Angeles, Cal., not later than April 1. Tell about the chapters represented, the oldest and youngest members present, the toasts and the responses; and, if you have an exceptionally good toast, send manuscript to us.*

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Cincinnati, Ohio

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THE future looks rosy for the Cincinnati Alumni Association. Within the last few months, the spirit of "get together" has manifested itself more strongly than usual among those sons of Minerva who live in Cincinnati and play the game of life in this community.

This spirit has taken shape in two very successful dinners given at the University Club within the last two and a half months. The first was on the twenty-third of November, and was given in honor of Brother Alfred K. Nippert and Brother Robert A. Black, successful candidates at the November election for the offices of Judge of the Common Pleas Court and state Representative respectively. At this dinner there were about thirty-five brothers and all united in doing honor to those upon whom political honor had fallen so signally. Brother Al Leue acted as toastmaster. Brother Nippert was elected judge on an independent ticket. He had the formal indorsement of no party and of no class or organization as such, but made the fight upon an independent basis, and upon his previous strong record

as a lawyer. His success upon the bench is assured, as he is under obligation to no man or class of men. Brother Black went to the state Legislature with the heaviest majority of any candidate except one—Bigelow—and there were ten elected. Upon Brother Black's shoulders rests, in part, the responsible burden of shaping the new law to conform to Ohio's new and progressive Constitution. He is also there to guard, with other Greek-letter men, the future of the fraternity system in the colleges of our state, now menaced by hostile bills, and radical, drastic proposals.

The second dinner was given January 25, in honor of Brother Al. F. Leue, who, as every reader of this letter knows, was chosen Eminent Supreme Deputy Archon of  $\Sigma A E$  at the Nashville Convention. At that dinner, attended by forty-five Sigma Alpha Epsilon's, the expressions of love for Brother Leue and appreciation of his work for the fraternity, were many and sincere. Brother G. A. Ginter was the toastmaster. An original poem was read by Brother Cliff Hall, in which the said Brother Cliff discovered merits as a lyre-twanger which had been before, to some of us, hidden under a bushel.

At this dinner the officers of the association for the coming year were elected. Brother Richard Dickerson was made President, Brother Stanley Backman Vice-president, and the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer.

The holiday dance was given this year at the Mansion, on New Year's Eve. It was a success in every way, and was well attended by both active chapter men and alumni.

We expect to hold the Founders' Day Banquet at the University Club, and are looking forward to a celebration with a big crowd and the true spirit.

ALLAN SMITH.

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Hutchinson, Kan.

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**T**HE purple and gold of  $\Sigma A E$  distinguished one of the large tables at the Bisonte Sunday evening, when the annual dinner of that fraternity was given. Maidenhair ferns and carnations were attractively used, and the white cloth was crossed with satin ribbons in the royal colors of the Sig Alphas. The hosts were Mr. James Lee Dick, Mr. Bert German, Mr. Eustace Smith,

Mr. Albert Teed, Mr. Ward Moyer, of Topeka, Mr. Howard Carey, Mr. Charles Carey, Mr. Sam Fairchilds, Mr. Earl Musser; and their guests were Mrs. Dick, Miss Anna Steele, Miss Ruth Johns, of Sedalia, Mo., Miss Mildred Hickman, Miss Margaret Phillips, Miss Bernice Baker, Miss Jeannette White, and Miss Gibb, of Lawrence, Kansas.—*Hutchinson Gazette*, Dec. 29.

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St. Louis, Mo.

**T**HE new pocket directory has arrived and we find there are one hundred and eighty-six brothers living in St. Louis representing thirty-five active chapters. Many of these were not on the association's mailing list. They will now be urged to join the association and help make it one of the largest and most active.

Plans are being made for a record breaking Founders' Day banquet. Quite a number of the brothers make a practice of eating lunch on Friday at the Maryland Hotel and these weekly meetings are very enjoyable.

CHARLES E. GOLTE.

## CHAPTER LETTERS

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

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### PROVINCE ALPHA

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Maine Alpha, University of Maine,  
Orono

**M**AINE ALPHA is busy. February 21 and 22 our twelfth birthday comes, together with a celebration. We expect about seventy-five visitors, including alumni and brothers from other chapters. It's going to be a great time, with initiation, banquet and all the trimmings.

January 6 the brothers came back from a two weeks' vacation and started working for finals. We came through without many accidents, and still have a house-full.

Lately we have pledged two men, Brockway, '15, and MacIntyre, '16. The chapter has three new members, Brothers Loring and Bryant, '16, initiated November 15, and Brother Bidwell, '16, affiliated from Massachusetts Delta.

By defeating Bowdoin 17-0 Maine won the state championship in football again. Brother Cobb, '14, played during the season as quarterback. Baseball practice will soon start,

and we will make a good try to win out there. Every man in the house who is able is out for track. A number of interfraternity and inter-class meets will pick out the good men. Brothers Williams, '15, and Blood, '16, are playing in a series of class basketball games, held once a week.

To add to our large list of honors given last issue, Brother Getchell has been elected manager of 'varsity football for 1913. A large number of men are rehearsing for the glee, mandolin and dramatic clubs.

Brothers P. I. Chase, Wilson, Mansur, Eveleth and Barrows are among the recent visitors at the house.

Our delegate to the national convention, Getchell, '14, brought much interesting news from Nashville, together with Billy Levere's " $\Sigma$  A E Pocket Directory." This book will be very useful next summer looking up brothers while traveling.

Make us a visit when you're around. The door is never locked.

MAX WILDER.



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Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon, Boston University, Boston

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THE chapter enters upon the second semester's work realizing that the standard of the university has been raised no little amount. Every course has been stiffened up. Every instructor marked harder than ever before and as a result more men were dropped this year than in any previous year. Beta-Upsilon fared the best of any of the fraternities in the college for only one man was lost. The chapter on the other hand wishes to congratulate Brother Atwood and Sister Keith who won scholarships.

To date the chapter has pledged fourteen men, ten of whom have been initiated.

On December 10 a dance was given in Fitzredick Bungalow, Dorchester. The affair was successfully carried out. We are now looking forward to the spring bungalow dance to be given in March.

Beta-Upsilon won the championship of the university in the interfraternity basket ball series. The chapter is fortunate in having all but three of the 'varsity squad.

On February 14 a Valentine party was given in the chapter rooms. Twenty-three couples were present.

William Crossley has been elected president of the Y. M. C. A. at the Law School. Harry Newman is president of the Men's Union. Frederick Armstrong is athletic editor of the *Beacon*, college monthly. Frederic Evans is associate editor on the *Hub*, the junior class annual.

The chapter has been pleased to entertain Brothers Smith from Massachusetts Delta and Washburn from New Hampshire Alpha. We are looking forward to a pleasant visit from William C. Leverc, E. S. R.

The chapter wishes to extend the hospitality of its rooms to any  $\Sigma A E$  men who may be in or around Boston. CORIELLE FREDERIC EVANS.

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Massachusetts Iota Tau, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston

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MIDYEAR examinations have come and gone and now there is the customary excitement experienced before the coming of reports. We expect to lose but one man this term, and this one man leaves us on account of graduation. Brother Rollason, a graduate of the University of Melbourne, Australia, will receive his degree after two years and a half of graduate work. We earnestly hope that he will locate in this section of the country.

At the recent Technology Reunion held in New York on January 24 and 25, many matters of general interest to "Tech" men were discussed. Although it was expected that President MacLaurin would make known the name of the donor of the \$2,500,000 gift to Technology, at the reunion dinner, he did not find it advisable to do so. However, in his address he gave some very interesting information regarding the new site and the "New Technology," which he said is to be completed and ready for occupancy in the fall of 1915.

The chapter now numbers 23 members, seven of whom were initiated last fall. Three more freshmen are pledged and will be initiated within the next few weeks. This increase in the size of the chapter has made us again turn our attention to our chapter house. Situated as it is, in a beautiful location, and attractive in every respect, the present house in the Fenway is suitable in every way except one, that is size. At present we have accommodations

for only thirteen men, while there are nineteen who are anxious to live at the house. The solution of this problem seems to be a change in our house, and we are now, with the help of four of our alumni, looking for a suitable one. The four alumni referred to above, Brother Brackett, '95, Brother Millar, '02, Brother Bennett, '10, and Brother Cooley, '11, have, indeed taken a much appreciated interest in Massachusetts Iota Tau, and are co-operating with the active men in planning the future of this chapter when "Tech" moves to Cambridge.

ARTHUR C. DORRANCE.

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Massachusetts Gamma, Harvard University, Cambridge

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SINCE the writing of the last chapter letter, we have had many athletic victories, the most notable being over Yale in football 20-0, and the winning on the same day of the intercollegiate cross country races.

The grounds of the university are undergoing several additions. Among the most important are the constructing of the Widener memorial library, of the freshman dormitories, and the Anderson stone bridge across the Charles River to the stadium and athletic fields.

It is needless to write that we had a grand good time at the fall Auburndale Banquet, and the chapter was very glad of the chance to welcome at the house some of the visiting brothers over night and the next day.

Our delegate to the Nashville convention reported a most excellent time, which only serves to make us all the more enthusiastic to have the national convention of 1916 in Boston.

In January we had a pool tourna-

ment with Brother Halsell as scratch man. Brother Bowles was the winner.

At the time of writing, the mid-year examination period has just passed, and I am glad to write that all the brothers passed all their examinations successfully, so that we will escape the danger of "probation" at least until the April hour examinations.

The usual round of dances, Saturday luncheons, and fireside talks for the second half year have begun.

The annual chapter play for this year bids fair to be one of the most successful in years, which is saying a great deal.

For some Saturday in the near future, a hockey game at Worcester between Massachusetts Delta and Massachusetts Gamma is being arranged. We hope to bring our Worcester brothers back to Cambridge with us.

With cordial best wishes to our sister chapters and alumni.

RICHARD W. WRIGHT, JR.

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Massachusetts Delta, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester

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MIDYEARS have left us and we <sup>VI</sup> regret to say that four of our number have decided to take up work in other colleges. Brothers Norton, W. H. Warren, Bidwell, and Marsh, are at Brown, M. I. T., Maine, and Colorado College respectively. We regret very much the loss of these men as each has been a willing worker in the chapter and we wish them all the success possible in the new field of their endeavors.

We are now in preparation for the banner event of the year, our annual alumni dance. This takes place the twenty-first and twenty-second of February and as in years

past will prove to be the criterion of our social events.

Brother Wulf brings us back glowing tales of the South from the recent convention. From what we learned from "Raymie" we have gathered that southern hospitality is all and more than it is reported to be. We hope that if ever the time comes, when a convention again visits the North, to return the favors bestowed upon our delegate. Just before the convention the fall Auburndale was held at Auburndale, Massachusetts. Delta chapter had a goodly representation present and an all around jolly time was had by all of the brothers.

"Tech" activities have been held up by the examinations at the time of writing but Massachusetts Delta has two representatives on the relay team. Track has always been our strong point in the athletic line. This year will be the last for the two weight men, Power, and Clough. These brothers have held the records for the weights since their entrance into the school and their loss will be seriously felt next year. Brother Jim Armour, another record holder in the two mile will graduate this spring. Jim is going to go after them again though before he de-camps and it looks promising that he will get 'em too.

We have had a number of visits from our alumni lately and we hope that more will come around in the future. Every man is bound to find a welcome here whether an alumnus

of this chapter or of any other, for the spirit of good fellowship is always strong.

W. GARDNER VERY.

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New Hampshire Alpha, Dartmouth  
College, Hanover

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WITH midyear examinations two weeks behind us, we have now fairly started on the second semester. Under the new system of rushing we have entertained freshmen twice, and entertain again just before chinning day, March twenty-ninth. We are looking up some good men, and hope to get them.

Before the present system went into effect, we succeeded in pledging five good freshmen. Jordan, one of these, won second prize in the Rollins declamation contest, and is out for the debating team. Another, Stillman, is out for freshman track. Smith, another pledge, is out for the "Dartmouth." Brady, '13, and Cannon, '14, are out for indoor baseball practice; Wilkinson, '14, is out for the music of the prom show; and Rothery, '15, is in the competition for the managership of non-athletic organizations.

The Dartmouth Winter Carnival is to be held next week, and although there is not so much snow as usual, the indications are that it will be "some time." If any  $\Sigma A E$ 's are up, we extend a hearty invitation to drop around.

RAY L. WILKINSON.

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### PROVINCE BETA

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New York Alpha, Cornell University,  
Ithaca

FOR the past week New York Alpha has been the scene of much gaiety. Junior Week was the

cause of all this gaiety. Hardly were the mid-year examinations over before the girls began to pour in. This was our first house party for two years and we determined to



make it a memorable one, for the girls as well as ourselves. It was a record breaker for size and we also believe for good times. Among those present were, Chaperones: Mrs. John C. Kuhlke, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. W. H. Selden, Stambaugh, Michigan; and Mrs. F. W. Wallace, Sewickly, Pa.; Misses Miller, Jersey City, N. Y.; Elliott, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Selden, Stambaugh, Mich.; Young, Hutchinson, Kansas; Degan, Jersey City, N. J.; Lancaster, Montclair, N. J.; O'Hearn, Brookline, Mass.; Pontefract, Sewickly, Pa.; Cave, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Kuhlke, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Denise, Freehold, N. J.; Smith, Milwaukee, Wis., and Moakly, of Ithaca, N. Y.

At present everybody's thoughts are focused on the new house. The plans have all been completed down to the last detail, and a recent letter to the chapter from Brother Kent said that the contracts would be let as soon as good weather permitted. The alumni have been coming through fine, and in the chapter over a thousand dollars in cold cash has been collected by Brother Spransy since last November.

We are planning a big celebration for Founders' Day. The plans include a dance Saturday night with lots of girls to make the boys have a good time, and then a banquet on Sunday, March 9. We hope to have some of the old boys back to help us make this a regular celebration.

In athletics we have Brother Spransy rowing in his old seat in the Varsity Crew No. 6. Chapman Ebersole is out for coxswain of the freshman crew and seems to hold the winning hand if nothing goes wrong. Koch is out for freshman track. Myers and Ed. Eisenbeis are out for freshman baseball and have survived all cuts so far. Hubbard is out for Varsity baseball and looks

as if he might be a second MacCormick.

We had hard luck this year and lost Brother Brennan because his grades didn't exactly suit the Faculty. We hope he will be back with us in the fall, with much experience from actual work and a greater desire for the benefits derived from a college education.

This year the basket ball team covered itself with glory by adding another championship to Cornell's long string. The crew is somewhat hindered by the dredge in the inlet at this time but by the time spring rowing begins everything will be all right. Although there are only three of last year's crew back we hope to see the same old slogan "Cornell Sweeps the River" in the newspapers next spring.

In closing New York Alpha extends heartiest greetings to her sister chapters and a welcome to all  $\Sigma A E$ 's who chance to come this way. WILLIAM P. MCKINNEY.

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New York Mu, Columbia University,  
New York

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**M**IDYEAR examinations are just over at Columbia, and the new term finds all the brothers here still going strong. The term since our last letter has been rather uneventful, but we can announce the initiation of one more freshman, Clifton O. Thacher, into the chapter. Brother Ellenwood has been elected to the presidency of Philolexian society, Brother R. A. Fairbain has made the swimming team, Brother Brandt, now in the law school, is chairman of the 1911 Alumni Committee.

There has been some agitation among the fraternities here in regard to the matter of rushing the

freshmen. It resulted in the student board drawing up a set of regulations, and calling together delegates from all the fraternities on the campus to consider and discuss the matter. There was strong opposition in several quarters, so that the meeting ended without anything being accomplished, but the matter will probably come up again before long.

Alterations have been made in our kitchen and in the way of running things so that we now expect better meals than ever. We have been glad to see quite a number of brothers from other chapters this term, and we hope that more than ever will visit us this year.

WALLACE WHITE.

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

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CHRISTMAS vacation only four weeks back and Easter will be here in six weeks more. Life's worth living after all. Wearied but living in the thoughts of "Oh! what a beautiful dream," old Sigma Phi landed at Annandale in full strength and actually on time when college re-opened after Christmas. Oh! weren't we all glad to get back? Yes, what?

Our freshmen came, still sporting their newly acquired pins, and now that the first temptation is over, we will probably retain them for some time. Initiation was held on the sixth of December and was followed by a real  $\Sigma A E$  banquet at Hoffman Inn, Red Hook. Brother Spear, '10, acted as toastmaster. Besides the active chapter, Brothers Hardy, Drumm, Martin, and Mullen were present. St. Stephen's is so isolated and set off from the "busy whirl" that we surely appreciate the interest of

alumni. The speeches were a mixture of the witty, the serious, toned just to suit the taste. The keynote was the expression of a sincere endeavor to live up to the lofty principles of  $\Sigma A E$  and in so doing, make St. Stephen's stand for all that is best. The new brothers are Alexander, Gresham, Staller, Macquire, J. Goostray and Prime.

Brother Day returned from Nashville in perfectly good shape and hasn't stopped telling us about the convention yet. It must have been one great, grand, rare experience. The visit to Washington City Rho, on the way down, is marked by some pleasant recollections too.

The Athletic Association has provided a lake back of college for a hockey team but the weather-man won't provide the ice. Therefore, the team hasn't had much of an opportunity at winning intercollegiate championships. Nothing like patience.

Snow has come at last and we're getting in a winter supply. The ground-hog must have unlocked the door for long-delayed winter has just arrived. We're all praying that the electric wires will fall so that Brother Ely, college electrician and under-graduate assistant in physics, will have an opportunity to display his talent as well as earn his salary.

Along with snow came our brand-new, bright red, cast-iron fire escapes. New York has a law that insists on even a prosaic college campus being adorned with hanging ladders and grated platforms. Something new to amuse the freshmen.

Speaking of freshmen reminds me of their dance. Yes, it was on the seventeenth of January and they did themselves proud in more ways than one. The campus was moist, as us-

ual, but that didn't interfere much. Of course, the decorations were unique, the punch sparkled, the music "dreamed" and the girls—well, they danced, and - - - in the words of the poet, "mere words won't suffice." Too soon did "Good Night, Dear" steal out from the orchestra's corner. We forgave the freshmen everything. Part of the college is seriously contemplating engaging quarters about twenty miles south of here, where the brakeman yells, "Po'k'psie." I won't say which part but I would'nt be putting it down here if it wasn't  $\Sigma A E$ .

Some of the freshmen have been ill as well as dancing, for Brother Brown, '16, president, and Brother Macquire, '16, have been endowed with tonsilitis. Both men are getting around all right and will soon be in fine shape again. Brother Coffin, '15, who had to leave college because of his health, has been recuperating down at Sewanee. From all reports he will soon be with us again.

An interesting event in St. Stephen's life occurred on January 18 when the Reverend Dr. George Bailey Hopson celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday. Doctor Hopson has held the chair of Latin for fifty years and is one of the most notable characters in local collegiate history. There was a general celebration and every man in the chapter heartily re-echoes the good things that were said in Commons that night. Brother Day made a speech but he is rather bashful about it, so I won't go into detail.

The Dragon Club has decided on Sheridan's "Rivals" for the Commencement play and Brothers Bridgeman, Mahaffey, Alexander and Mc Allister are in the cast.

Brother Knollmeyer, '99, visited us

recently and we were all very glad to see him. We wish he could have stayed and we might forget "exams" for the fatal judgment days have come and gone. It was a time of intellectual "dearth and famine," but the chapter came through with flying colors, although the flag has a couple of bullet holes in it. Peace, perfect peace, until June.

Our mid-year elections were held recently and we're all determined to make 1913 a still bigger year in New York Sigma Phi's history. There's a possibility that the new men for the second semester may give us an opening chance. Founders' Day will be about our only jollification during the quiet days of Lent.

We're always at home and we can house a small army of  $\Sigma A E$ 's if they'd only come; so do try and find your way to Annandale and St. Stephen's.

C. E. McALLISTER.

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

**T**HE mid-year examinations are now a matter of history. Fortunately, we are able to report every brother still on the chapter roll.

The "Days of Gloom" were followed by a sudden reaction. Senior Week was ushered in between semesters and for the first time in the history of the university we were granted a three days' vacation "just for fun".

Boar's Head opened the festivities by presenting "Broke" at the Empire Theatre on January 22. The production was a decided success and the large audience showed their appreciation by generous applause and many curtain calls. Incidentally, one hundred and fifty dollars was realized for the benefit of the crew fund.



The senior ball surpassed any of its predecessors. The "gym" was charmingly decorated in a summer garden effect with a canopy of roses overhanging the ball-room. From the opening of the grand promenade until the last strains of "Oh! Oh! Delphine" died away early the next morning, over seven hundred dancers enjoyed the feature social event of the year. In accordance with a new regulation freshmen were debarred from attendance at the ball.

The fraternity formal dance given at the chapter house proved to be a delightful party. All reported a good time.

The grand finale occurred Saturday evening when the 'Varsity defeated Pennsylvania in an exciting basket ball game by the score of 31-19.

We are glad to announce that Brother De Silva '12, has returned to college for the second semester. Undoubtedly, "Baron" will again be on the mound for "Old Syracuse" when the baseball season opens. Brothers C. Keegan and P. Carling, last year's 'vasity men, are also expected to be numbered among the nine when the team is picked this spring.

Brother Edwin Glaentzer is a member of the 'varsity relay team which is to compete in the Boston Relay Carnival this week.

Brother A. E. Witzel was recently elected president of the freshman class in the College of Medicine. Brother Michael Ryan was chosen president of the senior class in the same college.

Brother Clifford Goes has been elected to Alpha Chi Sigma. Brother A. K. Dowd was initiated into Boar's Head Dramatic Society.

Brother Munro has been re-elected hockey manager, a position which he filled so successfully last year.

Brothers C. Goes and A. E. Witzel are candidates for coxswain in the 'varsity eight. Both men had experience last year as substitutes while Goes was coxswain in the freshman eight two years ago. Brother Hinkley is out for coxswain in the freshman boat.

The interfraternity basket ball season will open this month. We have "stuck" till the final game for the last three years but always lost out. We hope to break the hoodoo in 1913.

Beginning with the second semester the College of Fine Arts will give a course in photography, covering the subject in all its branches and treating of the manifold applications to scientific, artistic and commercial work. This course will make Syracuse University the first institution of the kind in the country to go into such advanced work as will be covered.

The laying of the cornerstone of the new medical College Dispensary Building took place Saturday afternoon, December 14.

The New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse University has just completed the purchase of 1,131 acres of timber land which will be used to demonstrate the decided advantages of scientific reforestation of forest culture. This is the first experiment on an extensive scale of scientific reforestation ever conducted in the United States.

Syracuse expects an appropriation of \$250,000 from the present State Legislature for the College of Forestry. The bill calls for an imposing four story building to be erected south of the Stadium on the university campus, and to face west upon what will become an extension of Irving Avenue. In short the new building will be located be-

tween the stadium and our chapter house.

When in Syracuse remember our address, 804 E. Raynor St. If you pay us a visit we promise you that you will want to come again.

ARTHUR K. DOWD.

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Pennsylvania Omega, Allegheny College,  
Meadville

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**W**HAT a relief! Bidding-day came and is past, and—Σ A E is again at the top. When the dust of competition had cleared away Saturday, February 8, Pennsylvania Omega had taken into her folds eleven freshmen—and such freshmen! I suppose it is only natural for us to feel that we have separated the cream from the freshman class, but not in the history of the chapter have we had cause to feel this with any more certainty than we do this year; for we have had, under the new half year “spike” system, a whole term in which to look over the entire class, and to determine just who the strong men of the class are. And, in this survey, we were careful to secure men of diversified abilities. Among the men we have secured are athletes, musicians, artists, and men of literary and dramatic ability. Moreover, we have satisfied ourselves that every one is a man of stamp and character, of good scholastic standing, and men who will not only help our chapter but will be a credit to the Fraternity. Almost without exception were these men highly recommended to our chapter by alumni of the Fraternity—another indication of their worthiness to enter Σ A E. We take great pleasure in introducing the following pledges: Seely F. Campman, West Middlesex, Pa.; Fred D. Gealy, Oil City, Pa.; Harold V. Harper, Butler, Pa.;

Fred B. Trace, Meadville, Pa.; Edgar J. Horner, Connellsville, Pa.; Earnest J. Ling, Meadville, Pa.; E. W. Hickman, Arnold, Pa.; Richard H. Pillow, Butler, Pa.; Bailey C. McLean, Meadville, Pa.; Louis M. Lowe, Sugar Grove, Pa.; H. Vincent VanSlyke, Sinclairville, N. Y.

Besides these men, we are pleased to report that we have just recently initiated Thomas R. Fitzgerald, class of '13. We consider Brother Fitzgerald a valuable addition to our chapter, both on account of his marked executive ability and his pleasing personality. Brother Fitzgerald expects to be with us next year also, when he will return to do graduate work in chemistry. On the other hand, we regret the loss of Brother Lawrence T. Miller, who left school shortly after football season closed. Brother Miller has done some fine work in football for the past three years, and, this year, as captain of the “varsity,” lead his team through an unusually difficult season, in a manner that deserves great commendation.

We are pleased to announce also that Brother C. A. Gilbert, '15, was recently elected captain of the 'varsity football team for next year. Although Brother Gilbert is only a sophomore, he was elected to this position with every confidence in his ability to handle the job. He has played on the 'varsity for the past two years, during which time he has gained the reputation of being the best “all-round” player on the team. He is able to play any position on the team with ease and skill. That he was elected captain is only further proof of his marked ability and popularity with the other 'varsity men.

During the past month we have been visited by Brother “Fay” Eshelman, ex-'13, who graduates this

year at Bucknell. It certainly seemed good to see "Fay's" smiling countenance around here again. We were visited also by Brother Robert W. Thomas, '12, who has been doing graduate work in journalism at Harvard this year. Unfortunately Brother Thomas has been forced to give up his studies for the remainder of this year on account of the critical condition of his health. He is now just recovering from a nervous collapse, but expects to resume his studies next year. The welcome which these men received is only characteristic of the welcome which we try to give to every visiting brother. We shall be pleased to have all brothers who pass this way "drop in" and make us a visit.

JAMES H. GRAHAM.

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Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi, Dickinson College, Carlisle

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THE spirit of the Nashville Convention reached us through the detailed report of our representative there. The business of the convention was very interesting, indeed, and the chapter feels that marked progress was made toward better things for  $\Sigma A E$ . A new spirit in the old things came to us and we were able, accordingly, to begin the new year with right intentions and right determination to accomplish our intentions. Of course, the men in our chapter who are now acquainted personally with Brother Levere watch for his coming with much interest. We all want to get to know the great personality of  $\Sigma A E$ . The social features of the convention appealed very strongly. There is not one of us who would not have forfeited a great deal to have been present at the big dance, or at the theatre-party, or at the banquet. Every-

man's attendance at Everywoman must have been a rare sight. The fine "eats" and finer speeches at the banquet have been consumed and digested by every brother in Pennsylvania Sigma Phi and assimilated into  $\Sigma A E$  bone and tissue. The picture of the dance published in the "Convention Daily" was enough to set a true  $\Sigma A E$  measuring the distance between where he happened to be and the convention city and how many ducats the railroad wanted to enter into a contract with him—a contract which begins with those illuminating words "Good for one first-class passage to etc." Well, we did not all get to the convention but in the cycle of time—who knows, perhaps Carlisle will grow to be a convention city. Can't cities have aspirations as well as men?

Well, what are we doing at home. First and uppermost in our minds is a glorious plan for a good time in March. Feed people well and they are pretty likely to be happy. Therefore, and our plan must strike you as self evident, we are going to give a feed—a feed that we shall be able to term by the dignity of the word dinner. We shall dine, then in March—not that we shall not eat before that time—but that in March, we shall dine out and under the most favorable and happy circumstances. We claim, too, that our plan is quite original—that is for Carlisle. Furthermore, our dinner will merge, not hurriedly but gradually and most auspiciously, into our regular March stunt which has heretofore taken the form of a dance. Now we don't want to mislead you into believing that we are one and all millionaires because we are far from any such condition. We are prosperous if you will kindly base the word prosperous on the economic formula that money does not create prosperity.



And in proportion as we lack money—which is a mighty big proportion—we are prosperous. Yes, indeed, prosperous in that we have loyal men in our chapter who are making it possible, by certain donations, to give our dinner. The dance which will follow after our epicurean festivities will serve as of old to continue the tradition of a March dance.

Now we are not a chapter of Gourmandizers but while we have dinner uppermost in our minds, it is only a natural, psychological association of time that makes me think to tell you that we have furnished our cook with some new weapons and most especially a stove. For some time we have had an exceptional cook hindered by poor culinary apparatus but now we have a fine cook hitched to a capable stove. And the change is quite noticeable.

A good deal of disappointment was felt when Dickinson athletic authorities found it expedient to abolish basket ball as a winter sport. Pennsylvania Sigma Phi boasted some star players who were without a chance to show their qualities. The situation has been relieved, however, by Brown, manager of winter sports. He has arranged a series of interclass games and a good deal of spirit has been aroused by them. Each class plays every other class for the college championship. Not only have our basket ball players consisting of Garton, Walley, Barnitz and Dunn been given a chance for fame but college spirit has been awakened from what was feared would be a long winter slumber.

We are fortunate in having a bunch of letter writing alumni. Only this morning, the writer received a long letter from Stafford '12, who is practicing law in Easton, Maryland. Stafford was a football man while

here and took an active part in all college life.

Brother Badger, '12, is practicing law in WilkesBarre, Pa., and along with him we think of Brother Landis also a lawyer.

In the world of commerce, we see our brothers Graupner, Curran, Sadler, Enistein and Chaffinch doing well. Banks, '10 who is in the ministry and has a charge near by was called on jury duty last week. He remained with us while he could be away from the duties of his service.

Pennsylvania Sigma Phi is happy and wishes the same state for all in the bonds of  $\Sigma A E$ .

ELLWOOD G. TABOR.

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Pennsylvania Alpha Zeta, Pennsylvania State College, State College

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**T**HE world of Pennsylvania Alpha Zeta 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 necessities, and to embrace each opportunity offered, but it has been done, and to the finish with a good wind. With men mixed in football, baseball, basket ball, track, "The Thespians" and last but by no means least the mid-year examinations. 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.

In the mid-year examinations which are just over we are proud of the record made, it being the most successful that Pennsylvania Alpha Zeta has experienced for many a moon. Not a man flunked out and the conditions incurred can be counted on the fingers.

At present basket ball holds the throne and state can congratulate herself on having a record breaking team, so far, winning all games, with good prospects for the remaining ones. We are well represented by Brother Craig on the varsity five with Brother Haddow as coach. Recently the baseball candidates were called out and Brothers R. Craig Haddow, J. Craig, and Miller have reported, with excellent opportunities. The dramatic club "The Thespians" is now hard at work preparing for the presentation of their new play, and we have representing us Brother Hooven, Brother Wilson, and Brother Clark, Brother Hooven being president.

The only excitement which is looked forward to at this time, to stir the extreme quietude and solemnity of the wintry life at State College is the celebration of Founders' Day on March 9, in honor of which we give a rather elaborate banquet. We made an attempt to instill into our new men a reverence for those brothers who have given to us this additional opportunity for achievement. We take this opportunity to urge our alumni and any other "Σ A E" who can possibly arrange to spend that date with us, to bear in mind that our doors are always open to all brothers who may be in this vicinity.

J. H. BOWMAN.

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Pennsylvania Zeta, Bucknell University,  
Lewisburg

**S**INCE our last letter Pennsylvania Zeta has added another name to the chapter roll. George T. Groove, of Hummelstown, Pa., was initiated late in January. This brings our present active chapter roll up to eighteen. We have six pledges, but

they cannot be initiated until they have passed a year's work successfully, in accordance with the faculty ruling at Bucknell.

Our prospects for a successful basket ball season looks very bright. The opening game was lost owing to the lack of training, but we have been successful in every other game thus far. Pennsylvania Zeta is well represented in basket ball by "Whitie" Zehner. He started the season as guard on the 'varsity, using his spare moments to coach the Academy team. Later he was elected captain, and then coach of the 'varsity.

The mid-winter social season is now in full swing. On February 6, we entertained a number of college girls at cards. The week commencing February 17, was Junior Week, one round of festivities, ending up with the Junior Prom, on Friday, the twenty-first. The college girls held their annual reception on February 14, and it was quite a success.

We were glad to entertain Brothers Schoch, Johnson, Meyers, Parke, Beagle, and Murdock. Our door is ever open to any brothers who may happen this way.

MELVILLE BEARUSLEY.

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Pennsylvania Delta, Gettysburg College,  
Gettysburg

**T**HE first half of the year having been profitably spent and the mid-year examinations over, we have launched out on the home stretch with high aspirations for making this the banner semester for Pennsylvania Delta.

We have been striving to maintain our prestige among the fraternities at Gettysburg and I think we have been as successful as ever. In ath-

letics we still hold our own. Beegle, Spangler, Diehl and Wright were awarded the football "G" and Beegle was re-elected captain for the team for next year. He has also represented the chapter on the basket ball team this season. Spangler, '13, Hetzel, '13, and Bongartz, '17, represent us on the musical club. Wolf, '14, was recently elected to the Pen and Sword society. Harbaugh, '15, Wickersham, '15, and Simon, '15, are on the 1915 Spectrum staff, Harbaugh is also chairman of the sophomore banquet committee and is stage manager of the sophomore class play.

At a banquet held at Thanksgiving time Brother Schock of Pennsylvania Theta was our guest. Brothers Nell, '13, Rice, '11, Burdette, '13, Sieber, '04 and Sieber '10 have paid us visits recently.

Pennsylvania Delta's hospitality is always at your disposal. Come to see us.

HOMER C. WRIGHT.

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Pennsylvania Theta, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia

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**O**UR rushing season finally ended and from the maze of uncertainty and rumor we emerged with five pledges who have been duly initiated into  $\Sigma A E$ . I wish here to introduce to the Fraternity Alexander Balfour, '16, Philadelphia, Pa.; M. S. Phillips, '16, Middletown, Ohio; A. F. Spengler, '16, Kansas City; W. T. Burns, '16, Holyoke, Mass.; and W. E. Chickering, '16, Philadelphia. We are, however, still looking for more good  $\Sigma A E$  ma-

terial and would appreciate and recommendations that might be forwarded to us.

In the athletic line basket ball is our main interest at present not only because this is the length of season but because Brother Jourdet is captain of the team. While we will not carry off the championship our season is successful as the team is now in third place with the possibility of going one step higher. Malcom Ward is trying his hand at the managerial part of the game and stands a good show of winning that coveted position. Spring activities are gaining their share of attention. Brother Baines is after his old position on the 'varsity eight and two new men, Phillips and Chickering are out for the freshmen crew. In the baseball cage Brothers Armstrong and Irwin are putting up an exhibition that looks like the real thing; especially the former who was a member of last year's team.

Other than the aforementioned little has been undertaken in the way of college activities since the last letter. It is worthy of note however that Warfield was successful in making the combined musical clubs.

Unfortunately the dance scheduled for February had to be cancelled but to make up for it plans are being formulated for the biggest Founders' Day banquet that Pennsylvania Theta has ever held. An energetic committee has been appointed who are doing all in their power to gather together loyal  $\Sigma A E$ 's in the vicinity of Philadelphia for one grand reunion.

DOUGLAS V. CORNWELL.



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 PROVINCE GAMMA
 

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

ON the twenty-third of November, 1912, J. A. Bowman, J. Duvall, A. H. Frederick, J. P. Halsted, W. F. Hartung, D. H. McKnew, S. L. Marlow, T. W. Noonan and C. C. Whitney were initiated into Washington City Rho. Under the supervision of Brother Callahan everything was carried out with great success and every man was taught the value of his seat.

The Interfraternity Association gave its first annual and smoker at the Continental Hotel on December 7. The affair was given fine support by all fraternities including the alumni as well as the active men and was also encouraged in speeches made by several members of the faculty.

Largely through the combined efforts of the fraternities and the faculty George Washington University has been able to come back in athletics after a lapse of nearly three years. We have started things with a basketball team which is making a good showing considering the little practice they have had.

Our usual Christmas tree party was given on December 21 which is an occasion when everybody forgets their troubles and enters into a merry Christmas celebration. In the parlor we had a large tree beautifully decorated and strewed under it were appropriate presents for everyone.

We saw the New Year in with the best dance of the year. With contrivances capable of waking the dead all joined in on the stroke of twelve and ushered 1913 in with the proper spirit, this however was only an intermission.

The mid-year examinations were held at the university during the last two weeks in January and the usual custom of suspending meetings during this period was carried out.

The marriage of Brother Robert G. Finkenaur to Miss Suzanne Lee and the engagement of Brother Albert SeLegue to Miss Brody, have been announced.

ARTHUR N. VAN VLECK.

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Virginia Omicron, University of Virginia,  
University Station

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SINCE Christmas two brothers have joined our ranks—Arthur Frank Spengler of Kansas City, Mo., an affiliate from Pennsylvania Theta and Isaac Hurst Core an initiate, of Uniontown, Pa. The chapter is in excellent condition and the plans for the new house are well under way. We have subscriptions from alumni for enough to insure commencement in the near future.

In athletics, Brother Stickley is the star of the basket ball team and promises fair to be on the baseball team. Brother Finlay, captain of baseball, is rounding his men into shape in the gymnasium. The outdoor work will begin in a few days. Besides these two we have several other prospective baseball candidates.

Brothers Anderson and Finlay have recently become members of the P. K. German club while Brother Miller was elected to the Eli Banana Ribbon Society. We are also well represented in the other social and journalistic organizations of the university.

The university itself is improving steadily. Quite a lot has been done recently in improving dormitories

and in beautifying the campus. The new stadium on Lambeth Field is nearing completion and adds a great deal to the beauty of that part of the university. Besides, the student enrollment of this year is the greatest in the history of the university.

Practically the whole student body will go to Washington on March the fourth as President-elect Woodrow Wilson is an alumnus of the university as well as a native of this state.

The midwinter Germans which were held on January 23 and 24 were an unusual success on account of the many new dances introduced this season. Three of the brothers had visitors for these Germans.

JAMES M. GARRETT, JR.

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Virginia Sigma, Washington and Lee University, Lexington

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SINCE the holidays we have had some very exciting times in Lexington. On the night of the eleventh of January, five neophytes underwent the agonies of initiation into Sigma Alpha Epsilon. It gives us pleasure to introduce to the Fraternity, Brothers Roy J. Cook of Brooklyn, N. Y., John W. Craddock, of Lynchburg, Va., J. Fairfax Fulton of Staunton, Va., Thomas G. Terry, Lynchburg, Va., and D. Easley Waggoner, Dallas, Texas. All are members of the class of 1916.

Σ A E is well represented on the basket ball team by Brothers Miles, Baer and Frost. The track team has just begun work and Brother Waggoner has been showing up well and has an excellent chance for a place on the relay team and to run well in the quarter. Brother Hieatt has been showing remarkable speed which he no doubt acquired chasing jack rabbits on his native

plains of Texas. The baseball season has not opened yet with us, but the chapter has some men that are good at handling the "pill" and we expect to see some of the brothers staring on the baseball team in the spring. Some of the men have a good chance for a place on the crew also.

The junior prom and the fancy dress ball are just over. There were quite a number of visiting girls and alumni in town and the "social leaders" of the chapter were there with the goods.

In class athletics Brother Barber is manager of the junior basket ball team and manager of the tennis club also. Brother Farrar was manager of the junior football team. Brother Waggoner played quarter-back on the freshman football team and manages the basket ball team of '16.

Three of the brothers, Hieatt, Milling and Sanders have accepted bids to the Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity. Brother Barber is pledged to the Sigma Ribbon Society.

Brother Baer, who was our delegate to the Nashville convention says that Nashville is certainly some town and that the brothers of Tennessee Nu know how to show a fellow a good time.

We want to thank the brothers who are out of college for recommendations for new men coming here last fall. We will appreciate it if they will be kind enough to send us names of any good men who expect to enter W. & L. next fall. This is a great help to us during the rushing season. It is important however that we get such letters as early as possible. We will consider it quite a favor if these letters be sent to the E. C. at any time during the summer. H. R. HAMPTON.

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North Carolina Xi, University of North  
Carolina, Chapel Hill

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**N**ORTH CAROLINA XI'S delegate at the National Convention in Nashville, Brother Carmichael, came back full of enthusiasm for the workings of the conventions and for the social festivities incident to the gathering of so many good  $\Sigma$  A E's. The chapter as a whole approves heartily of the business accomplished, particularly the creation of an officer of visitation. The policy of conservative extension is viewed here as by all means the best; North Carolina Xi extends sincere congratulations to the new brothers at Kansas State College.

The university has just finished the mid-term examinations. The prevailing interest in athletics is in the basket ball team which, under the captaincy of Brother Chambers, promises to make a better record than ever before and has an excellent chance of winning the state championship. Brother Tillett's playing at forward has featured all the games thus far.

The spring-like weather of early February brought out the baseball candidates sooner than usual, and Brother Strange, who is manager of the baseball team, has his hands full. The schedule recently announced by him is one of the best Carolina has ever had. Of the northern teams Princeton, Pennsylvania State, Lafayette, and Amherst will be met on their spring training trips. The resumption of athletic relations with North Carolina A. and M. is viewed here with great favor. The two state institutions have always been intense rivals in athletics; several years ago the rivalry became so fierce that contests between them were stopped. In his capacity as

baseball manager Brother Strange had much to do with the resumption of relations and for that service the university is greatly indebted to him.

On the shoulders of this loyal  $\Sigma$  A E high social honors have fallen in the last few days. He has been elected leader of the Gimghoul dance in the junior week celebration at Easter and both he and Brother Chambers have been elected assistant commencement ball managers. In mentioning college honors I find that I have heretofore neglected to state that Brother Whitaker is treasurer of the sophomore class.

Just before this letter goes off to the editor, the welcome news comes in that Brother Tillett has been elected leader of the German Club dance at the Easter festivities. Thus two of the big dances at Easter will be led by  $\Sigma$  A E's.

Though the chapter is small this year it is more than holding its own in college affairs. Within the circle the smallness has brought the brothers together in a way not felt before and the result has been a beneficial intimacy to all. We hope next year to make a material increase in numbers and yet to retain the spirit of the fraternity in the increased brotherhood.

J. L. CHAMBERS, JR.

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North Carolina Theta, Davidson College,  
Davidson

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**J**UST before the Christmas holidays we initiated Walter H. Paine of Asheville, N. C., and since then the following freshmen have ridden Minerva's goat: J. B. Mack, Decatur, Ga., A. D. McLean, Lumberton, N. C., J. K. Morrison, Statesville, N. C., A. S. Tompkins, Jr., Edgefield, S. C., and W. G. Morrison, Okoloma, Miss. We are proud



to introduce these men to the general fraternity as new brothers in Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

North Carolina Theta's representative to the Nashville convention reports a great time and is loud in his praises of the Nashville alumni, Tennessee Nu, and others who contributed to its success. We are all in sympathy with the changes in the government of the fraternity and are especially glad of the adoption of a plan for a life subscription to *THE RECORD* and the employment of a national visitation officer. We are looking forward to Brother Levere's first visit to us.

For the last month we have been having class football. The teams representing the four classes contest for a cup. Brothers Fuller and Carr are managers of the junior and sophomore teams. The chapter furnishes three stars in James for the juniors, Carr for the sophomores, and McLean for the freshmen.

Coach Cook will soon call baseball practice. We are fortunate in having "Big Liz" Cashion of the Washington Americans to coach the

pitchers. We have material in plenty and no doubt a winning team will be developed. An unusually long and hard schedule has been made.

The manager of the track team is planning to enter several important contests this spring including the North Carolina State Intercollegiate Meet. Brother Fuller is captain of the team.

Junior Week, in the latter part of February, during which the junior orations are given, is always the biggest social event of the spring term. This year we will, as usual, be in the limelight both as to the number and quality of our entertainments.

We are planning to pull off in great style our annual Founders' Day banquet. We have issued special invitations to quite a number of our alumni and hope to have many of them with us at that time.

North Carolina Theta counts it a privilege to entertain a visiting brother and it is always a pleasure. So when any son of Minerva happens in these parts we expect him to look us up. TAYLOR H. STUKES.

## PROVINCE DELTA

Michigan Iota-Beta, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

ON December 8 we held our second initiation. At that time Edward J. Keefe of Washington, D. C. and W. Duane Bird from far away Arizona, in the town of Nogales, were duly put through the mysteries and made full-fledged brothers. This brings our present total of freshmen up to seven and we still have a semester to go.

On December 19 the whole chapter turned out for a dance given in our honor by Mr. and Mrs. O. Hans of Ann Arbor. It took the place of

our usual Christmas party and it surely filled the bill. Dancing from nine until three, a perfect floor, plenty of room, and pretty girls—to say nothing of a supper served at just the right time—made it a party to be long remembered. Coming as it did, the night before the vacation began, it put all the chapter just in proper trim for the holidays.

As usual there were many stories to tell when we gathered again after Christmas. But this pleasure was cut short by the approach of finals. Now that ordeal is over and we are waiting to see how many of

us will still be present when the next semester begins.

But finals over means J-Hop coming and it is only two days until the house party will be in full swing. About ten of the brothers will attend this year and from the preparations in the house, and the pictures of the girls who are coming, it should be one of the best ever. This J-Hop is the big function of the year and this year will be up to or beyond any that have gone before.

So far this year we have lost two men. Brother Taylor was forced to leave college on account of illness, and Brother Huebel, who played Varsity quarterback this fall, found business more attractive than college and did not return after the holidays. We have one more loss to suffer this winter. Brother Borleske graduates in February, and leaves one chair around the long board empty. It will be hard to fill his chair with another men of his caliber and one who had done so much for the chapter both outside and in.

On outside work we have been progressing very well this year. Since the last letter Brother McElroy has made Toastmasters and was a member of the debating team that journeyed to Evanston for the Inter-collegiate debate on January 17. Brother Huebel made Griffins and Brother Williams Triangles, and Brother Schuyler making Druids swells our list of college honors considerably. In one of our freshmen we have a very likely candidate for track honors and expect him to make good in the future.

This ends the story of Michigan Iota-Beta since our last letter. Hop is two days off and the new semester begins next Monday—so why should anyone worry?

NORTON SCHUYLAR.

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Michigan Alpha, Adrian College, Adrian

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ONE-HALF of the collegiate year of 1912-13 has passed and we are on the last lap of the year's race. We may think of the chances we have lost during the past semester but we should think still more of the opportunities we may now have and of the possibilities of the days to come. We must live in the present and plan for the future and think of the past only as its experiences will help us in so living and so planning. That is our habit in Michigan Alpha and although there is room for much improvement in its development we have found no reason for discarding it in favor of a new one.

A most effective impetus to the work of our chapter was the trip of our representative, Brother Paterson, to Nashville. The enthusiasm and interest for  $\Sigma$  A E with which he became charged while at the convention has spread throughout our chapter and the result is a stronger spirit of endeavor for our Fraternity. We are most heartily in accord with all the progressive legislation enacted at Nashville and we believe every brother in all "Sigdom" has cause to congratulate himself upon being connected with such a worthy and advancing organization.

Two new brothers have been added to the ranks of Michigan Alpha since we wrote our last chapter letter and ere this one is in print four more will have entered our noble brotherhood. We rejoice, as do they, in their acquisition to our ranks and we can wish for them nothing better than a realization in each of their lives of the ideals to which their membership among us enjoins them. The names of these six recent initiates are: H. Seubert, W.

Templeton, R. Sebring, W. Ballard, C. Sterberg, E. Sala.

An event to which we are looking forward at the present time with great anticipation but which by the time you read this will have become a matter of history is our Founders' Day banquet. The date set for it is March eighth and we have no hesitancy in saying, in view of the preparations already made, that it will be thoroughly up to the standard of previous years. We are thinking in our plans not only of our personal enjoyment on that occasion but how can we best pay tribute to the noble founders of our Fraternity and how can we most fittingly uphold the sacred honor of the organization which today perpetuates their names. May this be the thought of every  $\Sigma$  A E at all times and in every clime.

GEO. T. CANTRICK.

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Ohio Sigma, Mt. Union College, Alliance

**N**OW that the mid-year examinations are a thing of the past and all the brothers being successful in the turning of the faculty's "roulette wheel," we enter the second semester with bright prospects and high resolutions to make our fraternity life more efficient and to add strength to our chapter.

At the sending of the last letter to the press, we were in the hottest of the fight of making a football record. We were very successful, establishing a position, on which many larger schools look with envy. Ohio Sigma will only lose by graduation one of her six men playing on this team, so her line-up next year will be very strong.

On Friday, December thirteenth, Ohio Sigma held their semi-annual banquet in honor of their lady friends. It was held in the frater-

nity house. A sumptuous seven course dinner was served, after which with Brother Miller as master of ceremonies, a few of the brothers demonstrated to our friends that the power to entertain is an accomplishment in which we are very proficient; Brother McCarthy toasting us to "Sweethearts," Brother Calvin "Athena's Loyal Band," and Brother Carson "Echoes." The favors to the ladies were  $\Sigma$  A E bar pins. This was pronounced by those present the most pleasant social event of the year.

Harry R. Murrison of Des Moines, Iowa, has been added to the faculty as instructor in vocal in the conservatory. Under his leadership the college glee club is entering a larger field of activity. Here also has  $\Sigma$  A E grabbed her share of positions, having Brothers Miller, Kornis, McMurray, Thompson, Roberts, and Bussell in the ranks.

All the fellows are looking forward to the promised visit of Brother Webbe, our Province President. An alumni meeting is being arranged for this time. A report of the house committee is to be given and it is the hope of each one of us that the "brick and mortar" stage of our house proposition will materialize.

Ohio Sigma extends congratulations to all new initiates in the bonds of  $\Sigma$  A E, and best wishes for the completion of the year 1913.

P. H. CONSER.

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Ohio Delta, Ohio Wesleyan University,  
Delaware

**“W**ORLD'S Featherweight Championship. Kid Beasley vs. Knockout Nichols. 10 Round Bout. South Side Athletic Club Ringside Betting. No Check Room. Wear old clothes.”—



Printed on blue handbills and distributed to the eight other fraternities in Ohio Wesleyan formed the invitation to the best and liveliest Greek smoker ever held in school. (So our guests said).

When the Greeks arrived at the aforementioned "South Side Athletic Club" they were greeted at the door by a perfect representation of a bowery tough who extended all the glad hand and passed them on with a "Right up stairs, Gents." Any white collars or other such evidences of civilization and higher education were soon blackened or made way with entirely. Roughneck was the word.

Any outsider to have seen the house that evening would have taken it for anything but the home of university students. All pictures, furniture and carpets had been removed, and the walls covered with theatre, prize-fight and *Police Gazette* posters, old barrels and boxes were used for chairs and the floors were strewn with sawdust.

In the room at one time called the parlor was a ten-foot ring around which the guests soon crowded, shouting and yelling for their favorites and hurriedly placing their bets. A three round preliminary was staged, which only whetted the blood-thirsty appetite of the mob who called loudly for the real contenders of the South Side championship. Soon they appeared in flashy tights. Each took his corner and received last instruction from the trainers and promoters. One interruption occurred, but it was soon settled. The motion picture right leasers had a small squabble. Now the fight was on and all the yelling and crowding nearly shook down the press box and the oil lamps.

After a strenuous ten rounds the referee declared the fight a draw and

all bets were off. Now a new diversion attracted the attention of the crowd for they made for the kitchen and the refreshments it contained. The club house closed at a late hour with everyone saying that he had certainly enjoyed a smoker that was different from the ordinary kind.

No—this is not all that Ohio Delta is doing socially. Not by any means. We had a most enjoyable feed for the alumni and visitors on Washington's birthday. And now we are looking forward to our Founder's Day banquet which we will have on the eighth of March this year. Then will come the crowning event of the year. On March 14 we are to give our formal. Ohio Delta has a reputation of putting on formals which are "different" and this year under the supervision of "Cotillion" Rathwell it will be "bigger than ever." So far the plans are that it is to be a Japanese party throughout, from the use of chop sticks as "implementa" to the employment of a Japanese juggler and comedian as an entertainer. But more of this later.

Now as to our initiation. On February 20, six tired but exceedingly happy "preps" were taken into Minerva's band. They all claimed that they went through "some initiation," but they now look back and smile and vow to lay in wait for next year's bunch of goats. By special permission Brother Rule was initiated before Christmas so that he could attend the National Convention. So the new initiates really number seven.

Of the honors which have come to us since the last chapter letter we are most proud of the following: Brother Marting has been elected president of Crestomathean literary society as well as making a berth for himself on the 'varsity basket ball

squad and aiding greatly in winning the Reserve-Wesleyan debate. Brother Rathwell had charge of the committee which handled the Washington Birthday festivities. Freshman Nichols has been elected captain of the freshman basket ball team.

As refers to the college we are principally thankful that our past cuts are wiped out and we started a new semester with a clean sheet all around.

We are now in the midst of our track season which we predict will be a record breaker. "There's a reason." Brother Banks is captain. We are out for the state championship in basket ball again with lots of "pep," and at present writing only Denison and State stand in our way.

We are glad to say that Brother Cyril Herrick of the English department is with us again after a prolonged sick spell but it seems as a kind of compensation we must give Brother Messick to the God of Ill-Health for he is at present in a Cleveland hospital. He has our earnest hopes that he will soon recover.

We hear from President Welch that he will soon be with us again for he intends to sail from Naples on April 18. He will no doubt come back to us with many new and interesting ideas from the old world.

Professor Fulton, the head of the oratory department, stated that he had practically enough money to insure the erection of his new \$100,000 oratory building. This, when completed, together with the proposed dormitories will be a fine addition to our college. Things are looking up.

Now in closing we have just two requests of the alumni: use your influence against the proposed bill for ousting the fraternities in the

three state universities, for this will in time certainly affect us. And we want you to keep your eyes peeled for good  $\Sigma A E$  material coming to school next fall.

Remember that we keep open house for all  $\Sigma A E$ 's whether alumni or men from other chapters. Pay us a visit. You are all welcome.

L. W. MILLER.

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Ohio Epsilon, University of Cincinnati,  
Cincinnati

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**T**HE beginning of the second semester finds the affairs of Ohio Epsilon in a very prosperous condition. The chapter roll now numbers twenty-one. Brother Arthur Gordon having returned to college, and the following men have been initiated: Henry Nonnez, Wm. P. Thompson, Burton C. Morris, Edgar A. Clyde, and George T. Hall, of Cincinnati, Robert C. Mitchell, of Delhi, Ohio, Leland M. Barnett of Norwood, Ohio, John B. Blau of Covington, Ky., and C. L. Weeks of New York City. Recently we pledged Fred Kemper of Cincinnati, Earl W. Harkness of E. Lynn, Ill., and George H. Landis of Tokyo, Japan; another initiation will be held in a short time.

On December 31, we held our Christmas dance at the Mansion, and we can't help saying that everybody present had the best time of his or her life; one thing pleasing to the chapter was the large number of alumni and brothers from sister chapters present. On January 18, about fifty men from the chapter and the ten from the Cincinnati Alumni Association attended a banquet at the University Club in honor of Brother Al. F. Leue, our newly elected E. S. D. A. Already we are beginning to prepare for the coming

Founders' Day banquet and we intend to make it the best and longest remembered in the history of Ohio Epsilon.

In the different affairs at college we are doing our best to hold up our end; Brothers Baehr, Clyde and Blau are going around clothed in smiles and "C" sweaters, the reward for their good and faithful work on the gridiron. Brother Baehr is captain of the swimming team, which has made a splendid showing in the recent meets. Brothers Kohlhepp and Goodman are on the track team. Baseball is still a long way off, but when the time for it does arrive Brothers Montgomery, Gorden and Dearness will saunter forth onto the diamond and try hard for positions on the 'varsity nine. Brothers Prugh and Nonnez are on the glee club, the former being assistant manager. In the Pan-Hellenic bowling league our team at present is in third place, but bids fair to finish higher.

At the present time the house is in a process of refurnishing, so that those who have not been around for a while will hardly recognize the place. The improved condition of the house gives us a still stronger opportunity to invite visiting brothers to come and see us, as many have done in the past. If you can't think of any reason to come and visit us at 2210 Ohio Avenue, come anyway.

DONALD F. DEARNESS.

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Ohio Theta, Ohio State University,  
Columbus

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IT'S a mighty poor way to begin a chapter letter with an apology, but not in this case. As you will see later on, it needs it. To begin with, the author of Ohio Theta's chapter

letters has vanished for the time being. Just when he will return we cannot say but will promise that the spirit will be right there in the next letter.

The first event of note since the writing of the last letter was the football banquet. The players, coaches and the athletic board were entertained by the chapter in honor of Brother Barricklow, captain 1912. In all, there were about seventy-five men here at the house. It remains for one better adapted to letter writing than myself to portray this evening in all its gayety. Brother Webbe was also present on the occasion. After the banquet a short meeting was held and it was then that he made himself so well acquainted with the boys.

When the thoughts of the banquet had vanished from our minds we began to think of the Christmas recess. Well it came at last! but when we left for home we had the impression of a jolly good time dance on our minds. This dance was given at the house and things sure were pulled off in great style. We had everything from a Santa Claus to the stockings which, it is needless to say, were well filled.

Ohio State opened the basket ball season this year in the Western Conference and so far they have done credit to themselves. Those who saw the Wisconsin-State game will agree to that. We are represented on the squad by Brother Graf, who is one of the main stays of the team. In a short time Ohio State expects to rank well up among the conference teams.

Brothers Vining, Scarff, Taylor and "prep" Munson have taken the Mandolin club trips which is having a great success. "Prep." Munson is violin soloist for the club.



Brother Scatterday has been initiated in Aesculi an honorary fraternity. We now have about six Aesculi men in the chapter.

By the time this letter is published we will have initiated five pledges. They are: Munson, Kallenbaugh, Wilson, Schumacher, and Davidson. We have installed "Prep Meetings" and so far the pledges have taken a great interest in them.

Again we are to introduce brothers from other schools. Martin of Ohio Delta is with us this semester. Brother "Pete" Evans of Ohio Epsilon has returned to us after a long siege of typhoid. Brother Mearle Neff, '10, is taking post graduate work at the university.

There have been a few improvements on the house since last fall; namely, the dividing up of some of the larger rooms. At present we have nineteen men in the house.

The fraternity situation in Ohio is just at its critical period. The anti-fraternity bill was introduced some weeks ago and as yet has not been voted upon. Ohio Theta has been taking an active part in the interest of fraternities and it is to be hoped that such a bill will never pass our legislature.

L. SMITH.

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Ohio Rho, Case School of Applied  
Science, Cleveland

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**F**IRST came the light artillery and skirmishing, in the form of makeups and tests, then the faculty brought the heavy artillery of examinations to bear on us, and for the last two weeks we have been fighting desperately for continuation of our college life. And now the battle is over and the other fraternities are caring for the wounded and burying the dead. Ohio Rho is to be congratulated on not having

lost a man in the engagement, although several of our warriors were wounded by well directed shots from calculus and thermodynamics. We are starting out on the new semester with firm resolves to "study hard this term," but then you know we always say that.

First in order of importance, of course, is the convention. Ohio Rho had two men there, Senn, and Shem, and two others from the Cleveland Alumni, Evans and Van Allen. Great and loud were the words of praise from each of these men for the South, and the best convention  $\Sigma A E$  ever had.

The next Province Delta convention is to be held in Cleveland, in April, 1914, and we are starting already to get things in shape for a small national convention.

An interfraternity basket ball league has been formed at Case, and February 6 is our first game. There are two leagues of four teams each, and the winners play a three game series for the championship of the school.  $\Sigma A E$ , with her record of champions in 1911, runners-up in 1912, is expecting to cop the trophy this year. A silver cup is the prize.

The series of dances given by Ohio Rho is being run off with great success. Plans are now being completed for a formal dinner dance to be given at one of the clubs here in the city.

Brother Maloney, Ohio Rho, '12, is back again in the city, and intends to stay. He hadn't been back two weeks until he got another active alumnus, Allen, Ohio Rho, '08, and together these two have started a movement to resurrect the dormant Cleveland Alumni Association. The affair was given a tremendous send-off at a dinner and smoker at the chapter house, at which there were about thirty alumni and  $\Sigma A E$

spirit was overflowing. It was decided to reorganize the Alumni Association and have a feed once a month for both active and alumni members, so that some of the old boys could get back and keep in touch with the present chapter.

The plans made several years ago for building a new chapter house are being taken up by the alumni, and prospects look bright for a fine new house in three or four years.

February 12 is the date set for the first rushing party. We will have men from nearly all the high schools in the city here that night and endeavor to pledge a few so that our time next fall may be given to out-of-town men.

Ohio Rho extends greetings and wishes for prosperity to all her sister chapters.

CARL A. SHEM.

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Indiana Alpha, Franklin College,  
Franklin

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**ERE** we know it, the term was drawing to a close and the long expected examinations were upon us. Everyone plunged in and was soon up to the neck in the seemingly never ending flow of questions which emanated from the pens of our mental superiors. Some of us found the current a trifle swift and were forced to kick our best, but when the registrar presented our "time card" to us at the beginning of this term, we had an average of 86 per cent to our credit—which is but two degrees lower than the highest average made by any organization in the college.

But there we do not stop. Brothers Vandivier (Captain) and Pruitt, and pledges Yount and Dennis were awarded the football "F." Yount and Vandivier were the shining stars

of every game. Yount, with his 190 pounds of beef, held the opposing line while "Cap" would pull off big gains around the ends. Our football season was not as successful as we had hoped for; still we broke even with two won and two lost, which was not bad considering the fact that the team was made up, almost entirely, of new material.

Basket ball is now in our midst. The captain-elect did not return to college this term and Brother Campbell was elected captain to serve in his place. Although this is his first year on the varsity, he has made good at forward with a rush. He has played a stellar game in every contest and it was his eight field goals which enabled us to win this year over DePauw, our old time rival. Brother Pruitt has cinched the other position at forward and Brother Smock is making good at center. Brother Ikenberry and Dolan (pledge) are "subs."

During the Christmas vacation we moved into one of the largest and most palatial residences in the city. It is an ideal fraternity home and we are congratulating ourselves on our good fortune.

The Indianapolis alumni association initiating team initiated the following into the mysteries of  $\Sigma A E$  on January 13: John Pruitt, Oake McClain, Raymond Rairdon, William Smock, Oscar Bogard and Garland Shafer. The work of this team was excellent. Not only were the neophytes duly impressed with the ritual as it was exemplified by the team, but also everyone who witnessed it. Indeed, we are indebted to the association for this privilege. After the initiation, the freshmen served a three course dinner, which, of course, the most of us enjoyed.

Owing to faculty restrictions we have been unable to entertain our

fair friends—and dearer than friends—but we are planning for a stunt to be given this term which will be a *coup de etat* in a social way. The alumni have been with us quite often this year. It has been beneficial to both active and alumni members.

Brother Staff brought back glowing reports from Nashville which kindled fires of enthusiasm among all. Indiana Alpha has adopted the slogan "On to Chicago in 1914," therefore, look out for "Us."

We wish every chapter a very successful and prosperous New Year and extend a cordial invitation to all  $\Sigma$  A E's to pull the latch and come in.

F. A. Wood.

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Indiana Beta, Purdue University, West Lafayette

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**T**HE end of the first semester is past and we are all still hanging around the campus. After the smoke had cleared from the battlefield of hydraulics, mathematics, and so forth, we looked around to find all the brothers able to walk. Notwithstanding the fact that some were crippled slightly, we were all at class on the first day of the second semester. No one was seriously injured, only conditioned. We hope to have these few cured up in grand style after the "flunk tests" in March.

The initiation of the upperclassmen was held the first Saturday after the close of the football season. The work was given by an initiation team gotten up by the Indianapolis Alumni Association. Brothers Hill, Robertson, Knode, Montgomery, Wheldar, Jordan, and Julius composed the team. "Success" would hardly be the word to express the outcome of the work. The light-

ing effects were beautiful and the ritual given without a pause. Too much credit cannot be given to those brothers who took part. We are now living in anticipation of the freshman initiation in April, when we sincerely hope the team can again preside.

Varsity baseball practice will soon be at hand, and at least three of the chapter are going after positions hard and fast. One of the three may get a berth; here's hoping. We are almost certain of a few numeral men, for several of the freshmen are mighty good ball players; some with good "reps." When the fraternity tournament starts, we will do our best to again land the pennant.

The interfraternity bowling and bridge tournaments start this week. A young bridge tournament has been going on in the house, and the winners have shown their ability to act as the representative team of the chapter. With lots of good German bowlers in the house, there promises to be much competition as to who will bowl and who will "warm the bench."

Indiana Beta is certainly proud of her alumni; one in particular. Every man in the chapter for the last four years has had the good fortune of knowing Brother O. K. Quivey personally. We have all appreciated his enthusiasm and the good work he has done for the chapter; but now we will place him upon a pedestal and cheer madly. He has written a play to be staged by the Purdue Harlequin Club this spring. Heretofore George Ade's plays have been used, but not so this year. The plot, words, and music are all of Ken's own composition; the lyrics, by Brother Oakes—another member of Indiana Beta. Brother Quivey's picture is now being enlarged and framed, to be hung



in our fast growing "Hall of Fame." We are not counting the unhatched chickens, because we are confident of his success as a playwright.

Our work at rushing has not let up one bit since the fall. We have two men lined up at present, and two new ones wearing the button. The wheel is certainly moving along fine for each man, including the "Frash," has a shoulder to it.

RALPH R. BOZELL.

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Indiana Gamma, University of Indiana,  
Bloomington

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INDIANA GAMMA of  $\Sigma$  A E greets her sister chapters and alumni, but with the hushed voice and bowed head indicative of great sorrow. Rather than our usual word of cheer and happiness concerning the progress of Indiana Gamma at Indiana University, ours is now a message of sadness. The grim hand of death has reached down from that infinite somewhere and has passed slowly down the mystic scroll of Indiana Gamma and has stopped at the name of Jesse Meyers Howard.

Brother Howard died of acute peritonitis following an operation for appendicitis at the Methodist Hospital at Indianapolis. Brother Howard was a teaching fellow in the department of economics at the university. He graduated and received his A. B. degree with the class of 1907, and was working on his master's degree at the time of his death.

Most all our alumni know of Brother Howard's brilliant career in the university either from personal observation or from our frequent mention of him in our chapter letters. It cannot be within the scope of a chapter letter to go into details of his career in  $\Sigma$  A E and accordingly we have prepared a special

article concerning Brother Howard which appears in the In memoriam department in this edition of THE RECORD where his friends may learn the details of his life and death. Suffice to say that he was for three years the mainstay and star pitcher of the Varsity baseball team and a member of the football squad. He was an active Y. M. C. A. worker and was engaged in practically all the activities of the university. He was high in scholarship as evinced by his being given a fellowship in the department in which he worked. Here was indeed a rare son of Minerva—a combination of both mental and physical energies in perfect co-ordination and under absolute control. Such a man was Brother Howard.  $\Sigma$  A E and especially Indiana Gamma chapter will ever be proud of him and will cherish and honor his memory forever.

In closing, it is only proper that Indiana Gamma should give to her alumni and brothers in  $\Sigma$  A E one of Brother Howard's last thoughts on earth. His last moments were impressive to all of us as they were told us by his family—and especially so since his last thoughts concerned his brothers in  $\Sigma$  A E. Through his brother to us, and through us to you, Brother Howard expressed the wish that we tell all his friends goodbye whom he could not see. We have now fulfilled the last request of a brother in  $\Sigma$  A E when we have given you all "Howdy's" goodbye—and he included every  $\Sigma$  A E among his friends.

VENICE D. KEISER.

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Illinois Psi-Omega, Northwestern University, Evanston

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ILLINOIS PSI-OMEGA has finished another half year in good shape. The grades for the semester's work are not in yet, and our

scholastic standing for the period is still a matter of conjecture, but we doubtless will rank again near the top, as we did the second semester of last year.

On the twenty-second of February we will initiate eight pledges: Edwin Besser, Henry Curme, George Marquardt, Harry Moser, Clifford Michaels, Arthur Stemm, Lawerance Tower, and Julian Williams. These men have all shown themselves very capable in school and active in the fraternity, and will make good, loyal sons of Minerva. Pledge Smitley had to withdraw from school on account of illness, and Pledge Quilty will resume his work after the semester begins.

In social affairs the chapter has been as active as usual. We gave a delightful informal party at Winnetka Club on the evening of November 11. Several visiting brothers were in attendance. On the 11th of January we gave another party at Kenilworth Club, and while the attendance was not so large, the time was enjoyably spent. At Junior Promenade, December 13, we were well represented, and Brother Russell E. Brown led the grand march, with Miss Jessie Vawter as his partner. We are planning for a rather elaborate affair for February 22.

Basketball occupies the center of the stage of athletic activity, and the team which Northwestern has this year, is setting a new mark in the conference standing. Three games have been played with "Big Nine" teams, and two of them were victories for the Purple squad. The first victim was Iowa, closely followed by Ohio State. The Chicago contest was close, resulting in a score of 26 to 28 in their favor. Brother Merry is on the squad.

The Dramatic Club play, "The Critic," which was produced at the

Evanston Theatre on the evenings of December 16 and 17 was a dramatic and financial success. Brothers Ballew, Blomquist, and Ackerburg had parts which they carried through to an advantage, and Brother Thomson, steered the production through the rocks of financial adversity and landed with a surplus of a few dollars.

In the triangular debate, Michigan won, with Northwestern second and Chicago third. We did not have a representative on the home team, but the chapter enjoyed a visit from Brother McElroy, of the Michigan team. Brother Southworth who has won many laurels in various forensic contests has been chosen as one of the two members of the team from the Law School to debate with the University of Southern California at Los Angeles in March. He will be absent for a month on this trip.

Track and swimming look promising. Brother Van Vlissingen, '15, is one of Coach Robinson's tank protoges and is showing up well in the shorter distances. Brothers Warren, Schwarz, and Ackerburg are on Coach Omer's track team.

Prospects for the second half of the year look good. The chapter is running very smoothly; the men are all interested in some form of school activity, and the desire for good scholastic standing seems uppermost in everybody's mind. The new chapter house is well under way. The steel is expected this coming month, and the contractors promise that it will be ready for occupancy on September 15. Then we will be in position to offer entertainment to visiting brothers in surroundings congenial and comfortable. Until we are so situated, please do us the honor to call, when in the city, and accept the best we can offer in our present location. G. F. THOMPSON.

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Illinois Beta, University of Illinois,  
Champaign

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THE first semester having closed in its proverbial blaze of glory we have now set our faces forward to another semester of "toiling, rejoicing and sorrowing" with a prayer on our lips that the faculty in all its graciousness will spare our brothers the chopping block and adopt as its motto—"Flunk none, pass all."

Considering the handicap some of us were laboring under, Illinois Beta has just finished one of her most prosperous semesters and is confidently looking forward to another of the same sort. Brother Ward is our E. A. for this semester and with the untiring energy he has displayed in our behalf for the three years he has been in school we confidently expect Illinois Beta to go smoothly on her course.

On account of their being irregular students, Brothers Thatcher Davis, C. R. Light, and H. F. Da-Costa have withdrawn from school until the first semester of next year.

Brother H. T. Barclay entered this semester after an absence of a year and a half and Brother E. A. Schmitz has entered after an absence of a half semester. The Indianapolis Alumni Association came over on February 15 and initiated our pledges and their work was simply superb. They have unique costuming and every man knew and performed his part so well that Al Leue himself could not have helped the ceremony in any respect. Brother Harold Hill, '11, of Illinois Beta was instrumental in getting them to come over, he having the part of E. A. in the ceremony.

The following men were initiated:

John T. Bradley, Jr., St. Louis, Mo.; Lloyd D. Bunting, Albion, Ill.;

Henry C. Coleman, Greenville, Ill.; Harold E. Clark, Sterling, Ill.; J. H. Gilbert, Mt. Vernon, Ill.; D. C. Johns, Danville, Ill.; R. Johnson, Lawrenceburg, Ky.; E. S. Kreigh, Springfield, Ill.; R. W. Liebsle, Des Moines, Iowa, and Frederic Jungkunuz, Freeport, Ill.; and Illinois Beta is justly proud of every one of them.

The annual freshman banquet took place that evening and never did a monarch have such despotic sway as did his majesty "King" freshman on that night. Illinois Beta has a host of traditions centering around these freshman banquets and they are always one of the most enjoyable events of the year. Our fifteenth annual party took place on February 28 and the annual banquet on March 1 and it would be more than useless for us to say that they were pulled off in good style. Of course it is the duty of every E. C. not to let his chapter's stories suffer in the telling but I am certain that Dickens himself would let our annual party scoop suffer in the telling, and so what could you expect from a poor E. C.?

Illinois Beta is surely strong for Billy for E. S. R. Every one of us firmly believe, that when a fraternity can boast of an officer of visitation such as he, then that fraternity can be truthfully called progressive.

Illinois Beta again extends a cordial invitation to every  $\Sigma$  A E to call around whenever possible. We expect you, don't disappoint us.

ROGER LEWIS STEPHENS.

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Illinois Theta, University of Chicago,  
Chicago

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SINCE our last letter Illinois Theta has been increased in size to the extent of six new brothers who went through the mill in January.



They are: Foster, '16, Hay, '16, Michel, '16, Plume, '16, Sparks, '16, and Whittlesey, '14. In addition we put a pledge button upon Frank Hardesty. We now have one of the largest chapters that Chicago has ever boasted of. The latest arrival was in the form of a blue-blooded bull pup which the freshmen presented to the active chapter.

Of course we were well pleased with the report of delegate Shilton from the Nashville Convention; and especially so, because in 1914 we will have a chance to meet all of the chapter representatives here at Chicago. Before that time, in fact, within the next few months, we hope to have a house of our own. Alumni Brothers Bills, Harper and Whitcomb are working on this proposition and prospects are bright for a permanent address.

Our annual formal dinner-dance came off in good shape at the Beach Hotel; thirty couples were present, including several alumni. We have gotten in closer touch with our alumni, too, because of our newly inaugurated plan of sending one representative down to the Wednesday dinner which the association holds at the Brevoort. We have also succeeded in meeting many big men and women through our Thursday evening dinners to which two members of the faculty are invited each week. In fact the theme of "Good Fellowship" seems to have been uppermost in the minds of most university activities. One of the most marked was the faculty-student banquet, attended by five hundred, where a jollification meeting celebrated the twentieth birthday of this institution.

We are holding our own in campus activities again this quarter. Delaney is president of the class of 1915; Allais was winner of the extemporaneous speaking contest, and

Watkins the speaker for candidates for degrees at the last convocation. Allais and Dunn are prominent in dramatic club productions. MacArthur is on the basketball squad, Sparks is playing with the freshman 'varsity team, Leisure and George Gray are on the track team, Kispert and Dunn are doing the back stroke and plunge. Shilton is in the unogergraduate council and Square and Michel on the gymnastic team. In scholarship we crept back to sixth place, somewhere near the rank we used to hold; but it's going to be better yet next quarter.

It was with pleasure that we welcomed Brother Morton back to school after an absence of three months. As manager of the glee club, Oakley has practically negotiated the Sante Fe trip to Los Angeles in March. It is probable that Dunn, MacArthur, Morton, Shilton and Watkins will go with the club from this chapter.

We were glad to meet at the house during the holidays Brother Sanderson of Iowa Gamma, Lieutenant Foster of Minnesota Alpha, Brothers Underwood and Nickerson of Massachusetts Iota-Tau.

Big preparations are being made for the Founders' Day banquet on the eighth of March and Illinois Theta will attend in a body.

The hospitality of our chapter is always extended to brothers who may happen to be in this vicinity.

CLYDE E. WATKINS.

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Illinois Delta, Millikin University,  
Decatur

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**I**LLINOIS DELTA is now in better shape than it has been this semester, although our active chapter is still small as compared to chapters in the larger schools. We

have sixteen active men and six pledges yet to initiate.

We have adopted a system of writing a chapter letter each month which we send out to all our alumni. This has proved to be very successful in getting our old men interested in the progress of the active chapter. We have been working hard on our plans for buying a lot for building purposes, and expect to be able to state something definite in some thirty days.

Most of our men passed the mid-year examinations safely, there being only two who were not eligible for initiation, but will be in a short time. Socially we have not been especially active, as we have been trying to get our pledges started in the straight and narrow way of studying hard. Our formal occurs on the fourteenth of March.

Millikin University has secured the state basket ball tournament for minor colleges, which will be played on the sixth, seventh and eighth of March. This should be a fine advertisement for the school and will probably be instrumental in getting more men into the university.

In conclusion let us say that Illinois Delta is doing every thing in its power to build up  $\Sigma$  A E, by selecting good men and have them take an active interest in everything. We have three men on debating teams, two on 'varsity basket ball, and eight on class teams. We hope to have a large number on the track and baseball teams, and to be represented in our annual debate with Knox.

The latch string is always out here, our office hours are from 12 A. M. till the next 12 A. M.

E. S. GILSON.

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Minnesota Alpha, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

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FINAL examinations, those pleasant little diversions which help so materially to pass the time away, have come and gone at Minnesota, leaving in their wake many cases of sore eyes, shattered nerves and overgrown gas bills. It is with mingled pride and thankfulness that the E. C. records that not a single Minnesota Alpha man left school on account of low standing. At present we stand about third in scholarship among the nineteen academic fraternities.

Examinations over, and with nothing on our minds but our hair we have proceeded in various ways to drive dull care away before again putting our respective noses to the grindstone for the second semester. The first senior informal was held at the Leamington Hotel, February 4. The fact that the floor was crowded to capacity didn't bother the exponents of the new dances. A table top would have sufficed for some. It reminded the E. C. of the time he had at the animal fair—"the birds and the beasts were there." On the night of February 8 we held an informal at the house which for genuine fun and a rare good time will not be equalled soon. More than thirty couples danced the program of fifteen dances and reported the best time of the year. Beside these parties, there has been a large number of other informals all of which  $\Sigma$  A E has been well represented. Among these were the dances given by the interfraternity clubs, the Tillikum, Adelpian, Tau Shonka and Triangle clubs. The Pan-Hellenic informal on January 22, is especially worthy of mention. Nearly two hundred and fifty

couples attended making it one of the largest parties of the year  $\Sigma A E$  sent fourteen men. Here again the exponents of the strangle hold and the bar lock were much in evidence.

At present we have a chapter of twenty-three men. A date for initiation has been set at which time we expect to initiate three neophytes. In spite of the fact that our number is somewhat lower than usual we have, in the mind of the E. C., a stronger chapter than we have had for some time. That we have men who can stay in school is a fact that we can point to with pride. In college activities we are well represented. We have men on the glee club, the band, the dramatic club and three officers in the cadet corps. A number of our engineers belong to the shovel society a new "literary" organization recently organized at Minnesota. We are represented on the "gym" team, the cross country and track teams and have men trying out for baseball. Three of our men are on the staff of the 1914 *Gopher* and one on the *Minnesota Daily*. Brother Johnson is president of the sophomore engineers. A large number of Minnesota Alpha men are also members of professional and honorary fraternities, among which are, Phi Delta Phi, Theta Tau, Sigma Rho, Scabbard and Blade, Alpha Kappa Phi, Delta Sigma Delta and Nu Sigma Nu.

Before this letter is published the final result of the annual interfraternity basket ball tournament will probably be known. At the present writing the contest has narrowed down to a fight between Delta Chi, Phi Gamma Delta and  $\Sigma A E$ . The final games will be played within a week or two and  $\Sigma A E$  has a good chance for the cup. Sigma Nu was beaten only after the hardest kind

of a battle by a 12 to 8 score. Beta Theta Pi bit the dust to the tune of 16 to 4 and Zeta Psi took the low end of a 10 to 7 struggle. On the night of February 22,  $\Sigma A E$  entertained the 'varsity basket ball squad at dinner. Seven members of the squad, the coaches and the manager were present, but the so-called dinner consisted mostly of toast, eggs and milk as it was the evening of the Illinois game. Just now Minnesota is playing high class basket ball and will make a strong bid for championship honors unless illness or scholastic difficulties interfere.

An event of interest to alumni and in fact all Minnesota men is the burning of the School of Mines on the evening of February 14. The building caught fire presumably from defective wiring, and as the firemen were for some time unable to get sufficient water pressure, the building was soon gutted. The loss will reach approximately \$150,000, about sixty per cent of which is covered by insurance. Classes will be held in the new engineering building until better arrangements can be made. Brother Ely was unfortunate in losing most of his thesis and all of his drawing instruments. Our other mining engineers were more fortunate in having nothing in the building at the time. Brother Mert Kingston, '04, who has his office in the building also suffered considerable loss.

It can be seen that college life among Minnesota Alpha men is not always a grind. Neither can it be said that life is one round of pleasure with nothing to do 'till tomorrow. Our "days of rest" come only now and then, principally then. Many nights find the midnight oil burning in the  $\Sigma A E$  "lodge," and the effort to convince the faculty that we know enough to get through



is developing in us characteristics resembling a cross between a Mexican athlete and a Philadelphia lawyer. But on the days when we find time to sit in a social game of five hundred or solo, or impress upon the freshmen the need of frequent baths, it doesn't take an optimist to see what a lot of fun we can have around our fraternity house. For the next month or two a series of Sunday evening gatherings at the house have been planned, to which the brothers bring their lady friends for an evening of entertainment. The first of these which was held on the evening of February 16 brought out much unsuspected talent on the part of the brothers and their friends. We sat around the big fireplace in the living room and by the light of a huge, log fire whiled away a pleasant evening with mirth, music and refreshments. Such times as these we will not soon forget.

Several brothers from other chapters have dropped in on us now and then. We have been glad to welcome them as well as a number of alumni from our own chapter. In closing we wish to extend a hearty invitation to all  $\Sigma A E$ 's to stop and eat whenever possible. Letters from alumni are always appreciated and read with interest. They do much to keep the alumni and the active chapter in touch with each other.

A. L. MOORE.

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Wisconsin Alpha, University of Wisconsin,  
Madison

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**T**HIS edition of *THE RECORD* might well be a chronicle of the events that have crowded in on us at Wisconsin, since the last writing. However, in order to render the suffering of those who read this letter as painless as possible, I will but brief the occurrences.

Foremost of all is the pledging of Frank M. Stone, '15, of Lancaster, and Martin Williams of Ashland, Wisconsin. These men, in every respect, are a splendid addition to the chapter. Stone is undoubtedly the most prominent member of the present sophomore class, and Minnesota Alpha will have to go some to beat the brother of "Spike" Williams.

Brother W. L. Bainbridge was the delegate to the national convention at Nashville, Tennessee. His only regret is that the entire chapter could not have attended, but we intend to do so at Chicago two years hence. Brother Bainbridge has been elected E. A. for the second semester, and that's about all that needs to be said.

Brother Oistad is planning to take his baseball team on a southern trip about the first of April, in hopes that a change of climate will benefit their batting average. Clayton and Moffet will soon be rowing again, this time in the 'varsity competition; they were strong men in the freshman boat. In this connection it is well to note the fact that Wisconsin now has the only undefeated basket ball team in the conference, and consequently 1000 per cent talk is booming, with every prospect of materializing.

It is very gratifying to note the continual improvement in the chapter's property, both exterior and interior. In this undertaking the treasurer and individual members have worked hand in hand, the latter making private gifts. Chief among these are Brothers Carpenter (Michigan Iota-Beta), Bemis, Blatz, and Garst. Our lower floor is not surpassed in any fraternity house in Madison.

It took the women to start this thing, for most of it has been done in preparation for the Prom house

party, February 6-9, inclusive. We will have a Prom party of about twenty. Three hundred and fifty guests will attend the Prom dance proper, which is the most brilliant of all western university promenades.

The open season for freshmen begins at twelve o'clock midnight February sixteenth. And while the game-wardens, in the persons of the interfraternity judiciary committee, have not reported any serious violations of the rushing law to date, it is a matter of common knowledge that the various rushing committees have been storing ammunition for the initial volley, for many a moon. The rivalry will be intense.

On the twenty-eighth of January at 10 o'clock A. M., a bill was introduced in the lower house of the Wisconsin legislature to abolish fraternities and all secret societies in schools dependent upon the bounty of the State. This bill is aimed particularly at the fraternities of the University of Wisconsin. To date, February 4, the bill has not been reported out of the committee on education. But there seems to be no doubt but what a favorable report would pass the measure in the assembly. Its fate in the Senate and at the hands of the Governor is doubtful. This legislation affects nine-hundred students, ten thousand state alumni, and property valued at

\$650,000. It is only one of the crimes that is committed in the name of Democracy—a philosophy that has been so horribly mutilated by the radical element in this school—that they would not know it if they met it in the street. If Locke or Jefferson could hear the applications that have been made of their theory in the class fight (that the Wisconsin Commoners, so-called, would like to make with the fraternity element), they would turn over in their graves. The Madison and university fraternity alumni are watching developments closely, and with the aid of some of the best citizens of the state are injecting reason into the debate. Permit me to suggest that we have a little publicity from the fraternity side. *Reductio ad absurdum* applied to some of the anti-fraternity arguments ought to expose their fallacies to candid minds. The burden of proof seems to rest on the fraternities, where, logically, it should rest with our opponents. We are not worrying.

The examinations have been successfully passed, and a marked advance in scholarship made by all alike. I just wanted to mention the fact that Harvey Heider is now one of the pillars of the extension division.

With every good wish for all of you,  
E. G. TOOMEY.

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### PROVINCE EPSILON

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Georgia Beta, University of Georgia,  
Athens

**T**HE opening of the mid-term found Georgia Beta twenty-six strong; and the determination with which everyone set to work, showed up well on the half term reports. Not only has everyone been working hard on class work, but all are

working for the Fraternity, and the money for the eleven hundred dollar note on our chapter house, which comes due March first is now ready to be paid.

The university is also prospering; the new educational building is nearing completion, and in June a bill goes before the legislature for an appropriation of one hundred thous-

and dollars for a new dormitory and dining hall. The great increase in attendance in the last two years have made the present facilities inadequate.

Georgia Beta is well represented in all the athletics of the university. Brothers Crump and Awtry represent her among the football "G" men. In their annual push ball game between the sophomores and freshmen, she was well represented on both teams, Crump being one captain of the sophomores. It is hard to say just who will represent her in baseball, but Brother Erwin a "G" man of last year is sure to be one who will do so.

As usual the first social event of the year was the oyster supper given to the chapter by the new men. Some preparations have been made for the annual dance which will be given immediately after Easter, and Founders' Day will be celebrated by a supper.

Many of the brothers belong to the German club and different honorary societies. Brother Dunlap was recently initiated into the Sphinx the highest honorary society in the university. In fact Georgia Beta is well represented in all phases of college activities.

We hope and believe that the year will end as successfully as it began for all our sister chapters and may those who fortune throws in Athens ever remember that the doors of Georgia Beta are never locked.

W. B. SPARKS, JR.

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Georgia Psi, Mercer University, Macon

**A**T present Georgia Psi has a very bright outlook. In fact, this year seems to be our banner year, and certain we are that the policy of "all for the fraternity all the

time" adopted by the chapter will bring forth good results. Our full chapter returned after Christmas, and in addition to the regular men we initiated Brother W. B. Smith.

In athletics we have been very successful, for while we are not represented by large numbers on any of the teams—yet at the same time all of the brothers who take part in athletics, all of those trying for places on the 'varsity in basket ball and baseball, will be pretty certain of landing.

The big event of the year for Georgia Psi will be the annual banquet, which is to take place at the Dempsey Hotel, Macon's new ten story hotel. And we propose to give it a regular  $\Sigma A E$  opening, in every sense of the word. We had hoped to have the banquet on Founders' Day, but owing to the fact that the Dempsey won't be open at that time, and because of the second term examinations, we have decided to postpone the banquet until later on in the month. It is not the purpose of the chapter to let Founders' Day pass without some remembrance, and to that end we have decided to have a "smoker."

The banquet will take place the last of March, and should any of the brothers find it convenient to be with us on that day—we will be glad indeed to have them as guests of Georgia Psi.

DAVID T. MONTFORT.

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Georgia Epsilon, Emory College,  
Oxford

**A**S usual Georgia Epsilon is taking a leading part in athletics this year. On the class teams in basket ball we are represented by Brothers Stokes (captain of the sophomore team), Bush, Penick, Porter, Demmond, Fagan, and



Ramsey. The mid-year examinations are over and all of our men have done well, several having the honor of leading their class. A reception to Georgia Epsilon will be given in Atlanta on February 7 by Brother Ennis. We were sorry to lose Brother Groover and Timmons, both of whom were active and loyal members. Since Christmas, however, we have taken in Harvey Kelly, who had been pledged some time previous to his matriculation. All are looking forward to the reception which is to be given during the first week of March, which will be one of the best of this year. Georgia Epsilon looks forward to a successful baseball season, and will be represented by several men who made good last year. The race for the pennant is conceded to lay between the seniors and sophomores, although the present sophomore team was undisputed winner last year.

Georgia Epsilon wishes prosperity to her chapters. C. I. ENNIS.

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Georgia Phi, Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta

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**T**HE second term of the college year has just begun and all of the brothers, with two exceptions, are back for the last lap. As usual, the final examinations at "Tech" were very disastrous and a large percentage of students, this year retired from campus life to return home. However, we were fortunate in the loss of only two of our number out of a chapter roll of twenty-one. But the loss of these two brothers will be a heavy blow to the chapter, for it would have been a hard matter to find two more popular or promising brothers in the ranks of the chapter. It is probable that both of these brothers will enter college next fall.

Although we suffer the loss of two of our brothers the second term, we wish to announce the initiation of two new brothers, C. E. Turner and W. R. Crowell who give promise of being two excellent  $\Sigma A E$ 's.

The chapter letters are the only way the distant brothers have of sizing up their sister chapters and of forming their opinions. You ask, how do we stand at the University of A or B? Do the brothers take any prominent stand in athletics, dramatics, Glee Club? If so, what are they doing? The writer has often asked this question and as E. C. he is going to try and tell the brothers how  $\Sigma A E$  stands at "Tech."

First, it has always been an iron clad rule at Georgia Phi that a man must come of a good family before he is bid. Second, will he help the chapter and be a credit to  $\Sigma A E$ ? If so, he is bid and let me add that it is very seldom we don't get the men we go after. This year we lost only one man.

The chapter is well represented in athletics. Brother Fax Montague made the varsity football team, while several of the brothers made the scrubs. The class football games have just been brought to a close and Brother E. Montague was given a berth on the all-class team and named captain, while Brothers T. Montague and Alexander received mention. Brother Pease is our only representative in basket ball and although not on the varsity five, he looks good for the quintet next year. The three Montague brothers are out for baseball and indications are that they will all make the team. Brother Fax is the captain of the team. Ground has been broken for a new athletic stadium at "Tech" which will be one of the largest and finest in the south. There will be

two athletic fields within the stadium in order to work out more men on the field at the same time. The stands will be of concrete and a new gymnasium will be erected at one end of the field.

A dramatic club has been organized at "Tech" and you would hardly believe that those smutty blacksmiths really could shine behind the foot lights. We are represented on the dramatic club board, which consists of ten men, by Brothers A. M. Wynne and R. L. Hughes and both hold prominent offices. These two brothers took leading parts in the cast, as did also Brothers G. Trippe and Ben Hawkins. The play presented was "Brown of Harvard" which was staged at the Atlanta Theatre, the best in the city. The house was packed and society was out in full bloom. Brother Crenshaw gave an  $\Sigma A E$  box party, so you see we were well represented both on and off stage.

The senior electrical class gave its third annual show in the Electrical Building on February 7-8, and again the  $\Sigma A E$ 's held the prominent offices. Brother A. M. Wynne was director general, Brother A. F. Montague business manager and Brother R. L. Hughes advertising manager. Yes we are getting our full share of honors this year and we are not playing politics for them either. There is very little politics played at "Tech" which can not be said of very many colleges. We are proud of our chapter and we hope that all of our sister chapters are doing as well if not better than Georgia Phi.

Brother W. T. Spivey an alumnus of Georgia Phi and also of New York Alpha has located in Atlanta and is as regular in attendance at the meetings as one of the active

members. He always has a good talk in store for Saturday night and we consider ourselves very fortunate in having him with us. Hardly a Saturday night passes that we do not have several of the older brothers present and we are certainly glad to see the alumni taking an interest in the chapter.

Pay us a visit when you are in Atlanta and we will consider it a personal favor. Come out to 50 W. North Ave., and we will show you true  $\Sigma A E$  hospitality.

ROBERT L. HUGHES.

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Alabama Iota, Southern University,  
Greensboro

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**A**LABAMA Iota began the new year with renewed determination to accomplish greater things for  $\Sigma A E$  this year than ever before. We regret to report the loss of Brother Canterbury, who was unavoidably prevented from returning to the university after the holidays.

Since hearing the report of the delegate to the national convention who told the chapter of the great things accomplished at Nashville, we are persuaded that much good for  $\Sigma A E$  will result from the enterprises set on foot. The chapter is pleased with the outcome of the convention, and is confident that success will follow the new administration.

In the final examinations held recently, the usual standard of scholarship which has characterized the past record of many of our brothers was substantially upheld, and as we begin the new term, a truer spirit of loyalty permeates each member of the chapter.

Southern University under the guidance of Dr. Andrew Sledd is in a fairly prosperous condition. The enrollment this year is larger

than last year and a considerable increase in attendance is hoped for and expected the coming session.

In basket ball, Brother Brannon had little difficulty in making varsity, and has done star work as forward. Baseball season soon opens, and  $\Sigma A E$  bids fair to have several representatives in this department, while on the track team, Brother Whatley is doing good work.

Alabama Iota extends greetings and best wishes to the "baby" chapter, as well as to all her sister chapters. We heartily invite any  $\Sigma A E$  to make us a visit while passing this way.

WILLIAM E. LITTLE.

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Alabama Mu, University of Alabama,  
University, Ala.

**A**LABAMA Mu finds itself in the midst of mid-year examinations and every brother is endeavoring and striving to uphold our record of the past two years, namely, the highest scholastic standing at the University; and there seems no doubt as to it being done.

Although college activities are, at present, in the background they will soon survive again. Eight members of the well known glee club are from our midst and are, Haley, Pitts, Johnson, Wiley, Tyson, Black, Dillard and Jarman. In baseball Brother Frazer is manager and McDowell captain; Peebles will be back in his old position.

It seems as if Alabama Mu's mind can think of nothing save Devotie Memorial. Since receiving the glad tidings from Nashville, every member has been busy "suggesting," or making plans for improvements and our annex; about eight thousand dollars more is to be

invested on the hallowed spot. These plans were made, at a recent smoker at the hall, which was enjoyed by the active chapter and our Tuscaloosa Alumni Association; General Brandon was there and of course we had a number of enthusiastic speeches, the General is the pride of our chapter.

Any  $\Sigma A E$  that happens to be in this "neck of the woods" must not fail to look us up.

PERCY M. PITTS.

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Alabama Alpha-Mu, Alabama Polytechnic  
Institute, Auburn

**O**N returning after the Christmas holidays we are glad to report that our chapter did not suffer in the least on account of term examinations. All the brothers returned and many are the stories of various Christmas doings and happenings. Since our last letter we have taken in Brothers Tabor, Ashcroft and Wynne, all of whom are already taking good stands in college affairs. The brothers who attended the convention, (Gaddis, Crowe and Graydon) made a very good report to the chapter and all are pleased with the actions of the convention. Especially is the Fraternity to be congratulated upon passing the life subscription plan, which we hope will be as successful as it deserves.

We look forward with much pleasure to the coming dances which take place during the week of February 22. A large number of the weaker sex will be imported into our midst and many social functions will take place in their behalf.

Class football is the only activity which is interesting the fellows now. The seniors were beaten very badly by the freshmen yesterday and next Wednesday will decide who will be



in the championship game as the juniors and sophomores will then have their game. We are represented in class football by Brothers Bricken of freshmen, Pearce of sophomores and Lee of the juniors; Brother Major is coaching the sophomores and seems to have developed a very good team.

The season's hop committee has been formed with Brother Davenport, the vice-president as our representative. This committee of course has immediate control over the class dances and the final hop in June.

We are well up in baseball circles this year as Brothers Moulton, Major and Davenport will almost positively have places while Graydon and Anderson are promising scrubs. The schedule this year is quite a

live one and many trips of some length will be made.

Brother Major is also playing a good center on the basket ball team. Our record in basket ball has not been extra good this season, but considering the amount of practice we have had, our team is coming on all right.

Through these columns we also wish the brothers to note an Auburn-Vanderbilt football game in Birmingham, Ala., November 23, 1912 with Vandy predicted a sure winner; we didn't do anything wonderful but look up the score, and to think that we were doped to lose by something like 20 to 0!!

Brothers, come to see us, all of you and you'll get the best we've got.

A. T. GRAYDON.

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## PROVINCE ZETA

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Missouri Alpha, University of Missouri,  
Columbia

WE subscribe most heartily to recent convention's authorization of an officer of visitation. There has never been such a spontaneous outburst of fraternity interest and zeal in this chapter, as Brother Levere's recent visit here instigated. We were resting lightly on our oars when he came, not even in expectancy of a race. At his departure, the coxswain was counting thirty-two strokes to the minute. If only the shell won't tip over. We think not. We were captivated by his delightful manners, his quaint, interesting  $\Sigma A E$  stories, and his own  $\Sigma A E$  spirit.

We assure Kansas  $\Sigma A E$  of our extreme pleasure at their installation. Our hospitality and friendship will be ever joyously given to our newest brothers.

Brothers Lakenan, Thomas, and Hackney passed the bar examinations at Jefferson City, recently, with very creditable standing. Brother Lakenan has left us now for all time as an active man. We miss him immensely already.

We regretfully announce the departure of Brothers Armstrong and Knight at the close of this semester. Even the anticipation of their leaving brings a pang of loss.

Lately we have received pleasant visits from Brothers Mayl of Pennsylvania University, Brother Joe Patterson of Kansas University, and Brother James Wood from our local chapter. We really appreciate visitors.

A new local fraternity, Delta Omicron has come into existence here. The men are to move into a house the second semester and later will petition some national fraternity. There is plenty of

room for another national fraternity here.

For the fifth successive year, we have had a fraternity house fire here. Two weeks ago the K A house was burned practically to the ground. "1913 must not be an exception" said the evil genius, who controls the distribution of such conflagratory losses.

We are in the throes of examination week, but it will soon be over. Then comes the pleasure of that long spring semester.

KEARNEY WORNALL.

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Missouri Beta, Washington University,  
St. Louis

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THE call for this letter finds us just recovering from a barbarous siege of examinations. We think we have brought the stern members of the faculty around to our way of thinking and celebrated the fact by burning a few especially beloved ones at the annual bonfire.

Since our last letter the initiation machinery has come into working order and four new men entered our ranks. We still have four pledges who have not as yet overcome the barrier, a "C" average. However, they hope to do so in the next two months and their addition will make the present chapter one of the largest in the history of Missouri Beta.

As usual we have been mingling in campus activities and are well represented. Brother Gray, captain of the basket ball team is one of the star guards of the Missouri Valley conference. He has brother Chivois under his wing while Brother French is also on the squad. Brother Bryan was re-elected president of the glee club, whose membership roll includes the names of five brothers. Brother Barrell was recently made a member of the Phi Delta Phi legal

fraternity. Brothers Bryan and Brodix have leading parts in the annual musical comedy "The Son of O-Gun." As was expected, Brother Martin has had a rapid rise in *Student Life* and is now athletic editor. Besides these more prominent activities, we are represented in all class honor societies.

The local Pan-Hellenic association recently gave a smoker which several of the brothers enjoyed, especially Brother Gray who never overlooks a matter of this sort and has a reputation to sustain. The chapter is now looking forward to the annual Founders' Day banquet and a big time is promised. The chapter has decided not to give a large annual dance this year, as has been the custom, but instead to give a series of small informal dances at some of the Country Clubs. These small dances have proved delightful affairs in the past.

The chapter has prospered exceedingly this year. We have instituted a series of "alumni meetings" which we think will add to our internal strength. Being situated in a large city we have quite a number of alumni residing here. At these alumni meetings we try to entertain as many alumni as will show up. During the evening we have a regular business meeting where subjects of interest to the chapter are discussed. At such times a little mature advice from the alumni is a great benefit to the chapter. It keeps us in touch with the older brothers and prevents the bond from becoming loose.

ROLAND GRIMM.

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Nebraska Lambda-Pi, University of Nebraska, Lincoln

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WITH the culmination of examinations we are looking feverishly to note who will have developed

bad cases of sore eyes, as determined in the first instance by the delinquent committee. However indications point to an outlook of sixteen active men for the second semester and also our erstwhile brilliant galaxy of ten freshmen pledges, who, having made twelve hours credit, are eligible to have the last sad rites administered preliminary to ushering forth as full fledged  $\Sigma A E$ 's.

Another rush week for second semester freshmen is at hand and the final mad scramble over these important beings is to be indulged in. Next year no freshman pledging is to be done during the freshman's first semester. This seems to portend unrelaxing vigilance and direful distress on the part of the fraternity men during that time and is an exceedingly doubtful experiment. It will no doubt facilitate the pledging of upperclassmen, of whom there are a goodly and desirable number around school.

The "hop" season is in full blast and the midnight talk fests concerning "class" are upon us. As yet  $\Sigma A E$  parties have not been exceedingly numerous, but have been distinctive.

The new dances have not found entire favor and a crusade against such and a consequent return to the old "form" is being fostered by those who do not dance them and whose finer senses are outraged at the harrowing sights presented. The fraternities give formal parties only every other year and  $\Sigma A E$  misses the opportunity of entertaining thusly this year. Some of the boys desiring prominence in society circles are desperately overcoming this handicap on their careers by considerable "fussing" at sororities and other places which hold out hopes of a "bid." At present Frank and Hawkins hold the pole in this re-

gard with May and Meeker pushing them hard. Brother Bachoritch is making manful efforts along this line but the strain is telling on him, and with the Pi Phi formal there will pass the shadow of a once great man from these scenes of revelry.

The battles royal, misnamed interfraternity basket ball, are imminent. The rules of these encounters only prohibit continuous choking of an adversary, and a survival of the fittest is the test of supremacy. The gladiators representing  $\Sigma A E$  were highly successful last year in taking first honors but it is a toss up this year as to who are the best ruffians. Last year the olive wreath of victory perched on our brow in the annual indoor fraternity track meet and we again have good material to contend for first place.

'Varsity basket ball is flourishing and the team has lost but one game. Brother Hawkins is regular guard and Myers is making his presence felt.

Morse has been invigled into Phi Delta Phi and Jouvenat has honored the Iron Sphinx by joining.

The university is now progressing much better than it has for some time. The engineering school gave a demonstration recently in its new structure, of all its facilities in operation, which was a revelation to the many who have overlooked the extraordinary rise in this phase of the university and we begin to think we are a little style after all "in these parts." The law shop will soon be ready for use and promises to be entirely up-to-date in space and conveniences, satisfying a long felt want.

The question of the removal of the university to the farm campus which is located three miles from the present site, is waxing right merrily at the present writing. The regents



and the chancellor have arrayed themselves in favor of the measure while prominent alumni and other interests are waging a bitter attack on the plan.

The legislature which is in session will in all probability determine the disposition of this matter this year, and a final settlement will allay the continual unrest and indecision, so that a more progressive policy may be pursued. Indications point toward the retaining of the present crowded campus and the purchase of a number of blocks adjacent, on account of the great expense and disorganization incident to removal. Lincoln business men are organizing a subscription to help buy land if the present location shall be kept.

Our annual banquet occurs March seventh and if tradition repeats itself, we are again to have a most glorious reunion of past celebrities and present standard bearers of Lambda Pi. These festivities are of the utmost importance in uniting the bonds between the alumni and active chapter and we welcome the opportune occasion with pleasure.

There seems to be unanimous approval of the recent convention legislation as regards the endowment fund, life subscription to *THE RECORD* and officer visitation, as explained by our conscientious representative, Meeker. These measures will no doubt result in greater unification and aid to the individual chapters and in every way are highly desirable. The life subscription to *THE RECORD* will be especially valuable to the alumni and in connection with Billy Levere's directory will go much farther than the old chapter letter system.

We have had the pleasure of entertaining a number of  $\Sigma$  A E's this

winter and hope that they and more like them will call again.

OWEN FRANK.

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Arkansas Alpha-Upsilon, University of  
Arkansas, Fayetteville

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**T**HE beginning of the year 1913 found Arkansas Alpha-Upsilon determined to do better work than ever before. All of our active members returned and we were glad to add to our number Brother Wood who returned to take up his studies after being in the banking business for several months.

The  $\Sigma$  A E's of Arkansas were very much elated when Governor Donaghey appointed Brother Hieskell of Tennessee Kappa as United States Senator to fill the unexpired term of Senator Davis until the meeting of the legislature. Brother Hieskell graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1893. For many years he has been the editor of the *Arkansas Gazette* which is the best paper in the state and one of the best in the whole South. Brother Hieskell filled this office until the legislature met. This body elected another  $\Sigma$  A E who is very prominent in social, political, business and sporting life. This man was W. M. Kavanaugh who for many years has been one of the foremost citizens of the state. His home is in Little Rock where he has many business interests. He is also president of the Southern baseball league. Brother Kavanaugh will hold this office until Senator-elect Robinson takes his seat. These two men rank as two of the best citizens of Arkansas both morally and intellectually, and  $\Sigma$  A E should be and is justly proud of them for they are truly loyal sons of Minerva.

The first term examinations have

just closed and we hope to have initiated several men in a few days. We have one man already pledged and by official pledge day will get four or five more. The fifteen-hour rule hinders us from pledging and initiating most of our freshmen until June.

We are planning to give a very neat dance here about the middle of March. The annual dances will open on February 21.

The annual Pan-Hellenic banquet will be held on February 22. This affair has become an annual one as it promotes good feeling and fellowship among the Greeks. All faculty members who are fraternity men attend and also a great many of the business men of the city.

The prospects for a winning baseball team are none too bright but Coach Bezdek hopes to turn out a strong combination from the few veterans who returned and the material in the freshman class.  $\Sigma A E$  will be well represented. Brother Wood is sure to be back at the initial bag. Brother Bradford will be one of the members of the pitching staff while we have several freshmen who show signs of being ball tossers and who want to win fame on the diamond.

We have had the pleasure of entertaining the following visiting brothers, Chambers, Irby, Philip, Thweatt and Brodie.

Brother Philip spent several days with us and we enjoyed his visit to the uttermost for it reminded us of olden days. When "Chief" was here he was one of the best tackles in the South and was captain of the football team for two years. Brother Brodie came up to see about his credit. He has won the Cecil Rhodes scholarship and is preparing to leave for Oxford. Brother

Thweatt is a member of the State Legislature and is chairman of the committee, who visited the university from that body. Arkansas wishes all her sister chapters the greatest success during this year and in each year following and we hope that each year will make each chapter in  $\Sigma A E$  a better chapter than the preceding one.

If any  $\Sigma A E$ 's are ever in or around Fayetteville be sure to come to see us for we will more than appreciate it and assure you a hearty welcome.

Yours Fraternally,  
A. W. HARVILLE.

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Kansas Alpha, University of Kansas,  
Lawrence

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**T**HE first semester now being over the brothers of Kansas Alpha look back over the things accomplished with a sense of satisfaction and look forward to the events of the next semester with great expectation and confidence.

The Pan-Hellenic ruling requiring freshmen to pass in seventy-five per cent of their work before being initiated has been complied with by all but two of our fifteen pledges. On February 17 we will hold initiation and at that date expect a good many of our alumni back to assist us. The next evening a "Love Feast" will be given in honor of the founding of our chapter.

Since our last chapter letter Kirk E. Hilton of Cottonwood Falls and Chas. T. Gieger of Ottawa have been pledged. Both are of sophomore standing and will be initiated later in the year.

Looking back over the social events our formal Christmas dinner-dance stands out above all. The house was decorated with holly, mis-

tletoe and streamers of red and green. After the excellent dinner we went to the dance hall and spent the remainder of the evening. Several of our alumni were back for this party and it proved to be successful in every way.

An event of great importance to Kansas Alpha occurred when Kansas Beta was granted a charter. It was the hope of all the brothers that they be given one and it was with a great deal of pleasure that we received the news of their success. As many as possible attended the installation and several took part in the ceremony. It is indeed a privilege to have a sister chapter in Kansas and we feel it will be mutually profitable.

In student activities we are still well represented. Brothers Howden and Teed recently made the Juvenile leads in the Thespian dramatic club production of "The Aviator".

Before us stands a difficult problem. It is the building of a chapter house. For years it has been the foremost aim of the chapter to build one, but the plans have never been completed. This year it is our determination to do it. We have an option on a desirable lot now and by the next issue of *THE RECORD* hope to be able to say it is ours. On March 8 we have planned to have a meeting of our alumni before the banquet which is to be given by the Kansas City Alumni Association. At this meeting the house proposition will be discussed and we feel sure something will be accomplished.

Kansas Alpha extends her best wishes to her sister chapters for the coming semester.

THOS. T. TAYLOR, JR.

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Iowa Beta, University of Iowa,  
Iowa City

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**T**HE close of the first semester of the school year here finds Iowa Beta in a prosperous condition. We have seven pledges who are soon to be initiated if they succeed in meeting the requirements of the local Pan-Hellenic Council in regard to scholarship. These qualifications are that every man who is initiated by any of the fraternities shall have passed at least two-thirds of his work in his college for the preceding semester. This rule prevents initiation of freshmen before the end of the first semester after they enter the university. Definite reports are not yet in, but we hope to be able to initiate all seven of last fall's pledges from the freshman class within the next two weeks. These men are O. D. McIntyre, C. H. Dickey, Harland Hestwood, Walter Hanson, Don Harrison, Roy Gittins, and Tom Lichty.

Brother Floyd Thomas was elected coach of the 'varsity basket ball team, and has at last got the men working in good shape. Although the season was very unsatisfactory up to the last few games, the blame for this has been placed upon the "two-sport" rule which has prevailed at Iowa for the past four years, and which prevents any athlete from taking part in more than two major sports per year. This worked a hardship upon the basket ball squad, because many of the football men who were badly needed wished to take part in spring athletics and so stayed off the floor. The athletic board has now abolished the rule, however, at the urgent demand of Brother Thomas, and with the acquisition of two or three new men the team has picked up wonderfully.



Brother Beem was making a strong try for the center position during the first part of the season and played in most of the games until he contracted an infection in his foot which has kept him out ever since.

A Pan-Hellenic Whist League has been formed and games are played every Wednesday evening, each team meeting every other team during the course of the schedule. At the present time, with the schedule about half finished, the  $\Sigma A E$  team stands third, with a good chance to improve its position. Many of the brothers are already beginning to take advantage of the warm days to get in a little baseball practice, with a view to annexing another Pan-Hellenic cup this year. Most of the men who have played on the cup-winning teams of the past three years are still in school, and some of the freshmen are said to be stars.

Much interest is manifested in the result of the examinations which closed the past semester, as the faculty of the university watches the comparative standings of the different fraternities closely. Our rank has always been high in this test and from all indications should remain so.

An event of great interest to the local chapter was the visit of Dr. R. M. Anderson, who has recently achieved considerable fame by his explorations in the Arctic. Brother Anderson visited us in December, and returned again with his companion, Dr. Steffansson, on January 10, when he delivered a lecture before an audience of fifteen hundred people in the university auditorium. Many other alumni of the Fraternity came to meet Doctor Anderson, and his visit was made the occasion for a series of receptions, dinners, and smokers at the chapter house. Dr.

Anderson will start upon another expedition to the far North in April.

Visiting brothers who may come to Iowa City will always find the best welcome we can give, and we hope to entertain many before the close of the year.

KING THOMPSON.

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Iowa Gamma, Iowa State College,  
Ames

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**T**HE opening of school for this semester finds Iowa Gamma in excellent shape for the spring's work. Although Brother Porterfield and Pledge Simpson are not here this term, we have twenty-two active men and six pledges enrolled. Brother Cunningham is back after a short absence and Brother Day, who was unable to finish his work last spring on account of absence, will be with us for a few weeks. We are pleased to have with us Brother Lyons, an Illinois Psi-Omega man, who is enrolled in the dairy department. Everyone in the house misses "Mike" Hunt, who has been out with a short course team since the first of January but will return to school in a couple of weeks.

As in the past, Iowa Gamma is taking an active part in college activities. We are boasting of two 'varsity "A's" won in football by Brothers Hunt and Reeve, and of "R's", won by Brother Garst and pledges Tiernan, Mattison, J. C. Sloss and Simpson for work on the reserves.

For the first time in several years we are not represented on the basket ball squad but some of the brothers are out for the class teams and Brothers Garst, Rait and Nordstrum are working out every night for track.

Divine is on the senior class play committee, Allstrand, president of

the Pan-Hellenic Council; Rice, president of the Veterinary Medical Society and Crocker is trying hard to hold down a job as assistant editor of the college paper.

At their Christmas convention, Phi Delta Theta granted a charter to a petitioning local and the chapter will be installed in the near future, making the tenth national to enter Ames.

Right now, all college interest is centered in basket ball. Although the team has been somewhat unfortunate so far, everyone is hoping for better results in the future. The men are small but each one is endowed with the characteristic Ames fight. For the first time in the history of the school, decent training quarters have been available for practice. The new \$165,000 gymnasium is not quite completed but the team has been working out there since the first of the year and the season's games are to be played there.

Within the past week, it has been announced that Jack Watson, athletic trainer at Iowa State for the past nine years, has resigned to accept a similar position at the University of Iowa. It certainly can be said that our loss is Iowa's gain for there is no doubt but that Jack is one of the best trainers in the country. The teams that he has turned out here even without training facilities have been the wonder of the Missouri Valley.

The attendance at the college is greater than ever this spring, more than 2,100 being enrolled in the regular courses of study. To accommodate such a large number, and the further increase that is expected in the next few years, the state board is making great plans. If their budget, as submitted to the legislature, is passed, nearly two million dollars

will be available for new buildings in the next five years. These will include a fine library building, of which the college is badly in need, a chemistry hall, a railroad engineering building and numerous smaller ones.

Since the last letter Iowa Gamma has held an initiation and it pleases me to introduce two new brothers to the Fraternity, namely, Brothers Swelly and Reeve.

T. F. CROCKER.

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Kansas Beta, Kansas State College  
Manhattan

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**K**ANSAS BETA extends to every sister chapter a word of thanks in return for the interest shown in us and the assistance given to help us procure a charter. We were born with the determination of making this chapter one of the very best that the fraternity has ever had. Years will tell however, as to this. With the careful consideration of the good material which we have to choose from, Kansas Beta assures her sisters chapters that our admission by unanimous vote stimulates us to the utmost to do things for the Fraternity.

Our local grew to be the very best of its kind, yet we knew that it would be impossible to get a charter from  $\Sigma$  A E until we had convinced the Fraternity that we were worthy of serious consideration. However, be assured that our admission will be of assistance to  $\Sigma$  A E as well as to ourselves. We had the very best kind of "send off." Just mention "Billy" and you will at once reach the same conclusion. Brother William C. Levere gave Kansas Beta her start in  $\Sigma$  A E. Brother Levere was very kindly assisted by our near-by sister chapter Kansas Alpha.

Our representatives in athletics number only a few at the present. However we can boast of the pick of the teams. Brother Fred Loomis captain of the football squad for next season will have the honor of being the first captain of the team after having been admitted to the Missouri Valley Conference. Brother Sims, quarterback, is also one of whom we may be proud. Brother Joe Billings represents us on the

baseball team. He is one of the most popular catchers that K. S. C. has ever had. Brother Geo. D. M. Jones is making good on the track team that holds state championship. This season Kansas Beta will continue to compete with the other locals here in baseball and tennis. The trophies have been in our possession for two years and we expect to claim them a year or two longer.

GEO. W. PACKER.

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### PROVINCE ETA

Colorado Chi, University of Colorado,  
Boulder

**T**HE most enjoyable social function of the year, namely the annual house party is now a thing of the past and the brothers are beginning to look once more to their work and forget that their hearts were broken. The second semester is well under way and Colorado Chi considers herself lucky in that all of the men made their hours and had plenty to spare.

With Brother Andrus as captain of basket ball again this year and with Brothers L. Beresford and R. Beresford on the team the chapter is well represented. The team has won all the games that they have played and the chances are the best for a championship five this year.

Brother Shaw has again been selected as reader of the glee club. He says that he has a new line of dope but we doubt it. Brother Parrish is manager and with these two men on the trip, we will certainly be entertained when they get back. They will take in all of the small towns of the state and a very nice trip is being planned.

In debating the chapter is well represented, with two men on the squad. There will be debates this

year with Oklahoma, Kansas, Utah, Texas and Missouri.

Brother Harry Lutz of Virginia Omicron has been appointed on the law faculty and we are glad that we have had the chance to know him. He is lecturing on Equity Pleading and Practice.

During the past month we have had visits from Brother Boothby of Massachusetts Gamma, Brother Williams of Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta, Brother Cunningham of Beloit, Wisconsin and Brother Pughe from this chapter. We are always glad to see the alumni back and to get acquainted with the alumni of the other chapters so when you are in Colorado don't forget to stop at Boulder.

DAVID C. STEMEN.

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Colorado Zeta, University of Denver,  
Denver

**B**Y the time another distribution of university skeepskins is made from this point, we feel confident of being able to look back on the nine months past as a period of accomplishment for the chapter—not only in what we have won in the way of college activities but also in the breaking down of certain traditions and in the adoption of a broader



policy of membership. The point in mind, which is emphasized because it will be of particular interest to the alumni of the chapter, is that Colorado Zeta has invaded the down town law school of the university for active men in contrast to the long established stand of leaving the students of the law department severely alone so far as membership in  $\Sigma A E$  was concerned. But at the present time we are represented by eight men in the law department, five of whom were taken in while students at University Park, and therefore do not come under the results of the change in the attitude of the chapter. The remaining three were initiated while students in the law school; and at this time we are glad to present two of them to the fraternity as full fledged  $\Sigma A E$ 's. They are William J. Meehan, who descended from the heights of Aspen to become acquainted with Mr. Blackstone and his associates; Jep Knight of Oklahoma City, a southerner by birth, nature and prospective location. Knight is a thoroughbred politician, and we confidently expect to see him in the ranks as an active lieutenant of our distinguished alumnus, Governor Gilchrist of Florida. The Colorado Zeta product will practice law at Pensacola in that state.

I have wandered from my subject somewhat to indulge in personalities. What I started out to say before Knight and Meehan interrupted me was that Colorado Zeta neglected the law school up to last year for the reason that the department, being located down town, is five miles distant from the university and the center of its activities. The chapter felt that under such conditions the law students would not take an interest in the fraternity as would be expected of

them. The result has been that many of the best men in law school have been going out minus fraternity affiliation, and the loss is felt especially at this time in our lack of prominent members at the bar in Denver. We are going to try to build up our local alumni; and in that the greatest strength of any fraternity rests, to a large extent in its public men, the law school certainly cannot be overlooked from now on.

Ed Rees, our delegate to the national convention at Nashville—returned safely after imbibing great quantities of the oratory of General Brandon, the spirit of Billy Levere, and the general atmosphere of the three days' celebration. Most of the fellows hid their pocketbooks when they heard of the new Record tax, but the general opinion is that it is a necessity and should be put through if the financial end does not become too burdensome to the active men. The problem of all fraternities is to stimulate and hold the interest of the alumni, and this seems a big advance toward that end. Eminent Supreme Treasurer George D. Kimball attended one of our recent meetings and gave us an interesting talk on the work of the convention.

Relative to student activities, Northcutt is now editor-in-chief of the *Clarion*; Burke is assistant editor, and Meehan is treasurer of the senior laws. Those are about the only additions to our membership list in the official corps of the university. Rees and Wells will be out for baseball, and a great deal of dependence is being placed in "Ed's" pitching wing.

We still are burdened with Brother Taylor's effusive elaborations of his future bliss. For be it known to those of you who did not

read the official data in the last RECORD that French Lee is engaged! The birds twitter in the tree tops, and life is one continual moonlight sonata. You'd like to add something to this, wouldn't you Taylor?—but it's time to go to press.

WILL P. GREEN.

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Colorado Lambda, Colorado School of Mines, Golden

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**M**INES won the Rocky Mountain championship in football and is now after another championship in basket ball. The first and hardest game is with the University of Colorado.

Brother Harper, our delegate to the convention gave quite a fine description of the work done and the good times he had at Nashville. At present every one has decided not to miss the next convention.

The Colorado Lambda chapter is trying to either buy or build a house. We have rented a very good house for a number of years but we think it about time that we owned our own home. For the past month a committee has been working on the possibility of buying one of three different houses. One of these houses has been selected and next week Brother Kimball and Brother White will come up to Golden to help us along in our plans. We also expect a good many of our alumni to attend that meeting.

After our men graduate we never see much of them—they seem to scatter pretty well. Don Dyrenforth is in Michigan taking charge of a copper mine. James E. Dick was up in Alaska during the summer, but has been frozen out and is now in New York. Elmer Ramsey is up in the Breckenridge district.

I. A. CHAPMAN.

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South Dakota Sigma, University of South Dakota, Vermillion

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**P**ROBABLY the first thing that occurred here that is of real importance to South Dakota Sigma since the writing of the last chapter letter was the initiation of six pledges. The date of the feeding of the goat was December the thirteenth. The menu consisted of Emil Olander, Ray Brooks, and Leslie Johnson from Aberdeen; Wayne Matheny from Redfield; Ted Johnson from Sioux Falls and Melvin Paulson from Centerville. The whole affair was a very successful and enjoyable one. Brother Carberry of Yankton was able to be present and we are grateful to him for the practical advice he gave to both the new members and the chapter as a whole.

The basket ball season at the S. D. U. has begun as successfully as the football season ended; not only for the school but to the chapter as well. We have four members and one pledge who have good chances of winning their letters. Quimby trying for guard and center is making good use of his fine physique and consistent training. Matheny is also tall and agile enough to claim a right to the position of center and when the occasion permits makes Quimby work for all he gets. Olander at forward is in the game all of the while and although he has several good rivals and is not an old man here he is showing the rest what good training and endurance will do for a man. Kirk is an old man in the school and at basket ball is sure to get on all of the trips as he holds the position of manager of all athletics. McKellar is a pledge but not a new man at handling the basket ball by any means. He held the position of center last year and is

showing stellar work at forward. There is little doubt of his losing his place except by injury or illness.

On January the twenty-seventh we gave our annual big dance and a big dance it was. The committee planned everything to such perfection that there was neither a hitch nor a mishap. But not all the credit is deserved by the committee as everyone worked hard and enthusiastically. The time was ideal, being between semesters when everybody could forget their studies for a few days. It took a couple of days to finish the decorations; but after seeing them, it made one wonder how it could be accomplished in so short a time. The decorations were arranged similar to the plan of a house. There were purple and gold streamers artistically arranged in a hip roof and purple bunting for the walls. The orchestra was placed in the center of the hall in a smaller house built similar and in proportion to the larger one. The letters  $\Sigma A E$  about three feet in height were fastened upright on the ridge-board of the small house. Judging from the popularity of the punch bowl in its cosy little corner, and from the compliments which we received on the music, the scheme of lighting, and the uniqueness of the whole affair, we can not but think that our time and energy were well spent in giving our guests a grand entertainment.

The work of pledging is being suc-

cessfully pushed and we have increased the number of our pledges with three good men. They are H. M. McKay of Redfield; H. E. McKellar of Vermillion; and J. D. Towar of Lansing, Mich. McKellar is a junior in the engineering course; McKay just started school this semester and comes highly recommended; and Towar is an exceedingly good and popular student.

On February the eighth we initiated Elmore Petersen of Vermillion, and J. C. Mundt of Humboldt. Elmore Petersen is a very popular student and holds a position on the faculty and last year was editor of the weekly paper; J. C. Mundt is a steady student and a leader on the debating team. This makes a total of eleven new men up to the present writing and the prospects of the coming semester are promising in this line.

Brother Earle Woodworth was welcomed back into our midst on December the eighth. Last summer and fall he was working out in Yellowstone Park showing the many tourists some of the things in the West worth looking at. He brought with him many souvenirs and interesting tales of his experience. Although he has chosen to be a tailor rather than a student this year he makes his home among us and is very welcome here just as all brothers are who can come near enough to Vermillion to pay us a visit.

W. L. JOHNSON.

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### PROVINCE THETA

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Louisiana Epsilon, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge

**S**INCE the last letter, Louisiana Epsilon has been strengthened by the addition of four men—R. D. Hudson, P. E. Harrison, C. Dear

and T. R. Lecompte, and also by the affiliation of Brother P. Foster of Virginia Omicron. This brings the active chapter roll up to twenty-three men, representing one of the strongest chapters that  $\Sigma A E$  has had at Louisiana in recent years.



New men have not been our only addition, as our proposed addition to the house has become a reality. Two rooms have been added, giving us better accommodations and enabling us to take care of more men.

In the athletic line Louisiana Epsilon is still holding her own, as Brothers Morton Evans, L. H. Dupont and J. M. Dupont were on the Louisiana football team which treated our good rivals Tulane to a good old-fashioned trouncing on Thanksgiving Day in New Orleans. Brothers Evans and L. H. Dupont will also be found on the basketball team, of which Brother Dupont is captain.

Brother McNeese, '03, has been an occasional visitor at our meetings, which has been appreciated by the chapter, and it is our wish that more of the alumni would pay us the same honor whenever possible.

Realizing that strengthening our numbers was a step in the right direction, but also recognizing the fact that if it was to count for much, other development was necessary, we tried at the beginning of last term a scheme for raising the general scholastic average of the chapter. This consisted simply of having the E. A. procure each month from the registrar's office the grades of each individual man, these grades being read out at the meeting, and also putting it straight to whatever man, who by his failure pulled the standing of the chapter down.

I believe the benefit received is apparent in the term averages taken from the registrar's office after the mid-term examinations, the general average of which was over eighty, on which we intend to improve by the end of the present term.

Louisiana Epsilon would be pleased to receive any visiting broth-

ers at her home at 779 Boyd Avenue, Baton Rouge, La.

G. O. BONSALE.

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Louisiana Tau-Upsilon, Tulane University, New Orleans

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AT this writing the chapter as well as the whole city is just recovering from the annual carnival,—the famous Mardi Gras—which ended last night. Several thousand visitors were in the city and we had the pleasure of entertaining several visitors and visiting brothers. On last Sunday afternoon we gave a very successful tea party in honor of the following out-of-town visitors: the mother and sisters of Brother Callaway of La Grange, Ga.; the Misses Best of Buffalo, N. Y., and Miss Lamb of Atlanta, Ga. During the carnival several of the brothers had the pleasure of attending the balls of Mamus, Proteus and Comus as well as some excellent balls at Hammond, La., and on the Gulf coast of Mississippi.

Since the last chapter letter we have initiated the following men: Thomas Howell, Gulfport, Miss.; Glenwood Achorn, Biloxi, Miss.; Donald McDonald, Crowley, La., and Stanton, New Orleans. The first three brothers live in the chapter house; and Brother John Dougherty (Louisiana Epsilon), a recent affiliate and Brother Mike Rice (Louisiana Tau-Upsilon), city salesman for the Reily-Taylor Coffee Company.

Brother T. E. Winn (Louisiana Tau-Upsilon) stopped with us last week on his way to Bachas del Toro, Panama, where he is to do engineering work for the United Fruit Company.

The chapter will be well represented in athletics this spring.

Brother William Woodward is captain of the baseball team, Brother Carl Woodward has recently made the position of guard on the 'varsity basket ball team, Brother Achorn is star man on the gymnasium team and several brothers are going out for track work.

The Pan-Hellenic Association here is considering the proposition of establishing a scholarship cup and indications are that the proposition will be put through; we have hopes of capturing the trophy first. We have now in our possession the interfraternity tennis cup.

Examinations have just been finished and the brothers are anxiously awaiting the reports; so far no calamities have been reported. By the end of the week we shall all have our new schedules arranged and shall be settled down to work again.

In closing we extend to every  $\Sigma A E$  the sincerest request to visit us when in New Orleans.

PLEASANT A. TAYLOR.

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Texas Rho, University of Texas, Austin

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**T**EXAS RHO again has the pleasure of announcing the advent of new brothers, initiation being held on January 22. It passed off without a break, and we are sure that those mostly concerned were duly impressed. They are Richard Mather of Austin, Garland de Grafenriedt of Marlin, W. Severne Crawford of Calvert, Barry Roseborough of Marshall, Wayne K. Cousins of Canyon City, and George W. Henyan of San Antonio, from which it is seen that we are not partial to any one city this year. After the due ceremonies had been completed, the chapter, re-enforced by Brothers Hornberger and Fullmore, both alumni of this chapter,

assembled around the best the Driskill could provide. It was certainly the most enjoyable banquet we have had in some time, and Brother Nicholson as toastmaster, made the oratorical Shurter look like "Dris" Rooke.

Our house is about two-thirds done, and the enthusiasm increases as its completion draws near. It is useless to try to estimate the number of visits that are made by the members of the chapter to this general gathering place. I will give no description of the building, as a much more detailed and satisfactory account than I can give will be reported for the May RECORD by Brother M. W. Lay. In addition to the position of press agent for the house, Brother Lay has the honor of having reduced the combined arts of rushing and room-moving to a science, and is being congratulated thereupon.

We have three pledges now, who are preparing for the ordeal after the winter term examinations. Two have been reported before, the third being Arthur B. McDaniels of San Antonio.

University and Austin society seem to be on a boom just now, quite a number of functions being given. All of the big club dances come at this time (February), and the town people are not inactive. One of the most enjoyable of the recent dances was that given by Brother James McClendon and his wife, both of whom have been of great assistance to us in the building of our house. Quite a number of the local  $\Sigma A E$ 's were included in the list. The chapter itself held another smoker, and entertained itself and several friends most satisfactorily. The other receptions, dances, and entertainments are too numerous to mention, but as a result of which an intense rivalry

has sprung up between Brothers Nicholson and Shelton, and bids fair to be waxed fast and furiously. Brother Hardie is the same flippant, happy-go-lucky member of the *hoi polloi* as before, since his term as E. A. is now expired. Our visiting list has been unusually small, only Brothers Eastland and Coile (Tennessee Lambda) having appeared since the last letter. But how can there be any to come when such as the following are happening: Brother George Polk and Miss Rowe are now married; J. D. Willis and Miss Boynton; Leslie Gardener and Miss Wilkes; and Moore Hays.

Athletics here are in fine condition; Texas has the best basket ball team in her history; her first soccer team, and her usual excellence in the baseball line. Soccer has already taken a strong hold on the majority of the student body, and it is hoped that it will become a fixture, as now it is being tried more for an experiment.

The Barb-Frat situation has become rather complicated here, as some of the non-fraternity men have taken up the idea of abolishing the fraternities here, a bill having been introduced in the legislature to that effect. Whether or no it will be passed is not certain, but we are of course "living in hopes."

In closing, we don't think we need emphasize the old assurance of welcome to visiting brothers, but as it is the necessary ending for a chapter letter, here goes:—"Welcome always." M. A. COOPER, JR.

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Oklahoma Kappa, University of Oklahoma, Norman

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**E**XAMINATIONS are now the order of the day at Oklahoma and all the fellows are burning the

midnight oil in an effort to bring home the scholarship cup, awarded each semester by the Pan-Hellenic Council. Heretofore, our chapter has consistently held second place but it is our belief that we will be returned the winner this time. Also for the pledges, there is an added impetus to their cramming as we have the twelve hour rule in full effect this year.

As a fitting climax for examination week, we are to be entertained by our patronesses: Mrs. H. B. Dwight, wife of Brother Dwight of the engineering school and Mrs. Edwin DeBarr, wife of Dr. DeBarr, professor of chemistry and vice-president of the university. Then will follow our initiation, when a large number of the alumni are expected back, and the annual Founders' Day banquet, given by the Oklahoma City Alumni Association.

The semester just closing has been of more than casual interest. In the last game of the football season, Oklahoma invaded the camp of Nebraska Cornhuskers and scored nine points while Nebraska was making two touchdowns. In view of the fact that Minnesota was the only other team to cross the Cornhuskers' goal line during the season, this showing is significant. Brothers Elmer and Fred Capshaw report the brothers of Nebraska Lambda-Pi to be good entertainers.

But just now everyone is looking forward to the spring activities. Hansen and Jacobs, veterans of last year's track team, are working out regularly, as are Botts, White and Grimes of the freshmen. In baseball, Neil Johnson will probably retain his berth at the short field position and Frye and Stigler will also try for places on the team. In debating, Hansen and McMahon won second and third places respectively



in the local tryouts held recently, and will represent the university in the debates with Colorado and Kansas. McMahon, with one exception, is the first freshman to make the debating team. In dramatics, Keenan will have a part in the senior play and Robison is to appear in the annual play given by the Sooner Dramatic Club. Stigler and Grimes are doing work on the college annual.

Among the different organizations, the chapter is well represented. Reynolds is president of the second year laws; Keenan is president of the first year laws; and Robison emerged from obscurity and now poses as president of the freshmen. In the band are Roberts, Stigler and White, the latter also being a member of the orchestra. As representatives on the oratorical council, there are Hansen and Reynolds and among the professional fraternities, Foster, Tolbert and Capshaw are in *Phi Delta Phi* and Bridgewater and White are members of *Sinfonia*.

Capshaw is president of the empire board which controls the college paper; Tolbert is president of the press club which publishes the university magazine, Foster is president of the student's association which has supervision of all student activities and Howard is one of the assistant 'varsity cheer leaders. Weimer and Monnet are working out for the coming tennis meets.

A recent marriage which surprised a number of the brothers was that of Brother Peyton Brown (ex-'13), to Miss Edith Clower, at Cleburne, Texas. Brother Brown is now in business in his home town, Mangum, and from all reports is doing well.

With this letter, the writer finishes his term begun two years ago as correspondent. As our successor we wish to introduce our track man, debator and poet, Brother Frederick J. Hansen. In him we believe the fraternity will find a rival of Newman Ebersole of late Cornell fame.

RAYMOND A. TOLBERT.

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### PROVINCE IOTA

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Kentucky Kappa, Central University  
Danville

THE Kentucky Kappa chapter still has its hat in the ring for every branch of college life. In the recent examinations at the close of the first semester every man in our chapter passed every examination. In every class our men stood as well as any body or group of men in the college.

We have been equally successful in athletics. Brother Clark was captain of the football team and we were further represented by Brothers Blakey, Coleman, and Chism.

Under the captainship of Brother Blakey, the Central basketball team is making a most creditable showing.

The coming baseball season promises, from the present prospects, to be a very fair one. We shall probably have five men on the team, including Brother Coleman, who has been elected captain.

Brother Lassing has withdrawn from college on account of a severe spell of pneumonia. He is now in St. Petersburg, Florida and is doing nicely.

Brother Clark is in the hospital in Danville, suffering from a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism. The worst is over and we hope to have him back with us in a few days.

Our doors are always open to all  $\Sigma$  A E's who may pay us a visit.

SAM B. CHISM.

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Kentucky Iota, Bethel College,  
Russellville

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SINCE the last letter our men have enjoyed the holiday season and the national convention and have settled down in earnest to the work of the spring term. We felt very fortunate in having the convention meet so near us and every man in the chapter with one exception attended it.

We were very sorry to lose Brothers Cody and Whatley at the end of the fall session. Both heard and heeded the call to the business world but we hope they will return to us next year. Brother Cody was acknowledged to be the best athlete in the college. He was captain of the football team and made a brilliant record on the gridiron. Brother Whatley was also on the 'varsity eleven.

The chapter has adopted a very conservative policy and our number this year has been small. The men we have initiated have been pledged only after a thorough season of rushing so that we are more confident than ever that we have secured the best men.

Since the last letter we have pledged one man, J. R. Floyd, of Mississippi, and we take this opportunity to present him to the Fraternity.

On the evening of January 24, we enjoyed a delightful smoker to which we invited our alumni and a few of our friends outside the Fraternity. An enjoyable evening was spent and a spirit of good fellowship prevailed throughout.

The condition of the chapter is good. All the men are working for the common good with spirit and determination. While we have had a larger chapter we have never had a

more loyal and true bunch of men than Kentucky Iota claims in the present year.

SELBY E. COFFMAN.

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Kentucky Epsilon, Kentucky State University, Lexington

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CHRISTMAS holidays have come and gone and with them the mid-year examinations. However, we are pleased to say we lost only one man through failure to pass the first term work, while some of the fraternities lost from three to four men.

With strict observance to the Pan-Hellenic rules and their noses to the grind-stone, we herewith introduce the following new men: G. A. Rice, W. J. Harris, R. K. Cattelt, D. W. Ramsey, W. L. Naylor, Jr., and T. R. Bryant.

While the chapter as a whole leans more toward inside work, we have not neglected being represented in college activities. Brother Sovy is editor-in-chief of the *Kentucky Law Journal*, Brothers Evans and Jackson are members of the glee club, also the local musical fraternity Tau Sigma. Brother Rice is president of the sophomore law class, also several good prospects for 'varsity baseball, as Brother Harris who did not report for football on account of a weak knee, expects to answer the call for baseball.

Brothers Lassing and Caldwell from Kentucky Kappa, are taking a short course in agriculture at State this term.

We regret very much to lose Brother Mustaine who has accepted a position as physical director at Montana State College and Brother Beaumont who was unable to return this term.

A hearty welcome is extended all visiting  $\Sigma A E$ 's at 260 Rodes Ave.

T. WHITE LOURY.

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Tennessee Zeta, Southwestern Presbyterian University, Clarksville

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SINCE our last letter there has come to the university a great loss in the death of Dr. J. W. Rosebro, who for four years was professor of theology. Dr. Rosebro for several years had been in bad health and consequently a fall which broke his collar bone and dislocated his wrist was only a secondary cause of his death. At the present time Prof. R. E. Fulton is filling the chair made vacant by Dr. Rosebro's death and his work has been divided between some of the other members of the faculty. The board of directors hope soon to be able to announce the permanent supply for this chair.

During the Christmas holidays the men of the chapter were at different places. It would be better to say that we were all at Nashville with the exception of Brother Raymond who went home and Brother Shepard who was kept away by sickness. As a whole Tennessee Zeta was greatly pleased with the convention. There were more than fifteen of us present including alumni. We extend our best wishes to the new chapter and to the newly elected officers, and hope with them that  $\Sigma A E$  will have the greatest two years of its history.

The Y. M. C. A. here has been very active and now, since the rooms have been improved, we have a parlor and assembly room that will compare favorably with that of any of the other small colleges around here.

There is a plan at hand for building a new dormitory for the school and it looks very much as if these plans were going to materialize. In case they do, S. P. U. will open the next college year with much bet-

ter and more modern facilities for caring for the students.

In college life Tennessee Zeta has her full share, considering the size of our chapter. Brother Raymond was on the 'varsity football team and took part in class basket ball. He is also a member of the college choir and the college quartet. At a recent meeting of the "Boosters Club" he defeated by a big margin, his opponent for manager of the football team. Brother Alexander was a member of the football squad, player and manager of the sophomore basket ball team and treasurer of one of the literary societies. Brothers Shepard and Atkinson each have a prominent part in the societies. Brother Shepard was on the 'varsity football team.

Clarksville is enjoying a series of evangelistic services led by Dr. J. E. Thacker, alumnus of North Carolina Theta. Brother Thacker is a fine preacher and has made a profound impression on the people of Clarksville and especially the students of the university. We hope that our other college towns will be fortunate enough to secure him for meetings.

Brother Neal B. Finley of Memphis recently paid another visit in Clarksville (not to Clarksville). We are always glad to see Brother Finley, and even though it would keep him away from here, we would like to see him succeed in his mission which brings him here.

Wishing a prosperous year to all our sister chapters, and extending a welcome to all  $\Sigma A E$ 's who may be in Clarksville to come and visit us we beg to close with a big Phi Alpha thrilling our veins and ready to break forth.

WILL A. ALEXANDER.



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Tennessee Lambda, Cumberland University, Lebanon

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TENNESSEE LAMBDA believes she is living in the "golden age" of her history. Character, harmony and progress have become fixed laws of her conduct and are making her more stable for the future.

It is very natural for enthusiasm to play leap-frog with reason but brothers you will pardon me for slinging a few roses at our bunch since there is more reason in it than enthusiasm. First let me say that, excepting the writer, Tennessee Lambda is composed of strong men of character. To sit in their midst for an hour is to receive strength to meet the outside world. It is ideal fraternalism that supplies strength for life. We are also proud of the harmony that prevails among us. Damon and Pitheas, Jonathon and David did not consume all the relation of harmony but flung a large portion of that article across the centuries to us. We find it conserves energy to pull together. Tennessee Lambda may also have an overdose of enthusiasm for progress but there is no other way to push, grin and win.

We deeply regret to give up Brother Huddleston who has walked and slept with his fraternity at his very heart's door for nearly four years. But we want "Grady" to know of our high esteem for him and that we are watching him with an anxious eye. Brothers Pickerell, Patterson and Petty have also followed their sheep-skins away much to our loss and regret. Wherever cheerful Pickerell, big-hearted Patterson and wide-awake Petty may go we are expecting them to reflect great honor on their chapter.

Our losses are more easily borne

when we look upon the new men we have just received, Brothers Shane from Arkansas, Butt from Oklahoma, Hale and Russell from Tennessee. We held the character microscope in one hand and a loving pat in the other and secured the very best material on the campus.

After this exit and ingress our chapter is twenty strong with outstanding prospects which we believe will soon swell the number to twenty-five.

Tennessee Lambda was honored with the presence of Brother M. E. Holderness, Eminent Supreme Archon, on the night of January 13, at a regular meeting. Brother Holderness addressed the chapter on the essentials of a successful fraternity which was deeply appreciated and will long be remembered.

The mountain top of social events for the year was the annual banquet given on the evening of January 13 to the honor of the departing brothers. Brother M. E. Holderness acted as toastmaster and with his strong personality and complete mastery of every detail made it one of the most successful and impressive occasions Tennessee Lambda has ever seen. We were also honored on this occasion by the presence of Brother John Shepherd of Kentucky Iota who has since returned to his missionary work in Brazil. Our loyal alumni were present and made the welkin ring with oratory of the real forensic type.

The present E. C. is a very erudite chap in ecclesiastical lore. He has recently discovered that the forbidden fruit was not an apple as is generally supposed but that Eve deliberately handed Adam a lemon. Brothers, if you decide that I have repeated that foul act on you just squeeze hard and make the most of a sour thing. Shakespeare wrote

twenty-eight plays before he wrote Macbeth.

HENRY L. ANDERTON.

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Tennessee Nu, Vanderbilt University,  
Nashville

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TENNESSEE NU can scarcely express herself as to the amount of pleasure derived from having the convention in Nashville until one has been present at an  $\Sigma$  A E national convention one can never understand what a pleasure it really is. I tell you we certainly did have a great time and what little the chapter could do in the way of entertainment afforded us much pleasure. We would that it could have been the good fortune of each of us to have known everyone in person. We only hope that you can come to Nashville again some day, and when you do, be sure to look us up.

Volumes could be written on the convention but this is left to Phi Alpha and it sure will be well worth your time to read it. As a chapter we only wish to express the great pleasure it afforded us in helping to entertain an  $\Sigma$  A E national convention.

Our mid-year examinations are just over and we have been enjoying a rest for a few days but we are gradually getting back to hard work again and expect to make a good stand in scholarship this term.

Baseball and track are the talked of athletics now and we are represented in both of these. Nothing can be told yet as to the kind of teams that are to be turned out at Vanderbilt this year but we have fair material trying out.

The chapter is still lamenting the loss of Brothers R. K. Wootten of Chickasha, Oklahoma, and Vernon G. Bratten which occurred at the

end of the first term. Brother Wootten had acquired all the strength and ability that three years affords and his loss is certainly a misfortune to the chapter. He was business manager of the principal school paper and a strong man. Brother Bratten has been with the chapter for three years and is a man to be missed. The loss of these men is a great source of regret to the entire chapter.

Best regards to all those whom we had the pleasure of meeting at the convention and "here's hoping" that we may see you in Chicago.

JNO. R. SLATER.

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Tennessee Kappa, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

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TENNESSEE KAPPA is still principally concerned with her chapter house question and will not leave a stone unturned until she is situated in a home of her own. The alumni are greatly interested and are co-operating with the chapter, in all possible cases. Our new and popular E. S. A., Brother Holder-ness, paid us the honor of a visit on Sunday, February 2, and that afternoon gave the active chapter and alumni a splendid talk on the question of building a chapter house. It was greatly enjoyed and will undoubtedly be of great service to all the brothers, especially the chapter house committee.

The mid-term examinations are now ended and from all accounts the old men all successfully passed, and some of our pledges distinguished themselves. We will initiate these pledges in the early part of February, since by the rules of the university council we are unable to initiate any one who has not successfully passed a term of work.

Since the return from Christmas holidays all affairs at Tennessee have been rather quiet owing to the approaching examinations, but Tennessee Kappa has been heard from several times nevertheless. Brother Lindsay was elected president of the sophomore law class. One French play has been given this year by the members of the French club and Brother Leach distinguished himself in the principal male role. Friday, January 31, Tennessee Kappa entertained at the chapter house with an informal dance for several young ladies visiting in Knoxville. The affair was most enjoyable and a bright beginning of the second term.

J. F. STAUB.

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Tennessee Omega, University of the  
South, Sewanee

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THE beginning of the new year found our numbers reduced from twenty-four to twenty-one, Brothers Faulkner, Marshall and P. D. Hamilton having decided to enter business. Brother W. J. Morrison also left recently and the chapter feels keenly the loss of these men. However their places have in a way been taken by two initiates and Tennessee Omega takes pleasure in introducing John Robinson McClung, an alumnus of Phi Alpha Theta, now Kansas Beta, and Samuel Douglass Hunter of Shreveport, Louisiana.

The Pre-Lenten festivities following close upon the examinations afforded a diversion which was doubly enjoyed. One of the best dances of the season was that given at the chapter house on the afternoon of the thirty-first. Although only an informal affair everyone seemed to enjoy himself and it was not until the chaperones had called time that the couples reluctantly departed.

Our new furnace has been kept going all winter. This makes our house the most comfortable and frequented one on the mountain and has been a big factor in generating a good fraternal spirit in the chapter.

Baseball practice has begun and although we do not expect a phenomenal team our prospects are far from being discouraging. Brother Gillen who captained last year's nine will be missed as will Brother L. Parker who was one of our strongest men. The receiving will be done by Brother Dinkins and if he plays up to his old time form Sewanee will have one of the best backstops in the South. Other brothers will be out for different positions and it is very probable that there will be at least one more  $\Sigma$  A E lined up with the 'varsity. The team will take only one trip, that one however extending through ten days and during which teams in Tennessee, Georgia and Florida will be met. A number of games will be played here, among those, being a series with the University of Michigan.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to our new sister chapter and wish for her the greatest prosperity and success.

B. W. COBBS.

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Tennessee Eta, Union University,  
Jackson

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THE men of Tennessee Eta have been very busy since our last letter, and as a result they are leading in almost every line of work at Union, including scholarship, debate, athletics and school journalism.

We are planning to pull off a great banquet on Founders' Day. Already the various committees are at work, and the success of the banquet is assured. We are to follow



this with several other entertainments.

The canvassing for funds for the fixing up of our new rooms has been very successful, and by the time that this is published, we will be in them. At the present we are using the offices of Brother Terry Allen for our club rooms and place of meeting.

Brothers Frey, Murray, and Sinclair are the main stays of the basketball team. They have all played star games throughout the season. Brother Alexander is the manager of the team. The baseball season is soon to start and as usual Tennessee Eta will furnish the main material that composes its personnel. Brothers Alexander and Sinclair will be the regular pitchers as was the case last year. Brother Carter and Frey will make the team easily, both of them having played good games last year. Brother Dement will also don

a uniform and see if he can't make the nine. Brother Petty is manager of this team. Brother Murray was recently elected to manage the football team for next year.

Not only are we leading in athletics, but in scholarship as well. Our average grades are very good, being as high as the non-fraternity men or as high as any other fraternity in Union.

We are glad to have Brother W. L. Owen back in school with us again. He was compelled to withdraw from school last fall on account of ill health. We have one pledge at present; but before the second semester advances this will be increased. When ever there are any  $\Sigma A E$ 's in this section of the state we wish them to drop in upon the boys of Tennessee Eta.

S. B. JOHNSON.

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### PROVINCE KAPPA

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California Alpha, Leland Stanford, Jr.,  
University, Stanford

“**Y**ES, the  $\Sigma A E$ 's lead in everything and have been the ring-leaders in every bit of devilry perpetrated at this university.”

This remark, coming from one of our professors must be taken at its own value. And being of an extremely optimistic nature our E. C. interprets the “everything” to mean all activities and worst of all, ability and studious application, which is everything.

But even this couldn't prevent California Alpha “coming back” strong as horse-radish this semester. Some men have been lost it is true, and we miss them. Jack Partridge, '12, who was depended upon to lead a winning crew this spring, has felt the call of labor and is now contri-

buted to construction work in Northern California. “Micky” Morrow, '14, has decided to recuperate for a semester in the wilds of Montana. “Dago” Luther, '14, our Nashville Convention delegate, sane and conservative, is attending the University Farm at Davis, where he and Drape Worswick, '13, will no doubt found a local and petition the next convention for a charter, to be called California Gamma. May our would-be Burbanks succeed and prosper. Like the two latter brothers, Dug Sim, '14, has been imbued with this same “back to the land” stuff, and will soon astonish the natives with his growth of whiskers on his little new farm in the mud-flats of sunny Cupertino. We congratulate him on his intention to take to himself a “frau” in the near future, but are sorry we cannot divulge the

name at the present writing. So much for the devastation in our ranks.

Out of the wilds of the deserts of Nevada, reeking of the range and fairly spoiling for Blue and Gold blood, returneth the prodigal, "Tiny" Wines, '15. Yes, "Tiny" was some football moose in his time. Senator "Bill" Reeder, '15, that sly old politician of the south arrived with his charge, one Frank Chaffe, transferred from the University of Southern California. After several days of "rounding" Frank was persuaded to believe that our table, ably managed by "Speedy" Narver, '14, was the best on the campus, and it became our pleasure to pledge and later introduce Frank to the mysteries of Minerva. Still later we hope to introduce his B. V. D. hair-cut. From the land of much promise, came one "Cherry" Betterton, affiliate from our progressive coast chapter, Washington Alpha, and whom we hope to make a man of this coming semester. We have suffered from our losses, but have we not made it up again in the above three entrants?

Now for a recital of our deeds and virtues. Modesty forbids, and again we must quote our beloved professor herein mentioned. In closing, we hope we have made this a chapter letter, and impress upon all who may be passing our way, not to forget the hospitality of California Alpha.

A. L. ERB.

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California Beta, University of California,  
Berkeley

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**J**ANUARY 13 saw all of the active members, who were registered in college during the first term, back again with the exception of Brother Murray, '16, who had decided to take a little practical work in farm-

ing before proceeding with his agriculture course at the university. But with the return of Brother Hurtle, '14, and the addition of two pledges, Rafeal Lake of San Jose and Lloyd Sawyer of San Francisco, who will be initiated into the realms of fraternity mysteries and cold water February 15, we will have twenty-two active men.

The baseball, track and crew season started several weeks ago. Brother Conklin, '14, will undoubtedly hold down his old position as 'varsity pitcher while Brother Stroud, '13, and Brother Feeley, '14, will make strong bids for positions on the team. On the track oval, Brother Wiley, '15, is seen every day hurling the hammer one hundred forty and some odd feet and at this rate looks like a point winner in the intercollegiate meet which takes place in April with Stanford University. Brother Stull, '16, is out for freshman crew.

Brother Stroud, '13, never tires telling of the Nashville convention and from his stories we gather the information that it was some convention. California Beta joins with him in thanking the  $\Sigma A E$ 's of Nashville for the good time shown him there. We heartily congratulate our new chapter at Kansas State College and wish them the best of success.

On November 10, 1912 the chapter held its first annual reunion on the night before the California-Stanford football game. This was held primarily for the purpose of promoting interest in our new house. To use the familiar expression "it was a howling success in every way" best describes it. Enough money was pledged to buy a lot and make a good start on the house. A committee of five was appointed, three alumni and two active men, and

they have the plans well under way so that we hope to occupy our new home before the Panama-Pacific Exposition in 1915 when we hope to be able to welcome  $\Sigma A E$ 's from all over the world.

At present we are looking forward to our Founders' Day banquet on March 8 when California Alpha and California Beta meet with the San Francisco Alumni for one great night. STANLEY W. COON.

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Washington Alpha, University of Washington, Seattle

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THE mid-year examinations have come and gone, bringing their measure of joys and sorrows. There are some who believe that the scholastic standard of the university is advancing too rapidly. But on the whole it makes us think of the good old story of the wise virgins, and the foolish virgins who forgot to burn the midnight oil.

Of those who have proved to the faculty that they possess the necessary mental qualifications to join a fraternity we are just now finishing up the initiation of six good men, whom we take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity. They are:

Roy M. Woodburn, '15, Law, Byron, Illinois; J. Adelbert Woodburn, '15, Law, Byron, Illinois; Cecil C. Cole, '15, Engineering, Seattle, Washington; Harland R. Maris, '16, Liberal Arts, Decatur, Illinois; Walter Doust, '16, Liberal Arts, Spokane, Washington; John Fancher, '16, Liberal Arts, Spokane, Washington; Emil Jarvis, '16, Engineering, Seattle, Washington.

Four new men were pledged from those who entered in February. We met very little opposition from other fraternities in rushing and took what

we wanted. We are glad to receive and appreciate the assistance of alumni who help us get in touch with good men, and of the eastern chapters who give us a line on those who come West.

The sororities have adopted rules for postponing the rushing and pledging until the freshmen have earned one semester of credit. The fraternities will watch the lead and follow with the same system, if the plan works well.

Football is a dead issue, but we wish to state that the team from this university has not been defeated in five years, and that Coach Dobie longs for an opportunity to play a team from the east or the middle-west. Brother Sutton was again chosen unanimously all-Northwest end. Brother Fancher is playing a strong game at guard on the basket ball team. Brother Waller, captain of the 'varsity crew, is rowing stroke this year. It may be interesting for eastern crew men to know that rowing begins here on December first, and the men are on the lake every day from that time until June. Doust and Alexander are on the freshman crew, Brother Catlin is too "strong" to row again this year. Jarvis and Stephens are showing up well in wrestling. In track, Talcott, Knapp, Holcomb and Thornton, and in baseball Brothers Dowd, Woodburn, Cole and Bickel will begin work in a week or two.

Brother Bowles of Massachusetts Gamma entertained the chapter on January 31 at his home in Mount Baker Park, with a formal dance. The chapter gave an informal dance at the house the last of November and a house party for rushing purposes at Northilla, which is near Tacoma, during Christmas vacation. Pledge Wintermute is celebrating his birth-



day by giving the chapter a formal dance on February 28 at the "Boulevard." The annual Σ A E formal will be held March 22. At the banquet which is to be held on March 8, the loyal brothers will gather

score upon score from almost every chapter in the Fraternity and show that no fraternal enthusiasm has been lost or forgotten in their coming to this "wild, unsettled Western country." A. H. WARD.

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