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# S. A. E. CALENDAR FOR 1915

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## EXPLANATION

Each date designated in black face type has a significance. Some duty is to be performed or some function will be given which you should attend. It will be explained in the following information.

**January 1.** Take an inventory of the things accomplished during the past year. Determine your course for the ensuing year—and stick to it.

**January 31.** Chapter treasurer should prepare monthly report in accordance with the Standard accounts and send same to Wm. C. Levere, Evanston, Ill. This report is due once a month during the collegiate year.

**February 1.** Installment upon Life Subscription to THE RECORD is due and should be sent to Wm. C. Levere, Evanston, Ill. Follow instructions upon the blank prepared for this purpose. Chapter letter for the March RECORD is due on this date and should be mailed on or before January 25.

**February 28.** Monthly standard account report due. See note under January 31.

**March 9.** Founders' Day Celebration. Make a fine report to the editor of THE RECORD.

**March 15.** Chapter treasurer should collect the semi-annual per capita tax of \$2.50 for each active member and forward to George D. Kimball, Box 675, Denver, Colo. Reports on form "B" are also due from the E. C.

**March 25.** Chapter letter for the May RECORD should be mailed not later than this date.

**March 31.** Monthly standard account report now due. See note under January 31.

**April 1.** Chapter letter for the May RECORD is due on this date. To reach the editor on this date the letter should be mailed on or before March 25.

**April 30.** Monthly standard account report due. See note under January 31.

**May 31.** Monthly standard account reports due. See note under January 31. Elect competent officers for the next college year.

**June 1.** Don't leave college with unpaid debts behind. Pay up as you go along. Send the summer address of the E. A. and the E. C. to the national officers.

**June 30.** Monthly Standard Account report due. See note under January 31. Write Gettysburg chapter about its Summer Camp.

**July 15.** Keep your eyes open for good men. Keep in touch with the members of your chapter during the summer.

**August 1.** Chapter letter for the September RECORD is due on this date. To reach the editor on this date the letter should be mailed on or before July 25.

**September 1.** Get ready for the new college year. Go back early if you can. Have a good bunch ready for rushing season.

**September 30.** Monthly Standard Account report due. See note under January 31.

**October 31.** Monthly Standard Account report due. See note under January 31.

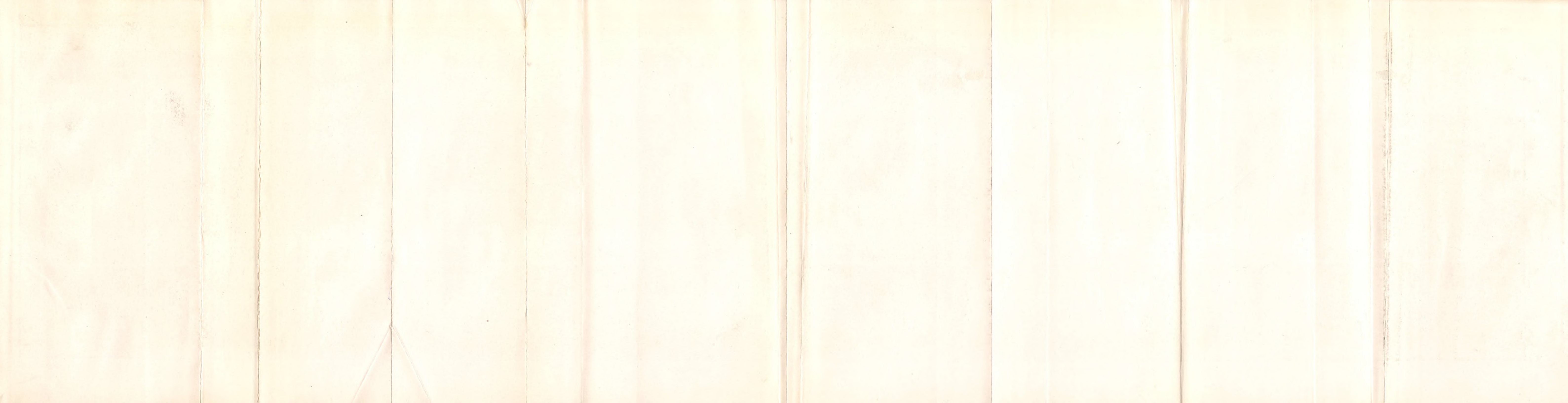
**November 1.** Chapter letter for the December RECORD is due on this date. To reach the editor on this date the letter should be mailed on or before October 25.

**November 15.** Chapter treasurer should collect the semi-annual per capita tax of \$2.50 for each active member and forward to George D. Kimball, Box 675, Denver, Colo. Reports on form "B" are also due from the E. C.

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SOME OF THE DELEGATES AND VISITORS AT THE CHICAGO CONVENTION



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## The Chicago Convention

*By T. Gibson Hobbs*

Province Gamma Archon

HOW unnecessary a thing it is to use the stereotyped phrases such as "greatest yet", "grandest ever", in describing the Chicago convention of 1914, when the spirit of the convention, as felt by those who were fortunate enough to be there, was so ably expressed by the "Philistine" from the "Sun-Kist Hills of Alabama", when he said, "My father surrendered at Appomattox, but I surrendered at Chicago!" That phrase seems to express the spirit of the convention precisely. All of us surrendered at Chicago. We surrendered to the warm words of welcome from Brother Keech; we surrendered to the spirit of fraternalism which permeated the whole atmosphere of the Congress Hotel; we surrendered to the united hosts of Minerva, gathered together to survey the records of the past two years, to pronounce them good, and to lay plans for the coming term, plans that will mark an advance in everything we hold dear to the cause. Yes, we surrendered, but it was a willing surrender, for we were not conquered by arms of steel or at the cannon's mouth, but we surrendered to the spirit of brotherly affection and the handshake that brought into living union the ties that make our brotherhood one in its purpose to advance the ideals of young American manhood, whether the individual comes from the storm-swept coasts of Maine, the coral sands

of Florida, the windy plains of Illinois, the snow-capped peaks of Colorado, or the flower-strewn fields of the Setting Sun.

If I may be permitted to steal some sophomoric thunder from an undergraduate friend of my now departed college days, I would paint a picture of the growth, extent and power of  $\Sigma A E$  as the impression fixed itself in my mind as the convention was drawing to a close and I had opportunity to learn of our greatness, and bring before your eyes a picture of the lion of our order, standing with his hind feet on the Atlantic coast, his front feet on the Rocky Mountains, lashing with his tail the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico on the one side, and the icy surface of Lake Michigan on the other, his roar shaking the Golden Gate, and his gaze fixed on eternity.

One who studied the work of the convention, the spirit which animated it, the men who made it, could not but be impressed with the idea that here were gathered together a body of men representing an order which had grown great in numbers and in strength, greater in the men enlisted under its badge, and greatest of all in the ideals and aims which it is seeking to reach.

The keynote of the convention may be expressed in the phrase, "Successfully Ascending Evolution." Or again, it might be expressed in another three words, equally appropriate, Sincerity, Advancement, Efficiency.

There has never been a convention held by our fraternity, I dare say, in which so little of the radical was brought forth, either in the way of being radically progressive or radically conservative. There was no legislation which made any great change in the character or methods of the fraternity. There was no fundamental change in the management of its affairs. Nothing was done which was a wide departure from what we now have, but the convention was a gathering of our strong men who took up the developments of the past, the innovations instituted at the last convention and the one before that, weighed them in the balances, pronounced them good, and set to work in earnest to carry out the things before us to their ultimate end in the development of the Fraternity. We dressed down the rough edges; we cut off the sharp corners, and made light some of the dark ones. We have successfully and suc-

cessively ascended from stage to stage, and this convention was the evolution of our order into the ripened status of vigorous manhood. Our destiny is now almost fixed, the paths that we must follow have been pointed out to us by the leaders of the past ten or twenty years. In the future, if I may turn prophet for a moment, we will find no great departures in the life of the Fraternity. There will be improvements, developments, growth, and some new things, but the lines along which our development will take place have been largely laid out and determined. The working out of these things into their perfection is what is now before us, and this convention was a long step in that direction.

Again, may I use the second three word keynote. First, Sincerity: There was no doubt about the sincerity of the welcome given to the convention by Brother Keech on behalf of the Chicago alumni. We knew we were welcome to Chicago when he finished. There was no doubt about the sincerity of the visiting brothers when they said they were glad to be there, their actions proved it. The E. S. A. was undoubtedly sincere when he spoke of the great prosperity which we at this time enjoyed in the Greek world because of the substantial conditions of the chapters, and the serious work they were doing, and that he felt the coming years would bring us an early fruitage and a golden harvest. Sincerity spoke in every word of the Eminent Tight-Wad from Colorado when he urged the necessity of husbanding the resources of the Fraternity for efficient work in the days that are ahead.

Second: Advancement, who can doubt that a retrospect of the past two years as set forth at the convention shows marked advancement in the affairs of the Fraternity? Who can question the wisdom of the Life Subscription to *THE RECORD* after a two years' trial? Who can doubt that the increase of our endowment fund as shown in the reports; the strength of our financial plan, means advancement? Who can doubt that the remodeling of our laws and the extension of our chapters mean advancement?

Third: Efficiency, aye, that is an aim, and an ideal toward which the world is moving, and a goal towards which nothing is moving faster, I believe, than our beloved Fraternity. Efficiency marked the convention, in the manner in which it was planned, in the way



CONVENTION DAILY CARTOONS



in which each detail was handled, in the method with which it was conducted, in the earnestness with which the committees worked, and last, but not least, the results of the convention stand for efficiency in everything that relates to the welfare of the Fraternity, and the welfare of thousands of college men who will come after us.

Let us turn now to the actual happenings and accomplishments of the convention. It was a glad sound, and one which spoke well for the sincerity, advancement and efficiency of the Fraternity when the Eminent Supreme Recorder, more genially known as "Our Billy," announced that every chapter was "square" on the books of the Fraternity, and entitled to a seat in the convention, and that every chapter had a delegate there. The Florentine Room of the Congress never saw a finer sight than the band of strong young men there assembled as the Eminent Supreme Archon read his report of the office for the past two years. Our hearts swelled with pride as the report spoke of Progress, spelt with a Big P, but progress of the right sort in those things which are the life of the Fraternity. There have been some things to discourage in the last two years, but when we hear the head of the order say that the endowment fund has increased \$10,000 in two years; that the publications of the Fraternity are bigger and better than ever; that nearly half of our chapters own houses; that the spirit of the Fraternity has never been better, we feel happy. The sad part of the E. S. A's. report came at the end, when he stated that other duties made it imperative that he pass from the ranks of official workers for the Fraternity.  $\Sigma$  A E will never have a more devoted head than Marvin E. Holderness.

All of the reports were interesting. Who can ever forget the humor which pervaded that of the E. S. R., and yet withal the seriousness which lay behind it? The tremendous amount of labor and travel which he has accomplished in the past two years only goes with the work of a large, prosperous and growing organization.

The report of the Editor of *THE RECORD*, full of the growing spirit of the far west, gave us a record of great things accomplished in the past, and with visions of a greater journal in the future.

The record of the affairs of the Eminent Supreme Treasurer's office shows a soundness of financial standing and a businesslike method of conducting the affairs of that office which, to the unini-

tiated into the secrets of George Kimball's habits, would seem strange in any organization, the active men of which were college undergraduates.

Al Leue, such a misnomer for the E. S. D. A., gave us evidence of the fact that Phi Alpha has meant much in the work of the Fraternity, and his reflection gives us hope that much greater progress is in store for us in the future.

The amount of work handled by the various committees of the convention, and by the convention itself, was stupendous. Many committees labored late at night, and some until daylight preparing reports to come before the convention for action. It seemed that more of the active men at the convention were laboring zealously for the cause than at any previous convention in recent years, both on the floor and in the committee room. This speaks well for the quality of work which was done, the close touch with the active men which characterized the finished products of the convention. Coupled with the enthusiasm and interest of the young men of the Fraternity was the wisdom, experience and loyalty of the "Old Guard", who die but never surrender their love for  $\Sigma$  A E. How can we measure the value of the inspiration which came to the younger men from the presence of such men as Harry Bunting, H. G. Garwood, R. S. Uzzell, Professor Richardson, Judge Tuttle, Don R. Almy, Doctor Mock, our old friend, the Apostle of Conservatism, Terry Allen, Judge Dickinson, U. S. Senator Key Pitman and others. Lastly, think how terrible an affair a  $\Sigma$  A E convention might be without the sonorous voice of "Bill" Brandon ringing the changes on the united country, and the classic shades of old Tuscaloosa on the banks of the Black Warrior mid the sun-kist hills of Alabama! It is inconceivable.

We feel that a step forward was made in the adoption of recommendations on the medical examination of fraternity men, so ably advocated by Doctor Mock, and in the adoption of the law prohibiting the use of intoxicants in the chapter house. No one can expect that the law will per se stop all the evils which might arise from these things, but with the great awakening among the people of this nation, and of the world, as to the evils of intoxicants, it certainly





THE OLD AND THE NEW SUPREME COUNCIL

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Marvin E. Holderness, Retiring E. S. A.

Geo. O. Kimball, E. S. T.

Al. F. Leue, E. S. O. A.  
Don. R. Almy, E. S. A.

Elmer B. Sanford, Editor The Record

behooves a fraternity, the objects of which are to promote the moral and intellectual welfare of its members, to take official action prohibiting their use in the homes of the Fraternity.

The Fraternity is to be congratulated upon the adoption of the recommendations made by the committee on scholarship. Never before in the history of the Fraternity is such stress being laid on good scholarship among the active men. It is gratifying to note that at this convention measures were taken which we believe will tend largely to make impossible the charge of poor scholarship so often laid at the fraternities' doors. All these matters are things which speak first, last and all the time for advancement and development into the fullness of the vision in the mind of Noble Leslie DeVotie in the placing of a new star in the Greek constellation.

Valuable and comprehensive measures were recommended and adopted along the line of a systematized financial code for the steward's department, in furtherance of the purpose of the standardized accounts now so successfully used. The adoption of a pledge ritual made optional with the individual chapters, was also a step towards more perfect efficiency in securing men.

The Fraternity is glad to learn that the DeVotie Memorial at Tuscaloosa has been so enlarged that it will be of practical use and benefit to Mother Mu, as well as serve as a memorial to the memory of our founder and a place for the archives of the Fraternity.

The report of the committee on Revision of the National Laws brought before the convention matters of vital interest. It is impossible to give a proper appreciation of the great services rendered to the Fraternity by the permanent committee appointed at the last convention to deal with this matter, but we cannot refrain from saying that the result of their labors gives to  $\Sigma$  A E the most perfect code of laws, in substance and in form, now on the statute books of any fraternity, we verily believe. Too much praise cannot be given to all these men of the permanent committee, and to Brother Dowling in particular, for their painstaking labor. No great fundamental changes were made in the existing laws, but everything was improved, modified, rearranged so as to meet the needs of our organization and to form a harmonious whole, and an entirely new chapter was added dealing with the matter of dis-

cipline and trials, giving us now for the first time a satisfactory method of procedure. When the revised laws are published and distributed their completeness will speak for itself as to the quality of the work done by the permanent committee, the convention committee, and the convention itself, in the matter of comprehensive and efficient codification of our statutes.

The convention established one new province, called Lambda, composed of the chapters located in the northern Pacific states, leaving in Kappa only the two chapters in California. So great are the distances on the Pacific Coast that in no other way could a homogeneous arrangement be made of the chapters in that section of the country.

No record of the convention would be complete without a word of commendation of *The Convention Daily*. Bigger and better than ever before under the able editorship of Brother Philip Peterson, with striking cartoons from the facile pen of Brother Dudley, this publication was one of the indispensable features of the convention.

The first two days were filled with all sorts of things of interest to the delegates. To those who were attending their first convention it was a revelation of fraternity spirit to see the older men of the Fraternity renew their youth, throw back the years, fraternalize with the young men, and just as interested in the welfare of  $\Sigma$  A E as the youngest initiate. To the old men it was a reunion of kindred spirits, a renewal of old friendships, and of college days, and an expression of the love for the Fraternity which never dies in the hearts of those who have worn her badge and labored for her welfare.

The last day of the convention held the most vital interest for all the delegates, for on that day was the matter of extension brought up. After laboring day and night from the earliest hours of the convention, the Extension Committee brought in its report, which was acted upon by the convention, one item at a time. It was a glad day for  $\Sigma$  A E, and a great one for the young manhood of the far northwest, when the convention granted two richly deserved charters to the petitioning locals at Washington State College and Oregon State Agricultural College, and voted to extend the princi-

ples for which we stand in those great and growing states. If past results lead to correct conclusions, we will never regret the charters granted.

To Phi Epsilon Pi at the rich old college of Beloit in Wisconsin a third charter was granted, and granted, we believe, to worthy men.

It is an unfamiliar sight when the president of a great state university, himself a fraternity man, comes to present to the national convention of his own fraternity the petition of a local for a charter at the university which he governs. It speaks commendation of  $\Sigma$  A E and the fraternity system in tones more clear than words can make them, when the president of the college supported by the state, and the leading education institution of the state, comes to our national convention and on the floor pleads that a charter be granted to the petitioning local of his school, to revive the chapter in old Florida, to make solid the South with a chapter of  $\Sigma$  A E in every state, and to bring to his school the living embodiment of the ideal in the life of college men to which our Fraternity aspires. Such an action on the part of the university president means much for the future success of  $\Sigma$  A E and the whole fraternity system in the University of Florida, because it means coöperation, so often lacking, between the college authorities and the fraternity men. It means much to every fraternity at this time when we are fighting for our existence in some state universities. It is impossible to convey to one not present the touch of sentiment which pervaded that convention when that University president rose to his feet, and with tears of happiness in his eyes, told to  $\Sigma$  A E that it was the happiest day of his life when he could send the glad tidings of a charter of  $\Sigma$  A E granted the University of Florida, back to those loyal sons of Minerva in the land of sunshine.

Our Fraternity has been so blessed with able men devoted to her cause, who have led her in the past years, that with the exception only of the Eminent Supreme Archon who would not allow his name to be voted upon, all of the national officers were chosen to succeed themselves. The highest honor was bestowed upon Don R. Almy, New York Alpha. Brother Almy has labored so long in the ranks of the Fraternity, and has rendered such inestimable

service in making perfect our financial system, that no introduction is necessary. We feel that our interests are safe in his care. No  $\Sigma$  A E could listen to the feeling speech of acceptance made by the E. S. A. elect, and depart without feeling that to be an  $\Sigma$  A E was a great honor, and that to serve her in any way was a privilege which should be earnestly coveted, with the realization that the Fraternity means most to the man who gives the most of time and talent to it. This was the spirit of the whole convention. No man could have attended the Chicago convention of 1914 and not realize that the men who have given the most to the fraternity have gotten the most joy out of it. For the new E. S. A., guided and strengthened by so many able and experienced workers we can see only a great success in his high office.

On the enthusiastic invitation of the Pittsburgh alumni the 1916 convention was awarded to the Smoky City. The next convention city will be an admirable place to meet. Its local interest and the enthusiasm of the alumni will make it a great gathering place for the clans of  $\Sigma$  A E. There will be great men and great measures there, no doubt, but I stand ready to defend the assertion, backed by the fiats of near five hundred men who were there, that no convention, wherever held, will accomplish more substantial progress for our Fraternity, or more accurately embody and emphasize the cardinal principles of the Fraternity, than did the convention which was adjourned *sine die* on the evening of December 23, 1914, in the Florentine Room of the Congress Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, by Marvin E. Holderness, Eminent Supreme Archon.



## Holderness Presented With S. A. E. Badge

My dear Holdy:

ENCLOSED will be found the diamond badge which the Chicago Convention ordered to be given to you as a slight token of appreciation on the part of the Fraternity of the many years of service which you have devoted to its interests. I regard myself particularly privileged in being the one to transmit this token to you. There are a few of us who appreciate to the fullest extent the sacrifice which has been necessary on your part in order to give to the Fraternity as you have of your time, energy and ability.

The passing of the Chicago Convention together with your active connection with the management of  $\Sigma$  A E affairs will constitute one of the landmarks of your personal career as no one can be relieved of the large amount of thoughtful work which you have so faithfully performed these many years without a great change in their everyday life. While relief from these arduous labors will doubtless be agreeable from one viewpoint, yet I venture the assertion that for a time, at least, it will seem as though something has passed out of your life. At such times I trust that this badge may remind you of the many friendships you have made which otherwise might not be enjoyed but for the magic letters " $\Sigma$  A E" and further, of the high esteem in which you are universally held as evidenced by this token, the presentation of which is unique in the history of the Fraternity.

Permit me to suggest that this emblem should not be laid away in a safety deposit box. It should be worn constantly as a reminder of that love and affection which is yours from every corner of  $\Sigma$  A E.

With kindest regards and very best wishes,

FOR THE SUPREME COUNCIL,

Yours fraternally,

GEO. D. KIMBALL.

My dear George:

I have received the beautiful badge which I shall treasure as only a token of such love can be treasured. A tinge of sadness attaches to this gift, in that the giving was coincident with my de-

parture from those closer associates that have entwined themselves about my heart, and kindled there a feeling that lies far too deep for words. The love that prompted the Fraternity I recognize as the same love that has brightened the way and been my stay and my comfort all these years. I am not ashamed to be the recipient for I, too, have loved my brethren with an undying zeal and devotion kindled by the spirit of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and in that tremendous moment of the Chicago Convention all labor and sacrifice were together.

I miss the work more than I dare admit, and life without daily contact with you and the other members of the Supreme Council seems passing strange, but I know it is all for the best that the work fell to fresh and strong hands.

Let me say, George, truly and in a way that I know you understand, I'm glad it was your own hand to transmit the badge.

Yours fraternally,

M. E. HOLDERNESS.

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#### POPE'S HOMER

If I wanted to make a boy love Homer I should give him Pope's in preference to any other verse translation. I should warn him what to expect, should repeat all that has here been said and much more about the vices of Pope's style, the "extravagant freedom" of his renderings, the way he has transmogrified and bedizened and artificialized the original. I should prepare my pupil, too, to find a manner quite unlike that of today, just as I should do in the case of Scott's novels. But having done this, I should confidently expect any boy with a spark of poetry in him to be thrilled as his predecessors were thrilled—to read on, like them, as a pleasure and not a duty.—Robert Traill Omond.





THE BANQUET AT THE CHICAGO CONVENTION

## The Convention's Leisure Hours

*By Raymond Watson*

Kansas Alpha

IT WAS a sharp, brisk, bright winter morning on the twenty-first day of December when the great arteries of our Nation's commerce poured into Chicago the cream of young manhood from forty-eight states. It seemed as though all Sigdom was in that old depot at Chicago to meet us on that Monday morning. We were, after many handshakes with newly made friends in  $\Sigma$  A E, hustled into large motor busses and hauled to the New Congress Hotel, which was to be our sanctum for the ensuing three days.

We hardly reached the door of that great hotel before a crowd of enthusiastic  $\Sigma$  A Es had flung open the doors to our busses and greeted us with a hearty "Phi Alpha." Introductions were again in order, and before we could reach the register of our hotel, we had formed new friendships in excess of four score. Never had we been received so royally, even by  $\Sigma$  A Es, as we were in Chicago that morning.

Chicago certainly made good her boast that every  $\Sigma$  A E, whether delegate, officer or visitor; would be made perfectly at home.

We were ushered up to our rooms, but had scarcely time to rid ourselves of the débris of travel when the ringing of a phone greeted our ears, and we were sharply informed that the meeting had opened, and if we desired to save the dollar fine imposed for tardiness, we would have to put in a very hasty appearance before the shrine of Minerva.

It was noon before we again had a chance to meet the many delegates, visitors, and officers who were to be with us for the ensuing three days. Lunch was served to approximately four hundred noisy and enthusiastic followers of Minerva in the Pompeian room of our hotel. There, new friendships were formed and old friendships renewed, and it seemed as though we had just sat down when some one looked at his watch and found that it was past meeting time.

By evening, the cement of our new friendships was hardened to such an extent that bands of brothers, arm in arm, were to be seen in every portion of the hotel.

At eight o'clock, the first great social feature of our National Convention opened. Five hundred  $\Sigma$  A Es, singing all of the old songs which were known to Sigdom, gathered in the Florentine room of our hotel to enjoy the greatest time that any  $\Sigma$  A E ever hoped to have. The best cabaret in Chicago was furnished by the Chicago Alumni Association, and we from outside points had to congratulate that association upon their selection of singers and dancers for our large smoker. Enthusiasm was running high, even before the cabaret began to sing, but it reached its zenith when a beautiful blonde, who was known as Cleopatra during the rest of our stay in Chicago, appeared upon the temporary platform prepared for the singers and dancers. We from the West were dazzled by the style and cut of Chicago's latest gown (and we were told that this gown was rather extreme even for Chicago), but, as was whispered around, we could think of no one who could show herself to more advantage in a gown of this character, than our fair young cabaret entertainer. Even the more staid and settled were forced to admit that if they were to be regaled by entertainment of this sort, they could not desire a more charming entertainer than our little friend Cleopatra. But she was not alone. While in trimness, coupled with a graceful liteness, she excelled all others, yet our other entertainers were not ones at which the  $\Sigma$  A Es from the largest cities could sneeze. You can imagine the enthusiasm of six hundred loyal friends when, after the last strain of the music had died out, old Billy Brandon rose to his feet and told us about the sun-kissed or sin-cussed hills of Alabama where the sweet magnolias bloom. The contrast between our audience while the cabaret was performing, and now, was wonderful. While a few moments before old Billy Brandon rose to his feet, singing, enthusiasm and good-natured chaos prevailed, now silence reigned supreme. A pin in any part of the house, if dropped, could have been heard for the succeeding thirty minutes. Attention was so close that very few of the six hundred brothers were aware that the writer fell off his chair while

engaged in an effort to get a glimpse of the rostrum. When Billy Brandon sat down, one could not hear himself think for at least five minutes, and then our fair entertainer, now known to us a Cleopatra, again entered her appearance. Time and time again between intervals of warm enthusiastic speeches by Kimball, Levere and Sanford, our cabaret performed for us until the wee hours of the morning, and it seemed as the evening grew, our numbers instead of diminishing, increased, and when the meeting disbanded, the large Florentine room was so crowded that there wasn't room for the chairs which had shortly before that time been with us.

But our brothers were not to let their enthusiasm, which was raised to such heights, cool so suddenly, so many bands of brothers, arm in arm, repaired to the dining and grill rooms, and there talked over their college life, and told many inspiring stories of the works of  $\Sigma A E$  in their chapters and in their towns. When the majority of our boys went to sleep that night, the dawn was breaking and the light was creeping through their windows.

It was a short rest that we had that night; for ten o'clock a. m. was to see the opening of our busiest day. It is not for the writer to tell of the good times which we had, both during business meetings and at the intervals when we were allowed to pass out and again mingle with each other.

At eight o'clock that night the greatest banquet that your writer has ever attended, and he believes the greatest fraternity banquet ever held in the United States opened. At seven sharp, swallow-tailed coats filed into the gold room of the New Congress Hotel, Chicago's best orchestra played "Sing, Brothers, Sing", and five hundred voices, ranging from tenor to basso profundo, joined in with such vehemence that one's ears rang for five minutes after the orchestra had ceased. Silence reigned supreme while the invocation was pronounced, but that silence was doomed to short life. The orchestra struck up "Dixie", and the cheering that followed would have done credit to the rooters for either Harvard or Yale in their greatest football contest of the season. The clatter of dishes could now be distinctly heard, and the waiters were serving the first of the eleven courses which were to follow. The writer

would be remiss in this duty in remarking about this banquet if he did not pause a moment to compliment the committee on arrangements of this banquet, selected from the Chicago Alumni Association. Search as he may, the writer can never remember of sitting down to a banquet with so many delicious dishes so carefully selected, and served in such elegant manner. It was during these eleven courses that a cabaret, different from last evening's performance, was performing. In speaking of this cabaret, it might be well to mention one young woman of beautiful proportions, who appeared in the balcony and sang "It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary." This young woman had very dark features, and wore a beautiful gown of black chiffon, cut in a manner most pleasing to the eye. Brothers older than the writer, and who were perhaps far more accustomed to novelties in the stage line, gasped as this vision in black made her appearance in this very novel gown. While the cheering mentioned above while the orchestra was playing "Dixie" was enthusiastic, yet its proportion to the cheering at the close of this young cabaret performer's stunt, was about the same as the pyramids in a baby's nursery compares to the Pyramids of Egypt. At this moment, handkerchiefs, and even napkins, were in the air, and many a brother was on his feet. Louis Mack in a very brief speech introduced the toastmasters for the evening. It was only a short time until our numbers were greatly diminished. However, the full five hundred were in their chairs when Brother Arthur M. Tuttle, United States District Judge from Michigan, and from Michigan Iota-Beta, arose to his feet and sounded his self-made gavel upon his drinking glass. After many funny stories, Brother Tuttle introduced Brother Lloyd Bunting, of Illinois Beta, who made the first talk of the evening on "The Active Chapter". Brother Bunting's speech took the older of us back to the days of chapter life, and freshened many an erstwhile forgotten remembrance with his reminiscences. Brother Bunting closed his speech with a story of a negro brother (in Christianity and not in  $\Sigma$  A E) who left with the mistletoe. Of course, those who did not hear this story, can not appreciate the significance of this mistletoe. The next brother to be introduced by our distinguished toastmaster, was Marvin E. Holderness, Retiring Eminent



Supreme Archon of our Fraternity, and it is sufficient to say that his speech on "Our Fraternity", for a simple sweet fraternity message with the tenderness of a loving fraternity brother, was the prettiest speech on such a topic that the writer has ever had the pleasure of hearing. Next, came "Old" Billy Brandon, who carried his audience by storm the same as he did the night before, and when he finished, some of the brothers in the legal profession wondered if Billy Brandon had ever lost a case before the jury. For a good sound message, delivered in oratorical form, this talk "took the cake". Our next speaker was Hon. Jacob M. Dickinson, Ex-Secretary of War, who spoke to us upon the topic "The Land of Peace", and we all heard a speech on the most talked of topic in current history, which gave us facts from an authoritative standpoint. We trust that we can always have with us this honored speaker, for it is a valuable lesson for the young man from the college to hear this great statesman give his idea and his viewpoint on topics of the nature of this one. Last, but not least, came "Old" Key Pittman, United States Senator from Nevada, who talked to us for a half an hour upon a topic very dear to the American boy's heart, "Our Nation." At the close of that half-hour, there was not a one of the five hundred  $\Sigma$  A Es in the banquet room who would not have shouldered a gun and gone to the front to fight for our country. Enthusiasm was exceedingly high by this time, and at this point the Chicago Alumni Association had prepared a surprise for us. Paper hats, tin horns, flutes, and every sort of a contrivance with which to make a noise, were presented to us, and the noise and confusion that followed would have done credit to Rector's in New York on New Year's Eve, about 1:00 a. m.

Again, it was too early for the boys to go to bed, and so many of us filed down to the dining rooms and there stayed until the wee hours of the morning reminiscing on fraternity life.

The next evening, the ball in the gold room of the New Congress Hotel took place. This was the final social feature of the convention, and proved to be the greatest attraction to visitors. Before this dance, when any Chicago  $\Sigma$  A E was asked about the girls who were to be present they just winked their eye and said "You wait",

and we did. Chicago certainly made good her boast that this would be the greatest dance  $\Sigma$  A E ever gave. Through the thoughtfulness of our brothers at Chicago, and through their courtesy in almost insisting that we dance with their own partners, we were never without the company of the fair sex. As the evening waned, everyone waxed warm in their newly formed acquaintances, and ere the dance was half over, everyone felt as though Chicago were his home and the young women with whom he was dancing were his oldest and best friends. The writer would certainly be ungrateful to the kindness and courtesy extended to the visiting brothers by the Chicago Alumni Association, and their partners of the fair sex, if he did not pause a moment to describe in some small measure something of the pleasures of this beautiful occasion. It was over all too soon. The young ladies took their leave, all of them insisting that whenever we came to Chicago, we would not forget to call and see them, and, with a hurried "Good-bye", this great ball was over. In fact, the dance was over, but in memory that evening is still young. Many moons will pass before the visiting brothers will allow the pleasures of that evening to even grow dim in that corner of their memory which is set aside for  $\Sigma$  A E.

On behalf of the visiting brothers of  $\Sigma$  A E, the writer wishes to extend their heartiest thanks to the Chicago Alumni Association for the courtesies extended to them while in their city, and we trust that when any of them are in any town where there is a chapter or alumni association of  $\Sigma$  A E, they will not fail to call and remain with us during their stay, and thus in some small measure acquit us of our obligation to them.

And so we said "Good-bye", with both a tinge of sadness and a tinge of joy; a tinge of sadness for the reason that we must leave our newly found friends, and a tinge of gladness because of the friends we know we have made, and because we know that they will, as long as breath lasts, be friends in need and friends indeed.

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#### NATIONAL PRIDE

Of all kinds of pride I hold national pride the most foolish; it ruined Greece; it ruined Judea and Rome.—Herder.





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## An Undergrad's Impressions

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THE original request for this "story" spoke of "impressions" or some such thing, of the Chicago Convention. While I do not yet know what I am going to write about, I venture to predict that most of the readers (if any) will naturally think of it as "ramblings and observations," or just "ramblings." For if I were to record only the "impressions" of the Convention, I should probably begin by saying that the thing that impressed me most was the fact that so many men could so willingly go without any sleep for so long a time. I think this loss amounted to a real sacrifice for a great many; but the feeling of everyone seemed to be: "Well, we have three days in which to transact a lot of business for the Fraternity, get acquainted with a few hundred other  $\Sigma$  A Es from all parts of the country, and have a good time generally, and we are going to do all of these things, and if it takes all the nights as well as all the days we don't care." I remember seeing Billy Levere crawl in between the covers at 4:30 the first night; one time at 5:30 in the morning I happened to be wandering around from room to room in search of a certain typewriter, and I discovered Al Leue and his Committee on National Laws still "going to it," and when the doors of the Convention Hall were opened at 9 a. m. they were there ready to enter for further work; and I also recall seeing men on the *Daily* staff walking along the streets with galleys of "lead" at an hour when Chicago was just beginning slightly to stir after her rest between 2:30 and 5:00. The mention of these early morning hours causes me to remember also the parties of fellows who would be alighting from the elevators at these times after reunions of various kinds held in various places, and makes me seem to hear right now the voices of General Brandon and Flem Hazen and see the handsome profile and the  $\Sigma$  A E smile of Phil Johnson. So much, then, for the subject of "no sleep," et cetera.

Some of the names that I set down above lead me naturally to pass to the thing that I choose to mention above all others in con-

nection with the convention. Never having attended a national convention (although I had heard of the one at which the brother from Alabama learned for the first time that "damn Yankee" had ceased to be one word, and the famous Boston gathering at which the idea of identifying by means of crayoning names across "hard boiled" shirt fronts came into prominence), I was open to strong, fresh impressions, and I received some. Anyone who was in touch with things at all could not fail to have been impressed with the unlimited amount of time, thought, and effort that men whose college classes date back fifteen to twenty-five years gave to the fraternity during those few days. There were bankers, lawyers, United States Senators, Circuit Court Judges—men with many and important interests elsewhere—who came and worked night and day. And when you thought about it you were reminded that their work for the fraternity was not limited to that which they did at national conventions, but that they were doing their part all through the year. The loyalty of active men is often splendid, but it is that of the alumni that makes one marvel. I cannot conceive of any man with any possibilities whatever, taking part in a national convention, and not coming away filled to the brim with enthusiasm for the fraternity, and counting himself many times fortunate for having grasped the opportunity to find out just how large and fine a thing fraternity loyalty is. That one thing that is a part of every national convention, I suppose, means most to the undergraduate  $\Sigma$  A E. If my feeling is a general one among chapter delegates, a man will resolve to do something for his chapter and for the fraternity, and really go ahead and do it, just after he has returned from such a convention as the one at Chicago, or he will never resolve to do, or in fact do, anything for them at all.

It is hard to single out any one feature of the Convention just passed that should be reserved for special mention. Every one of the Convention sessions was filled with important business and was intensely interesting. Especially impressive was that of the last day at the beginning of which it seemed a physical impossibility to finish up all the remaining business. The spirit of coöperation was the most wonderful that I have ever seen anywhere. I had seen enough contention and wrangling in college to know what it meant to find a gathering where every man realized that every other





THE PROVINCE PRESIDENTS AT CHICAGO

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was honestly working for the same common end and was willing and ready to act on that realization. I have been asked for the point of view of the undergraduate, and that seemed to me to stand out most strongly in the actual business of the Convention.

The banquet is worthy of a special article and I trust that it will get it. If you want to get a rise of enthusiasm out of any active man who attended the Convention all you have to do is to mention the banquet. Looking back now nearly two months to the night of December 22nd, that one event still stands out as the most wonderful social gathering that I have ever seen. It seemed as if every  $\Sigma$  A E in the world had gathered in the Gold Room that night, and a glorious spectacle it was. When I witness and participate in the social event that surpasses this, I shall know that I have seen a great gathering. After all the banquet brought out all that is best, all that is most representative in the Fraternity. Of all the events of the Convention the memory of that night will probably linger longest with the college man. This is a bold statement, too, when one thinks of the average college man's interest in a ball such as the one that was part of the Convention, but I believe that it is a true one.

Another thing that I shall always be very grateful to the Chicago Convention for—something quite apart from the Fraternity as such—is the opportunity it gave for meeting and knowing men, merely as men, of sufficient personality and force of character to make a distinct impression on the average undergraduate. I met many high-calibre men, and I also met the man, of all the men that I know now, who comes most nearly to measuring up to my ideal type. It is something to find such a man as that, even though you are not a born hero worshiper.

The letter calling for this article also requested that it be of a humorous, serious tone. I fear that it has been largely in the latter vein, first because I do not possess the sparkling flow so much in demand, and secondly because the Convention was to me very largely a serious thing. It was a big thing. I count it one of the biggest in my college life so far. But however all this may be, I believe that the inspiration and enthusiasm that college men carried away from the Chicago Convention will go a long way toward accomplishing a few things in the  $\Sigma$  A E world.

## Two Convention Speeches

SPEECH OF U. S. SENATOR KEY PITTMAN

*Mr. Toastmaster and Brothers:*

You cannot realize how happy I am to be with you tonight, and how deeply I am touched by this whole-hearted reception.

Our remarkable convention which is being so happily brought to a close with this love feast, like all of our biannual gatherings, is pervaded with that spirit of fraternity that stimulates our college men, encourages our alumni and brings joy to the hearts of all.

You who today are bearing the responsibilities of the Fraternity, lifting aloft its banner, teaching its precepts and ideals recall to our memories those principles upon which we have builded our lives, and revive in us the old spirit, while we who have entered into the turbulent stream of life, happily can advise and encourage you who are but at its source.

Such, are some of the many benefits we derive from our biannual conventions. The pleasures are so numerous and intoxicating that poor language stammer for a description.

I am taken back and in my imagination live again the most joyous days of life. I see the campus with its reverend and dignified oaks, looking down upon me with the condescension of those who have affiliated with the great and learned; I view again the ancient buildings of learning, with the awe and pent up admiration, that one might feel upon entering the temple of infinite knowledge. I watch with covert glances the lordly seniors and the college heroes. I smell the odor of new books and revel in the exclusive and absolute proprietorship of my room with its table and student's lamp. I feel over again all of the mixed emotion, of doubt, wonder, elation, embarrassment, enthusiasm, lonesomeness, pride and ambition that one experiences when he enters the new life of the college. I remember with peculiar joy the most trivial sources of merriment. I remember the glee club and the beautiful girls under whose windows we sang—and the cake. Yes I even remember the sweet voice of Dick Miller as he stood under the fig tree where the thanksgiving turkeys roosted, and sang "Dew drops are falling upon me sweet love, open the window to me."

Our distinguished brother and toastmaster has spoken of me in words of generous praise, and though such words gladden my heart, my conscience will not permit that they be received without modification.

I am naturally proud of the office with which the people of my state have entrusted me and I am doubly proud that all the honor, there may be in it, may be justly shared by our Fraternity. For it is to our Fraternity that I am chiefly indebted for any peculiar habits or traits of character that win success in life.

'Tis indeed a sad thought when a United States Senator first realizes that he is not made of a superior mould; that he is in fact rarely distinguishable from his fellow man by physical appearance or mental accomplishments, and that he owes his success rather to peculiar habits and traits of character than to superior mental or physical endowments.



HON. ARTHUR J. TUTTLE  
Michigan Iota-Beta, '95, U. S. Judge at  
Detroit



HON. KEY PITTMAN  
Tennessee Zeta, '88, U. S. Senator from  
Nevada



HON. J. N. DICKINSON  
Tennessee Nu, '71, Ex-Secretary of War

SOME OF THE BANQUET SPEAKERS





Why, when in doubt, no one ever selects me for a United States Senator.

In the Senate Office building at Washington there is an elevator in which Senators have the preference. After I had been in the Senate so long that I imagined that everyone knew my position, I got on the elevator one day at the fourth floor with a well-known Senator. I said "first floor"; the other Senator said "subway." The elevator descended past the first floor as though I had never spoken. After the other Senator had gotten out at the subway I turned upon the elevator boy with indignation and said, "Did you hear me say first floor?" He replied, "Yes Sir, but a Senator desired to go to the subway."

But I have become accustomed to such mistakes, and in fact enjoy them. During the recent campaign in Nevada I was compelled to catch a train at four o'clock in the morning. A large fine looking traveling man took the same train with me. We were both very sleepy and as we were not aware that there was any drawing room we fell asleep in our chairs. A little later I awoke and my friend was gone. After looking through all the cars for him, I asked the darkey porter if he knew what had become of my companion. He said, "The Senator is asleep in the drawing room and don't desire to be disturbed."

Success is not accomplished through superior intellect and education alone, but on the contrary these attributes are far less effective than will power, perseverance, courtesy and industry—the results of environment and training.

The man who succeeds in life is the man who has a fixed purpose, and who possesses the nerve and industry to persevere until that purpose is accomplished.

Opportunity, it is true, is a factor in life, but opportunity comes often to every man. It is not the lack of opportunity, so much as the failure to see and take advantage of it, that prevents many a strong man from succeeding. Nor are we compelled to wait for opportunity, because opportunity is but a condition and may be created.

The power, to create or to see an opportunity, and to take advantage of it, is but a matter of training.

If these conjectures be true then environment and training are the primary and most potent elements of success.

What part do our college fraternities play in the great scheme of life?

Should I ask this question of the uninitiated, I would not be surprised if I were told that fraternities stimulated vanity, false pride and luxury, and that they serve no beneficial purpose, but you and all other fraternity men know how unjust would be such an answer. It is for you to prove to the world the error of such a conviction. Yes, you know the work of the Fraternity. From the rushing of the new men, to the work of the conventions of after years. And what does the rushing of the new man mean? It is the effort to win the confidence and approval of the new student and to convince him that his college career will be made happier and more successful by joining your Fraternity. And who are the men that you seek? The men whom you believe will not only be congenial, but who will, in college and in after life, reflect honor upon the Fraternity. Is there anything unfair or wrong in such action? Could a society be formed with higher motives or

perpetuated through purer plans? Can it be conceived that societies so organized and conducted could be detrimental to the social or literary efficiency of any college?

There should be no complaint against the manner of selecting members. It is but the same process adopted by all Nature in the perfect scheme of evolution—the selection of the fittest. The new student who does not possess the necessary qualifications has no cause for complaint, nor should he become discouraged or embittered, because it's within his power to fit himself for the Fraternity, and when he accomplishes this he will be gladly accepted. The high standard is an incentive to the new student to strive to reach such standards.

The rushed and selected man may have been known before he came to college. He may have excelled or have given evidence of excelling in literature, science, oratory or athletics. What ever his tendency may be it is stimulated to the utmost.

If he is an athlete he receives the constant advice, instruction and care of the older athletes. He is taught the necessity of temperance, discipline, industry and determination. He is taught to fight and never to surrender.

The instructor may be like Bobby Burns and like Burns to his young friend may say, "And may ye better reck the rede then ever did th' advisor," but the instructor and all the rest of the Fraternity will urge and aid their brother to reck the rede.

If he be a contestant for a literary honor, every aid and encouragement will be thrown around him. His hours of study and research will be carefully guarded from interruption, and his health will be watched over as with a mother's eye.

Around these champions of the Fraternity are comfortably wrapped the warm and encouraging mantle of the most perfect environment, while the skill and discipline of the most scientific trainers develop and refine to the highest point of efficiency every quality of mind, nerve and muscle that will count in the great battle.

These contests whether in the field, the classroom or on the rostrum, are as real as any of the contests of after life and bring into action the same attributes of mind, body and soul essential to victory in any forum and in every field of endeavor.

The Fraternity is proud and jealous of the success of its champions. Every brother feels the same pride and suffers the same responsibility.

The Fraternity participates equally with each brother in the glory of victory or the humiliation of defeat. These conditions impose upon the contestant a serious and impelling responsibility, that stimulates him to the supremest efforts, the most patient and self-sacrificing perseverance, a self-control in victory and fortitude in defeat.

I do not intend to minimize the influence of the college and other schools. They supply literary knowledge, they teach the student to think, to analyze, to concentrate and retain, but the spirit of the college or schools is not born of the studies.

The spirit of the college, that moulds the student's character, arouses his patriotism, teaches him honor and brotherhood of man, trains his will

power, stimulates his ambitions and guides his course of action throughout life, is born of and nurtured by the Fraternity.

Is it any wonder that such environment and such training make for the highest type of manhood in our nation. And fraternity men do represent the highest type in our nation. In every avenue of our public life, in the arts, literature, business and politics we find the fraternity man predominant and preëminent.

Lest I be misunderstood by the non-fraternity man let me say, that I do not contend that only fraternity men are endowed with the qualifications and possessed of the training essential to success, for I have known many great and successful men who voluntarily refrained from joining fraternities, through either a misconception of their purpose, or some other unfortunate cause. In fact some of the greatest men this country has ever produced were denied the opportunity of college education and training.

But, what a help it would have been to these men and how much easier would have been their advance had they enjoyed the training, advice and encouragement of a fraternity.

Brothers, while speaking, I forget that I am one of you, and that in praising you and fraternities in general, I am flattering myself. It reminds me of the first time I ran for the Senate. Yes, I was defeated. It was in 1910. In the town in which I live there was only at that time about fifty darkeys. Their support was about equally divided between my distinguished opponent and myself. One night during the campaign, after I had made a speech in this town that I confidently believed unanswerable and convincing, the darkeys assembled at their usual rendezvous to discuss my efforts. One of my supporters said, "He shore made a powerful speech—he shore did." One of my opponents in answer said, "What did he say—you jes tell me what he say." My supporter replied, "I don't know what he say, but he shore recommend hisself high."

As our country develops, and its intercourse with other countries becomes more intimate the problems of business and government become more complex. The solution of these problems requires the best services of the highest type of men we produce. Such men must combine within themselves, the analysis of the scholar, the patriotism of a Washington, the skill of the diplomat, the patience and love of a Christian and the execution of a man of action. It is no time for ignorance, braggadocio, mock-heroics and demigogery.

A splendid opportunity is open to you and it is within your power through the excellent training that you enjoy, to take part in the solution of these vital problems and to perform a great and patriotic duty.

#### SPEECH OF M. E. HOLDERNESS

*Mr. Toastmaster:*

I am going to run amuck with conventionality tonight, and ask you to excuse me from responding to the toast assigned. I find myself in the grip of memories that pull at the heartstrings, and I beg of you liberty for these few minutes of my farewell to the Fraternity. I want to wander a while in the halls of sacred reminiscence, not in solitude—for there are veterans

here who have been with me all the way—God bless them, and God be praised “that our band remains unbroken, firm and lasting as before.” I want to dwell for a season in the halls of anticipation—not alone, for I see here young and hopeful faces of those who stand but at the threshold of their fraternity lives, and who will gaze with me upon Phi Alpha’s dawn—the dawn of the more perfect day—the dawn that will reveal triumphs and glories of which we have not yet dared dream.

As I look back upon the milestones to the Nashville Convention of 1898 when I sat as a timid visitor in that assembly, it does not seem so long ago—but when I review the strides Sigma Alpha Epsilon has made in those intervening years, it reminds me that time is flying. As I look today upon the Fraternity in the glow and vigor of its well-rounded maturity, my heart swells with pride neath the rhombic badge of gold, and as I have played but a very small part in the evolution, I may be pardoned for referring to some of the policies that have been responsible for this success.

I am thinking ever now of men who have served Sigma Alpha Epsilon since I have known the Fraternity—Howard P. Nash, Eddie Virgin, Albert M. Austin, Champe Andrews, J. Washington Moore, Henry Sydnor Harrison, Floyd Furlow, the Buntings and those old warriors who are here with us now—and I love them more than ever—because I can see now how they stood for the policies and fought for the principles that led us out of the wilderness of provincialism into the broad fields of progressive service.

My first convention was attended by only eighty-six delegates and visitors—such a small number that I can recall nearly every one of them by face and name. I would not attempt this with the Chicago Convention of 1914 where we have approximately one thousand delegates and visitors. We have one-third more chapters than we then had, and our annual receipts are three times as large. Then chapter houses were almost unknown—today a chapter without a house—where the chapter house plan is feasible—is almost out of the fashion. Then we had no Board of Trustees, no history and Phi Alpha was a pitiful pamphlet.

Today we have a splendid history in three volumes that surpasses anything of the kind within my knowledge. We have a *Manual*, a *Songbook*, a *Convention Daily*—while our regular publications are worthy representatives of modern journalism—all of these things go to show that for the past fifteen years Minerva’s chariot has been running in the high gear—that the lady has arrived somewhere—and is bound somewhither.

First and foremost of all the policies that have made Sigma Alpha Epsilon great has been her policy of extension. She has progressed through successive periods of Southern Extension, Northern Extension, Eastern Extension, and is now enjoying the conquest of nation-wide extension.

I honor above many men those pioneers who blazed the way for the purple and gold, and I think we shall find, when we join them in the circle eternal, that their badges have brighter jewels than the rest.

Extension exemplifies the spirit of unselfishness, and marks its advocate as dedicated to service. There is something irresistible about the extensionist—the world loves to stand close to the broad, generous, and sympathetic individual, who shows an inclination to share his riches and his honor with others.



In every progressive fraternity there have been those who would divert attention from extension by clamoring for internal improvement. That there is no greater fallacy is proven by the fact that Sigma Alpha Epsilon's period of greatest internal development, has been at the same time her greatest era of extension. As unto the ship, the great highway of the seas, so one of these policies to the other—useless each without the other. The thought has never been more clearly or forcefully expressed than by Walter J. Sears, Sigma Nu's able editor. Says he: "If, by intensive development, you mean raising up false standard of social achievements, if you mean that every group of men must be housed in a palatial home, and led into effeminate lives of luxury and self-centered gratification; if you mean that one community of American college men is to become so provincial as to look upon another community of American college men in a spirit of aloftness and condescension, then, in our opinion, that sort of intensive development is intensively wrong, and wicked, and will if allowed free play, bring our Fraternity into the condemnation of all good men. If, on the other hand, you mean by intensive development, the rearing of broad-minded, cultured, sympathetic, incorruptible, democratic men; if you mean that that genuine spirit of brotherhood, which is the spirit of love and service, shall grip the hearts of these men and send them out in the world, big-hearted and big-fisted men, fighting for every uplifting cause, and against every degrading one; putting their strong arms under the burden of the world's wrong and misery; young men and old men, wide enough between the eyes to recognize all human worth, despite the fictions of pedigree and wealth; men of character and honor; whose word is better than a roll of beribboned bonds, then we are for that sort of intensive development and shall labor for it and commend it in Indiana or Ohio, or any other section where it may find a sincere expression.

"Clearly, a sane external growth should go hand in hand with a sane internal growth."

Next in importance to extension, among the great policies that have lifted our Fraternity to the higher plane, I place journalism. It is not my purpose to underrate the great speeches in assembly made, stirring and lifting young men and inspiring them with nobler impulses and loftier aspirations—but these have been intermittent and spasmodic, while the facile pen has moved on, in simplicity and silence, without interruption, and with none to make it afraid—a mighty moulder of thought and incentive to action.

Our incomparable historian has gathered the lost and hidden treasures of our early days, and woven them into a wonderful story. How beautifully, and yet how modestly he puts it—in the preface to his work—when he says: "To deal with the stories of its one hundred and one chapters, and of other days, has been to work face to face with all the glamour and joy and pleasure, as well as with all the pathos and tender touches which have come into the hearts of the ten thousand young lives, whom Sigma Alpha Epsilon, with its light of eternal youth, has touched, to make happier, and brighter, and better."

Recording faithfully from day to day the current events of the Fraternity, and making material for our future history has come our succession of able editors. They have been men who knew and understood the life

and spirit of the college man—men who could share their buoyancy and enthusiasm while appreciating their difficulties and their problems—men who could reach this brotherhood of youth, and stir them into a passion for higher and nobler living. Some have claimed our magazines are not read—I know to the contrary—and I can call by name a long roll of young men who have been held to our traditional faith by the doctrines of true fellowship and the lessons of unselfish living portrayed in our publications.

Of the constancy and fidelity of our young men I have never had a doubt. My despair for several years was the holding of our older men, many of whom chilled by the sterner realities of life become unresponsive to the call of Fraternity. Sigma Alpha Epsilon has met and solved this problem—as it has many others.

I do not believe the rank and file of the Fraternity fully realize the tremendous moment of the Life Subscription Plan adopted by the last convention. The delegates from our active chapters at that time picked up the two ends of the cord, and bound them together, uniting our old men and young with a bond of fellowship and helpfulness. When our men who are now leaving college enter the ranks and begin the real battle of life, they will be followed there by *THE RECORD*—and when they read the stories of the undergraduates and call back the days when they themselves were doing those very things, it would be strange indeed if their hearts did not turn again to their college home. They will—and—messages of good counsel and messages of love—they will send back to the new recruits—and journalism will score again its greatest triumph.

I should like to discuss some other matters that have touched my administration, but I have consumed as much time as I can reasonably claim.

I would tell you much of the anti-fraternity movement, which in my opinion has passed its crisis, and I would show you how this trial has been the greatest blessing fraternities have ever enjoyed. Together we all prayed that this cup might pass from us—and now we know it was our salvation.

I should like to tell you about our case now pending in the Supreme Court of the United States, and which we believe will confirm the rights of students in our state universities to join and maintain membership in college fraternities.

I would show you the great opportunity of an interfraternity movement which could sweep this country with an irresistible force, and make itself felt on every classical hill.

I should like to tell you of my greatest regret—as I analyze conditions in our Fraternity today—the regret that our chapters, as the character of their meetings has disclosed, have let go of a traditional and life-giving principle, in that they are permitting fellowship, social and business features to crowd out almost all religious and educational features.

But remember there is no pessimism even here, for Sigma Alpha Epsilon will meet alike her dangers and her opportunities in the spirit of that philosophy which our order enjoins.

Tomorrow I shall take my farewell to the official family and retire to private life. The honors my Fraternity have conferred upon me have been far greater than I deserve. If I have contributed aught to the welfare and progress of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, it is but a small return for the joys

and pleasures and blessings she has poured into my lap. If you were to look closely, you would see some gray hairs about my head. I think I am rather proud of them—because some of them are dedicated to Sigma Alpha Epsilon. I would not boast of conflict, nor would I excite your sympathies with stories of trial and tribulation—but I want you to know that the path of your chief executive is not strewn with roses—it is a fight always, sometimes from within and sometimes from without, and I would have you give my successor the same sympathy and support that has been given me—for without it he will fail.

Over the desk in my private room—there is a picture—a copy of one of Moran's masterpieces—one that I love very much. The title of the picture is "The Last Furrow." It is the end of the day, and the billowy clouds above reflect the golden glory of the setting sun—a terraced field stretches out in the undefinable beauty of that gray and sober twilight. Silhouetted against this background you see but the outline of man and beast. The peasant—bowed with the day's labor, leans to the plow—and the row is all but finished. The peasant and the patient ox—look with longing eyes to the light from a window of a cottage in the valley below—the light that seems to welcome them to an evening's recompense of—relaxation and repose. On the morrow the peasant will arise refreshed, and go forth again to labor—perchance not in that broader field of the yesterday—but maybe he will find down behind the cottage, in an obscure corner, a little garden-spot where he must labor yet another day for those he loves. This is Moran's painting—but the contemplation of it seems to satisfy my soul as I say farewell to you.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: We are sorry not to be able to present to the fraternity the other splendid speeches delivered on this occasion. The two we print are the only ones in manuscript form.]

Judge Dickinson having been Secretary of War, and his subject being "Peace" dwelt very largely upon the necessity for the United States to be prepared, or at least better prepared to meet a worthy foe, should one arise. His remarks came with decided emphasis, for no one could speak with a better insight to our country's needs in that regard, than he. It was decidedly interesting, to have present one of the supporters of President Wilson, Senator Pittman, who diverted from his set speech to reply to Brother Dickinson and to assure the fraternity that our country was prepared for war should it be forced upon us—and that the people of the United States should have no fear that the man at the helm was not alert and watchful of our country's interest and needs].

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The great man . . . is he who hath no disposition or occasion for any kind of deceit, no reason for being or for appearing different from what he is.—Landor.

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 Johnson, Paul A., Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Vanstrum, Paul, Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Ely, Robt. H., Virginia, Minn.  
 Humphrey, E. F., New York.  
 Moore, Mark D., Owatonna, Minn.  
 Keller, D. E. M.
- Wisconsin Alpha*—
- Bemis, Walter S., Madison, Wis.  
 Mills, H. Raymond, Clay City, Ill.  
 Frazee, John P., Madison, Wis.  
 Wilger, C. A., Madison, Wis.  
 Sagen, Carl W., Moline, Ill.  
 Garst, Warren C., Des Moines, Ia.  
 Perrine, Stephen E., Big Timber, Mont.  
 Garst, Jonathan, Coon Rapids, Ia.  
 Maurer, C. N., Chicago.  
 Wynn, L. G., Sterling, Ill.  
 Haley, Harry D., Madison, Wis.  
 Jones, R. L., Moline, Ill.  
 Barton, J. B., Jr., Berwyn, Ill.  
 Douglas, C. C., Chicago.  
 McMahan, E. M., Madison, Wis.  
 Johnson, W. L., Rockford, Ill.  
 Walters, E. L., Chicago.  
 Blatz, F., Jr., Chicago.  
 Weart, D. W., Libertyville, Ill.  
 Benar, B. E., Madison, Wis.  
 Campbell, F. D.  
 Yerkes, Charles J.  
 White, H. W.  
 Wilkes, F. S.  
 Rhineheimer, Chas. A.  
 Rose, Milton E.  
 Smith, Charles F.  
 Richardson, M. S.  
 Mills, Thomas E.  
 Benedict, Frank W.

## Province Epsilon

*Georgia Beta*—

Alexander, Hooper

*Georgia Epsilon*—

Forman, Laurens, Atlanta, Ga.

*Georgia Phi*—

Marshall, P. M.

*Alabama Mu*—

Hain, J. B., Chicago.

*Alabama Alpha-Mu*—

Biving, S. C.

*Alabama Iota*—

Dowling, N. T.

## Province Zeta

*Nebraska Lambda Pi*—

Meyer, A. H., Chicago.

Corey, Harold H., Lincoln, Neb.

Roberts, C. H., Omaha, Neb.

Townsend, M. E.

*Missouri Alpha*—

Allen, E. T., Chicago.

Holmes, W. H., Jr., Kansas City, Mo.

Talbot, Chas. H.

Sanborn, J. W.

*Missouri Beta*—

Gehrunge, Eugene S., Chicago.

*Arkansas Alpha Upsilon*—

Govan, J. F., Chicago.

Cantwell, H. C., Chicago.

*Kansas Alpha*—

Taylor, E. S., Alton, Ill.

Maurer, W. B., Topeka, Kan.

Baldwin, G. Clyde, Boise, Idaho.

Watson, Raymond E., Kansas City, Mo.

Mariner, C. E.

Darrrough, R. A.

*Kansas Beta*—

Lovett, Bruce, Larned, Kan.

Plumb, L. A., St. Francis, Wis.

*Iowa Beta*—

Young, Hugh E., Chicago.

Hamilton, Frank G., Iowa City, Ia.

*Iowa Gamma*—

Wilson, Walter R., Milwaukee, Wis.

Sanderson, L. R., Chicago.

Reeve, Lew, Hampton, Iowa.

Martin, C. B., Iowa City, Iowa.

Devine, E. R., Sycamore, Ill.

Harris, C. E.

*South Dakota Sigma*—

Woodworth, E. B., Vermilion, S. D.

Woodworth, H. W., Vermilion, S. D.

Warnes, B. L., Moline, Ill.

Tower, DeLoss

Sterling, Chas. W.

Peterson, E. B.

Warnes, B. L.

## Province Eta

*Colorado Chi*—

Grill, Ernest, Jr., Chicago.

Pierce, Horace H., Denver, Colo.

Brunton, H. J., Denver, Colo.

Puy, DuVal, Denver, Colo.

Humphrey, R. G., Chicago.

Downer, F. M., Sheridan, Wyo.

Brown, W. E., Sheridan, Wyo.

*Colorado Zeta*—

Green, Will P., Warsaw, Ill.

Rees, Edwin A.

*Colorado Lambda*—

Harrod, W. A., Golden, Colo.

Mertes, A. T., Chicago.

Dugleby, A. F., Golden, Colo.

Harwood, T. F., Bloomington, Ill.

Whitehouse, Howard

## Province Theta

*Oklahoma Kappa*—

Wells, Eugene S., Oklahoma City, Okla.

*Louisiana Tau-Upsilon*—

Woodward, Carl E.

Pitts, W. J.

## Province Iota

*Kentucky Epsilon*—

Remick, H. Phelps, Winchester, Ky.

Beaumont, W. C., Chicago.

Shiesing, W. S., Chicago.

*Tennessee Lambda*—

Beaumont, C. E., Fresno, Cal.

*Tennessee Nu*—

Hunter, B. W., Chicago.

Moffat, Wm. McD., Chicago.

Holderness, Geo. S.

Brown, W. C. F.

Dickinson, J. M.

Offenhauser, G. T.

*Tennessee Kappa*—

Leach, Robt. S., Knoxville, Tenn.

*Tennessee Eta*—

Wilson, Conson C., Jackson, Tenn.

*Tennessee Zeta*—

Pittman, Key, Washington, D. C.

## Province Kappa

*California Alpha*—

Campbell, H. Erskine, Chicago.

Thorpe, Will Lawrence, Kansas.







DON, R. ALMY, New York Alpha  
Eminent Supreme Archon

## Don. R. Almy, E. S. A.

By Ralph S. Kent

New York Alpha

THE Chicago Convention was a conservative institution and like most conservative bodies builded well. It made no exception in the election of its officers. Judge Tuttle now graces the office of Past Eminent Supreme Archon, and the office graces him. Brother Leue was fittingly reelected to the editorship of *Phi Alpha*. Brother Kimball is a natural treasurer, while our beloved "Billy" was foreordained to the office of E. S. R. Things just naturally bounce off from him, and a genial, kindly glow emanates from his presence in the darkest surroundings. Anything here said concerning the editor of THE RECORD would be modestly but effectively censored, but everyone knows that he is the man for the office.

It is the object of this pen to sketch the life of the man whose picture appears somewhere in this issue, and who now occupies the office of E. S. A.

Don. R. Almy was born in Grand Rapids, Mich., fifteen days after the eighteenth anniversary of the birthday of our Order, celebrated in 1874. His father and mother were educated at Genesee College, which is now known as Syracuse University, and his mother holds a master's degree granted by Syracuse. The son's early boyhood and education was lived and gained in Jamestown, N. Y. At the age of 18 he entered Cornell University in the classical course, with the class of '96. He was initiated by New York Alpha on January 20, 1894. At the close of his junior year he obtained a leave of absence for a year, and returned to college again in the fall of 1896, taking an A.B. degree in 1897, and an LL.B. degree in 1898.

In college he was actively connected with undergraduate affairs, being a member of the Glee Club for three years, chairman of committees and a member of the law school honorary clubs. During his absence from College the charter of New York Alpha was withdrawn, and after his return he became interested in the movement to restore it. Before he finally left Cornell he had the

pleasure of being one of the speakers at the installation dinner of New York Alpha revived. Ever since he has been an active and potent force in the development of that chapter.

Shortly after his graduation he became identified with the legal department of the Metropolitan Street Railway system of New York City. In three years he became Assistant Solicitor, but two years later he resigned to engage in practice for himself. He has since been an active and successful trial lawyer in New York, and is now the senior member of the firm of Almy, Van Gordon, Kelly & Evans, with offices at 46 Cedar Street.

On October 7, 1907, he married Marie Pattison, and a son, Thomas Pattison Almy, now bears his family name. So much for biographical data.

His interest in the Fraternity has always been keen and active. The records show that since his graduation he has visited his mother chapter at least once every year with the exception of two years. During those visits he has devoted time and ability to the constructive measures that have brought his chapter to the occupation of its new \$75,000 chapter house. Many of the objects and aims of New York Alpha's chapter house association are the product of his fertile mind. He has not been a mere critic, but at all times has remained a constructionist lending his force and influence to progress, and ever ready to make a generous contribution in money to the house scheme. In fact he is the largest contributor of actual money as befits the president of the association. His visions reach far into the future and he sees with a prophetic eye the time when proper administration will achieve a surplus fund in these chapter house organizations sufficient to provide scholarships for the benefit of any  $\Sigma$  A E who may be "down on his luck" or ambitious for special study in a chosen profession.

Many of the ideas that have been worked out in his chapter he has advocated be applied to every chapter. The Standard System of Accounts is the result of his untiring effort and persistent work in overcoming indifference and uninformed opposition. He has devoted countless hours to gathering information about table board and steward departments in the various chapters, and then has assembled this information into what may become a textbook for the

entire Fraternity. The idea of a centralized business office occupied by a traveling, salaried officer was first advocated by him. Many other wise suggestions for internal development have emanated from his thoughtful, constructive and intensely active mind, some of them having been adopted while others are awaiting the time when the Fraternity reaches the proper stage in its upward growth for their adoption and enforcement. Those of us who know him, who have worked with him, who have listened to the unfolding of his dreams of the future greatness and power for good of this Fraternity rejoice at his elevation to the position of national leadership.

Wise counselor, practical dreamer, far-seeing visionist, ceaseless worker, convincing and convincing coworker, we salute you as Brother E. S. A. The broader field of service now before you will not go unserved.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Biographical sketches of the other members of the Supreme Council have appeared in previous issues of *THE RECORD*; in fact, so often, that we deem it unnecessary to again parade their virtues and shortcomings before you.]

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#### THIS DAY

Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely and with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense. This day is all that is good and fair. It is too dear with its hopes and aspirations, to waste a moment upon the yesterday.—Emerson.

## Fraternity Scholarship

*By Charles H. Richardson*

New Hampshire Alpha

I COULD not lead the foot of my class in college because I had so many competitors. Neither could I lead the van for two reasons. (1) The necessary mental endowment. (2) Adequate financial requirements. I was therefore forced by circumstances to the intermediate position.

If you cut off the tail of a class in college it will immediately grow another. If any fraternity loses the man with the lowest scholastic attainments another takes his place. How long shall this amputation continue? Some educators will answer, "Just as long as there are men below the passing requirement".

During my twenty-nine years' experience as a teacher I have watched the achievements of both valedictorians and flunkers. The valedictorian is sometimes a grind whose mental activity consumes the physical. He burns the midnight oil, lives the life of a recluse and thereby fails to mix with men, society and the affairs of life. This is not an argument against high scholarship. Statistics tend to prove that this honor coveted by a few goes more often to the non-fraternity men than to fraternity men. It is not to these men alone that the good scholastic standing of many fraternities is due.

In colleges and universities where records are obtained of the achievements of men dropped from the enrollment for lack of scholarship, the vast majority of those unsuccessful in scholarship are equally unsuccessful in after life. I fought for a young man once when he was about to be dropped from college and he became an expert analyst of high grade explosives for the United States Government. Again I fought for a man who failed in every subject but one at the close of the first semester. When he graduated from college he received the general improvement prize of \$100. Today he is a successful superintendent of schools in Massachusetts. These men who record failures in the early part of their college course are not the only men who are responsible for a low fraternity average.

The scholastic standing of a fraternity concerns itself more with the grade of the large number of men in the active chapter who are capable of obtaining a grade of 85% and are content with 80%. Or who can easily obtain 80% and are satisfied with 75%, and some even with merely passing the course. It is this vast army of men who are content with less than the best that is within them who are responsible.

It is generally admitted that the scholarship of fraternity men is below the average of non-fraternity men. If it were not so Pan-Hellenic and State legislation could not be waged against fraternities on scholastic grounds. True it is that in a few colleges and universities the average scholarship of fraternity men is slightly higher than that of non-fraternity men. I would that this held true of all colleges. It does not, and we must face the fact.

The fraternity man is a peculiar individual. There is something about him that is indescribable. He is not selected on the ground of scholarship for he might become a recluse. He is not chosen on the basis of wealth for he might become an extravaganza. He is not selected on the question of dress, others in the chapter can not follow his ideal. There is in him a personal magnetism, a natural endowment, a depth of character, a world of worth that we feel will better our own lives by contact and comradeship with him as brother in our fraternal family.

The scholastic attainments of fraternity men are somewhat affected by the larger number of social obligations, the tendency to participate in college and interfraternity athletics, and the many duties that devolve upon him as a true and loyal fraternity man. By these experiences fraternity men often get more out of college than non-fraternity men. Yet scholarship is the fundamental basis of a college education.

There is, I believe, an upper limit of average in scholarship beyond which our fraternities will not go. They are anxious to maintain a standing that is above criticism either by the college authorities or the critical non-fraternity man. Some chapters are today above reproach while others are not. That there is need of general improvement few, if any, doubt. The pertinent question is: How can the scholarship of fraternities be raised and maintained at the

ideal of educators? The answer lies not in one method but in many. The remedy that will obviate the difficulty in one chapter is not applicable to all. Possibilities exist in some one or more of the following suggestions.

1. National legislation;—The outcome of national legislation may seem to some debatable. The National Scholarship Committee recently appointed by our Eminent Supreme Archon, Don. R. Almy, will encourage increased efficiency in scholastic attainments without encumbering the machinery of any particular chapter. If some guiding rule or approved technique can be adopted that with little expenditure of energy by the individual chapters will raise our national scholastic standing, the committee will have accomplished something. The personnel of the Scholarship Committee is Prof. Charles H. Richardson, Syracuse University, chairman; Prof. E. F. Humphrey, Columbia University; Prof. H. P. Weld, Cornell University. National legislation with constitutional amendments seems possible. Restriction of social affairs through chapter rules with a national law requiring such chapter rules can accomplish something for scholarship.

2. Faculty supervision;—If all colleges and universities upon a semester basis, where fraternities exist, would require 12 semester hours to be placed upon the Registrar's books before a pledgling could be initiated, many of the flunkers would be eliminated both from the fraternity and the institution. This should be accompanied by some percentage requirement. This requirement should be above the minimum demanded for a Degree. Eighty per cent has been suggested by some sororities but this attainment is beyond the reach of some good fraternity men. If the college year is divided into quarters then no pledgling should be initiated until he has passed a full quarter's work with an average grade of C. A freshman's scholastic ability is hard to determine unless put to this crucial test.

The annual publication of all fraternity standings in the alumni magazine will stimulate active competition amongst all chapters. The fraternity at the foot of the list today will not be there tomorrow. Vieing with each other not for supremacy but to climb another rung in the ladder elevates the average of all.



Faculty supervision implies more than legislation, comparisons and publication. It signifies a coöperation with the active chapter in securing monthly grades of men, encouraging all men who are weak to more efficient work, adjusting their schedule in elective courses and contact with the active chapters. Heart to heart and hand clasped firm in hand means strength.

3. Chapter regulations;—The report of the Committee on Scholarship as adopted at the Chicago Convention and as it appears in the Convention number of Phi Alpha should be observed by all chapters. Some fraternities require weekly reports, some monthly, some following stated tests, but in no instance should they be less than five times per year. As these are read in the chapter meeting the seriousness of failure should be impressed upon the men. The effect not only upon the scholastic standing of the Fraternity but the deleterious effect upon the chapter when the few who remain become juniors and seniors should be emphasized. The card system of marks should be signed by all the faculty concerned and controlled by upperclassmen.

It is within the jurisdiction of a chapter to restrain all men failing in one subject from going out for social functions more than one evening per week, and all men failing in more than one subject from going out at all evenings until their work is brought up to the required standard. If such men are sent to their rooms each night in charge of an upperclassman or tutor failures will soon cease, for a freshman dislikes being denied social privileges. To observe study hours for all men save on fraternity night is conducive to better scholarship.

The silver loving cup offered by some member of the faculty, alumnus, alumni association, or interfraternity society, to the national fraternity with the highest scholastic standing for the year has accomplished much in wholesome rivalry for scholarship positions. In the race for the cup offered last year at Syracuse University by the Monk's Head society, Sigma Alpha Epsilon was fourth in the list of twenty competitors. The winner and the close second were Jewish fraternities. The first ten national fraternities with their average rank is of interest. Zeta Beta Tau 78.3, Sigma Alpha Mu 76.1, Delta Upsilon 75.8, Sigma Alpha Epsilon 75.03,

Phi Kappa Psi 74.95, Kappa Sigma 74.92, Sigma Phi Epsilon 74.91, Pi Kappa Alpha 74.6, Theta Alpha 74.5, Phi Gamma Delta 74.1. The average of the non-fraternity men was 73.7. New York Delta in her present position may feel justly proud.

It is the privilege and obligation of each chapter to encourage high scholarship on the part of the best men that from time to time elections may be awarded to the honorary scholastic fraternities, Tau Beta Pi, Sigma Xi, and Phi Beta Kappa.

It is possible for a chapter to enforce the suspension of members who fail to maintain the grade required for an academic Degree, to withdraw the privilege of rooming and boarding in the chapter house for the same reason, and to render sufficient financial assistance to men dependent upon their own earnings to meet their financial requirements without endangering their scholastic attainments.

It is furthermore the duty of every man to solve the question of his fraternity's scholarship himself. From this obligation no man can escape. When every active member of any fraternity conscientiously does his full duty in the quest of knowledge adverse criticism from a scholastic standpoint ceases.

4. Alumni associations;—I said to a colleague and fraternity brother a few days ago "Can't you go over to the house next Friday night, get better acquainted with the men and say something about scholarship?" "Oh," said he, "it takes time and money to be a fraternity man after graduation." It is no less true of alumni than it is with undergraduates that we get out of fraternity what we put into fraternity. We can not take more.

Alumni associations have other obligations than weekly or monthly luncheons, social functions or annual reunion on Founders' Day. If alumni associations would delegate a different brother to visit the active chapter on fraternity night and speak to the men whenever they need our council, advice and encouragement, that strength that is born of contact and comradeship will beget sound scholarship.

If a student's main intention is to create and conserve a sound mentality, and to seek as full knowledge as possible, then he preserves the integrity of his intellect, thinks straight and accomplishes the aim of true education.

The chairman of the National Scholarship Committee would be glad to receive suggestions from all active chapters upon the following points.

1. National legislation with constitutional amendments.
2. Restriction of social affairs through chapter rules with national laws requiring such chapter rules.
3. Faculty supervision by members within the chapter.
4. Initiation on basis of Pan-Hellenic scholastic requirements.
5. Card system of marks signed by all faculty concerned and controlled by upperclassmen.
6. Regular study hours save on fraternity night.
7. Suspension of members who fail to maintain the grade required for an academic Degree.
8. Withdrawal of the privilege of rooming and boarding in the chapter house for the same reason.
9. Sufficient financial assistance from a chapter for men dependent upon their own earnings to meet financial requirements without endangering their scholastic attainments.
10. Coöperation of the alumni with the active chapter through weekly visitation and encouragement.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: This is one of a series of articles promised by Professor Richardson during the year. We feel particularly fortunate to have such an ardent fraternity worker among the college authorities; and his ideals and coöperation can not but aid the chapters to perceive and demonstrate them].

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#### THE EFFORT TO ADVANCE

The very effort to advance—to arrive at a higher standard of character than we have reached—is inspiring and invigorating; and even though we may fall short of it, we cannot fail to be improved by every honest effort made in an upward direction.—Samuel Smiles.

## The House at Washington Alpha

*By Harold H. Waller*

WHEN Brother Sanford asked at Chicago for an article on our house at Washington Alpha it came as a very pleasant surprise, for, although Washington Alpha is very proud of its house and finely situated property, it had not occurred to us that it was attracting widespread attention.

We have strived to put  $\Sigma$  A E at the top of the list at Washington in every respect, as it should be, and the acquisition of our property was a long step in that direction. It has made us the envy of Washingtonians, hundreds of whom pass our doorway daily. Everyone has a word of praise for the handsome cream-colored house set in a frame of evergreen trees and surrounded by a spacious lawn.

The purpose of this article is to tell you how we got it, so that our experiences may be of some benefit to others. It was on May 20, 1906, that the local Klatow was transformed from a band of fighting heathen to a loyal band of  $\Sigma$  A Es. The house bug entered their heads and kept on buzzing until, aided by alumni from other chapters, the  $\Sigma$  A E Club House Association was formed March 28, 1908. This association was incorporated under the laws of the state of Washington for the sole purpose, as stated in the incorporation papers, of obtaining a club house for Washington Alpha. It was organized by business men of  $\Sigma$  A E located in Seattle and the neighboring towns, to whom the credit for its final accomplishment of purpose was mainly due.

Several means of raising money were introduced. Life membership to the association was placed at \$25 and the initiation fee at \$5. Subscriptions were called for and many answered liberally. It is sufficient to say that at the first meeting of the Club House Association the purchase of a lot and a half on one of the choicest corners in the University district, directly across the street from the campus, was authorized. Within the first month \$1,100 had been raised with which to make the first payment. The lots cost \$3,750. One thousand dollars was paid down and the remainder made payable in two years. The acquisition of these lots made



JOHN E. BURKHEIMER, Iowa Beta, '06  
Who made the house a reality



WASHINGTON ALPHA'S NEW HOUSE



possible our scheme of financing and also gave us a foundation on which to build our hopes. The campaign for funds received a decided impetus.

Gold bonds were issued, payable in seven years at 7% cumulative interest. These bonds were sold to  $\Sigma$  A Es only. The note system was also introduced whereby every student was required to sign five notes of \$10, each payable one each year after leaving college.

It is seen from the above that we worked to a finish nearly every conceivable plan for raising money. We were all so enthusiastic that a dollar must have winged feet to escape us. But enthusiasm is a fickle thing and long lapses of inactivity intervened between spasms, except among that little band who were at the head of affairs. When money was needed and the time was ripe they started their campaigns, and everyone built castles in the air while the trustees of the Club House Association grabbed their pocketbooks.

In 1910, Brother John Burkheimer, of Iowa Beta, head of the board of trustees, executed a brilliant maneuver by negotiating a loan on the property, and, aided by money obtained from subscriptions, etc., succeeded in paying off the remaining indebtedness to the real estate dealers long before it was due, thereby saving us some \$130 in interest. The loan was for \$1,100 for which a first mortgage on the property was given. About this time the board of trustees contracted for the drawing up of plans for a \$15,000 house to be built on the property sometime in the future.

During the four school years of 1908-1912, we lived in two rented houses. June, 1912, found us forcibly ejected from our last location by the faculty of the university. We had rented a house next door to a sorority and the faculty strenuously objected. Indeed, they had started objecting the September previous, but the matter was not definitely settled until about Christmas time. They handed down a verdict that they would not allow any fraternity in such close proximity to a sorority and we were told to move immediately. Since there was no other place available, however, they consented to our remaining until June if we were good. We must have been so, for there was no more trouble.

We were up against it that summer. There were real estate men who would build a house for us but we would have to pay the piper

in exorbitant rents. We had not raised enough money to start our \$15,000 house, and although property was increasing rapidly in value, our lots would stand for little more mortgaging. We also realized that our lots were too small for as large a house as we intended to build. Then our golden opportunity occurred; Aladdin rubbed his lamp, and our castle became complete without our having to build it.

Dean Priest, of the College of Liberal Arts, owned a house situated on the lot and a half adjoining our own. We tried to get him to sell out but he was obdurate, probably on account of the easy terms that it would be necessary for him to give. Someone had a hunch, so during the summer we started excavation work on our lots and showed him our plans. He promptly threw up his hands and quit. A house the size that our plans called for would loom over the top of his like an office building, shutting off the sunshine and view. He offered to sell out to us for \$11,000 on easy terms. We paid him \$1,000 down, assumed a first mortgage for \$5,000 and agreed to pay the remaining \$5,000 on a contract of \$75 per month, obtainable from rent.

The services of an architect and builder were obtained and the remodeling of the house undertaken. This was finally finished in time for occupancy at the opening of the college year, in September, 1912, at a cost of \$2,200. It was quite a jump from being destitute to possessing one of the finest fraternity homes at the university.

The function of the Club House Association was not fulfilled, however, for now it became their problem to engineer us out of debt. Fifteen hundred dollars a year rent was charged to the active chapter and portions of the initiation fees were turned over to them. A few subscriptions still continued to come in and the note system yielded a few small returns. On December 1, 1913, the first mortgage on the house was due. Things looked gloomy for awhile, but Brother Burkheimer again stepped to the front and executed a little high financing. A \$10,000 loan was obtained, the first mortgage paid off, as well as all other indebtedness on all the property, except \$2,500 still due Dean Priest. A second mortgage was given for this amount payable at a rate of \$65 a month



plus the interest. Our indebtedness decreases therefore at the rate of \$780 per year. This amount will probably be raised to \$1,000 per year by returns from the note system.

The house and property have cost us to date a total of approximately \$17,000. Of this amount \$11,800 is still due, but it is in such a shape that it can all be handled by small monthly payments. Subscriptions and bonds have amounted to \$6,300, the largest part of this being subscription. Our property is now valued at \$25,000. For this splendid showing we are chiefly indebted to Brother John Burkheimer, ably assisted by many alumni from our own and other chapters.

We wish to thank the latter particularly for their aid. They donated liberally and worked as hard for Washington Alpha as they would for their own chapters. It was a glowing example that they set for our new chapter, and we have taken it to heart and become for it better  $\Sigma$  A Es. It is of such stuff that  $\Sigma$  A Es are made.

But the finest part of all our planning and working will not be achieved until we have built upon our corner such a house as will be the envy and admiration of our western college world. We are out after it, and "Here's to the Day."

Our last word in closing would be to urge all  $\Sigma$  A Es journeying to the California fairs to come via the Northwest. Our two new chapters at Pullman and Corvallis will welcome inspection and we can show you all the time of your life at Seattle.

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#### POPULARITY

Popularity, in the lowest and most common sense, is not worth having. Do your duty to the best of your power, win the approbation of your own conscience, and popularity, in its best and highest sense, is sure to follow.—  
Sir John Parkington.

## The Obligation of Courtesy

Reprinted from *Current Comment*

[On Sunday, October 4, the Sunday appointed by President Wilson as a general day of prayer for peace, President Arthur Twining Hadley of Yale delivered this address in Woolsey Hall. It was specifically called the "matriculation" sermon, the address annually made by him as a kind of spiritual admonition and welcome to all newcomers in the university; but something in its sanity, its breadth of human charity, its call to a higher Christian sense of responsibility, its seasonable appeal for peace on earth, good-will toward men, demands for it a wider audience—the audience of thinking men and women of our whole land].

**T**ODAY has been set apart as one on which prayer for peace is offered throughout the churches of the land.

To make this prayer more than a mere ceremony three things are necessary—sincere desire, intelligent thought, and unselfish readiness to take our own share in the work to be done.

The first of these things—sincere desire for peace—we all have. Whatever may be our several opinions as to the right and wrong of the contest now raging, we unite in the wish that it may come to an end as speedily as possible. War is a terrible and a hateful thing. We hate it for the wounds and the sickness it brings to those who fight. We hate it for the yet greater pain which it brings to those whose homes are broken up by the death of men and the untold misery of women and children. We hate it because it turns gentle and courteous nations back into savagery. We hate it most of all for the violence which it does to our ideals of humanity and Christian duty.

We had fondly hoped that the era of wars between civilized nations was past, and that hand in hand with the material progress of the nineteenth century there had been a corresponding spiritual progress toward the realization of Christian ideals of peace. All this hope is suddenly blasted. The most enlightened nations of the earth are caught in the same passion of war as the veriest savages, less indiscriminately cruel, but just as blind in their frenzy of patriotic love and hate.

With our allusions shattered and our very ideals shaken, we crave helplessly for peace; and as far as the mere craving goes, we are ready to pray for it.

But how little this mere craving amounts to! What effect will it have on Englishman or German, Frenchman or Russian, each desperately convinced of the righteousness of his own cause, for which he has already suffered and is prepared to die if need be, that prayers for peace are offered by members of other nations, comfortably distant from the fray and from the passions that evoked it? No direct effect whatever. It is wrong to dignify this profitless expression of desire by the name of prayer. Unless we follow up our prayers by intelligent help in promoting peace on earth, they are but the "vain repetitions" of the heathen. They may have a certain use as a public recognition of the controlling power of God over the affairs of men; otherwise they are no better than the peace parades and the children's peace cards, and other similar manifestations of misdirected zeal with which we are now familiar. People think they are doing their duty when they are simply indulging the luxury of expressing their own emotions in public. To expect such prayer to be answered is folly on the part of the ignorant, and blasphemy on the part of those who should be wiser.

No; the mere expression of our wishes, however fervent and often repeated, will not stop this war or prevent another. To pray effectually we must take thought. We must find what were the causes at work in men's minds which led them to forget themselves in their zeal for fighting. When we know how the trouble arose, we can know how to make our thoughts and sentiments effective to prevent its recurrence, and can rely on God's help in so doing. We may not be able to stop this war, but we can bear an honorable part in preventing the next one.

To any one who looks at the present European crisis dispassionately, the striking thing—I may well say, the pathetic thing—is the failure of the different nations to understand anything about one another's point of view. Each is so fervently convinced that it is right that it credits its enemies with being hopelessly and wilfully wrong, either deceived by their rulers or animated by the lust of conquest. It believes all good of itself and all evil of its neighbors. It can no more see the truth in international affairs than an individual man can see the truth of a private controversy in the midst of blind rage of passion. Under the impulse of such emotions each people does deeds of good and evil, of devoted self-

sacrifice and mad destruction, of which in times of peace it would be incapable. This is what makes war; the outward acts of violence are but the symptoms of the nation's mental state.

Now this blind "animosity," if I may use a word whose derivation gives a subtle clue to its meaning, is not a thing of sudden growth. The mind of England and the mind of Germany have been slowly working apart for a whole generation. Misunderstandings, slight in themselves, give rise to suspicion. Suspicion breeds further misunderstandings. Each year as it has passed has found the two nations less able to appreciate one another's needs and aspirations. What to one people appears an act of self-preservation appears to the other a wilful policy of hostility directed against itself. The public press voices this hostility. Unscrupulous politicians use it for their own purposes. Gradually the emotions are so aroused on each side that when some crisis arises in international politics neither side can reason with the other, because neither can see facts as the other sees them.

But this want of mutual understanding, bad as it is, would hardly be sufficient to cause a war. The evils of modern warfare are so colossal, and the results to be gained so uncertain, that no mere intellectual differences would bring peoples to the fighting point. But it too often happens that want of understanding is aggravated by want of courtesy; that difference of opinion is made intolerable by bad manners. One nation may think that it owns the sea, and another may believe that it can beat everything on land; but as long as the respective nations keep these opinions to themselves they do comparatively little harm. The danger comes when these views are obtruded on others. It comes from boastfulness and arrogance, and half-truths uttered as if they were the whole truth. Out of this grow the differences of thought and feeling which make men ready to kill one another.

The effective way to stop war is to stop these misunderstandings and discourtesies in their inception. A situation like the one which I have described can seldom be cured, but it can often be prevented. In fact, a large part of the work of diplomacy is concerned with the prevention of just this kind of misunderstanding. Each nation has trained representatives at the capitals of the others, to see how people feel, to inform the home government what has caused

offense or what may conciliate, and to explain to the foreign government the real meaning of transactions harmless in their intent, but liable to be misunderstood. Few of us realize how much both the diplomats and the governments are engaged in this work of pacifying emotions before they have reached an intractable or incurable stage.

And not only sovereigns or diplomats, but a large part of the organized agencies of civilization itself, are occupied with the prevention of these misunderstandings. Courts of arbitration like the Hague tribunal; the whole set of usages and customs which we call by the name of international law; the yet wider form of comity which has been introduced by international trade and international credit; the interchange of ideas which goes with modern travel—all these are means to bring the peoples into closer contact and better harmony. The whole ordered system of life which we call by the name of civilized society is so dependent on peace for its maintenance, and so shaken by war or by the threat of war, that it puts into operation whatever machinery it can command in order to prevent outbursts of feeling like the one which has today overwhelmed Europe.

But all machinery fails, and all machinery must fail. The question of peace or war rests not with the diplomats, but with the people. To bring about peace on earth, men must develop the Christian virtues of fairness and courtesy. They must try to see things as others see them; to speak and act with a view to the feelings of other as well as themselves. This appreciation of others' point of view is the essential element both in fairness and in courtesy. They are not really different things; they are different sides of the same thing. Fairness is consideration for others as shown on the intellectual or subjective side. Courtesy is consideration for others as shown on the social and practical side.

I spoke of them a moment ago as distinctly Christian virtues. You will perhaps be surprised at this; for we can all remember instances among non-Christian peoples of singularly fair men and singularly courteous ones. But in spite of these many instances, I think it is true that Christianity was the first religion to insist on

the application of these standards to all mankind; to demand fairness or objectivity of judgment by all and courteous consideration for all, low as well as high, people as well as kings.

If we look in the works of the ancient moralists we shall be struck by the fact that the knowledge necessary to virtuous conduct is assumed to be the property of the few. These few must learn to judge things rightly, to form their opinion dispassionately, to provide for far-sighted management of the community. The great body of the people are not to do thinking for themselves, but to take the standards set by others; to accept their opinions and lines of conduct ready made. Against this monopoly of moral intelligence Jesus Christ speaks out with all his voice. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." It is not enough for the multitude to follow tradition and popular prejudice. Each man has the responsibility of judging for himself. It was for this teaching that the priests had him crucified; it is this same teaching that has made him the prophet of modern democracy.

And if we look at the courtesy of ancient times, we find that it meant courtesy to men of your own class. Of the duty of courtesy to other classes we hear comparatively little. While there were many individual acts of kindness to dependents and to slaves, dependents and slaves were regarded in the same general light as horses or cattle. Thou shalt love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy, said the old moral code. It was left for Jesus Christ to ask, Who is thy neighbor, and who is thine enemy? With men and women of every walk in life he exchanged courtesies on the basis of human equality and human brotherhood. If we read the gospel carefully, we shall find that this was another reason why they crucified Jesus; and it is another reason also why he is the prophet of modern democracy in its best meaning.

He is a prophet whose message is overwhelmingly needed in this age, when the people guide the policy of their rulers and when the question of peace depends on the people's fairness and courtesy. A prayer for peace is a prayer for these virtues. If our own prayer for peace is to be sincere and effective, it must be accompanied by daily and hourly effort on our own part to develop these qualities in ourselves and exercise them in our daily life. If we have them, we are contributing to peace on earth, and our prayers

will mean something. If we have them not, we are retarding peace on earth, and our prayers are mere hypocrisy. Any government which, while professing to seek peace, gives an example of arrogance to its neighbors; any newspaper which, proclaiming the evils of war and the desirableness of stopping it, repeats mean insinuations against its opponents and shapes its editorials to suit its own prepossessions without regard to the facts; any individual who, condemning militarism among nations, nevertheless nurses his own prejudices and harbors unjust suspicions against his fellow-men, is today belying its prayers by its actions.

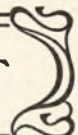

This is not a time for thanking God that we are not as other men are. This is a time for each of us to exercise close self-examination. How do we stand these tests? Are we trying individually to be fair in the controversies that actually come before our attention? Do we read the newspapers that tell us the plain truth, or do we choose the ones that tell us what we wish to believe? In the athletic discussions of the day do we try to get our rival's point of view, or are we content to confirm our own prejudices? When somebody says that another college is going to play unfairly, do we say that the men in that other college are gentlemen like ourselves, and would be no more guilty of intentional unfairness than we are; or do we harbor suspicion and possibly repeat it, until the unproved gossip of yesterday becomes the settled belief of tomorrow? You may say that these are little things. But they are little things that count; little things out of which will grow our mental attitude to the larger things of business and politics.

Do we accept the Christian obligation of courtesy to all mankind, or do we limit our obligation to the narrow circle of our own immediate friends? This question means something vital not only for our own development, but for the history of America. The man who according to his opportunity is considerate of every other man or woman, independent of questions of social class, is making himself like Jesus Christ and helping to make the American nation a Christian nation. The man who follows the crowd in its thoughtless shouts and jeers is making himself like the worst of the Pharisees, and is increasing the danger of that unchristian hate between classes which is America's greatest menace today. Thoughtless rudeness from a street window to an honest man or woman may seem a small

thing at the moment; but the man who countenances it is training himself and encouraging others toward social war instead of social peace.

Men of Yale, we call ourselves students. Let us study to see things as they are. We call ourselves democratic. Let us recognize the obligation of courtesy to every man and woman. We mean to be leaders. Let us learn so to lead that people will work together instead of working apart. Let us show this in our conduct toward the town in which we live. Let us show it in our conduct toward our rivals in every line of collegiate activity. Let us show it, above all, in our honest, straightforward, whole-hearted pursuit of the truth. Then will our prayers for peace mean something; then will they be heard—and answered.—*Current Comment.*





## EDITORIAL COMMENT

Life seems to be one intense struggle for supremacy; to excell, to be greater or richer than one's neighbor. Everyone seems to be struggling for a prize varying with the desires and ambitions of the individual. And since this spirit of rivalry, or competition, is present in nearly every activity of life, it is not strange to find it manifested in college fraternities. Even the colleges strive for reputation and success. And, as a result of this spirit of intense rivalry, it has become the habit of most people to judge from externals rather than from the substantial things within and underneath the surface. That is, the motives and principles prompting action are not given due consideration. How differently individuals would be measured if wealth, social position, and externals were eliminated; if the individual were stripped of all but his thoughts. For after all, one can know another only as one knows the thoughts, desires, motives, and principles which are hidden beneath the surface and are not revealed to the passer-by. And when the world begins to judge individuals as well as institutions, including the college fraternity from such a basis, a great advance will be made towards eliminating many of the evils of our present day society. The evils associated with the college fraternities are merely the frailties of human nature—just the same as the shortcomings of the churches are the weaknesses of the individuals who are striving, as best they know how, to exemplify the high ideals of Christianity. Some fail—and others succeed. And so again the comparison may be made with the college fraternity—some fail to live up to the high ideals and standards of true fraternalism while others find it natural and easy to exemplify genuine brotherhood. Thackeray puts it very aptly when in *Henry Esmond* it is said, "'Tis not the dying for a faith that's so hard, Master Harry—'tis the living up to it that is difficult."

With this issue of *THE RECORD*, we wish to announce the appointment of the following new associate editors: Herbert M. Martin (Alabama Alpha-Mu), Alden C. Buttrick (New York Alpha), Howard C. Greer (Illinois Psi Omega), William P. Murdock (Pennsylvania Zeta), J. Burruss Munn (Louisiana Tau-Upsilon), and Roy D. Pinkerton (Washington Alpha). The first three mentioned are active members of the Fraternity, and we are informed, are young men who are doing things in college. The others have been frequent contributors to the pages of *THE RECORD*, and have proven their worth. We are glad to have these new associates, and feel that with their inspiration and zeal *THE RECORD* will improve and the Fraternity profit thereby.

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Brother Holderness very aptly said that the spirit of extension is the exemplification of unselfishness—and to this statement we are in most hearty accord. The unselfish man  
 Our New Chapters is the one who is willing to share his blessings with another—and we are glad to say that such a spirit has been the guiding star of the  $\Sigma$  A E statesmen. This is proven by the steady growth and development of our Fraternity. The Chicago Convention was no exception in this regard, for we are now the proud possessors of four new jewels in the crown of Minerva. And while we are congratulating ourselves upon the acquisition of these new chapters, we ask them to pause in the midst of rejoicing and consider seriously the obligations they have assumed. It is no small task to ever manifest the qualities of true manhood—and the real test of the man comes with the little things of life; the daily obligations and duties to be performed. There is no duty so trivial but what "Fraternity" would insist upon its performance—there is no courtesy so slight but that "Fraternity" would have it bestowed. And though we are proud of our baby chapters, yet we anticipate great things from them. We trust that the spirit of true brotherhood will be so expressed by the individual members that the college where each one is located will be the better for their presence.

We wish that every legislator might have heard the speech of United States Senator Pittman, at the Chicago Convention, when he gave credit to the Fraternity for the habits and traits of character which enabled him to win success in his life. And those who are familiar with Brother Pittman's college days add emphasis to the statement so well put by him. We must confess that it warmed the cockles of our heart to hear one who has risen so high in our national affairs to give such strong testimony of the beneficent influence and training afforded by the college fraternity. We have heard other men say that the experiences gained in the chapter life have profited them more than the learning contained in books. But when the two are combined, the college course and that close association which comes from fraternity membership, it gives one an advantage that cannot be estimated in dollars and cents. Progressive educators are beginning to realize this truth more and more, and are anxious to have the day come when fraternity membership will be accessible to all who may desire it.

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The suggestion has been made, and we believe it a splendid one, that one night in each month be devoted to the study and discussion of the fraternity publications, and that it be known as "Publication Night". We have been more or less skeptical about the value of our publications, but on previous occasions we have had ample proof that our publications are read and appreciated by most of the readers—and for the chapters to earnestly carry out the suggestion made, we believe will not only give the chapter a splendid means of keeping well informed as to fraternity progress and thought, but will be an additional inspiration to those in charge of the publications, to fill their pages with only such matters as will be an aid in making fraternity and college life more pleasant and beneficial.

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The last always seems the best—and though it may be a somewhat trite and slangy expression, we cannot refrain from saying that the Chicago Convention was certainly "some convention". In every department the host was master of the situation. Nothing but exclamations of praise and

enjoyment were heard from those who basked in the sunshine and hospitality radiated by the members of the Chicago Alumni Association. Everyone enjoys the festivities of such an occasion—and even though the entertainments of a national convention are most enticing—yet they do not prevent that serious and conscientious work which is always placed foremost. But in passing, we have but one regret to record, and that is the good-natured rivalry of each city to outdo its predecessors has placed our conventions upon such an expensive basis that only large and flourishing associations will feel inclined to undertake the task of entertaining a national convention. We would therefore like to see some measure adopted to put a limit on the social features of our conventions, so that smaller cities, located in sections of the country which need the encouragement and inspiration of a national convention will desire to act as host.

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There is nothing more fascinating than fraternity work; and when one like Holderness finds that he must part with the close associations of the Fraternity and from the inspiration of eternal youth as manifested by the active members, it gives many serious pangs of regret. Though in the parting of the ways, such as Brother Holderness is now experiencing, it must have been a great satisfaction to him, when at the Chicago Convention, at the psychological moment, the delegates so spontaneously showed their appreciation and love for one who has labored unselfishly for the interests of  $\Sigma$  A E. It was a tribute worth more than money could buy and worth more than any jeweled pin; yet, as inadequate as a jeweled pin of the Fraternity may be to show the real feeling for Brother Holderness, it is the highest symbol of that affection and was most sincerely bestowed. We regret exceedingly to lose the active services of one such worker, but wish to say that no one occupying the difficult position of E. S. A. gave to it more thought, time, and devotion than dear old "Holdy". We wish him every success in his new field of endeavor and want him to know that he will ever be remembered as a faithful, industrious, unselfish "devotie" of Minerva.

There was nothing more discouraging than the report of the E. S. A. showing the great disregard of many members of the Fraternity for their obligations to the chapter.

**Debts to Chapters**

It is inconceivable that young men can have so little regard for their just debts—and as much as we regret to acknowledge it, we find it necessary for the national fraternity to come to the assistance of the individual chapters and aid in the collection of these accounts. In furtherance of that plan, the Supreme Council has selected Louis Mack, of Chicago, as attorney to collect these debts for the chapter. This is one of the aggressive means outlined by Holderness and one that will not only aid the individual chapters, but will have a tendency to urge the chapter officers to be more vigilant, and the individual members more honorable in this regard. We feel particularly fortunate that we can have the services of one so capable as Brother Mack, who endeared himself to a host of  $\Sigma$  A Es at the recent Chicago Convention. We feel certain that this important work in his hands will accomplish all and more than the most sanguine could desire.

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It is a splendid testimony of the high moral plane of the active chapters when a law was unanimously passed declaring that the chapter house and chapter rooms should be free from the contaminating influence of liquor. This rule has been enforced in most of our chapters for some time; but in a few places local custom does not so disapprove; but even in those places, our delegates rose to the occasion and voted with the majority, no doubt believing that any personal sacrifice on their part would redound to the credit of the fraternity system as a whole. This rule is not for the purpose of regulating the individual conduct of our members, but it is for the better purpose of keeping the fraternity home free from the evil effects and influences associated with the free use of liquor. We know how useless and how futile preaching morality is. We know that it requires something more than words to force home wisdom than age and experience give. But if we can, even in a slight degree, call the attention of the active members of our Fraternity to the present day demands of the business world in this regard, we feel

**Booze vs. Chapter House**

sure that they will be better prepared to be producers. We do not believe that the use of liquor is more common to fraternity men than other college students; but we feel that the fraternity men should set the pace—or be the mold and fashion for all that is good, wholesome and progressive. Such conduct will not come by force, by prohibition, nor by passing a law; but will come only by patient attention along right lines. In other words, one must first see the right and then bend heaven and earth to do the right.

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We are in receipt of a *Bulletin* from the College Reference Bureau, informing us that the bill introduced in the legislature of Texas to abolish fraternities has been defeated in the house. We are also informed that this Anti-fraternity Legislation practically means the last of the bill for this session, at least. A similar bill has been introduced in the legislature of California. We do not have any reason to fear that the bill will become a law, for the president of the university, Benjamin Ide Wheeler, in his annual report to the governor, while recognizing some of the shortcomings of the fraternity system, believes that the good outweighs the bad, and is using that good to destroy the bad. We are very much encouraged from the outlook, and feel that the awakening which has come to the fraternities in requiring its members to maintain a higher standard of scholarship is having the desired effect.



# THE GREEK WORLD

## EXCHANGES

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Is an exchange department worth while? That would seem to depend largely upon whether or not it is read. Certainly there is material enough worth copying and commenting upon, and we are never at a loss for all we can use in the space at our disposal. But we do wonder sometimes whether our work is proving of service or is labor lost. Other editors, we find, are giving expression to similar questioning. The exchange editor of the magazine of Lambda Chi Alpha remarks modestly:

We hope that all the brethren make a point of reading the exchange pages in each issue of *The Purple, Green and Gold*, too. Here's a tip; oftimes the matter culled from other journals that come to our desk is worth much more than the stuff produced by your own editorial board; so don't skip this department.

The Gossip of the Greeks in the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* is always good reading but the Gossip seems to entertain misgivings and desires to collect evidence.

The Gossip is curious to know if the alumni read his department. To this end he is going to ask the alumni to spend two cents to let him know—*one* cent for a postage stamp and the other for a "picture postcard" showing the best example of architecture in his home town. Don't forget to put your name on it.

If anyone wishes to give similar evidence of interest to the editor of this department, he too will enjoy the sensation.

The chapter letter is a never failing theme for editorials and does not wholly escape the attention of contributing editors. Often the references are not wholly complimentary to the gentlemen who write these letters; sometimes they give evidence of impatience—or worse—on the part of editors who have waited wearily for copy. This time we find among our clippings some very reasonable and worthy suggestions; with the assistance of our "paste pot," which is really a tube, we are going to put them where we hope they will catch the eyes of active and willing correspondents.

The success of the chapter letter depends on the personal equation—the man on the job, and his attitude toward the job.

What we need is conscientious correspondents; men who will realize that their positions are not compliments from their chapters, but *jobs*; men who will undertake the composition of their letters on time, and then proceed with care and thought.

Besides this record of events and honors, the chapter letters should more than at present form a clearing house of ideas. Has a chapter found any little “stunt” or “wrinkle” of value in any department of its work; let a full description be included in the *Quarterly* letter.—*Delta Chi Quarterly*.

The letter should relate the progress of the chapter, names of new initiates, and the success of the members of his chapter in the various fields of college activity, scholarship, college publications, athletics, et cetera. Personal references, jokes and similar things which can be appreciated by only those who know the persons mentioned, should be eliminated.

Chapter letters go a long way toward making impressions regarding the chapter. The greatest virtue of all in Chapter Historians is *promptness*.—*Mask of K Ψ*.

News of the alumni must be a big feature if you wish to hold the alumnus. News of himself and of the members whom he knows. Besides making it part of the chapter editor's duties to secure such news, interested alumni should be encouraged to collect and send in news items. Bills should never be sent out without enclosing a blank calling for news of the recipient of the bill. That makes it a lot easier to send a check.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

One thing is certain: if the chapter letter is to fulfill a real function in the fraternity magazine, it must become less of a catalogue and more truly the expression of the life of the chapter.—*Signet of Φ Σ K*.

Above all, do not be backward in chronicling the achievements of other Greek-letter organizations at your institution.—*Tomahawk of Α Σ Φ*.

And lastly, somewhat pungently, but perhaps too truly, this from the *Delta Chi Quarterly*:

A glance over the exchanges shows that nearly all of the chapter correspondents indulge in a few expansive ideas, commonly called hyperbole in poetry, fibs in the drawing room, and lies on the street.

What Professor Slossen of Columbia has said of fraternity scholarship in an article in the *Independent* may not meet with generous approval everywhere, but it is interesting as one point of view.

“As a barbarian I have, after the manner of my kind, speculated often as to what the Greek letters stand for, but now I know: they stand for poor scholarship. Why it is so I as an outsider have no means of knowing and no right to surmise. I might be inclined to ascribe it to the secrecy, or the ritualism, or the social activities, were it not for the fact that the sororities, who have, I presume, much the same ceremonies, get quite as good grades as their sisters outside the pale.”



If Professor Slosson's experience and observation has driven him to this conclusion so much the worse for the chapters which have forced him to it. But the difficulty is not minimized by ignoring it, and we find very frank pleas in fraternity magazines for improved scholarship and even chapter supervision of study. From the *Sigma Pi Emerald* we quote these summarizing paragraphs.

Fraternities are in an excellent position to maintain and realize high ideals of scholarship. In the first place, the man who is known to be intellectually bankrupt need not and should not be rushed, however great may be his wealth and however high his social standing. Secondly, the young student who has just entered the fraternity may be encouraged to attain good scholarship, and he may be assisted in so planning his routine as to raise his efficiency. Thirdly, it may well be a set policy of each fraternity chapter to maintain ideal study conditions in the chapter house and otherwise to give encouragement to the genuine students, who of course should be all of the members of the chapter.

The considerable improvement in the scholarship marks of many fraternities gives promise that these organizations will give faculties and legislatures no excuse for destroying them on account of poor scholarship, as they might have done with a fair show of justice in times past. But the work of improvement is not complete. Final and complete victory over inefficiency, our internal enemy, can come only after long sustained effort; but it will probably carry with it a triumph over all external enemies of fraternities.

From *Banta's Greek Exchange* comes the suggestion that service is the modern fraternity keynote.

By close observation and thought on the subject we think we have discovered just what makes a student "fraternity material". It is his ability to contribute something to the chapter. Of course, fraternities are often fooled in judging rushees. But they are always sincere in thinking that a member is going to be an asset to them, as a scholar, a mixer, a promoter of college activities or an influence for good inside the chapter. This is an age, too, where *personality* counts for a great deal in the fraternity as well as in the outside world.

So we might almost say that the word *service* is the open sesame to membership in a fraternity. If you have anything that the fraternity wants, the fraternity wants you. And the things that the fraternity wants are, after all, pretty practical things.

This may sound strange to some whose notions of fraternity are based upon ideas of secrecy, exclusiveness, and selfishness. But more and more the note of service is being sounded and responses to that note are becoming more frequent. Sororities have done much definite uplift work. The editor of the *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi, writing in the *Independent*, says:

Definitely organized philanthropic work is a part of the program of most of these fraternity associations. Several help in flower missions or have furnished and maintained rooms in hospitals, free kindergartens and "homes" of various descriptions. Instances of civic work include the founding and maintaining of libraries in small towns, the conduct of working girls' clubs and, in suffrage states, organized efforts to influence legislation.

In the *Sigma Kappa Triangle*, we find this significant paragraph.

No wonder that one girl reported that her whole family liked to read her fraternity magazine, because of the breadth of subjects found therein. The day is past when "MY" fraternity fills "my" fraternity magazine.

The men's fraternities are working at their problems in somewhat different manner, but their work will not be found to be exclusively self-centered. The recent number of the *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta, for instance, publishes a resolution unanimously adopted by its arch chapter.

"RESOLVED: That it be the sense of the Arch Chapter that the Fraternity being a distinctly Christian organization, founded in a Christian college and based on Christian principles, assert the conviction that our chapters with due consistency should manifest an active interest in religious activities in their college community, and that it is the duty of every Delta Tau Delta in college to give such observance to religious duties as has been his habit at home and which he knows will meet the hearty approval of his parents or those providing his means of enjoying college privileges: that through our various officers we urge active attention to this phase of college life, and that through our magazine we express this sentiment by publishing a series of contributions from members of the Fraternity prominent in religious work."

Till the end of time the relation of the alumni to the chapter will be a prolific source of copy. Suggestions that are only trite will be reiterated again and again, but every once in a while some one will contribute something worth while to the discussion. Almost diametrically opposed are the two ideas that the alumni neglect the fraternity, and that the alumni so control the fraternity policies and that the active men only pay the bills. Phi Kappa Psi is a fraternity in which alumni control is only indirect, and therefore a comment from the *Shield* is especially interesting in its justification of strong alumni influence.

Most other fraternities are frankly graduate-controlled, but ours has never been. We avow the supremacy of the undergraduate in the constitution of our Executive Council, with its majority of undergraduate members. We have just confirmed it further by the ratification of an amendment to the constitution by which action of the Grand Arch Council will be submitted for ratification in the future to the chapters only. It is the very core of our Fraternity polity.

Yet no one, upon sober second thought, can fail to see that the alumni are the real guiding force behind the whole thing. Take the very development of the Fraternity in all its distinctive features, how much of it is the work of undergraduates? When the old Grand Chapter fell down completely as a governing function, it was the alumni who formulated the new constitution under which we have had our great advance, and it has been the alumni who have modified it to meet changing conditions. But to come closer to the undergraduate life, who chose the colors? Who devised the yell? Who conceived the coat of arms? Who wrote the songs? Alumni, and not fellows just out of college, either. It might not be fair to ask who financed the chapter house schemes, because undergraduates are of necessity not often self-supporting. But it is fair to ask who wrought out the chapter house idea to a workable basis, and again the answer is, alumni. Indeed, if there is anything at all in age or experience, it ought to be expected that the constructive features of the Fraternity would be the work of alumni.

Therefore it is not abnormal, it is distinctly normal, that the Fraternity which has been largely built up by alumni should be largely influenced by alumni.

In commenting on the establishment of the eightieth active chapter of Kappa Sigma at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the *Caduceus* remarks rather significantly.

Thirty years ago chapters were eagerly established, but members were chosen slowly and carefully. Today new members are "rushed," but charters for new chapters are by no means easy of acquirement.

That thought, that we are growing lax in some places in choosing whom we shall rush, has influenced the selection of two or three pertinent extracts regarding the duty of the chapter to itself and to the prospective member in extending its invitation. From the *Phi Gamma Delta* comes some good advice as to what the freshman should be told at the very outset.

It is suggested that a great many difficulties experienced with freshmen could be eliminated by a more thorough explanation of college and fraternity ideals and traditions at the time of bidding the student. It would appear advisable to explain to the men you are about to ask to join the fraternity, just what the chapter expects in relation to college, studies, faculty, other fraternity men, non-fraternity men, morals, upperclassmen, work about the house, dress, compartment in the house and on the campus. It is desirable to emphasize that the college comes first, and all else second. If a freshman clearly understands what is expected of him in all of these important details, and accepts membership on this ground, it is not likely that the fraternity will experience much difficulty in insisting upon the fulfillment of his obligations.

Then from the *Delta Chi Quarterly* we take a suggestion of the two points of view—the give and get idea in fraternity.

"Did it ever occur to you that one of the most important considerations in pledging new men is what will the fraternity do for the new man? A little more attention to this—without, however, any less thought as to what he will do for the chapter—will in time come to make a man's fraternity the useful and important element in the development of his character that it ought to be."

The unwisdom of cut and dried chapter customs in the matter of the choice of men is illustrated by an editorial in the *Beta Theta Pi*. The particular instance may be exceptional and extreme, but the vigor of expression and saneness of comment is rather characteristic of the editor we are quoting.

One of the chapters recently refused to consider a man as a possible candidate for initiation, although it admitted he was in every way desirable, because he had entered college as a Sophomore and "you know we don't take Sophomores." And the silly boy who wrote that actually thought he had given a sufficient answer to an alumnus who knew the worth of the lad under consideration and was trying to strengthen the chapter by urging his admission. And also this is a chapter which a few years ago was revived after a period of inactivity by transfers from other chapters to the professional schools of its University. It certainly is discouraging to have a chapter or even one man in it have such a notion of the real worth of the fraternity as to want to exclude an otherwise desirable person because "we don't take Sophomores." Well, there were times when "we" were glad to take Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, postgraduates or any other kind of students and most of them have proven to be of great help to the chapter and value to the fraternity.

Nothing grows so quickly and roots so firmly as a fraternity chapter tradition—especially if it is particularly inane and foolish. The alumni of this particular chapter should root out the tradition that "we don't take Sophomores" thoroughly and completely. Evidently the chapter needs a few, just to get into its ranks some men who have saner views of fraternity obligations.

Every chapter, after the rush of the campaign is over, ought to make a careful review of the upperclassmen available and secure a few who were overlooked, or who were rough diamonds, or who have entered advanced classes or the like. Some of our best men have been admitted while upperclassmen. We wonder if the boy who wrote that his chapter didn't take sophomores realized that the founder of this fraternity was a senior.

The changing attitude of college authorities toward full and frank discussion of fraternity problems seems to have been one of the things which most impressed Mr. C. C. Chambers, field secretary of Phi Gamma Delta, on his tour of the chapters. We quote a paragraph from his report.

The reception accorded me by the college officials was far different than that given Brother Tom Pogue when he made "his swing around the circle" some five years ago. He was the first fraternity official to attempt such a thing and he found the college deans rather shy about discussing frater-

nity matters with him. His visit was a revelation to them of what national fraternity organization could do. Five years after, I found the same college presidents eager to discuss with me the things that Pogue had to draw out of them with great tact. College officials have come to see fraternities in a new and better light. Several college presidents, when they heard I was coming, phoned the chapter houses and urged our boys to be sure and bring me around to see them. Six of them invited me to dine at their homes and gave me several hours discussing the important part that fraternities were playing in the affairs of their colleges. Those in a position to know have come to recognize the fraternity as an agency for doing worthwhile things in college life.

It is conservative to say that nine out of ten college administrative officers are today unqualifiedly in favor of college fraternities, and are willing to lend their influence to defeat the anti-fraternity agitators who are either misinformed or blindly prejudiced.

A little budget of suggestions, without comment.

Initiates, welcome!

• Remember that—

There is no loyalty without sacrifice:

There is no success without work:

There is no respect without clean habits:

There is no service without love.—*Signet of Φ Ξ Κ.*

Former President Taft's definition of "fraternity" as delivered in an address before Psi Upsilon is, "Brotherhood means heart and hand united. These hands may be clasped unwillingly through fear and compulsion, so a handclasp, unless the heart goes with it, means little or nothing. The head must also give consent to show that the mind approves what the heart has offered."—*Star and Lamp of Π Κ Φ.*

Your fraternity when you joined it was a college experience in prospect. You joined it because the other fellows in college joined; some particular fellow was an attractive companion and was in the fraternity and you thought it would be pleasant to make new ties and stronger between him and you. Perhaps it was for athletic reasons. But when you come to later life, when you are eligible to the quarter-century club, you find the friends of your college days, as you see them from one year to another, ready to renew the old acquaintance. Neither the cares of active life, nor the discouragements, nor the trials, count for very much when you feel that you have with them an account in the bank of brotherhood, and that every check you present will be duly accepted and paid in full. The mere meeting of fraternity men in after years galvanizes lost capacities into new activity and starts the mind again, as it was when we were young, to brave deeds and high thoughts.—*The Phi Gamma Delta.*

I not only believe that the college fraternity is a good thing, but I believe it is an absolute necessity, for we know that it is a necessity of the soul to associate with other individuals. No great invention, no great discovery or engineering feat, in fact nothing of lasting benefit to the human race ever has been or will be the product of one man.—*Sigma Pi Emerald.*

# FRATERNITY NOTES

The following new chapters are announced:

B Θ Π, University of Idaho, Colorado College, Kansas State Agricultural college;

Δ Τ Δ, University of Pittsburgh, University of Kansas;

Π Κ Δ, University of Washington, University of Kansas;

Λ Χ Α, Rhode Island State College, Dartmouth, Louisiana State University;

Δ Υ, Purdue;

Κ Σ, Massachusetts Institute of Technology;

Φ Σ Κ, University of Michigan;

Κ Α, (So.) Maryland Agricultural College;

Α Γ Δ, Illinois Wesleyan;

Θ Α, Syracuse;

Δ Δ Δ, Hollins, University of Alabama, Mount Union;

Α Χ Ω, University of Kansas;

Κ Α Θ, Washburn;

Κ Δ, Millsaps;

Φ Μ, Iowa Wesleyan;

Α Ξ Δ, New Hampshire College;

Θ Τ, (eng.) Columbia.

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The Delta Sigma Phi fraternity is reported as being in a condition of reorganization. The existing chapters seem to be at the College of the City of New York, Columbia, New York University, Chicago, and Waynesburg College.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

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A new fraternity, Α Ο Α, is reported at the University of Nebraska.

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Κ Α (So.) has withdrawn from Southern University, Greensboro, Alabama, owing to the decrease in students and alleged uncertainty as to the future of the institution.

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The interfraternity agreement at Columbia has proved unsatisfactory and steps looking to its repeal have been taken.

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The interfraternity and intersorority councils at Nebraska have agreed upon a plan of coöperative buying.

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The alumni of the Michigan chapter of Φ Γ Δ have presented the chapter with a scholarship cup to be engraved each year with the name of the freshman having the highest grades.

Π Β Φ offers for the coming academic year a graduate fellowship valued at five hundred dollars which may be used in this country or abroad. "Two points will be considered by the grand Council in awarding the fellowship: first, the scholastic standing of the student, and second, all-round development of character, and the ability to represent the fraternity in whatever place the recipient may be."—*Arrow*.

Thirty-seven chapter houses owned by Σ Χ have a valuation of about half a million dollars.

At Goucher College, the sororities are perfecting plans to have one large house together, a sort of Pan-Hellenic Home, with personal quarters for each sorority. This seems to be an advance step in Pan-Hellenism in colleges of the type of Goucher where individual houses are not practicable.

—Α Γ Δ *Quarterly*.

Another fraternity *Who's Who* has appeared under the title "Betas of Achievement," "being brief biographical records of members of Beta Theta Pi who have achieved distinction in various fields of endeavor." It is edited by William Raimond Baird, editor of the *Beta Theta Pi*.

A new directory is in preparation for the medical fraternity, Α Κ Κ.

Π Κ Φ has decided to publish a secret magazine in addition to its open publication, *Star and Lamp*. The new venture starts with the peculiar title, *The Fokromix*, being named for the three founders, Fogarty, Kroeg, and Mixson.

It is interesting to note the terms used by the various fraternity publications in announcing the deaths of members. Along with Α Τ Ω the following use the form "In Memoriam": Κ Σ, Α Χ Ρ, Κ Κ Γ, Δ Δ Δ, Α Χ Ω. The following use the conventional "Obituary": Φ Κ Ψ, Φ Ρ Σ, Κ Α, while the following use the plural form: Δ Υ, Σ Χ. Novelties are provided by Φ Γ Δ, who announces deaths by the form "Fratres qui fuerunt sed nunc ad astra." The idea of a chapter composed of deceased brothers is used by several. Φ Δ Θ, who announces "Initiates of the Chapter Grand," Δ Τ Δ and Σ Ν with "The Chapter Eternal" and Φ Σ Κ with "The Chapter Invisible."—Α Τ Ω *Palm*.

We are now laboring under the following restrictions:

A freshman must make fifteen hours' credit his first semester to be initiated. If he fails to do so he must make 93% credit on the work he takes the second semester.

A fraternity may not board its freshmen unless his scholarship for the two preceding semesters has been equal to that of the student body.

Each fraternity must have a chaperon.—Univ. of Missouri chapter letter,

—*Rainbow* of Δ Τ Δ.

No fraternity represented in the National Pan-Hellenic Congress shall bid a girl who has been a member of a so-called sorority or other secret society of similar nature existing in a high school or other school of equivalent standing, whether such society exists openly or secretly.

This rule to apply to any person who shall either accept or retain membership in such society after September 1915.

All eighteen fraternities represented in the National Pan-Hellenic Congress have now adopted the above ruling. There has been some trouble about the meaning of "accept or retain" in the second part of the ruling and about "so-called sorority or other secret society of similar nature" in the first part.

"Accept or retain" means that any girl who has joined a high school sorority *before* September 1915 must resign all connection with it before she is eligible for a college fraternity; any girl who joins *after* September 1915 is not eligible under any circumstances for a college fraternity.—*Crescent of Γ Φ Β.*

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Acacia is changing its character. Only four of its chapters admit members of the Greek-letter fraternities to membership. We hope it will soon cease to do so altogether. Shifting the character of an organization of this kind gives rise to endless embarrassment. For instance, Alpha Sigma Phi for some time a class society at Yale and elsewhere whose members freely joined the chapters of the fraternities, has changed its character and become a general fraternity. Delta Chi starting as a professional law fraternity is becoming a general fraternity. Men thus belong to fraternities which are rivals at numerous places and while the origin of such double membership was perfectly proper the newly admitted undergraduates don't know it and frequently conditions become unpleasant. The position of Andrew D. White once president of Cornell is a case in point. He joined Sigma Phi at Union. He then went to Yale and joined Alpha Sigma Phi as a sophomore society and Psi Upsilon as a junior society. Now they are all rivals at some places.—*Beta Theta Pi.*

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With the close of the college year, one of the most important fraternity actions was taken at Michigan that has happened in many years. The Palladium, an organization of the eight oldest fraternities in the University, was disbanded by the withdrawal of seven of the eight fraternities holding membership. The Palladium was formed in 1858 or before for the purpose of furthering the interests of the fraternities at Michigan. Its membership varied for many years, new fraternities being admitted to membership as they were formed. At first political in its nature, it issued a Year Book and a magazine in 1858 and kept these publications in its control for many years. Later the Palladium took up social duties and first supported the numerous house parties and annual dances that are now so widely carried on at the University. During these years the independents of the University organized publishing rival books and papers, and openly opposing the fraternity men in politics. Finally the Palladium became unwieldy due to the number of fraternities holding membership, and the eight oldest ones



became its only supporters. In the last few years the political side of the Palladium has ceased to exist, and it has become merely a social body. But the old hatred between the independents and other fraternities still smoldered and prevented the harmony which should have existed in the Interfraternity Conference, and the united front which the fraternities should show to all anti-fraternity feeling. Consequently, at their last meeting this year, seven of the fraternities issued the following statement:

"We, the undersigned seven fraternities, to promote the general welfare of the University and the future betterment of the fraternity situation in Ann Arbor, desire to announce our withdrawal from the organization known as the Palladium.

Alpha Delta Phi

Beta Theta Pi

Delta Kappa Epsilon

Phi Kappa Psi

Psi Upsilon

Sigma Phi

Zeta Psi"

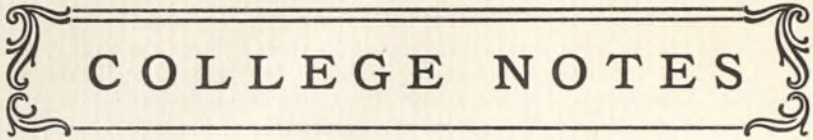
—University of Michigan correspondent, *Beta Theta Pi*.

A newcomer to our exchange table is the *Link* of Beta Phi. This fraternity was founded outside of any collegiate institution. In the first number, it is stated that "Early in the spring of 1911 several college and preparatory men during an informal gathering in Chicago denounced certain conditions in many college fraternities, especially with reference to their unfair discrimination against men of certain creeds and nationalities and those of insufficient means who struggled to get an education. This discrimination was denounced as a deplorable condition and a just cause for public sentiment against college fraternities, for many of the so-called ineligible were excellent types of men, of fine intellect, superior breeding and gentlemen in every sense of the word."

It was determined to found a fraternity to "counteract the existing evil." The men present were from the University of Illinois, University of Chicago and the Armour Institute. The new organization chose the name of Beta Phi. The Alpha chapter was established at the University of Chicago, (1912) the Beta at Northwestern University (1913), the Gamma at the Armour Institute (1913), the Delta at the University of Illinois (1913), the Epsilon at Iowa State College (1914). There are movements for chapters at the Universities of Michigan and Oklahoma and at Harvard.

The particular number of the *Link*, September, 1914, is disgraced by a profane and coarse piece of verse.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

A goodly share of the credit for the improvement in scholarship which has been going on among the undergraduate students of the University of California is due to the fraternities and house clubs, according to the annual report of Oliver Miles Washburn, dean of the lower division. "I believe the time is not far distant," he says, "when we shall recognize the fraternity as a formal unit in our administrative system, when each such organization will be charged with such matters as the supervision of study lists of its own members and pledges, and when action in such matters as the adding and dropping of courses and even in discipline will be referred to the organization concerned."—*New York Post*, quoted by *A & Q Quarterly*.



## COLLEGE NOTES

Dr. Henry Noble McCracken has assumed the presidency of Vassar College, coming to the position from an English professorship in Smith College. Dr. John Henry McCracken, fifteen years a member of the faculty of the College of the City of New York, has been elected president of Lafayette College. Both these new presidents are sons of Chancellor Emeritus McCracken, of New York University.

Dr. Sidney Edward Mezes, since 1908 president of the University of Texas, has been called to the presidency of the College of the City of New York, a position made vacant when Dr. John H. Finley resigned to become Commissioner of Education for the State of New York.

Dr. Joseph N. Powers, the new chancellor of the University of Mississippi, had been for seven years state superintendent of public instruction in his state when elected to the chancellorship.

The new president of the State University of Iowa, Dr. Thomas H. Macbride, had served over thirty years in the faculty, before being called to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of President Bowman.

Former Governor W. T. Haines, of Maine, is reported as enrolled at the University of Maine as a student of agriculture.

Professor William Howard Taft, of Yale, delivered a notable series of lectures at the University of Virginia on the Barbour-Page foundation in January, his subject being "The Presidency: Its Duties, Its Powers, Its Responsibilities, and Its Limitations."

At the University of California the work in medicine has been begun at Berkeley and completed in the hospital in San Francisco. New endowments make possible the erection of a new hospital and the transfer of the entire medical course to the larger city.

It is reported that the Medical College of Virginia, formed by the merging of two medical colleges in Richmond, has been further enlarged by the merging of the North Carolina Medical College, Charlotte.

It is reported the Harvard Medical School has relaxed its requirements for admission and will hereafter admit students with two years of college training instead of requiring the bachelor's degree.

The Dartmouth Medical School will hereafter offer the work of the first two years only.

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Schools of Commerce are organized as separate departments for the first time this session at both Tulane and the University of Missouri.

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Cornell has a "course in citizenship" intended to offer opportunities to undergraduates to familiarize themselves with the principal lines of social service.

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Massachusetts Institute of Technology offers a course in business technique.

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The University of Virginia has introduced a course in Latin-American Civilization, counting as three hour elective.

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Columbia has abandoned its plan to engage in experimental farming. Its work in agriculture will be by lecture courses.

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Extension teaching at Columbia, carried on at the university and in nearby cities, is reaching about five thousand separate individuals. Among the spoken languages taught are Arabic, modern Hebrew, modern Irish, modern Greek, Roumanian, and Russian.

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The University of Kentucky conducts a night school for working men and women.

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An effort is being made at Columbia to assign freshmen to groups which meet together in philosophy, mathematics, and English, so that the work of departments may be more thoroughly coördinated, "to enable the student early in his career to rid himself of the idea that learning comes in water-tight compartments."

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The number of students taking Greek at the University of Pennsylvania is said to have increased since it was dropped as a requirement.

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A conference committee, composed of representatives of the faculty and of the trustees of Princeton, meets prior to all sessions of the board of trustees. Through this committee the faculty may present its views on matters of administrative policy.

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The campaign for funds following the great fire at Wellesley last year was quite successful, and subscriptions for restoration and endowment reach \$2,430,000.

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Andrew Carnegie has given another million each to the Carnegie Institute of Pittsburgh and the School of Technology. His gifts to these institutions now amount to twenty-four million dollars.

Gifts to Columbia during the academic year 1913-14 amounted to nearly one and a half million dollars.

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The University of Nebraska has an appropriation of three million dollars for the extension of its campus and the erection of new buildings.

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The voters of California have approved the issue of building bonds to the extent of \$1,800,000 for the University of California.

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The campaign for half a million dollars for endowment for Baker University was successfully concluded last fall.

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Columbia has purchased at the cost of half a million dollars a half block adjoining the campus, the other half already being the property of the university.

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Efforts to improve facilities for the education of the Negro are summarized in an installment of the forthcoming report of the general education board. Assistance is shown to have been given to industrial training schools as follows:

Hampton Institute, \$138,000; Tuskegee Institute, \$135,483; Spelman seminary, \$196,912; other institutions, \$85,384, making a total of approximately \$555,780.

To provide for higher education of negroes, contributions have been made to colleges and universities as follows:

Atlanta Baptist college, \$5,000; Atlanta university, \$8,000; Fisk university, \$70,000; Lane college, \$7,000; Leland university, \$2,000; Livingston college, \$12,500; Miles Memorial college, \$5,000; Paine college, \$5,000; Shaw university, \$18,000, and Virginia Union university, \$11,500. Total \$144,000.

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Ambrose Swasey, of the firm of Warner and Swasey, prominent designers and makers of astronomical and engineering instruments, has established a fund of \$200,000 for the promotion of engineering research. The fund is to be administered by a board elected by the trustees of the United Engineering Society, and will be composed of nine members from the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, The American Institute of Mining Engineers, and the American Society of Electrical Engineers, with two members to be chosen at large.

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Yale has dedicated a new \$200,000 library of modern design with fire-proof stackroom. The president's office will be in the building.

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A new wing to cost half a million dollars has been authorized for the Stanford University hospital.

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Work has begun on an addition to the chemical laboratory of the University of Illinois that will vastly increase its capacity and will make practically a new building.

A fifty thousand dollar gift to the medical department of the University of Virginia will be used in adding another wing to the hospital.

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At Ohio University a new agricultural building and an extension of the library were being erected in the fall, and ground had been secured for the erection of two additional dormitories.

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Three buildings of the University of Oregon were remodelled last summer, and a new hundred thousand dollar administration building was the next building project.

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A ten thousand dollar pipe organ has been installed at De Pauw University as a memorial to the late Bishop Thomas Bowman of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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Michigan's new concrete stadium is now in use.

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Captain Isaac E. Emerson, of Baltimore, is the donor of a concrete stadium to be begun at the University of North Carolina at the close of the baseball season. Clubhouse facilities will be provided.

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The Harvard corporation has appropriated a hundred thousand dollars for salaries of professors of the University of Louvain who will come to Harvard to give courses beginning next September.

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A system of exchange professorships has been arranged between the Universities of Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, and Vanderbilt.

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The University Commission on Southern Race Problems is a body made up of representatives of each of the state universities of the southern states.

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The suggestion has been made at Princeton for an alumni day at a time during the college year other than commencement, affording opportunity to see the university under normal working conditions.

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Columbia students voting in the November elections were arrested as illegal voters, but the charges were not pressed. The question seems never to have been settled in New York as to whether or not a matriculated student acquires residence. In some states, Virginia for instance, it is definitely provided that he does not.

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A student of the University of Wisconsin, running on a platform of improvements in the university system, was elected to the legislature by a plurality of seven hundred votes.

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An agitation has begun at Columbia for the resumption of football. A class game was played at the close of last season.

# OFFICIAL DATA

## Engagements

*Colorado Chi*—Jack Joyce, Jr., to Miss Mary Bertram of Silverton, Colo.

*Illinois Theta*—O. K. Morton to Miss May Jensen of Los Angeles, Cal.

*Illinois Theta*—E. A. Shilton to Miss Miriam Baldwin of Chicago, Ill.

*Illinois Theta*—Geo. S. Leisure to Miss Carol Prentiss of New York, N. Y.

*Louisiana Tau-Upsilon*—Boatner Reily, Jr., to Miss Elaine Pujo of Lake Charles, La. The wedding will take place February 10, 1915.

*New York Sigma-Phi*—Robert James Parker to Miss Lillian Louisa Costa of Sangerfield, N. Y.

*New York Sigma-Phi*—Rev. Wallace F. Thompson to Miss Elisabeth Cary.

*Ohio Delta*—Robert H. Ross of Germantown, Ohio, to Miss Marie Deam, Eaton, Ohio.

*Ohio Delta*—Harry M. Vawter, '12, Evanston, Ill., to Miss Ruth Allen, Evanston, Ill.

*Wisconsin Alpha*—Otto Knauss to Hazel Weyerbacher, Evansville, Ind.

## Marriages

*Colorado Chi*—Arthur James Cunningham to Miss Edna Pierce at Denver, Colo., November 21, 1914. At home, Billings, Mont.

*Colorado Zeta*—B. A. White to Miss Helen Garst ( $\Pi B \Phi$ ) at Denver, Colo.

*Colorado Zeta*—Orville P. Hurdle to Miss Dora Doolittle at Boulder, Colo.

*Georgia Beta*—George Parker Swift of Columbus, Ga., to Miss Helen Vernon Smith at Columbus, Ga., November 11, 1914.

*Indiana Gamma*—Lowell T. Boyd to Miss Lelia Todd of Bloomington, Ind. At home, Bedford, Ind.

*Illinois Theta*—Don D. Delany to Miss Myrtle Seiburt.

*Illinois Theta*—Leo S. Hay to Miss Bernice Holland ( $X \Omega$ ).

*Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta*—Frederick L. Schaffer to Miss Estelle Krick at Reading, Pa., January 26, 1915.

*Tennessee Nu*—Alfred Hamlin Burr to Miss Hazel Wilson at Little Rock, Ark., October 26, 1914.

## Births

*Alabama Mu*—A son, Samuel Frances, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Frances Clabaugh at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

*California Alpha*—A son to Mr. and Mrs. John Phelps at Los Angeles, Cal.

*California Alpha*—A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wade McIntosh at Mentone, Cal.

*Colorado Zeta*—A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John Sinclair at Trinidad, Colo., January 19, 1915.

*Illinois Delta*—A son to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie G. Fuquay at Newburg, Ind.

*Indiana Beta*—A daughter, Mary Rosalee, to Mr. and Mrs. Willis B. Dye, January 9, 1915.

*Louisiana Epsilon*—A daughter, Martha Anne, to Mr. and Mrs. Baysinger at New Orleans, January 4, 1915.

*Maine Alpha*—A son, Richard Everett, to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Stowell at Providence, November 10, 1914.

*Minnesota Alpha*—A son, John Colburn, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Burrill at Milwaukee, Wis.

*Nebraska Lambda-Pi*—A daughter, Margaret Josephine, to Mr. and Mrs. John R. Bender at Pullman, Wash., December 22, 1914.

*New York Alpha*—A son, Thomas Patteson, to Mr. and Mrs. Don Robinson Almy at New York City, January 10, 1915.

*Pennsylvania Delta*—A daughter, Pauline, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul K. Gotwalt at Middletown, Pa., December 11, 1914.

*Pennsylvania Delta*—A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Manges, Lemoyne, Pa.



# THE ALUMNI

## Men of the Fraternity

### "JOE" TRAVELING IN HIGH SOCIETY

President Wilson, his daughter, Miss Margaret Wilson, and her house guest at the executive mansion, Miss Mary Smith, came to Baltimore today in a White House automobile and attended services at the Franklin Street Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Dr. Harris E. Kirk, the pastor, preached a sermon on the perils of middle age devoid of religious faith.

After the service the President and his party walked to the home of the President's brother, Joseph R. Wilson (Tennessee Zeta), where they were dinner guests. The return trip to Washington was made late in the afternoon.

The President will depart for Princeton Tuesday morning to vote, returning in time to receive the election returns here Tuesday night.—*Baltimore News*, November 1, 1914.

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### WILLIAM C. LEVERE, ILLINOIS PSI-OMEGA

Hon. William C. Levere of Evanston, Ill., traveling secretary of  $\Sigma A E$  fraternity, arrived in Tuscaloosa last week and for two days was the guest of Alabama Mu chapter.

At the last national convention held in Nashville, Tenn., in December, 1913, Colonel Levere was elected traveling secretary and commissioned to visit each one of the seventy-five chapters, inspect their records, instruct their officers, and deliver to its members his interesting lecture on the "History and Growth of  $\Sigma A E$ ," which is beautifully illustrated by well chosen stereopticon views; and Alabama Mu, the mother chapter, was the seventy-fifth and the last to be visited.

Inasmuch as  $\Sigma A E$  fraternity was founded by Noble Leslie DeVotie here in the city of Tuscaloosa at the University of Alabama in 1856, of course, this lecture is largely filled with scenes around Tuscaloosa and, for this reason, should be of interest to the people of the Druid City, for Colonel Levere has preached its hospitality and beauty and resources to the young men of every State in the Union and has "backed up" what he said with appropriate pictures and views. He shows the ante-bellum university and the university of today, the Warrior River, the business portion of Tuscaloosa, the old dummy which is now affectionately known all over the United States, and also the beautiful old southern homes which are nowhere prettier than right here in Tuscaloosa.

Colonel Levere's greatest contribution to the  $\Sigma A E$  fraternity is its history, of which he is the author. This mammoth work includes three large



volumes which required over ten years in which to gather the data and over three years alone were spent in writing it. This was truly a work of love and sacrifice but its author has reaped his reward for it is recognized as being the most complete and accurate history of its kind ever published by any fraternity.

This work also is largely filled with the history and growth of Tuscaloosa and will no doubt do much towards promoting this city's future advancement and prosperity.

Besides being an ardent fraternity worker, Colonel Levere has also achieved fame in civic life, having served as city treasurer of Evanston, as a member of the Illinois Legislature, and as judge of the City Court of Evanston.

Colonel Levere was initiated into  $\Sigma A E$  at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., in 1894 and since then has devoted a large portion of his time to furthering the interests of  $\Sigma A E$ .

Recognizing his fitness and ability for fraternity work, and in appreciation of his untiring labor of love,  $\Sigma A E$  has honored Colonel Levere with practically every high office in its power to bestow. He has served as eminent supreme treasurer, eminent supreme recorder, eminent supreme deputy archon, and eminent supreme archon; and as the occupant of each of these offices which made him a member of the supreme council, he, in a large measure, is responsible for the growth and policies of his fraternity which is now one of the four largest in the world, with a roll of seventy-five active chapters and a membership of over 16,000.—*Tuscaloosa (Ala.) News*, November 15, 1914.

#### CAPTAIN RALPH S. KOSER, PENNSYLVANIA ZETA

Captain Ralph S. Koser, who was recently elected captain of Troop M, stationed at Lewisburg, is an experienced officer and has served in the United States and State services with distinction. Captain Koser is mayor of the city of Lewisburg, and one of the prominent business men of that community. It is confidently predicted that his new troop will develop into a high class unit, as three-fourths of the men under his command for the past ten days have diligently practiced in individual riding. Captain Koser on June 20 assembled the troop in mounted order for its first hike and instruction in the field. The tour of duty was most successful. Many of the citizens of Lewisburg have taken deep interest in the welfare of the troop and have gone so far as to suggest that a new armory be erected. The financial condition of the troop is quite healthy, and the plan for new quarters is regarded with favor. Captain Koser believes in keeping in close touch with his men, and that the best way to do this is to give them proper comforts and a place to hold social gatherings.—*Our State Army and Navy Magazine*, July, 1914.

#### WAYLAND FULLER DUNAWAY

WASHINGTON CITY RHO, '58

Every  $\Sigma A E$  will enjoy the new book by Brother Wayland F. Dunaway, who was initiated by Washington City Rho away back in 1858. It is

entitled *The Reminiscences of a Rebel*, and is the story of Brother Dunaway's very thrilling and interesting experiences through the Civil War. Dr. Dunaway was a student at the University of Virginia when the war broke out and he was one of the first to leave and enter the great strife. He was in Field's brigade, A. P. Hill's division, Jackson's corps. He was in all the great battles of the Army of Northern Virginia from Seven Pines to Gettysburg. In the retreat from Gettysburg he was captured, and later was imprisoned in the old capitol in Washington, and afterwards at Johnson's Island. The story of it is full of life and action and the volume ought to be in the libraries of our chapters. It is published by the Neale Publishing Company, New York City, and may be obtained for one dollar.

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#### REV. H. H. LUMPKIN, TENNESSEE OMEGA

The Rev. H. H. Lumpkin has gone to Fairbanks to take the place of the Rev. Charles E. Betticher, Jr., whose term in Alaska has expired. Mr. Lumpkin is a young man, a graduate of the University of South Carolina and of the theological department of Sewanee. He was rector of St. John's Church, Charleston, S. C., and city missionary, but the lure of Alaska stirred his spirit, and he responded to the call of Bishop Rowe. He seems admirably fitted by temperament and experience to take up the splendid work developed by Mr. Betticher. He is accompanied by his wife and two young sons.—*The Spirit of Missions*, November, 1914.

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#### RUDOLPH M. ANDERSON, IOWA BETA

We are glad to know that Brother Anderson, a member of the Stefansson Expedition, is safe.

The United States revenue cutter *Bear* arrived from Nome, Alaska, today, bringing Captain Robert A. Bartlett, master of the wrecked Stefansson exploring-ship *Karluk*, and eight *Karluk* survivors, who were taken off of Wrangell Island by the power schooner *King and Winge*, which transferred them to the *Bear* in the Arctic. Captain Bartlett and his men were landed at Esquimalt and the *Bear* proceeded tonight for Seattle with forty-eight officers and men rescued from the United States revenue cutter *Tahoma*, which was wrecked last month on a reef in the Aleutian Islands.

The survivors of the *Karluk* who were landed at Esquimalt with Captain Bartlett were William Laid McKinley, magnetician, Clyde Bank, Scotland; John Munroe, chief engineer; Robert Williamson, second engineer; Fred W. Maurer, fireman; Robert Templeman, steward; Ernest Chase, assistant steward; John Hadley, seaman; and H. Williams, seaman.

Of the twenty-eight men who sailed from Port Clarence, Alaska, July 27, 1913, for the Arctic Ocean on the steam whaler *Karluk*, a wooden vessel of 320 tons, eleven perished. Eight, including three of the scientists, were lost on the ice after the *Karluk* was crushed, and three others, including two scientists, died on Wrangell Island and were buried there.

Stefansson, with two companions, is now adrift on the polar ice north of Alaska, having set out from Barter Point for Banks Land over the ice last March, and having failed to reach his destination because of the early

melting of the ice north of the mouth of the Mackenzie River. The Anderson section of the Canadian Arctic expedition, which has three gasoline schooners—the *Alaska*, *Mary Sachs* and *North Star*—is in winter quarters at the mouth of the Mackenzie, and will continue scientific observations during the winter.—*Chicago News*, October 26, 1914.

### CAPTAIN CLARENCE L. MARINE, NEBRASKA LAMBDA-PI

A splendid representative of the young American manhood in Cuba is Captain Clarence L. Marine, one of the leading attorneys of Habana. Captain Marine is physically prepossessing and convincing. Above medium height, with a strong, intelligent countenance and an alert, genial manner, he interests at once all who meet him, and his accomplishments and intelligence complete the first favorable impression. He speaks Spanish as fluently as English, and is thoroughly grounded in widespread information.

Captain Marine was born in Indiana, his father being a Methodist preacher, who was later transferred to Nebraska. While young Marine was in school and gaining an education his father died, and it became necessary for him to go out into the world for himself. He was then a boy of fourteen. He worked in the wheat camps during the summer and with construction corps and took the money he earned to carry on his education during the winter. While with the construction camps he studied engineering and rapidly progressed in the knowledge of the science, something which has been of the greatest benefit to him of later years.

He was in his last year in the University of Nebraska when the Spanish War broke out, and their instructor went to the front as a colonel. Young Marine had become thoroughly drilled, and finding opportunities better in Missouri, he went there, enlisted in the Fourth Missouri, soon became sergeant-major, then lieutenant and adjutant, and next was taken on the staff of General Lincoln.

At the conclusion of the war he entered the Civil Service in the post-office department, and was sent to Habana, where he was rapidly promoted until he became superintendent of the registry and money order divisions of the Habana postoffice, and one of the leading executives. He came back to Washington at the conclusion of General Wood's government, studied law, and graduated from the Columbia University. He was next in the employ of the Spanish Treaty Claims Commission, and returned to Cuba, where he made his home, marrying a charming Cuban girl, the niece of Senor Cantellanos, the last captain-general of Cuba. He entered the practice of the law there, being a representative of New York corporations, and has achieved unusual success. His intimate knowledge of Spanish and Spanish law makes him invaluable to the Cubans in their intercourse with Americans. He is a man who does things, and such men are always and everywhere in demand. In the midst of all his activities he has kept in close touch with his comrades of the Spanish War, and is now deputy commander-in-chief of the Spanish War Veterans for Cuba. He represented the Spanish War Veterans at the Maine Memorial celebration in Habana, and was one of the chief promoters of that function. President Menocal holds him in high esteem, and relies much upon him.—*The National Tribune*, Washington, D. C., November 19, 1914.

### G. HENDREE HARRISON, FORMER E. S. A. OF THE FRATERNITY

There was a large gathering last night between eight and eleven o'clock in the guild hall of St. Mary's Episcopal Church at the reception which was tendered the rector of St. Mary's, Rev. George H. Harrison, the reception being in the nature of a farewell to the pastor, who has resigned his charge here to take up work at Gastonia, N. C., in the missionary parish of Asheville, the church guilds uniting in making this reception one that will be remembered by the pastor many years. Expressions of regret have been heard among friends and church members, who are sorry to see Rev. Harrison leave.

In September, 1909, Mr. Harrison came to this city from Ocala in response to a call from Bishop Weed by whom he was appointed city missionary and instructed to give special attention to St. Mary's mission. Well prepared was he to fill the position to which he was called. A man of culture and refinement, of untiring zeal, of steadfast hope, of unbounded faith, he possessed the qualities most needed for the accomplishment of his difficult task. How St. Mary's, under his devoted and intelligent leadership, has grown from a little mission, dependent, unorganized, with about forty communicants, to a thriving parish with a considerably larger number of persons connected with it; how the little chapel he found here has been replaced by a church; how additional property, including a rectory, was secured; how many other things have been accomplished—all this is well known and speaks of the power and influence wielded by him.

The initial movement in expansion was in August, 1910, when the mission was organized as a mission of the diocese and a rectory was purchased. Very soon afterward there followed in its wake a movement looking toward the building of a church. Our rector broached the subject to his congregation, many of whom believed it to be an impossible thing at that time in view of our limited strength and our determination to meet promptly the obligations already incurred by the purchase of the rectory and an extra lot adjoining it. He, however, saw the necessity for action, felt this step to be not only desirable but also imperative, and again the almost impossible was accomplished.

Still further tangible evidence of his work is shown in the organizations, every branch of the work being thoroughly organized. Keeping informed of all the activities of the guilds and societies, there is nothing connected with the parish to which he has not given constant attention.

These are but a few of the signs of the new life that has entered St. Mary's. Best of all is the wonderful improvement so noticeable in the spiritual life of the parish. The earnest devotional spirit so manifest at all the services, the inspiring sermons, the unusually thoughtful and able addresses, impressively and forcibly presented, have not failed to have a marked effect on his hearers, and have been the means not only of bringing in many new ones, but also of bringing older members into closer touch with the Christ and His church. Fearless, knowing that to God alone must be given an account of his stewardship, he has faced the problems which have

presented themselves. His strength and patience, his justice and pity, his helpfulness to the extremity of self-sacrifice—all have endeared him to the hearts of his people.

The many expressions of sincere regret, the many evidences of affectionate regards must bring to both Mr. and Mrs. Harrison a partial realization of the love they have inspired. Mrs. Harrison will be greatly missed by the Guild, the Daughters of the King, the Auxiliary, in all of which organizations she takes a lively interest and claims an active part. Her interest in all branches of the church's endeavor is limited only by her household duties. Quietly, unostentatiously, she has seen that many a rough path has been made smooth, that many an obstacle has been removed or overcome. To those who have come into close personal touch with them both, there have been imparted the strength and power that come from association with consecrated lives.

While it is with much reluctance that St. Mary's people see them leave, all wish them unbounded success in their new field, and the prayers of many will be offered that they will be guided and sustained in the new work to which they have been called.—*Florida Times Union*, Jacksonville, October 22, 1914.

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#### A. J. QUIGLEY, WISCONSIN ALPHA

A. J. Quigley, Wisconsin Alpha, '03, is the author of a series of illustrated articles now running in the *Engineering Magazine*, of New York, on "The Panama Canal and the Ports of the Pacific." In the January number, Brother Quigley voiced the aspirations of the Pacific Coast and the expectations under which the two great expositions, the Panama-California at San Diego and the Panama-Pacific at San Francisco, have been undertaken and are being conducted. In the February number he reviewed the development of port and harbor works incident to the increase of traffic, handling San Diego, Los Angeles, and San Francisco features. Portland, Puget Sound, and British Columbia ports, as to their harbor works development, are the subject of the March article, and in April the series will conclude with a chapter on the resources of the "hinterland" from which these ports draw their trade, and its present and prospective developments. Brother Quigley has been located in Seattle for some years as an electrical and mechanical engineer. He knows his subject, having been connected officially for a year and a half with the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, and having had a long experience with the firm of J. G. White & Co., world-wide construction engineers of harbor works, power plants, etc.

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#### Doings of the Old Grads

##### *Alabama Polytechnic Institute*

I. B. Kerlin, ex-'14, has a very responsible position in the extension department of the Government Experiment Station.

A. T. Graydon, '14, is studying law at the University of North Carolina.

H. M. Martin, '14, has a position in the chemical department at A. P. I.

*Boston University*

Conrad Richardson recently opened an evening office at Coledge Corner, Brookline, Mass., as a branch to his up-town law office.

Paul Tierney is in the law office of Brother Roland Sherman.

Bertram Mitchell is teaching in New York.

*University of California*

Ralph Phelps, president of Province Kappa, is now associated with A. Schelling & Co. of San Francisco.

*Columbia University*

C. E. Dwyer, a mining engineer, is located at Wallace, Idaho.

*Franklin College*

Brother "Doodle" Vandiver, '14, is coaching the Wingate High School basket ball team, which has won the state championship the last two years. He expects to put out a winning team this year.

Charles B. Staff, '14, is attending law school at Indianapolis and is also doing newspaper work.

*Harvard University*

Jack E. Keefe, Jr., '06, is connected with the Miller & Draper Co. of New York and is at present traveling over the country putting on Elks minstrel shows. His success in that capacity in Delaware was marvelous.

*University of Indiana*

Harry Helwig of Kendallville, Ind., was elected state's attorney of Noble and Whitley Counties.

Bill Hackman is city salesman for A. C. Spaulding & Bros., Chicago.

Mickey McCarty is reporter for the Indianapolis *News*.

Jack Spencer, Jr., is reading clerk for the State Senate of Indiana.

Edward Elsneris, State Senator of Indiana.

*Louisiana State University*

Clive W. Chase, '14, has been working with the Texas Oil Co., Port Arthur, Texas, during the summer. He is now engaged with the Fortuna Central Sugar Factory, Fortuna, Cuba.

C. C. Moore, '14, and R. A. McClenaghan, '14, are employed by the Texas Oil Co., of Port Arthur, Texas.

Walter Scott, '14, is with the Santa Cecilia Sugar Company, at Guantanamo, Cuba.

Lawrence Dupont, '14, has resigned his position with the H. M. Fields Contracting Company of Bocas del Toro, Panama, and has gone into business at New Orleans.

Ernest Dupont, '13, is in business at Houma, La.

*University of Maine*

Sheehan, '03, is now located in New Haven, Conn., with the Aberthaw Construction Co.

Harold Wood, '11, is still with the United States Forestry Service, and is now located in Franklin, N. C.

J. Larcom Ober, '13, is with the Key West Electric Co. in Florida.

G. R. Westcott, '14, has accepted a position in civil engineering with the Paper Mills in Rumford, Maine.

L. A. Field, '14, is with the Boston Rubber Co., Melrose, Mass.

A. B. Hayes, '14, is with the Draper Co., at Hopedale, Mass.

*University of Michigan*

Frank McCann announces the formation of a partnership for the practice of law under the firm name of McCann & McDowell with offices at 232-234 Laughlin Building, Los Angeles, Cal.

*University of Minnesota*

Robert Merriam, a mining engineer, is located at Wallace, Idaho.

*University of Mississippi*

J. W. Provine, '88, is president of Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.

J. W. Cassidy, '96, Brookhaven, Miss., was counsel for the defense in the recent sensational bribery case of Bilbo.

W. I. McKay, '03, is practicing law in Vicksburg.

Will Elmer, '04, has just returned to Biloxi, after three years in Buenos Aires.

Jim Stone is a planter at Oxford, Miss.

Claude Clayton, '05, is circuit judge at Tupelo.

J. C. Elmer, '06, is candidate for revenue agent.

J. E. Johnson is superintendent of street railways at Paducah, Ky.

J. R. Haney, M.D., '08, is located at Sante Fé, New Mexico.

C. C. Hightower is located at Hattiesburg.

W. R. McBride is in Greenwood.

S. P. Stubblefield is real estate agent of Yazoo City.

Gus McDonnell, '09, is a merchant in Altheimer, Ark.

A. M. Powe, '10, is a student at Louisville, Ky.

R. B. Wooten is secretary to Congressman Stephens.

F. W. Wadlow is in the government service at Washington.

J. B. Duke, '11, has entered the mercantile trade in Hattiesburg.

C. T. Fisackerly is a druggist at Canton.

H. H. Johnson is practicing law in Lexington.

W. C. Trotter is a lawyer in Helena, Ark.

S. F. Mitchell, '12, is practicing law in Tifton, Ga.

W. M. Roberson, '13, is principal of the Greenwood High School.

R. A. Jordan is a lawyer in Ittabena.

Allen Bridgforth is pursuing a law course at Charlottesville.

W. C. Chandler, '14, is in the furniture business in Okolona.

J. F. Hall now lives in Grenada.

S. H. Pegues is taking a business course in Jackson.

*Northwestern University*

James E. Chapman is located at Wallace, Idaho. His residence is 116 High Street.

*Ohio Wesleyan University*

R. D. TouVelle, '14, is studying law at Ohio State.

L. N. Winters, '14, is connected with a real estate brokerage in Toledo, Ohio.

A. B. Elliott, '14, is taking out an M.A. in economics at Columbia University.

C. H. Beasley, ex-'16, is operating a grist mill at Amesville, Ohio.

L. H. Shepherd, '12, is located at Providence, R. I., with the B. F. Goodrich Co.

V. E. Vining, ex-'11, is assistant manager of the Boston territory of the Goodrich Company.

W. A. Banks, '12, is local editor of the *Journal Herald* at Delaware, Ohio.

A. P. Martin, '10, is practicing law in Cleveland.

R. S. May, '06, is general manager of the Delaware Chair Co., Delaware, Ohio.

*University of Oklahoma*

Paul A. Walker, '12, is in the legal department of the State Corporation Commission at Oklahoma City.

Norwood Peterson, ex-'11, is county superintendent of Cherokee County.

Robert Keenan, '13, is practicing law with his father at Tahlequah.

John Charles, ex-'16, is running one of his father's banks at Stroud, Okla.

Earl Foster, '12, is still city attorney of Drumwright, Okla.

Raymond Augustin Tolbert, '12, is practicing law with his father at Hobart, Okla.

Don Bretch, '13, is in the wholesale grocery business with his father at Hobart, Okla.

Norman Reynolds, '13, is practicing law at Muskogee, Okla.

Shelley Tracy, '11, is conducting the Southwestern Advertising Co. at Oklahoma City. Shelley is considered one of the leaders in the advertising profession in Oklahoma.

C. B. Johnson, '12, is practicing law at Chickasha.

Fred (Bink) Capshaw is practicing law at Claremore and coaching the athletic teams of the university preparatory school located there.

*St. Stephens College*

The Rev. Harold Holt, '11, was ordained to the sacred priesthood of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Grace Church, Holland, Mich., on Wednesday morning, December 16, 1914.

**GO STRAIGHT ON**

Judge every word and deed which are according to nature to be fit for thee; and be not diverted by the blame which follows from any people nor by their words, but if a thing is good to be done or said, do not consider it unworthy of thee. For those persons have their peculiar leading principle and follow their peculiar movement; which things do not thou regard, but go straight on, following thy own nature and the common nature, and the way of both is one.—Marcus Aurelius.






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### THE FRATERNITY'S ONE SUPREME NEED

Brother Sears asked me to write an article on "The One Supreme Need of Our Fraternity." Should I write such an article it would be along the line of thought expressed above, namely: Higher scholarships, cleaner morals, a broader democracy actually practiced, and last, but by no means least, a more adequate financial system which teaches men that there is virtue, honor and character developed in keeping a financial record as sound, true and straight as that of a bank. To get our active men to believe and live these principles—this is the one supreme need of the Fraternity. Inspector General Sewell of  $\Sigma$  N, in the *Delta*.—(K A Journal).

### THE OLD GUARD

The saying "misery loves company" might be paraphrased "old age loves company." While we do not mean to cast any reflection upon our esteemed E. S. T., yet he was conspicuous at the Chicago Convention for his efforts to have the old guard, "rise and acknowledge the corn." Fortunately, age does not seem to be a tender subject with men, or at least most men, so that when Brother Kimball requested those who had been members of  $\Sigma$  A E 20 years or more to stand—it was promptly complied with by the following—who now are y-cleped—"Knights of the Old Guard"—J. N. Dickinson, Tenn. Nu, '71; Henry S. Bunting, Tenn. Zeta, '86; U. S. Senator Key Pittman, Tenn. Zeta, '88; E. G. Horning, Mich. I-B, '91; William W. Brandon, Ala. Mu, '92; U. S. Judge Arthur J. Tuttle, Mich. I-B, '92; Charles D. Carlisle, Ohio Sigma, '89; Lewis J. Doolittle, N. Y. Alpha, '93; J. M. Farr, N. C. Theta, '94; George C. Keech, Mich. I-B, '95; George D. Kimball, Colo. Zeta, '95; Don. R. Almy, N. Y. Alpha, '96; William C. Levere, Ill. Psi-Omega, '98; C. A. Randolph, Pa. A-Z, '99.

### CHARLES B. OLIVIER

By some hook or crook we inadvertently misread copy of the biographical sketch of Brother Olivier which appeared in the December RECORD (1914) at page 516 and spelled it Oliver.

## A CORRECTION

The September RECORD contained a very interesting article about Col. James N. Gilmer, Georgia Pi, '59, in which two errors of statement appeared. First that Brother Gilmer was the oldest living  $\Sigma$  A E. At the time the article was published it was not true, for J. H. Field, Tenn. Nu, '57, of Dickinson, N. D. had that distinction. But at this time, so far as we are aware Brother Gilmer now has that distinction—for our beloved Brother Field, in January, 1915, passed on to join the chapter eternal established by DeVotie whose sheltering arm welcomes those who knock at the door for admittance. The other erroneous statement concerns the discovery of Brother Gilmer. The article erroneously states that Levere unearthed the long lost brother—but the fact is that George H. Kress, that indefatigable worker, while gathering material for *The Manual* compiled by him, found Brother Gilmer and mentioned his name in a series of articles on the old Georgia Military College War chapter which appeared in THE RECORD several years ago.

## DANVILLE (KY) S. A. E.'s BECOME ACTIVE

On December 30, 1914, the  $\Sigma$  A Es of Danville had a reunion and celebrated with an old-fashioned banquet. The real purpose of the function was to form an alumni association. There were twelve loyal sons who met on this occasion and what they lacked in numbers was more than offset by their enthusiasm. Kenneth B. Lyne acted as toastmaster and the following responded to toasts: "The Fair Sex," Strother Banks; "Football and Fraternity," C. C. Cromwell; "I Love the Ladies," John L. Dorsey, Jr.; "Why I am an  $\Sigma$  A E.," G. O. Letcher; "Henderson's Hospitality," Edwin Hodge. The following temporary officers were elected: President, Strother Banks; Vice-president, G. O. Letcher; Secretary, John L. Dorsey, Jr. Those who attended are as follows: K. B. Lyne, Tenn. Omega; Strother Banks, Tenn. Lambda; David Banks, Jr., Ky. Kappa; G. O. Letcher, Ky. Kappa; N. K. Toy, Ky. Kappa; John L. Dorsey, Jr., Ky. Kappa; Judson Wilson, Ky. Epsilon; Charles

H. Dishman, Va. Theta; Edwin Hodge, Jr., Va. Theta; K. B. Royster, Ky. Kappa; Wm. Elliott, Jr., Ky. Kappa; C. C. Cromwell, Ky. Kappa.

We are indebted to the new secretary for the above information.

#### ALUMNI CLUB AT PITTSBURGH

The beginning of what may develop into a permanent alumni club for Pittsburgh is to be found in the example of a few  $\Sigma$  A Es who, being without home ties, have established what they call "The Annex." It is an apartment where several  $\Sigma$  A Es live and keep open house for others who may wish to join them in the future. This apartment is located at 412 Iroquois Apartments and we are authorized to state that any  $\Sigma$  A E in good standing—and who has the proper credentials—will be welcomed into the midst. The present members are: P. C. Deemer, Pa. Omega; E. J. Daly, N. Y. Alpha; John W. Peoples, Pa. Zeta; R. B. Potts, Pa. Sigma-Phi; W. P. Kennard, Mass. Beta Upsilon; James H. Graham, Pa. Omega; W. F. Galbraith, Pa. Omega; W. W. Zinsmaster, Pa. Chi Omega.

#### FRATERNITIES NOT EXTRAVAGANT AT KANSAS UNIVERSITY

The *Graduate Magazine* of the University of Kansas, November, 1913, contains a splendid article upon the expenses of fraternity and sorority members. The charge had been made that fraternity members were extravagant and Edwin C. Mersevey collected data showing the expenses of fraternity members for that year and the allowances in each instance. We are sorry limitation of space prevents us from publishing the article in full, but we must be content with merely calling attention to the article and its general averages. We quote the following:

"It will be observed that the average highest amount of allowances to the students belonging to any one of these organizations is fifty dollars a month and the lowest, thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents a month—the average being about forty-three dollars a month. The amount received by these students from their parents does not, as near as I can recollect, exceed two per cent more than was paid to the average student during the years when Mrs. Kelly

and I were in the University, and I do not think the increase is any more than what would be expected when one takes into consideration the increased cost of living, the decreased purchasing power of a dollar, and the many things which were regarded as luxuries in our day but which are regarded as necessities by the average people of today."

"The highest amount spent by the active members of any fraternity for fraternity parties, receptions, etc., was twenty-five dollars, and the lowest, two dollars a year, thus showing an average of not exceeding five cents a day during the college year for expenses of this nature. . . .

"The figures which I have given as to the monthly allowances contain the average of those who were wholly supported by their parents or guardians. Nearly everyone of the fraternities wrote me that from two to eight of their men were working their way through school. One fraternity with just pride boasts that in 1910 seven of its members received degrees, and that six of these worked their way entirely through school. . . .

"It is not the purpose of this article to defend Greek-letter societies in the great universities of America, but I cannot close this communication without saying that in my judgment these organizations fill a place in our college life that for the present, at least, can be filled in no other way. You cannot assemble several thousand young men and women in one great institution of learning without separation into different groups of those students, whose tastes and companionships are mutual. Whether students reside in dormitories or in separate boarding houses, friendships will always be made and students will seek companionship among those who are congenial."

#### GEORGIA BETA'S ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

On June 13, 1914, the alumni of Georgia Beta met in the chapter house of the association in Athens and organized the Georgia Beta Alumni Association. The officers elected are: Thomas S. Well, '78, president; Charles H. Brand, '81, first vice-president; Richard P. Russell, '79, second vice-president; and Lewis E. Wisdom, '10, secretary-treasurer.

### HUMAN NATURE vs. FRATERNITY

Here, for example, is a young man, perfectly sincere in his intention to make the most of himself. He believes, though, that he will become more universal in his mental powers if he affiliates with no smaller social unit than the general student body. The body, at least in its simplest concept, is democratic; and so, as he thinks, it will make him democratic. But what does he actually do? He very soon learns that the student body, considered in the large, does not answer to the call of his nature. He wants someone who will be intimate and confidential. Before long he has found one, two, or three other fellows with whom he gets along right well. These fellows form a fraternity of their own. They do not call it a fraternity; they do not have any set ritual; they do not pay any regular dues as such; but essentially they are a fraternity.—*Purple, Green and Gold.*

### COLLEGE MEN IN AFTER LIFE

There are or were a little less than ten years ago, when Professor Willcox of Cornell made his careful estimates, 200,000 college graduates in the United States. There are 20,000,000 adult males in this country. The college graduates are but one in a hundred of the great army of 20,000,000 adult men, the long and lengthening marching column of American life gathering recruits from almost every land under heaven and adding to its number 400,000 every year. Add to the college graduates all those sent out by professional schools and the aggregate of the educated is not over 230,000 to 240,000. This little band of 240,000 or so, outnumbered almost a hundred to one, are the directing force of our national progress. In *Who's Who*—not a complete roster or measure of efficient service, but the best we have—college graduates, one per cent of the total of grown men, number one-half of those who are included. Take all men who have degrees and they discharge and direct the higher demands of the land.—Dean Talcott Williams, *Columbia Alumni News.*

### "A FRATERNITY SUNDAY"

Merrill Martindale of Spokane, Wash., has started a movement to have a "Fraternity Sunday". His plan is to have every church in the country have special sermons on fraternalism preached on the selected day, with all of the fraternities present en masse.—*Reference Bureau Bulletin.*

### STIMULATE EFFORT

Former President William H. Taft spoke before the Psi Upsilon fraternity in Chicago recently as follows: "There has been some agitation in this age of agitation and unrest against these successful fraternities based on the theory that we must all be on a dead level; that there can be no distinctions based on merits. What makes the world a living, growing thing is not that we are based on equality but inequality. There must be inequality of awards to stimulate human nature to higher and greater things.

"It is said that fraternities create bad feeling among the students. The college is the epitome of life, and disappointments there are not by any means the worst thing that can happen to a man. I know it; I have tried it."—*Reference Bureau Bulletin*.

#### PURPOSE OF COLLEGE LIFE

President Hadley of Yale has uttered recently some pregnant words on college men and college ways. He says: "A boy goes to college not wholly for the sake of pursuing certain studies but for the sake of breathing a certain atmosphere, of competing for certain traditional rewards of undergraduate life, of entering societies that his father has known and meeting certain men, or the successors of certain men, whom his father has met. Such an atmosphere, and such intangible opportunities cannot be created in a day."—*Reference Bureau Bulletin*.

#### NEW YORK ALUMNI ACTIVE

The New York Alumni Association will entertain with a banquet and dance to be given at the Winter Garden of Hotel McAlpin on the evening of February twentieth. The promoters state that the function has a threefold purpose and are:

1. Giving all  $\Sigma$  A Es in this part of the country an opportunity to greet our newly elected E. S. A., Brother Don. R. Almy.
2. To fittingly commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the founding of Columbia and St. Stephen's Chapters of Province Beta.
3. To learn with what great enthusiasm the Association's proposition to provide an Alumni Degree for the Fraternity and an Alumni chapter house for New York City has been received by the Fraternity at large, and the rapid progress that is being made.

#### INTERFRATERNITY CONFERENCE

The sixth annual meeting of the Interfraternity Conference was held in New York, November 28, 1914. Thirty-four national fraternities were represented by ninety-two delegates, twelve alternates and eight visitors, a total of one hundred and twelve. An effort is to be made to have the professional fraternities form conferences of their own and to coöperate with the present association. This meeting was one of the most profitable of any held, and the fraternities are trying to realize that the conferences are doing wonders in encouraging more friendliness between fraternities,

between fraternity men and those not members, and a spirit of co-operation between the college authorities and fraternities. An era of beneficence is awaiting the development of the ideals of democracy and manhood for which the fraternities are striving—and we look for greater things with each new year. We are sanguine of success for the correct solution of every fraternity problem. Good is impersonal; and good expressed in daily life will enrich all it touches, the same as each wave rolls on till it reaches the shore, wetting the sands on the beach.

#### START OF A COLLEGE PRESIDENT

At the two hundredth meeting of the Schoolmasters' Association of New York, held recently at the University Club, President Butler of Columbia, in the course of a stirring speech, said that up to his junior year in college he had intended to be a lawyer. How he changed his purpose and became by profession a student of education, and how he thinks of his profession, was told as follows:

"At the close of that year President Barnard sent for me and said: 'You would best think about education. Here is a great country in which the chief interest must be education. Nothing concerns us so much as the chief interest must be education. Nothing concerns us so much as the development of our boys and girls. I believe there is a career for the man or the men who will make education a study.' I told him that I did not know what he meant by the term."

The reply was that if he wanted to find out he should take with him on his summer vacation Ludwig Wiese's "German Letters on English Education," and he says: "I read it with absorbing interest, it was a revelation of a new field of study. He was then given Karl von Raumer's 'Geschichte von Pädagogie.'" After reading this, he says, "I felt convinced that I wanted to take up the study of education as a profession. My guide, Dr. Barnard, was one of the very greatest of our reflective students of education, and so gave me just the inspiration which I needed at the start."

"I suppose few men have had a wider teaching experience than I. I have had control of an ungraded district school; I have taught in the elementary schools and in the high schools for boys and girls, and for years I have been a college teacher. Now I am a student, observer and critic of collegiate education. From all this experience and from all that I have read and observed I am convinced that not only is ours the most joyous and the most useful, but it is as well the best compensated profession in the world. I do not envy the leaders of other professions; I know only too well what it has cost many men to be at the head in the fields of law, . . . of engineering and of commerce. They have their compensation, but in their lives I can conceive of nothing to equal our compensation in the companionship of ambitious youth, of noble books, and of philosophic minds. If I can have these delights I shall never envy the man who has to go without them, even though he might be able, if he knew what to do with it, to buy out our whole university."

## THE COLLEGE HUMORISTS

COLLECTED BY ALDEN C. BUTTERICK

"Regular fraternity weather isn't it?"

"How so?"

"Gives everybody the grip."

—*Michigan Gargoyle.*

The Peeved One—(after several collisions with inebriated party on the ballroom floor)—Hey, quit running into me all the time, d'ye think I'm a saloon?—*Cornell Widow.*

"Those Smiths make me tired. They're just like an overworked phonograph."

"Whadda ya mean?"

"They put on too many airs."

—*Penn State Froth.*

Waiter (in German restaurant)—Wasser?

American Girl (flustered)—No, Wellesley.—*Dartmouth Jack O' Lantern.*

"You know," said the amateur farmer, "we tried half the night recently to set a hen on some eggs and finally discovered that the chicken in question was a rooster."

"Rather illegal use of the mail, wasn't it?" commented his friend.—*Columbia Jester.*

Just because the co-eds are called belles is no sign a sorority dance should be called a "bell-hop."—*California Pelican.*

I didn't know you got paid for your vivisection work, Jim.

What makes you think so?

I overheard Jack say that Saturday night you opened the kitty for five dollars.—*Minnesota Minnehaha.*

Fresh—When they buried De Sota in the river what did they do with Minne?

Puzzled Prof.—Minnie—?

Voice—haha!—*The Ohio Wesleyan.*

Mixed drinks, like friends, should be few and well chosen.—*Pennsylvania Punch Bowl.*

The singer in Hades was singing,

Hot, parched and dry was his throat,

And the devil remarked to the fireman,

"Now ain't that a hell of a note?"

—*Texas Coyote.*

She (nestling closer)—"Have you never, never done this before, dear?"

He (doing likewise)—"No, never!"

She (sighing)—"Oh, George, are you sure you haven't?"

He—"I only met you last night."

—*Leland Stanford Chaparral.*

Uan Me: Say, guy, have you got your scarf on?

Soda I: No, why?

Uan Me: Better get it. Against the law to run around without a muffler, you know.

—*Nebraska Awgwan.*

'Tis a curious fact, said a government shark,



As he read about commons and  
peers,  
That an Englishman votes with his  
eyes and his noes,  
And expresses applause with his  
ears.—*Harvard Lampoon.*

"Boy, I'se out foh to take yo  
blood."

"Can't. I'se anaemic."—*Columbia  
Jester.*

I possess a social roommate  
Who is rather long and tall,  
He acquired gym credit last week  
Without any work at all,  
Swinging all the dumb belles  
At the dead mutes' ball.—*Cornell  
Widow.*

Al—I'm going to see a swell Jane  
this evening.

Dell—Couldn't you dig up one for  
me?

Al—Wouldn't you just as soon  
have a live one?—*Michigan Gargoyle.*

Our idea of a conservative man is  
one who still wears a nightshirt to  
preserve the old traditions.—*Dart-  
mouth Jack O' Lantern.*

She (at the cat hospital)—How  
much do you charge to treat cats?

He—Ten dollars.

She—Ten dollars what?

He—Purr.—*Penn State Froth.*

Mrs. Goodwun: "I wish to select  
a Christmas present for my husband  
and I can't think of anything. He  
doesn't smoke nor drink, nor go out  
nights nor play cards."

The salesperson: "Is he fond of  
fancy work?"—*Louisiana Giggler.*

First cigar stub—"What kind of  
cigar were you?"

Second C. S.—"Oh, a Robinson  
Crusoe."

F. C. S.—"I see, sort of a cast-  
away, huh?"—*Minnesota Minnehaha.*

Binks—What course is Jones tak-  
ing?

Jinks—Dental Engineering.

Binx—(He asks the natural ques-  
tion.)

Jinx—Bridge Building.—*Nebraska  
Awgwan.*

A man would rather have a pony  
than an auto at Mid-Years.

—*Pennsylvania Punch Bowl.*

Friend, gazing: "Is that your last  
house?"

Builder, also gazing: "Yes, last  
but not leased."

Give me Main 3-0-0-0!

Central—What's the matter, some-  
thing bitin' you?—*Ohio Sun Dial.*

She—"Do you allow card playing  
for small stakes at your house?"

He—"No, but the Steward gives  
them to us just the same."—*Cornell  
Widow.*

Tango—"Here's a good story I  
heard yesterday."

Maxixe—"Lower your voice.  
There's a lady behind us."—*Dart-  
mouth Jack O' Lantern.*

"One debutante cocktail."

"What?"

"A little Bud."—*Harvard Lam-  
pooon.*

He took off his shoes on the porch  
and crept in noiselessly, if unsteadily.  
Then there came a sudden crash,  
followed by a voice from above:

"What happened?"

## 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.*

### PROVINCE ALPHA

Maine Alpha, University of Maine,  
Orono

THE mid-year examinations are over here at the University of Maine and  $\Sigma$  A E came out on top, showing that the brothers were prepared for them.

In athletics Maine is still pulling strong notwithstanding the fact that Colby won the championship in football this fall. We surely must show our sporting blood and hand it to Colby for having the best team in her history and superior to any playing on a Maine campus this fall. Brother Moulton played a star game at tackle, winning an M. Brothers Hiller, '17, and Brittain, '18, worked hard with the "scrubs." It is safe to say that Brother Hiller will be in the lineup next fall. The freshmen are turning out well in response to the call for track men and several  $\Sigma$  A Es are sure to stick after the final weeding out. In scholarship we were not forgotten either, Brother Pierce, '15, being selected for  $\Phi$  K  $\Phi$ .

We have two pledges who are to be initiated some time very soon and this will bring our initiates for this

year up to sixteen. They are both fellows who will boom  $\Sigma$  A E, besides making their mark in college. Libby is already well known as a track man; due only to an accident he did not make the championship cross-country team last fall.

Maine Alpha is planning a celebration for February 19, 20, and 21. Many of our alumni have signified intentions of coming back to help make this the greatest anniversary ever. Friday night will be given over to a general good time in the house. Saturday we plan a theatre party, and a banquet. Sunday we expect to rest and talk it over and hear the "old fellows" tell how they used to do it. Cannot some of the brothers from the other chapters join us?

Maine Alpha always extends the glad hand to any visiting brother.

DONALD J. MACINTIRE.

Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon, Boston University, Boston

THINGS have been doing here of late. Since December 1, when we initiated two more good men in Brothers R. F. Homan of Salem,

Ore., and P. A. Barnard of Cambridge, Mass., seventeen loyal  $\Sigma A E s$  have worked hard to boost Beta-Upsilon forward, so that now we are able to "rest on our oars" during the examinations. We trust that none will be missing February 4 when we take up our duties for the second semester, and push out again to further our work and strengthen our forces. At present, we have three pledges and expect to have more by next term.

Just after the December issue went to press, we "copped" a few elections at college. Brother "Budd" Atwood was elected President of the Men's Union; also, manager of the reorganized college varsity sport, basket ball. Brother Homan was elected as his assistant. To date, the team has played two games, winning both by wide margins. The last team, that of Harvard Law School, was trimmed by a double score. Brother Lusk and two freshman pledges have landed regular berths, while others are endeavoring to "oust" these. Brothers Slayton and Cahill are serving on the Gamma Delta dance committee for February 19 at Riverdale Casino, Brookline. Yours truly was given the duty of collecting dues from the Business School Students Association.

The other brothers are keeping busy one way or another. Brother Mitchell travelled fifteen miles to bring a friend to the glee club concert but entered at 8 o'clock alone—poor Mitch; Brothers Atwood and Etnyre take turns keeping the same bench warm at a nearby college dormitory; Brother "Lucy" still wants to know that girl from his state (Maine), and he has already been introduced a dozen times! The other lad from the same place brought his with him. Some scheme. "Slayt"

takes a different one each time to the movies. I'll reserve other "news" of this sort until the next issue.

The men are surely buckling down to get this chapter forward. We put out a circular letter to our alumni especially advertising the convention. As a result, we had a proportionately good showing. Brother Rising, our delegate, brought back a very interesting typewritten report of the "dope." He was on the job all the time while at Chicago and displayed the same spirit as we all show in the chapter's interest.

The School of Business Administration, which was started in 1913, is gaining great favor with our men. Several are taking courses there and expect to graduate in 1916 by combining the Liberal Arts course with it. This school already compares favorably with other institutions of its kind: it now ranks seventh in attendance. The increase in the number of men at college is due to this department and promises to be a big factor in bringing more men here.

The interfraternity smoker given by Beta-Upsilon to members of other fraternities at college proved a grand success, thanks to our committee with Big Ben as chairman. The purpose of our chapter is to promote and encourage a good feeling among the men at Boston University, and to show the non-fraternity men as well as the professors what we stand for—fellowship. Several of the faculty were present and six fraternities were represented.

Events to which the chapter will soon be looking forward to are Founders' Day in March, at which I take this opportunity of asking our alumni to be present, a chapter dance, and our series of house socials and ladies' nights. With these events,

another initiation, and college functions galore, we will certainly have our hands full with entertainments. But with our cultivation committee on the job, with "Babe" White at the head, we look to upholding our regular high scholastic standing.

A very hearty welcome awaits all who will pay us a visit, be it ever so short. Our rooms are very near the college and on the same street as the Arena. "You just cawn't miss it!"

CHAS. H. CAHILL.

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Massachusetts Iota-Tau, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Brooklyn, Mass.

**M**ID-YEAR vacation is a welcome relief to a week of strenuous examinations. This is the period when the Institute activities take their longest trips, and several of the brothers are winning honors for  $\Sigma A E$ , in the various organizations. Brother Fletcher, captain, and Brother Woodward are with the hockey team on their trip through New England; Brother Swan is enjoying the glee club trip through Pennsylvania, New York, and New England; and Brother Walter C. Wood is in New York City, with the wrestling team.

During the first term, the biggest event of fraternity interest was the convention of Province Alpha which was held in our chapter house on the afternoon of December 4. This was followed in the evening by a banquet at the American House where an unusually large number of alumni and active members enjoyed an enthusiastic gathering of New England  $\Sigma A E$ s.

We are looking forward to an evening of similar pleasures on February 11, for we have decided to make the chapter theatre party, which was so successfully inaugurated last year, an annual affair.

During the latter part of the first term, Brothers Harper and Armstrong received exceptional business offers and left the Institute. We greatly regret their departure but wish them the best of success. Losses and gains do not often come together, so we consider ourselves very fortunate in the return of Brother H. L. Clarke of the class of 1909, who after several years of railroad construction work in South America, has reentered the Institute for special work.

JOHN F. STAUB.

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Massachusetts Delta, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester

**T**HE semi-annual cloudburst is over, the sky has cleared, and Massachusetts Delta, little the worse for the terrors of mid-years, is off on another tack with only one absence to remind her of the ravages of the storm. Brother Chandler has left the Institute, but is still with us a good part of the time as he is taking up a business course in the city.

Since the last issue of *THE RECORD* we have admitted within the bonds, Brother Carl W. Hedberg, '15, of New Britain, Conn. We have pledged B. W. Barker, '18, of Concord, N. H., and Donald H. Tulloch, '16, of Worcester, Mass., and are planning for an initiation the first week in February for these two men together with our other pledge men.

During the first half of the school year we held two house dances, one in October and the other in November after the Rensselaer football game when Tech athletics were launched on a new career by Tech's handing the Trojans a 14-0 defeat in the first game on the new athletic field.

Brother Pride as manager received the football W. Brother Ward has been elected football manager for the coming season.

Pledge Brackett placed in all of the cross-country runs of the season.

Brother Warren has been elected President of the W. P. I. A. A. and Pledge Archibald is the freshman director. Brother Warren is also captain of the track team and is running on the relay team which defeated New Hampshire State in the first race of the season a few nights ago.

As soon as the initiation is over we will begin getting ready for the annual house party, alumni dance and alumni night. A great many of the alumni have already been heard from and representatives are expected from every class since the chapter was founded in 1894.

At Thanksgiving time the chapter suffered a severe blow by the loss of Brother Paul W. Fletcher, '17, who was compelled to leave school because of trouble with his eyes. We hear from him frequently and although he is much better than he was there is very little chance of his ever returning to school.

We are always glad to see any brothers from other chapters and they can always find a warm welcome waiting for them at 6 Humboldt Avenue.

D. K. BEACH.

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New Hampshire Alpha, Dartmouth  
College, Hanover

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**R**IGHT in the middle of the winter, in the middle part of college inactivities, and in the midst of final examinations comes a call for a chapter letter. Nothing to write, and no time to write it in—wit! Did I say *nothing*? Well I slipped *there*,

for there is surely one thing we want our brothers to know about. It's this, every time some one says "champs", the  $\Sigma$  A Es sit up and take notice, for our  $\Sigma$  A E basket ball team won the Interfraternity series "just like that." They met and defeated  $\Phi$  K  $\Psi$ ,  $\Delta$  K E, K K K (local),  $\Sigma$  N, and finally won from  $\Phi$   $\Delta$   $\Theta$  in a 13-9 contest for this year's championship. As there were eighteen fraternities in the league, we sure feel proud of our team. "They done noble."

A short while ago Brother Cannon left us of an evening, and came back wearing a smile and a Sphinx pin. Brothers Williams, Barnard, and Brennan were admitted into the Lincoln-Douglas Debating Society. Brother Barnard has since then transferred to the University of Arizona (of course I don't mean to cast any reflections on the L. D. but—well anyway, the others are still with us). Brothers George and Clark are on the 'varsity basket ball squad, and, though Brother George was thus barred from the Interfraternity Series, no one said he couldn't coach the team. Our success was due largely to the coaching too.

Brother Balliet is working hard for the *Berna* managership, and Brothers Jordan and Brennan are working for their trials for the debating team which is to meet the University of Chicago and Tulane University in the biggest league of its kind in America.

The other brothers are recuperating from the effects of their examinations, and waiting for their turns to come as the year rolls around to track, baseball and tennis. Looking forward to these events, together

with "the big initiation" and banquet which comes February 18, we will draw the curtain, hoping to

give a more lively and entertaining act in the fourth scene of the year.

D. S. STILLMAN.

### PROVINCE BETA

New York Alpha, Cornell University,  
Ithaca

ALL the brothers have at last arrived after their vacation hang-overs and so forth (mostly and so forth). One can scarcely realize though that this is the same house as before the holidays, because everything is so quiet, and I guess the reason is that everyone realizes that "Block Week" will be in our midst in about seventeen more days. (Pray for us during that *trying* time.)

The first thing to be mentioned is that Brother "Jack" O'Hearn made All-American end and it is needless to say that we are *mighty* proud of him. Oh! yes, we are now, "Jack." Brother "Don" Munsick was also picked by some critics to hold down the All-American position as guard. Besides these two regulars Brother Hubbard was on the varsity squad and was awarded a C 2nd.

It is needless to say that we are delighted over the fact that Brother Don R. Almy, an alumnus of this chapter, was elected E. S. A. at the convention.

Some "hoodoo" has succeeded in capturing three of the brothers for the following reasons: Brothers "Chap" Ebersole and "Rog" Munsick will not be with us again until next September on account of some typhoid germs which they succeeded in getting into their systems last summer. Brother "Herb" Eisenbeis decided that he wants to be a lawyer instead of a plumber, so he has dropped out for a term in order to change his course. He is now down

at Bermuda, where the gentle sea breezes blow.

Brother Ralph Myers was instrumental in organizing an interfraternity hockey league and was then elected manager of the same. Some graft, eh? (Still there is a certain *young lady* who said that Ralph seemed to be bashful.) We now stand at the head of the league owing to the *brilliant* work of our point Brother Munsick. (Why laugh, that's no JOKE!)

We were glad to welcome Brother Paulson of South Dakota into our midst. He is trying to persuade the "Ag" college to teach him how to grow corn and wheat.

The "bunch" are taking time to "primp" for Junior Week. An outsider would think that we were going to give a masquerade ball. Such fixing up to see your best girl, I never saw.

We're still open for guests and have more empty beds than we know what to do with, but no covers. So that you will not be afraid to come let me inform you that we have a new chef and a new cook also. (Believe me, the cook has a dog *worth seeing*.)

W. J. CARTER, JR.

New York Mu, Columbia University,  
New York

FOUR men were initiated on November 23. They are: Harry Henderson, '16, Law; Ardiss Kennedy, '17, Journalism; Edward Morch, '17, College; and Hadleigh Hyde, '18, Optometry. The arduous part of the initiation was held on the preceding Saturday night and was

well attended by alumni and visiting brothers. Brother Peters demonstrated that he could devise tortures as terrible as those of the Spanish inquisition and that in planning he was the equal of any German general for everything went off like clock-work.

The next day we had a tea at which the girls were as pretty as the freshmen were embarrassed. It was marked by no untoward incident such as occurred last year when the freshmen gathered around the piano and gave vent to their feelings by singing the pledge song. After the formal part of the initiation we banqueted and celebrated at Murray's and elsewhere.

Apparently the agreement between the fraternities here will be discontinued. At a meeting held a short time ago the delegates voted upon striking out all clauses of the agreement except those affecting the scholastic standing of freshmen. The two-thirds majority necessary to pass such a motion was not obtained. Several fraternities have now dropped from the agreement and it looks as if the whole scheme would be abandoned at the end of the college year. We derived little benefit from being in the agreement. It delayed rushing and few freshmen were aware that any agreement between the fraternities existed.

Dean Keppel's report to the President of the university makes it appear probable that the university will take some action in the matter next year. In it he says that the committee of instruction of the college, in the future, will admit students, who apparently need to give uninterrupted time to their studies, only upon condition that their parents will agree to keep them from fraternity membership and time-

consuming student activities, until they can show by mid-term that they have made a respectable start in their college work.

Christmas was celebrated the Monday before school closed. A mild and innocuous beverage took the place of the usual keg. Brother Myers officiated as Santa Claus and every one received an appropriate present accompanied by a speech explaining why it was appropriate.

The week of February 7 is Junior Week. We will have a Junior Tea on Wednesday, February 10. The Junior Prom will be held at Sherry's and  $\Sigma$  A E will have a box at the theatre party when the class goes to "Tonight's the Night."

Football was revived at Columbia last fall when a game was played between the upperclassmen and the lowerclassmen. Brothers Van Buren and Myers played on the upperclass team. Crew practice began in earnest after the Christmas vacation. Brother Myers stands a good chance of stroking next year's 'varsity boat.

During Alumni Week, there will be a parade of the university athletic teams, followed by athletic exhibitions in the gymnasium. Brother Montgomery will wrestle an exhibition bout. Brother Girdner is also out for the wrestling team.

Mr. William Burtenshaw announced the marriage of his daughter to Brother William James McKenney on December 9, 1914. Brother Aigeltinger, the captain of the last 'varsity football team Columbia had, has also joined the ranks of the benedicts. JAMES G. ACKER.

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

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**I**F THIS were one week later, then  
**I**I might take up my pen with joy  
 and in a carefree manner, but I fear

that the proximity of our examinations has so affected the atmosphere of this institution that it has deprived us of all happy thoughts.

We all returned after our long holiday recess in good health and spirits with the exception, perhaps, of several who profess "heart afflictions" of a more or less serious nature.

Our delegate returned from the national convention filled with the enthusiasm and spirit of  $\Sigma$  A E. Even time seems not to efface his memories of that epoch-making convention at Chicago.

Since the last RECORD went to press an honor has befallen New York Sigma-Phi of which we are all extremely proud. From the four  $\Sigma$  A Es who represented New York Sigma-Phi on the 'varsity football team last fall, one of that number, Brother William A. Alexander, '16, was chosen captain for next fall. "Alec" has played on the 'varsity for two years. He filled an end position until early in the last season, when he was shifted to quarter back. We are expecting great things from Brother Alexander during the coming season. At the close of the season, the 'varsity letter was given to Brothers Alexander, Hoffman, and Prime.

News has just reached us concerning the big celebration, banquet and dance, which will be held in New York City on February 20, under the auspices of the alumni association of that city, to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the granting of charters to our own chapter and to New York Mu. It is needless to say that each one of us is endeavoring to find the "wherewithal" for a trip to New York City on this date. As yet, however, we have not been very successful, inasmuch as a ready market

for extra ties, collars, shirts and the like has not as yet been located.(!) We are still hopeful.

We were right glad to have Brothers Selvage, '95, and Coerr with us for several days during the early part of November.

New York Sigma-Phi extends greetings to all her sister chapters and trusts that any wandering brother who may chance in this part of the country, will pay her a visit.

HAROLD M. PRIME.

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New York Delta, Syracuse University,  
Syracuse

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SOME time has elapsed since the last "news column" was written, and so I possibly may be able to squeeze in a few pointed words. I hope they won't become too prosaic to the peruser.

We had our annual banquet, which was successfully executed. About forty-five were present, including many "old grads." Eight days after this affair (November 1), an auto load of the boys journeyed over to Ithaca, to be present at New York Alpha's housewarming. Believe me, they do things up brown at Cornell. You certainly ought to visit New York Alpha's attractive home there and subject yourself to their hospitality; it's great. After an interim of about two months from this date, occurred the crux of  $\Sigma$  A Es history; not that of all times, but that biennially—the Convention. Through our delegate, "Kike" Coyne, we were told of the voluminous business transacted, and the spacious entertainment indulged in. It must have been some three-day session.

Now I'll lead you back to the "U" in Syracuse, and go over the regular routine, which our chapter letters embrace—fraternity and school notes.



Our football team began the season strong, defeating the big Michigan eleven, downing the famous Carlisle Indians, and outplaying the Princeton Tigers. But as Walter Camp says, "A team that strikes its zenith in October, generally goes stale in November," and so our fate befell us. We weren't really stale, but injuries in the backfield greatly incapacitated us. Now the basket ball season is on, and with "Art" Osman at the helm, the leather sphere is being dropped through the cage for always a point or more than our opponents. We hope the season will be a duplicate of last year's, for they finished the season with a percentage of one thousand and became claimants to the intercollegiate title. So far everything looks rosy.

The call for crew candidates will soon be made and then we expect our fighting force to "shoot their wad." "Art" Osman will undoubtedly stroke the 'varsity eight, for he is a devil in the stern. Erskine Jeffords, "Burt" Lee, "Ed" Cronauer, Schuyler Lee and Carlisle Miller are going out for the "frosh" contingent. The first three are oarsmen, and the others, coxswains. "Onion" Sambrook is to campaign for vice-commodore.

We were represented in swimming by B. Lee and C. Keegan. Besides this Keegan will answer the call for baseball candidates, for he has won his block S twice in this sport. A new innovation in the sporting world here is wrestling. The writer has charge of the class.

New York Delta has entered teams in the interfraternity relay, basket ball and bowling leagues. But whether or not she will land any coveted honors remains to be seen.

In dramatics Byrne Hueber illustratively interpreted the part of Willie Bartlett in the "Fortune

Hunter," given by Boar's Head, Syracuse's dramatic society. In political lines, we were honored by Brother "Clipper" Keegan's election to the presidency of the senior law class.

No *thé dansantes* have been indulged in this school year, but several informal parties have been given. Our annual formal is scheduled for next month. The Senior Ball, which is characterized as being the biggest social function of the year, was given in the gymnasium January 26. Some twenty-six boxes, representing the different fraternities, were ingeniously decorated and presented an almost phantasmagorical scene. Approximately three hundred couples attended the elaborate affair.

The extension committee announces the pledging of Paul Sanborn. Our membership in the faculty has been augmented by Brothers Cox and Allan (not "Olympic" Allen), in the New York State College of Forestry.

The chapter, collectively, is progressing as moderately as possible. The financial status of the country has caused only one brother to leave college, and the death of "Jack" Winkworth's father necessitated him to leave. We regret losing these men from the chapter roll call.

I guess the third wagon has been sufficiently spread, so I'll close the end gate to prevent further leakage.

THEODORE R. JOHNSON.

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Pennsylvania Omega, Allegheny College,  
Meadville

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THE present finds Pennsylvania Omega engaged in two struggles, examinations and rushing. Examinations are half over, and so far no one has returned after a combat failing to report that he had pinned the enemy to the mat in straight falls. Indications seem to show that there

will be no trouble in this direction for any of the brothers. The scholastic standing of the chapter was never higher than it is now, and this in spite of the fact that our system of rushing freshmen is not conducive to good work in examinations, bidding day coming immediately after the end of the first semester. Consequently the rushing is heaviest at this time.

There is no doubt but that we are going to get the best bunch of freshmen this year. Every member of the chapter started rushing early, and we have never allowed the other fraternities to take away from us the inside track we got in the fall. Our "open houses" were voted by the freshmen as the best, the last one in particular making a decided hit. It was an imitation of an evening in a cabaret, with a "bar" in prominence and laughable stunts galore, among which shadowgraphs were easily the favorite. Sig Alph, the pup, made many friends that evening and we believe he clinched the argument with two men.

The chapter discharged its social obligations with a Christmas dinner December 17, the night before vacation began. The house was prettily decorated for the event, under the direction of Brother Hickman, with Christmas colors which partially concealed colored lights. Of course, there were a few bits of mistletoe in the secluded places, but all the brothers were not fortunate enough to find them. Santa Claus obligingly advanced the date of his visit to accommodate us, and distributed favors among the ladies and appropriate gifts and kindly advice to the brothers.

The chapter was honored with a pleasant visit from Brother R. W.

Thomas, '12, the latter part of December. At least, the visit was pleasant to us, but we doubt if "Bim" enjoyed all of it. On his first night in town he was presented with an attack of appendicitis, and after having the offending member removed, he spent a few days with us while recuperating. Brother Thomas expects to enter Columbia University this next semester to take up work in journalism. Brother C. A. Borland, '13, who enters Boston Tech this term to study advanced chemistry, spent a day with us recently.

The college had the misfortune to lose Alden Hall, the chemistry building, by fire on the morning of January 15. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss, after deducting for the insurance, is about \$20,000. Assurance has been given by President Crawford that the Department of Chemistry, of which Dr. R. E. Lee, Massachusetts Gamma, is the head, will be better cared for next year than ever before. Definite plans have not been announced as yet. For the present room has been made among the other departments.

The basket ball season started off well, the team winning the two games played so far, with Niagara University and Rochester University. Prospects indicate a successful year.

Brother Shaner is busily at work on his Centennial Kaldron, and promises to make it the best ever. Following his lead, the President and the various committees of the centennial celebration are completing the preliminary plans, and the program is now in the hands of the printer.

Tryouts for the debating team were held recently, and Brother Koehler, '15, was among the success-

ful aspirants. He will debate against the University of Pittsburgh.

W. A. HILL.

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Pennsylvania Sigma-Phi, Dickinson College, Carlisle

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SINCE the publication of our last letter in THE RECORD, we have received four new  $\Sigma$  A E S into the fold. Our new brothers are all of the class of 1918, green and unsophisticated but nevertheless far from hopeless. In addition to the above mentioned we have honored two other members of the class of 1918 by adorning their respective lapels with a pledge button, with which every  $\Sigma$  A E is very familiar.

Unquestionably the winter term here is the busiest time of the year; for with the approach of the freshman banquet, the sophomore-freshman basket ball game, interclass wrestling match, March Stunt, and worst of all, examinations, we may let no "grass grow beneath our leather shod feet". Brother Koser, freshman President, is apparently very much occupied with the arrangement that must be made for a proper and fitting banquet. I regret to say that he is not very brotherly; for he does not confide, even a little, in the sophomores. Brothers Palm and Brady, freshmen, are 'varsity men on the freshman basket ball squad.

We are all progressing satisfactorily along scholastic lines and expect to raise our standing considerably. Brother Harmon in his report from the National Convention, has certainly given us a feeling of respect and pride even more intense than before, because of our being "Sons of Minerva". When we gather around the piano and sing our thrilling  $\Sigma$  A E songs we then realize

just how much we have been honored and how little and insignificant we are individually when compared with all of  $\Sigma$  A E.

We are making extensive plans for a rousing March Stunt and expect to have many of our inactive brothers back to visit us.

At present we are twelve in number and have two lively young pledges. We are small as a chapter but we can pass this year off very comfortably, and fortunately without having to sacrifice the name of the fraternity by initiating men not of fraternity calibre.

We are still encamped at 103 W. Louther Street and shall remain here until we receive reinforcements from our vast hosts of alumni who have already shown an inclination to advance with immediate financial ammunition.

J. CHESTER MASSINGER.

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Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta, Pennsylvania State College, State College

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"MIDNIGHT OIL" consumption never had anything on Pennsylvania Alpha-Zeta for the amount of electricity used during the time of preparation for final examinations. The piano is closed, the Victrola locked, typewriters stored away, and nothing but muffled voices arising from darkened halls greet the almost unwelcome visitor. The environment suggests Paris awaiting a bomb from a Zeppelin. Needless to say, we are confident, in a praying attitude at least, that the grim, uncompromising "Es" are not pointed in our direction during the present siege. A bulletin will be issued from headquarters at any early date, concerning the successful or unsuccessful outcome of a practice which has

General Sherman's terminology of war stopped to a standstill; namely, Final Examinations.

Brother "Jimmy" Newpher, '17, who was obliged to drop out for one semester, has again returned to the circle. Likewise, Brother "Jim" Craig, '16, who became afflicted with troubles of the eyes at the opening of the school year, is expected to "breeze in" at any moment to resume work with the opening of the new semester.

Scholastically we bear inspection, while in participation in athletics and general college activities, we are second to none, as usual. Brother "Bill" Wood, '16, center for two years on the 'varsity eleven, was unanimously elected captain of the 1915 football team, while Brother "Iffie" Davis was selected as Manager of the team. Brother "Rass" Blakeslee, '18, a freshman, has basket ball written all over him, and has guaranteed himself a permanent place on the 'varsity five. Brothers Roberts and Frantz, '16, and Rinckenbach, '18, are members of their class teams. Brother "Pat" Dowd, '15, manager of the "Thespians," is ably assisted by Assistant Manager Brother "Burley" Wilhelm, '16. Brother "Snake" Thompson, '15, head electrician, will have charge of the scenic effects during performances. Brothers "Spence" Free, '18, in the cast and "Tommy" Thompson, '17, in the chorus, are displaying professional ability.

Acting upon suggestions made by the Pan-Hellenic Council, we, as an individual chapter, have established a new system, whereby freshman pledges, in the future, will not be initiated until after the class reports of the men, for the first two months of their college year, are issued. This promises to be a move in the right line, toward the raising of the stand-

ards of the fraternity. A commendable system is now in vogue in our boarding and treasury departments, whereby the parents of the brothers are informed, by the issuing of monthly statements, of their son's financial standing in the chapter.

As a means of expressing satisfaction for past performance of duties, and confidence in future ability, we have reelected Brother "Doc" Williams, E. A., to guide the affairs of the chapter through another semester of continuous prosperity.

R. STANLEY DAVIS.

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Pennsylvania Zeta, Bucknell University,  
Lewisburg, Pa.

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**T**HE winter term at Bucknell opened on January 5 and every man, active and pledge, came back ready for hard work. The card system which has been in vogue at this chapter for the last two years, showed its worth in the splendid grades of our underclassmen, and we feel certain that we have our just share of students. We try to demonstrate to our freshmen the importance of earnest effort in regard to their studies; the results this year have been especially gratifying.

To our list of pledges we have added two new men: Howard Rosenberger, '18, of Swenksville, Pa., and Thomas L. James, '16, of Sharon, Pa. This gives us eleven pledges in all and there should be some big doings at their initiation in June.

The Pan-Hellenic Association at Bucknell, by its unprecedented energy and activity, has brought the fraternities which compose the body, into very close touch this year, and as a result many interfraternity functions are being held. In accordance with the good feeling which now exists in this body, there are strong

indications that an agreement will be drawn up whereby "rushing" and other general fraternity issues will be regulated. The lack of such an agreement has long been a fault here, and conditions are such now that this fault can best be remedied.

Basket ball seems to have taken on a new life at this institution, and we are represented by a corking good team this year. The schedule was especially good, and we have had the opportunity of seeing some of the best college teams in the East in action. Pledge Peale is our contribution to the squad. When the call comes for baseball candidates, we will be seen at our best. Brothers Leibensberger, Oesterle, and Heberling will be out strong, while Pledges Miller, Umlauf, and Peale come to us with splendid prep school records.

Throughout the whole winter season we have kept our heads well above water socially. Besides the number of parties which we gave early in the term we entertained  $K \Sigma$  and  $\Sigma X$  at an informal dance on February 5. Plans are well on foot for our annual spring house party, and from present indications it will be a hummer.

In January we sent out a letter to our alumni, by means of which we hope to keep them posted as to our winter activities. Another such a letter will go forth in the spring, and we hope to have a large delegation back to Symposium in response.

We have made some extensive repairs on our house this year, and have made it more habitable; at least until our dreams of a new one come true. The general condition of the chapter is prosperous and we feel certain that 1915 holds some great things in store for Pennsylvania Zeta.

G. G. PAINTER.

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Pennsylvania Delta, Gettysburg College,  
Gettysburg, Pa.

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THE little glimpse we have had into 1915 appears very bright indeed. As a result of our first rushing of the new year we present a new pledge, Boyer. "Baldy," however, is in prep and will have several years to wait before he can wear the badge.

We held an informal dance on the night of January 15. The ladies of the town graciously favored us with their presence, and this together with "eats" and music furnished a very pleasant evening.

Brother Turnbull, '18, has secured for himself a permanent place as guard on the basket ball team, while Brother Montgomery, '18, is making the other candidates for center work hard. Brother Schillinger, '17, was elected Treasurer of his class and also has been picked for an important part in the sophomore play. Brother Sunday, '16, represented the College Y. M. C. A. at the temperance convention held in Topeka, Kan., during the last week of December. Brother Kerper, '16, was appointed Chairman of the Junior Prom committee.

It is with regret we announce that Brother Simon, '15, did not return to school after the holidays. He was popular with the boys and we wish him success wherever he may cast his lot.

A McKinley Memorial Smoker was held in the rooms on the night of January 29. Appropriate speeches were delivered.

So the first few weeks of 1915 have been prosperous ones for Pennsylvania Delta and we hope they are only a sample of what is in store for us.

LAURAN D. SOWERS.

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Pennsylvania Theta, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia

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ON THE LATE MASSACRE IN  
THE MID-YEAR EXAMS:

Avenge, O Minerva! Thy slaughtered sons whose brains  
Lie scattered in the classrooms cold;  
Even them who kept Thy truth so pure of old  
When all our fathers worshipt stocks and bones  
Forget not: In Thy book record their groans  
Who are Thy sheep, and in their college fold  
Slain by the learned profs, that rolled  
Brother after brother down the rocks. Their moans  
The walls redoubled to the hills and they  
To Heaven. Their martyred blood and ashes sow  
O'er all the college fields, where still doth sway  
The learned tyrant: that from these may grow  
A hundred fold, who having learnt Thy way,  
Early may fly the Sig Alpha woe.

The above is pessimistic in strain, for while some of us may receive some conditions Pennsylvania Theta will not lose a brother through flunks. In fact several of the brothers dragged down exemptions, and have set a high standard of scholarship not only for Pennsylvania Theta but for all the other fraternities in college.

Since the last RECORD went to press we have added two new men to our numbers. Wayne Butterbaugh of Spokane, Washington, and

Harry C. Dodd of St. Paul, Minnesota, are now both loyal sons of Minerva.

Some of our hopes of the early part of the year have been realized and some have not. Pennsylvania's football season was not as brilliant a success as we hoped for, but anyone who saw that last game knows that Pennsylvania fought until the whistle blew.

After the Cornell game on Thanksgiving Day the brothers and their ladies went back to the house to what was probably the most successful party ever given by our chapter. Tables set throughout the dining room and reception hall and parlor fairly groaned under the loads of good things to eat. Everything that goes to make up a real Thanksgiving dinner was included in the several courses.

The good things to eat, the soft music, and the floral decorations and the beautiful women, all in the mellow and somewhat uncertain light of the candleabra and open fires made a picture and atmosphere that we will not soon forget. After dinner the place was cleared out and a dance was on which finally broke up in the small hours of the morning.

In accordance with our interfraternity agreement here rushing starts February 8. Here we would like to thank the brothers who have taken an interest in sending us the names of prospective material. We have a list of over a hundred recommendations, and we have laid careful plans for looking them over and rushing them. During February we will average four parties a week besides any informal entertainment. The outlook is good.

As the last letter will show, most of our men are actively interested in

some phase of the college interests, and this one thing we will try to make our freshmen do. We are well represented in all the branches of athletics. This is the time when interest begins to turn to the baseball outlook. "Doc" Irwin played in left field last year and will doubtless hold down that job again. Webb Irwin is going to show his brother that all the athletic ability in the family does not belong to one. He is going to do his best to land the right field position. That would make a great pair.

"Pop" Barry who pitched us to a championship in the interfraternity baseball league last year is trying out for the "pill slingers" job, and since this will in part be his future vocation, he ought to make the team.

Brothers McNickol and Fish are also out for baseball. Dick Fish is trying for first base, and McNickol is good anywhere on the diamond.

Brother H. F. Troutman, M.D., who has been in Hawaii since his graduation from Pennsylvania in 1908 is with us for the winter while he is taking up some special work in the University. He expects to go back again in the spring. "Lon" Jourdet 1913 is coaching basket ball here at Pennsylvania. Brother Stanley Wilcox is working under Edison himself.

Plans have been made for our annual formal dance on March 19, and for the Founders' Day banquet on March 9. We hope that any brothers who can will plan to be with us on these dates, and the latch string to 3908 Spruce St. hangs out to any "Sig" who is in Philadelphia. Come and see us.

WILSON B. NAIRN.

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Pennsylvania Chi-Omicron, University of  
Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh

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IT'S NO use, brothers; the time is not yet. Your joys (it may be to some of you, sorrow, though to them I do not speak) are to continue on until the next exchanging time. Nothing, brothers, nothing for you but pain; only the hopes for a life of future gladness can bear you throughout your remaining school year.

Why this preparation? Brothers, I'm trying to gently break (ouch!) I mean break gently, the news that an E. C. is not elected at the mid-year elections, and that for time again, you must read (for really it is your duty) you must read the letters of the now-writing scribe.

"Oh, Death, where is thy sting; where, Grave, thy victory!"

But lend me your eyes. I come to court your interest, not to bore you. The nothingness that I have writ lives after me, with good I must for it atone. Here, by leave of brothers of X O, whom you know to be rational men, come I to write my message to you.

Read this for my cause, and be patient that ye may its fullness scan. Censure me in your wisdom and recall the census that you may my senses judge.

If there be any dear Son of Minerva reading, to him I say that our love for this Mother is none the less than his. If then that son demand why Chi-Omicron's present scribe is allowed to inflict his monstrosities upon other  $\Sigma$  A Es—this is my answer. Not that I love you brothers less, but that I love "masculine bovinity" more. But to deeds!

Oft in the stilly night some robustuous, vacuuity-pated freshman tears

a bed-sheet to tatters, to very rags, and splits the head of other freshmen, who for the most part are fit only to make "bum" shows and noises. A junior enters room where tearing is in progress. Freshman, receiving splits on head, cries,

"Help me, help, oh worthy junior. Help and save my tarnished honor, That I can your wisdom foster and with other freshmen battle."

(Villain enters. John A. Thompson, qualified as sharpshooter in N. G. P.)

Ho, fling the freshmen from the tower and bring the sophomores in, Bring on the wood, fill well the tub and throw the fresh fresh in.

But enough of Blarney.

Pennsylvania Chi-Omicron is realizing the absolute necessity of a comprehensive understanding of the meaning of our coat of arms. We are knowing exemplification is absolutely necessary. We know it is in Ethics we find the true standard-making, basic principles of beliefs and realize religion combines these necessities under its general head and for this reason and to accomplish this mentioned end Pennsylvania Chi-Omicron has elected a Chaplain. Brother Steele Gow, a year-old brother, fills this position of honor. He is a loyal  $\Sigma A E$  as all of us are, and is made from the finest silks of Minerva's weaving. We, here, are fortunate in knowing him best.

We elected Brother Giles, again, as Eminent Archon. His administration is producing commendable results. We reelected Brother Horner, E. D. A., and Brother Garvin, E. R. Brother Mellon was elected Eminent Warden and Brother Hallock, Eminent Herald.

Our steward department is conducting its business in what we are beginning to recognize as the proper way. Brother Joe Thompson, from the "land of the sunkist hills" (with apologies to Brother Brandon), is making good as president of this department. We are "making" steadily on the proposition and find no cause for apprehension here.

We have great plans for 1916. Wait till Minerva captivates the people of Father Pitt. Wait till the smoke of Pittsburgh whitens under the influence of the stars of Minerva's crown. Wait till the lion's roar rivals the booming of our steel mills. Wait till purple and the gold unfurl upon the heights of Chi-Omicron's fortress. Wait till the West meets East, the North the South, in the Town of the Hidden Sun. Wait till Province Beta acts as host to the  $\Sigma A E$ s of the world—and I'll tell you all that we're going to do.

Roar on, thou irrepressible monster, roar.

Ten thousand voices cry at thee in vain.

Man marks the earth with ruin. His control

Stops with my pen. Upon the written scroll

This rot is all my deed. Nor doth remain

A vestige of thine image save thine own,

When for a moment, like the Frenchmen's Joan,

He doth attempt to read. With struggling groan

He shuts the book, he sighs—he dies with feverish moan.

RAY L. HUFF.



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Virginia Omicron, University of Virginia,  
University Station, University, Pa.

**T**HERE has been little of interest to break the monotony of winter term as far as university affairs are concerned. We are glad to announce the initiation of two more brothers, John Anderson of Florida and M. K. Smith of Louisiana. Their initiation only increases our membership by one, for Brother J. F. Bullett, Jr., has resigned and is reading law in his father's office at Big Stone Gap, Ga. Brother Enos has been appointed on the *Law Review* board to fill the place of Brother Duncan, who resigned to prepare for the bar examinations. Brothers Fuller and Marsh Frere are busy each afternoon on the track; and Stickley is captain of the undefeated basket ball team. In closing we wish it known that Virginia Omicron keeps open house.

ALLEN BRIDGFORTH.

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

**H**USH—I hear loud shrieks of silence. The brothers en—altogether have taken themselves to a *Femme Sole* Seminary to give the ladies a treat in the new fancy steps. However, all is not lost—Brother Wheeler with his interfraternity bowling understudies are doing the practice stunt; and the get-together-on-paper man of the chapter now sits at his desk watching the oxometer ascend to its highest point.

Since having last watched this "separator" operate, there have been many haps and mishaps to some of our brothers. Washington City Rho now has the pleasure to announce the

following new members: Robert L. N. Bailey, of Kiswick, Va.; Joseph A. DuBois, of Washington, D. C.; George T. Hall, of Hyattsville, Md.; Melvin C. Hobson, of Washington, D. C.; Campbell H. Plugge, of Washington, D. C.; and Robert W. Smith, of Washington, D. C. All of these gentlemen acquitted themselves with more honor than is usual for "goats" to display, when they produced "The Boob's Progress," the author of which is none other than Brother Wheeler. (Gee, how can such a thin guy produce so much rare poetry?) Brothers, I am here to state that it was some show, and all who missed it are the losers.

During this time all the men standing on the Lion's back close to Minerva were not looking for a morris chair, and the "rollins"; for Brother McKnew walked up to the Arts and Science College and took the John D. Rockefeller's job of his class; and Brother "Ike" Noonan snatched the Vice-president's job of the junior engineers; and "along came" "Rats" Offutt with the Treasurership of his architectural men (now I see where he buys gasoline for his auto and we all ride) and that was not all he did; a gold medal for work in school now hangs beside his girl's picture. Brother Bailey next comes to the front with the Presidency of the pre-medic students. In the course of human events Brothers Hatch and Smith were elected to the Legal Aid Society of the law school, and they are now showing some people how they can get twenty-five dollars worth of legal advice for nothing. Brothers Heine and Dix were elected to the Honor Committee, and any cheater must

hold tight or he leaves the law school by the back door. Brother Meckley has just received his papers into the honorary law school fraternity— $\Phi \Delta \Phi$ . And lest we forget, Old "Dutch" Groesback is traveling with the basket ball team this year as a star—he has his place all to himself. Brother Wheeler was recently initiated into the Order of the Skull and Circle, a sophomore honor society for men who have furthered school activities. Brother Noonan was chosen by the chapter to look after their interests in the coming athletic meet when we will be represented by our four fastest men in the Interfraternity Relay.

The National Convention certainly did some worthy work this Christmas time, and Brother Frederick, our delegate, gave us a very extended report from which we all gained. The consensus of opinion was that all were pleased that the hard workers of Phi-Upsilon of Washington State were rewarded. The convention surely passed some good laws, and also some that did not seem to meet with the approval of all the chapters.

The university is struggling to get out into the athletic spotlight, and as the finances go, so go the athletics. All the studes are pulling, drawing, and boosting the proposition so that we all may be heard from. The play "Sweet Lavender" by Pinero is to be staged in March in order to produce the shekles for baseball. Brother Wheeler is the coach and has the hero's part. He is assisted by other "Georgus Washingtonus" men, including Brothers Meckley, Bailey and Frederick, who do the "talk stunt" with ease and grace; except when they stub both feet at once.

The joyous Christmas tide greeted us with much cheer. Brother McKnew as chairman of the Christmas tree party did himself credit with the verse and presents, and even "Froggie", the cop, had a wonderful time. What! Do I hear old John Barleycorn rapping at the door on December 25, 1915? No, old man, you cannot enter—us and the Senators have abolished you. Out, damnèd spot!

On New Year's Eve 1936 Euclid was some "peppy" place, with beautiful girls, grape juice punch, many visiting brothers and good music. As the old year backed out and young, spirited 1915 stepped in, we wished all present the best and happiest new year. The favors—noise-makers—made all respond. Brother Bennet with the driving reins of the party in hand surely showed us a good time.

It gave all the brothers great pleasure to welcome the sons of Minerva from other chapters during the holidays, and we trust that the  $\Sigma A E$  latch-string of Washington City Rho may become acquainted with other brothers.

H. W. DIX.

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Virginia Sigma, Washington and Lee University, Lexington

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**T**HE opening of the second term after Christmas at Washington and Lee found Virginia Sigma ready to initiate nine new brothers into the mysteries of  $\Sigma A E$ , all of the pledges having passed creditably the required amount of scholastic work for initiation. The record made by the chapter as a whole was an enviable one, as out of ninety-three tickets carried by the brothers only four were "flunked". Brother Stukes was numbered

among the fourteen honor men of the University.

The initiation ceremonies were held on the night of January nine and were a marked success in every particular. We take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity the following brothers: L. P. Collins, Jr., Marion, Va., R. G. Vance, Jr., Waynesboro, Va., W. M. Marshall, Staunton, Va., J. H. F. Mayo, West River, Md., G. M. Hearne, Jr., Shreveport, La., H. C. Hearne, Shreveport, La., W. B. Watts, Rome, Ga., J. G. Ramey, Jr., Rome, Ga., and W. F. Sutton, Jr., Baltimore, Md. We are sure that these men are  $\Sigma A E$  material to the core and that they will ever strive for the advancement of the ideals of  $\Sigma A E$ .

The two big social events of the winter, the Junior Prom and the Fancy Dress Ball, the latter the largest thing of its kind in the South, have recently taken place. The chapter was well represented at both of these functions by Brothers Miles, Burton, Gardner, Sutton, Mayo, Hearne and Hampton.

We have a good representation in all phases of college activities. Brother Miles is playing his fourth year as center on the basket ball team and is also captain. He is regarded as the logical choice for All-South Atlantic center. Brother Zaiss is starring at right forward. Brother Lile, Captain-Elect of the baseball team failed to return to college but the chapter will probably secure one or more representatives from the following men who are stars of the first water in the Winter League and bid fair to shine in the spring: Brothers Zaiss, Burton, Vance, Collins, Ramey and Watts. Brother Ramey is a member of the track squad.

We are planning to hold an elaborate banquet on Founders' Day, March 9 and we would be glad to know of any visiting brothers that will be able to reach here around that date.

W. R. BURTON.

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North Carolina Xi, University of North  
Carolina, Chapel Hill

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WE ARE beset by examinations. The barricades which we erected last term are falling, and we fear to fall with them. Lest this happen, we are refortifying ourselves, cramming the gaps in our ramparts of learning. As Belgium is prehensible to the nations, so we open now to the attacks of German, French, and English. May the wise and stout Minerva guard her protegés.

Before this martial cataclysm, came a time of peace and plenty. Nor is it impracticable to hope that prosperity will ensue with peace.

Brother Reid, '16, who played in practically every football game last fall, started the Thanksgiving game with Virginia at full back and was rewarded with an N. C. Brother Williamson, '17, also showed up well and played in several 'varsity games. Brother Keesler, '15, has made all the basket ball trips so far, and we anticipate his making the northern tour in February. Brother Williams, '16, is Assistant Manager of basket ball, and is kept busy calculating gate receipts and expenditures. He will, however, be busier when, at the opening of the baseball season, he takes his old place as pitcher. Brother Cowan was assistant leader of the fall dance given by the German Club, is leader of the Junior Prom to be given at Easter, serves on the editorial board of the college

weekly, and further proves his versatility by playing class basket ball. At a recent meeting of the junior class Brother Linn was elected chief commencement marshal. Brother Linn is also serving on the magazine and annual boards and is managing editor of the college weekly. Brother Parker is assisting in the laudable work being carried on by the Y. M. C. A., the conducting of a night school for the illiterates of the village who work in the mills during the day. The work is succeeding better than was even hoped.

The chapter was delighted to affiliate recently Brother Augustus T. Graydon, of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, who graduated there last year with honors and who, as a law student here, will bring distinction both on himself and the chapter.

We hope to have the chapter augmented next week when the regular spring initiations will be held.

As soon as the winter rains are past, the roads from this village to the outside world will be in excellent condition. All  $\Sigma$  A E S are more than cordially invited to test them.

T. C. LINN, JR.

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North Carolina Theta, Davidson College,  
Davidson

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**S**INCE the issue of the last RECORD, North Carolina Theta has added the names of five initiates and one pledge to its roll. The new brothers are W. D. Lawson, Jr., P. B. Thames, Jr., H. K. Aiken, Jr., D. E. McClay, and R. T. Carroll. All of these brothers we commend to the Fraternity. The pledge is N. L. Armistead. Brother Alford also returned after the holidays, after having been absent for a year, so we now have an active chapter of

twelve men and one pledge. The chapter is now in fine condition and promises to enjoy a long period of prosperity and growth.

The class football games have been an interesting feature for the last few weeks. Brother Alford is playing full back for the juniors; Brother Thames is playing end on the sophomore team; and Brother McClay is playing in the backfield on the freshman team, while pledge Armistead has starred for the fresh as left half back.

The basket ball team returned several days ago with several victories to its credit. Brother Moore represented the chapter and played excellent ball.

Coach Fetzer has started the pitchers to work and prospects seem good for a winning team. Brother Alford is catcher and at a recent meeting, was elected captain of the team for the season of 1915. Brother Lawson is trying out for pitcher and is doing well. Before Christmas, Brother McKinnon was elected captain of the football team for next season. This gives us the captainship of both football and baseball.

Junior Speaking is to be on the 5th and 6th of March, this year, and we are looking forward with much pleasure to this event. Brother Morrison will be our lone representative in the oratorical line. Several of our alumni are always present at this event and it is indeed good to have them with us.

The orchestra and glee club is preparing a trip into South Carolina and Georgia, which they will take during the week in which February 22 comes. Brother Morrison is a member of both, and will enjoy the pleasures of the trip.

At a recent election in the Eumeran Society, Brother Hogood was elected a member of the debating council which is composed of three men from each society. All of the

brothers are hard at work and doing well. We hope to have many visiting brothers with us this spring.

W. G. MORRISON.

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### PROVINCE DELTA

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Michigan Iota-Beta, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

WITH our "exams" starting off in just two more days, it will be easy to see that all of us are very busy. As usual the "exams" look hard as the dickens and with eleven freshmen on our hands that must pass eleven hours of "C" work in order to be initiated, we are thinking of little else.

All of the brothers came back from Christmas vacation in good shape and all seemed to have had a good time; even those who stayed in Ann Arbor tell wild tales, which match up well with the wild tales coming from Erie, Washington and last but not least, Milwaukee, where the writer and Brother Wells spent their vacation after a stay in Chicago at the Convention. Talking about the Convention, that was *some* affair. I never hope to have a better time than I had there and all of our fellows said the same thing and we had over twenty there. We will all be at Pittsburgh in 1916 if we have anything to say about it. Our pledges who were at the Convention certainly liked it and they came back to school believing more and more that they had done the only thing possible when they put on the Σ A E button.

Our football season did not turn out as well as we expected, but watch us again next year. Our team was too green this year and also the schedule was a pretty heavy one. Our

only regret is that Harvard refuses to meet us again next year when we feel sure that we would be able to avenge our defeat of this year. Brothers James and Staatz were awarded Ms for their services and Brothers Walter Niemann and Bob Huebel were awarded Rs for their work on the Reserves. Next year they will be on the 'varsity for sure.

The track season in the gymnasium has started and prospects seem to be picking up although they do not look too rosy as yet. Before the meet starts Michigan will be well up as usual. Brothers Budd Fox, Ziegler, and Root and Pledges Ziegler and Darnell are out working every day and out of that bunch we hope to have an M or so. Brothers Fox, Ziegler, and Root have been out before and "Steve," our trainer, seems to think well of them.

We do not have a 'varsity basket ball team here but the classes all have teams and there is some spirited competition in those games. Brothers Lang, Brucker, Niemann, and Dean are out for places and Pledge Kocher seems to have a good chance on the freshman team. Dean is manager of the senior team.

As per usual, we are well represented in the affairs of the campus. I have not the time or space to mention all our honors here but let me just tell the new ones. Brother Chester Lang has just been elected associate editor of the *Michigan Daily*, Brother Root, Vice-president of the 'varsity band, and Brother

Dean was elected to Druids, the honorary society of seniors in the literary department.

The legislature of the state has been nice to us of late and as a result, we are having a little building operations. A science building bigger than any building now on the campus, two new dormitories, and the plans for a new educational building with a high school and grammar school within it are all under way.

The famous "J" hop of Michigan has been revived although on somewhat less pretentious scales and we hope to have a big time the night of February 5.

Wishing all of the chapters good luck and ever reminding you that we like to see all of you, I will cut this right off here.

RUSSELL E. DEAN.

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Michigan Alpha, Adrian College, Adrian

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**S**INCE the last issue of **THE RECORD**, Michigan Alpha has been on the job every minute. Three more new men have been pledged. Pledge Frank Roberts hails from New Kensington, Pa. He is a musician of high rank. Ray Tubbs and Prim Mott, both of Adrian, are our other two pledges and they are both fine young fellows whom we are sure will prove a credit to  $\Sigma A E$ . We are quite proud of our pledging record this year in as much as we have not failed to get a single man we went after. We have bid and pledged ten men this year.

We have had two initiations, one in December for Brother Burton and one on January 25 for Brothers Mott and Tripp. These men are taking right hold of things and are helping along affairs of the chapter in mighty fine shape.

On McKinley's birthday this year, as in previous years, the fellows all wore carnations in honor of that celebrated member of our fraternity. But that was not all that made January 29 an unusual day in Michigan Alpha circles. For early that morning Doctor Stork called at the home of our E. A., Brother Hervey, and left with him and Mrs. Hervey a fine eight and a half pound girl. And she is as nice a little Miss as ever came to bless an earthly home.

On December 24 when many of us were far away from the dear old college town the merciless hand of Death snatched away our beloved and worthy alumnus brother, Dr. Charles H. Hubbell. Brother Hubbell as a friend to Adrian College and a friend to the active as well as the alumni  $\Sigma A E$ s. He lived here in Adrian, and was always interested in the welfare of the chapter. We are left to mourn a great loss to  $\Sigma A E$ .

A few new honors have come to our bunch recently, which only goes to show that we are still holding our place in student activities. Brother Stuhrberg has been elected manager of the glee club. Brother Teachout was elected captain of the basket ball team, Brother Hart plays guard and Brother Dawson is a sub. Brother Baldwin was elected as one of the two student members of the Executive Council of the local alumni association of Adrian College. Professor Pratt was elected as an alumnus member of this council from  $\Sigma A E$ .

We are already looking ahead and planning for our annual Founders' Day banquet. We expect to make this an elaborate affair, one worthy of the name which it bears.

Michigan Alpha extends greetings to her sister chapters and a welcome

to every son of Minerva who may happen our way.

HOWARD L. KINGSLEY.

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Ohio Sigma, Mt. Union College, Alliance

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**R**ELIEF is the one word which clearly expresses how the men of Ohio Sigma feels now that the mid-year examinations are over. This was certainly a time of trials and tribulations for each and every one of us, preparing notebooks and laboratory manuals, getting out reports and other similar labors. As the harbor is now safely passed, we have set ourselves to the task of restoring our shattered brains.

On December 7, Pledges Hollingshead and Bennett were given the final ride on the  $\Sigma A E$  goat and were led into Minerva's fold. Ohio Sigma takes pleasure in presenting these men to the fraternity.

In the class elections, which were held during the fall,  $\Sigma A E$  is well represented. Among the seniors, Brother Cobourn will give the salutatory oration, Brother Roberts, the mantle oration and Brother Thompson, the ivy oration. Brother Scott is historian of the junior class and Brother Holeton is assistant business manager of the *Unionian*. For the sophomores, Brother Hollingshead is vice-president and Brother Sebrell, secretary. Pledge Neilly is the president and was also captain of the freshman football team.

In athletics, basket ball is now in the limelight and Brother Ernst, as manager, has succeeded in getting a strong schedule. The first game was played against Geneva College and games of like calibre will follow. Brother Montgomery is the newly elected baseball manager, and is actively engaged in procuring good games.

Debating has also taken a hold on our interest. In the preliminaries which were held on January 8, Brothers Cobourn, Hollingshead and Roberts were chosen from a large number of contestants. Triangular debates with Ohio colleges will occur in a short time and we hope that  $\Sigma A E$  will still hold its high place.

Along musical lines, Ohio Sigma has its usual number of eligibles who will make their appearance in the college glee club. Besides the old men of the club, which included Brothers Roberts, Cadwell and McMurray, we have Brothers Reed and Busselle, and pledges Fisher, Cooper and Sargent. Brother Holeton is the club accompanist. Active work will soon be done, as a number of good concerts have been arranged.

On December 29, Brother Griffith went to Topeka where he attended the Intercollegiate Prohibition Convention. He was the choice of the student body and gave an excellent report of the important measures which were passed.

Literary societies are to be restored here after an absence of four or five years. This is an important event in school life giving each and every man a chance to speak and master himself in public. Almost all the brothers have joined either one of the two societies. For the Linneans, Brother Roberts is president, and in the Republican, Brother Montgomery is vice-president and Brother Hollingshead, attorney.

Although many important events have happened this year, the best and most successful one occurred on January 15, the date of our mid-year fraternity party. The scene of the festivities was the Brunner and everyone reported having the time of their life. Music, an art con-

test and dancing made the fleeting hours pass too swiftly.

As this letter goes to press, the boys are scattered about everywhere in groups of ones and twos, and the reason is, that the "dear old frat house" is quarantined. All the brothers made a hurried exit when it was learned that Brother Beck had the scarlet fever, but as he is under the efficient care of Brother Thompson hopes are entertained for his immediate recovery.

With a final word to all visiting brothers, who may be near our house, we bid you welcome but be sure that no quarantine signs greet you. Greetings and best wishes to all sisters chapters.

CHARLES R. HOLETON, JR.

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Ohio Delta, Ohio Wesleyan University,  
Delaware

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THE best and biggest convention of  $\Sigma A E$  is now past and gone and Ohio Delta has settled down to the ordinary routine life of school and fraternity. But it is with a better fraternity and a more brotherly spirit all around as a result of the convention. Although we did not succeed in carrying away the "Silver Soup Bowl" it can at least be said that we tried. From the active chapter Brother Miller was present as delegate and Brother Cook as alternate. Of the alumni present there were Brothers Short, Vawter, Page, Watkins, Barker, Read and Snow.

At present everything in the chapter is running smoothly. At our mid-year election of officers Brother Cook was elected to succeed Brother Walker as E. A. and likewise there was a shift in most of the other offices of the fraternity, which would be of little interest here. However, we all take off our hats to our retir-

ing "little president," Walker for he has made an excellent leader for the fraternity and an untiring worker.

By the time this RECORD is published nine preps will have passed through the Valley of the Shadow of Death (providing that they have the "guts"). They are all good kids and it will be a shame to spank them but Ohio Delta will follow ancient customs. One of these nine men, Robert Miller, of Lancaster, Ohio, is rather a recent addition to the bunch.

As regards our athletics: Brother Walters finished the football season with a very enviable record at right half and is now making good on the 'varsity basket ball team. Brothers S. L. and R. P. Banks and Brother Cook are preparing for the indoor track season and are looked on as big point getters for Wesleyan. Preparatories Miller and Day are playing on the freshman basket ball team. A recent addition to our house decorations is a large red and black banner as a prize for the interfraternity relay championship won last year by Ohio Delta.

Of other honors that are mentionable, we might say that Brother Saunders was initiated into  $\Pi \Delta E$ , an honorary journalistic fraternity, and Brother Hasemeier into the Jesters club. Brother Forsythe is singing on the Scrap-Iron Quartett and is also assistant manager of the Ohio Wesleyan magazine.

In a social way we have had but one party since Christmas but that was a good one. We held open house on the afternoon of January 21, and entertained about thirty of the fairest of the "Sem." The main feature of attraction was Brother Jack Keefe, Massachusetts Gamma, '06, who easily proved himself a master



of the art of entertaining. Jack was on a ten days' sojourn at Delaware drilling the local Elks to give a minstrel show. He is a real genius—the only man who can handle a piano just right and sing and talk at the same time. He entertained us for about two hours and his repertoire included everything from Chinatown to Thannhouser and the Chicken Rag to Harry Lauder. After the show we served a buffet lunch à la Illinois Psi-Omega and adjourned to the State-Wesleyan basket ball game.

The next events to look forward to are Washington's Birthday and Founders' Day, March 9. Get back to see us on either or both of these dates, if possible, alumni! And you too,  $\Sigma$  A Es from other chapters!

L. W. MILLER.

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Ohio Epsilon, University of Cincinnati,  
Cincinnati

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**A**S WE look back from January to November our attention is called to the numerous happenings that have gone into history and must now be chronicled.

November; oh yes, we were still playing football. Cincinnati finished the season with a record she may well be proud of, in spite of two defeats in the latter part of the season. Impartial critics say the score would have been different in those games if eleventh hour faculty rulings and unparalleled injuries had not weakened our team.

Brothers Baehr, Harkness and Morris did yeoman service on the team, and from the number of times, "He's a bear, who's a bear, Teddy Baehr," rang across Carson Field, little do we wonder that our captain was chosen "All-State" fullback.

The freshman reception was held on November 27. Ohio Epsilon was largely and enthusiastically represented, and it was with regret that we realized we had only fifteen more minutes when "George" flashed the lights.

November 27 is to be remembered by Ohio Epsilon for a much greater reason than for the above mentioned dance, however. On November 27, 1889, twenty-five years ago, the first members of our chapter were initiated. To fitly commemorate that occasion, we revealed our mysteries on November 27, 1914, to four neophytes; and we take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity, Brothers Howard Fisher, Onel Nelson, Miller Outcalt, of Cincinnati, and Colin Mackenzie of Gary, Ind.

To yield a prior claim to the date for the football banquet, we deferred our initiation and anniversary banquet until December 4, when about sixty loyal  $\Sigma$  A Es gathered around the festive board at the University Club and imbibed from the overflowing bowl of fraternity fellowship.

That was in December and in the early part of that month we began to look forward to the National Convention. We were pleased to have Brothers Reid of North Carolina, Ely of Central, Turner and Webb of Kentucky, stop with us on Saturday, the 19th, and join our party that left for Chicago that night.

We just say "The Convention" and pause . . . . while we think of what we did, saw, and heard, whom we met and talked with, what others did, *ad infinitum*. The "just right" mixing of work and pleasure gave us a lasting memory of those days; the sessions and committee meetings, the initiation, smoker, banquet and dance, made a com-

plete round of satisfaction. Chicago and especially the  $\Sigma$  A Es in Chicago, are hosts par excellence and we wish to thank them sincerely for their efforts and perfect arrangements.

January 2 was the day of gathering for  $\Sigma$  A Es in Cincinnati after the holidays; the occasion was our Christmas dance held at the Sinton. The crowd was not any too large, but those present made up by their enthusiasm for the ones who did not come.

The end of January has brought examinations with all their incidents and worries. We are in their midst just now. But on the 31st we are going to stop long enough to hold a reception. Mothers' Day, we call it, a kind of inspection to the critical eye.

We have been glad to have visits from Brothers Pope, Maveety and Nichols lately and hope we may have the pleasure of entertaining any  $\Sigma$  A E who passes within hailing distance of Cincinnati.

ARTHUR W. GORDON.

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Ohio Theta, Ohio State University,  
Columbus

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WITH the snow seventeen feet deep in the shallow places, and mid-year finals seventeen feet *deeper*, we of Ohio Theta have been fairly busy since Christmas. But "what it takes to make us bigger and better, *we have it*," and beginning with the opening of the second semester we'll be hot and heavy on the trail of the best freshmen in school to line them up for pledge day on May 1.

The famous bowling five of Ohio Theta keeps  $\Sigma$  A E a "way out in front" in the Pan-Hellenic bowling league, having bowled themselves to glory and return, time and time again!

Our "battery men" of the  $\Sigma$  A E baseball nine have started training in the basement and if they do not "go stale" we'll have another wall-banner-pennant to decorate our edifice with.

That reminds me, our house is to be redecorated and touched up considerably to hide or obliterate the results of several broken water pipes. In the flood caused by one broken pipe, Brother Carl Isham was found floating down the center of Indianola Avenue. He was rescued by members of the city morgue and safely returned to our folds. (Yes! *I'm* leaving shortly!)

As for our "actors" in school "dramas" we look first upon Brother Howard Scarff who was recently elected to "The National Society for Prevention of Wild Animals;" ah! his profile is *supreme!*

But—all kidding aside: Brother Campbell Graf is holding his position of guard on the 'varsity basket ball team in great shape; Brother Walter Lambert is to take a part in the new Stroller play; Brothers L. E. Smith and Wallace Kennedy are singing on the glee club; Brothers Richard Smith and Dave Evans were recently chosen members of the 'varsity "A" association (honorary athletic); Brother "Bob" Buhrman is assistant basket ball manager; Brother Roland "Sailor" Schmidt (although from Cleveland) is assistant in "ag" chemistry; Brother Emerson Lee Taylor is contributing editor of the *Sun Dial*, and also a member of the senior invitation and program committee; Brother "Runt" Leifeld (our new E. A.) is a member of the senior cap-and-gown committee; Brother "Wuz" Wilson is manager of the junior minstrel show; Brother "Snake-rain" Monson is vice-president of student council,

chairman of junior social committee, prime promotor of junior minstrel show, member of university string sextet, and member of university trio; Brother Harold B. Taylor is secretary of Intramural Athletic Association, and a member of the university sextet. (Just gave all that so the brothers *here* could realize *each other's* accomplishments.)

Ohio Theta gave the 'varsity football team a unique entertainment at the close of the season in honor of its captain, Brother "Nig" Graf. Brother "Swede" Sorensen was also granted an "O" for yoeman football service on the 'varsity, and Brother Steen Sorensen was granted his numerals for work on the freshman football team.

Brother Robert Lou Velle, recently of Minneapolis where he was inspecting barns (Barnes), is still visiting the chapter.

Should any of you wandering Nimrods ever fall into Columbus, just invite yourself out to Stop and Eat at 1934 Indianola Avenue any time!

HAROLD B. TAYLOR.

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Ohio Rho, Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland

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**O**HIO RHO chapter starts on the second half of a most successful year with very bright prospects. Due to the interfraternity agreement we will not initiate till the second semester, and on February 12 we will introduce to Minerva, pledges Lindeman, Norrick, Burch, Creig, Dunn, Miller, Pagan, Stadler, Vaughn and Ziele.

The entire chapter has come through the mid-year examinations unharmed although a little scared.

Ohio Rho is well represented in the student activities. Brothers Shem, Kellog and Clemens are on

the mandolin club, while Brothers Skeel and Sanford delight us with their efforts on the glee club. Brothers Hayes, Shem, Moeller, Lindeman, Sharer and Pindlay constitute six of the fourteen members of the Case *Technical* board. T B II, the honorary engineering fraternity, claims Brothers Greek, Fenner, Garrett and Swartwout, and Brother Farnham is drawing up the constitution for the new Case Club.

The Case gymnasium is just completed and Brother Skeel is a member of Case's first basket ball team.

Quite a number of the active men of this chapter attended the Convention at Chicago and were unanimous in saying that they had the time of their lives.

The alumni have taken greater interest than ever in the chapter and the new house boom is progressing at a great rate.

We have had numerous visits from out of town brothers and we hope that all  $\Sigma A E$ s who come to Cleveland will visit the house where they are most welcome. Best wishes to the sister chapters.

RALPH E. FARNHAM.

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Indiana Alpha, Franklin College, Franklin

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**"WHISTLE AND HOE"** for it's all the same whether fair or foul be the weather. This finds us right in the midst of the second term's work. But regardless of mental labor it is a pleasure to conjure up the doings of the local chapter and exchange ideas with the big family of sister chapters.

Since our last letter six neophytes have been initiated: Bowen, Craig, Dennis, Hatfield, Hunter and Martinek. This brings our chapter membership up to twenty actives and four pledges.

Turning to the future our prospects for new men were never more promising. We already have four new pledges for next fall, Leland Olin and Lee Sinclair of Wingate, Earl Campbell of Needham and Joshua Anderson of Sanborn. We are expecting to get a line on more good fraternity material at the state sectional basket ball tournament which will be held here March 5 and 6. This event will bring to Franklin several hundred high school students from this part of the state.

In athletics the  $\Sigma A E$ s deserve credit. Brother Hays made right halfback on the secondary all-state football team while Pledge Lowery was picked for a position on the second team. Sixteen men were awarded the block F, eight of whom were  $\Sigma A E$ s.

Brother Smock, as manager of the basket ball team, has arranged a stiff schedule. Two games have been played both to Franklin's credit. Everything indicates that the team will be a hot contender for the state secondary championship. Pledge Lowery is holding the position at center and Brother Vandiver at forward. Brothers Pruitt and Bowen are playing as subs.

Brother McCain, leader of the glee club and Brother Reeve, pianist, made a very successful tour of the northern part of the state during Christmas vacation and are planning for another trip during the spring vacation.

Among the pleasing things being discussed around the fireside are the happenings of the Chicago convention. When you are around drop in, for Minerva knows you are welcome, Brothers of  $\Sigma A E$ .

OSCAR BOGARD.

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Indiana Beta, Purdue University, West Lafayette

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THE past few months have seen **L** no marked change in the condition of Indiana Beta except that the chapter seems to be improving steadily. It was noticeable at the close of the first semester that fewer men than had been the custom in previous years took "make-up" tests over the work of the semester in any subject. It was necessary in some cases to take tests but the number was fewer than formerly.

Socially, we were represented during the last quarter with two dances besides our Christmas party and banquet. One dance was given at the chapter house just before the holidays. It was one of the most enjoyable social events given by the chapter this year as was a similar dance given February 5. Just before Christmas there came the annual Christmas tree at which the freshmen were given "ten cent" presents fulfilling the wishes which they expressed in their letters to Santa Claus. After the tree was the Christmas banquet.

In athletics Brother Bozell was awarded his P in football, Brother Paetz was awarded class numerals in class football, and Nelson Black, a pledge, was awarded a class sweater in freshman football. Brother Paetz is on the varsity basket ball squad.

Brother Quivey is giving the pledges a course of lectures in  $\Sigma A E$  history which is proving of great interest. The freshmen will be among the best posted men in the chapter in fraternity history when the course is completed as they will be required to pass examinations covering the lectures.

Brother Paetz has been elected editor-in-chief of the 1916 *Debris* which is the year book published by each senior class.

Brothers King, Briggs and McIntosh were initiated by the chapter December 13.

Brother Paetz and Brother Hayworth have been elected to membership in  $\Sigma \Delta X$ , honorary Journalistic fraternity and will be initiated in February.

The publication of the Indiana Beta *Bulletin*, by the chapter proved of interest to the alumni. The *Bulletin* consisted of a four-page newspaper in which the work of the chapter for the year together with editorial comment was published and distributed among the alumni. The *Bulletin* was edited by Brother Hayworth and Brother Fosdick was business manager.

In closing it might be said that the prospects of the chapter seem brighter than they have for several years and that we hope to accomplish much during the second semester, which, by the way, will see the initiation of eleven of the best freshmen which have ever been initiated into  $\Sigma A E$ .

RUSSELL A. HAYWORTH.

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Indiana Gamma, University of Indiana,  
Bloomington

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**I**NDIANA UNIVERSITY has entered upon what will probably be its last winter term, for next year the semester system is to be installed. Everyone seems to favor the new system although it will probably cut down on our vacations.

All the brothers returned after Christmas excepting Brothers Rubush and Milburne. The latter is now secretary to his father, Judge

R. M. Milburne, who was recently elected Attorney General of Indiana. Our number, however, remains the same for we have pledged two excellent men; Alvin Sutheimer of Evansville and Cleon Nafe of Rochester, Ind. These are our only pledges for on December 17, eight freshmen were initiated into  $\Sigma A E$ . Our initiation was held before the holidays to permit the men to attend the convention.

Indiana Gamma is well represented in college activities—Brother McIntosh won his I and made his reputation as fullback on the 'varsity football team; Brother McCarthy secured his numerals for playing and throughout the entire season on the freshman team; Brother Drollinger has been elected class orator and Brother Smith, president of the senior law class; Brother Buckner and Pledge Nafe are on the 'varsity basket ball team; Brothers Morton and Hochensmith are confident of winning their I in track; Brother Baker is vice-president of the German club; Brother Eikenberry is vice-president of the History club; Brothers Helwig, LaMar and Baker and Pledge Nafe are on the glee club, while the whole bunch does its duty in the way of looking after the ladies.

The fraternities of Indiana have inaugurated a system of exchanging dinner dates once a week. A schedule is made out so that every fraternity will entertain the members of every other fraternity at different times during the year. This not only makes the men better acquainted but it tends to create a good feeling among the several fraternities.

LAURENCE D. BAKER.

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Illinois Psi-Omega, Northwestern University, Evanston

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WITH Phil Peterson at the head and thirty-three men in the ranks we are looking forward to big things during the next semester. Brother Al Leue, E.S.D.A., will start the ball rolling by initiating ten men into the fold on the twelfth of February. After a good old  $\Sigma A E$  banquet and a little sleep, a personally conducted tour to Beloit for the installation of a new chapter into this province will be in order. The initiation dance will not be held until February 22, when the light fantastic will be stepped with some of those fair ladies who were the pride of the convention ball at Chicago.

Before we get too far into the future we must stop and tell you what happened at the football banquet last week. Rube Marquard and Van Vlissingen were two of the fortunates who plucked N's from the good old tree. In a very inspiring talk Coach Murphy named Pledge Driscoll not only as the substitute but as the equal of our retiring hero, Hightower. Driscoll has been starring as quarter back on the freshman team this fall.

In class football we find Grays, coach; Ellingwood, captain; Peterson, manager; Wallman and Anderson on the sophomore team. Blomquist found a place on the senior team. Strickler and Driscoll represented us on the freshman team. When the all-class team was picked at the close of the season Coach puts Crays as half, Ellingwood, end, and Driscoll, quarter. There was much rivalry between the classes and it is said that the sophomore-freshman games outclassed any 'varsity game.

Since the close of the football season the indoor games are showing what is in the fellows. Brothers Meers, Peterson and Merry are on the basket ball squad which is a winner this year. In the last inter-class track meet Crays came away with first in the high jump, first in the high hurdles. Dips Warner captured the pole vault with a second in the high hurdles and shot put, while Brown placed in the mile and two mile. At the quadrangle meet with Wallman, Wilcox and Strickler representing the chapter we pulled second against Beta's eight men due to the fact that several men living in the dormitories had to run with their dorm and all living outside of the house were disqualified.

We have great hopes in our water basket ball team this winter with Marquard as captain and forward and Van Vlissingen as the other forward. This has been one of our strong teams at N. U. and we are sure it will live up to its reputation this year.

The *Daily* board has been adding to its staff, Wallman, Wiggins and Clark being among the favored few. Brother Moser was out of our midst for several weeks on a trip to Panama with the Northwestern quartet. The choristers were the guests of the government throughout the trip and they bring back great tales of hobnobbing with all the "high brows" and "men of affairs." They must have made a hit with them for the government has offered to pay all expenses if the whole glee club will come down. I guess they sort of liked the sample.

Sid Goltra has been putting in his spare time recently as associate editor of the *Greek Quarterly* published by the Interfraternity Reference Bureau. "Caesar" Bunch has been

elected to the Gavel and Rostrum and the Dramatic club where, from the oratory he favors us with about the house, he ought to make good. Ed Blomquist has been representing us in the religious world by accepting the position of chairman of the membership committee and member of the cabinet of the Y. M. C. A. Merry Goltra and Edy are also in the friendly forty who are reputed to be doing some mighty fine evangelistical work in and about town.

At a recent meeting of the chapter it was decided to have open house the second Sunday in every month so that the alumni and their wives or sweethearts can give us a visit and have a place where they can meet some of the old-timers and active men. We would welcome any  $\Sigma A E$  from near or far who will honor us with his presence on these occasions. If you have a wife or sweetheart bring her along; if not, come and get acquainted with some of those charming fair ones who have made N. U. so famous.

CLYDE BROWN.

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Illinois Beta, University of Illinois,  
Champaign

THE eight neophytes pledged last fall are to be initiated on February 18 and 19. The rough work will be given them on Friday night and on Saturday evening the freshmen will be taken before the Sacred Altar and given the ritual, after which a banquet will be spread in their honor.

On Friday night a week after the initiation, Illinois Beta will step out in their full uniforms and, with the fair ladies of the land will endeavor to lend a touch of gaiety to the annual dance. This will be the spectacular occasion of the year. No

amount of work or endeavor will be spared to make it the sought-for event by all co-eds.

An interesting incident occurred here a short time ago when we uncovered or discovered a "lost member" of  $\Sigma A E$ , one James A. Puffer, of Massachusetts Beta Upsilon. He has been so engrossed in his work, and thrown out of connection with all fraternity life that he had lost all remembrances of this organization.

He is a literary man from Boston, at the University of Illinois this year, gathering data for a book on Education which he is writing, trying to find out why men choose the career they are following, or why students take the course they are studying. He came to the house, interviewed some of the fellows, and had dinner with us. At dinner the fraternity songs seemed to stir a dim memory within him and, after the meal was over, asked for an  $\Sigma A E$  catalogue. He turned to his name and recalled some of his fellow freshmen and wondered as to their whereabouts and welfare. As much as was possible, we aroused some of the lost interest in him and impressed upon him the fact that we wanted him back into the fold. It came to me then how so many are in the "lost members" section of our directory and I believe that every effort should be made to erase that part from the book by placing the names under the "known members."

R. W. LEIBSLE.

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Illinois Theta, University of Chicago,  
Chicago

THE E. C. is glad to be able to write at this time when things are going so nicely for Illinois Theta. The time since the last letter has

gone quickly for it has been very interesting with unusually lively happenings at the University of Chicago and the largest convention in the history of  $\Sigma A E$ . If we did not do our full duty as hosts at the convention we are sorry and offer as justification for any such shortcomings the fact that we were in the midst of quarterly examinations and our time spent there was the result of truancy from the usual hours of "Cramming." I am sure you will the more readily forgive us when we tell you that as the result of last quarter's work  $\Sigma A E$  has the distinction of being first in scholarship among the some twenty fraternities here.

We have had two house dances lately, both of which have been very enjoyable affairs for both ourselves and the fairest of Chicago's fair ones. We are now planning for a mid-quarter party which Brother Hay of the social committee says will be a regular one and after which we will all need to put our time on the March examinations. A large number of the brothers will journey to Beloit to attend the installation of our new chapter there which we are sure is going to have a great future and be a great asset to Province Delta.

In athletics our men have been quite active. Brothers Sparks and Kixmiller won C's in football while Brother Foster lacked but a quarter or so of getting his and will sure win his letter next year. Basketball season is now in full swing and Brother Kixmiller is generally conceded to be a star on this year's team which we are sure will be conference champions. Brother Gray is playing a fine game on the water basketball team and Brothers Stout and Goodwin are again holding down

places among the old men on the indoor track team. When baseball season opens Brother Kixmiller will alternate between the box and left field and Brother Hart will be behind the plate; in track, Brother Kixmiller will broad jump and Brothers Stout and Goodwin will resume their old places as distance men. This year's cross country team was captained by Brother Stout and Brother Goodwin, last year's captain was again on the team running in the first bunch as usual.

In general campus activities we have been well represented. Brother Plume is business manager, and Brother Gray is an associate editor of the *Cap and Gown*. Brother Delaney is librarian of the Reynolds club and helped put through the new library for the club. We have fallen off a little in glee club strength since last year but still have Brothers Hay, Michaels, Morton, Hart, Lundberg and Delaney on the club, while Brother Hay is manager and Lundberg librarian of the same. Brothers Patrick, Delaney and Hart are in the university band. Brothers Plume, Lundberg and Scott are in Blackfriars and several of the freshmen are working hard for a place. The Score Club, Three Quarters and other campus organizations are holding an honest share of  $\Sigma A E$ s. We are weakened greatly by the loss of Brothers Lundberg and Scott who were unable to return this quarter. Both have been valuable men to the fraternity. Brother Lundberg leaves school because of a business opportunity that bids fair to mean much to him and Brother Scott is forced to be home to aid his father who is away a great deal at this time. However, "Scotty" writes us that he will be back for spring quarter.



We held initiation ceremonies with Illinois Psi-Omega at convention time and initiated three of the best men of this year's freshman crop, in our minds, on January 21 we added two more brothers to the grip circle. We have some dandy men we are rushing at present and only wish we could delay this letter a few days until we could tell you for sure that we are going to make them  $\Sigma A E S$ .

Many of us went the trips with the football team this fall and received royal entertainment from Illinois Beta and Wisconsin Alpha. We have waged banners on the football games with these two chapters and Minnesota for several years and find that it serves as a stimuli to closer interchapter feeling and wholesome rivalry.

We are looking ahead without saying much but we have a deep rooted feeling that 1915 stole upon us with a big page to hold the records of Illinois Theta's successes and we are going to do our best to fill it. In closing let me say to you all that we feel that many of you are neglecting us when you come to Chicago; we are only a half hour from the loop and we will try to show you regular  $\Sigma A E$  hospitality if you will come out.

ANDREW J. DALLSTREAM.

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Illinois Delta, Millikin University,  
Decatur

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**S**INCE the last issue of **THE RECORD**, we have pledged two men. They are Roland Teague of Bloomington, Ind., and Harry Peterson of Macedonia, Ia. Teague is a "regular carpenter" from the manual training department, and as proof of this we cite the fact that he had the convention picture framed only a few minutes after our return

from Chicago. Peterson is an artistic photographer. And when we use this adjective, we mean it. He takes a picture from just one side and when one views a sample of his work there is an immediate realization of the impression that was intended.

Concerning the convention we will give this résumé: A man has surely given himself a bum steer when he passes up a National Convention if they are at all anything like the last one. The "Lion's Paw" could not be expected to have told what was in store for us, who had added to our fraternity lives, such an important chapter. We will surely long remember this occasion and hope for many more.

In basket ball Millikin is again represented by a good fast team. Our first game was with the University of Illinois. They are somewhat confident it is said, of winning the conference title and I'd say we gave 'em a real scare. They won, 19 to 16. Our other three games have been won and it looks as though we will have no serious obstacle to winning the state minor college championship. Brother Miller who has been gaining some practical experience and some kale, on the side, is expecting to return to school the second semester. This will no doubt give us a man on the team as Ortzant was one of the best if not the best center in the minor conference last year.

Each year, about Christmas time, the school sends out into the neighboring brush, a gospel team. The men on these teams are models so that when they are seen and heard by young men and women of about nineteen years of age, they are at once overcome by a longing and determination to go to Millikin. On

this last team we had Pledge Peterson and Kenneth High.

This week has been a very strenuous one for some of us. This is the mid-winter festival in which we consecrate ourselves to the "Three R's." But our attention has been somewhat diverted by the "Farmers' Institute" and the "Illinois Corn Growers' Association" which are being held in our school corridors and in chapel. Of course, the boys have to take advantage of learning how to grow better corn and alfalfa. In spite of these distractions we are expecting to make a very favorable showing, scholastically.

Since the last issue of THE RECORD we have been visited by the following brothers: Carl Pritchett of Niantic; Arthur Scroggins, our recently married progressive young farmer of Lawndale, Minn.; Arthur Harris, the nursery man with the winning ways, from Ohio Delta; "Short" Morrow of Newman; Corwin Roach and "Prep" Hampton, Springfield paper men; Scott Hershey of Taylorville, and Harry Baxter of Newman.

About the two most enjoyable stunts we have had lately, were the Pledge Dinner on December 18 and one of those "delightful house dances" on New Year's night. This dinner consisted of the two best turkeys in the world, with unusual trimmings and smokes. The place cards were small paddles and it was a shame to think of the house warming that would be awaiting them shortly after their return from the Christmas vacation.

We intend to have these men introduced to Minerva by our alumni ritual team, the fifth of February.

We will probably lose three men at the end of the first semester. Brother Clifford Stokes has not yet

decided what he is going to do. Brother Hight is thinking seriously of getting married. He hasn't decided upon the girl yet, but a little thing like that doesn't worry Roomie. It is rumored that Brother Robb is going down to Cuba so that he can get some genuine Havanas.

At present we are looking forward to what we expect to be the best annual we will ever have given up to that time. The dates are, March 5, dance, and March 6, banquet. The annual is primarily an alumni affair and all of our old men are urged to be present.

Don't forget that we are in the heart of the garden spot of the world and that all Σ A E's who come within striking distance of Decatur are expected to be our guests, at 185 N. Fairview.

CARL R. RUSSELL.

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Minnesota Alpha, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

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THE history of Σ A E is now indissolubly connected with Minnesota football. Brother Haedge has successfully defended his title to the quarter back position on the 'varsity. Pledgeman Long of the freshman squad has shown to the satisfaction of everyone that he will be able to succeed the worthy position of Brother Haedge.

Our football season ended at Chicago on November 21. Several of the brothers attended being attracted mostly by the glare of the bright lights. All report a wonderful time, thanks to the brothers of Illinois Theta.

Thanksgiving came with its eternal joys and internal pains. On November 28 the alumni, active chapter and pledgemen were entertained at Thanksgiving dinner at

the home of Brother Sherman. This annual event has become one of the most important events on the  $\Sigma A E$  calendar.

Brother Haedge and Pledgeman Long were banqueted by the chapter on December 2, in recognition of their great work on the gridiron. The evening was spent in speech making and in reviewing the past year of Minnesota Alpha.

Once more  $\Sigma A E$  has butterflied her way into society. Brother Packard won an overwhelming victory in the race for the Vice-president of the Junior Ball association.

Minnesota Alpha had a good representation at the convention in Chicago. Those attending report it the greatest in the history of  $\Sigma A E$ . All those who could not go are already planning on going to Pittsburgh in 1916.

One of the most enjoyable evenings we have spent at the chapter house was occasioned by the visit of Brother Hart of Massachusetts Iota Tau. We appreciate a call from all visiting brothers.

We are now in the throes of finals. All seem to be happy, so from all appearances Minnesota Alpha will not be depreciated in numbers next semester.

W. P. SHEPARD.

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Wisconsin Alpha, University of Wisconsin, Madison

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**A**T THE time of this writing Wisconsin Alpha is in the midst of final mid-year examinations. It's the same grim old week that all of you know. Everybody is fighting; some to acquire a new feather of scholarship, others to maintain their standard, and a few (we must admit it) merely to remain in the fold.

Since our last letter nothing startling has happened to us. We have managed to get a little advertisement through some of our social stunts, which may look like mis-directed energy, but is only due to a very efficient committee. Advertising doesn't hurt even though it comes through so frivolous a channel as some especially pretty dances.

We are looking forward to an event, the hatching out of Wisconsin Beta. On Saturday, February 13, we are all going down to Beloit and help open the incubator.

Our annual formal party this year is to be the most splendid affair of its kind in the history of the chapter. The Governor of the state, the President of the university, the Mayor of the city, and the Dean of Men have been invited to revel with us. The first occasion of gay reaction after the examination, however, will be the Junior Prom. This affair has a reputation of being one of the most magnificent college balls in the country, and this year it promises to be quite up to standard.

Basket ball has recently been added to the list of interfraternity activities at the University of Wisconsin.  $\Sigma A E$  started the season with two decisive victories over  $\Phi K \Psi$  and  $\Sigma \Phi$ . We have a whirlwind team and expect to haul in one of the cups.

In our recent election of officers, Val Blatz, Jr., was selected to pilot the chapter through the remainder of the year. Brother Blatz will put the fraternity on a basis of efficiency equal to that in the German army.

The spirit of the convention is working over time. We still have it here. Our twenty-eight delegates brought back a good stock of it although they did not bring it in the big silver punch bowl. We wish to

thank the hostess chapters and all the brothers whose labor made the convention so successful. For most of us it was our first real taste of

the fraternity's greatness, and we are grateful for the opportunity.

STEPHEN E. PERRINE.

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### PROVINCE EPSILON

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Georgia Beta, University of Georgia,  
Athens, Ga.

**D**URING the last few months Georgia Beta has been unusually active both in the administration of its own affairs and in college activities. The former was helped greatly by a visit from Brother Levere whom it was our great pleasure to entertain for several days and who, let it be said in passing, won completely the heart of every man in Georgia Beta.

In pledging we have not been idle to say the least, and the result of our labors shows two men with Phi Alpha buttons on their lapels with a fine prospect for four more in the near future.

The fraternities of the University of Georgia are to give three mammoth dances coöperatively and to be known as Easter Week. These dances are to be held sometime near Easter during the spring holidays of the University. This is a rather unique plan and from the looks of things at present, it will be a howling success. Georgia Beta will be well represented in the management of these dances by Brother Hawkins as President of the German Club which is to have charge of the dances.

Georgia Beta has at last started on the renovation of its house. There has already been some work done by the carpenters and the painters are to follow them next week. On the inside we are also having work done as the papering in several of

the rooms is to be renewed and new furniture has been bought so that soon we hope to have if not a luxurious at least a comfortable chapter house.

In conclusion I wish to say that if any of the brothers from our sister chapters should visit Athens they will be welcomed to the home.

W. F. MACINTYRE.

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Georgia Psi, Mercer University, Macon,  
Ga.

**G**EOORGIA Psi had a very successful year. We returned all of our members and are very glad to have Brother Jern Dunn back with us. We haven't been very successful in the winter sports, but we have one representative on the basket ball team who is certainly an "arc light" in that respect and may be selected for position on the all-southern team.

The Greek-letter fraternities at Mercer have formed a Pan-Hellenic association in an effort to raise the scholastic standing of the fraternity men in college. We are looking forward to great achievements and a reconciliation with the nonfraternity element in school through the working of this council. Gamma Psi has enjoyed two receptions since Christmas and we now look forward with pleasant expectations to the annual banquet which is to take place about the middle of March.

With the closing of the basket ball season baseball becomes the topic of

conversation and we hope to hold up our end as we have in the past.

WM. WEAVER, JR.

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Georgia Epsilon, Emory College, Oxford

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Dear Brothers:

AT THE opening of this spring term, old Georgia Epsilon is in better condition than she has been at this time of the year for some time in the past. Our prediction at the first of the year that this will be a banner year for Georgia Epsilon is certainly coming true in every sense of the word.

To begin with, we returned every one of our men after the Christmas holidays except Brother Knight, who has gone into business with his father. The two men whom we pledged last fall entered this term and have been initiated; we also pledged two new men, W. E. Bostwick of Arlington, Ga., and Paul Fraser of Oxford, Ga. We have taken in Bostwick and so we present to you three men who we feel will be a credit to the Fraternity, Brothers W. E. Bostwick, Richard Bush, and Louis Williams. Outside of the four men we have taken, only one of the other fraternities has gotten a single man; the Sigma Nu's have taken in one man.

The interclass football games were finished just before the holidays and the seniors went through with a clean score; we had two men on that team, Brothers Stokes and Demmond. Shortly after the close of the season, the all-Emory team was picked by the coaches. Out of the fifteen men picked,  $\Sigma A E$  had three, Stokes, Gibson, and Demmond. The case of Brother Gibson is all the more creditable as this is his first year in college, and a

first year man does not very often make his letter. Basket ball is now on in full swing and it seems that the Seniors will again win the pennant in this. Three games have been played by the seniors and they have won every game easily. As usual Georgia Epsilon has her share on the basket ball court. On the freshman team we have Brother Loftis who is both captain and manager. Brother Forster is on the junior team. Baseball practice will start in a couple of months and we are sure of making as good an appearance as the next man.

In the literary line we are still holding up our record. Brother Henry has been elected to the freshman debate which will be pulled off in a few weeks; Brother Whittlesey has been elected Washington Day orator from Phi Gamma. Our men are all giving good reports of themselves in the examinations which are now in progress.

We are setting a new precedent here at Georgia Epsilon and are going to give a Founders' Day banquet in March. We are trying to get as many as possible of our alumni together for a good old time. We hope to revive some of the old  $\Sigma A E$  spirit in some of our older alumni, which may have lain dormant for a number of years, by bringing them in contact with some young blood. We are expecting a howling good time and extend a cordial invitation to all good  $\Sigma A E$ s, who would like to be once more with the memories of yester-years.

Hoping that our sister chapters have fared as well as we and wishing them the most prosperous year ever, I am

E. C. DEMMOND.

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Georgia Phi, Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta

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**A**T LAST mid-term examinations with accompanying honors, woes, gnashing of teeth and "cussing", are over and most of us can answer "present" to the roll call once more.

Since Christmas, Georgia Phi has been very unfortunate in the loss, by withdrawal from school, of five of her most active members—Brothers Woolfolk, Jenkins, Burr, Cluis and Crowell and it will take us quite awhile to fill the vacancies left by such loyal brothers as these. However, Brother Frank Perkins, who was unable to enter school last Fall on account of sickness, has now joined the "bunch" once more and it certainly seems natural to have him around again.

This part of the Sunny South is beginning to have some sure enough balmy spring weather and along with it comes thoughts of baseball and other spring sports. Brother Tyler Montague will captain the baseball team this year and under his able guidance, with the good material that is on hand, we should put out a winning team that will push all-comers for the Southern Championship. Of course Brothers Hill, Garlington and Edgar Montague, of last year's team, will be back for duty and we are expecting some of the younger brothers to also make names for themselves this year.

On the eighteenth of last December we gave our annual formal dance and it was a huge success. We carried out the Christmas idea throughout in decorations and favors and, if we do say it ourselves, it rivaled any dance that has ever been given at Tech. We have been the

recipients of many congratulations since that night and I only wish that more brothers from our sister chapters could have attended for we could have shown them a grand time.

The second term has brought with it some very promising fraternity material and our rushing committee is once more quite busy. I hope that before many more days pass we will be able to introduce several new brothers into the mysteries of  $\Sigma A E$ .

Georgia Phi takes great pleasure in congratulating and welcoming our four new baby chapters and we wish them the greatest of success.

A. R. TOWERS.

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Alabama Iota, Southern University,  
Greensboro

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**A**LABAMA Iota is off with a jump. We have initiated four of the "fine fellows" to  $\Sigma A E$ , whom I will take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity. Brothers W. W. Jordan, Geo. C. Wallace, J. L. Kelly and Dan W. Godfrey.

Alabama Iota has taken a flying start in the new college year and with the  $\Sigma A E$  spirit strong in every man we look confidently forward to the donning of new laurels.

In college activities we are well represented. Brother Wayne Gilder is manager and President of the glee club and also manager of the football team for next year. Brother Little is on the baseball team. Brothers Godfrey, Gilder and Little are members of the glee club. Besides these we have Brother Wallace who is a member of the dramatic club.

One of the best things that has happened to the chapter this year was the visit of Brother Levere. It was his first one in several years. He came at a psychological time,

and the seeds of fraternal inspiration which he sowed fell upon fertile ground.

Our delegate, Brother Wallace, returned from the National Convention with the spirit of  $\Sigma$  A E grounded in his very heart, and in his report imparted much of this spirit to his brothers and caused them to resolve to do more in the future for  $\Sigma$  A E. Being guided by this spirit, our aim is to form as near a perfect link in the great chain of chapters as possible for true  $\Sigma$  A E to form.

Dr. C. A. Rush, the recently elected President of Southern University is a loyal son of Minerva. He has shown a great deal of interest in the welfare of our chapter, and has been with us on several occasions at our meeting. With his elderly advice and with the spirit of our men we are sure that Alabama Iota will do great things in the future.

In conclusion we wish to say that Alabama Iota extends her greetings to her sister chapters and bid our new chapters a cordial welcome into the brotherhood of Minerva.

WM. E. LITTLE.

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Alabama Mu, University of Alabama,  
University, Ala.

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IT IS great to have a past. It is greater to have a future. But when, like Alabama Mu, you have both, what more can be desired! The past history of this chapter, is well known to you and its future history will some day be just as well known. Of course our new men will be taking all the credit for these statements whether they are applicable or not. But, as a matter of fact, they will not be far wrong when they take credit for it. In-

deed a better bunch of freshmen has never entered our doors. The fact of their universal excellency is due to the fact that the Pan-Hellenic Council decided that no freshmen could be pledged until after the first examinations. This gave them a chance to see what they were joining and incidentally enabled us to select those most congenial to our crowd. Of course you can guess the result.

As a result of rushing week, Alabama Mu, has eight new men. I know you would be interested in hearing something about them, but since there are eight of them and only one of me, and since the wish of Burns, "to see ourselves as others see us", is not such a prominent characteristic of the present generation, I deem it advisable to refrain from any lengthy expostulations concerning the worth of the new men. I will only say that among them, Brother Whatley displays unmistakable qualities of human intelligence and Brother Knight undoubtedly "strings the ladies." The others are beyond criticism. At any rate, they are larger than Yours Truly and consequently are immune from those vexations attendant upon the freedom of press.

At present the whole University is as silent and lifeless as if deserted. The jovial crowd, that usually roams the streets, is quiet tonight, strange though it may seem. At the fraternity house, the pool table is dark and even the victrola is quiet. Every door is shut and the lights burn till the "wee sma' hours" of the night. Individuals who scarcely knew last week what mathematics meant, are now buried deep in the mysteries of calculus. Those who formerly greeted all visitors as

good fellows, well met, now scowl at any interruption. Every one is studying. I can only smile and wonder at "what fools we mortals be". Somehow, I fear I am incapable of appreciating the assiduous efforts of those who long for a  $\Phi$  B K key.

But even though the chapter is in the toils of the demon, Study, we are never too busy to welcome a wandering brother. As it is now and ever shall be, our door is always open. If you desire to know what it is to be sure enough welcome, just drop in on us sometime. You will not be disappointed.

ROBERT GOODALL.

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Alabama Alpha-Mu, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn

WE CAN hardly realize that the holidays are just three weeks gone. All the fellows are settled down again to work; that is all except Terry Smith, who has to take bi-weekly trips to Montgomery for some reason unknown to us.

"Gee! Just wait till the twenty-second" is what is heard on the campus now. This one holiday down here creates as much excitement down here as a regular holiday does

anywhere else. We import about thirty or forty girls for the three dances, and the class football games at this date.

Alabama Alpha-Mu is more than proud of her scholastic record for the first term. Out of a chapter of twenty, there were only three grades below sixty, which is going some for any bunch of fellows. It seems, however, that examinations are an affliction that an Auburn man has to stand as we are, already worrying about mid-terms which come next week.

It is history of course that Georgia clouded our S. I. A. A. football title by playing us to a 0 to 0 tie. But still a clouded title is better than none. Brother Graydon was manager of the team. Payne is the star of the basket ball team, playing forward. We will have men on all the football teams except the freshman team.

Contrary to "Billy's" opinion our delegate reported a delightful and profitable time at the Chicago convention.

Any  $\Sigma$  A E from the outside world is doubly welcome at Auburn at any time.

J. G. ANDERSON, JR.

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### PROVINCE ZETA

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Missouri Alpha, University of Missouri, Columbia

A CHAPTER like an individual should occasionally pause in its course and reflect. Its history should be reviewed and its progress noted, with the purpose of learning where mistakes have occurred and gains have been made. Missouri Alpha is justly proud of the half year just completed.

Scholastically, the chapter has maintained the high standard set last year. From the grades received it is found that the average of the fraternity was above that of the student body and perhaps above that of last year. This will enable us to continue to board our freshmen, and in scholarship, as in other things, to be a leader among the fraternities at Missouri.



Socially, we have given three of the best dances that have been given in these parts. The last one was an intersemester dinner-dance and was suggested, executed and mainly supported by the freshman class. Six courses there were and dancing between and the occasion was genuinely pretty and pleasurable.

"M's" in football were received in December by two of the brothers, Snoozer Groves and Max Miller. Snoozer's big brother is assisting in coaching the 'varsity for the coming K. C. A. C. and Kansas track meets. Varsity Lyle is "out" and Snoozer is engaged in making up his mind to the same end. Freshman Swofford has made fair time in the sprints and "Ug" Wornall, of the same class, plans to go out for baseball. At present there is in progress an interfraternity track meet but in the first event owing to Brother "Din's" lack of usual form the chapter got only a third. When interfraternity baseball begins, an enthusiastic, if not a world-beating nine is expected to represent the Epsilon boys.

Brother Sanborn left the university to enter upon life's more serious tasks and Brother Smith went to the Manhattan Aggie school to be nearer Pittsburgh, where his family lives. Brother "Chappy" Pendleton also left us at Christmas with the avowed idea of working in a bank. The brothers suspected it was on account of an "affair," and they see more than a coincidence in its breaking up and his own return to the university. Brother Wales, who has been a Columbia merchant since the first of the year, staying at the house, was layed off, but will be back March 1. Brother Schnaitman, of St. Joseph, is now paying us a visit. In the course of the year

many of the alumni have been back, notably Henry Ess, "Fat" Barton and Alec Thomas.

Eight men leave the chapter this year and the remaining brothers will not be as numerous as is desirable. This makes a strenuous rushing season next year necessary. At present, half, or more, of the chapter is from Kansas City and it is felt that more towns should be "got-ten into." Formerly St. Louis material has been as scarce as E's in the fraternity, but there is a marked tendency for more and more men to come from St. Louis, showing a dawning enlightenment on the part of that great city, and in the future more effort to obtain members from there will be in evidence.

PHILIP E. BRADLEY.

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Missouri Beta, Washington University,  
St. Louis

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SINCE the last RECORD letter was published, four of Missouri Beta's pledges have passed the Pan-Hellenic scholarship requirements and have been initiated. The men are Robert Cushman, Samuel Foote, Charles Johann, and Percy Meier, all of St. Louis. Every one of these new  $\Sigma$  A Es is taking a keen interest in school activities.

Early in December, Obelisk, the freshman secret society, shocked its men and chose to take Pledge John Bray as one of its new members. This society assumes the initiative in all freshman class activities and is often a direct stepping stone to bigger honors in the sophomore year.

Brother Studt has been elected chairman of the Junior Prom refreshment committee and has also recently gone in for "blackface" comedy in the junior minstrels.

Our total of active pledges was raised to four in February when Walker Meier entered the university. Meier graduated from Soldan High School in January and has been an  $\Sigma A E$  pledge for several months.

The new régime of E. A. is in the hands of Brother Martin, who has always shown a very keen interest in the chapter and in the fraternity itself. Under him, the old machinery, which Brother Jehle very successfully started last fall, has taken a new sport in the past month, and now bids fair to be in better form than it has been in years when he hands it over to the new E. A. in the spring.

CHARLES W. STUDD.

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Nebraska Lambda-Pi, University of  
Nebraska, Lincoln

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THE first semester is nearly over, and examination week being all that is left of it. All the boys at the Nebraska Lambda-Pi are deep in their pursuit of knowledge, and as I was the only lucky one who did not have examination today, I was delegated to write this letter, no choice of my own I can assure you.

The  $\Sigma A E$ s are well represented in the legal fraternity,  $\Phi \Delta \Phi$ , by five brothers, "Jack" Emeley, who made the fifth was initiated a few weeks ago.

Three  $\Sigma A E$ s represented our chapter on the football team this year and each one of these are now wearing the N. They are Brothers Hawkins, Corey and Abbott. This keeps up the old custom of the  $\Sigma A E$  at Nebraska as it has been many years since we had no representative on the team.

With Brother Hawkins as leader, the basket ball squad is well on its way toward another successful sea-

son. Brother Meyers and Corey are also members of the Cornhusker basket ball team this year.

The Christmas tree at the house the night before the bunch departed for home, was a grand success in more ways than one. No one knew of the literary genius and knaves that came to light that night. A person had an opportunity of hearing himself as others see him, nobody being excluded, everybody threw mud. Ignominious and vituperative epithets were conferred on all present.

Three new men have been pledged since our last letter: Clark, Ohlson, and Hoeffler. This makes a total of twelve men pledged this year by Lambda Pi.

Brother Hawkins made a lengthy report on the convention which was very interesting and enjoyed by all the boys who were unable to be in Chicago.

We are represented on the rifle team this year by two of the brothers, Abbott and Ohlson, who is also first lieutenant of Company A.

We are sorry to write that Brother Myers, Captain of the track team, star center on the basket ball team and all around athlete, will leave us this semester. "Seven" will be greatly missed by all the boys. He is going to take his stand on one of Nebraska's modern farms and reap the treasures from mother earth. Graduation thus robs another from our midst.

"Pud" Kelley, one of our pledges, was the fast little quarter of the freshman team this year. He is little but sure he can get away with the ball.

The interfraternity basket ball games start within a few weeks.  $\Sigma A E$ s are not as strong as usual but they are determined to put up

a stiff fight. We think our chance slim but the team that beats us will fight for the game.

When the weather grows warm again and the sunny days appear all the boys will be out throwing around the old ball. We have a team of professionals in the house and are sure going to clean up in interfrat baseball. We brought the banner in last year which helps our collection along.

W. T. ECKERSON.

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Arkansas Alpha-Upsilon, University of  
Arkansas, Fayetteville

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WITH the mid-term examinations starting next week, the brothers here at Arkansas are very busy at this time. As soon as examinations are over, however, we expect to initiate several of our pledges; two of the best men in school, E. E. Burr and Leon Wood have been pledged since the holidays, and feel sure that they will make good Sig Alphas.

Brother A. W. Harville, who represented us at the convention, has told us all about the big affair, and since hearing of the big things accomplished, we all seem to be prouder of the Fraternity than ever.

Brother A. R. Thomas, our province president, was a welcome visitor to our chapter last week. He gave us some good advice in regard to keeping the chapter up to its present standard, and we hope that we will profit by his visit.

There will be no social or athletic activities at Arkansas until after the examinations. Consequently a good scholarship record is what we are striving for at this time. Our bunch made the highest grades of any fraternity organization last year, and led the student body by a few points,

so we hope to keep our record again this year.

We wish every chapter in  $\Sigma A E$  a very prosperous year—and don't forget that we are always glad to see visiting brothers.

A. B. ARMSTRONG.

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Kansas Alpha, University of Kansas,  
Lawrence

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THE writing of this chapter letter comes at a time when every member of Kansas Alpha is digging up every old examination paper and notebook available around the "hill" in preparation for the annual mid-year sprint for knowledge which is about to take place at Kansas University. As the initiation of our eight worthy neophytes depends upon their passing in 75% of the semester's work, they are subject to many urgent proddings by upperclassmen in this matter of scholarships. Possibly due to these efforts we hope to initiate all of them this time.

Although the football season has been over for some time and basket ball is now holding the center of the arena with the best of prospects for an all-victorious season; it is fitting to mention here that Brother Wood won his K in this sport having negotiated the position of quarter back successfully and with honors for the entire season. Brother Lindsey who held the halfback position sustained a knee injury in the Drake game and thus was unable to play in the required number of quarters to receive the K. Lindsey, however, is a sophomore and will have two years more to play football for Kansas. On the freshman team this year Holt received his numeral at halfback position and Miner at end. In the interclass football which followed

the varsity schedule, the freshmen were victorious over the other classes.

No members of the regular freshman team were allowed to play in this meet. Freshman Niles played halfback, scoring the winning touchdown for the freshmen in this meet.

Our annual Christmas dinner-dance was held this year at the F. A. U. Hall on December 19 just before the chapter broke up for the Christmas holidays. Prof. and Mrs. F. E. Kester, Prof. and Mrs. Merle Thorpe and Mrs. Sinclair, our house mother, were guests of the chapter.

But to turn to more serious matters. The Kansas State Legislature convened shortly after the first of the year filled with new blood in the way of legislators. These legislators now have a new fraternity tax bill before them for consideration and adoption. For years fraternities have been exempted from taxation in the State of Kansas under another statute. With this aid many chapters have been enabled to purchase property and build comfortable houses which are being paid for now by the chapters and their alumni without hardship to either. This bill to tax fraternities seriously affects Kansas Alpha and a great many other chapters at Kansas because of the fact that we are now carrying the burden of paying for the property. We contend that putting this tax upon us at this time would be unfair and work a hardship upon the fraternities. At present the bill is in committee and will probably come up again before the close of this session. There has been some organized work on the part of our Pan-Hellenic council in fighting this bill down but about all that can be done now is to "grin

and bear" whatever the outcome will be as the bill is expected to come up almost any day.

As we now have our "lot" purchased the next thing is to build a house. With this end in view a committee of our alumni will soon issue a prospectus. In this prospectus we hope to set forth a plan for financing the proposition and include plans and ideas for the proposed house. We would appreciate any advice that the chapters, which have built houses in this manner, can give.

The first issue of the *Oread Magazine* was issued shortly after the Thanksgiving holidays headed by Brother Pinckard as editor and Pledge Puckett as advertising manager. It was filled with spicy news and good stories and is a credit to the university and  $\Sigma A E$ . Brother Wood is now a member of Black Helmet, the sophomore class society and Pachacamac, the interclass society of the university. Freshmen W. Hilton and Niles made the freshman honorary society, The Sphinx. The track team instituted a training table this year and it has proven very satisfactory. Brother Hilton and freshmen Niles, Noel and Willard Hilton now eat at this table. Freshmen Niles and Noel proved their worth in the fall interclass track meet, the former winning two firsts in the dashes and the latter a first in the broad jump and a second medal in the high jump. Holt made the center position on the freshman basket ball team and hopes to play that position for the varsity next year.

Kansas Alpha will suffer a great loss this year by the leaving of the two oldest men in the house. Brother Teed, who has been taking post-graduate work this semester will

enter a prominent law firm at Hutchinson, Kansas. Brother Fillmore is leaving to take up mining work. But this has been a prosperous year for Kansas Alpha with every indication of smooth sailing for the years to follow. During the last term Kansas Alpha has received visits from many alumni of this and other chapters. We always welcome these little visits and remember, "our key is still buried deep", etc.

HARLAND B. HUTCHINGS.

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Kansas Beta, Kansas State College,  
Manhattan

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WITH the beginning of the winter term, Kansas Beta has turned over a new leaf and starting with a new, clean page has unanimously decided to keep the slate clean this term. New house rules have been made and will be rigidly enforced. There has been a scholarship cup offered by the Pan-Hellenic Council to the fraternity that has the highest average grade at the end of this term, and we are all determined to carry off this honor.

On Monday night, January 25, we gave a dance and everyone enjoyed himself to the uttermost. Everyone had the pleasure of dancing the one-step to the tune of the pledge song and we found that it made a very good selection and made a hit with the guests.

Our alumni, who are still loyal  $\Sigma$  A Es even though they are not in our midst, have been working on a house proposition for Kansas Beta and we all feel confident that such a proposition, with such competent men behind it, will soon materialize and we shall have a house that we can call our own.

Two of our distinguished brethren, namely, Brothers Houcke and Briney received their letters this year for

football. Brother Houcke stands a fine chance to be elected captain of the football squad for next season. We will have several representatives out for work when baseball season rolls around and we expect them to go out and win for there are no quitters in  $\Sigma$  A E.

Speaking of Fraternal Coöperation and fraternities hanging together. Why, in this college the fraternities are on such good terms with one another that it is sometimes hard to tell just what fraternity you belong to. This brotherly feeling is going to be a great thing when it comes to bucking the anti-fraternity element whenever they try to make any trouble for us. Also every man that belongs to a fraternity keeps on friendly terms with the non-fraternity men in the college.

Just before the close of last term there was a epidemic of typhoid fever here and everyone had to undergo the operation of being "shot". Two of the brothers were taken down with the dread disease but one of them is back in school now and the other is improving rapidly. Such a thing as this is very annoying especially when one is forced to carry his arm around in a sling and stand on the side-lines and watch someone else doing the castle walk with his girl. That is enough to make anyone say a few things that are seldom seen in print but often heard.

In closing I will say that the  $\Sigma$  A Es are still holding the fort at 1116 Bluemont and we are always on the lookout for men who bear the purple and gold banner. Whenever re-inforcements come to join us there is a great rejoicing and clouds of smoke drift heavenward as we fire the welcoming salute from our battery of cigars.

O. F. BARNHART.

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Iowa Beta, University of Iowa, Iowa City

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**M**ARCH finds Iowa Beta splashing about in a slippery world of half frozen slush and sticky mud. Few villages of this land are fairer than Iowa City from May to November, but verily we do not recommend it as a winter resort.

But inside the chapter house the storms and sleet are forgotten, and it is always—or nearly always—picnic weather when our “good fellows get together”. Under Brother Martin, our newly elected E. A., the affairs of the chapter are fairly humming. In a short speech on the night of his election—a sort of inaugural address—he stated that the two points upon which he would expend the greatest effort during the administration would be finances and scholarship, and he is surely carrying out his policy. House accounts which have been delinquent for months are being paid up, and all our outstanding bills are rapidly being cleared away. The chronic flunkers of the bunch are bucking up in their courses until the “Profs” have begun to ask if they are out for  $\Phi$   $\beta$   $\kappa$  keys. As for the freshman scholarship, we have adopted a set of rules of such a nature that the “frosh” need no further incentive to keep up in their studies.

The best part of it all is, that these things are being accomplished without a bit of internal dissension. The crabbing is at a minimum in the house, and everyone seems to find it easy to do his part in keeping up the unity in which we dwell.

On the outside too, the chapter is picking off its share of honors and maintaining its accustomed position on the campus. Brother Kersick is

playing center in 'varsity basket ball. Brother Shrader, the track captain for this season, is working his men into shape. Brother Spangler is showing them up in the sprints, and Brother Dickey, the versatile long distance man, whose reputation in track athletics is already known, is again starting on the two mile.

DEWITT EMERSON.

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Iowa Gamma, Iowa State College, Ames

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**I**OWA Gamma at the present writing is up to her neck in examinations, it being the last week of the semester. Naturally most of the brothers are pretty busy passing up the semester's work in the few weeks.

Three of the brothers are leaving us this semester. Brother Bill Squire is returning to his home in Hollywood, Cal. Brother Claude Martin is trying to make the people of Des Moines believe that “it pays to advertize”, while Brother Dury Moss is leaving us for a semester to enter into the merchantile business at Boone, Iowa. However Moss, who played a sensational game at the quarter back position during the past football season will be back next fall to hold down his old berth.

The basket ball season at Ames has seen a very poor opening, losing to both Kansas and Nebraska in two hard fought games. However both of the universities have perhaps the strongest teams in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Ames showed that her team of basket tossers were not to be underestimated, by defeating Grinnell, which has held the championship of the state since way back in the stone age some place.

Brother Jack Porterfield is playing regular on the team, while

"Brother Shorty" Lovelace has made the squad.

The bunch has had to do without the services of their matron, Mrs. A. M. Riggs since Christmas, and to say we miss her would be putting it mildly. The chapter hopes to get another matron by next fall, and it is our hope that we can find another woman who can fill the position as well as Mrs. Riggs did.

The chapter is fast diminishing the debt on its house, and it now owes but \$4,200 on a \$12,000 investment. This is by far the best showing financially of any national fraternity on the campus. It is our hope to have the house completely paid for in the three years time.

The athletic management of our Alma Mater is doing its "durnedest" to find us two new coaches, which should give our coaching staff the much needed help which it has for so long lacked. No names have been mentioned to date for the position but the committee in charge are giving all the unattached mentors in the country the "once over" and should pluck off two good ones 'ere long.

GEORGE H. LEWIS.

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South Dakota Sigma, University of South Dakota, Vermilion

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THE opening of the new calendar year finds South Dakota Sigma in a position to feel that she has a pleasant retrospect and a favorable prospect for the future.

By keeping before us the characteristic democratic policy of  $\Sigma$  A E, we have come to be looked upon favorably both by the student body as a whole and the faculty.

The basket ball season is on in full swing, the team at present being on an extensive tour through Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota. Brothers Ferguson, Crain and Quimby constitute

three-fifths of the 'varsity team with several of the other brothers pulling hard for positions on the 'varsity five. The past football season was a signal success and was carried on under the guidance of Brother Captain Ferguson. The passing of this clean and honest brother from athletic activity in the university will be keenly felt. The other monogram men who were instrumental in putting us on the 1914 football map were, Brothers Willy, Brooks, Elmore, and Hengel and pledge Brown.

The prettiest social affair of the season up to date was the Pan-Hellenic Ball given on November 21.  $\Sigma$  A E furnished her full quota of "social bears" all of whom pronounced the function the most successful yet held.

Brother J. A. Johnson for the second time won the oratorical contest by a unanimous decision of the five judges. The competition for this honor was very keen this year and "J. A." is deserving of much praise and favorable comment which he is receiving, for his great forensic ability. He is not satisfied with oratorical honors, he had to go out and win a place on the debating team which will meet one of the strongest teams in the west 'ere long. Besides this, John is carrying the burden of the editor-in-chief of the *Volante* the university weekly publication. The senior class knowing full well the executive ability of Brother Johnson, elected him President of the outgoing class.

The *Dope Sheet* which was gotten out through the tireless efforts of Brother W. L. Johnson contained some snappy material and seems to have had the desired effect of getting in closer touch with our alumni brothers. It is the purpose of the

brothers to make this a yearly publication from now on since it seems to create a feeling interest among the brothers who have left school.

The sophomore class play was a great success. The leading rôle was admirably executed by Brother "Cliff" Hallis, who says that if all the compliments which he received were true he would sign up with Hammerstein or Balesco. Brother Elmore, the business manager of the play, has lost considerable of his superfluous adipose, posting bills and worrying over the financial outcome of the undertaking.

We are all looking forward with great pleasure to the coming initiation when we are to take unto ourselves as brothers, some seven or eight of the best men that we have ever pledged. If indications point true we will have a goodly number of the "old boys" back with us on this festive occasion.

The scholarship reports which are systematically gotten together by the committee show a class of work by

the brothers which has not been equalled heretofore. The reports of the scholastic work of the "preps" shows up especially strong. The brothers realize as never before the necessity of bringing great pressure to bear on this phase of university life.

The brothers enjoyed the hospitality of the neophytes last Saturday night at an informal dancing party given at the chapter house. The "young ones" did themselves proud and proved that they are well able to keep up the high social standard of  $\Sigma A E$ .

I must not omit mention of the smoker we had at the house. It was given by the brothers to the pledges and the evening was taken up with general merry-making. The toasts given were well put and well "took" and when the Havana smoke cleared away the brothers felt that a closer bond was holding them together in the ties of  $\Sigma A E$ .

T. COOLEY FERGUSON.

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### PROVINCE ETA

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Colorado Chi, University of Colorado,  
Boulder

WELL, examinations are over and things here at Boulder have settled down, but for two weeks the old midnight oil has surely been overworked, and the soft strains of discordant mandolins and guitars, accompanied by a tin pan piano have been sadly lacking around the house. However that is all past now and everyone struts around the house with a sort of a self-satisfied attitude; no I didn't mean to say everyone, for here and there in a secluded corner you will notice a sad-faced youth with a sort of a grief-stricken look upon his face. Should you

approach him and ask him what the matter is you will either meet with a gruff rebuff or be sheepishly told that in one or two courses his ideas did not entirely concur with those of the professor's offering the course.

The chapter came out of the battle pretty well, and out of fourteen freshmen we don't expect to lose a single one. We may lose one man out of a chapter of thirty-three, but even this is doubtful.

Basket ball here at Colorado is now in high swing and at the beginning of the year we had three letter men, the manager, coach, and two very likely substitutes. Brother Meyers, last year's center was ad-



judged ineligible and Brother Dunn was forced to quit on account of illness. Liz Beresford, the star of two years ago, was also unable to play this year. With all this, however, we have Brothers H. Beresford and R. Wells on the team and we are yet to be defeated.

Socially the Junior Prom and our eleventh annual house party have been the two featuring items around Boulder. We had a banquet before the Prom and a dance at the house the next night and when the girls left the house on Sunday we all surely missed the "dear little things". Then there began and was carried on for the next few days the usual series of post mortems, but now all runneth quietly.

We are going to hold our initiation on February 12 and we have fourteen "regular freshmen" to put through, and as many of the alumni have signified their intention of coming up we are looking forward to quite a little party.

Life goes slow and the grade of studies is steep here and we don't see many visiting men from other chapters, but if you should wander near us the door is always open and we should like to see it overworked.

THOMAS H. RYAN.

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Colorado Zeta, University of Denver,  
Denver

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THE mid-year examinations have come and gone, and although at times the outlook was rather gloomy, the chapter has withstood the ordeal in excellent fashion. The opening of the second semester finds Colorado Zeta in good condition, and with high aims and prospects for the future.

Since the last letter was written for the RECORD, Colorado Zeta has initiated her pledges. The first of

these is Robert W. Steele, who was initiated November 25 on the evening of a Thanksgiving dinner given in honor of the alumni. Steele is a man of whom  $\Sigma A E$  may well be proud. He is a graduate of Princeton University, and is now a freshman in Denver Law School. His father is the late Robert W. Steele, who was Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court of Colorado. The remaining pledges were initiated on December 15 and all of them we believe are men of  $\Sigma A E$  caliber. Their names are: Earl A. Engle, James B. McKelvy, George Yetter, Russell H. Coles, Myron P. Gerton, Dye Gallogby Liggitt, Charles Smith, Harold F. Mudge, Willford C. Taylor, Edward Carter, Arthur McCarter, Adolph Unfug, and Philip Ryan.

Our annual initiation dance was given at the Adams Hotel, Friday, December 18, and will be remembered as one of the best dances of the year. The programs were leather card cases in purple and gold, and stamped with the seal of the Fraternity. We are now planning a valentine party at the house for February 14, and with a committee in charge headed by J. Orlando Northcutt expect to have a regular party.

Brother Roger McDonough furnished the community with the chief topic of conversation during the past few weeks by eloping to Golden recently, and marrying Miss Marian McIntyre. In fact it was a double elopement, Roger's brother Gilbert wedding Miss Marion Brunton at the same time. For a time the fond parents of the girls were obdurate, but at the present time all is well, and Roger and his bride are settling down to housekeeping. Leave it to the  $\Sigma A E$  boys to pull off the original stunts.

Brother Teets who is one of our two married men in the chapter surprised the bunch by announcing that his child was the winner of the third prize in the Baby Show held in connection with the Denver Stock Show this month.

Σ A E has her share of men in all the activities of the university. Burke has been initiated to the Scarab Society, the honorary junior senior society of the university. This election gives us the largest representation in the Scarab of any of the fraternities. Brother William Henry is expected to uphold our laurels in track athletics. Last year he won second place in the two mile run at the Rocky Mountain collegiate meet. Pledge King now holds the tennis championship of the college, winning the tournament played this last fall with ease.

We are looking forward to the baseball season with the usual interests. For four years we have won the interfraternity series pennant, and expect to repeat the performance again this year. Brother Harrah will be the regular varsity pitcher.

W. W. BURKE.

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Colorado Lambda, Colorado School of Mines, Golden

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WITH the final examinations over and the first semester ended, Colorado Lambda is looking forward to another prosperous term. The dark and gloomy faces of a week ago have all brightened up now and the men have made resolutions to end the next term as successfully as they did this one.

Since the first of November there have been many interesting things taken place in Golden. The School of Mines won the football championship of the Rocky Mountain region.

We had the smallest and lightest team in the conference but the plucky little Miners did not lose a game. Brother Duggleby, the pivot point of the team, made All-Rocky-Mountain center, thus adding another honor to the scrolls of Σ A E. On the evening of January 8 everybody gathered at the gymnasium to enjoy a "big time"; the members of the football team were awarded medals and the championship banner, after which they were given a grand reception.

Shortly after Thanksgiving we gave our Thanksgiving dinner and many of our alumni were present to join us in the eats.

After the close of the football season Brother Hunter engaged the dance hall in Golden and has been giving dancing lessons. He has been very successful and will continue for some time during this semester.

For many years Colorado Lambda has had a reputation for having the best decorated house for its house parties. So it was this year when we had our house party for the freshman ball. The ball was given the week before Christmas so we decided that Christmas decorations were in order and many evergreens and streamers went to beautify the house and everybody enjoyed the "time of their life". At that time there was a little snow on the ground and a coasting party was held the next day.

We were very much surprised when two of our alumni paid us a visit just in time for the house party. These were Brothers Chapman and Dyrenforth. But a much greater surprise was when Dyrenforth appeared on the scene with a wife. Brother Donald Dyrenforth was married to Miss Ruth Virginia Wheeler on Wednesday, December

9 at the home of the bride in Evans-ton, Ill. The young couple left for White Pine, Colorado, where they will make their home.

The day before Christmas vaca-tion began we held our Christmas tree party, which is one of our an-nual festivities. The lot fell to Brother Hunter to get the tree so he made a trip up into the hills and secured a pine with needles about six inches long. Everybody had a laugh on Hunter but as the tree was not suitable for the occasion poor "Snipe" purchased a tree in town. As a 10 or 15 cent limit is placed on all presents, we had a great many toys which were distributed among the poor children.

Early in November we pledged Granville T. A. Eyman and find in him the best qualities of  $\Sigma A E$ . I am sorry to state that before the

holidays we lost Brother Geib, who has quit school and accepted a position in Victor, Colo., with the Vin-dicator Mining Co.

The glee club has been establish-ing a reputation for themselves and are now planning a week's trip over the state. The glee club, of which Brother Duggleby is president, con-sists of fifteen members, seven of them being  $\Sigma A Es$ .

Brother Gauthier, captain of the basket ball team, has been putting his men through some hard practice work and with Brother Hofius play-ing on the team, Mines expects a very successful season.

Colorado Lambda's doors are al-ways open to any  $\Sigma A Es$  who may come to Golden and all are invited to make themselves at home with us at 930 Fourteenth Street when here.

CHAS. A. ROGERS.

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#### PROVINCE THETA

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Louisiana Epsilon, Louisiana State Uni-versity, Baton Rouge

**T**HE following happenings should be recorded in our chapter his-tory: All the brothers returned from their homes at the expiration of the Christmas holidays, except Burke and Barringer. Don Burke will most probably return to the university next year. Francis Bar-ringer has decided to go into busi-ness at Monroe. Both of the mis-sing brothers were thoroughly good scouts, and we will miss them very much indeed. Our latest Neophyte is Owen S. Kyes of Panama. He was initiated the first Saturday after the holidays, and will move into the chapter house at a very early date. Brother Ed. Cary will be our E. A. for the second term, and our other officers will be as follows: E. D. A.,

John M. Dupont; E. R., Fred Faulk; E. T., Bill McCollam; E. C., W. Ford Pipes; E. Ch., Owen Kyes; E. W., Ralph Blomeley. The cam-paign for E. W. was hotly contested, and Brother McHenry ran a good second. Having three embryo law-yers among our number, we are the witnesses of frequent and furious legal arguments. We laymen, not knowing the doctrine of indelible allegiance, and other abstract mat-ters, are forced to maintain strict neutrality, for we cannot command a hearing from our worthy barris-ters. Brother Skete Dougherty en-tertained the chapter early in De-cember. Just before Christmas, the chapter gave a very successful smoker.

Brother John M. Dupont, who was our Delegate to the Chicago

convention, brought back stories of hard work (?) and of thrilling adventures.

Brother  $\Sigma A E s$  are welcome to our home at 673 St. Hypolite Street.  
T. R. LeCOMPTE.

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Louisiana Tau Upsilon, Tulane University, New Orleans

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WE, OF Louisiana Tau Upsilon, with the future in view all the time, have worked zealously and the result of our labors is shown by the fact that we have already, before this school term is closed, six of the most promising boys in the "prep" schools for pledges.

We have also started work earnestly, to reestablish the alumni association here, which for some reason, had gradually died out of activity and I might say, existence, for none of the members ever attended a meeting for some five or six years.

We are indebted to Brother Koch, an old member of the Denver Alumni Association who is now residing in New Orleans for timely advice and assistance and his consent to serve on the committee which has charge of this work of reconstruction.

We intend to start the ball rolling on Founders' Day with a good bit of headway and to keep it rolling forever.

Just now we are busy preparing for the Carnival on February 15 and 16. Everyone has heard, I believe, of the New Orleans *Mardi gras*, when the city is turned over for a day to absolute gaiety. It is a day of promiscuous masking and this chapter will participate in a body. For a visitor in the city during the Carnival it is one succession of surprises and pleasures. We have three parades in two days, when a fit sub-

ject is chosen and depicted by floats, which are most elaborately decorated. One has to see them though to appreciate them.

Should any of the brothers ever be in the vicinity of New Orleans around Carnival time, by all means stop over a few days and enjoy one of the finest sights to be seen.

Brothers Carl Woodward and Lloyd Posey our province President attended the convention and brought back such glowing accounts that we all resolved not to miss the next one.

DOUGLAS S. WATTERS.

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Texas Rho, University of Texas, Austin

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FOR the second successive session, a bill providing for the abolition of fraternities in the University of Texas has been introduced in the state legislature, now assembled in Austin, and it has been referred to the committee on education. Immediately after this bill was brought up for consideration in the House of Representatives, the fraternities here began work to defeat it by sending out a circular letter to all their alumni in the state, asking them to influence their representative against the measure. We then turned our attention to the committee. At the invitation of the Pan-Hellenic council, most of the members of this group visited the several fraternity houses to acquaint themselves with the true conditions of our moral, social, and mental habits. These men were satisfied that fraternities were not such obnoxious adjuncts to the University as the rabid anti-fraternity agitators would have them believe, and at present it seems probable that the bill will be killed in committee.

The faculty requirement that a fraternity must make an average

grade higher than that of the whole university or forfeit its right to extend bids to new men has made most of us forsake the campus benches and the athletic field for the library and our rooms. Despite this fact, we have made a creditable showing in university affairs. Brother Ross is again playing a sensational game at forward on the basket ball team; Brother Lawrence is assistant manager of that team, and will probably be promoted to the managership next year; Brother Bain is captain of the soccer team; Brothers Tucker and Bain and Pledge Smith answered the first call for track try-outs, and each has a good chance to win his letter; Brother Hudson is a member of the 'varsity band; Brother Summerfield is a leader on a Y. M. C. A. committee; Brother Ross is the president-elect of the Atheneum literary society for the spring term.

The chapter roster has been slightly changed since the Christmas holidays. Brother Lane Mitchell has taken charge of a farm near Marshall, Texas, and Brother G. B. Rogers has formed the law partnership of Cross and Rogers at Waco. We hope these two men will realize in their chosen fields the success we wish them.

A few weeks ago Pledge Harry Sams was operated on for appendicitis, and in ten days he had recovered sufficiently for him to make the trip home to Laredo. This is the second such operation that has been undergone by one of our pledges this college year. Fred Goeth having had a like experience this fall. Both men expect to re-enter school in the spring term.

We take this opportunity of announcing the initiation of R. A. Buck of Ft. Worth, and the pledg-

ing of Ed Tarrent of San Antonio and Horace Williams of Dallas.

WAYNE K. COUSINS.

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Oklahoma Kappa, University of Oklahoma, Norman

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**WE** SCRIBE at the present time is like all the rest of the brothers, "boning" for the examinations which will be shot to us this next week. Especially are the neophytes studying, for if they pass in twelve hours of work, (and indications are favorable), they will be introduced to Minerva and the goat shortly afterwards.

Arranged as to size, the following are the probable initiates: Hardin Davis of Waco, Texas; Dana Todd of Oklahoma City; Otto Brewer of Comanche; Don Allison of El Reno; Robert Robinson of Muskogee; Dean Howard of Oklahoma City; Louis Reilly of Durant; Paul Sutton of Claremore; Francis Mulkey of Oklahoma City; and Zach Rose of Muskogee.

Brewer was pledged after writing the last chapter letter. He is a sophomore in Arts and Science, on the basket ball squad, on the Y. M. C. A. Cabinet, and President of the Business Opportunity club. We recently pledged Frank McCain of Ada, who entered this year after graduating at one of the state normal schools. McCain has manifested quite a bit of athletic ability.

Oklahoma Kappa has held her standard in student activities and athletics this year. Four  $\Sigma$  A Es, Neil Johnson, Montford Johnson, Elmer Capshaw, and Harve Collins, won their O in football. In the three All-Oklahoma teams that were started by some of the sport artists, Neil Johnson was given the captaincy and placed at half by all, with Montford Johnson the unani-

mous selection for quarter and Capshaw the other half. Neil Johnson was universally conceded as captain of next year's 'varsity eleven, but he refused to have his name brought up.

In basket ball, pledges Brewer and Davis are on the squad. John Jacobs, who has won so many track medals that it is really getting monotonous, is captain of track again this spring, and White, Collins, and Monnet will again grace the cinder path. Strother, McCain and Davis are also track aspirants.

Neil Johnson will pilot the baseball team, while his brother "Hap" will probably hold down his old position at the second bag. Pledge McCain is going out for baseball as well as track.

Elmer Capshaw is president of the Athletic Association; Monnet is manager of tennis; Walter Cralle, until he withdrew from school to conduct community work at Coalgate, Okla., was President of the Y. M. C. A. and McMahon is business manager of the *University Oklahoman*, and on the debating team that goes to Kansas.

Roberts is President of the allied senior classes of the university, and also leads Kanuntaclage, a club composed of those having Indian blood.

He and Brown are  $\Phi \Delta \Phi$ 's, Harley and McMahon are  $\Sigma \Delta X$ 's, White is a  $\Phi M A$ , and McMahon a  $\Delta \Sigma P$ . He is E. A. for this next semester. Brown is President of the second year laws while Neil Johnson holds a like position in the freshman class.

John Gidney and Clifton Mackey are on the *Sooner* staff.

A very extensive trip to northern schools is being planned for the tennis team. Brother Eugene Orton

Monnet has been on the team three years, and since he is manager this year, we figure that he is sure to make the team and trip.

The glee club leaves the eighth of February to tour southern and western Oklahoma and northern Texas. Dana Todd and Ben Allen Ames are sure to make the trip, while Clifton Mackey, Grover Strother, and Frances Mulky have a chance to go.

Several weeks before Christmas we initiated Allen Ames and John Harley. Ames is a junior, having had two years at Princeton, while Harley graduates from law school this year. He is president of the university alumni association, and has held a big bunch of honors around the school.

The outlook for the second semester is bright. Five Brothers, Bill Stigler, J. Raymond Frye, Benton Snider, John Charles, and Berry Peterson, are thinking of re-entering school, and with one or two good men that we are considering we may have a whale of a chapter. (It is now 31).

Next Saturday night we are going to dance the Fox trot, Eagle Rock, etc, etc., *ad infinitum*. (That is, the brothers are; the E. C. has too large feet). Quite a few of the alumni are coming down from Oklahoma City and we are expecting it to be a A number 1 dance.

Talking of alumni reminds me that we have been visited this year by four brothers on the Arkansas football team, Rudd, Saddler, Kinney, and Kuykendall. Whenever in Norman, come and see us.

We are laying plans to build a \$16,000 house to be ready for occupancy next fall. It will be a gala day for Oklahoma Kappa when we have a home of our own.

BOURKE BAYLESS.

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 PROVINCE IOTA
 

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Kentucky Iota, Bethel College, Russellville, Ky.

THE second semester opened with the prospects very bright for Kentucky Iota, although I regret very much to say we have lost one ban, Brother J. Z. Whatley, a loyal and hard working son of Minerva. However Brother J. M. Greenfield of last year's pitching fame will be with us in a few days. We have two men whom we shall be able to initiate in the near future, as they have both passed their mid-year examinations.

In basket ball we have two  $\Sigma A E$ s on the first team, Brothers Edwards and Beauchamp, also Brother Evans was a first team man but was forced to quit on account of an injured knee. We are having a fairly successful season, but hardly as successful as last year.

Right here I would like to say a word about the alumni, who have been giving us excellent advice and help. We were pleased to have with us brother Claypool, Kentucky Iota, '10, who is now principal of the high school at Guthrie, Ky.

On account of the small number of members we have never been able to own a house. We have four large rooms on the fourth floor furnished us by the college, which we have recently papered and painted, and are contemplating buying a new set of furniture. We are now looking forward to our spring reception, which is by far the most important social event of the year.

We always extend the glad hand of welcome to any visiting brothers, and would be glad to entertain them during their stay in Russellville.

J. R. MARTIN.

Kentucky Kappa, Central University, Danville, Ky.

WITH the loss of William Elliott, Jr., the rest of the brothers returned from the Christmas holidays filled with the same spirit which has so successfully carried us through the past term. Mid-term examinations have been taken and most of the brothers passed very creditably.

Since the last publication of THE RECORD we have had the pleasure of having Brother Levere with us. His illustrated lecture on a "Trip in  $\Sigma A E$  land" proved to be of much interest and benefit to the fellows and his suggestions to the chapter were much appreciated.

While Brother Ely was the only one of our bunch to attend the convention from his report Chicago must have been live with the  $\Sigma A E$  spirit and the convention was a huge success.

$\Sigma A E$ s continue to receive their share of honors at Central and during the past months Brother Ely was elected President of the junior class, Adkins, Historian of freshman class, and Cromwell was elected captain of next year's football team. Brothers Miller and Lassing have been elected to membership in Ye Rounde Table, a very high scholastic organization.

While the basket ball season is yet young it promises to be a very successful one for Central.  $\Sigma A E$  is also well represented here. Brother Cromwell is captain of the team and Brothers McDowell and Adkins have both permanent places at forward and guard, respectively.

Kentucky Kappa wishes her sister chapters a bright and prosperous year and extends a cordial invitation to all  $\Sigma A E$ s for a visit.

C. C. CROWWELL.

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Kentucky Epsilon, Kentucky State University, Lexington

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**T**HE thirteen active members and eleven pledges of Kentucky Epsilon have returned to school since the Christmas vacation, each and every one reporting a most enjoyable visit at home.

We have added another pledge to our host of "Goats", Mr. Webb, of Williamstown, who brings our number of pledges up to twelve. All of these men are of the finest type, such as has always been characteristic of an  $\Sigma A E$ , and we can say without the least hesitation that their equal cannot be found anywhere. Mr. Server, alias, "King of the Goats", and Mr. Dempsey were both on the freshman football team, which was not only undefeated, but one touchdown was the only score made by all their opponents. Mr. Server played right tackle, always kicked off for not less than fifty yards, and did all the punting for the team. Mr. Dempsey held down the position of center, and at no time was the line ever broken through at this point. Mr. Server is now playing center on the varsity basket ball team, and whenever the ball goes up "Jimmy" put it exactly where he desires. All the papers declare him to be the star of the games. When the baseball season opens up we will be well represented, having at least six men who will try out for the team, and we are safe in saying that at least three will make it.

Every  $\Sigma A E$  was more than delighted to have Brother Levere with

us for a week-end during the latter part of October. Those of us who had not met him, had heard "quite a bit" of him, and all were anxiously awaiting the arrival of "Billy". We were far from being disappointed, because we found him to be the truest type of an  $\Sigma A E$ , and no more need be said of him other than that. Those of us, namely Brothers Jackson, B. H. Lawry, Menefee, Albert, and Pledge Brother Hollinsworth, who journeyed to Cincinnati to see our Northern Brothers, had the honor of meeting Brother Lueu. In spite of the fact that State was defeated by U of C, we all had an immense time, which we attribute to the excellent hospitality of our northern brothers, and we soon realized that the hospitality of the southern colonel is not the only hospitality on earth. On our way back home from "Cincy" we enjoyed a most pleasant Sunday as the guest of Brother Menefee.

Our dance given on November 14 in honor of our pledges, was the most unique house dance ever given by any fraternity at the University of Kentucky. We have this year a fine old house of French design, the ballroom being divided in the center by two large circular doors, and leading out onto the veranda from each are two French windows. The hall upstairs is circular and the ceiling is built in rotunda style, making a most excellent place for music. We were glad to have Brother Hall and Pledge Brother McMeekin from Cincinnati, and also several of our brothers from Danville with us.

The Pan-Hellenic dance of the university was held at the Phoenix Hotel on Friday evening December 18, just at the close of school for the Christmas holidays.



Plans are being perfected to give a dance at the Phoenix Hotel on April 9, and we expect this to be the finest dance ever given at this university.

Among the honors in school, whether they be athletic, scholastic or military you will always find a  $\Sigma A E$  among those at the top.

By the time this letter has gone to press, examinations will be over, and we will have initiated all twelve of our pledges, because we are sure that all will pass their examinations, as there was never before such a fine bunch of new material as Kentucky Epsilon now has.

The doors of our house are always open to any wandering brother, to whom we will endeavor to show all that is meant by the term "Southern Hospitality".

R. F. ALBERT.

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Tennessee Zeta. Southwestern Presbyterian University, Clarksville

AS THE days flit by, it dawns upon me that the utterances of my sterile brain must be forthcoming. I get as busy as a bird dog with fleas and try to assemble a few of the events of note. But alas! alas! I am unable to grasp the situation. All my ammunition must have been used in killing the calf in the Christmas number. 'Tis sad but true.

To give due publicity to some of our brilliant fraters, I will head the list by mentioning young Anderson, our own dear Andy, as we call him here. It was only in December last that we executed the lad, and it was quite a pleasure to carve him up. I might add that the boy is "kinder round here" when it comes to the "lady wimens". You know they love him so, that they can hardly resist, er, er, "You tell it, I hasn't the heart". Then there is MacQueen,

interpreter of the modern drama. Recently he played the rôle of a maiden and was the source of much comment by the local critics. On the glee club we are well represented, having Brothers Alexander, Savage, Woods and Brumby with Brother Morrow as accompanist. On the 'varsity basket ball team there is Brother Alexander. In the Appendicitis Club Brothers Savage and Anderson. I could comment further on the abilities of the men, but I will have to draw the line somewhere.

Socially we have not done a thing. We would have if we had wanted to, but we didn't want to so we did as we wanted to. Is it clear? Eight of the twelve men in the chapter live here in the village and they find plenty of things to do to be foolish.

"Gather Ye Roses While Ye May" is the slogan here in Clarksville. Brother Ed. Edwards has taken unto himself a benedictine. It is our hope that his marriage voyage will be prosperous, etc. As father time hurries on in our journey through life, we cast a glance backwards and see the errors of our ways, and we perceive that a few sprigs of oats (often termed wild) have sprung up by the side of our primrose path. The frivolities of our youth have heaped many sorrows upon our brows. But this is no philosophical discourse on "Why Does a Man", so I will cease my small town comedy.

Greater S. P. U. is a movement that is directing most of our attention at present. Under a new administration we are going to increase our specimens here threefold. In fact stalls have just been completed for the accommodation of such specimens as er, er, Brother Perkins I should say. If any of

you can help us in our campaign, please send the specimens f.o.b. Clarksville.

Speaking in behalf of the chapter, I want all wandering  $\Sigma A E$ s to come out and make themselves known. We will do the rest.

A. H. HATCH.

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Tennessee Lambda, Cumberland University, Lebanon

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**T**HE opening of the spring term found our chapter in fine condition and the future looks unusually bright for Tennessee Lambda now.

Since our last letter to *THE RECORD* we have added one new name to our roll—namely Brother Leon Robinson. We have several names under discussion and expect to land the pick of the new students.

Basket ball is now the chief topic of conversation in Cumberland, and we hope and expect to have one or more  $\Sigma A E$ s on the team.

We are very sorry to report the loss of three of our brothers who graduated with honors at the mid-winter commencement of the law school, Namely, Brothers Adkins, Anderson, and Glenn. They have all since passed the State Bar Examination and bid fair to sooner or later become very great men in their line of business.

All the  $\Sigma A E$ s in town are now very enthusiastic over a movement that is on foot to build a chapter house. With an alumni list of over four hundred to help us in a financial way, we expect to build a house that will be a credit to the Fraternity.

Any brothers who may at any time be wandering around this part of the country will be given a hearty

welcome if they will but stop over in the city of cedars.

K. R. COILE.

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Tennessee Nu, Vanderbilt University, Nashville

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**T**HE storm and stress of intermediate examinations has passed over without doing any serious damage in the way of wrecked nerves, though no doubt some high expectations of exalted records were shattered, and the freshman's vision of approaching fame and honor given a decided set back, just at the time it seemed almost within his reach. But he can at least thank his "lucky star" that they are all over, and lull his distracted conscience into an illusionary contentment with the brilliant idea that there is nothing to do now until June.

Our chapter opened the social festivities of the University for the second term beginning a big dance at the chapter house the night after examinations were over, and a number of the other fraternities have followed suit, and King Pleasure has reigned supreme.

Our chapter greatly feels the loss of our counsellor, friend and adviser, Brother M. E. Holderness, who has recently been promoted to the Third National Bank of St. Louis, Mo., as manager of the Savings department of that strong banking institution. He has long been the godfather of Tennessee Nu, always ready to sympathize with and advise any of the boys, and never too busy to stop to speak to a brother  $\Sigma A E$ . While we rejoice in his deserved promotion, yet it is awfully hard for us to give him up. It was primarily through his untiring efforts on be-

half of the chapter that we are able to enjoy our present beautiful home. Brother Holderness also leaves a host of friends among the other fraternity, and non fraternity men of Nashville.

The university is just on the eve of launching a great religious campaign toward promoting better, Christian living among the students. Mr. Brockman and Ted Mercer, will lead the campaign, assisted by Chancellor Kirkland, Dr. Weatherford and other local talent. It promises to be the greatest movement of its kind ever attempted at Vanderbilt.

Brother Cody is playing a good game at guard on the basket ball team. The squad is away at present on a trip through Kentucky.

The glee club will leave in the near future on its annual southern trip. We are represented on the club this year by Brother Simpson, Varnell, and Offenhauser.

A hearty welcome awaits all visiting brothers at Tennessee Nu.

C. W. WHITEHEAD.

#### ALUMNI NOTES

Brother Theo Pinson was married to Miss Margaret Wrenn of Nashville, on Wednesday night, February 10, 1915.

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Tennessee Kappa, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

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**T**HE past football season at the University of Tennessee was a record breaker in every respect. After many hard games, Tennessee won the S. I. A. A. championship. Tennessee Kappa was well represented on this championship team. Brothers Lindsay and Carroll won All-Southern positions at fullback and end respectively. In a spirited contest Brother Lindsay won a

handsome silver loving cup for being the most popular member of the team. Brother Taylor was elected captain for 1915. The basket ball season is now well under way, but Wolfe is the only brother who takes an active part in this sport.

We regret the loss of Brother P. H. Callahan who failed to return after the holidays, and when practice on the baseball diamond begins, the "old Man" and his glove will be noticeably absent, and this vacancy is one that only a professional can fill.

Our annual Christmas dance, given at our new home just before the holidays was a marked success.

Brothers Hazen and Leach returned from the convention full of enthusiasm and good spirits. The inspiration which they received there we feel will be of lasting benefit to them.

During the long winter evenings, Brother Wait helps to amuse the chapter by his lively conversation. "Jew" Brinkley, of the itching palm, still employs his time in exacting dues from the brothers. "Bill" McClure, the quiet and unassuming lad of our chapter, is upholding his reputation as a student, and is also rapidly rising to renown as an expert salesman in a swell clothing shop.

The chapter is enjoying a billiard table given through the kindness and generosity of Brother Irvin Saxton, '12.

In the military department at the university, Tennessee Kappa is represented by several brothers. Brother Carroll is batallion major, Brother Ferris is a captain, Brothers Brinkley and Callahan are first lieutenants, Brother Hazen is batallion adjutant, and Brother Penland is a first sergeant.

Brother Leach is associate editor of the *Volunteer*, the college annual, and Pledge Tunnel, a freshman, is advertising manager. Brother Penland has been elected President of the sophomore class.

Mid-year examinations are keeping most of the brothers and pledges busy. We expect to initiate ten neophytes in February, and no doubt Brother Maloney will be very much in evidence with his "torture" machine.

Tennessee Kappa wishes to remind visiting brothers that they will find a cordial welcome awaiting them at 1643 West Cumberland Ave.

ROBERT S. LEACH.

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Tennessee Omega, University of the South, Sewanee

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THE opening of the second term in January found Tennessee Omega in prime condition. We returned from the holidays in high spirits, and we all resolved to make this term in the life of the chapter, what the last has been, a great success. And at the time of this writing we have kept our resolution. However, we regret the loss from our ranks of three of the brothers, who, owing to unavoidable circumstances were unable to return. They were Brothers Dodge T. Barrow of Memphis, William E. DuPree of Waco, Texas; Reuben Parker of Stillwater, Minn.

The university is also prospering, having returned this year a larger percentage of the student body than ever before. The university is also showing prosperity on every other side. The chair of engineering made vacant several months ago by the death of the late F. C. Ewing,

has been filled by brother Kenneth Lyne. Brother Lyne is an old Tennessee Omega man and we are all glad to have him with us once again.

It is usually admitted that the months following the holidays are the dullest in the year. With this thought in mind, our athletic director organized an interfraternity basket ball league, hoping in this way to pass away the dreary months to baseball season. The league has been under way for several weeks and has created intense rivalry among the teams, nearly every game being hotly contested. Up to the present time we have broken even, having won two out of the four games played; but from now on, our two hardest games being over with, there is no reason why we shouldn't have a clean slate. Our team is composed of Brothers Palmer, R., captain; Roulhac, Sellers, Clarke and McIsaacs. (All letter men on the football team.)

We also have our social side, as at present we are in the midst of the annual pre-lenten dances. The brothers are taking full advantage of their opportunities, spending all of their spare time (and more too) with those of the fairer sex. The chapter was hostess to the mountain several days ago, at an afternoon dance.

Founders' Day is not so very far off, and as is customary, we are going to have our usual feed. Let me urge that all brothers in the neighborhood drop over on this occasion. However, you may all be assured of a warm welcome at this or any other time.

AUGUST H. SCHUMACHER.

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Tennessee Eta, Union University,  
Jackson

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PERHAPS some would be pleased to learn that Tennessee Eta, one of the oldest chapters in the fraternity, was visited by probably the oldest living alumnus of  $\Sigma A E$ , since the writing of our last chapter letter. This was the Hon. S. F. D. Reese of Trenton, Ken. Brother Reese is an alumnus of this chapter, having been initiated in 1858, while the school was located at Murfreesboro, Tenn. He graduated in 1860 and joined the Confederate army at the opening of the war. Now he is a practicing attorney and a very active fraternity man. While here he conducted an initiation, and his visit which was enjoyed by all the fellows seemed to have put greater enthusiasm into the chapter.

Football last season was not very successful, but the basket ball outlook has a very pleasing appearance under the management of Brother McKinnie. Brother Warren is our star guard, while Brother Folk runs

a close race for the other guard, and pledge Algee is sub-forward. Our baseball manager for this year is Brother Wilson, while Brother White has been elected football manager for 1915.

The school year has been divided into three terms, and examinations have been held on the first term's work. The record shows the  $\Sigma A E$ s to be among the leaders in the academic department as well as in athletics.

We are very sorry to lose one of our pledges, Mr. Austin, who did not return after the Holidays.

Tennessee Eta desires to present Brothers Robert Leeper and Robert Folk who have been initiated lately, this making our band of fellows number sixteen.

Brother McKinnie, our delegate, and also Brother Wilson, who was a visitor at the Chicago convention, report a grand time.

Tennessee Eta wishes every  $\Sigma A E$  another big time on March 9.

F. M. DAVIS, JR.

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#### PROVINCE KAPPA

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California Alpha, Leland Stanford, Jr.,  
University, Stanford

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THE spring semester is well under way and California Alpha is off to a good start. Although we feel the loss of Brothers Wines, Sinclair and Otto we are still battling strong; especially since we have Brother McNulty back with us again. "Mac" will be out for the 'varsity crew and is expected to put in a strong bid for a seat in the shell. He was a member of the freshman crew last year that beat both California and Washington.

We have affiliated Brother Harold C. Lewis from the California Beta

chapter this semester. Brother Lewis has not attended college since 1909 and now that he has decided to complete his college course we certainly are glad to have him with us.

We have pledged one good man this semester and there are two more whom we have in sight. The new pledge is Lester L. Clark of Stockton, California.

Brother Dan Carroll has been elected to the university executive committee and has also been elected football captain for the coming year. In the recent election Art Erb was elected president of the senior class.

Brother Ben Erb, who has held a position in the Treadwell mine, Alaska, since his graduation, was the victim of a severe accident in which he almost lost his life. He is recovering his old-time health at his home in British Columbia and will return to Alaska sometime during the spring.

WAYNE C. CHAPMAN.

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California Beta, University of California,  
Berkeley

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**T**HE biggest thing out here these days is the biggest thing in the world—the Panama Pacific International Exposition which opens February 20. The next thing in importance—to us—is our plan for a new house. There are scores of athletic and academic incidentals but these are the chief things of existence just now.

The exposition is a marvel. We hope to see a number of the brothers here during the next few months. Athletics will boom with the fair. Plans are under way to bring out here the best of the east's track, baseball and football men to say nothing of the stars of the minor sports who will compete. One plan contemplates holding the annual California-Stanford Rugby game on the World's Fair grounds. Another scheme is to bring out two of the best eastern college football teams, perhaps the champions of the east and the middle west. Brother John A. Stroud, Jr., graduate manager at this university, is a member of the exposition's intercollegiate sports committee.

There was considerable doubt for a time as to whether Stanford and California would break off all athletic relations but a compromise is in sight and peace is expected. California asked the adoption of a rule barring freshmen from intercollegiate competition. Stanford argued that this would be a handicap to the cardinal on account of its smaller size. It is now proposed to revive the freshmen intercollegiate game, bar them from 'varsity sports and also bar all students registered in the affiliated colleges (medical departments) of both universities. The last provision will cut most heavily into California's athletic supply as our medical departments are much larger than Stanford's. In this way it is hoped to overcome any handicap that might be inflicted upon Stanford by the freshman ruling.

Brother Conklin is back on the 'varsity baseball squad, working for his old position as first string pitcher. Brother Esmond Wiley is throwing the hammer better than ever and is expected to win points in the big meet. Brother Camper, last year's freshman coxswain, is a 'varsity candidate this year. Brother Smith, one of our new freshmen, is also out for crew while Brothers Kirkman and Kercher are working with the track squad.

California's new \$40,000 quarter mile track, built under the supervision of Brother Stroud, will be christened in May by a meet with the University of Illinois.

WILLIAM C. WREN.

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 PROVINCE LAMBDA
 

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Washington Alpha, University of Washington, Seattle

**T**HE wonderful things that the National Convention did for us 'way out here in the northwest has made us happy and grateful beyond words, and gives us worlds of renewed energy to go out to show you all that your confidence in us has not been misplaced. Our two new chapters, and our province Lambda, if you please, will give us the opportunity of inter-chapter visiting that has been denied us before because of great distances, will let us closer to the pulse of things, and will enlarge and widen the scope of things possible for Σ A E out here on the last "frontier."

We're making wonderful plans for Founders' week, one that every Σ A E in the Northwest will remember for a long time. In the first place we're to have Brother Levere with us, incidental to the installation of the chapters at Pullman and at Corvallis, and already a committee is hard at work getting in touch with every brother in the State. Brother Levere is going to give the neophytes the ritual Thursday night, the eleventh, our formal is scheduled for the following evening, and it will all be wound up Saturday evening by the banquet. Accommodations will be made for every brother that finds his way to Seattle.

The Legislature now in session has several plans for raising funds for needed buildings on the campus. The probability of an appropriation is very remote, and a tuition fee or the bonding of university property have been offered as a solution. The tuition fee scheme seems to be meeting with a great deal of favor

with the lawmakers, and that is the one that will probably be adopted. No anti-fraternity legislation has yet put in an appearance.

In our own chapter, we're getting along nicely, thank you. All the boys are going into college activities with a vengeance, and there isn't anything in which we aren't represented.

For instance, our quartet, with brother Morley and Pledges Ganong, Healy, and Gibson, and our instrumental trio with Brothers Barlow and Brevick and Pledge Healy, are in demand at every college function, smoker, or mixer.

Then Brother Fancher, last year's selection for guard on the mythical all-Northwest five, is back at his old post, and managing the team in addition. In the two games that Washington has played to date, the four men that were sent in as forwards against Jack garnered a total of one basket among them in the two evening's entertainments. Brother Staatz is making a great showing as sub-center, and seems certain of the place next year when the present pivot will be ineligible. Pledge Brautigam is the best first year man on the floor, according to the coach, and will probably make his emblem, though there are already six letter men out for the five places on the team. Pledges Gibson and Bartlett are "among those also turning out."

On the 'varsity eight we have Brother Hal Schumacher ensconced at No. 4. Brother Ward, in his fourth year of crew work, is virtually sure of a letter this year. Then Brother Hardie the freshman No. 2 man on last year's baby eight who was put in as stroke on the 'varsity eight that decisively whipped the

University of California crew the second time will be out for a job, and he looked so good to the coach last year that he is bound to give some man an awful run for his job. Brothers Gilbert and Alexander will both be candidates, and both have been highly spoken of by Coach Conibear.

Brother Barlow is the newest member of the dramatic club, which yearly initiates less than a dozen Thespians. Barlow also won a captaincy in the student "army" and has since been elected and initiated into Scabbard and Blade. Brother Drummond, our other Scabbard and Blade representative, has just won additional spurs, being named captain of the largest and best company of soldiers on the campus. Brother Alexander has been promoted to the first lieutenantcy in the National

Guard company that is maintained on the campus.

Brother Sutton, four times unanimous choice the best end in Northwest football, has been named deputy-sheriff and is in charge of the inmates in the county bastille. Sutton is carrying college work in addition and expects to graduate in June. Brother Brevick is on the associate board of editors on the University Daily and is sporting editor of the Tyee, the big annual year book. The chapter will put out a goodly number of track candidates when the season for cinder path men comes around.

But with all our campus activities, best of all is the splendid spirit within our own home. It all makes for a closer fraternalism, a more wholesome existence, and a better Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

STANLEY STAATZ.



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