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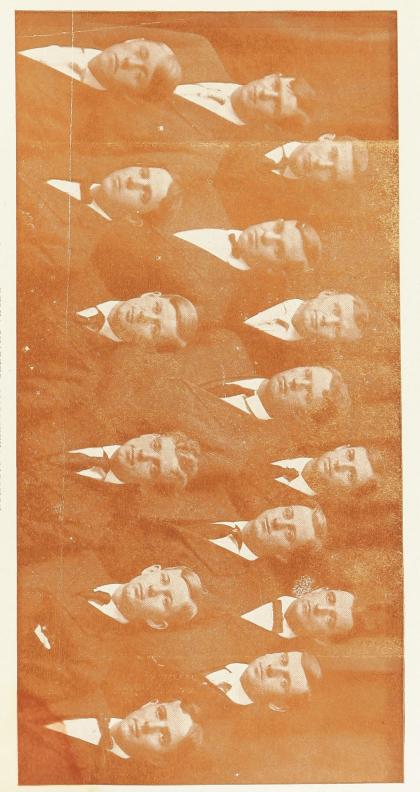
The chapter corresponding secretaries are reminded that at the end of each month they are required to turn in to the G. C. S. the statistical blanks of the men initiated during that month. Laxness in this matter greatly hinders the work of the fraternity. The chapters are requested to see that their officers live up to the requirements of the position in this matter.

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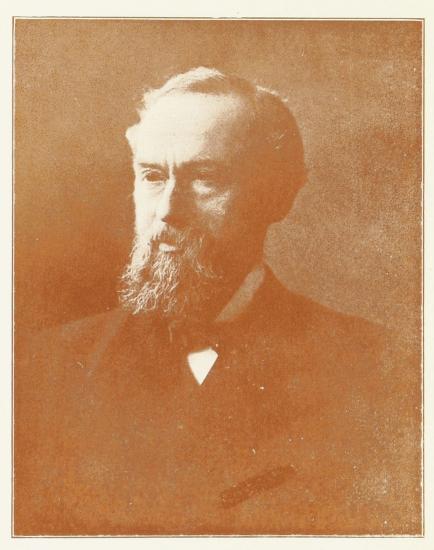
All contributions of whatever nature intended for the next issue of The Tomahawk will be due in the editor's hands April 1. Tomahawk correspondents are requested to govern themselves accordingly without further notice. The chapter letters should all be forwarded to Brother Charles F. Shaw, No. 1511 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor, Mich.

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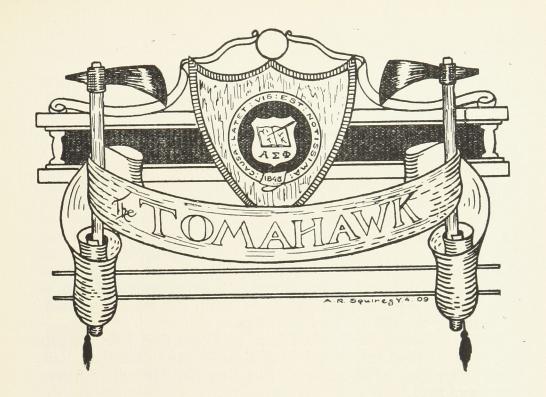
The Grand Prudential Committee is endeavoring to fix a convention date that will satisfy all. To this end letters have been sent to all Chapters over a month since, and replies are still awaited from three. It is essential that this matter receive your early attention. All brethren interested should urge the officers of their respective chapters to convey your resolutions to headquarters at once. This Fraternity is being governed by its members, not by its officers, and for this reason we invite your co-operation upon this important matter. Failing in receiving it the Grand Prudential Committee will reluctantly fix a date within the next month, but prefers to please all if possible.



DELTA CHAPTER-MARRIETTA COLLEGE



SIMEON E. BALDWIN Retiring Chief Justice of Connecticut



## SIMEON EBEN BALDWIN.

ROTHER SIMEON E. BALDWIN, (Yale '61), Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Errors of Connecticut, who retires from the bench this month, was born in New Haven on February 5, 1840. His father was Roger Sherman Baldwin, a representative in the General Assembly, a State Senator, Governor of Connecticut, United States Senator from Connecticut, and a Presidential Elector at Large in 1860 who voted for Abraham Lincoln for President of the United States. He was a noted lawyer and was associated in 1839 with John Quincy Adams in litigation before the Supreme Court of the United States.

Judge Baldwin's grandfather was a Chief Justice of Connecticut and his great grandfather was Roger Sherman one of the signers of the

Declaration of Independence.

The mother of Judge Baldwin was Emily Perkins Baldwin who was descended from John Haynes who was first governor of Massachusetts and later of Connecticut. One of her ancestors was Governor William Pitkin of Connecticut and another was Governor William Bradford of Plymouth Colony.

Justice Baldwin graduated at Hopkins Grammar School at New Haven where he prepared for college. He entered Yale and graduated with the class of 1861 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then entered the Yale Law School and afterwards studied at the Harvard Law School but did not take a degree from either. In 1863 he entered his father's law office in New Haven and in 1869 became an instructor in the Yale Law School, a position he has held for 40 years. He was President of the American Bar Association in 1890. The next year Harvard conferred on him the honorary degree of LL. D. From 1899 to 1901 he was President of the International Bar Association of London, England. In 1893 he was made an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Errors of Connecticut and on the death of Chief Justice Torrence in 1907 succeeded him as Chief Justice, a position from which he retires this month by reason of reaching the age limit of 70 years.

He is author of Baldwin's Digest of Connecticut Law Reports 1871, 1882; Modern Political Institutions in 1898; American Railroad Law 1899, and co-author of Two Centuries' Growth of American

can Law, 1901.

Judge Baldwin was President of the New Haven Colony Historical Society from 1884 to 1896; President of the Connecticut Archæological Society 1899; President of American Historical Society 1905. He is much interested also in social matters and was President of the American Social Science Association 1897-99. Delegate from the United States to International Prison Congress 1900.

In 1865 he was married to Miss Susan Winchester of Boston, Mass., who is still living. His son is Roger Sherman Baldwin, a successful lawyer in New York and his daughter Helen Baldwin Gilman is the wife of Dr. Warren R. Gilman of Worcester, Mass.

Chief Justice Baldwin has always been interested in church work and was for several years President of the Board of Trustees of the New Haven Young Men's Christian Association. In the recent campaign to raise the debt of \$180,000 it was his check and encouraging letter that started the successful operation and furnished inspiration for continued effort that resulted in wiping out a burden that had threatened to engulf that useful institution in ruin.

In politics he is a Democrat and has been chairman of the State Democratic Committee but since ascending the bench his activities in politics have been those of a voter rather than an active worker.

He is at present Professor of Constitutional Law and Private International Law in Yale University and is one of New Haven's most respected citizens.

Brother Baldwin has manifested an active interest in the revived Alpha Chapter and has presented it with a large portrait of himself. He was a member of  $A \Sigma \Phi$  during his Sophomore year at Yale and during his Junior year while at Yale of  $\Psi \Upsilon$ .

## HISTORY OF THE OLD ALPHA CHAPTER.

LPHA SIGMA PHI had its origin in Yale College where in A the fall of 1846 it burst into existence at the beginning of the Sophomore year of the class of 1849. For nearly two decades, or until 1864, it continued at Yale as a part of a system of class societies then embracing each of the four years of the college course. (The traces of this system are found today in the fraternity life of the two upper classes at Yale where they still impart a character to the fraternity system such as finds no counterpart in an American college.) During this period Alpha Sigma Phi grew and extended her ranks—sometimes as a Sophomore Society as at Harvard; sometimes as a general fraternity as at Marietta. Thus it came about that when the Alpha of Sigma Phi came to an end as a class society at Yale among the members of the class of 1866 that there was vigor enought left in the bone and sinew of her offspring to carry the life of the old fraternity through a period of 40 years despite the death of the parent and ruling chapter.

With the re-establishment of Alpha Sigma Phi at Yale in 1907—this time as a University Society retaining the most of the traditions and practices of the old Alpha Chapter—the fraternity again took on new life and began a new era of growth, expansion and progress which has naturally done much to awaken in its members, both old and young, great interest in all that pertains to the history and life of

the parent chapter at Yale.

Not as much is known of the first few months of the old chapter's history as we could wish. This fact may be attributable to the greater stress then laid upon secrecy in those younger days of fraternities; or it may be that the nature itself of the undertaking, daring and defiant, made for a degree of secretiveness which a lapse of 65 years

has rendered it difficult to uncover. Few records were kept, and the greater part of these have long been lost, so that it is to the elusive memories of those actively connected with Alpha's youngest days who longest survived that we owe what we know of the first year of the fraternity's existence.

In the fall of 1845 (December) a few congenial '49 men made a compact to cling together in the succeeding year of the college course in order to wage war with that group of their own classmen whose members were generally accepted in the class as constituting the nucleus for the future membership of  $K \Sigma \Theta$ , the only Sophomore Society then existing. Through the remainder of the college year the principals in this compact worked intermittently and more or less harmoniously towards the aim in view. The end of the college year accordingly found bound together by indissoluble ties the following brothers whom we revere and cherish as founders of our beloved Brotherhood: George Benedict, Levi Barnes Bradley, William Baker Clark, Elial Foote Hall, Albert Hobron, Henry H. Hill, William Brown Lee, Corydon C. Merriman, Benjamin F. Moore, Washington Murray, Edward Scofield, William Wallace Ward, Erastus Hay Weiser and Silas Wodell.

The Banner of the year 1846 gives as members of A \$\(\Sigma\)\$ besides the founders: Francis M. Finch, George A. Gordon, Horace Hollister, William Hunting Jessup and William Brown Lee. The Society had adopted as its badge the one yet used in a slightly modified form by the fraternity. The old badge was much larger, however, being nearly an inch in height, by seven-eighths of an inch broad. The shield was not raised as it is on the present badge and the gold border which surrounded it was ornamented with filigree work. "Causa Latet, Vis Est Notissima" was already the open motto of the fraternity the initial letters of which, often displayed were soon to be corrupted at Yale to read facetiously "College Laws Violated Every Night." The shield or emblem of the chapter consisted of the black shield as it appeared on the badge bearing the white face of the open book, the pen and the heiroglyphics surrounded by a rectangular border of oak leaves.

At the beginning of Sophomore year—in 1846—we find the brothers of A  $\Sigma$   $\Phi$  busily engaged in giving indisputable proof of their virulent and warlike powers as arrayed against the enemy as personified in K  $\Sigma$   $\Theta$ . Rivalry between the class societies in the college

in those days partook in reality something of the nature of organized warfare. It was not an infrequent event for the members of one society to invade the hall of the rival and after doing there all manner of desecration and mischief to walk off with some of the chapter's most valued possessions as trophies of the visit. These were seldom held for a long time, however, as the erstwhile victors themselves soon became the despoiled. Not even the haunt of Skull and Bones protected by barred windows through which ever so small a man could not crawl and surmounted with an iron roof was able to escape the ingenuity in some of these raids. The iron doors which invariably ornament the tombs of the Yale fraternities of modern times are an interesting relic of the days when such a door was not used as a decoration or to impress the undergraduate with its mysterious appearance, but to make harder the path of the marauders of the rival society.

Fraternity life at Yale in these stirring times stood not only for loyal-ty to one's own society, but for bitter opposition towards every other organization which dared to flaunt its colors on the college campus. The Banger, the publication of  $K \Sigma \Theta$ , had not been sparing in its abuse of a rival arisen with the avowed purpose of exterminating, if possible, its defenders. Accordingly the Sigma Phi members of the Class of 1850, who succeeded the founders of  $A \Sigma \Phi$  as the guardians of their trust and as those appointed to fulfill their purposes, prepared in rebuttal of The Banger's insults the first issue of The Tomahawk which was published in November, 1847, with the motto "What heel spares the viper's rod?" This and the issues which succeeded regularly for the next five years following devoted a generous share of their space to denouncing and villifying the rival Sophomore society. The other Yale societies are criticized, but  $K \Sigma \Theta$  comes in regularly for particularly hard knocks.

The Tomahawk found space, however, to touch on other matters than The Banger and its allegents. The College customs such as the Burial of Euclid were described and defended from faculty aggressions. Poems such as The Permittiad described in burlesque the Yale life of the times. There were four articles on Sabbath Desecration and Oratory as Taught at Yale, the purpose, as expressed editorially, being "to mingle the agreeable with the profitable."

The late Edmund Clarence Steadman, an editor of *The Tomahawk* during his Sophomore year, contributed to Volume IV., Purgatorio, TOBAXO or Hadley's Inferno, a picture of the student life of the time

and the "Hadley's Inferno, towards which student tobacco buyers are bound. The poem of 26 cantos was pronounced at the time of publication by a competent critic to be the equal of Byron's Childe Harold.

The last issue of *The Tomahawk* was published in May, 1852. This number having reverted to the earlier policy of war and the faculty as well as the college in general, *The Banger* and K  $\Sigma$   $\Theta$ , having come in for some pretty hard knocks, the former body forbade

the issuance of any more Bangers or Tomahawks.

The chapter long had rooms on Chapel Street, New Haven, opposite the campus in a hall on the third floor in the old brick block which stands just west of the New Haven House annex. At times these were luxuriously furnished and at others they did not fare so well, according to the accounts given by members at varying periods. Four Years at Yale describes the hall of the chapter as the most luxuriously appointed of any then in use by the Yale societies. Later the hall was moved to a location in a building which yet stands at State and Elm streets. Here was a room of which the walls, ceiling and floors were covered with black velvet. It is described as one of the wonders of that day in the college world.

The meetings of the old society were of a varied character, but they were always overflowing with fun. As often at least as once a month a play was staged by the chapter in its hall. The production of plays was a general feature of all Yale fraternities in those days and one which is yet followed by some in a modified form. There were occasionally other more or less pretentious undertakings of a literary nature; but for the most part the Sigs. sought fun in lighter forms in their social sessions. Banquets, smokers and frolics of every nature

were more numerous than decorous.

Perhaps a better glimpse of the life of the chapter and the impressions it left with the members may be gained from a perusal of letters written by alumni in which the life of the old chapter is touched upon than in any other way. A number of these covering roughly the period of life of the old chapter have been selected at random from the large number on file with the chapter and appear below:

## FROM REV. A. BOOTH, '50.

Yours received and what a surprise—Old Sig. alive—can it be? Well, we must get a photo to send. How the past comes up. Doctor Benedict of '49; we roomed in the same building corner College and Crown Streets; ate at the same table

and we had his pin, etc, etc. As we have not the list of Sig. men in our class—wonder if any remain. May possibly come over a day for the National Convention but as my hearing is bad, very bad, it would not be possible to hear any of the prooceedings. But enough for an old man to write.

### FROM HOMER B. SPRAGUE, '52.

You and your coadjutors do well to revive  $A \Sigma \Phi$ . It was a very excellent society when I was a Soph, at Yale, and I have special reason to remember it with gratitude, for it did me great good. I shall be glad to hear of success in your efforts and, if at all convenient, to call at its rooms whenever I visit New Haven. I bear "honorable scars" on my right hand, the marks of a very realistic encounter with the Devil, whose portrait I was drawing on the walls of the hall preparatory to the initiation of a Freshman. My classmate Crapo, of New Bedford will remember, I think. I held a stick of phosphorous in my right hand, and its sudden and violent combustion took off every finger-nail, thumb-nail, too.

## FROM JAMES M. WHITON, '53.

Your circular reached me today. I am gratified by the revival of  $A \searrow \Phi$ , and in accordance with your request will mail you tomorrow a substitute for the photo you ask for, i. e. a copy of a recent photo made for a magazine—not having the photo "in stock." The Hall was, in my time (1850-51), in an upper story of a building on the north side of Chapel street close to the railway cut, and west, I think, of the bridge. E. C. Stedman, lately deceased, made his debut in print as a capable poet in The Tomahawk issued by our class in the spring of 1851. A good judge of literature spoke of it as equal for versification to Byron's Childe Harold. It was entitled "Purgatorio:  $T\Omega BAX\Omega$ , or Hadley's Inferno," and was in two cantos. Canto I described a meeting of  $K \Sigma \Theta$ , (the rival Soph. society), to plan for the smoking out of one Eastman, a Freshman. Canto II described the execution of the plan. That copy of The Tomahawk ought to be searched for.

## FROM JOHN D. CHAMPLIN, '56.

My connection with Alpha Sigma Phi is so far back (1854), that it has almost passed from memory. My chief recollection is connected with initiation night when all the new members got out of a scuttle and sat astride of a high peaked roof somewhere in Chapel street, in the block below the Green, and were invited down the ladder one by one to be introduced to a barrel of ale. We went to prayers the next morning in a meandering procession, but all in good condition. Of course, I understand that such frivolities have no place in the Yale of the present. I congratulate you on the successful resuscitation of the chapter, and hope to be able some time to accept your kind invitation to look in on you in your new quarters.

#### FROM ALFRED L. EDWARDS, '57.

Your letter of greeting, if I am right in thinking that it refers to our old Sophomore society, carries me back 53 years; with very quaint memories of the famous supper with which our experiences began. Sober as our chapter was after that supper; the 70 or 75 fellows, who met on that occasion went in for a good time. I had gone to Yale, resolved not to drink during my four years, and as we took our seats, several good fellows said to me, "Edward, you can't go through this supper without drinking." Before we broke up, two or three came to my

chair and asked me to see them home, thinking that I would be the only sober fellow among them. I have always remembered the society with pleasure. It was a comfort to us Sophs, to have no debating, no literary exercises. I glady accept, tho' I am rarely in New Haven.

## FROM THOMAS A. PERKINS, '58.

Thank you for calling back an almost forgotten experience of college days in Alpha Sigma Phi. Also was interested in the financial outlook. When I was in the society our total assets consisted of a twelve-quart pail and about two dozen beer glasses and the only operative rule in our constitution was that when called upon for a rent payment, the executive committee should look up new quarters. I hope that the new revival of the society will be on more favorable lines.

#### FROM A. H. CHILDS, '61.

I have received your circular letter dated 20th inst., and am glad to learn that the old fraternity has been resusticated and is again to ornament the list of Greek letter societies at Yale. I am not prepared to affirm that it was regarded by the faculty as much of an ornament to the college during the latter fifties, but I infer from what you say of its present constitution that age has toned down the youthful exuberance of spirit which then was its distinguishing character. It is doubtless proper and fitting that the Sigma Phi of today should be as different from the Sigma Phi which flourished about the middle of the preceding century, as that the honorable and venerable Chief Justice to whom you refer should be more sedate than was the youthful member who then broke forth rejoicing in song, to the effect that "Nary Prof. meets the Soph. when he comes up here," etc., etc. There are many pleasant and never to be forgotten associations connected with the old society. I am just on the point of leaving home for a trip abroad, and don't know where to lay my hand on a photograph, but after my return I shall be glad to look one up to add to your collection of old members.

### FROM THOMAS B. KIRBY, '62.

Certainly you may put me down as accepting the constitution of the revived  $\mathbf{A} \Sigma \Phi$ . In the old days Sigma Phi was strictly a Sophomore society, more social than literary, but we had also plays, poems and speeches and now and then a "blow out" to which upper class men always came. That was 47 years ago and tempora mutartui et nos mutamur in this. Wishing you all success.

#### FROM GEORGE R. SANFORD, '62.

I have received with pleasure your circular announcing the reorganization of the Alpha Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi. I was a member of the society when the Delta Chapter was organized and well remember the celebration we had in New Haven in honor of that event. The society was never more flourishing than during the Sophomore year of the class of 1863, as may be easily seen if you have the membership roll of that class. I was very sorry to hear of the temporary lapse of the organization and am delighted to learn of the revival of a fraternity of which I have such pleasant recollections. With many thanks for your circular note and the hope that I may be able in the near future to meet the members of the new society.

## FROM GEORGE C. S. SOUTHWORTH, '63.

In my day I took much interest in  $A \Sigma \Phi$ , being president and playing the part of a young lady in our frequent farces. I may add that I once danced the ballet

before the whole college, only 600 then packed into the hall, in a grand entertainment in Linonia Hall at what we called "Thanksgiving Jubilee," but I could not do it now. I remember those days with perfect delight; and instead of mourning over lost opportunities I am profoundly thankful that my college days were what they were, a medley of literary activity and social life. You may have heard of the "Wooden Spoon" given to a general favorite by the Junior Class; I have mine hung in my parlor, and this moment I rose to look at it, while my eyes filled with tears of which I am not ashamed. Alpha Sigma Phi must revive, and you and your associates are doing a good work by your present undertaking. I thank your heartily and accept your constitution, wishing you Godspeed.

## FROM LEDYARD STEVENS, '64.

If the old elms about the campus don't bestir themselves and put out a fresh crop of vigorous young leaves, when they hear once more that rattling old chorus in the "wee sma' hours ay out the twal" then it will show that the said elms are degenerate and have turned to punk. I always looked upon the death of A  $\sum \Phi$  at Yale as a sign of decadence. As a society it was never fitted (nor intended) for a race of milksops (modern mollycoddles), but for vigorous, red-blooded youths with the stamina and disposition to push enjoyment to its full legitimate limit, and without the blood curdling fear of the "cold gray dawn of the morning after." You and your associates have undertaken a great and good work. Push it to a successful completion and accept the heartfelt thanks of us old timers, who feel that the A Σ Φ of 1861-1862 (our Sophomore year), was one of the divine implements for the strengthening, broadening and hardening of Yale fibre that has sent out into this world a set of graduates who fear nothing but disgrace, and who "dare to do all that man may do." In my estimation it served the same purpose for the character that Yale football has served for the physique-weaklings were hurt, some of them badly hurt-strong men were bruised and knocked about, but "the survival of the fittest" showed a race of young giants in character, ready and able to step out into the cold, cruel world and "mix it up" with the "raw knuckles." If you have anything doing next fall, at the date of the football game, let me know.

The Sophs. of Harvard soon becoming envious of the far famed good fellowship which had become synonymous with the name of Sigma Phi at Yale and they applied for and received a charter from Alpha Chapter in 1850. The Harvard chapter was known as the Beta Chapter It was, as at Yale, a class society. It was a lively body which gave the faculty of the staid old college some unquiet hours during its existence. Finally, unable to reconcile its difficulties with the faculty, the chapter passed out of existence by a decree of that body in 1857.

The Gamma Chapter was established at Amherst in the same year which witnessed the death of Beta Chapter. Here it was conducted for a year or two as a class society, and then it changed its nature so as to choose its membership from the three upper classes. Sharing the fate of the other fraternity chapters during a period of hostility towards college fraternities growing out of a religious revival which

swept over New England at the time it passed out of existence in 1862.

Delta Chapter was established at Marietta College, June 30, 1860. Here the chapter membership was found in the three upper classes, and later among all four of the college classes. This chapter has remained continuously active since its establishment. It is to faithful old Delta that A  $\Sigma$   $\Phi$  today owes her new lease of life. Delta kept the old spark aglow unaided for 42 years until it could again be fanned into flame. She remained loyal to Alpha long after the latter had seemingly forgotten her very existence.

There was a chapter in existence at one time at Princeton. This was never given any chapter letter, and its very existence was guarded with the greatest secrecy because of the bann placed upon all fraternities at Princeton. Of necessity, this chapter was conducted sub rosa. Therefore, little is known of the life and history of the chapter, which

bids fair always to remain shrouded in mystery.

The last chapter to be established was the Epsilon, which was established at Ohio Wesleyan University in 1865. This chapter was extremely short lived. Because of the dissensions which broke out in the ranks of the parent chapter its charter was withdrawn about five weeks after issuance.

After a glorious career which witnessed not only the outdistancing, but also the death of her old rival  $K \Sigma \Theta$  and the establishment of  $A \Sigma \Phi$  upon her ruins as the most prosperous and most famous of all the old Yale class societies the old chapter came to an untimely end in 1864. The death of the chapter came about in this way.

The Sigs. in the class of '66 had been pledged in about equal numbers of  $\Delta$  K E and  $\Psi$  Y for Junior year. In making the elections from the class of '67 each group wished to select men for membership who were pledged for their society in Junior year. As the number of men who could be elected was limited and the factions were unable to agree an eruption followed. Each crowd held a meeting and formally expelled the other from membership. The fight was carried outside the chapter walls to the campus which was placarded with signs in which each ridiculed the opposing faction. The controversy finally assumed such proportions and so exceeded all proper bounds that the faculty put an end to the controversy by forbidding the continuance of the society.

Subsequently two other Sophomore societies were founded under faculty restriction and supervision. Both claimed to be the legitimate

successors of  $A \ge \Phi$ . One of them, Delta Beta Xi went so far as to retain the old badge of the society changing only the letters which appeared upon the face of the shield to meet the new conditions. Alpha's songs easily lent themselves to the same method of rehabilitation. For a number of years even, the members of this society are reported to have worn  $A \ge \Phi$  badges concealed in their coat sleeves. Both of these societies continued until 1875 when they were abolished by faculty decree. Since that date Sophomore societies have been tabooed at Yale although under one title or another of concealment they have existed from time to time in reality.

The men elected from the class of 1867 were never regularly initiated. Thomas Hedge who graduated with the class of '67 was the last Sigma Phi man of the old chapter to be regularly enrolled in Yale

College.

Probably no single chapter of any fraternity in America can lay claim to having upon its rolls in so short a period so large a number of men who afterwards became famous. With practically the whole class from which to select its members, but unhampered by the machinations of a rival during the last decade of existence, the chapter brought together in its ranks many men of mark. Among those who have knelt before the throne of Sigma Phi at Yale as members of Old Alpha are the following: Hon. Francis M. Finch, William B. Dana, Rev. Dr. Thornton T. Munger, Hon. William W. Crapo, Homer B. Sprague, William M. Stewart, Thomas C. Platt, Hon. Wayne Mayne MacVeagh, Andrew D. White, James M. Whiton, General William W. Gordon, Hon. Henry E. Howland, Hon. Stewart L. Woodford, Cyrus Northrop, Professor John H. Hewitt, Hon. Henry Winn, Professor D. Cady Eaton, Hon. Simeon E. Baldwin, Brayton Ives, Henry Holt, Hon. J. F. Kernochan, Col. Oliver H. Payne, Professor William G. Sumner, George St. John Sheffield, Professor George C. S. Southworth, Hon. Charles P. Taft, Hon. Francis E. Woodruff, William W. Scranton, William W. Farnam, Hon. George P. Holt and Hon. Morris W. Seymour.

EDWIN MOREY WATERBURY.

## THE INTER-FRATERNITY CONFERENCE.



URSUANT to a call issued by President W. H. P. Faunce of Brown University, representing the Religious Education Association, representatives from 26 college fraternities met at the University Club, New York City, Saturday, November 27, 1909.

With the call there was sent a suggestion of the following topics as the basis for discussion at the meeting:

## CURRENT PROBLEMS IN FRATERNITY LIFE.

- The relation of the Fraternity chapter to the college administration. Should the college ignore or utilize the Fraternity? Should the Fraternity confer with the administration of the College?
- 2. The influence of the Fraternities on
  - (a) The expense of a college course;
  - (b) manners and social habits;
  - (c) serious scholarship;
  - (d) moral standards;
  - (e) college loyalty and solidarity.
- 3. The evils connected with present systems of pledging new members. How can they be minimized or avoided?
- 4. The proper control of chapter houses
  - (a) by the college?
  - (b) by undergraduates?
  - (c) by alumni?
- 5. The unification of the various chapters
  - (a) by executive councils, or boards of trustees;
  - (b) by conventions, national and local;
  - (c) by publications, periodical or occasional;
  - (d) by a traveling secretary.
- The relation of the local alumni of a fraternity to the undergraduate members. Should alumni
  - (a) encourage in all cases establishment of chapter houses?
  - (b) offer financial aid in maintaining such houses?
  - (c) appoint a resident manager?
  - (d) supervise matters financial, hygienic, culinary, and moral?
- 7. The relations of the Fraternities to one another. Should they ignore one another, or undertake official co-operation?
- 8. The relation of Fraternities to the life of the nation. Have they any duty beyond their own membership? If so, what?

The meeting was called to order by President Faunce who stated briefly that at a meeting of the college section of the Religious Education Association held in Chicago some months before, so much interest was aroused in subjects connected with college and fraternity life that there seemed to be a general desire that a meeting of rep-

resentatives of different fraternities be held for conference concerning them. He emphasized the statement that the delegates at the Conference were understood to have no power to act for their respective organizations, the conference being purely informal. He then nominated as officers of the conference, Hamilton W. Mabie, Alpha Delta Phi as chairman and Francis W. Shepardson, Beta Theta Pi as secretary, and they were unanimously chosen for the places stated.

After a recess for luncheon, the conference reassembled, and after several resolutions were informally presented and discussed with much latitude and fine fraternity spirit, the following resolution offered by

Dr. Oscar H. Rogers, Sigma Phi, was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that the college fraternities should sanction and participate in the formation of a permanent Inter-fraternity Conference, to meet each year for the purpose of discussing questions of mutual interest and of presenting to the fraternities represented such recommendations as the said Conference may deem wise, it being understood that the functions of such conference shall be purely advisory.

The matter of communicating this resolution and the proceedings of the Conference to the fraternities represented, and to other similar organizations not represented, was, on motion, intrusted to a committee of five of which President Faunce was chairman, he being given

authority to select the other members of the committee.

On motion of J. Duane Livingston, Delta Phi, number 1, 3 and 7 of the "Current Problems in Fraternity Life," classified above, were selected for discussion at the proposed future conference and committees of five members each were appointed to investigate existing conditions, gather information and report recommendations to such future sessions.

A resolution of thanks to President Faunce for calling the conference was passed and Dr. Faunce being called on expressed his great satisfaction with the hearty response with which his call had been met and with the spirit of harmony and inter-fraternity comity which characterized the meeting.

With a resolution of thanks to the chairman and secretary of the conference and to the management of the University Club for its cour-

tesies the meeting adjourned sine die.

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ITH this number of The Tomahawk Volume VI. is complete. While the magazine has not accomplished during the past year all that its editors have hoped that it might, we are not discouraged. On the contrary we are optimistic concerning the future of the fraternity quarterly. That The Tomahawk has a mission to perform for the fraternity which it alone can accomplish we verily believe; that it is accomplishing its mission we have had

Hope For the Future.

many instances of concrete proof. These facts have proven the saving leaven in our toils during the year with troubles and problems unforeseen and unexpected. At the commencement of our undertaking a name and an idea were all that

were given us with which to carve out the future destinies of a fraternity quarterly. Crude in some respects as they are, we feel that we have developed working tools which will in time greatly improve the quality of the product. We have tried to make each succeeding issue of The Tomahawk show improvement in some respect over the one which has preceded it. We believe that our readers are appreciative of this fact. While there are many ways in which we feel dissatisfied with our own work, and some ways in which our efforts have been unduly bound down by circumstances beyond our control, still we have no apologies to make for our year's work. We have done the best we know how with the materials that have been given us to work with. For the future we ask your forebearance in judging our defects and your cooperation in our efforts to better The Tomahawk and made it more truly representative of the whole fraternity.

HE EDITORS take pleasure in announcing the appointment of Brother Charles Farquhar Shaw of Theta Chapter as associate editor of The Tomahawk. This step is taken with a view not only to lightening the burdens which now fall upon the shoulders of the National Editor, but also in order to give the western chapters a more adequate representation in the management of the fraternity magazine. Brother Shaw's work as a Tomahawk

A New Departure. correspondent, brief as it has been has shown him to be possessed not only of valuable ideas, but also with something even more valuable and necessary in this position, willingness and capacity to work, and work hard for the advancement of

The Tomahawk. He will enter upon his new duties with our next issue, having the undergraduate department of the quarterly as his special field of labor.

ELTA CHAPTER which is to entertain the next National Convention has asked that June 13, 14 and 15, be selected by the Grand Prudential Committee as the dates for holding the convention. There are several reasons of sentiment, it seems to us, why the dates indicated should be selected by the committee, if they can be made in any way possible to suit the convenience of a majority of the chapters. It is not every year that Marietta College can

The Convention Dates.

celebrate its 75th anniversary as it does this year, and, as Delta Chapter celebrates the 50th anniversary of her own establishment also next June, it is most natural and most desirable that she should be able to celebrate it at commencement

when many of her alumni members will be present. Marietta became the host of the Convention this year with the understanding that these events would take place at the same time. If the Convention can be arranged to meet at the same time, it will lessen the burden of hospitality which is imposed upon the chapter entertaining the Convention and greatly augment the attendance at its sessions and doubtless, the interest taken in them. The Tomahawk hopes that a way may be found whereby Delta's request may consistently be granted. We believe that it should be even if at the expense of great inconvenience on the part of some of the chapter delegates or even on the part of the national officers.

OTA CHAPTER believes that Alpha Sigma Phi should have a coat-of-arms which would be adaptable to more purposes than the present official seal. It is the general custom for most fraternities to have both a seal and a coat-of-arms, Iota points out in taking up its agitation of the question. Where it is not the custom to use the engraved certificates of membership, or as they are called at Cornell, "Shingles," upon which a coat-of-arms is especially

For a Coat of Arms.

necessary from an artistic standpoint the need for a coat-of arms has not been strongly felt, but at the Universities where this custom obtains the lack of this emblem by the fratern-

ity is felt to be a serious handicap. If the fraternity in its early history had no device which could be used as a base for a coat-of-arms, one could be originated very easily and the design submitted for approval at the next National Convention. Iota sincerely hopes that all the chapters will give this matter some consideration before the next Convention when some designs will be submitted.





I October 23, 1909.
Harold Lynne Petner, '13South Minneapolis, Minn. Northwestern Military Academy. [Football (2), Captain (3); Cadet Captain (3); Cadet Representative (3); President Senior Class (3); Editor-in-Chief Senior Paper.]
William Raffon Manson, '13
Harvey Stone Johnson, '11
Carl Bernhardt Schmidt, '13
James Lloyd Lowther, '13
John Henry Brodt, '13
Francis Mills Dodge, '13

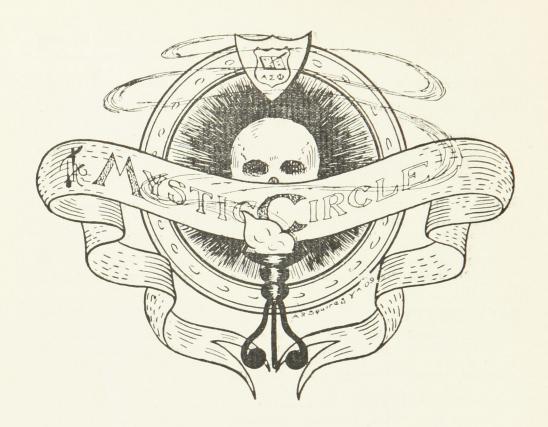
Yonkers High School. [Class Treasurer (4); Eta Phi Fraternity.]

School Club.]

A October 25, 1909.  George Emanuel Thielcke, '10 M
George Leroy Young, ('09 S.) P. G Orient, N. Y. Greenport High School. [George Washington University One Year.]
William Louie Fliender, '10 L
William John Kennedy, '10 L
Fidardo Reuben Serri, 'II
Z October 28, 1909.  Harold Russell Pickett
H October 29, 1909.
Russell H. Kurtz, '12
Stanley Severcool Hoyman, '12
Max Robert Dormitzer, 'II
James Franklin Garrett, '13
Arthur Dechman, '12
Frank Bernard Stark, '13
Z October, 1909.
John Stanley Evans, '10

Cecil Jay Randall, '11 L
[Central High School, Columbus, O.] Vice President Political Science Club; Treasurer Debate and Oratory Council; Member Athenian Literary Society; Class Orator 1909; Member Law School Council.
Howard A. Levering, '10
Warren E. Barnett, 'II
Paul Morgan Herbert, '12
Archie Clarence Bray, '11
® November 19, 1909.
Leroy D. Beachler, 'II
John Brownlee Jewell, '13
Russell Vail Lucas, '13
C. Raymond Stout, '12
George William Cosper, '12
John Sanford McCloud, '13
H November 20, 1909.  Joseph Douglas Hood, '10

K December 3, 1909.
Calvin Floyd Schwenker, 'II
George Walter Esau, 'II
Carl William Esau, 'II
Roman August Heilman, 'II
Brainard Harry Dion, '13
Z January 15, 1910.  Heman Arthur Canfield, '13
William M. Wardman, '12
A January 24, 1910.
Carl Alexis Krah, '10 S



## ALPHA CHAPTER, YALE UNIVERSITY.

NEW HAVEN, CONN.

Brother H. D. Atkins, '12, is on the Varsity chess team.

Alpha Chapter has three men awaiting initiation at the present time.

Brother J. B. Sweeney, '10 L., is playing on the Law School basketball team.

Alpha Chapter is soon to secure a large safe as a receptacle for storing its records.

Brother J. C. Malony, '10 M., was recently elected to the A. K. K. Medical Fraternity.

Brother F. H. Coggswell, '09, who is now located in Baltimore visited the Chapter recently.

Brother H. D. Widger, '10, was on the victorious debating team of the Academic Department.

Brother F. R. Serri, '11, was one of the five speakers chosen to compete for the Ten Eyck prize.

Brother G. M. Comstock, '11 S., took the western trip with the musical clubs during Christmas vacation.

Several of the brothers made the trip to Cambridge together to attend the Yale-Harvard football game.

Brother W. N. Sparhawk, '10 F., has been appointed H. C. S. to fill out the remainder of the term of Brother J. L. Hogan, '11 S.

Brothers Widger, '10, and Serri, '11, are candidates for the University Debating Teams this year. The final trials for the team will be held February 11. Brother Howard Widger, '10, was honored by the faculty by being named

Husted Scholar for the year 1909-1910. The Husted Scholar receives the income of \$8,000.

Brother Howard D. Widger, '10, was third speaker on the Academic debating team which won the series of interdepartment debates in a final contest with the Divinity School.

At the recent elections held by the Seniors of the Law Department, Brother J. B. Sweeney, '10 L., was elected to the Class Day Committee, and Brother J. L. Stivers, '10 L., was elected to the Cap and Gown Committee.

The following Alpha brothers who attended the Yale-Harvard game were guests of Brother Musgrave on November 20, at Cambridge: Atkins, Brewer, Hogan, Talcott, Squires, Comstock, Widger, Naumburg, MacDonald and Stivers.

Brothers Howard D. Atkins, '12; F. C. Brewer, '10; J. D. MacKay, '10 L., and Lester, '11 L., spent Christmas vacation in New York City, not going to their homes situated in the extreme west and south because of the shortened Christmas vacation.

Brother Alfred Dewey Follett, (Marietta '76), Past G. S. P., attended the Yale-Princeton football game at New Haven in November. Brother Follett called on several of the brothers at their rooms. A smoker which the Chapter had arranged to be given in his honor was postponed until his next visit on account of his being suddenly called to New York City by a dispatch.

Brother John L. Hogan, '11 S., has secured a leave of absence from Sheff. for the remainder of the year in order to take advantage of an opportunity for experimenting with wireless telegraphy and doing research work for the United States Government. He will return to college in the fall. He is now experimental engineer in Physics with the National Electric Signalling Company.

WILLIAM NAUMBURG, JR.

## DELTA CHAPTER, MARIETTA COLLEGE.

MARIETTA, O.

On the evening of November 23, Delta Chapter held an informal opening of its new home for the benefit of the resident alumni. A most delightful smoker was followed by refreshments. At a late hour the guests took their departure expressing themselves highly pleased with the progress the Brothers are making. The Chapter was the recipient of many useful and beautiful gifts on this occasion, these aiding in making the new home even more attractive than ever.

The Chapter formally opened its new house Tuesday evening, December 7. The house was decorated with college and fraternity colors and flags. Grand Treasurer George W. Hunter, (Marietta '86), and Mrs. Hunter, representing the alumni, and Brothers Lloyd Wharton, '10, and Miss Grace Kirby and Brother Glenver McConnell, '10, and Miss Carol Strecker, received the guests. At 10 o'clock a delicious course luncheon was served by Caterer Pfaff. Cards and dancing furnished the amusement of the evening. The young lady guests presented the Chapter with a handsome large rug. The Alpha Mu Sigma Sorority presented the Chapter with a beautiful silk sofa pillow.

Delta Chapter entertained Thursday evening, January 13, with its annual mid-term dance in the ballroom of the Elks' Club. About 25 couples attended. Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hunter, of Williamstown, W. Va., were the chaperones of the evening. An excellent two-course luncheon was served during the intermission by Caterer Pfaff.

Roy C. King, '11, of Key, O., was initiated into the Chapter Tuesday evening, January 11.

The following officers have been elected for the present term: H. S. P., A. G. Ellis; H. J. P., Glen McConnell; H. M., H. L. Meister; H. S., B. T. Smith; H. A. S., B. G. Darrah; H. C., Edward Esker.

The following are the Chapter trustees for the present year: A. D. Follett, '76; T. B. Bosworth, '69, and G. W. Hunter, '86, representing the alumni and Lloyd Wharton, Herman Meister and Carl Hoyt, representing the active members.

HERMAN L. MEISTER.

## ZETA CHAPTER, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

COLUMBUS, O.

The last number of The Tomahawk having been the Ohio State number, Zeta Chapter wishes to express in this issue, her appreciation for the splendid manner in which the pages of the Fraternity paper made known to the Brotherhood the strong foothold which our chapter has gained and the beautiful surroundings of our home. For two years we have struggled to place our chapter upon a level with the chapters of 30 or 40 other fraternities represented here at Ohio State University. During this time we have chosen our men to be those who rank high, both in scholarship and in the affairs of the University. We have been exceptionally fortunate in securing men who stand high in athletics. Brother Levering has just retired from the captaincy of the track team but this honor passed to another worthy brother, E. M. Millious. We have three men upon the Glee Club now and two upon the Student Council. The fastest man on the basketball team is Brother G. L. Ehrman. Zeta will lose five of her members this year by graduation. All of these will graduate from the College of Engineering.

Not only have we progressed by making ourselves a power in the Fraternity world and in the college at large, but we have also joined together in the work for the advancements which have proven beneficial to us as a fraternal Brotherhood. A committee has been appointed to revise our Constitution and By-Laws inasmuch as they were adopted in our "childhood" days and hence contained some deficiencies. Of course we are still young but having been many tumes turned over the knees of Father Fortune we have learned with each time a new lesson from his spanking. Last term two faithful Sigs., Brothers H. A. Tuttle and Charles B. Mincks from Delta Chapter were with us, to lend quite a bit of valuable assistance. Brother Tuttle was forced to withdraw from school on account of his health and later Brother Mincks was unable to stay with us longer on account of his weak eyes. Both of these hard working Sigs. have been sorely missed by Zeta Chapter.

May each Chapter be as hopeful for the future of  $A \sum \Phi$  as Zeta is. Let each member strive to advance the interests of his Fraternity and make it a pride of his college life, so that when these days are past they may look back with thoughts of happy hours spent within the friendship bonds of the Mystic Circle.

On the evening of Tuesday, January 25, the members of Zeta Chapter gave a dinner-dance at Graveport, Ohio, a small town just outside of Columbus. The party left on a special car at 6:45 P. M. Supper which was served upon the arrival was followed by the dancing in the large ball room of the Hotel Elmont. The affair was given in honor of the latest initiates Brother W. M. Wardman of Conyot, O., and Brother C. V. Canfield of Columbus, O. Dr. C. T. Okey,

(Marietta '92), D. E. Putnam, (Marietta '64), and Professor W. W. Boyd, (Marietta '84), and wife, were present as guests of honor.

Last term Zeta Chapter gave several dances and social functions which proved very successful. Our new house is large enough so that chapter dances and parties may be held easily without renting halls outside.

The coming National Convention at Marietta, O., should be the best one ever held. Zeta because of her proximity to Marietta expects to have a large number of her members present at the Convention.

THOMAS H. GORDON.

## THETA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

ANN ARBOR, MICH.

Theta Chapter has now fully established itself in Ann Arbor and the Brothers are beginning to find out what fraternity life really means. With a cozy house located in the most desirable part of the city, an excellent table, and a jolly bunch of fellows, the Chapter has a home of which every member is justly proud. At the last initiation, November 19, 1909, six new men were admitted. These have nearly filled the house, so that everything is running along smoothly and the brothers are able to give some of their spare time to campus matters, and to those social activities which are always associated with college life—especially in a co-educational institution.

A house party held at the time of the Michigan-Syracuse football game, September 30, proved a great success. Every fellow got down to work and all arrangements were completed long before the guests appeared. In this respect Brothers Allen Frost and Russ Walker did good work, and it is worthy of mention that their artisque instincts, developed while painting one of the rooms a brilliant blue, have received considerable comment. The young ladies, chaperoned by Mesdames Walker and Mayers, both of Detroit, arrived Saturday morning and found plenty to do-driving and visiting until lunch time. In the afternoon, an exciting game in which Michigan defeated Syracuse by 44 to 0, did much to liven up the proceedings and helped to make the occasion a memorable one. The dance in the evening was the first to be held in the house and proved a fitting ending to the enjoyable day. The house party broke up Sunday afternoon, when the guests, carrying with them the good wishes of the Fraternity, returned to their several homes. A week or two later great excitment was caused by the arrival of a large package, which on being opened, was found to contain a handsome mirror. This valuable present came from the ladies who attended the house party and is highly prized by the Fraternity.

One of the most enjoyable social events of the year was a house dance held at the time of the presentation of the Michigan Union's comic opera "Koanzaland." Quite a large party went to "Koanzaland" Saturday, and all spoke highly of the University's third successful attempt at comic opera. The dancing commenced at 8 o'clock and lastel well on towards midnight. During the evening a waltz from "Koanzaland" made quite a hit. Mr. McDonald of Detroit and Mrs. Tinker of Ann Arbor were the chaperons.

Michigan's athletic record this year is a good one, and the student body expect to see a better one next year. The football game with Ohio State University took place at the beginning of the season when the Buckeyes were defeated by 33 to 6. Every man on the Ohio team put up a plucky fight especially Brother Hall of Zeta Chapter, who did some classy work. The Zeta brothers who came

to Ann Arbor to see the game were the guests of Theta Chapter and had lunch and dinner at the house. So far none of the Theta Brothers have made any of the Varsity teams; but much is expected of Brother Edward Hanavan, who has just received his "C. C." for running fourth in the recent six-mile cross-country race.

The Alpha Sig. men are active in other circles. Brother Daniel Walker has been appointed Chairman of the Memorial Committee of the 1910 Engineering Class. Brother Allen Frost is a charter member of the Scalp and Blade Society recently organized by Buffalo students at Michigan. He was also elected registrar of the Engineering Society. Brother George Cooper has been initiated into the Delta Sigma Delta Dental Fraternity. Brothers "Lan" McCloud and Jack Jewell are deep in the politics of the '13 Engineering Class. Brother Charles Shaw has been elected to the membership of the Junior Institute of Engineers, whose headquarters are located in London, England.

The University Y. M. C. A. has been instrumental in organizing discussion classes in a number of the fraternities and large rooming houses of Ann Arbor. A class lead by Brother Charles Gandy has been organized at the Alpha Sigma Phi house. This semester the members are discussing the teachings of Christ as applied to social problems of today. Next semester the class intends to go more deeply into sociological questions. Brothers Allen Frost and Charles Shaw were appointed delegates to the student Volunteer Convention recently held at Rochester, N. Y.

Theta Chapter has met with great success although many obstacles have been in the way. The brothers have no intention of stopping and are determined to keep on pushing until the chapter is a useful and influential organization. As this is the beginning of a new year, the brothers of Theta Chapter send greetings to the other chapters and hope that all will unite to make 1910 a banner year for Alpha Sigma Phi.

CHARLES F. SHAW.

# ETA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS. URBANA, ILL.

Eta Chapter has pledged H. M. Dale, '12.

Brother M. G. Dormitzer, '11, is a promising track candidate.

Brother O. W. Fremer ex-'11, has withdrawn from the University.

Brother J. F. Garrett, '13, is a candidate for the Varsity Freshman baseball team.

Brother A. H. Juergens ex-'11, has withdrawn from the University for the current school year on account of ill health.

Eta Chapter has initiated the following new members: J. D. Hood, '10; A. Dechman, '12; F. B. Stark, '13; J. F. Garrett, '13; M. S. Dormitzer, '11.

Brother E. C. Baldwin, who is professor of English in the faculty of the University, recently presented the Eta Chapter members with a fine jar of tobacco.

Brother J. D. Hood is captain and regimental adjutant of the University Corps of Cadets. He is also a member of Scabbard and Blade, the officers' military fraternity.

Eta Chapter was entertained at a dance in Chicago at the Chateau, the home of Brother A. G. Fuchs, '12, the evening of January 3, 1910. This was the fourth Sig. dance given by Brother Fuchs, at all of which enjoyable times were had.

The smoker given by the Freshmen and Sophomore Sigs. to the upper classmen, (young though Eta Chapter is, this smoker is an established annual custom), on the evening of November 12, was a joyful occasion. Cider, cigars, gingerbread and cigarettes were served in abundance.

Eta Chapter gave an enjoyable informal dancing party at the Elks' Auditorium the evening of December 18. Thirty couples were in attendance. Dr. and Mrs. Bagley and Brother and Mrs. E. C. Baldwin chaperoned the party. Turner's Orchestra played the program of 20 numbers.

In response to the cordial invitation of Kappa Chapter, Brothers A. G. Fuchs, '12; L. W. Horr, '11; L. S. Ferguson, '12, and O. W. Fremer, ex-'11, journied to Madison to attend Kappa's annual fall party. They reported a very good time and wish to express their thanks to Kappa through The Tomahawk.

The "Junior Prom.," given by the class of 1911, one of the important social events of the year was held in the Armory the night of December 11. Eta Chapter was represented by Brothers E. Juergens, '10; L. W. Horr, '11; and O. W. Fremer, ex-'11, and A. H. Juergens, ex-'11. Brother Fremer was a member of the Prom. Committee, a coveted honor.

Brother A. H. Juergens has composed the following song sung to the refrain of "Moon Bird," which is all the rage among the Eta boys and easily lends itself to changes that will doubtless make it equally as popular with all the Chapters:

My Alpha Sigma Phi.
For you my praise rings high,
I'll always strive to be
With you in harmony.
My love for Eta's boys,
Make more than half my joys,
I'm mighty glad that I
A Sig. can die.

F. D. LARKIN.

## IOTA CHAPTER, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

ITHACA, N. Y.

Steps are being taken to incorporate Iota Chapter.

Brother H. S. Johnson made the Mandolin Club last fall.

Brother M. A. Slocum intends to enter Jefferson Medical College next fall.

Brother J. H. Brodt. '13. recently won his numerals in an underclass trace

Brother J. H. Brodt, '13, recently won his numerals in an underclass track meet.

Iota Chapter refurnished their dining-room in mission style just before the holidays.

On December 11, Iota held its second initiation at which two men were initiated.

Iota Chapter now has two dogs at the house which furnish the fellows with lots of amusement.

Brother J. L. Lowther, '13, has entered the competition for business manager of the "Cornell Widow."

Brother Lipphardt of Alpha Chapter made us a little visit while on his way back to college after Christmas.

Brother Talcott of Alpha Chapter made us a little visit of two days on his way home from Yale before Christmas.

Brother C. B. Schmidt, whose home is in Mexico, spent the holidays with Brother G. P. Hogg at his home in Pittsburg, Pa.

Brother H. L. Beakes who was not in college last term has returned to college to take up his work in the Chemistry Department.

Brothers Warner, Hogg, Spencer, Crumrine, Griffiths and Wallace, attended the Cornell-Penn game at Philadelphia over Thanksgiving.

Iota Chapter entertained the parents of Brother R. R. King, and Brother J. H. Brodt's mother and brother over the Thanksgiving Holidays at their house.

Brother W. S. Wallace made the Musical Club's trip to Philadelphia where Cornell and the University of Pennsylvania held a joint concert at the time of the Cornell-Penn game.

Iota Chapter was the recipient of a substantial gift of money some time ago from Brother King's father. This money was used to purchase a new set of dishes with our monogram on them.

At the regular meeting of January 10, Iota elected the following officers: H. S. P., L. K. Warner; H. J. P., W. S. Wallace; H. C. S., M. A. Slocum; H. S., H. B. Drake; H. E., R. R. King; H. M., G. P. Hogg; Prudential Committee, W. S. Wallace, Chairman; M. A. Slocum and G. W. Griffiths.

During the Christmas holidays the Delta Upsilon Fraternity suffered the loss of their chapter house by fire. As there were no students in the house at that time there was no loss of life. This makes the third disastrous fire at Cornell in the last five years in fraternity houses. At the Alpha Tau Omega and Chi Psi fires there was some loss of life.

Iota Chapter has made all arrangements to have a house party over Junior Week, which comes about January 25. We expect to entertain about nine girls and three chaperones. Junior Week at Cornell is marked by many delightful events such as the Junior Prom, the Sophomore Cotillion, the musical clubs' concert, the Ice Carnival, etc. We are to give a house dance also. As the festivities run through a week nearly, and as all the fraternities take part in them it will be a time doubtlessly long remembered by our fair visitors and their entertainers.

MORRIS A. SLOCUM.

## KAPPA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

MADISON, WIS.

Brother R. A. Heilman, '11, is a member of the University Senate.
Brother H. D. Brainard, '13, is a member of the Freshman Crew squad.
On December 6, the following officers were elected: H. S. P., R. S. Dietrich,
Kappa initiated on December 3, the following new members: Brother C. W.
Esau, '11; Brother G. W. Esau, '11; Brother C. F. Schwenker, '11; Brother H. D.
Brainard, '13;, and Brother R. A. Heilman, '11.

Brother G. W. Esau, '11, has been elected a member of the Junior Prom. Committee. Both C. W. Esau, '11, and G. W. Esau, '11, are captains in the University Corps of Cadets.

Brothers C. W. Esau, '11, and G. E. Worthington, '10, were very royally entertained by Brothers S. E. Smith, (Marietta '84), and S. H. Clinedinst, (Marietta '94), at Menasha, Wis.

Kappa wishes to express through the columns of The Tomahawk, her gratitude to the men of Eta Chapter who so generously came forward and assisted

Kappa in her recent party, and in the subsequent entertainment of her rushees. Prof. B. H. Meyer who with Mrs. Meyer so ably chaperoned Kappa's party in the absence of Brother Roemer, (Marietta '85), is chairman of the Wisconsin Railway Rate Commission, and director of the School of Commerce in the University.

Brother G. E. Worthington, '10, is a member of the cast who will present "Le Monde ou l'on S'ennui," before the French Club, January 26. 710; H. J. P., J. R. Newman, '10; H. S., C. F. Schwenker, '11; H. C. S., G. E. Worthington, '10; H. E., W. E. Wied, '11; H. M., C. W. Esau, '11; H. G., R. A.

Heilman, '11.

Brother C. F. Schwenker, '11, who is a member of the Mandolin Club, accompanied the University Glee and Mandolin Clubs on their annual trip during the Christmas holidays. At Milwaukee they gave a joint concert with the Michigan Clubs at the Pabst Theater. Among the other places visited were Chicago, and Evanston, Ill., and Fond Du Lac, Appleton, and Green Bay, Wis.

A most enjoyable occasion was the autumn party given at Keeley's Saturday evening by the Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. The party which numbered over 50 in attendance was chaperoned by Prof. and Mrs. B. H. Meyer. A program of 16 dances was rendered by Hoeveler's Orchestra. Besides the members of the local chapter, there were present four men from Eta Chapter at Champaign, Ill. They were O. W. Fremer, A. G. Fuchs, L. S. Ferguson and L. W. Horr. They remained as week-end guests of the Wisconsin Chapter and returned Monday morning.—Wisconsin State Journal, November 8, 1909.

Kappa will give a box-party at the Junior Prom, February 18-21. This is Wisconsin's most pretentious social event and the attending festivities last nearly a week. There are usually from three to four formal functions, and three to four informal functions. The chaperones for the occasion always include the Governor, the two United States Senators, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the President and the Deans of the University. Kappa's box party will be chaperoned by Brother J. H. Roemer, (Marietta '87), and Mrs. Roemer. Kappa expects to have a house by that time and in that event will also give a house party.

G. E. WORTHINGTON.

## **MARRIAGES**

## SCHULTHEIS-STEWART.

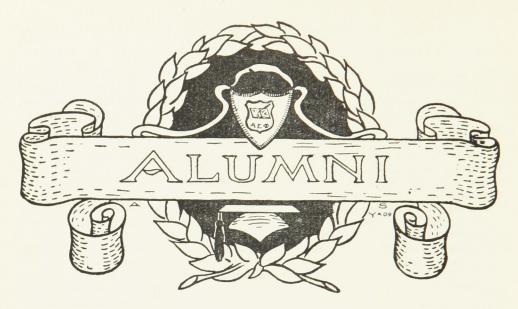
Brother C. E. Stewart, (Marietta '05), was married October 1, to Miss Beatrice L. Schultheis of Quincy, Ill. Brother Stewart is connected with a gas company at Independence, Kas.

#### ROY-JORDAN.

Brother Frank Jordan, (Marietta '89), was married to Mrs. Hattie Roy at her home in East Liverpool, O., on Thanksgiving Day. Professor Jordan is connected with the Allegheny Observatory at Pittsburg, Pa.

#### PEARSON-WALDRON.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pearson announce the marriage of their daughter, Margaret to Frederick Hemingway Waldron, Jr., on Monday, January 17, 1910, at Duluth, Minn. Brother Waldron, (Yale '07 S.), was one of the re-organizers of Alpha Chapter. He will make his home with his bride in Duluth where he is employed as a member of the engineering department of the Northwestern Railway.



[Graduate Brothers are requested to send personal news items concerning themselves and other Brothers to the National Editor at Corning, N. Y. Please be careful to give full names, COLLEGE and CLASS, and write only on one side of the paper.]

Brother J. H. Pohlman's address is No. 510 Times Building, St. Louis, Mo. Arthur W. Davies, (Marietta '99), has removed from Detroit, Mich., to Erie, Pa.

Brother Frank N. Jacks, (Yale '09 G. L.), has opened a law office in Des Moines, Iowa.

Brother James M. Whiton's, (Yale '53), address now is No. 65 West 127th Street, New York City.

Brother Frederick Weeks, (Yale '09 L.), is with the law firm of Mathis & Weeks, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Brother Albert F. Wendell, (Marietta '09), is connected with the First National Bank of Lowell, O.

Brother Simeon E. Baldwin, (Yale '61), is being mentioned as a possible candidate for governor of Connecticut at the next elections.

Brother Benjamin Henry Dietrich, (Illinois '09), is now located at No. 801 Marion Street, Seattle, Washington. He is engaged in newspaper work.

Brother Ira M. Hawley, (Michigan '09), who is teaching in Vassalboro, Me., this year expects to take up graduate work at Harvard or Cornell next year.

Brother Charles H. Newton, (Marietta '63), was elected Department Commander of the Ohio G. A. R. at the annual convention held at Newark in June.

Brother Floyd C. Fuller, (Marietta '06), of Rutherfordton, N. C., has moved to Lynchburg, Va., where he will be engaged in construction work with a new company.

Brother Harold T. Pritchard, (Yale '08 S.), is assistant engineer with the Sanitary District of Chicago at Lockport, Ill. His address is No. 308 Richards Street, Joliet, Ill.

Brother Ralph Emerson Myers, (Yale '09), who is doing post graduate work at Yale this year has accepted a position as instructor in Biology at the New Haven High School.

Brother Harrison Wood Talcott, (Yale ex.-'08), is now exchange editor of the South Bend News of South Bend, Ind. His home address is No. 1241 Vistula Avenue, South Bend, Ind.

Brother Edward F. Zahrobsky, (Illinois '09), has removed to No. 1808 South Troy Street, Chicago, Ill. He is with George W. Jackson, Inc., being at present engaged on the Washington Street Tunnel job.

Brother F. F. Oldham, (Marietta '70), legal advisor to the controller of the currency, recently addressed the Pittsburg chapter of the American Institute of Banking on "The Responsibility of Bank Employees," on September 28.

Brother Homer B. Sprague, (Yale '52), who with his wife recently took a golden wedding trip to California, is now living at No. 142 East 27th Street, New York City. He is continuing in New York his lectures on Milton and Shakespeare.

Brother Albert Blakeslee White, (Marietta '78), of Parkersburg, W. Va., writes The Tomahawk that he has "been under the weather" recently and overworked with business cares at the same time. He has promised something from his facile pen for a coming issue of the quarterly.

Brother Arthur H. Boettcher, (Wisconsin ex.-'11), is connected with the firm of Brown and Williams, No. 1550 Monadnock Building, Chicago, as specialist in patent cases requiring engineering skill. Brother Boettcher combines in his training both law and engineering. He is very successful in his new field.

Professor William Graham Sumner, (Yale 63), just as he was entering the Murray Hill Hotel, New York City, where he was to deliver the presidential address before the Convention of the American Sociological Society, on Monday morning, December 27, fell unconscious from the sudden rupture of a blood vessel in his head. He is now on the road to recovery.

Brother Charles B. Mincks, (Marietta '09), has been having serious trouble with his eyes from which he is now recovering but slowly. For a time it was feared that he would be permanently blind. Brother Mincks, although he was forced to give up his work at Ohio State University shortly after he had taken it up last fall because of this trouble, has borne his misfortune with becoming fortitude. He is still the same enthusiastic, whole-souled Sig. as ever and the recovery of his eyesight finds him planning already new ways in which to aid in carrying on the work of the Fraternity. He is at his home in Macksburg, O.

#### NORMAN NYE.

Brother Norman Nye, (Marietta '92), a prominent attorney of Boston, Mass., died in that city on December 19th, following an attack of appendicitis. He was the son of Col. R. L. Nye, formerly of Marietta, O.

## HENRY RICHARDSON BOND.

Henry Richardson Bond, (Yale '53), died at his home in New London, Conn., Saturday, October 30. He was born in Bangor, Me., May 2, 1832, the son of Alvin and Sarah (Richardson) Bond. His youth was spent in Norwich, Conn., and after graduating from college he settled in New London, Conn., in 1858, beginning his life in that city in the house in which he lived for nearly 52 years, during the remainder of his life. During the year that he settled in New London he was married to Miss Mary Perit of Norwich, a descendant of Rev. Joseph Coit, who was one of the earliest students at Saybrook Academy, which afterwards became Yale College. A son Henry R. Bond, Jr., graduated from Yale with the

Class of '96. He was first associated with the firm of Williams & Barns in the whaling business and with the decadence of whaling in New England waters he became identified with banking and public enterprises. He was for a time president of the National Bank of Commerce and from 1871 to 1876 president of the Marine Savings Bank. He was largely responsible for founding the public library in New London and for the design of the Williams Memorial Institute, in which the library is housed.

#### ANTHONY MICHAEL INGRAM.

Brother Anthony Ingram, (Yale '08 S.), died at St. Marys, Pa., on Sunday, November 28, after an illness of several months of tuberculosis. He was born in St. Marys, October 12, 1884, the eldest son of William and Walburga Ingram. He received his early training in the schools of St. Marys, and in the fall of 1903 he entered Pennsylvania State College, where he remained two years. In 1905 he left State College to enter Sheffield Scientific School at Yale, and graduated in the course in chemistry in 1908. He was an assistant in Chemistry during the latter part of his course.

After graduation he took a position with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in their laboratories at Altoona, Pa., where he had remained until shortly before his death.

Brother Ingram was initiated into Alpha Chapter in October, 1907. He served as treasurer of the chapter. His many genial qualities, united with an unusually warm and sympathetic nature touched all those with whom he came in contact during his college course. Difficulties encountered in keeping himself in college only served to develop in him the finer traits of manhood.

#### HENRY HASTINGS HILL.

Brother Henry Hastings Hill, (Yale '49), the last survivor of the Fraternity Founders, died at St. Peters Hospital in Helena, Montana., November 15, 1909, after an illness extending over a period of several months at the age of 84 years. Brother Hill was born in Providence, R. I., May 6, 1825. He entered Yale with the class of 1848, but began anew his course with the class of 1849. He was thus the first of the founders of Alpha Sigma Phi to enter Yale. In the movement which ended in the launching of our beloved Fraternity probably no other's influence was as strong as his. As the one of the founders most familiar with the college traditions and customs by reason of his longer residence at Yale his advice and leadership were invaluable to those with whom he collaborated in establishing Alpha Sigma Phi. Although age and poor health had made their grip upon him felt at the time of the reorganization of Alpha Chapter, in so far as his powers permitted, he gave the revived Alpha Chapter help and encouragement.

After graduating from College Brother Hill lived for a short time in Cincinnati, O. He then removed to Port Byron, Ill., where he resided until 1871. From 1871 until 1874 he was at Moline, Ill. He removed to Helena, Mont., in 1886 remaining there until his death.

For a time he followed farming, giving this up to go into manufacturing, and later becoming a civil engineer. He was unable to follow his profession for several years before his death because of declining health. He never aspired to public office, although he served one term as a government inspector in Illinois in 1867-69. He was married at Falmouth, Ky., April 12, 1859, to Miss M. E. Hauser. Two sons, George H., and Thomas Hill, both of Helena, survive him.

The remains were interred at Spring Grove, Ky.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

To The Editor of The Tomahawk:

There is one feature of your editorial policy that cannot be too highly commended and that is the publication of letters by the older alumni. We all read them with profit and pleasure and with now and then a hearty laugh that does us good. But why are the younger alumni silent? You Hewlett, out there on Powder River, how does it seem to be a ranchman? What is a sheep farm like? How do you do it? And you Waldron, Jr? Wherever you are, you must have a fund of interesting adventures to relate by this time. Letters from men who have not yet climbed the worldly Pinnacle of Fame, will more than make up in personal interest for what they lack in literary value and worldly wisdom. Such letters must necessarily be of interest to all. Of exceptional interest to the men who know the writer personally and of nearly the same amount of interest to the members of other chapters who will thus come to know the men who have but recently done what they themselves are doing and are now doing what they themselves will be doing almost before they realize it.

In closing, I would also suggest that the Tomahawk hold itself in readiness to supply the addresses of alumni and active members of the fraternity to answer or publish inquiries regarding Frat. history and the like. Let The Tomahawk become indispensable to every brother and by so doing grow strong in capital and resources.

Fraternally,

New York City.

ARTHUR EDWIN ELY, (Yale '07).

MACKSBURG, O.

To the Editor of The Tomahawk:

Nineteen centuries ago, there appeared in the eastern horizon a star known to the world as the Star of Bethlehem. In June of 1907, there loomed up in the fraternal horizon, the star of Sigma Phi. To you the members of this illustrious organization, we extend you greetings.

To every college man that has had the privilege of passing behind the sacred walls should feel that he has had an honor conferred upon him. Let us remember that with this honor there is an obligation that must be carried out in our dealings with our fellowmen. Christ, the only perfect man, made this his life work, knowing that all orders are founded upon the teachings of this man, it should be our duty to assume some of the responsibilities.

It has been proven that the friendships we form in college are the ones that will last throughout our mortal days; this is our golden opportunity to study our associates. Let us look upon our brother with the kindliest of feeling and extend to him a supporting arm, poor as it may be. Nothing can give greater happiness to some poor afflicted brother than to know that the charity, we professed in that happy college life still beats in the heart that was once so loyal to the "Old Gal," and her ever growing family.

We owe a great duty to our national organization: namely to perfect and promote our present plans. "Nothing ventured, nothing gained." No chapter should sit down and expect its sister chapter to do all the work. The field is large enough that all may win new subjects. Let us prove to the world that we are the fraternity we claim to be; then our real standing will appear in Baird's report in the style that it should be.

May the new year of 1910 be kind and generous to every member of Alpha Sigma Phi; let each one take as his motto the words of Ella Wheeler Wilcox:

"My life is a brief, brief thing; I am here for a little space; And while I am here, I would like if I may; To brighten and better the place."

Heartily yours, CHARLES B. MINCKS.

## THE GREEK WORLD

#### THE GREEK PRESS.

The parent chapter of Sigma Nu was revived at the Virginia Military Institute on December 4.

Phi Sigma Kappa entered Washington and Lee in December.

Sigma Chi has recently instituted chapters at Case, Western Reserve and the University of Pittsburg, and has revived the chapter at Wabash. A history of the fraternity is in preparation.

Theta Delta Chi has enlarged its Grand Lodge, or general administrative board, from three to five members, by the addition of a Graduate Secretary and a Graduate Treasurer. The Grand Lodge now comprises three graduates and two undergraduates.

The eighth Pan-Hellenic Conference of the sororities was held at Chicago, September 17-18. Among important resolutions adopted were those seeking to prevent "rushing" before matriculation and the initiation of any pledge until ten hours' college work shall have been completed.

#### CHAPTER FINANCES.

Increased graduate control of chapter finances is evidenced in many fraternities. A national committee of Sigma Chi for example, reported, "That uniform system of bookkeeping for all chapters, the books to be prepared and distributed by the Grand Council, is essential for the proper conduct of the finances of the chapters;

"That such a system should be installed as would adequately apply to the requirements of the smaller chapters as well as the larger chapters;

"That the system should incorporate blanks for a quarterly report of the financial condition of the chapters and of its individual members, each report to be made to the Grand Praetor of the Province, and which report should be submitted promptly at the expiration of each quarter.

"That the detailed method of constructing such a system is of too great importance and covers too much ground to be passed upon hastily, and should receive careful consideration and study by competent men of the fraternity assisted by expert advisers, and for this purpose this committee recommends that the Grand Triumvirs be empowered to select a capable committee as above, to prepare and submit a plan for a uniform system of financial books and chapter records, and report such plan to the Grand Council for its consideration, and that the Grand Council be empowered to adopt such system if approved, and put same into operation, and further, that such committee in evolving a plan, consult with various chapters as to their individual methods, for the purpose of extracting from each system the best features for use in the construction of a universal plan."

#### CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP.

"The Quarterly is not given to frequent outbursts of sermonizing but we feel at this time that it is our duty to direct the attention of active members to one or two matters which are of utmost importance not only to the individual, but to the fraternity as a whole. Now that the work of the academic year is well

under way it will be proper for every active chapter and every member connected therewith to take account of stock before it is too late. In the last number we pointed out that during the coming two years we should devote particular attention to questions of scholarship. It is safe to say that we shall not be alone, for the reason that fraternities are very generally arriving at the conclusion that their members must either maintain a respectable standing in scholarship or give up the struggle for existence. It is safe to say that this is the result of pressure which is coming from the outside. Educational institutions generally are imposing more severe penalties each year upon the individual who lacks the ability to maintain a respectable standard in scholarship, and the rules are being applied without fear or favor. The effect upon chapters located in large institutions is going to be either the raising of the scholarship or the elimination of the chapters. All of this is in the right direction to the reasonable man. There has been a feeling on the part of college men during the past two decades that possibly their college years were intended for something besides serious work. As a consequence, scholarship, especially among fraternity men, has been constantly on the downgrade. Let it once be understood that the national organizations of fraternities are going to co-operate with college authorities in the maintenance of respectable standards of scholarship and we believe that the problem will settle itself. The gulf between the national organizations of the fraternities and the colleges has been too wide, and we are glad to find that this is disappearing in many cases. Our plea, therefore, to the active man is that he may at once test the ground on which he is standing. If he is on quicksand, let him proceed at once to the building of a firm foundation for the balance of his course. If he cannot do this, it is better that the severance between his chapter and his institution be effected at once \* \* \* "-Quarterly of Alpha Sigma Chi.



## THE CHAPTERS

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BETA (2) HARVARD COLLEGE 1850-57
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