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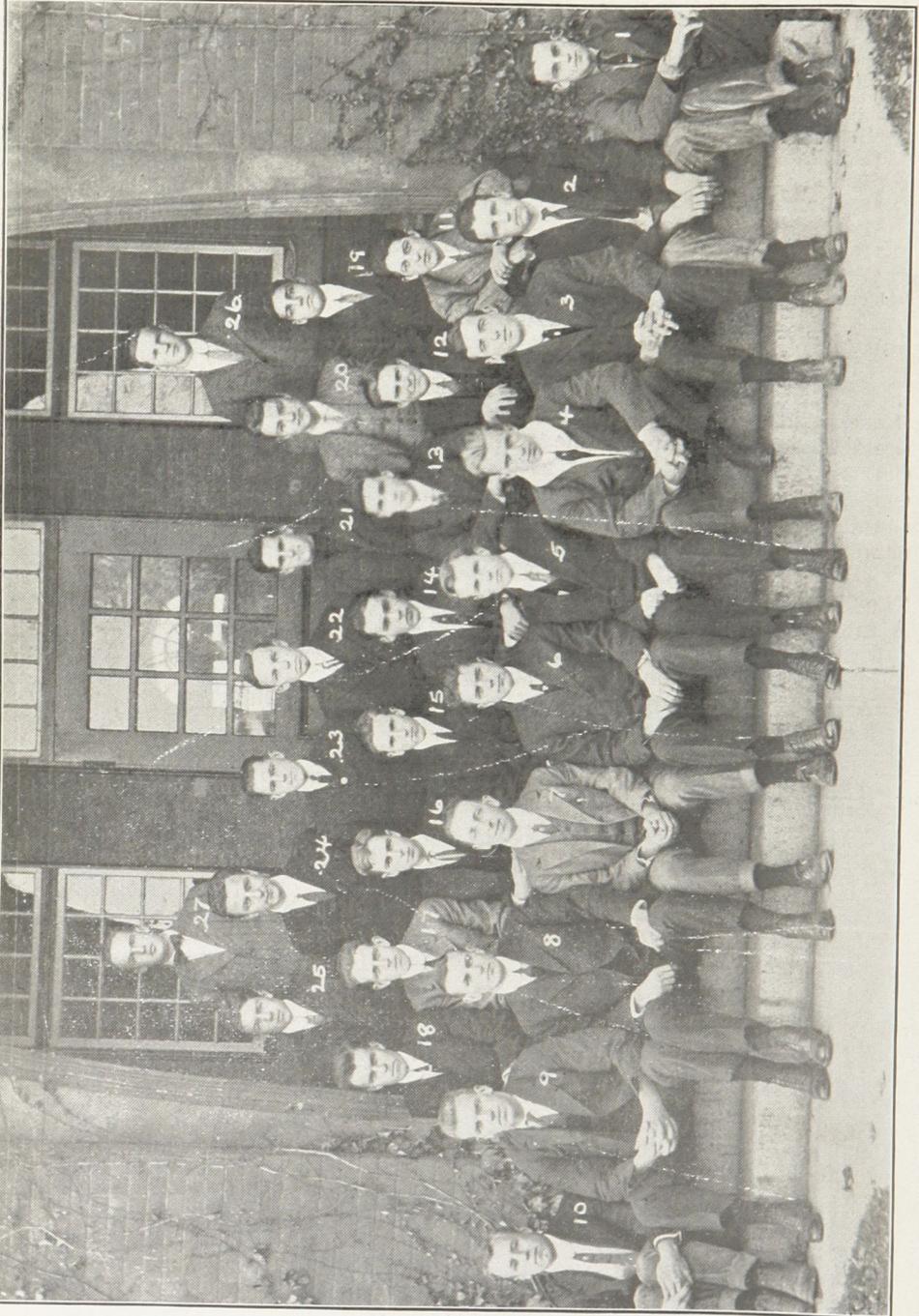
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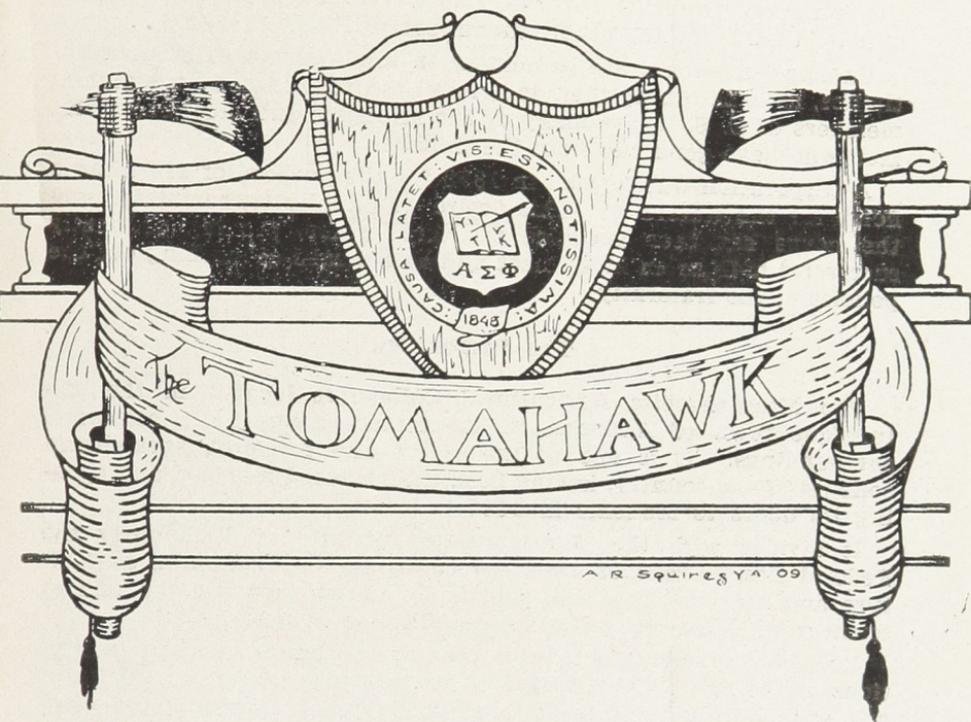
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THE NEW GAMMA CHAPTER.

The C. S. C. Fraternity, which recently became the Gamma Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi, was organized in 1879 at the Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst, Mass. At first its character was that of a non-secret organization, but as its members did not belong to any of the secret fraternities and as its meetings were not open to non-members, its nature gradually changed. Never having been a purely literary society, the associations of its members and its relation to other student organizations soon made it essentially a secret fraternity.

The personnel of the fraternity has always represented the very best element in the college. No other society there has exceeded it in general influence or prosperity, and it has been a leading factor in student life. The local always exercised great care in selecting its men, and has been singularly fortunate in this regard. At present there are twenty-nine active members, who comprise the charter membership of the new Gamma Chapter. There are 196 alumni members of the local, and many of these men will be admitted to Alpha Sigma Phi through the regular channels.

As regards scholarship, the standing of the members of C. S. C. is attested by the fact that thirty-nine of them have been elected to

the honorary fraternity of Phi Kappa Phi, a considerably larger number than from any other student society.

Gamma's members are prominent in all branches of student activities, as is shown by their individual records. Among the alumni members of C. S. C. are many of the strongest and most successful men who have gone out from the College.

A corporation was formed in 1892 for the purpose of providing a home for the fraternity. This desire was finally consummated and the house has been occupied for three years, proving eminently successful both as an investment and as a means of working out the policies of the fraternity.

The Institution.

The Massachusetts Agricultural College is located in the picturesque town of Amherst, in the midst of unusually attractive surroundings. It is one of the oldest and foremost agricultural colleges of the country, having been incorporated in 1864, and opening its doors to students in 1867.

It divides with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology the Federal Land Grant of 1862 for collegiate instruction in agriculture and the mechanic arts, and is for agriculture and the related sciences what the Institute is for technological purposes.

Its grade is comparable with that of the better class of institutions of the state. About 90% of the students enter on certificates and examinations of schools recognized by the New England association of colleges. The entrance requirements are identical with those of other colleges in that association, and are in full compliance with the standard set by the Carnegie Foundation.

The college grounds comprise more than four hundred acres, lying about a mile from the village center. They are attractively laid out on a generous plan on the spacious campus.

The faculty consists of thirty-two regular and associate professors, eighteen assistant professors, and twenty instructors. There are in addition several non-resident lecturers on special subjects.

In attendance, the number of students is rapidly increasing under the progressive policy of the institution. During the past year there were 477 students in the regular four year course. The entering class has practically trebled in the past ten years. In 1902 it numbered sixty-two, in 1911 one hundred sixty-eight; and indications point to a considerably larger class next fall. The graduating class in 1902 was twenty-three, and last June ninety-seven. In addition to the regular students, there are many graduate students from this and other institutions, such as Harvard, Yale, Dartmouth, Williams, etc.

Athletics have always played a part in the life of the students, and the college ranks well with other institutions in New England in all lines of athletic activity. At one time or another every New Eng-

land college has appeared on the athletic schedules of the institution.

The following national fraternities have established chapters there: Kappa Sigma, Phi Sigma Kappa, Theta Chi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Alpha Sigma Phi.

The regular student publications are the "Signal," a weekly; and the "Index," an annual issued by the Junior class.

NU CHAPTER

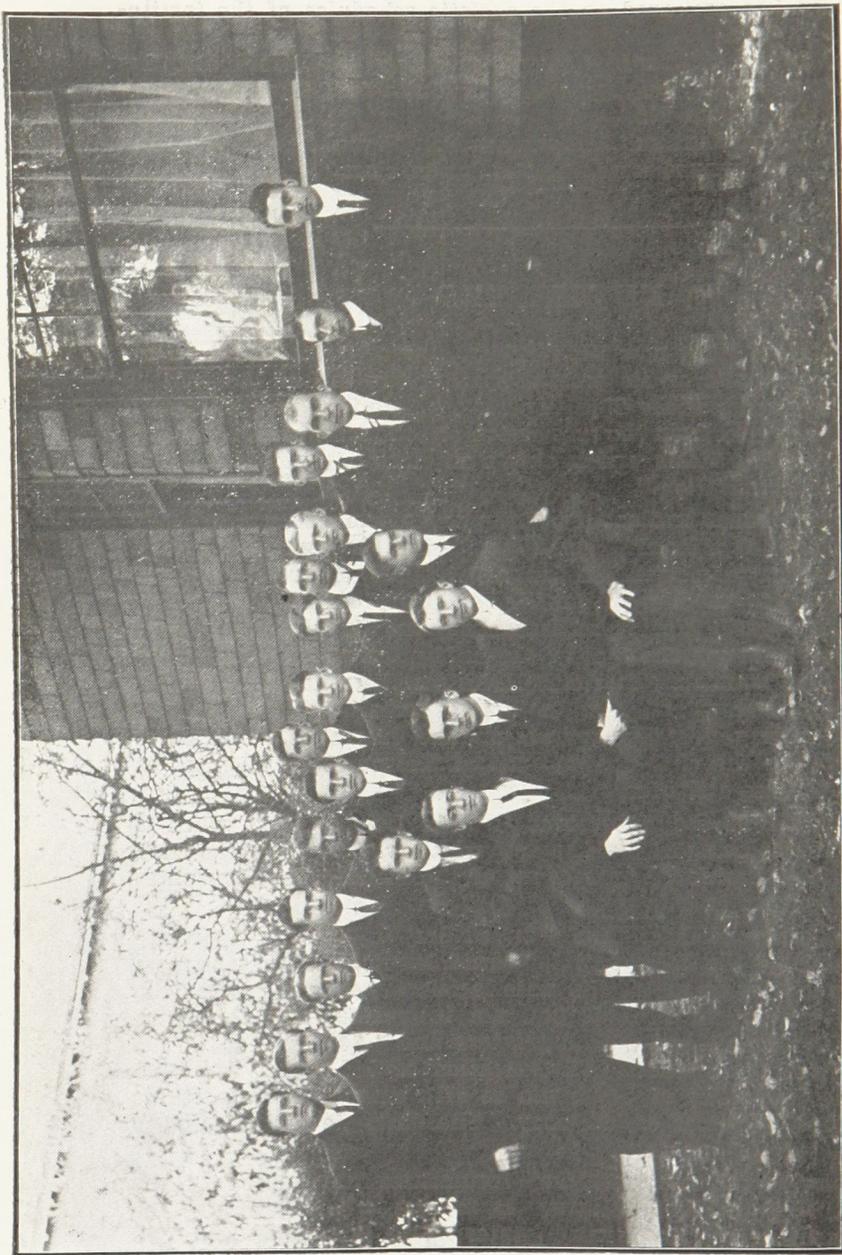
The Atherton Club, now Nu Chapter, was organized at the University of California on its present basis in the fall of the year of 1904. The purpose of the Club was "to promote the good fellowship that is to be gained from the association of congenial persons of kindred aims and like ideals, and to obtain all other advantages pertaining to such organization."

The prominence and energy of the organizers was a great help in the furtherance of its aims and at the end of the term the club included 19 active members. On January 1, 1905, a three year lease on a large house one block from the University campus was taken. The first year was a highly successful one, and the club was immediately ranked among the best at the institution and it maintained the same high standards ever since. Its members have taken part in the various college activities, including football, baseball, basketball, track, rowing, debating, journalism, and dramatics. Ever since its organization the club has encouraged its members to enter at least one of these activities.

In January 1908 the club moved to 2614 Dwight Way, which is now the present home of Nu Chapter, which was formally installed February 1, at Berkley. An account of the installation ceremonies appears elsewhere in this issue.

The University of California, founded first in 1860, as a private school, known as the College of California, assumed its present form in 1868, when, by an act of the state legislature, it was created the State University. In 1869 it had ten instructors and thirty-five students; in 1911 it had 717 instructors and 4,702 students. The United States Commissioner of Education in his report for 1910 ranked the University of California as fifth among the universities of the nation, in point of efficiency. The Carnegie Institution has given it a similar ranking.

There are twenty-nine national fraternities represented at the University of California. They are as follows, with the date of the establishment of the California chapter: Zeta Psi, 1870; Chi Phi, 1875; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 1876; Beta Theta Pi, 1879; Phi Gamma Delta, 1881, re-established 1886; Phi Delta Theta, 1873, re-established 1886; Sigma Chi, 1886; Sigma Nu, 1892; Sigma Alpha Epsi-



NU CHAPTER OF UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, CAL.

Seated, Left to Right—C. W. McClean, '15; T. J. Ledwich, '12; T. B. Kittredge, '12; C. L. Hampton, '13; L. B. Sappington, '16.
 Standing, Left to Right—E. W. G. Dichman, '14; A. I. Gates, '14; J. M. Scammell, '14; T. A. Greig, '14; J. L. Schell, '13; U. L. Ettinger, '15; J. P. Anderson, '16; C. E. Baugh, '15; T. S. Morrison, '16; H. L. Wyrick, '13; A. G. Rinn, '15; E. L. Kelly, '16; E. G. Morgan, '14; B. D. Mason, '16; A. E. Guslander, '16.

Ion, 1894; Chi Psi, 1895; Kappa Alpha, 1895; Delta Upsilon, 1896; Delta Tau Delta, 1898; Phi Kappa Psi, 1899; Alpha Tau Omega, 1900; Theta Delta Chi, 1900; Kappa Sigma, 1900; Psi Upsilon, 1902; Phi Kappa Sigma, 1903; Acacia, 1904; Alpha Delta Phi, 1908; Phi Sigma Kappa, 1909; Pi Kappa Phi, 1909; Theta Xi, 1910; Delta Chi, 1910; Sigma Phi Epsilon, 1910; Pi Kappa Alpha, 1911; Sigma Phi, 1912; Alpha Sigma Phi, 1913.

"FRATERNITIES ON THE DEFENSIVE."

In Banta's "Greek Exchange" of December, appears an article under the title "Fraternities on the Defensive," by Mr. Walter B. Palmer, Phi Delta Theta. Therein, Mr. Palmer begins with a review of the growing feeling of antagonism toward college Greek letter organizations during the past fifteen or twenty years, and leads up to a discussion on their present status. He states as his theory "that the new agitation against fraternities originates with the non-fraternity element and not with the faculties." He further states that the chief attack is being concentrated against those fraternities established at state-supported institutions, and particularly emphasizes the advantages to be obtained by these fraternities in increasing their chapters in these states. We quote the final paragraph of his article in the Exchange column.

(Banta's "Greek Exchange" made its first appearance in December. It is published quarterly by the Collegiate Press, 450-454 Ah-Single copies, 25 cents.)

THE INTER-FRATERNITY CONFERENCE.

The fourth annual session of the Inter-Fraternity Conference was held at the University Club, New York City, Nov. 30, 1912.

The chairman called the convention to order and preliminary to the calling of the roll, made the following remarks in substance:

"Before asking the Secretary to call the roll of delegates I wish to say one word of a rather personal sort. When I came here the college fraternity outside of my own fraternity, was to me absolutely an unknown country. I really—I confess it with humility—felt there was only one fraternity on the face of the earth and I confess that I was very much surprised to find that I was meeting with gentlemen who entertained with respect to their fraternities, the same attachment, the same affection and the same sense of loyalty that I entertained toward mine. I noticed another thing and that is that the spirit of idealism to which our Secretary referred at the last meeting, runs so true through all of this delega-

tion and from all of the fraternities that a man must be blind and deaf and dumb who does not recognize the stupendous value of the institutions we represent as factors in college life, and it is toward the utilization of that stupendous weapon that we represent, that we meet here today with a view to stimulating the interest of the college in ourselves and stimulating an interest in one another along the right lines."

He also recommended that a committee be appointed to edit the minutes and to give those speaking before the Conference an opportunity of revising the language of their remarks.

The roll was then called showing that the following fraternities were represented: Acacia, Alpha Chi Rho, Alpha Delta Phi, Alpha Sigma Phi, Alpha Tau Omega, Beta Theta Pi, Chi Psi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Phi, Delta Psi, Delta Tau Delta, Delta Upsilon, Kappa Sigma, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Sigma Kappa, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Sigma Nu, Sigma Phi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Theta Delta Chi, Zeta Psi.

The secretary stated that $\chi\phi$ had declined to participate on the ground that the conference could not accomplish anything, and that $\psi\gamma$ had sent word that it regretted that it could not participate.

Telegrams were then read from the presidents of Wesleyan and the University of California and the latter endorsed an invitation from the Panama-Pacific Exposition to meet in California in 1915. A letter from Dr. Hamilton Mabie expressing his regret that he had to be away from the United States and could not attend.

As the minutes of the third annual session had been printed and copies were present, their reading was dispensed with.

The treasurer, Mr. O. H. Cheney, then presented his report showing that \$435 had been received during the year and \$282.99 spent, leaving a balance, with the balance from last year of \$457.35. The auditing committee reported that the treasurer's accounts were correct.

The Committee on the Qualifications for Membership and Amendments to the Constitution then reported through William R. Baird, the chairman, Mr. Mabie being absent.

The report in brief stated that there were two applications for admission, one from ΔX and another from $\Theta \Xi$; that the former organized originally as a legal fraternity was now admitting students in the undergraduate departments of the colleges provided they had an intention to study law; that $\Theta \Xi$ was not a post graduate fraternity but admitted undergraduates who were studying any form of engineering; that in effect as these fraternities were men's general fraternities in rivalry with the other men's fraternities and with the same problems to meet although their fields of membership were restricted, they should be admitted and the committee so recommended.

The committee further reported that no amendment to the constitution was necessary if the expression "Men's General

Fraternities" was defined to "include fraternities having more than one chapter, a majority of which secure the larger part of their membership from students in the undergraduate departments of the institutions with which they are connected, and which fraternities are in rivalry with each other and do not admit to their ranks persons already members of similar fraternities."

A minority report was presented by Mr. H. H. McCorkle stating that in his opinion ΔX and $\Theta \Xi$ were not eligible and should not be admitted without an amendment to the constitution.

After some discussion of these reports and a suggestion that the status of Acacia as a member of the Conference was not free from doubt, upon motion a committee was appointed to report upon the matter at the afternoon session. This committee was Messrs. Baird, Frazer, Livingston and Wilson. In the meantime Mr. Bride representing ΔX was invited to attend the conference as a guest.

Upon motion and after discussion the conference voted that in addition to its three delegates each fraternity might send several delegates who would have no vote and that each fraternity should have but one vote.

The Committee on the Relations between Colleges and Fraternities then reported through Mr. Baird, its chairman.

This report covered the following topics:

- I. The Colleges and Fraternity House Rules.
- II. Faculty Advisers and Fraternities.
- III. Preventive Systems against Scholastic Failure.
- IV. Scholarship and "Outside Interests" (other than the Fraternity.)
- V. Scholarship and the Fraternity.
- VI. Equality of standards between Fraternity and Non-Fraternity Students.
- VII. General Relations between Colleges and Fraternities.

Questions were sent to about 200 colleges and the answers received from 130 colleges were tabulated by the committee.

The conclusions of the committee from the replies received were as follows:

I.—THE COLLEGES AND HOUSE RULES

"The large percentage of colleges pursuing a laissez faire policy with respect to rules governing fraternity houses with apparent satisfaction to themselves and the fraternities, indicates a general maintenance of good order and prevalence of responsible systems of self-government in such college homes that is very gratifying. Student self-government in the chapter houses, stimulated when and where necessary from the outside, should be encouraged. This is one of the chief functions of the fraternities and one of the most important products of the fraternity system. It is true that genuine co-operation between colleges and fraternities in maintain-

ing good conditions in the chapter houses, although informal, is of far more importance than the imposition of prescribed rules. On the other hand, not only are the colleges entitled to know that each fraternity maintains general good order in its chapter house, but, in our opinion, they cannot escape responsibility unless (to the extent of their legal powers) general good order, including the maintenance of such conditions as to make good work possible, does in fact prevail. Entire lack of information and supervision is not essential to student self-government in the fraternity units. The chapter house is in part a substitute for the college dormitory, and the students who live in the former should not expect thereby to wholly free themselves from the supervision obtaining with respect to the latter. Students living in the chapter houses do, indeed, feel an obligation toward their fraternity and their fraternity alumni not usually felt by the resident in the dormitory toward the college, and this is a wholesome influence. But where fraternity alumni are too lax—and they should not be expected to assume a burden primarily that of the college, and which the latter can perform more efficiently—the initiative and stimulus to both students and alumni should be expected to come from the college. The colleges might well interest themselves more directly in the conditions under which work is done in the fraternity houses, and stimulate improvement therein. We do not now advocate formal rather than informal methods; the smaller institutions do not need as carefully worked out systems as do the larger; but it would seem from the returns that many colleges are not as efficient as they might be in the maintenance of desirable conditions in the fraternity homes.

“In our opinion, the information derived from this canvass of the colleges emphasizes the soundness of the following recommendation adopted by the 1910 Conference, and especially the opportunity of the colleges to take the initiative therein:

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

II.—FACULTY ADVISERS AND THE FRATERNITIES.

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

“Your committee sees no reason why both systems should not exist concurrently. The testimony is overwhelming as to the potential value of the fraternity as an educational influence and a fulcrum by which the mental and moral tone of the student community may be raised. Of course such a system would be of especial

value to the students whose need is greatest, viz., to delinquents or men falling below the proper standards.

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

"In our opinion, the information derived from this canvass of the colleges emphasizes the soundness of the following recommendation adopted by the 1910 Conference, and especially the opportunity of the colleges to take the initiative in installing such a system where not now in operation:

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

"With respect to the attitude illustrated by the reply of one college, "The faculty does not desire official connection (with the cation. We have no sympathy with the view that by utilizing the committee of 1910 in its report:

"College fraternities are practically family groups within the student body. Life in these groups is a continual molding process by which the characters of their members are profoundly and lastingly influenced. To us who know these things, it seems strange indeed that any college should fail to make use of the fraternity group as an instrument of education. We have no sympathy with the view that by utilizing the fraternity group the college authorities are discriminating in favor of fraternity and against non-fraternity men. As well might the college refuse to make use of the influence of parents or friends in the case of some of its students because others happened to be orphans or without friends. We believe that it is the duty of the college to make use of every available means to influence and stimulate the development of every student entrusted to its care."

III.—PREVENTIVE SYSTEMS AGAINST SCHOLASTIC FAILURE

"What has been said under the last topic is also largely pertinent here.

"The returns are exceedingly creditable to the fraternities, showing as they do that the initiative in keeping track of their own men is taken by the fraternities in twice as many cases as by the colleges. Of course, if the fraternities actually assume that burden and are efficient in such cases, the college would seem to be largely relieved of the duty of taking the initiative itself. The returns do not enable the committee to indicate the details of this point beyond the earlier statements contained in the table under this point above, and the excerpts from the replies. In our opinion, however, the most efficient systems are those which are the most automatic in reporting any tendency toward failure, or even a falling below the standard set by the capacity of the individual student, and which use all, rather than only some, of the means open to the college to encourage the student to do good work.

"In our opinion, the information derived from this canvass of

the colleges emphasizes the soundness of the following recommendation adopted by the 1910 Conference, and especially the opportunity of the colleges to extend their systems of frequent intermediate reports, particularly, but not exclusively, in the cases of students falling below certain standards:

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

IV.—SCHOLARSHIP AND "OUTSIDE INTERESTS"

(Other than the Fraternity)

"It is obvious from the returns that, except in a comparatively few colleges, there has been no systematic study of the problems involved in this topic. The colleges have been content to rely upon general impressions, and in many instances to stop with rather obvious deductions. It does not take a conference of fraternity alumni, or even college deans, to establish the fact that the more time a man spends in athletics, dramatics, musical clubs, house-parties or loafing, the less he has for his studies. The point is, whether these things are worth what they cost, what is their general effect on scholarship, how do we know it, and what, if anything, ought the colleges and fraternities to do about it?"

"Eliminating the colleges that require certain minimum standards as a condition precedent to engaging in "outside" activities, Dean Clark's seems to be the only authoritative analysis of the facts on this point. We heartily recommend his presentation of the case to all interested in the question."

V.—SCHOLARSHIP AND THE FRATERNITY.

"Apparently only half the colleges confronted with this problem have taken any steps to ascertain the facts, and in a large number of cases even this effort is of comparatively recent date, and its results somewhat fragmentary. No doubt this situation is to be accounted for largely upon the theory that the colleges have been at least fairly well satisfied with the fraternity situation—the replies of a number refer to it as "ideal"—many refer to it as wholly satisfactory; nevertheless, the paucity of scientific data is somewhat remarkable.

"This comparison, unlike that under the preceding topic, admits of precise and absolute data, and naturally it is found that not only have a much larger number of colleges been collecting figures on this point, but they are much more credible and convincing.

"On the whole, the comparison is unfavorable to the fraternities. After making all the allowances and discriminations indicated by Dean Clark's presentation of the case, the demonstration is pretty

complete that at present the average scholarship of fraternity men is below that of non-fraternity men. The fraternities value and recognize scholarship, taking in high-stand men if otherwise available for fraternity association. The highest scholarship, however, is often won at the sacrifice of the more customary and serviceable relations with fellow-students. Students in this class are no more "normal," though more desirable, than those who fall by the way-side.

"That the fraternity is the cause of inferior scholarship, or, at most, of more than an inconsiderable proportion of it, or that the men in the fraternities would not be below the others in average scholarship were the fraternities out of existence, does not seem to be shown, if, indeed, any conceivable data could form a sound basis for such a conclusion.

"The testimony from the colleges themselves, on the other hand, as already pointed out, is overwhelming that the fraternity has repeatedly been in concrete instances a valuable aid to scholarship, and that this potentiality may be, in time and with attention, developed.

"In this connection, this committee invites attention to the letters appended to this report as Exhibits A and B, sent by the Deans of an important university to the fraternities, and heartily commends them as examples of college recognition of the fraternities as family groups, and of initiative on the part of the college in making use of them."

VI.—EQUALITY OF STANDARDS BETWEEN FRATERNITY AND NON-FRATERNITY STUDENTS.

"The analysis of the returns on this point, in connection with the extracts from the replies, speaks for itself.

"So far as any conclusion may be drawn from the replies, it would seem to be in accord with the remarks upon the preceding point."

ALBERT S. BARD, Chairman,
WILLIS O. ROBB,
CARL R. GANTER,
OSCAR H. ROGERS, ex-officio,
FRANCIS W. SHEPARDSON, ex-officio.

After the report was received it was on motion directed to be sent to such colleges and collegiate officers as the Committee deemed advisable as expressing generally the views of this conference and with the assurance that the representatives of the fraternities participating in the conference are prepared to recommend cordial cooperation with college authorities in initiating progress along the lines indicated in the report.

In the discussion of the report, some of the speakers brought

out the fact that the college officials were not paying as much attention to the fraternity situation as they ought to do.

The Committee was on motion continued.

On motion a nominating committee was directed to be appointed. The chair appointed Mr. McCorkle, Dr. Benton, Mr. Hawes, Dr. Bowman and Dr. Glazebrook.

After luncheon the report of the committee on local inter-fraternity conferences was read by Mr. Baird the chairman.

After stating the circumstances leading up to the appointment of the committee, the report continued as follows:

"Shortly after the beginning of the year, pursuant to this appointment, we addressed to the representatives of each of the fraternities represented at the conference a circular letter, reciting the foregoing resolutions and our appointment and making the following request:

"Will you therefore present the matter to the authorities of your fraternity and advise this committee promptly just what, if anything, has been done by your fraternity in the way of urging compliance with the resolution? If a circular was sent out by your fraternity with respect to this matter, and it was not confidential in its nature, we would like to have a copy of it.

"We would also be glad to receive any information, recommendation or suggestions about local Inter-Fraternity conferences based on actual experience.

"Four fraternities out of the twenty-five represented replied as follows:

"Delta Tau Delta, through Mr. James B. Curtis, president."

"No circular was sent out by the chapters, as in the matter in Delta Tau Delta is taken up through the members of its Arch Chapter, who divide the work according to location and therefore, get better results. Delta Tau Delta has entered into many local organizations and conferences, and I am sure, has derived benefit therefrom, although in one or two instances, the experience has been unfortunate. This, however, does not change my opinion as to the advisability of the plan."

"Phi Sigma Kappa, through W. A. McIntyre, secretary of the council.

"In reply to your letter with the resolutions passed at the second Inter-Fraternity Conference relative to Inter-Fraternity conferences at the different colleges, permit me to say that the Council of Phi Sigma Kappa is entirely in sympathy with same and the individual members in their visits to the several chapters have recommended the formation of such conferences.

"The only one I know that was formed was the one at the University of Pennsylvania. It has worked remarkably well for its first year and I think with a few minor changes will be continued.

"We sent out no circular letter advising such conferences.

"Further suggestions relative to same will be sent later."

"Chi Psi, through a letter from Mr. Harold G. Aron, secretary of the executive council, stating the conditions as he had learned them at Union, Williams, Wesleyan, Hamilton, Chicago, Amherst and Minnesota.

"Beta Theta Pi, through a letter from Prof. Francis W. Shepardson, the general secretary, stating that he had sent to each chapter

of his fraternity, a letter reciting the resolutions of the sessions of 1910 and 1911 and concluding as follows:

"The General Secretary now asks of each chapter immediate consideration of this important matter. He desires an official report from each not later than March 1, 1912. If there is a local Inter-Fraternity council, is the fraternity represented actively and enthusiastically? If not, then the chapter is earnestly urged to seek participation and to use all honorable efforts to make the council a success. If there is not a local council, the chapter is urged to take the initiative in starting one, giving to it its heartiest support."

"And this letter was accompanied by letters from 32 chapters stating briefly the conditions at their respective colleges.

"After the opening of the college year 1912-13, your committee in view of the relatively small amount of information at hand, sent out to each college where there appeared to be more than two fraternities represented, a letter addressed in each instance to the first established of the existing chapters at each college and which letter, after reciting the resolutions of the sessions of 1910 and 1911 and the appointment of your committee, concluded as follows:

"An inquiry addressed to the several fraternities represented has elicited no very wide response. We therefore ask you to let us know concerning your own college:

"1. Has a local Inter-Fraternity council been organized at your college?

"2. If so, please tell us briefly when it was organized, who are members of it, what are its rules and regulations and what it has accomplished.

"3. If there is any regulation by custom, agreement or faculty decree concerning the rushing season or the relations between the fraternities, please let us know what they are.

"4. If no local Inter-Fraternity conference has been organized, please tell us why this has not been done, and whether you will try to organize one.

"This inquiry has met with a fair response.

"In an exhibit attached to this report we have arranged all the information which has been received from all of the sources mentioned and some others.

"In conclusion we desire to state that we do not think the matter of the organization of local Inter-Fraternity conferences has been brought sufficiently to the attention of the several fraternity chapters by the fraternities themselves. Too often chapters take the attitude that other fraternity chapters seeking to organize such local conferences are trying to interfere with their private affairs. The only remedy for this condition is education. We believe that if each fraternity in this conference should through its officials urge its several chapters to actively promote and enthusiastically assist in the organization of these local conferences, they would speedily be formed everywhere.

"It is plainly evident that unless they are so formed and unless they remedy the admitted evils of rushing, that the college authorities will assume control of such matters and put such limitations upon the activities of the different fraternities as to cripple their

membership and interfere with their progress. It is plainly the duty of the fraternities to take such action. Merely meeting here in conference once a year accomplishes little. The good feeling and spirit of sympathy and cordial co-operation so engendered must be transmitted to the fraternity men in college and the suggestions adopted by the conference must be put into active form by them.

"We suggest that your committee might be continued and entrusted with the duty of preparing a simple form of constitution and by-laws for local Inter-Fraternity conferences and empowered to send it with a strong suggestion for its adoption or the adoption of a similar form to every chapter of every fraternity represented in this conference.

"The elaborate rules which have been adopted at some of the colleges, in their minute requirements and strict specifications indicate a spirit of distrust and an expectation of evasion which it is not pleasant to contemplate. A few simple rules lived up to in spirit are better than many elaborate rules which are kept to the letter and broken in the spirit."

And following the report as an exhibit were statements concerning the formation of local inter-fraternity conferences at 78 colleges, showing that at these colleges 26 such local conferences had been organized.

After some discussion the Committee was continued with instructions to prepare a simple form of constitution and by laws and directed to send the same to the officers of the several fraternities represented in the conference and to report at the next conference, and to send sufficient copies to enable the same to be sent to the fraternity chapters.

The situation at the University of Missouri was then discussed.

The Committee on Forms and Methods of Fraternity accounting then reported through Mr. O. H. Cheney, the chairman. The report was adopted and enough ordered printed to supply all the chapters of the fraternities represented.

The Committee on the Amendment to the Constitution then reported.

"We recommend that no amendment to the constitution be made but we define the expression 'Men's General Fraternities' as used in the constitution to mean those fraternities having more than one chapter, a majority of whose chapters secure the larger part of their membership from students in the undergraduate departments of the universities with which they are connected and which fraternities are in rivalry with each other and who do not admit to their ranks persons already members of similar fraternities."

The report was after discussion accepted.

A representative of Acacia stated that it no longer admitted other fraternity members.

Upon motion the chairman to be elected was directed to appoint a committee to edit the minutes.

An amendment to the constitution was then passed providing for an Executive Committee to arrange for and carry forward the work of the Conference between sessions to consist of the chairman, treasurer and secretary and two others to be elected.

Mr. Douglas of ΣX then stated that a litigation was to be brought to test the constitutionality of the anti-fraternity legislation in Mississippi.

A resolution was offered recommending that no college student should be initiated until fully matriculated nor until he had completed the work of one full term. The matter was referred to the Executive Committee.

The matter of the attendance at the convention was then reconsidered and the attendance was by resolution limited to three delegates and two alternates from each fraternity, the latter not to have the privilege of the floor unless they become delegates.

The nomination committee then reported the following ticket: Chairman, William A. Trimpe, ΣX ; treasurer, O. H. Cheney, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$; Secretary, Francis W. Shepardson, $B \Theta H$. Executive Committee, Oscar H. Rogers, $\Sigma \Phi$; J. Duane Livingston, $\Delta \Phi$, and the nominees were unanimously elected.

Votes of thanks were then extended to the chairman and officers and the University Club.

A motion was carried that the reports of committees be printed and filed with the Secretary two weeks in advance of the next session of the Conference and copies sent to the several representatives.

After the session adjourned the delegates from the several fraternities represented at the University of Missouri sent the following telegram to the president of the University:

"We, the representatives of the various fraternities having chapters at the University of Missouri attending the Inter-Fraternity Conference beg to assure you that we will heartily support the University Authorities in such regulations as it may prescribe for the government of the chapters at the University, and that we will urge our general officers to communicate immediately with the several chapters to the same effect." (Courtesy of the "Beta Theta Pi.")

(Alpha Sigma Phi was represented at the Inter-Fraternity Conference by Brother Wayne M. Musgrave, Grand Junior President.—Ed.)

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This issue of The Tomahawk goes to press two weeks late, as the editors wished to include the chapter letters of Gamma and Nu.

Since congratulations to our two new chapters are in order, we beg to extend ours. Gamma and Nu, we welcome you into the Mystic Circle with all the heartiness at our command. We believe the trust imposed in you will be fully realized. We wish you and yours every success.

Through error the name of Werner S. Allison was attached to the article entitled "The Credit," which appeared in the November Tomahawk. Brother Allison disclaims the authorship of this article.

"The Confession and Letters of Terrance Quinn McManus," by Miles Goodyear Hyde, (Alpha), A. B. Yale, 1863, M. D., author of "Mary Markam," "The One-Time Wooden Spoon at Yale," "The Story of a Day in London," "The Girl From Mexico," and other short stories just issued from The Gorham Press, in Boston, has reached our desk. It is a most entertaining book and full of sparkling wit and Irish brogue and has received favorable comments from the Brooklyn Citizen, New York Observer, Milwaukee Sentinel, Portland Journal, Louisville Courier-Journal, and many others. We do not presume to know where Dr. Hyde found his romance and humor but we seriously suspect it has survived his days at Yale and leaves him a lovable, talented, and gentle old man who reflects credit upon his alma mater, our beloved Fraternity, and himself. We take pleasure in recommending this last product

of his facile pen and vigorous brain to the present generation of Sigs because it will remind them that the literary character of this Fraternity is a reality as well as an ideal.

OUR READERS will no doubt note that the alumni section of this issue contains a preponderance of notices regarding members of Alpha. We urge you, the Alumni Secretaries of each chapter, not to be remiss in your duties; to send copy to the editors at regular intervals—namely, by the 15th of October, January,

March, and June. It is your duty to

A Word To Alumni Secretaries keep in touch with your alumni—it is our privilege to request you to forward the information so gained to us. Will

those chapters, who have failed to elect this officer, kindly proceed to do so?

THE "Old Gal" recently authorized the initiation of faculty members—something which our fraternity has never permitted before. Furthermore, there are no severely restrictive prohibitions. Faculty members are a good thing. They are men of wider experience than the undergraduate. They have seen more of life generally, and certainly they know more about academic life; its highways and its byways. They bring another point of view into the chapter house—namely, that of the instructor's, the moulder's, the guide's, the administrator's. And, in return, they get the view point of the undergraduate, the student, the fraternity man. It is a fine thing for both. It enables better understanding between MEN. It enables the establishing of a real bond between the college and the man. It makes for tolerance and recognition of two different phases of college life, which too often are construed as opposed. Universities and colleges are being universally criticized these days. So are the fraternities. The fraternity is merely a part of college life. The evils of college life laid at the doors of the fraternity are more properly chargeable against the college, for a part cannot be greater than the whole. It behooves the university

and the fraternity to get together on these things.

Faculty Members Reform is bound to come. The writing is on the wall, and he who runs may read. Our colleges are an integral part of this great American life,

and they are here to stay. There are abuses in them, just as there are in almost all phases of our republican government—and every other government—for human nature is very much alike the world over. The universities and colleges have gotten too far away from first principles, from fundamentals. They must go back, or come back, as you will. The fraternities are an integral part of college life. They grew up to fill a real demand. They are here to stay and any student of fraternities who says otherwise is pessimism personified. They offer a convenient and practical means, at

hand, for reaching and influencing student life. But as the colleges have grown away from old ideals and true ideals, the fraternities, as a part of the whole, have inevitably reflected the change. This is an era of change; ours is an age of transition. Everything is unsettled; there is unrest, and social, moral, and industrial, change. But we are soon to come to a status more nearly approaching equilibrium. Universities and colleges and fraternities alike are changing to the new order of things. If the new order is to be wholesome and stable, we must build for it now, slowly, surely, scientifically. Evolution, not revolution, is the process. The fraternities during this changing period must not lose sight of the issue. To do so may mean serious and heavy setbacks from which recovery may be slow. We do not have to produce arguments to back up this statement; the legislation which is now pending in several states against fraternities is enough. Colleges and college fraternities owe it to themselves to put their "houses in order;" to reform themselves from within. Upon the college or the university as the unit devolves the burden of the responsibility; the fraternities as a part should lend a shoulder. One way to do it is to establish more sympathetic and better understood relations between the two, the community of interest idea. Faculty membership in a fraternity is a great help; it is an entering wedge. WAKE!





ALPHA CHAPTER, YALE UNIVERSITY. NEW HAVEN, CONN.

Things have been happening in Alpha since the last letter. We have initiated eight good men. From the College we have Ferduson Reddie Ormes, '13, (Colorado College '12), of Colorado Springs; Carlton Cuyler Hunt, '15, of Palmyra, N. Y.; and Willison Keer Vance, '16, of Monongahela, Pa. From the Scientific School we have Antonio Howard-Söler, '13 of New York City; and Austin LeBoutillier, '14, of High Bridge, N. J. From the Graduate School we have Wilbur Haverfield Cramblet, (Bethany College '10) of Bethany, W. Va.; and Alden Anderson (Bethany College, Kansas, '10), of Loomis, Nebraska. From the Divinity School we have John Fuller Hall, '15, (Dome College '09), of Omaha, Neb. We have some more whom we expect to start soon on the pilgrimage to the Pinnacle; of them more later.

We have had a number of enjoyable smokers, chiefly in the rooms of Brother Heilner, and Brothers Heiner and Smith. In Brother Heilner's room we also held a delightful tea after the Harvard-Yale football game. As practically every Sig came around, and as

almost every one had a girl to bring, too, it was a very successful affair. Some alumni dropped in, and Brother William D. Bishop '12 brought Mrs. Bishop to pour and chaperone. Brother Timberlake was largely responsible for the success of the affair, as it was his idea, and he acted as chairman of the committee in charge.

That was not the only social event at the time of the game, for we held a smoker in the Tomb the night before, at which we were pleased to welcome many Alumni, and several men from other chapters. Brothers Evans, Hood, and Hoyt represented Lambda, and Brother Wilson brought greetings from Beta. Among the Alumni who got back were Brothers Coeller, Quinn, Hogan, Naumburg, Kennedy, Malony, Sweeney, Brown, Bissell, Mayer, Atkins, Trowbridge, Krah, Sattig, Jordan, McDonald, and others whom the correspondent cannot name, as he cannot find the list. There must have been more, for about sixty broke the Mystic Circle. Brother "Bill" Beardley was in charge and provided some good "eats," in return for which there were some fine speeches and good stories from the Alumni. Even after the cheers had been given for the Chapters represented, and the Circle broken, the fellows stayed around to renew friendships, or to get better acquainted. We fellows in the Chapter certainly enjoyed having the older fellows back, and know that they enjoyed it too.

On December 6th we had an informal dance at the Pembroke, Woodmont. Brother Park Smith was in charge. Twenty-five couples were present, including some "prospectives."

We are planning for a visit from Lambda before long.

We miss Edward Hine, '11S, who has deserted us for New York. Edward took a very active interest in the doings of the Chapter as long as he was with us.

We are the proud possessors of a fine new fire-proof, burglar-proof safe, the gift of Brother Robert K. Warner, '11S. This is a real, life-size safe, fully four feet high, big substantial, and prosperous looking. It is something we have needed for some time; now we will not have to worry about the safety of our records and valuables. While the new safe was being put in we got rid of the old one. Believe me, it makes some difference in the appearance of things. And you may be sure that we hastened to express our appreciation by rising and giving Brother Warner a very hearty vote of thanks and a long cheer. Alpha certainly has some loyal members.

THOMAS G. WRIGHT.

BETA CHAPTER, HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Since the last letter Beta Chapter has rolled along merrily toward prosperity—and Midyears. The stork brought us four additions to

our family, the earliest arrival being Brother Fessenden who was wafted in on a breeze from Alpha Chapter. Wily Dr. Harvey, H. S. P., M. & D., announced that "it was triplets," and behold, on December 10th, Brothers Maiden, Lynn, and Holmes joined our crew. Each is noted in his own particular field. Brother Holmes is a future engineer. Brother Lynn is hoping to make a city out of Cambridge through his connections with the Cambridge Tax-payers' Association. They are both scholarship men. Brother Maiden, too, is a scholarship man, but he has also indulged somewhat in football with no fatal results to his own good looks nor his studies. He finishes his course midyears. Brother Holmes is also on the staff of the Harvard Engineering Journal.

During this term we had an informal dinner at one of the hotels in town.

Election of officers took place January 14th. Brother Hoffman was elected H. S. P. He is a third year Law man with a markedly judicial turn of mind and a very great deal of executive ability. He holds offices in other organizations and has made a marked success of all he has undertaken either within or without the Fraternity. We look forward to a very successful half year under his leadership. Brother Hoffman has promised to sleep with a Code of Parliamentary Procedure under his pillow for the next few weeks as a preparation for the assumption of the chair. Brother Harvey, our retiring H. S. P. is very much burdened with college work, especially for the second half year.

Brother Frasch was reelected H. J. P. He has been a loyal worker ever since the re-establishment of Beta, and will serve as efficiently as heretofore. The other officers elected were: H. E., Brother Shaw; H. S., Brother Smith; H. C. S., H. E. Settle; H. M., Brother Randall, reelected; and H. C., Brother Holmes. Brother Harvey was elected a trustee to serve during the coming half-year.

At a recent meeting three new men were elected to membership. We hope to initiate them at the same time that we put through our share of the members of our new Chapter at Massachusetts Agricultural College, Gamma Chapter. As we have some 14 men from there to handle, we anticipate a large evening.

With sad misapprehensions we announce the sad truth that one of our members has for some time dwelt apart from us, or the most of us, in a new and unsuspected state, concerning which we have until very recently been entirely unaware. Brother Elling followed the example of Brother Harvey, and entered into eternal unrest on the 26th of last October. So quietly did Brother Elling make his matrimonial plunge, that his absence from Cambridge was not noticed nor was his work in College interrupted. He completes the work for his degree at Midyears, although he is registered in the class of 1913.

HOWARD. E. SETTLE.

GAMMA CHAPTER, MASSACHUSETTS AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

AMHERST, MASS.

Although, at this writing, we have not been officially installed, we have become so imbued with loyalty to the ideals for which Alpha Sigma Phi stands, that we already consider ourselves true Sigs and enthusiastic workers. Needless to say, we enjoyed the initial degree. We were royally received at both Harvard and Yale, the Yale brethren spending two nights and those of Harvard one, putting us through the initiation. Many were the humorous incidents that enlivened the occasion at these universities. The installation will take place at Amherst on February 14th, after which there will be an informal banquet, including the following program,—the ritual work to take place at the Masonic Hall, and the banquet at the house:

Brother Henry E. Chapin, '84, Toastmaster.

"History of Our College and C. S. C."—Brother T. A. Nicolet, '14.
Selection by Quartet—Brothers W. H. Hasey, H. W. Brewer, F. J. Clegg, and E. C. Towne.

"Our Aims"—Brother E. S. Draper, '15.

Piano and Cello Duet—Brothers T. A. and T. W. Nicolet, '14.

"Athletics"—Brother H. A. Brewer, '14.

Cello Solo—Brother T. A. Nicolet, '14.

Also, speeches by Brothers G. H. Chapman, '07; C. H. Brewer, '13; Parker, '13; and Wayne M. Musgrave, G. J. P.

College Songs.

Impromptus from the Delegates.

A word about the membership of Gamma Chapter and what its members are doing at "Aggie," would not be out of place. The basis of our strength as a fraternity at M. A. C. has been, and is, that fact that every initiate is impressed with the necessity of making a name for himself, both in scholarship and in college activities. On one hand, we can point with pride to thirty-nine Phi Kappa Phi (the honorary scholarship fraternity) men, who have graduated from our ranks; and on the other, to the long list of men influential in college life. We are glad of our admission to Alpha Sigma Phi, and feel that Gamma Chapter is in a position to do her share in the advancement of our fraternity. We have twenty-nine active members, all of them hard workers. The pledging season at M. A. C. requires initiating freshmen within two months after college opens.

Our membership is as follows:

Class of 1913.

Willard Harrison Hasey, Brockton, Mass.

C. Herbert Brewer, Scarsdale, N. Y.

Ralph James Borden, Fall River, Mass.

John Stuart Carver, Boston, Mass.

1914.

Harold William Brewer, Scarsdale, N. Y.

Leon Edgar Smith, Boston, Mass.

Theodore Arthur Nicolet, Fall River, Mass.

Harold William Nicolet, Fall River, Mass.

Frank Jackson Clegg, Fall River, Mass.

Harry Nissen, Portland, Oregon.

1915.

Robert Theodore Frost, New York City.

Edwin Chester Towne, Waltham, Mass.

Earle Sumner Draper, Milford, Mass.

Chester Allen Bishop, Peterboro, N. H.

Donald Williams, Catasauqua, Pa.

Eldon Samuel Moberg, Brockton, Mass.

George Morris Hall, Brookline, Mass.

1916.

Lewis Schlotterbeck, Roxbury Station, Conn.

Raymond Chamberlin, Newbury, Vt.

Philip Emerson Bisbee, Waitsfield, Vt.

Herbert Walker Bishop, Doylestown, Pa.

Paul Edward Doherty, Fall River, Mass.

Alfred Anthony Gioriosa, Dorchester, Mass.

Nathaniel Luzerne Harlow, Amherst, Mass.

Dean Albert Ricker, Worcester, Mass.

Harold Tichenor Whitney, Mount Vernon, N. Y.

Timothy Palmer Wilcox, Andover, Mass.

Of these, five room in dormitories, thirteen in the fraternity house and the others in private homes.

Aside from a large membership in the glee and mandolin clubs, orchestra, etc., we have many major and minor offices. Prominent among the athletes, and voted the best athlete in college, is Brother "Mike" Brewer, '14, captain of next year's 'Varsity football team, and a 'Varsity baseball man. Brother Borden, '13, was manager of the 1912 'Varsity baseball team, and is succeeded this spring by Brother Smith, '14, who is also a letter man in 'Varsity football. Brother "Herb" Brewer '13, is also a double letter man, baseball and hockey, and is at present playing goal on the 'Varsity hockey team. All told, we have seven "M" men, and are well represented in other college activities. We do not state this in an egotistic fashion, but only wish to show our Sig brothers that we are "up and doing" and worthy of bearing the name of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Our chapter house is the newest at M. A. C., there being five in all. It is a well-arranged frame building of three stories, located some seventy-five feet from the sidewalk. In the rear is a terrace leading to a tennis court. There are eleven rooms and two baths, the lower floor being devoted to reading and recreation rooms, and there is a pool room fitted up in the basement.

The excellent custom of having the freshmen clean house, in vogue at M. A. C., assures maintaining our home in good order. We will be delighted to welcome any wandering Sig here, and can promise him a hearty welcome.

In conclusion, your correspondent wishes to express the sentiment of Gamma Chapter in that we fully appreciate the honor of having been admitted to Alpha Sigma Phi, and that we rest firm in belief that we shall always be regarded as a vigorous and loyal chapter.

EARLE SUMNER DRAPER.

DELTA CHAPTER, MARIETTA COLLEGE.

MARIETTA, OHIO.

So far this year we have initiated eight men, as follows: L. T. Miller, Vineland, N. J.; C. L. Riggs, St. Mary's, W. Va.; W. A. Carter, Dennison, Ohio; Earl Clark, Wells Hutchinson, Stanley Bogges, Walter Daw, all of Marietta, Ohio; and William Lauer, Newport, Ohio.

"Sigs" at Marietta this year were awarded seven "M's" for football.

On December 16, Delta held its annual Thanksgiving dance. This is an event we always look forward to with great pleasure, and are proud to say that this year it was a greater success than ever before. The Grand March commenced at 9:15 o'clock, and dancing continued until 2:30 a. m. The patronesses were Mrs. H. L. Coar and Mrs. G. W. Hunter.

The high water of the Ohio River of January 13, made quite a little inconvenience for us, but luckily did not get into the house; though it came so close (lacking but five inches) that everything was moved out of the first floor. For nearly a week we had to paddle across the street to college in a canoe.

Brother Samuel Hutchinson was recently called back to Marietta by the sudden death of his mother. Brother Hutchinson was an old "stand patter" about 1900, and in a large measure it is owing to his foresight and prudence that Delta enjoys its present success. He is a very enthusiastic supporter of the "Old Gal;" and as his home is now in New York, some of the Alumni may expect a visit from him in the near future.

The officers for this term are as follows: H. S. P., Melville Rood; H. J. P., Wilber White; H. S., Frank Sutton; H. C., Dane Wallace; and H. M., J. W. Gansley.

C. EARLE HUMPHREY.

ZETA CHAPTER, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO.

These are precarious days for the men of Zeta. Days of fear and trembling, for "Finals" draw nigh and the time of reckoning is at hand. Also, there has been introduced into the state legislature a bill abolishing fraternities in any state-supported institution, and by the time this "Tommy" reaches you, the matter will have come to a vote and the fate of Zeta's existence decided. In case the bill goes through, it will affect not only Ohio State, but Ohio University at Athens, and Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, which is, incidentally, the seat of the founding of Sigma Chi, Beta Theta Pi, and Phi Delta Theta. The local Pan-Hellenic has taken every possible precaution to defeat the bill. Many of the most famous men in the state are lined up for us—three college presidents among them, including our own "Prexy" Thompson. Altogether the outlook is very favorable. There is no crepe attached to us as yet and no one has been heard to date practicing swan songs.

On December 13, we gave a dance downtown. There were about twenty-five couples present.

Ohio State has broken into the Western Conference in rather sad style. Northwestern and Wisconsin have already walloped us. However, the season is young and revenge is sweet. No one has intimated as yet that the company is too fast for us.

Brother Roger Hill of Elyria was unable to come back to school following vacation at Christmas-time. He will be unable to return at all this year, but will go West for his health. The chapter can ill afford to lose him, and we're all hoping mighty sincerely that he'll get well and be able to return to us next year at least.

Brother Atkinson succeeded in getting by the bar examiners and has been sworn in after the most approved and correct methods.

Our officers as elected for the succeeding semester are: H. S. P., J. L. Morrill; H. J. P., W. A. Bousch, and H. C. S., V. M. Tapke.

J. LEWIS MORRILL.

ETA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

It would be very pleasant and agreeable for me to start this manuscript with the conventional statement that the "Sigs" at Illinois are back at work again in that optimistic state of mind resulting from two weeks of a diet consisting of equal parts of home cooking and association with that girl whose letters have created the necessity for the Parcel Post. But to be honestly bromidic, those sweet vacation memories have been knocked in the head, as it

were, by thoughts of the coming exams. It's a funny thing about exams. Instead of letting you show how much you know they show you how much you don't know. To quote from our dear professors—God bless them every one (true Christmas spirit from Dickens)—“You're missing a lot when you fail to pass our final quizzes.” Anyway, the reign of terror has come to visit for at least two weeks and for the freshmen who are lucky or unlucky enough to pass sufficient work to be initiated.

They say that every cloud has a silver lining, but on examination I find that the H. E. and Commissary have thoughtlessly attached themselves to everything that even looks like silver, and Bryan himself would have to bet on the weather to make a living around here. The H. E., by the way, has become a regular Jimmy Valentine by his painless extractor methods. We confidently predict that he (Brother Larkin is his Christian name) will make a name for himself with some collection agency after he graduates. When he gets through with the check from home there isn't enough left to pay off Brother Garrett's laundry, so “Jimmy” has to stay at home and read dime novels instead of wilting 17 cents worth of shirt and collar at the Alpha Chi house.

Eta sent quite a delegation up to the Chicago Council dance, Dec. 27.

Our freshman, “String” Raithel, is some classy paddler. In a freshmen-varsity swimming meet held before Christmas he took the 100 and 220 yard events from the Varsity Conference champion just as easily as if he meant to do it all the time. When his twin-propellers get going right, you want to feel the water to see if it isn't hot. Brothers Garrett and Kern, having been appointed on the Senior Memorial committee, are now having their pictures taken for “Who's Who.”

Brother “Bones” Leopold is the original hard luck artist. Last Spring he broke his ankle, at Thanksgiving time he broke his thumb, and now we are afraid the Chi Omegas will induce him to attend their formal party. He's bearing up quite well under the burden. He must be one of “them Elbert Hubbard fatalists.” Brother Amy Stahl, '12, visited Champaign during the holidays. “Amy” is the last of the “Brother Charley Bremner, '12” school of romanticists, and the girls were surely glad to get one more heart palpitation after the absent treatment by this year's crop.

E. S. KERN.

THETA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN.

Glancing over the leaves of my Tomahawk note-book—which, in

truth, is my memory—I find that we have been rather well occupied here in Ann Arbor since my last communication.

On November 2nd we terminated our first rushing season by initiating: —Samuel Monetta, '16, Toledo, Ohio; Emil A. Tessin, '14L, Saginaw, Mich.; Luke M. Wright, '16, Ogden, Utah; Bonneville Neis, '16, Detroit, Mich.; Hiram Humiston, '16E, Cleveland, Ohio; Howard Dingle, '15 Dent., Lansing, Mich.; and Lawrence Clayton, '15, Salt Lake City, Utah. On December 14th, we took in: Harry Engel, '16E, Detroit, Mich.; Paul Zerwekh, '16, Alton, Ill.; and Harold Thompson, '16E, Marion, Ind. As will be noted, these new brothers represent four different departments in the University. Among them also are men prominent in football and other athletic activities. Brother Clayton is one of the shining lights in the Comedy Club of the University, as well as President of the local Deutscher Verein. We have instituted a new custom this year for the initiates. Before initiation they stage a play here in the house for our amusement and edification. The first group entertained us with a Minstrel Show, Brother Clayton acting as Interlocutor. The second and smaller number delighted the brothers with impersonations and fancy dancing, Brother Zerwekh starring as the modern Salome.

Our social events have played no small part in the activities of Theta chapter this year. On the evening of Friday, November 15th, we opened our new house to our lady friends amidst the tinkle of the china and the enticing Terpsichorean strains of Ike Fishcer's Harmony Dispensers. We danced until one o'clock Friday night, went to the football game on Saturday; **and, being in high spirits over the defeat of Cornell, expressed our joy by dancing again Saturday night.** Not only was this the first party in our present home, but it also broke all records of previous functions in point of size. On Saturday night 64 people sat down to dinner. From the fact that thirty-one couples danced comfortably here on Saturday night, some idea may be gained of the fitness of the house for such a function. On December 19th we held an informal pre-vacation dance, lasting from 8:30 until 12.

Speaking of social functions reminds me of something I am trying to forget for at least one hour during the day, and that is that the "J-Hop" is coming soon. Since Christmas vacation talk of and preparation for the Hop has filled the air, forming the main topic of discussion and contention from early morning until late at night. Frenzied appeals have gone home for money—exhortations, commands, pleadings and threats have been used in varying degrees with both parents and the girl. So much of this have I heard and seen, that despair and fear have filled my soul, and I have become almost a cynic as regards the demands of society—such is the effect of the "J-Hop." But through it all there shines the enchanting goal, and when the Grand March forms on the night of February 7th

next I doubt not that Theta of Alpha Sigma Phi will be represented by her full quota.

In the discussion of these exciting events, I am about to overlook some of the more prosaic facts recorded in the aforesaid notebook. In providing for the general exodus from Ann Arbor for Christmas vacation, Fate forgot to provide for some of our members, and the Home Guard, consisting of four members from widely separated sections of the country were left to sigh and while away the happy hours in this deserted town. Being one of the four, I could tell you much concerning their tribulations and their attempts at jollification; but will only remark that the monotonous period had a few bright spots. The chief of these was a formal dance which the Detroit Council thoughtfully held during this time, and which we were able to attend. We also visited some of the Detroit brothers and had a wonderfully good time in general. Then, too, among other things, we learned something about cooking, for under the guidance of Brother Wright as head chef we concocted many marvels of Domestic Science. So enthralled did Brother Gilmore become with the culinary art, that he attempted to trespass on the cook's domain the other night by cooking oatmeal according to his own inclination. But it seems that the cook resents such intrusions, for, instead of serving the delightful oatmeal "a la Gillmore," she she cruelly and unfeelingly dumped it into the garbage can, and served the usual preparation. As someone has truthfully remarked, "the H. S. P. loses his authority when he trespasses beyond the doors of the kitchen."

Phi Lambda Upsilon, the honorary chemical fraternity, recently claimed one of our brothers. Lansford McCloud, '13E, was initiated into that organization in November.

In closing I wish to say that Theta now has thirty-five active members. Thirty are living in the House, and there is room for two more. With this number of men actively engaged in college work and activities, and pulling together for the interests of Alpha Sigma Phi, we feel that the New Year should indeed be a prosperous one for your Ann Arbor brothers.

WILLIAM C. MULLENDORE.

IOTA CHAPTER, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

ITHACA, NEW YORK.

At the last chapter meeting I remarked that I had spent most of my time, during the vacation, talking—here I paused for breath,—and all of the brothers were highly amused. Talking is one thing, and writing is entirely something else. I have already searched the nooks and recesses of my mind for a suitable beginning to this letter. Beginnings there are none; everything seems to be endings.

Vacation has ended. The old year has ended. The term is almost ended. This is my last will and testament.

Before the examinations have been looked over, and perhaps ended some of us, we are to have a Junior Week. Iota will hold a house party. Twice daily Uncle Sam renders reports upon the matter. Latest quotations are twelve young ladies and four chaperones.

In the November number, I predicted a rosy year for Iota. The middle of the year finds her enjoying very good health. Iota solved the new rushing system to the extent of one graduate, two sophomores, six freshmen, and one pledge who will be a "fresh" in February. The chapter roll is thirty. Brother Hawley, '09, of Theta, also drops in frequently.

The juniors invited all the Sigs in Ithaca to their Christmas party on December 15th. This annual affair caused much joy to the assembled brothers. Appropriate presents, doughnuts, cider, and stories kept interest aroused.

Christmas vacation scattered us considerably. Brother Cobb went home to Tyler, Texas. Brother Parkhurst went sightseeing and reached Florida. Brother F. O. Young spent his vacation in or near Washingtonville, N. Y., with Brother Cameron. Brother Laley went home, but on returning missed connections by three or four days in Buffalo. Brother Pitner spent New Year's Eve in a Pullman berth on his way back to Rochester, where he stopped off before returning. Brothers B. Brodt and West finally did get back from Detroit, but since then the U. S. mail and the parcel post have been kept busy. Brothers S. E. Young, McDermott, and Williams kept house in Ithaca. Brother Young was the cook, Brother McDermott the dishwasher, and Brother Williams was the guest.

The rest of the brothers spent their time peaceably at home, with the exception of Brother Dodge, who went home for two days and spent the other dozen in Bay City, Michigan.

Brother J. H. Brodt was awarded his "C" again this year in Cross Country.

Brother Hayman '11 returned to town for a few days and assisted in initiation.

Our new officers are: H. S. P., Brother J. H. Small; H. J. P., Brother B. W. Brodt; H. E., Brother R. S. Sollitt; H. S., Brother W. R. Manson; H. C. S., Brother R. T. Tree; H. M., Brother S. E. Young; H. A. M., Brother H. G. Cameron; P. C., Brothers R. W. Parkhurst and V. R. Read.

D. D. JENNINGS, JR.

KAPPA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

MADISON, WIS.

Happy New Year! We wish our sister chapters a Happy New Year, and we drink with them a toast to the success of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Brother Mann was elected H. S. to succeed Brother Anderson who resigned. Brother Anderson has two other secretaryships to his credit and he found himself overloaded. For his benefit it must be said that the contents of the minutes he wrote up will forever remain a secret. He is the only one that can read them.

On November 8 and 9 we put the following men through the test, and now we are glad to call them brothers: Tom Burns, Watertown, N. Y.; Earl Liddle, Mifflin, Wis.; Howard Culver, Denver, Col.; and Watson Wheeler, Randolph, Wis.

On November 15, we danced informally, and our steward, Brother Warner, nearly breathed his last. He fed us "Boston Selected" at dinner before the dance. This is not his first offense.

Wisconsin's Championship football team induced many visitors to Madison to see the games. Brother Sippel, ex-'14, came up from Chicago, October 26, and stayed for the Chicago game the following Saturday. The night of the Chicago game we had a house full, or rather a full house; Brothers Reiman of Yale, Stewart ex-'12, Gear, ex-'13, Schwenker, '11, Windfelder, ex-'13, Mohr, ex-'13, and Haukohl, '12, were registered in our guest book. We had a roll call at 2 a. m., and found everybody but "Windy" present. By deductive reasoning we concluded that he must be in the house (saloons close at 12). After a thorough search we found him asleep in the corner of the bathtub. "Windy" is a vest pocket edition of a Sig. When he smokes a ten-cent cigar you have to ask him to get out from behind it before you can see him.

Brother Haukohl came down from Manitowoc to display his new found dignity and superiority. He is teaching in the local High School.

We enjoyed a pleasant visit from Brother Edward E. Sherman, Yale '11. Brother Consoer also paid us a visit. He remained a couple of days and found so many of his former belongings that he had to borrow two suitcases to carry them away. I think Connie made a good haul; one of the suitcases was brand new.

On November 23 and 24 we entertained our lady friends at dinner.

Brother Sollitt sent us two fine turkeys for our Thanksgiving dinner.

Brother Tachau will not be with us after the Christmas holidays. He didn't state his reason quite clearly, but said something about farming. "Tack" has our best wishes.

WALDEMAR A. KNOLL.

LAMBDA CHAPTER, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

NEW YORK CITY.

As related in our last letter, Lambda began her rushing season a little slowly, with the result that at that writing we had secured only three men. Later, we got real busy, and at present our membership has reached (for us) the unprecedented figure of thirty-two. Besides the first initiation at which we took in three men, we have had two others.

The new men are: James Summerfield Bartholow, of Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Albert Delafield Trenor, of New York City; George Sylvester Kearney, of Minneapolis, Minn.; Charles Francis Otto, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; William Harris Merriam, of Elba, N. Y.; Raymond Harkison Kenyon, of Minneapolis, Minn.; Allanson Edgerton, of Elba, N. Y.; and Robert Cornelius Murray, of Herkimer, N. Y.

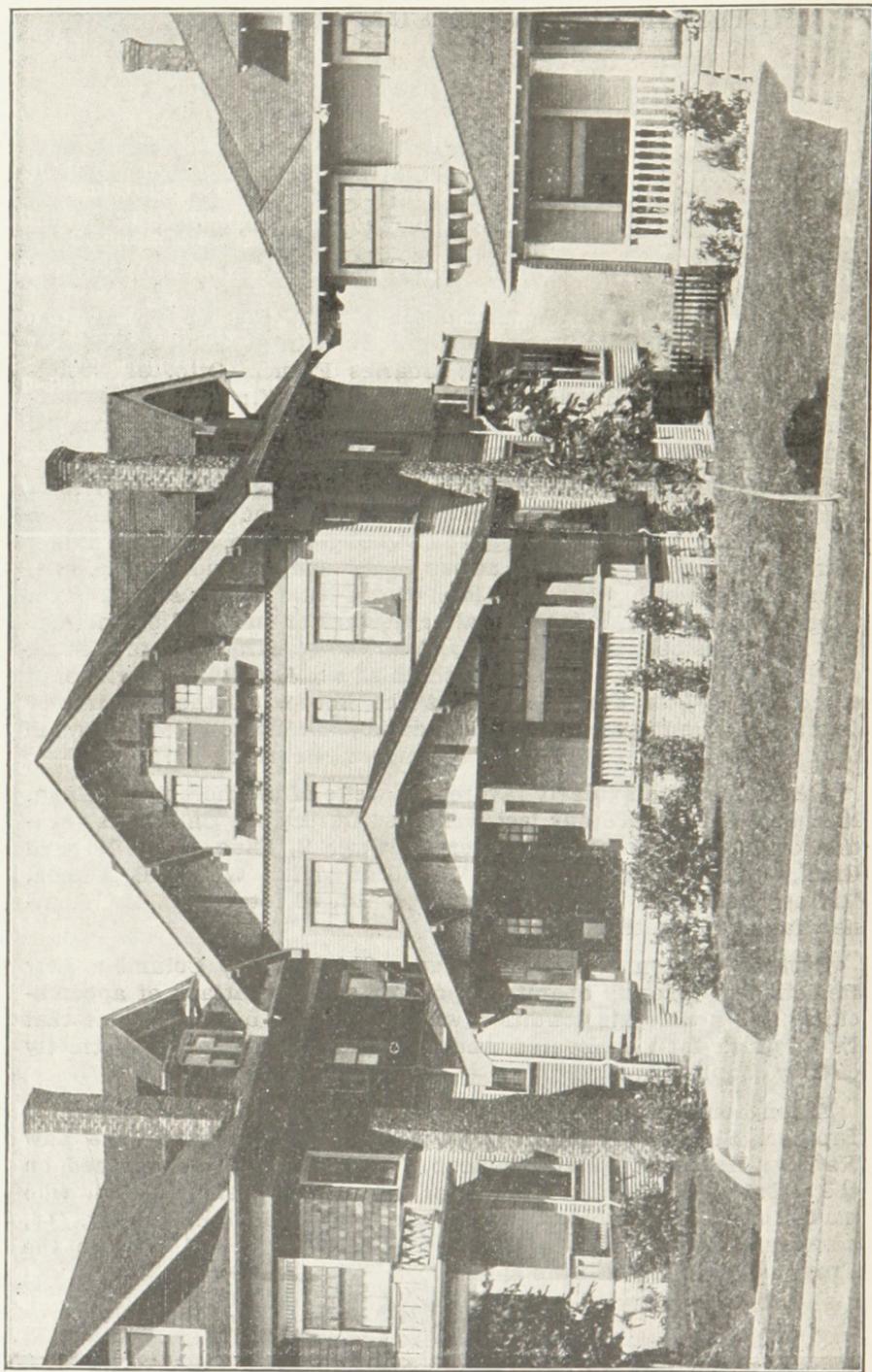
With its new home, Lambda is realizing to a greater extent than ever before the manifold advantages attendant upon having a house "on the hill," and across the street from the campus. Being anxious to display its qualifications to as many friends as possible, it was inevitable that the busy bees of our little family should begin to plan and execute various social gatherings of one kind or another. The result has been a dinner party, followed by cards, on the evening of November 8. Not content with this, Brother Ruble engineered a most enjoyable dance, again at the house, on the evening of January 4. Be it known that Lambda is planning some considerable tea during Junior Week, which commences February 11.

We have been singularly favored by visits of brothers from Alpha, Iota, and Theta since our last writing. During the Christmas vacation our guests included Brothers Edward B. Hine, '118; Edward Glick, '14, and Lloyd O. Mayer, '12, all of Alpha; Werner S. Allison, '12, of Theta; and David D. Jennings, '13, of Iota; also, Mr. Kearney, father of Brother Kearney.

Brother Clinton J. Ruch, Editor-in-Chief of the Columbia Law Review, was recently operated upon for a severe attack of appendicitis. For a time his condition was very grave, but we rejoice that he is quite fully recovered and is rapidly acquiring a distinctly chubby countenance.

Among our recent additions to the Columbia Hall of Fame, are: Brothers Bertram Francis Shipman, '13 Law, who made the Law Review; Harold Augustin Calahan, '14 Law, who was retained on the debating squad after the final cut; Ralph Bergen Allen, who made the wrestling team; and James Summerfield Bartholow, '16, who was entered in the hundred and fifty-five pound class in the Freshman-Sophomore cane sprees.

WILLIAM DANIEL AHEARN.



MU CHAPTER HOUSE, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, SEATTLE, WASH.

MU, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON. SEATTLE, WASH.

The Christmas Holidays are now a thing of the past, and it's back to the "old grind" for Mu Chapter. Eleven brothers appeared on the opening day for luncheon. The rest of the fellows returned within a day or two.

On New Year's night, we (that is those of us who remained in town) gave a dancing party at the Chapter house. Ten couples attended, and we danced till the "wee small" hours.

On December 6th and 7th five new members were initiated into the mysteries of Alpha Sigma Phi, as follows: Ralph Walter Clark, '15, Walter Frederick Flanely '15, George B. Noble, '14, Virgil Kinney Hancock, '13, and Carl F. Hass, '14. We had a mighty good banquet in the Chapter house afterwards.

Our next initiation will take place shortly after the beginning of the second semester. We hope to have at least five men.

On November 9th the "U" football team went down to Portland to play the University of Oregon. We were well represented, as five of our fellows made the trip. While down there they looked up two of our charter members, Thomas Palmer Rierson, '14, and Robert M. Harlow, '14, who told them that they would be back for the opening of the second semester. They also ran across Brother Clark of Michigan, who is practicing law at Corvallis, Oregon.

Incidentally, I might mention that the University of Washington won the football championship of the Northwest Conference, for the fifth consecutive time.

RICHARD J. McCANN.

NU CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA. BERKELEY, CAL.

With this number of The Tomahawk, Nu Chapter makes its first appearance in the Mystic Circle of Alpha Sigma Phi. In beginning this first chapter letter, I wish, on behalf of my California brethren, to express our appreciation at being admitted to the sisterhood of chapters. We understand full well the honor that has been conferred upon us; we sincerely hope to prove worthy of it.

The first and most important thing to write about, is, of course, the installation of our chapter, and the initiation of our men. I had been travelling in Oregon during the holidays, and on being informed by wire of the granting of our petition, hastened to Seattle, where I was soon joined by Brothers Thomas J. Ledwich, '12, and Thomas Greig, '14, we three having been selected by the Atherton Club to represent them for purposes of initiation. We were royally entertained by our Mu brothers, and as royally initiated. We were given all except the final scene of the initiation, which was conferred at Berkeley later, on all the men at the same time. These ceremonies at Seattle took place on Saturday, January 18, and on the following day we started on our return to California.

On our arrival at Berkeley, we immediately set to work on the rest of our brethren, devoting four nights to the work, and putting through twenty-four active members and eleven alumni. Brother S. S. McCahill, Yale '08L, an alumnus member of Alpha, assisted us in the work.

Brother Carl Earl Croson, Harvard '12, H. S. P. of the Beta Chapter last year, to whom was entrusted the work of installation, reached Berkeley, Saturday, February 1, and that evening gave us our final work, installing the chapter and its officers. We thereupon sat down to an informal dinner to commemorate the occasion.

Brothers Hiram L. Gear, Marietta '62, and one of the very early members of Delta Chapter; and the Rev. Frank S. Brush, also of Marietta, of the class of '78, were also present at the final ceremonies. We had a very memorable evening indeed, and one filled with inspiration, for active chapter and alumni alike, because of the feeling of solidarity and of union, that was so splendidly characteristic of the whole affair. Brother Croson assured us on the side that it was the best installation he had seen, and naturally we feel very hopeful. Those responding to toasts were, Brothers McCahill, Croson, Gear, and Brush, for the Fraternity; Brothers Curts, Morin, Locher, and Solomon, for our Alumni; and Brothers Ledwich, Ettinger, Scammell, Gates and Kittredge for the active Chapter. Brother William John Cooper, an alumnus of the class of 1906, officiated as toastmaster.

During the course of the evening, Brothers Croson and McCahill installed the following officers-elect for the Chapter: H. S. P., Tracy Barrett Kittredge, '12; H. J. P., Joe Lieb Shell, '13; H. S., Ulva Leon Ettinger, '15; H. C. S., Martin Joseph Gavin, '15; H. E., Emory Glem Morgan, '14; H. C., Ernest Wykeham Dichman, '14; H. M., Thomas Alexander Greig, '14.

The men initiated at this time were the following: from our alumni: Alfred Solomon, '02, Instructor in French in the University; James Wheeler Morin, '05, an attorney of Pasadena; William John Cooper, '06, head of the history department in the Berkeley High School; John Gooden Curts, '07, now practicing law at Sutter Creek, Cal.; Evan Jones Hughes, '07, taxation expert in the office of the State Comptroller; Edward William Locher, '07, Principal of the Maxwell High School; Elbridge John Best, '08, a physician of San Francisco; Frederick Martin Twicchell, Instructor and football coach in the Sacramento High School; James William Belloni, '10, who is practising law in Willetts, Cal.; Roy Henry Blosser, '11, Supervisor of Mechanic Arts in the Santa Rosa Schools; and Ralph Edward Feusier, '12, who holds a similar position in the Crockett High School.

The active members initiated were the following: James Herbert Mitchell, '11; Thomas Joseph Ledwich '12, Tracy Barrett Kittredge '12, Charles Leon Hampton '13, Joe Lieb Shell '13, Ernest Wykeham Dichman '14, Arthur Irving Gates '14, Thomas Alexander Greig '14, Emory Glen Morgan '14, Lawrence Harold Saxon '14,

Joseph Maris Scammell '14, John Fleming Wilson '14, Clive Everett Baugh '15, Orville Reddick Emerson '15, Ulva Leon Ettinger '15, Martin Joseph Gavin '15, Waldron Ashley Gregory '15, Allan Merle Herrick '15, Harvey Lawrence Higby '15, Earl Lee Kelly '15, Cyril Wesley McClean '15, Eugene King Sturges '15, James Peter Anderson '16, James McNeill Crawford '16, Arthur Bruce Guslander '16, and Lewis Byron Sappington '16.

Five active members could not be present at the initiation, not being in college this semester. They will be initiated at the earliest possible date. These men are, Harrison Leroy Wyrick '12, Albert Gustave Rinn '15, James Norman Fulmor ex-'13, George Versell Williams ex-'14, and Philip Van Deventer Neff '16.

Besides the eleven of our alumni who were with us at the installation banquet, and who were duly initiated as alumni members of our Chapter, we have elected about twenty-five more to membership. They have taken a great interest in our doings in the past, and we feel very confident that they will be as true to their allegiance to Alpha Sigma Phi, as they have been in the past to the Brotherhood of Atherton.

Seven men were initiated as active members, who were not included in our petition. These were, L. H. Saxon '14, J. F. Wilson '14, W. A. Gregory '15, O. R. Emerson '15, A. M. Herrick '15, E. K. Sturges '15, and J. M. Crawford '16. Brother Saxon has been out of college two years, but was then a member of the Atherton Club. He is a big "C" man, having broken the Intercollegiate record in the mile in the meet with Stanford, in 1910. Brother Wilson had been a pledge of the Club for some time. Brother Gregory was a point winner in the mile in the freshman meet of last spring, and is now a candidate for Varsity Honors. Brother Herrick was a member of both his freshman and sophomore debating teams. Brother Sturges has just been re-elected President of the Sophomore Class for the second term. He debated on his freshman team, and was alternate on the 1912 Intercollegiate Debating Team. Brother Emerson has also been active in debating. Brother Crawford was captain of his High School football team last year, and is a promising candidate for the freshman track team this semester.

Our Chapter has quite a number of men out in the various college activities, and hopes to be able to report some good work on their part soon. Brothers Saxon '14, Gregory '15, Gavin '15, Kelly '15, and Crawford '16, are out for track work. Brother Scammell '14, is contributing a series of humorous articles on "Sports of All the Colleges" for "Brass Tacks," a new Campus weekly, devoted to the exposure of shams and the practice of iconoclasm. He is also a member of the Josh staff of the 1914 "Blue and Gold," the Junior annual. Brothers Ettinger, Kelly, and Higby, all sophomores, are members of the University Glee Club, Brother Ettinger being the soloist of that organization. Brother Anderson is out for crew work and stands an excellent chance to make the freshman eight. Brother Mason '16, is chairman of the Decoration Committee for the Freshie

Glee, one of the big college formal dances, which is to be held February 21. Our chapter stands for scholastic honors as well as for campus prominence, and though we failed to better our rank in the list of fraternities and clubs, as we had hoped, we expect to do better this semester. Brother Ledwich '12, is an assistant in the Department of Jurisprudence; Brother Gates '14, is an assistant in Psychology and your humble correspondent is a Fellow in Pacific Coast History. Brother McClean '15 is an associate editor of the Daily Californian. Your correspondent published an article in the December "Occident," the literary magazine of the University, on the subject "Why Is History?" A number of our other men are taking an active part in those various organizations and other activities, which are so prominent a feature of the life of all the American Universities.

A suggestion recently made that 1915, the year of the Panama-Pacific Exposition, would be a splendid time to have the fraternity convention held here in Berkeley, receives our most enthusiastic approval. We think that it would be a splendid thing to hold the Convention here, because of the attractions of California at that time, and because of the opportunity it would give to establish closer relations between our eastern and western chapters. We can at least assure our eastern brothers that they would never regret holding the convention out here, if our best efforts would count for anything at all. At least, we would have an opportunity to extend to them that hospitality for which California is noted.

TRACY BARRETT KITTREDGE.

ALUMNI COUNCILS OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI.

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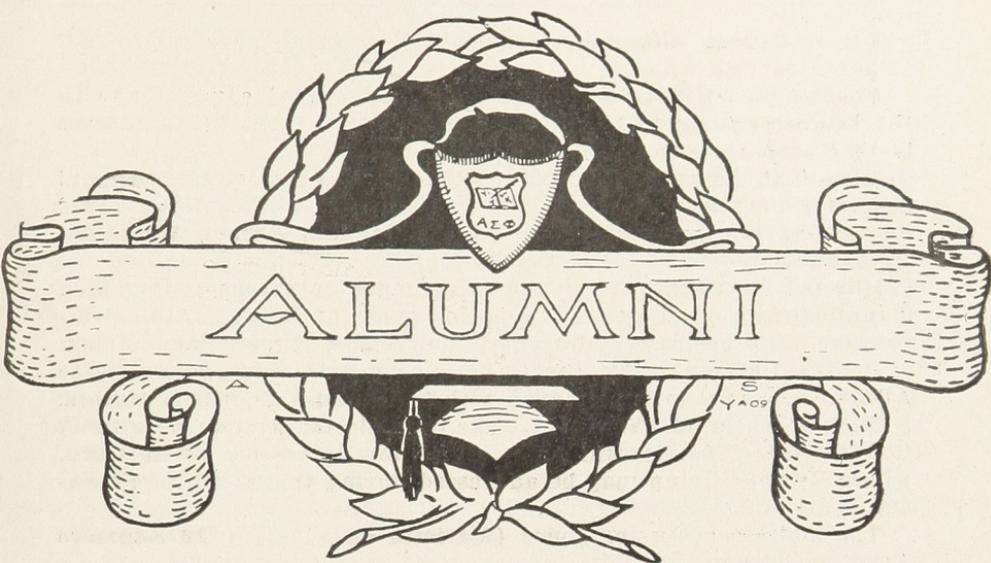
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(Brothers will confer a favor by contributing Alumni notes about themselves and others. Such contributions should be sent to the Associate Editor, Lloyd O. Mayer, 435 West 117th Street, New York City.)

Brother Ralph Emerson Myers, Yale 1909, Harvard Medical, is this year instructor of Chemistry at the Albany Medical College, Albany, N. Y. His address is 473 Hudson Avenue, Albany, N. Y.

David E. Putnam (Marietta '64) is a member of the firm of D. E. & E. D. Putnam, Stocks, Real Estate, etc., of 85 North High Street, Columbus, O.

Daniel C. Walser (Michigan '10) has changed his address from Massena, N. Y., to 2402 Oliver Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Malcolm H. Bissell (Yale '11S) has moved from Chicago and may be addressed at 7816 Edgewood Avenue, Swissvale, Pa.

Walter S. Hertzog (Columbia '10) is a member of the faculty of the Los Angeles (Cal.) High School.

Harrison W. Talcott (Yale '08) who is a senior in the law school at the University of Notre Dame, spent the Christmas holidays at New Haven, visiting Brother and Mrs. Arthur B. Squires (Yale '10A) and renewing acquaintances with the active members of Alpha.

George S. Veazie (Cornell '12) has entered the firm of Pierce & Bickford, Architects, 118-120 Lake Street, Elmira, N. Y. His residence address is 357 College Avenue.

James B. Sweeney (Yale '10L) is practicing law at Peterboro, N. H.

Dr. J. Robert Newman (Wisconsin '10) is on the staff of St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago.

Norman Southworth (Harvard '11) has secured a position with the Library Bureau, 43 Federal Street, Boston. His home address is 14 Plymouth Street, Holbrook, Mass.

Robert P. Campbell (Michigan '12) has been elected Alumni Secretary of Theta. (Alumni of that chapter will confer a favor by sending him their addresses to 123 Canfield Avenue West, Detroit, Mich.)

Howard D. Atkins (Yale '11) is manager of Atkins & Co., Inc., manufacturers of "Cortello," a parlor game of Brother Atkins' invention. His business address is 7 South Mole Street, Philadelphia.

George Ehrman (Ohio State '12) has moved from Columbus to Akron, O., where he is employed with the Summit County surveyors.

Michael J. Quinn (Yale '10L) has been elected a State Senator of Connecticut. The General Assembly is now in session at Hartford, where Brother Quinn may be addressed during the month of February.

The address of Lester Jones (Marietta ex-'14) is 4022 Kenmore Avenue, Chicago.

Clarence H. Beglinger (Wisconsin '11), who is engaged as a civil engineer with the Northern Pacific Railroad, returned to his home in Superior, Wis., for the Christmas holidays.

Arthur W. Proctor (Columbia '11) is at present employed by the committee investigating educational conditions in New York City under the direction of Professor Goodnow of Columbia University.

The annual report of the trustees of Alpha Chapter has been issued and is now being distributed to the chapters' alumni. It gives an interesting resume of the financial and other progress of the past year. Alumni of Alpha who have not received their copies may secure same by addressing Brother Cleaveland J. Rice, 1845 Yale Station, New Haven, Conn.

Mark Hatfield Wright (Michigan '10), a charter member of Theta, is convalescing from a recent illness on his ranch near Manzanar, Inyo County, California.

The address of Howard M. Butters (Illinois '11) is 2753 West Adam Street, Chicago.

George P. Whitman (Yale '07) is a member of the law firm of Felder, Anderson, Dillon & Whitman, with offices at 230 and 239 Equitable Building, Atlanta, Ga.

Werner S. Allison (Michigan '12) is with the National Biscuit Company. Brothers Allison and Lloyd O. Mayer (Yale '12) are rooming together at 60 West Tenth Street, New York City, and extend a cordial greeting to all Sigs.

Floyd C. Fuller (Marietta '06) may be addressed at 505 Offnore Street, Portsmouth, Ohio.

Robert L. Ervin (Yale '07), a charter member and the first H. S. P. of the re-organized Alpha Chapter, will attend the annual con-

vention of the National Educational Association the latter part of February.

William E. Byers (Marietta '08; Columbia '11L) is practicing at Kansas City, Mo., and is teaching Torts at the Kansas City Law School.

Stanley U. Robinson (Ohio State '12) recently underwent a serious operation at Grand Hospital, Columbus, O. He is rapidly recovering, and will be able to return to work within a short time.

William D. Bishop (Yale '11) is with the American Gramophone Company, Bridgeport, Conn. His residence address is 657 Clinton Avenue.

The address of Harold Turnbull Pritchard (Yale '07) is 602 Herkimer Street, Joliet, Ill.

Russell Kurtz (Ohio State '12) has recovered from a serious attack of typhoid fever, which lasted through the summer and early fall. He resumed his business connections with the F. & L. Lazarus Company, Columbus, O., the first of the year.

Hiram L. Gear (Marietta '62) may be addressed at his law offices, 995 Market Street, San Francisco, Cal.

The following alumni were present at the installation of Nu Chapter, at Berkeley, Cal., February 1st:—Hiram L. Gear (Marietta '62); Rev. Frank S. Brush (Marietta '78); Samuel S. McCahill (Yale '08L); and Carl E. Croson (Harvard '12).

The following alumni of the Atherton Club (now Nu Chapter) at the University of California were initiated with the charter members on February 1 and became alumni members of that chapter: Alfred Solomon, '02; James Wheeler Morin, '05; William John Cooper, '06; John Gooden Curts, '07, of Sutter Creek, Cal.; Evans Jones Hughes, '07, Sacramento, Cal.; Edward William Locher, '07, Maxwell, Cal.; Elbridge John Best, M. D., '08, San Francisco; Frederick Martin Twitchell, '08, Sacramento; James William Belooni, '10, Willetts, Cal.; Roy Henry Blosser, '11, Santa Rosa, Cal.; Ralph Edward Fusier, '12, Crockett, Cal.

Roy L. Duncan (Yale '11 Law) is now handling the Connecticut agency for the G. W. Todd Company, (Rochester, N. Y.) manufacturers of the "Protectograph System of Check Protection." Brother Duncan recently recovered from a severe attack of typhoid fever. He may be addressed Highland Court, Hartford, Conn.

Clarence Kellogg (Michigan '10L) is practicing at Flushing, Mich.

William Naumburg, Jr., (Yale '11S) is recuperating from a recent illness, which incapacitated him during the month of January.

The address of Frank W. Dunning (Illinois '09) is Brewster, Ohio.

Arthur E. Ely (Yale '07) has moved with his parents to Pittsfield, Mass., 447 West Street. Brother Ely has been suffering from a severe attack of throat trouble.

The address of Charles C. Smith, Jr., (Illinois ex-'13) is 7019 Stewart Ave., Chicago.

John L. Stivers (Yale '10 Law) is City Attorney of Montrose, Col.

George W. Hunter (Marietta '83) writes encouragingly to the editors. Brother Hunter recently returned from a business trip in the West to his home in Williamstown, Va.

The wives of Brothers Frank H. Nettleton (Yale '08), Arthur R. Squires (Yale '10 A.), and Charles A. Sattig (Yale '12S) acted as patronesses at the Sig dance held at the "Pembroke" in Woodmont, Conn., on the evening of December 6th.

The address of Charles P. Williams (Yale '62) is P. O. Box 446, South Pasadena, Cal. Brother Williams writes that he found it impossible to attend the installation of Nu Chapter at Berkeley, on February 1st.

Lee Vincent McCabe (Illinois '08), Past Grand Secretary of the fraternity, is with the Illinois Central as civil engineer in the states of Mississippi and Tennessee. His permanent address is 715 Briar Place, Chicago.

Edward B. Hine (Yale '11S) recently entered the employ of the Piersall Company, Room 724, 30 Church Street, New York City, where he holds a responsible position.

Howard B. Drake (Cornell '10), Past Grand Marshal of the fraternity, is Secretary of the Drake Hardware Company, Friendship, N. Y.

We exceedingly regret to learn of the recent illness of Hon. Homer B. Sprague (Yale '52), Grand Senior President of the fraternity, who suffered from a severe attack of la grippe during the month of January. Brother Sprague is rapidly recuperating, and is at present engaged in the revision and correction of proofs of his latest literary work.

ALUMNI COUNCILS OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI.

TOLEDO COUNCIL.

On November 26th, 1912, the "Sig" alumni living in Toledo, met in Charles A. Brady's law office, and founded the Toledo Alumni Council of Alpha Sigma Phi. A constitution was drawn up and adopted, and signed by the following brithers: Charles A. Brady (Michigan '10); M. Constant Casgray (Ohio State '10); G. Blaine Darrah (Marietta '12), C. Raymond Stout (Michigan '12), Vernon H. Pfaender (Michigan '12), and E. Sterling Aumend (Marietta ex-'15).

The officers elected for the year were: Pres., Charles A. Brady; V. Pres., Vernon H. Pfaender; and Sec.-Treas., G. Blaine Darrah.

Numerous smokers and theatre parties have been given, and we are now looking forward to a banquet which will take place soon.

G. BLAINE DARRAH, Sec.-Treas.,

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COLUMBUS COUNCIL.

Within the past two months the Columbus Council has held two very successful banquets. The first was attended by twenty-five Sigs, including several of the active members of Zeta Chapter. Brother "Bobbie" Collins was toastmaster, and every one present was given an opportunity to speak. Both banquets were held downtown.

CHICAGO COUNCIL.

The Chicago Council held its annual formal dance on Dec. 27th, in the ball room of the Hotel LaSalle. A large number of Sigs were present, including guests from among the active members of Alpha, Eta, and Kappa.

MARRIAGES.**DE VOL--KING.**

On Friday, January 17th, 1913, Miss Laurel Deane De Vol was united in marriage to Brother Roy Carlton King, (Marietta '11) and a member of Delta Chapter. Mrs. King is a sister of Brother Austin Orme De Vol, also of Delta Chapter, and now Physical Director of the Y. M. C. A. of Elkins-Davis College, Elkins, W. Va. Brother and Mrs. King will make their home at Billings, Montana, where Brother King is a member of the faculty of the Montana Polytechnic Institute.

THOMPSON--GERARD.

Miss Harriet A. Thompson (Mt. Holyoke '10) to George L. Gerard (Michigan '12), January 4th, at Hollend Patent, N. Y., their former home. Brother Nathan Van Stone (Michigan '13) acted as best man. Mr. and Mrs. Gerard will be at home after February 15th at Battle Creek, Mich.

CAMPBELL--CAYWOOD.

Miss Adelaide Pauline Caywood, daughter of Mrs. Frances Caywood, to Dwight Ezra Campbell (Harvard '12 Law), November 5th, 1912, at Des Moines, Iowa. At home after January 1st at Aberdeen, S. D.

SHUSTER--COOK.

Miss Eliza E. Shuster to Curtis E. Cook (Yale '09 M. A.), July 24th, 1912, at Blairstown, New Jersey. Brother Cook has resigned his position at Blair Academy, Blairstown, and is now teaching at the George School, George School, N. J.

LADD--SPARHAWK.

Miss Hazel Charlestine Ladd, daughter of Mrs. Daniel A. Ladd, to William N. Sparhawk (Yale '08, '10 Forestry), January 15th, at Newark, N. J.

BELL--STIVERS.

Miss Ethel Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Bell, to John Lawrence Stivers (Yale '10 Law), November 20th, 1912, at Montrose, Colorado.

CLINEDINST--ELLING.

Miss Josephine Herwig Clinedinst, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin West Clinedinst, to Harrison Cooley Eling (Harvard '13) October 26th, 1912, at "The Orchards," Pawling, N. Y.

ENGAGEMENTS.**WARE--WATERMAN.**

Miss Elizabeth Ware (Michigan '13) to Leonard Waterman (Michigan '12).

COMMUNICATIONS.**BROTHER SPRAGUE'S DEEP BEREAVEMENT.**

"Vernon Court Hotel, Newton, Mass., Feb. 1, 1913.

Mr. Wayne M. Musgrave,

51 Chambers St., New York City.

My Dear Friend:—

Your valued and very welcome letter came to hand a day or two ago. I thank you for it.

I am much gratified at the adoption of the amendment to the Constitution of $\Lambda\Sigma\Phi$. I believe that our great Fraternity now holds up a higher standard of qualifications for membership than any other Greek Letter Fraternity. Surely it must be conciliatory of all the good; and especially it should commend itself to every university and college faculty.

I am in deep and troubled waters and cannot write more now. My poor wife, after many months of unspeakable suffering, suddenly passed away last Thursday (January 30th) evening. You were

kind enough in one of your good letters to express hope for her recovery, I think. For this and for many kindnesses I am grateful.

Cordially yours,

HOMER B. SPRAGUE."

Brothers in $\Lambda \Sigma \Phi$:

This was a message that I felt was directed to you one and all and that is why I have had it reproduced in our fraternity publication. I know the good and generous heart of every loyal Sig will go out to our dear old leader in this hour of his deep tribulation. A strong man sits beside his lonely fireside listening for a footfall that will never come again, waiting for the touch of a dear but vanished hand. We cannot restore his loved one, but we can bow our heads in silent grief for him and help him with our sympathy and brotherly love to feel that "one touch of nature makes the whole world kin." I commend him to your tenderest fraternal feelings and know that you will not fail to respond.

Sincerely yours,

WAYNE M. MUSGRAVE.

EXCHANGES.

In the renewed warfare against fraternities the other state universities are the storm centers. Some fraternities have a policy to enter only state universities or other very large institutions, and many fraternities have entered only state universities in some states, and these chapters in universities oppose second chapters in the state. But fraternities now need all the support they can get to overcome the powerful opposition which has developed against them, and which promises to become more and more powerful. If they are wise they will establish chapters in other colleges than the state universities, so that the number of fraternity men shall be multiplied. The more fraternity men there are in any state the less effectual will be the opposition.—Banta's Greek Exchange.

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT.

Internal improvement. What is it? To the mind of the writer the problem of internal improvement presents itself under three distinct heads, to wit. morals, scholarship, and financial soundness. Without these three essentials no chapter of any fraternal organization will become strong and forceful. Here is one place where the upper classmen are in a position to do more than censure the freshmen, for the matter of leadership in all three lines rests almost entirely upon the integrity and standing of the upper classmen. If fraternities hope to account themselves worthy in the eyes of any community, there must be a demand within the fraternities for

cleanness in thought and living. If we are to be tolerated by the college authorities, we must demand more consistent effort in the class room; and if any chapter is going to be worthy to the fraternity that gave it a name and position, there is no place for said chapter to play fast and loose with the financial situation as it concerns its every-day life.—The Delta of Sigma Nu.

THE OLDER BROTHER

The Trip to the Bad, and Who Pays for the Ticket.

Few boys would go wrong in college if the costliness of the experience were better understood. There is no trip on the list of Thomas Cook & Son so expensive as the trip to the bad.

Beelzebub's Personally Conducted Tours to Hell have been exposed by press and pulpit, for ages, yet they go right on attracting a tremendous patronage of fools by understating the cost.

"Come for a good time," the circulars tell you. "All you need is a little money." They neglect to mention the obligations to be incurred en route, which you will never be able to pay in this life, and which every person whom you love will be called upon to help you pay before the damnable debts are cancelled.

"It is nobody's business but my own," says a young fellow when he hits the down-grade and restraining hands are held out to help him back. "I am paying for this and I am not asking anybody else. When the evil consequences arrive I'll pay for my fun like a good sport when the time comes. I'm no welcher."

That is all very fine, but such a youngster does not know that part of his punishment will consist in seeing his family and his friends surrender their happiness as a part payment for his "good time." No man ever pays the whole bill alone.

Suppose:

A young man, blessed with talent and training and possibilities for usefulness in the world, went to the red light district and wallowed in moral filth to his heart's content. At the end of the debauch the devil presented his statement.

"It is more than I can possibly pay," said the young man.

"But I must be paid," said the devil. "You will have to get somebody to help you."

"There's my father and mother."

"I'll take what they give, but they haven't enough."

"Then let my sisters contribute."

"That will help some, but there will still be a large amount due."

"Let the girl I am going to marry pay part."

"Very well," said the devil, "but you parents and sisters and best girl are too poor to pay the debt in full. You don't seem to realize the magnitude of this transaction."

"I suppose I shall have some children some day. They can pay something on the account, can't they?"

"Yes, they will have to assume their share of the burden, and

their children after them, never fear. But I must have more."

"I have many friends; they believe in me."

"They will pay, too. There are also thousands of people who might have been happier if you had not sold their talent to me. All these will have to help pay for your fun."

"All right, send them the bill," said the young man .

Sophomore Jones declares that this is an impossible supposition, and he is right. No man on earth would ask his loved ones and his friends to pay for his rottenness.

Yet they do pay, in every case. The father and mother pay with broken hearts. The sisters pay with grief and shame and shattered pride. The best girl pays with a life of devotion wasted on a sin-scourged wretch. The children, robbed of their right to be physically and morally clean-born, pay with warped souls and stunted bodies, with pain and suffering and degeneracy. The friends pay: if you have ever had a fraternity brother go wrong, you know how the friends pay. And the needy world, that might have been made better by one clean man's work in it, pays also. Suppose Edison or Mark Twain or Doctor Eliot, before they knew how great their genius was, had wrecked their lives, don't you see how heavily the world would have had to pay?

Not saying anything about what the man himself has to pay, I want only to ask you, at the beginning of the college year, to look at a fact that escapes the notice of most boys:

If a man travels the road to the devil, every one he loves will have to help pay for the ticket.

If you have never read "David Copperfield," get a copy this winter and see what befel poor Steerforth. There are Steerforths in every college generation. God pity them—and their friends!—The Caduceus of Kappa Sigma through Shield of Theta Delta Chi, The Mask of Kappa Psi.—Phi Chi Quarterly.—Sigma Nu Delta.—The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

CHAPTERS.

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1. —Suspended in 1863; re-established as a University Fraternity in 1907.
 2. —Suspended in 1857; re-established in 1911.
 3. —Established at Amherst College in 1856; suspended in 1862; re-established at Massachusetts Agricultural College in 1913.
 4. —Charter withdrawn after five weeks owing to dissensions in Alpha Chapter.

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