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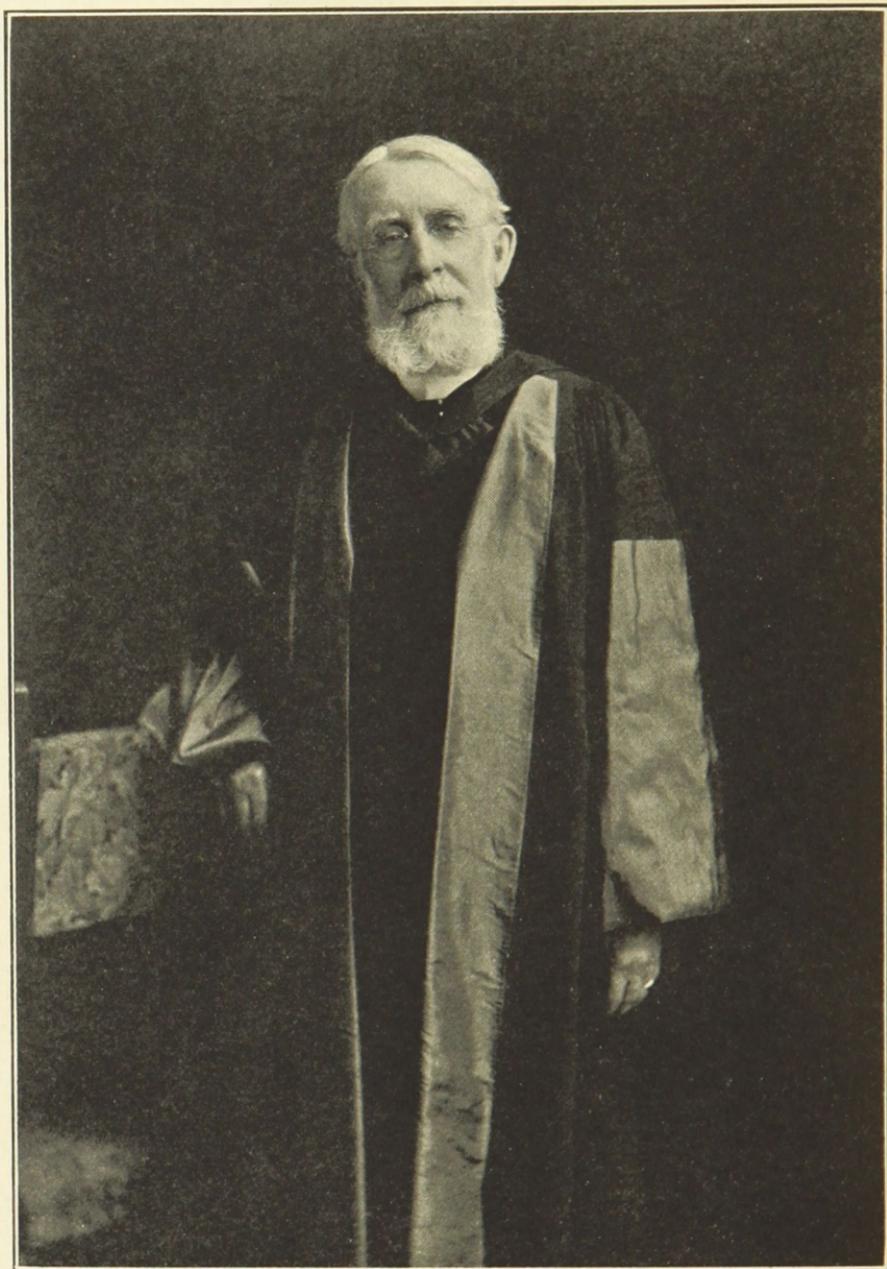
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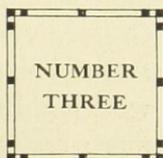
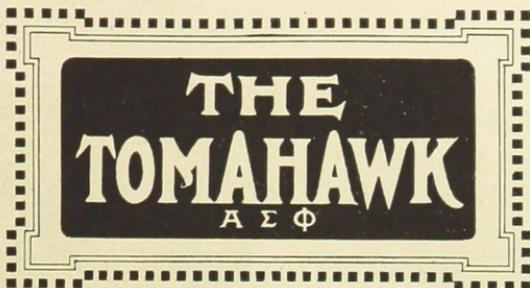
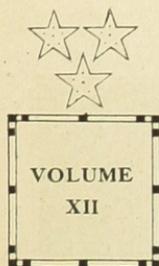
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DR. ANDREW D. WHITE



APRIL, NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTEEN

MY FAVORITE BOOKS*

BY DR. ANDREW D. WHITE

REFERRING to your request that I prepare a list of the books which have given me most real profit and abiding pleasure, allow me to say that the task you suggest is not an easy one; indeed, I am not sure that it is possible.

Throughout my whole life I have been fond of books and, while my reading has taken various directions, it has been mainly in history and biography; but it would be impossible to recommend any single list of books on these subjects, for the reason that so much depends on the aims and tastes of the person advised, and I will, therefore, simply give a list of those works which, in a general way, have had most influence upon me.

First of all, like most American boys and girls of my time, I was brought up to read The Bible and was nurtured in one of the religious bodies which incorporates into its worship very many of the noblest parts of our Sacred Books. Of these, the portions which have always seemed to me to give the keynote to the whole have been, for the Old Testament, the grander Psalms, the nobler portions of Isaiah, and above all, the Sixth Chapter of Micah; and in the New Testament, the utterances ascribed to Jesus himself, of which the Sermon on the Mount is supreme, with St. James' definition of "Pure Religion and undefiled", and St. Paul's description of "Charity". In perfection of English diction, there is, in the whole range of literature, nothing to surpass the story of "Joseph and his Brethren."

* The Cornell Era.

Next, as to classic writers,—I should name in Greek, the more striking parts of the *Iliad*, and of *Thucydides*, and, in Latin, *Caesar*, *Virgil*, and above all, the *Odes* of *Horace*, *The Agricola* and *Germania* of *Tacitus* and the *Letters* of *Cicero*. The latter work exhibits the Roman Republic and the causes of Caesarism more really than any other books ever written, and it can best be read in the new translation, which is just now appearing in the Loeb series.

In English, I would name, of Shakespeare's writings, especially "Hamlet," "Julius Caesar," "Macbeth," "Henry IV," "Henry V," "The Merchant of Venice," "Midsummer Night's Dream," and, on a lower plane, "As You Like It," "Much Ado About Nothing," "Twelfth Night" and "The Merry Wives of Windsor."

As to the great poet in our language, who, by common consent, stands next to Shakespeare, and in my opinion, in some respects, before him, I would name Milton, especially his "Comus," "Allegro," "Penseroso," "Christmas Hymn," and above all, the "Sonnets." Of these latter, that upon "The Persecutions in Piedmont" has wrought a hatred for religious intolerance into my whole being. As to the "Paradise Lost," certain passages in it have strongly impressed me, but I have never read it as a whole and I doubt whether I know any other person who has ever done so. The passage in "Samson Agonistes" beginning "O! how comely it is and how reviving to the spirits of just men long oppressed," etc., sank deeply into my mind when I first read it, and when I quoted it in a speech above the body of Abraham Lincoln as he lay dead in the Capitol at Albany, it seemed to enter the hearts and minds of my hearers better by far than any other words could have done.

As to Milton's prose, the supreme thing is his "Speech for the Liberty of Unlicensed Printing."

Closely after these writings of Milton, I should mention Wordsworth's "Intimations of Immortality," "Ode to Duty," and above all, his "Sonnets." As to longer writings, "The Excursion" and the like, I have never read them. Next, I should name Tennyson's "In Memoriam."

To these I should add sundry short pieces as typical of those which have had a deep influence upon me, as follows:—Sir Henry

Wotton's "Happy Life," Grey's "Elegy," Goldsmith's "Deserted Village," Burns' "Cotter's Saturday Night" and "Tam o' Shanter," Keats' "Ode to a Grecian Urn," various passages in Byron's "Childe Harold"—especially the Apostrophe to "The Ocean" and the "Night and Tempest," Bryant's "Thanatopsis," Lowell's "Massaccio," which I think is the most profound of his short poems, and his "Bigelow Papers." I also love and admire Whittier's "The Eternal Goodness," from which various selections have been made in the collection of Hymns used in our University Chapel.

As to oratorical writings, the three greatest speeches, to my mind, in the English language, and perhaps in any language, are Daniel Webster's "Reply to Hayne," Burke's plea for "The Conciliation of America," and Abraham Lincoln's "Address at Gettysburg." These should all be read again and again.

In fiction I have read much, but would give the foremost place in English to Walter Scott's "Quentin Durward," "Ivanhoe," "Kenilworth," "Heart of Midlothian," "Guy Mannering," "Peveril of the Peak," "Rob Roy," "The Monastery," "The Abbot," "Count Robert of Paris," and "The Talisman." I give these not as in all cases the best, for I am aware that the four last named are considered by many as inferior to some others, but I simply name those which have most impressed me, probably on account of their historical connections. Scott is somewhat out of fashion today, but the fascination which he may still exercise was shown a few years since by James Russell Lowell upon his death bed. Oliver Wendell Holmes came in to see him and said, "Well, James, how do you feel this morning?", to which Lowell answered, "Oliver, I don't know and I don't care,—I am reading 'Rob Roy'!"

In the long list of modern English fiction, I would select Thackeray's "Vanity Fair," "The Newcomes," and "Henry Esmond," Hawthorne's "Scarlet Letter," Charles Reade's "The Cloister and The Hearth," Edward Eggleston's "Hoosier Schoolmaster," Kingsley's "Westward Ho;" and in contemporary fiction, Kipling's Stories, Zangwill's Jewish Novels, Countess Arnim's "Elizabeth in her German Garden," and her other stories, and two or three recent publications of W. D. Howells and Winston Churchill.

The best *short* stories in English I have ever read are Mark Twain's "Jumping Frog" and Bret Harte's "Luck of Roaring Camp," and "Outcasts of Poker Flat."

In the boundless realms of French fiction I would name one book which seems to me the greatest romance in that language—Victor Hugo's "Hunchback of Notre Dame," and as the most fascinating dramas, his Spanish plays, especially "Don Caesar de Bazan," and as the best short story, Anatole France's "Crime de Sylvester Bonnard."

The most profound and penetrating of all historical novels known to me, in any language, is Anatole France's "Les Dieux ont Soif"—("The Gods are Athirst"). It reveals better, I think, than any purely historical work has ever done the causes of the French Revolutionary catastrophe.

In German I would name among the dramas, Lessing's "Nathan the Wise," Goethe's "Faust," and Schiller's great plays, by no means excluding "Fiesco," and I would certainly add Gutzkow's "Uriel Acosta."

Of fascinating short stories illustrating the general history of Germany I would name those of the late W. H. Riehl, of the University of Munich—published under various titles, such as "Culturgeschichtliche Novellen," "Aus der Ecke," and the like. They are exquisitely perfect in style, and reveal psychological and historical characteristics of the men and times concerned with most remarkable depth and charm.

Finally, in the whole realm of historical fiction, I would name one romance which has seemed to me the greatest ever written, (in any language) *i. e.*, Manzoni's "Promessi Sposi." It was inspired, indeed, by Walter Scott, but reached a higher range than anything ever written by him.

As to other books, I was, during my college days, interested in Macaulay's "Essays." I do not rate them as highly now as I did then, but it is well worth while for any thinking student, whether American or English, to read them. I was also especially influenced by Carlyle's writings, above all, by his "Past and Present," and by his great prose poem, "The History of the French Revolution." Of writings in which wit and humor do wonderful service for Right-Reason I would name Sydney Smith's Essays.

Of works showing marvellous insight into the aims of various great men of modern times, I would place first H. D. Traill's "New Lucian," and as masterly short biographies of recent English statesmen, those given by James Bryce in his single volume upon that subject.

In journalism I would name, as the best letters by a newspaper correspondent known to me, those of George Washburn Smalley, from America to *The London Times*, and from England to *The New York Tribune*. They have been gathered into several volumes under various titles, and are still going on in the Sunday edition of the latter newspaper. I would also couple with these letters those of Frank B. Sanborn to *The Springfield Republican*.

Of the very great number of biographies read by me, I was perhaps most happily influenced by Stanley's "Life of Thomas Arnold," and, in general, by Goldwin Smith's various writings, as for example, those in which he defended the United States during the Civil War, his short "History of the United States," and his book on Canada. Senator Charles Sumner, though at the time a bitter opponent of Goldwin Smith in various respects, said to me, just after the latter arrived at Cornell, "You have brought over the foremost writer in the English language at the present time, as regards style."

I would also name as essay writers, James Anthony Froude, whose account of the "Destruction of the Spanish Armada" is one of the most thrilling things in any language, and Matthew Arnold, whose "Literature and Dogma" has produced a lasting effect on religious thought.

As stated above, my main reading has been in History and Biography, and if I were to select three books best worth reading—as arousing thought—in the first of these fields, I should name Lecky's "History of Rationalism in Europe," and Guizot's "History of Civilization in Europe," and "History of Civilization in France."

The field of American History is, for American students, so large that I hardly dare enter it. For the purposes of the student and for the whole history, I think that the most practically useful and attractive general "History of the United States" is by Schouler. I would strongly advise reading American History

largely in Biographies, as for example, "The Life of Washington," by Lodge, Franklin's "Autobiography," edited by Bigelow, the "Lives of Jefferson and Andrew Jackson" by Parton, and the "Life of John Quincy Adams" by Seward. Of Lincoln, the great Life is by Hay and Nicolay, and there are various smaller biographies which are good. There has also recently appeared an admirable Life of a recent President who has been most grossly misrepresented and slandered, in spite of the fact that he was one of the best equipped and noblest Presidents in the whole line, namely, Rutherford B. Hayes. If any student wishes to see what, in my opinion, is an ideal student's life, it will be found in his Biography.

As the best short book on American history,—recently published—I would name "The Hundred Years of Peace," by Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts; it tells certain truths which England has long needed to hear.

This letter can be best finished, perhaps, by my saying that in my recent miscellaneous reading, I have been more than ever impressed by the "Letters" of Abigail Adams to her husband, John Adams, Second President of the United States, to her son, John Quincy Adams, afterward Sixth President, to Thomas Jefferson, and to various other correspondents, during the whole War of Independence, also at the time when her husband was Minister to Great Britain, and an American Representative in France and in the Netherlands, and finally, when as Vice-President and afterward as President, he was living, first at Philadelphia and, finally, at Washington. I have come to regard Mrs. Adams as one of the greatest and noblest women who have ever lived, and for that reason, am having her full length portrait placed in the broad south window at Risley Hall, between the figures of Elizabeth Fry and Mary Somerville.

In my very latest reading, three small books have impressed me especially. The first of these is President Jordan's remarkable book upon War, entitled "The Human Harvest." Next, the Reverend Harry Fosdick's book written in the light of recent Science, entitled, "The Assurance of Immortality." The third is the most valuable book known to me regarding the main, fundamental reforms now most needed in the United States, namely, "The Reform of Legal Procedure," by Moorfield Storey. This

latter book is very short and no young man who hopes to exercise a useful influence upon public affairs can afford, in my opinion, to neglect reading it carefully.

In conclusion, let me remind you again, that I do not at all name the above books as the very best that any man can read, but simply as those, which, out of my own reading, during a period of nearly eighty years, seem, as I look back, to have exercised the greatest and happiest influence upon me.

As this letter has been hastily dictated in a single morning—some things have, doubtless, slipped my memory, and some may need correction.

THE SAN FRANCISCO CONVENTION

Don't forget that the 1915 Convention of Alpha Sigma Phi will be held at San Francisco on September 1, 2, 3 and 4. Are you laying your plans accordingly? This will be the largest and best Convention in the history of the Fraternity, and you know that's a mighty broad assertion. If you can possibly go to the Coast this Summer, you owe it to yourself and to your Fraternity to be there for the first four days of September. Remember that Saturday, September 4, is "Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity Day" at the Exposition.

The Convention Committee is anxious to serve you in any way possible, and you should communicate with them at once concerning the reservation of rooms, etc. Write to the Chairman of the Committee, Eugene K. Sturgis, 2458 Ashby Avenue, Berkeley, California.

KEARNY AT SEVEN PINES

BY EDMUND CLARENCE STEDMAN

Alpha Chapter 1851, Yale 1853

SO the soldierly legend is still on its journey,—
That story of Kearny who knew not to yield!
'Twas the day when with Jameson, fierce Berry, and Birney,
Against twenty thousand he rallied the field.
Where the red volleys poured, where the clamor rose highest,
Where the dead lay in clumps through the dwarf oak and pine,
Where the aim from the thicket was surest and nighest,—
No charge like Phil Kearny's along the whole line.

When the battle went ill, and the bravest were solemn,
Near the dark Seven Pines, where we still held our ground,
He rode down the length of the withering column,
And his heart at our war cry leapt up with a bound;
He sniffed, like his charger, the wind of the powder—
His sword waved us on and we answered the sign;
Loud our cheer as we rushed, but his laugh rang the louder,
"There's the devil's own fun, boys, along the whole line!"

How he strode his brown steed! How we saw his blade brighten
In the one hand still left—and the reins in his teeth.
He laughed like a boy when the holidays heighten,
But a soldier's glance shot from his visor beneath.
Up came the reserves to the mellay infernal,
Asking where to go in—through the clearing or pine?
"Oh, anywhere! Forward! 'Tis all the same, Colonel;
You'll find lovely fighting along the whole line!"

Oh, evil the black shroud of night at Chantilly,
That hid him from sight of his brave men and tried!
Foul, foul sped the bullet that clipped the white lily,
The flower of our knighthood, the whole army's pride!
Yet we dream that he still—in that shadowy region
Where the dead form their ranks at the wan drummer's sign—
Rides on, as of old, down the length of his legion,
And the word still is "Forward!" along the whole line.

CHAPTER MANAGEMENT *

BY SION B. SMITH

President of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity

ONE sentence in a report of Dean Warnock, of the University of Illinois, has stuck in my mind: "The one factor which stands out above others as being valuable and important is chapter management." This is the deliberate conclusion of the assistant dean of men in one of the largest universities in the land, whose particular business it is to observe and analyze the student organizations, their tendencies and their influence, in their relations to the general university life. And he supports his conclusion by the evidence of specific examples.

But the proposition scarcely needs proof. It is axiomatic in the business world. Next to insufficient capital, inefficient management is the most prolific source of failure. The only strange thing about it is that no one has thought before to apply it to the college student in his undergraduate life.

What duty do we, in Phi Kappa Psi, with the best thing for our Fraternity foremost in our intentions, owe in this respect? When it comes to the election of a treasurer or a presiding officer of our chapter—and the order of importance is used advisedly—do we think first of the fellow we like best, or of the one who can best do the work of the office? The next time an election is held in your chapter, put that alternative choice squarely up to yourself, and your vote will show you whether you think more of your friend than of your Fraternity.

This is a matter of pre-eminent importance, in the light of the quotation with which this discussion began. Chapter management is the one outstanding factor in chapter success. Not long ago a faculty official said, "The _____ chapter is the strongest in the college this year. But next year they will get bumped awfully. They will have no leader in the chapter." No lack of character in the men or change in the membership, but simply the lack of management to result from the graduation of the dominant leadership.

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From an experience in Fraternity affairs covering more than a quarter of a century, it is my firm conviction that the financial management of a chapter is the surest index of its success. This is possibly not due to any relatively greater importance of the financial element, but rather the fact that it is the one first affected, and most conspicuous when bad. Nevertheless the fact remains that the way a chapter meets and manages its financial affairs is the quickest and surest gauge of its general standing. The need, then, of a business man for a business administration, rather than a good fellow or even a fellow who really needs the assistance, is self-evident. And a chapter can better afford to give a worthy brother a lift in almost any other way than by making him the financial manager, unless he has the business ability.

There is one other suggestion along this line worthy of consideration. One great lack in the college course of today is the absence of opportunity to gain familiarity with parliamentary procedure, and self-possession and facility of expression before an audience, which the old literary societies of the seventies and eighties afforded. This is not supplied by schools of oratory or teachers of elocution. Like swimming, it can not be learned theoretically. It requires the stimulus of controversy to develop the mental alertness which is essential to a presiding officer or a public speaker or debater. How often in our own conventions does the young fellow lose the force of a really strong position through lack of knowing how to present it!

No man of a caliber fit for a college education has any right to leave college without a fair knowledge of ordinary parliamentary procedure, and ability to express himself acceptably in a public meeting. You may think that in your business or profession you will never have occasion to use such knowledge, but you can never tell when the lack of that ability may seriously compromise your standing as a college man among your associates. And the results are sometimes disastrous. Not many years ago a delegate to the national gathering of his religious denomination, a cultured, refined, polished gentleman of high erudition, who had every reason to expect at that meeting an elevation to the highest office within the gift of his church, that of bishop, was incontinently dropped from consideration because as chair-

man of one of the large committees he did not know what the moving of the previous question meant.

Some few fraternity chapters carry out a full literary program at every regular meeting, but most chapters do not care to take their meetings so seriously. By that neglect they are missing something as important in the education of a college man as any subject in his course. But could our chapters not gain at least a portion of that benefit by holding a formal debate, once a month or oftener, on some question of general Fraternity or chapter policy? There are many such topics, of unusually vital interest just at this time: for instance, redistricting; undergraduate predominance in the Executive Council membership; the unit rule in the granting of charters; interfraternity councils; rushing rules and their observance; house rules, what they should and what they should not contain; scholarship; alumni relations; chapter financing. These are subjects in which every active Phi Psi is interested, about which he has something to say, and on which he should have definite opinions. A regular and serious discussion of topics like these would incalculably advance our Fraternity character and standing, and incidentally develop a department of your education which is somewhat atrophied in these latter days.

THE BLUE AND THE GRAY

BY FRANCIS MILES FINCH

Alpha 1846, Yale 1848

*In 1869 the women of Columbus, Miss., * * * strewed flowers alike on the graves of the Confederate and of the National soldiers.*

BY the flow of the inland river,
Whence the fleets of iron have fled,
Where the blades of the grave-grass quiver,
Asleep are the ranks of the dead;
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the Judgment Day;
Under the one the Blue,
Under the other the Gray.

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These in the robings of glory,
 Those in the gloom of defeat,
 All with the battle-blood gory,
 In the dusk of eternity meet:
 Under the sod and the dew,
 Waiting the Judgment Day;
 Under the laurel the Blue,
 Under the willow the Gray.

From the silence of sorrowful hours,
 The desolate mourners go,
 Lovingly laden with flowers,
 Alike for the friend and the foe:
 Under the sod and the dew,
 Waiting the Judgment Day;
 Under the roses the Blue,
 Under the lilies the Gray.

So, with an equal splendor,
 The morning sun rays fall,
 With a touch impartially tender,
 On the blossoms blooming for all:
 Under the sod and the dew,
 Waiting the Judgment Day;
 Broidered with gold the Blue,
 Mellowed with gold the Gray.

So, when the Summer calleth,
 On forest and field of grain,
 With an equal murmur falleth
 The cooling drip of the rain:
 Under the sod and the dew,
 Waiting the Judgment Day;
 Wet with the rain the Blue,
 Wet with the rain the Gray.

Sadly, but not with upbraiding,
 The generous deed was done;
 In the storm of the years that are fading,
 No braver battle was won:
 Under the sod and the dew,
 Waiting the Judgment Day;
 Under the blossoms the Blue,
 Under the garlands the Gray.

No more shall the war cry sever,
 Or the winding rivers be red;
 They banish our anger forever
 When they laurel the graves of our dead!
 Under the sod and the dew,
 Waiting the Judgment Day;
 Love and tears for the Blue,
 Tears and love for the Gray.

405 Main Street,
RIVERTON, NEW JERSEY, March 15, 1915.

MR. WAYNE M. MUSGRAVE,
51 Chambers Street, New York.

DEAR SIR:

You must excuse my tardiness in answering your letter. It is not from indifference, for anything that belongs to those old days of the Class of '59 at Amherst will always be an interest for me, although I was compelled to leave the class at the end of my sophomore year, 1857.

There is something that clings to old college memories which seems to renew one's youth and brings back some of its old enthusiasm, something like Moore expresses so beautifully,

"You may break, you may shatter the vase if you will,
But the scent of the roses will cling round it still."

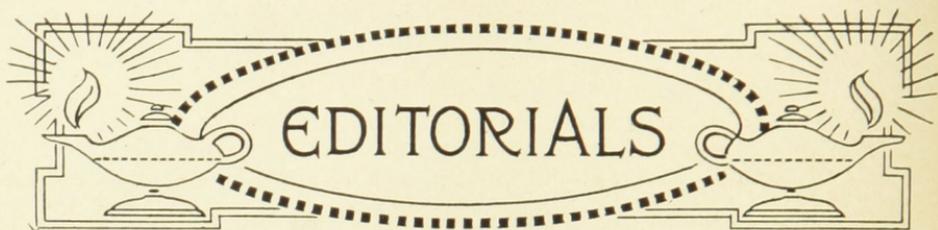
I visited Amherst in 1909, our Class' semi-centennial, and it was a very happy reunion indeed. Out of 44 who graduated with that Class, 21 were living in 1909 and twelve only were present, but we did enjoy it. I am carried back so many years in memory that I am getting off the subject.

I remember old A Σ Φ in '56 and '57 as one of our chief college enjoyments. It was then considered a Sophomore Society, and also a literary society. It came near expiring in the hands of '58, and so '59 took it up like a sick kitten and nursed it and coddled it and left it to '60 to further develop, or I might better say finish the resuscitation. There were not many of us and we were not well provided with money but we determined that it should not die in the hands of '59, so we hired a large room over that livery stable in the rear of the Amherst House, had it cleaned, bought carpet, stoves, etc., boxing gloves, foils, etc., and concluded the best thing to save old A Σ Φ was not to undertake to be too exacting in literary exercises but to get as many congenial fellows as possible into it to keep it for '60, and fun we did have. It thrills my old heart now as I write. It was our hall of relaxation. And we kept the old society alive for '60.

Apropos of our fun, I must relate an incident of my trip to Amherst in 1909 Commencement. Leaving as I did to study medicine at Commencement in 1857 I had not seen the place for 52 years. Walking past the Amherst House I had to turn to left to go to my lodgings and looking over my left shoulder I saw a building which looked so entirely like the old one where we had our meeting room of A Σ Φ with large letters on it, LIVERY STABLE, all a perfect replica of our old nest. Involuntarily I burst out into a fit of laughter, and it makes me stop and laugh as I am writing. Oh dear! I have enjoyed writing you this letter, just calling up those old scenes and A Σ Φ was present in so many of them.

Leaving the Class in 1857 I don't know much about what occurred afterwards, but I do know we stuck to the job and delivered her over to '60. I could have given you more information if I had remained until graduation. I know that the scholarship of our fun-loving crowd was highly respectable, some of us stood as high as could be desired. Anshart, whose name I have checked, was living in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, in 1909. He left the class in 1857 as I did and became a lawyer, but ended up as a civil engineer. Johnny Ward, a splendid fellow and scholar, died of typhoid before his term of college was out. Sydney Howe, a lieutenant, in a Massachusetts regiment was killed at the Battle of Williamsburg. John S. Whilldin (my old chum) went through the war as surgeon of a Pennsylvania regiment and died at home. We were chums in Amherst and also in the University of Pennsylvania where we both studied medicine. I still live, but am getting too old to do any business, but happy in the enjoyment of my children and grandchildren, but alas my *truly other half* died twenty-seven years ago and I live with a daughter she gave me, and thank my God for her every day.

Very truly yours,
ALEX. MARCY, SR.



ENLIGHTENMENT

We have always avered that ignorance of the existing conditions was the real cause of the anti-fraternity sentiment which has arisen in various states.

We know of a young man who took a prominent part in a bitter fight which was waged against the fraternities at a state university a year or so ago. This young man knew nothing whatever about fraternities in their true existence, and we sincerely believe that he merely grasped at that opportunity as a means of becoming active on the campus. However, it developed that he later found it necessary to find employment to help defray his expenses and he accepted a more or less menial position in the home of one of the oldest fraternities in the university. We know not why he deigned to accept employment at the hands of a fraternity, but nevertheless he did, and was thereby placed in a position to study fraternity life at close range. What was the result? Suffice it to say that not many moons had passed before this "certain young man" could no longer be found among the "antis".

We claim no originality in the thought that the way to alleviate the fraternity problem is to organize more fraternities. A goodly proportion of the men in nearly every college in the land are affiliated with no fraternity. Give them a chance. Let them have an opportunity to enjoy those privileges which only a fraternity can offer. There are a few who would never join a fraternity simply as a matter of conviction, but we feel sure that our "certain young man" would have "jumped at the chance" had any fraternity in the university desired his affiliation.

The advent of a new national fraternity in a college should be hailed with delight by the fraternities already established there, for it means reinforcement in the cause of fraternalism and a relative depletion in the ranks of a possible opposition.

A NEW ALUMNI COUNCIL

A new alumni council has been added to our fast-growing list. It is located at Seattle, Washington, the home of Mu Chapter, and gives promise of becoming one of the "livest" councils in the fraternity.

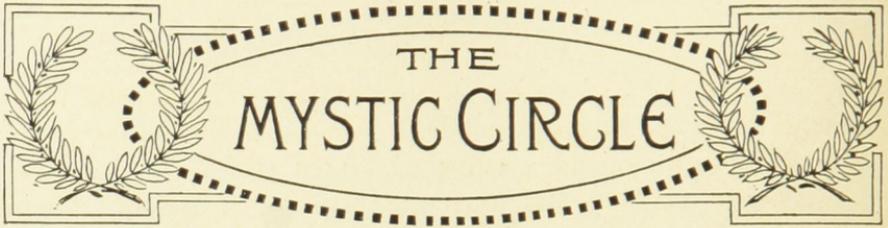
There are now twelve alumni councils of Alpha Sigma Phi, and some of them are doing great work in the way of keeping up the interest of the alumni. We feel safe in saying that Chicago Council is one of the most enthusiastic fraternity alumni organizations to be found anywhere, in testimony whereof we refer you to the Chicago Council letter on another page.

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Elsewhere in this number we reproduce two poems upon Civil War subjects that are justly famous as literary productions. Both have made their authors famous and their names household words. It is gratifying that both are by members of this Fraternity.

Francis Miles Finch, the author of "The Blue and the Gray" will long be remembered for his kindly charity in the treatment of a subject that formerly meant much bitterness between the sections of a divided nation. It was fitting that one who wore the Union blue through red years of war should make this tribute to the kindly acts of the Confederate women of Mississippi and the men who wore the gray.

Edmund Clarence Stedman while a student at Yale in 1851 was Editor of Vol. V THE TOMAHAWK published by Alpha Chapter, and because it was published in defiance of a faculty rule forbidding it, he was obliged to give up his college career. Subsequently his indiscretion was forgiven and he was allowed to receive his degree with the Class of '53. "Kearney at Seven Pines" will have a greater meaning to the members of A Σ Φ henceforth we believe.



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ALPHA CHAPTER, YALE UNIVERSITY, NEW HAVEN, CONN.
[No chapter letter received.—Ed.]

BETA CHAPTER, HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

On the evening of February 23rd an event took place which will go down into the archives of the Fraternity as unique. At that time a father and a son were initiated into the mysteries of Sigdom together, and, standing side by side, they received the right hand of fellowship in Alpha Sigma Phi. We have already noted the election of Carl Otto Jordan Wheeler, '16, in our last letter; shortly after his election it was discovered that his father, Dr. H. J. Wheeler, M. A. C., '85, was a member of the C. S. C. Fraternity, which later became Gamma of $\Lambda \Sigma \Phi$. We communicated with him and with our Brothers at Gamma and arrangements were made to initiate him for them as an alumni member, in accordance with their blanket permit from the G. J. P. Dr. Wheeler assented and, moreover, suggested that his classmate, Dr. E. W. Allen of Washington, D. C., be initiated at the same time. Dr. Allen, a former president of the C. S. C. Fraternity, is at present Vice-Director of Experiment Stations and editor of the *Experiment Station Record* for the United States Department of Agriculture. The initiation went off very nicely, and we are glad to greet Brothers Wheeler, both senior and junior, and Brother Allen as fellow Sigs.

Beta held her annual banquet on Saturday evening, February 27th, at the Thorndike, Boston. It was a highly successful affair in every way. We were glad to welcome as our guests Brother Robert T. Frost of Gamma, Brother Stanley G. White of Alpha, and Brother Frank C. Stanford of Lambda. And,

by the way, while we are on the subject of banquets, let us extend Gamma our congratulations for the ripping affair which she "pulled off" on the evening of March 5th.

We are glad to announce the birth of a Boston Alumni Council. The place of birth was Beta's chapter house and the time was February 16th. The child is now doing nicely under the able care of "Doctors" Judd Dewey, Beta, '12, and Francis Smith, Beta, '14. We were pleased to welcome Brother Copeland, Delta, '73, who was present at the organization meeting.

With the approach of spring, several of our number are devoting their attention to athletics again. Brother "Bill" Mason is out with the baseball squad. Brother "Squeek" Peoples is coxing one of the 'varsity squad crews on the river. Brother Story, in spite of several insidious attempts to incapacitate him by rival aspirants for his position, is still a prominent member of the Lacrosse team. Brother Leo Foley has begun his spring training as a member of the 'varsity track team.

In non-athletic activities, too, Beta is not behind. Brother "Gene" Balliganhas made a part in the Dramatic Club's spring show. Brother Trafford will soon descend on New Haven with the tender members of the Freshman Debating Team in his charge. Brother "Addie" Gardner has just been rewarded for his excellence in linguistic fields by election to the Cercle Francais. Brothers Wheeler, Rodgers and Peoples have recently been elected to the Speakers Club.

We are sorry to state that Brother George W. Palmer has departed from our midst, having completed the requirements for his degree at Mid-years. We are all sorry to have George go, for he was a mighty good fellow. He is now with the Hugh Nawn Construction Company. Brother Robert H. J. Holden has been elected H.C. to fill the vacancy caused by Brother Palmer's withdrawal.

FRANK S. WELSH.

GAMMA CHAPTER, MASSACHUSETTS AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE,
AMHERST, MASSACHUSETTS

Work of the second semester is well under way and June is fast approaching, none realizing this more than the seniors;

they have reached the last lap of their college career and the graduation of 1915 is going to leave some holes in Gamma that will be hard to fill by anyone. Although we have but one honor man, the others are all-around men and are going to be missed when we come back to college next fall. In addition to his regular senior work, Brother George Hall is doing work which is giving him credit for an advanced degree and so he is cutting off a half year of that work after he gets out.

Right here I might mention that we have been honored by the election of Brother Draper, '15, to Φ κ Φ , the scientific honorary fraternity for high scholastic standing. Brother Draper has been a hard worker and has taken part in all lines of activity during his college course and deserves great credit for this honor conferred upon him.

We still have our share of men in athletics. We had an even break in hockey, but the teams we played were the best, so we do not feel disappointed over the result. Brother Draper was awarded his letter as manager of the team, it being the second letter he has earned, the other being in tennis the past two years; Brother "King" Babbit was elected one of the assistant managers at the same time. Brother Ricker, '16, is now track manager, having succeeded the 1915 manager and he will act in that capacity until June of his senior year. Brother Frost, '15, and his basketball team found themselves at the opposite end of the final standing from which they had hoped to be; but "Bob" played a consistent game and deserves his share of the credit; we were well represented on the interclass teams and had two of the captains; 1917 won the play-off with 1916 for the championship. The majority of the freshmen are out for either 'varsity or class baseball, and Brothers Sullivan and Sutherland are working for the college weekly; Brother Baxter is a candidate for assistant manager of 'varsity baseball. Brother Sutherland is a regular member of the glee club and is the curiosity of all the trips on account of his lack of size.

There has been plenty doing in the social line lately. The Prom was the big event of the winter and talk of that has not yet ceased. The chapter is in possession of two fine silver candlesticks with the fraternity letters engraved on them from the girls who made up the house party, and the former are proudly

pointed out to all visitors as a gift from "our Prom girls". Phi Sigma Kappa held an open house at their new home recently for the student body, at which we were all represented and a fine time was enjoyed by all. The informal dances have been fairly well attended and we have had our share of men at all of them. At the next one the freshmen will be broken in. Just now a social night before vacation is being planned and a good time is expected. After the holidays, we are planning for a tea to which the lady friends of the fraternity will be invited. The initiation banquet was a decided success; we had fifty-five seated and the following delegates were present: Alpha, Brother Malcolm Bissell; Beta, Brother Frank Welsh; Omicron, Brother Albert Hovey; Delta, Brother Dr. Charles Walker. The speeches started at ten with Brother Hosmer, '10, acting as toastmaster, which position he filled very fluently, as at half-past twelve the brothers were very reluctant at having to leave in order to get home that night. It was absolutely the best time possible and a strong spirit was surely worked up and instilled into the freshmen.

We recently had the pleasure of a visit from Brother Tyler (A '11) and although a short one, was appreciated by us for it showed that we were not forgotten by the older brothers. Over the week-end of the banquet, Brother Staples made his headquarters here at the house. The week preceding the banquet, we were pleased to have with us for a short time Brother Dr. Allen who had just taken his initiation at Harvard and who had several amusing accounts of the same to give us. Brother Allen was one of the founders of the old C. S. C., our name before we joined the mystic circle, and he is one of the most welcome visitors we could possibly have at any time.

The next time a letter comes out, it will be after college closes and Gamma takes this opportunity to wish all the sister chapters the best of success for the remaining few months of this college year and we hope that when finals are over, our ranks will not be minus a single man.

HERBERT W. BISHOP.

DELTA CHAPTER, MARIETTA COLLEGE, MARIETTA, OHIO

The period which has just elapsed has furnished no thrills for the Sigs of Delta and has been characterized by the dull grind of scholarly routine, without variation.

The baseball team has taken the field, most of the old men being on hand, and these combined with the promising new material should produce the goods. Brother Wilbur M. White, '14 is coaching the squad.

The Sigs made their usual good showing in our mid-winter athletic carnival, taking a big bunch of prizes and winning the inter-fraternity relay by a margin of a lap and a half. Brother C. D. Freshour, '16 received the silver cup which was presented to the athlete winning the greatest number of points.

As a body we have been socially dormant since February 22, and our social reputation has been left entirely in the hands of a few individuals who endeavor to maintain our standing by regular Wednesday and Sunday night calls.

On the eve of the eighteenth, we turned the lower floor of our house over to the girls' basketball team, who entertained in honor of the visiting girls' team from Caldwell, Ohio. It was a novel occasion, and was enjoyed by all. At the present time we are making preparations for the Kombined Kollege Karnival which is to be held soon, and we are sparing ourselves no pains to make it a bigger success than ever. Brother Humphrey, '15 has charge of our end of the program, and is assisted by Brothers C. D. Freshour, J. R. McConnell and A. Wells Hutchison.

Brother J. Robert McConnell, '17 has been distinguishing himself of late as a soloist and is at present doing the solo work at the Presbyterian Church in this city.

With the opening of the spring weather the track team is due to appear out of doors. Several big meets have been arranged for this year. Brother Clarence Freshour, '16 is the captain for this year, and Brother S. T. Boggess is student manager.

At a recent meeting Brother Dane Wallace was chosen to represent us at the California Convention. It is said that he will wear a stone-gray suit and be conspicuous because of the Sig colors which will be displayed when he removes his hat.

We take pleasure in announcing in this the initiation of Brothers Louis A. List, '18 of Sardinia; John D. Herlihy, '18 of Chillicothe, Ohio; Edward A. Reimann, '18 of Vineland, N. J.; Robert W. Erdmann, '18 of Chillicothe, Ohio; Harold E. Boggs, '17 of Marietta, and Arthur C. McIntyre, '18, Toledo, Ohio.

STANLEY T. BOGESS, '16.

EPSILON CHAPTER, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, DELAWARE,
OHIO

With the regular mid-semester initiation and the activities of February 22nd behind us, Epsilon is again under way for a successful term. On the twentieth of February the following seven men were received into our brotherhood—Herbert G. Blakeslee, '18, Hicksville, Ohio; Charles W. West, '18, Mt. Vernon, Ohio; Jay C. Forse, '18, Lisbon, Ohio; Waldon Sargeant, '18, Delaware, Ohio; Clay Dietrich, '18, Ravenna, Ohio; Eugene West, '18, Delaware, Ohio; John West, '18, Delaware, Ohio.

At our initiation banquet, we had the pleasure of having present the following alumni—Trent Denison, '12, L. W. Morrison, '12, Charles A. Fritz, '12, Avery Clinger, '14, Milton Williams, '14, Ralph Clinger, '16-ex., Paul Recker, '13, Clarence Stanley, '14, H. D. Chase, '14, A. S. Townsend, '13, Ira Smith, '12, of Epsilon, and Edward Church, of Kappa Chapter.

We are glad to be able to announce $\Lambda \Sigma \Phi$ success in scholarship. In the recent report issued by the faculty on comparative grades among the college men, Epsilon headed the list among the fraternities. In athletics, we are also being worthily represented. Brothers Emil Turner, '17 and Raymond Smith, '16 did good work on the basketball floor, Brother Turner receiving his W, and Brother Smith coming within a few points of the same.

Brother John West, in addition to his recent initiation into $\Gamma \Phi$, has recently been elected to Crescent and Scimiter, an honorary sophomore fraternity. Pledge Lowry and Brother John West also won their "W" in 'varsity soccer. Brothers Lacy and Emery were initiated into $\Delta \Sigma P$, the national debating fraternity, bringing the number of local Sigs in that organization

up to four. Brother Charles West has made the freshman debate team, and promises well to take the place of one of our 1915 orators, who leave us this year.

At the present time, we are planning a big "house week", when all the members whose homes are in Delaware will spend a week in the chapter house. In this way, we are hoping to bring all into even closer touch with each other, and to cement more firmly the bonds of brotherhood.

The semester just past has brought to us very gratifying results, and we feel assured that with the new men in our circle, the coming year holds out to us greater prospects than we have ever had before.

ARTHUR K. BEUMLER.

ZETA CHAPTER, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS, OHIO

On Sunday, March 7, Zeta Chapter entertained with an informal dinner-party. There were twenty-two present and everything went off in fine style.

Saturday evening, March 20, was held the second Intramural Athletic Meet. Be it known that Zeta Chapter of $\Lambda \Sigma \Phi$ finished sixth among the other fraternities located here, twenty-three competing. If this record is compared with the record made in the first meet it will be noticed that we are improving along this line.

The annual Pan Hellenic banquet was held at Memorial Hall on the evening of March 12. These banquets are always great successes from the standpoint of the speeches. The speakers of the evening were Governor Frank B. Willis, Judge John J. Adams, Professor W. H. Siebert, Coach John W. Wilce, Dr. J. A. Leighton, and Mr. L. A. Burrell of Cincinnati, Ohio. The scholarship cup was presented to $\Phi \Delta \Phi$ by Dr. William McPherson.

On Friday evening, March 26, we will hold a dance in honor of our "rushees". All arrangements have been made for fifty couples and a good time.

It might be well to state that Brother Hart, who was reported in the last letter as having a broken leg, is up and around on crutches and is improving rapidly.

We have had but two visitors since the last writing. They were Brother Ehrman (Z '11-ex.) and Brother L. K. Warner (I '10).

GALEN F. ACHAUER.

ETA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

It is rather late in the afternoon of one of our first "spring-like" days. Every brother from Eta knows just what I mean when I speak of our "spring-like" days, but for those who are not familiar with the conditions in and about Urbana I am sorry but I dare not offer a description. But, at that, I am about the only fellow in the house. "Frosh", "sops", juniors, and seniors, alike, are out somewhere. Apparently the "fever" is already getting them.

Seemingly it was only a short time ago that I wrote Eta's last TOMAHAWK letter. Perhaps this is because I had such a hard time trying to think of all the things that had happened during the three months or more that were included in its scope. But leave out home-coming and more things have happened during the last three weeks that are of interest to you Sigs than happened in all the first semester. This is what I say, now I hope you will think I am right when I conclude this letter.

First of all on the list of happenings which I have kept since the last writing is the report of our scholastic standing. There is one thing certain and that is that we cannot be branded as a bunch of "studes", nor can we be branded as a "flock of flunkers", for we landed exactly in the middle of the list of averages. There were fourteen national fraternities above us and fourteen nationals below us. This is better than we have been, but it is also poorer than we used to be, and apparently poorer than we will be in June.

On February 26 and 27 we ran eight men through the process which makes a man a Sig. The initiates were: George S. Cuthbertson, '18; Arthur Stowe VanDeusen, '18; Leslie C. Starkel, '18; Andrew E. Fleming, '18; Theodore H. Frison, '18; Victor Stangle, '17; John G. Yerington, '18, and Harold Speer Reid, '18. We were unfortunate in not being able to initiate Edward Warnshuis, '18, who has been pledged since last fall.

Warnshuis contracted the mumps while he was "on silence" and was forced to spend about ten days in the student hospital. There will be another initiation during the latter part of April. During the last two weeks we have pledged two mighty good men, one a sophomore and the other a freshman. The first is Ross Petty and the second is David Griffith. Petty, as every follower of Illinois football knows, was one of the mainstays in the 'varsity line last fall, and with two years more of conference competition before him he seems to have a very bright future. Griffith is not a football man, nor is he an athlete of any kind that anyone knows of, but he is just the kind of a man that any live fraternity wants to have and needs to have. We were very glad to pledge both of these men.

But along with the good luck in this world there is usually a certain amount of the tough variety. Eta received her share of the latter when Brothers Baker, '15 and Raithel, '16 withdrew from the university. Brother Baker's health has been poor for some time and it was on this account that he was forced to give up his studies for the rest of this year. He expects to be with us again next fall.

And now to tell of the present individual activities of the brothers. Of course the eyes of the university are now turned upon the baseball material which Huff has already started to mould into another championship team for Illinois. Here Eta is represented by her two regulars of last year, Krebs, '16, and Arbuckle, '16, and by Stiles, '17 of last year's freshman 'varsity. Brother Flock, '17 was hard in the running for honors on the diamond, but due to what Eta considers a bunch of hard luck, he was unable to stick the last cut. But Ward is of fighting blood and still has a chance to make three "I's" in baseball. Brother Pendarvis is bidding high for a position with the famous Illinois quarter-milers. Tryouts are being held every Saturday, and although "Penny" is not certain of getting to enter the Conference Meet at Northwestern the chances are in his favor.

But the activities in which the brothers are busy and the fields in which they gain honors are not limited to those of athletics. Brothers Rusy and Fleming are on the cast of the Illinois Union Opera production, "A Maid and a Myth". Brother Pendarvis has been pledged to H K N, the honorary electrical engineering

fraternity. Brother Cuthbertson, '18 is on the University Glee Club. Pledge Warnshuis is on the freshman 'varsity baseball squad. Brother Pruett served on the Junior Prom Committee, and the writer was fortunate enough to get a position on the '16 Senior Memorial Committee. Pledge Griffith has done quite a bit of art work for the 1916 *Illio* and on other local publications. I speak of all these things so that our local alumni will not think that we are tending toward "athleticism".

We received a letter to-day from Brother "Bill" Cleworth, '17-ex., who is at present teaching school in the wilds of Porto Rico. Yes, "wilds" you would say was the word to use if you could read "Bill's" letter, and of how his life was threatened just because he is an American. We are very glad to hear that Brother Cleworth will be with us next year.

Several new customs have originated here at the old stand during the few weeks of this semester. Under the direction of the Y. M. C. A. most of the fraternities have formed a rather loose organization for the purpose of arranging in a systematic way for short talks from various faculty members. Of course Eta was heartily in accord with the new movement. These talks are held once each week in the parlors of the chapter houses. Although it is a comparatively new idea the plan has met with much success not only so far as Eta is concerned but with all of the fraternities. Of more local interest, however, is the idea of having a "clean-up" Saturday. The first of the above kind was last week and it sure was a good starter. The rugs were beaten as they never were beaten before, the floors were polished more than ever, and windows were washed both inside and out. In fact when we had finished, the place seemed like home no more. Every brother, be he a freshman or a senior, did his share of the work if he had time. [Oh, what a host of excuses that last phrase permits!—Ed.] Eta's house is not any too good, but with such a cleaning and occasional rearrangement of the interior it certainly will be greatly improved.

The officers who have been elected for the following semester are: W. J. Benner, '15, H. S. P.; W. E. Krebs, '16, H. J. P.; R. E. Polk, '17, H. C. S.; and C. G. DeSwarte, '15, H. E.

Plans are now under way for the publication of Eta's third annual report. The pamphlet will probably be out about the middle of May and will be mailed to all of our alumni at that time.

We have not seen or heard much of the above mentioned alumni, seemingly for some time. An occasional letter drifts in from Brothers Kern, Salisbury, Dale, or some other of the older boys, but that is about all. Brother Smith of Epsilon was in Champaign on business for a few days during the early part of March and of course called on us several times. Other than this I believe we have had no visits from our alumni since the time of the last writing.

Well, my spring-like afternoon soon drifted into evening and the evening has now given place to night, and work other than this is calling me.

HARRY L. OWEN.

THETA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR,
MICHIGAN.

There isn't much to write about. Everybody just now is looking forward to the Easter vacation, and baseball, spring fever and work have claimed the most of our attention since the last letter was written, but we have a few things to record.

First on the list should go our baseball game—a racial clash between the Irish and the "Dutch", something traditional. Spurred on to thoughts of victory by a dinner at noon of sauerkraut and wieners for the Teutons and Irish stew for the "Allies", the two teams met late in the afternoon of St. Patrick's day to fight it out for the annual championship. From the language used and the fierceness of the struggle one would never have guessed that the combatants were fraternity brothers. Under the leadership of Brother Walter Stewart for the Irish and Brother "Con" Hammer for the Germans, the boys held a series of heated arguments on the diamond which caused even staid "Profs" to stop and wonder. Between arguments they managed to play a little ball. The score is so much in doubt that I dare not state it, although it is agreed it was close and generally agreed that the Irish won. After the game we had a green-decorated dinner and more argument.

On Friday, March 19, we branched out into society and held a St. Patrick's day dance. Those who didn't go regretted it (I speak with authority); those who did, and there were twenty-one couples present, enjoyed it.

Brother "Tom" Oglethorpe, '17 Lit., has been appointed to the amusement committee of the Michigan Boat Club regatta, of which committee Brother Weaver, '15 E, is chairman. Brother Doty, '18 E, is busy keeping up our reputation in basketball circles.

Brother Neis, ex-'16 Law, was out from Detroit to see us last week. Brother "Russ" Lucas, '13, drops in quite frequently.

Plans are going ahead under Brother Squier's management for the publication of this year's number of Theta's *News Letter*. Under the direction of Brother Hammer, as chairman of the committee, it begins to look as though our spring formal, which will probably come in May, and at which time we plan to have a house-party, will be a great success. We are also planning a formal reception for members of the faculty to be held soon.

Brother Arthur A. Burrell, '16 E, has been honored by election to the Michigan Chapter of the Engineering scholarship society, T B II.

Theta is trying the experiment of having a critic appointed every two weeks by the H. S. P. to criticise our individual conduct in a report at meeting. The plan works well, as does also the new one of having some brother at each meeting give a short talk on matters of fraternity interest.

LATHROP W. HULL.

IOTA CHAPTER, CORNELL UNIVERSITY, ITHACA, N. Y.

News seems to be scarce at Iota this month, for the only event of great moment that needs to be chronicled, is that our greatest social triumph was achieved on the evening of March the twelfth, when we gave our formal mid-year dance. Everyone declared this to be the best dance that we have given in our new home.

In my last letter I said that Brother Hume had gone home on account of illness. I am glad to be able to say that he has returned to us, for we all missed Russ while he was away.

Since the beginning of the second term Brother Modjeski, of Chicago, has been to the Panama Exposition. From him we have obtained a first hand account of the beauty and magnificence of San Francisco's great attraction.

Today Brother R. T. Tree, '14, paid us a visit, accompanied by Mrs. Tree. It seemed very natural to have Russ with us again, and we all hope that he will drop in more often in the future.

With all this news of returning brothers, Iota has suffered a great loss. Brother Saulnier has sold "Pat", one of our two canine mascots. We all thank Solly for letting us borrow his dog, and the house does not seem natural without someone having to try to make peace between the two dogs every little while.

The correspondent realizes that this letter will be a disappointment, both to our alumni and to our sister chapters. He regrets that the unusual dearth of any items of interest makes this short note necessary, and hopes that in the next issue the chapter letter will be a little longer and a great deal more interesting.

WARNER HARWOOD.

KAPPA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, MADISON,
WISCONSIN

On March 14, 1915, Kappa Chapter took what is probably the most important step since her first inception. On that date, after investigations, conferences, and discussions, covering virtually the entire school year, it was voted to purchase and remodel the house which we at present rent. Thus, after years of waiting, Kappa is about to possess a home of her own.

It is nearly a year since we began talking of building or buying a house, and during that time we have had a number of propositions under consideration. At first we turned our attention to the few unoccupied sites along the lake shore, and many marvelous plans were evolved whereby we could come into possession of a palatial dwelling, towering above the never-silent waves of boistrous Mendota. But when these air castles were reduced to figures, there was always somewhere a trifling gap of a few thousand dollars over which not even the combined lore

of all our Commerce men could find a bridge. Convinced that a lake view was too expensive a luxury for a poor but honest chapter, we began to consider seriously our present home. The price demanded was not excessive considering the high cost of real estate in Madison, and the terms of payment were promised to be so little that they would not be more burdensome than the rent that we are now paying. The location was excellent, in the heart of the fraternity district, only two houses from the lake, and but a half-block distance from the campus. While the building was superficially in need of some paint and wall paper, the cost of these improvements would not be large; and on consulting an architect, it was found that the house offered great possibilities for enlargement and alteration at a small cost. A considerable number of our alumni, on being consulted, gave the project their hearty approval; and finally the plan was adopted, all but unanimously.

At the present time our architect is drawing up plans for the alterations, and we are awaiting the formal O. K. of our alumni association, in whom the title to the property will be vested. This gained, the raising of money for the first payment and the letting of the contract will follow. The owner has agreed to make what improvements we specify, and add the cost of same to the price of the house, leaving the terms of payment substantially unaltered. We plan to build on a library under our present stilted sleeping porch, thus gaining a large room downstairs, and a large storage space in the basement. The house is to be brick-veneered to the second story, above which the exterior will be of panelled stucco. The porch is to be remodelled and the entrance made more formal and imposing. Inside, the house is to be repapered throughout, and the woodwork and floors refinished on the ground floor, besides many minor changes. We hope to have the actual work under way within a month, and next fall we will come back to a house of which any fraternity might be proud. Less palatial than some of the homes of some of the Wisconsin fraternities, our rejuvenated home will be unsurpassed in solid comfort and good taste, without burdening the chapter unduly financially, and without giving the anti-fraternity element of the school and state cause to characterize fraternities as hotbeds of luxury and extravagance.

Our sister chapters will doubtless be glad to hear the Kappa is safe from the onslaughts of the fraternity haters for another period of two years at least, no bill to abolish fraternities having been introduced into the Wisconsin Legislature at this session. At the previous session, a bill to wipe us out came uncomfortably near to passing, and in consequence the Wisconsin Greeks have made determined efforts to correct the abuses for which they have been attacked. Apparently these reforms have partly disarmed our opponents, but we will remain on the *qui vive* lest the attack be renewed two years hence.

Athletically, the most interesting contest now going on is a terrific struggle between our bowling and basketball teams to see which can finish the highest in its respective league. For some time the race was neck and neck, but last week the bowling team won a game, which gave them a safe lead. We expect to make a better showing in the baseball league, where, with the exception of one year, we have always won one of the cups. In 'varsity athletics, Brother Meyer is on the baseball squad; Brother Horton on the swimming squad; and Brothers Merrill and Hauser on the track team, all of them keeping Alpha Sigma Phi in the lime light.

On February 28th we made brothers of John W. Truitt, '17, Naperville, Ill.; Edward J. Settle, '17, Bozeman, Mont.; Stephen C. Gribble, '17, Linden, Wis.; and Earl C. Smith, '16, Oshkosh, Wis. Morris F. Cronkite, '17, of Oshkosh, Wis., was taken sick at the last minute, and we were forced to postpone action upon him until a later date, but doubtless by this time he will have been brought into the fold. We also announce the pledging of Richard K. Beichl, '18, Beaver Dam, Wis.

Kappa extends hearty congratulations to Pi upon her entrance into our brotherhood, and to all our sister chapters we renew our pledges of brotherly affection in the bonds of Alpha Sigma Phi.

HENRY BALDWIN MERRILL.

LAMBDA CHAPTER, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK CITY

It is now past the mid-term, as the half-bruised feeling that we are nursing in memory of exams. not long since past, reminds us. Hence we are compelled to relate our past experiences of

five long months and say how we have fared in wintering the time elapsed since our last installment. We are proud to say that we have initiated into the Mystic Circle six men:—Irwin Demarest Foos, '18, Reading, Pa.; Clark Porter Kuykendall, '18, Towanda, Pa.; John Morch, '17, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Laurence Herbert Nichols, '18, Lynn, Mass.; Howard Welsh Palmer, '17, Watertown, N. Y.; and Elmer Winfred Snyder, '17, Rochester, N. Y. With these reenforcements, not mentioning the ones added to us in the early fall, our voting number now totals twenty-two men. Then we take pleasure in announcing Dietrich Paul Fisher, '18, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Roland Louis Loiseaux, '18, New York; and Whitfield Clarke Coates, Brooklyn, N. Y., as our new pledges, whom we will shortly initiate.

Wilkie Clay Ham, '14, alias "Deac" for convenience and economy, has returned to college with the intention of following legal pursuits. "Oft in the stilly night", as the little ole poets will maintain, a blood-chilling Canyon whisper flits through the house, and always it comes from that hairy Westerner. Needless to say, however, we are more than glad to have "Deac" with us again.

In connection with the local expansion it might be well to outline the fraternity situation as it has developed during the past five months at Columbia. The agreement, as it was drawn up in the fall, was ratified by all but five of the fraternities, but that fact did not seem to be a serious objection to continuing the agreement, since deferred pledging was not to be enforced the first term. By February it was found that neither by coercion nor persuasion could the five outstanding fraternities be induced to enter the council. As a result, together with the tremendous disadvantage placed upon those in the council, partial dissolution followed. Lambda Chapter took the stand that to continue in the agreement without some radical adjustment in regard to pledging would be to her detriment, and since a majority had already manifested much the same sentiment, A Σ Φ withdrew. She did this, however, with the understanding that if a new agreement be drawn up with the provisions desired, she would again become a party to it. New men entered the college in February and already many of the fraternities have begun pledging these men, as has A Σ Φ also. Perhaps relations soon may be restored

whereby all of the fraternities will come in. At present the situation is about the same as it has always been.

Among other things, Columbia is agitating the football question, and from the hearty approval manifested by the alumni recently, together with the encouraging report of the faculty committee on athletics, it would not surprise me to hear of the reestablishment of this much-wanted sport. The faculty, though not openly acquiescent in the movement, have nevertheless allowed the students to believe that no interference will be offered, provided there is the necessary spirit behind the movement to make it a success. The interclass football game last fall proved a wonderful stimulus to the football propaganda, and with enthusiasm thus started the return of football to Columbia seems almost assured.

To return to ourselves, Lambda has not only been seeking sharply after good men, but she has gone to social diversion. Two thé dansants have been given, the most recent of which was given during Junior Week. This later event was by far the most brilliant of the two, with its pretty girls, gay music and blushing freshmen.

Cliff Tichenor, our middle distance runner, is speeding over the boards at a fast clip preparing for the outdoor season. When the track team takes to the cinder path in the spring, "Tilly" (a little local humor) will no doubt be seen up among the best in the distance events. Porter Kuykendall defies being cut from the freshman crew squad, and handily maintains his seat in the first year eight. There is no telling what may happen though when the crews take to the water, as our inland Pennsylvanian may take fright at sight of the briny.

Now and then brothers from other chapters drop in on us:—Gardner Rea (Z), William Mason (B), J. Leo Foley (B), Tommy Atkins (A), A. "Pat." Kearney (Z), Harold Eckley (A '13, I '14). Lambda wishes to have every Sig make the chapter house his center while in New York, and we will try to duplicate the hospitality extended to Brother Darrah and ye scribe by Alpha last fall.

Plans, or I might say arguments, are in the air (mostly in the air) for a smashing big dance at one of the downtown hotels. If the devils (a familiar brotherly cognomen used by "Deac"

Ham), pull together, there will be a wild time in the "tenderloin". There is also the annual banquet to mention, so that by the next issue we hope to have some very definite annotations to make in regard to our super-curricular activities.

BENJAMIN F. LEONARD.

NU CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, CALIF.

The year 1915 opened for Nu with the brightest of prospects. Thirty-five men returned after the Christmas vacation, only three brothers failing to answer the roll call. Jim Fulmor, '14, received his B. S. at Christmas, and "Babe" McComas, '16, and "Pat" O'Hara, '16, registered for the semester at the University Farm, Davis, Calif. This loss in numbers was more than balanced by the return to college after leaves of absence of Brothers Clive Baugh, '15, Benjamin Davalos, '17, and Charles White, '17. We also welcome back Brother Neil Crawford, '17, who spent last semester in Texas on account of his ill health.

Brother Joe Shell, '13, was with us at the beginning of the semester, contemplating post-graduate work in law. Joe departed hurriedly at the end of the second week, leaving a cloud of mystery. This was dispelled, however, by the receipt of the announcement of his marriage to Miss Nell Schunemann, of San Diego, Calif. Joe's home in the future will be in Valentine, Ariz.

Nu Chapter's officers for this semester, are as follows: H. S. P., Arthur I. Gates, '14; H. J. P., Arthur B. Guslander, '16; H. S., C. Verner Thompson, '17; H. C. S., Harold A. Hyde, '17; H. E., Max C. Beust, '15; Member Grand Prudential Committee, U. Leon Ettinger, '10; Members of Prudential Committee, Albert G. Rinn, '15; Earl Lee Kelly, '16.

Rushing started off with an informal dance, followed a week later by a highly successful smoker. Our initiation was held on the nights of February 5 and 6, three men entering the Mystic Circle. They were, Frederick Erle Wesson, '17, of San Andreas, Calif., Harry Bluett Liversedge, '18, of Pine Grove, Amador Co., Calif., and Albert Brodie Smith, '18, of Honolulu, T. H. Brother Wesson is prominent in debating and shows promise

along political lines. Brother Liversedge is our star freshman athlete, having made the 1918, the California 'varsity, and the all-American Rugby Football teams last semester. He was picked by Walter Camp for the all-American track team, as he holds the American record for the javelin throw. Harry will be a strong addition to our track team this semester. Brother Smith is a Christmas freshman who will make good in a number of lines.

The number of initiates was necessarily limited by the small number of vacancies in the house, but Nu Chapter's rushing for the semester is by no means ended. Our policy is to go slowly, picking desirable men as they develop.

Since initiation, two men have been pledged, Cletis I. Howell, '18, of Bakersfield, Calif., and Edward G. Sewell, '18, of Santa Rosa, Calif. Howell has already made his "Circle C" on the rifle team, and is a promising candidate for the freshman crew. Sewell is out for the hammer throw, and we expect much from him in the future.

Brothers Gene Sturgis, '15, and Paul Fussell, '16, our star debaters, have brought many honors to the house this semester. Gene represented the university on the inter-collegiate team for the third time, and was largely responsible for the decisive victory over Stanford. Gene and Paul were two of the three men selected for the Carnot debating team. This team contests with Stanford annually for the Carnot Medal, which is awarded to the best individual speaker. This is the first time that any house on the campus has had two men on the team. Brother Fussell brought further honor to the house, being one of the two juniors elected to Φ B K this year.

Brother Marius Scammell, '15, is a charter member of Phrontisterion, a recently organized History honor society. Brothers Verner Thompson, '17, and Cliff Mason, '17, have been pledged Φ X, the national medical fraternity.

Nu held her annual banquet on Saturday evening, February 13, at Hotel Carlton, Berkeley. Thirty-eight brothers were present, and much musical, as well as forensic talent, was displayed. The alumni were well represented by Brothers Brush, Delta, '78; Gregg, Gamma, '04; Solomon, Nu, '02; Cooper, Nu, '06, and Ledwich, Nu, '12.

Our annual formal dance was held on Friday, March 5, at the Twentieth Century Club Hall, Berkeley. Palm leaf decorations and an Hawaiian orchestra gave a delightful tropical setting. The occasion was highly successful from every standpoint.

In view of the anti-fraternity legislation now pending in the California state legislature, the scholarship reports for last semester were awaited with a great deal of interest. We were agreeably surprised when "Prexy" announced that the general fraternity scholarship had been higher than ever before, being above the average of the house clubs and above the general average of the university as a whole.

A few days later we were notified of the relative standings of the various organizations. The nine highest were fraternities, and of these, Nu Chapter was second. That is, second among thirty-four fraternities and twelve house clubs, in a semester when that average was not only higher than usual, but also higher than the non-fraternity average.

The credit for this standing is due to steady consistent work on the part of every man in the chapter, no one "flunking out" and very few failing in any courses.

Nu Chapter appreciates the fact that the big job (and opportunity) ahead of her is the convention. The opening of the Dream City across the bay has made us suddenly realize what a really "worth while" Exposition we have. With big things going on all around us, we will try to stage a convention for the "Old Gal" that will be worthy of the West, and worthy of California. To do this we invite your earnest co-operation and aid, for we are new at the game of entertaining on a large scale. Our tentative plans are outlined in Brother Sturgis' article in this issue. Send us any criticisms or suggestions you may have. To the Sig brothers, East and West, we extend a hearty and most cordial invitation to hunt us up, before and after, as well as during the convention, whenever you happen to be in the city by the Golden Gate.

DONALD E. MARTIN.

OMICRON CHAPTER, PHILADELPHIA, PA., UNIVERSITY OF
PENNSYLVANIA

It is just one month since your scribe last undertook to narrate the events at Omicron, and during this short interval it would seem that our historian must have been a careful gleaner to have gathered sufficient material to appreciably lengthen his papyrus rolls.

We took in three more men a couple of weeks ago, which addition makes our number just double what it was in October. The new brothers are: Robert W. Carrol, '15, New York, N. Y.; Vernon C. Jones, '16, New York, N. Y., and William F. Connelly, '17, Bridgeport, Conn.

Brothers Carrol and Connelly are both expert pianists, so that with these two and our old stand-by, Brother Avery, we never lack for music of any description, from hymns and classics to the latest rag. In fact, the demands on the piano are so great that those three insist on team work whenever it is possible, so that duets and trios abound and the rest of us must needs look on and hold our breaths as they pound the keys in fiendish glee. In this connection one thing that causes the scribe much grief is that the piano "scrubs", once so much in evidence, have been forced out of the race almost entirely by these new performers.

The freshman rushing season is about over, and we have a number of bids out, which we hope will have borne fruit before the next letter is due.

Brother Allman (Iota) has been around to see us a number of times lately and was of great assistance to us in running off the last initiation. We had a short visit from Brothers H. R. Haywood (A '16) and H. G. Sincerbeaux (A '17) about the middle of February. They were on a trip with the Yale orchestra.

Brother Avery received an appointment on the class banquet committee last month.

J. KENNETH ADAMS.

PI CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, BOULDER, COLO.

With the first semester finals over and the excitement of installation dying down, Pi Chapter settled down to its regular routine of work and the enjoyment of its accustomed peace and quiet. But we did not remain inactive long, for we were soon preparing for our installation dance, which was held on Friday, February 25th. The dance committee, with the aid of various other members of the chapter, worked industriously for the greater part of a day decorating the hall, with the result that the decorations were most effective. A representative from each of the fraternities was present at the dance, as were two of our alumni, Brothers Frank Gilligan, '11, of Denver, and Lyle Bowman, '11, of Longmont, Colo. It is unnecessary to say that our first Alpha Sigma Phi dance was a success. We are making plans for our next dance which, as we are limited to two dances a semester, will close our social program for the year.

Our first initiation took place on Friday, March 12, and Brothers Leslie Johnson, '17, John Schwind, '17, Irving McCollough, '17, and Lawrence Giacomini, '12, an alumnus, were admitted to the Mystic Circle. Not the least enjoyable part of the evening was the "feed" which followed the initiation. We now have twenty-one men on our chapter roll and, while this is not so large as it has been in previous years, we are perfectly satisfied and are but slowly increasing our membership. Next year we shall endeavor to bring this number up to thirty, provided that we can get the class of men that we want.

Brother Wilfred Sawyer, '16, has proven his ability as a scholar by making T B II, an honorary engineering fraternity. Brother Sawyer is the third Sig to be elected to this society this year, and we again have the distinction of having more T B II men than any other fraternity on the hill.

Our scholastic standing is shown by the following report, which was recently published by the university. The object of this investigation was to find out the comparative standing of

the fraternity and non-fraternity men, sorority and non-sorority girls and the individual fraternities and sororities.

Average grade of	non-fraternity men	78.37%
“	“	“	fraternity
“	“	“	non-sorority girls
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“	“	“	individual fraternities:
	Acacia	82.96%
	Alpha Sigma Phi	81.75%
	Beta Theta Pi	80.81%
“	“	“	individual sororities:
	Pi Beta Phi	83.29%
	Delta Delta Delta	81.75%
	Delta Gamma	80.81%

Only the three highest fraternities and sororities are given here. You will notice that $\text{A } \Sigma \Phi$ is in second place.

At the meeting of March 8, a constitution for our local chapter was read and accepted. Great care was taken in drawing up this constitution, and we feel that it contains every measure necessary for the correct management of our local body. We have adopted a pledging ritual which bids fair to be entirely worth while. Hereafter two of our four meetings a month will be of a literary nature, and no business, except voting upon names, may be transacted at that time.

Brother John L. Stivers, Alpha, '08, has presented the chapter with a handsome Yale banner. We were very glad to receive this gift and consider it of especial value as it hung in Brother Stivers' room during his college career. We wonder, too, if the banner is not glad to grace the walls of a Sig house once more?

Brother Frank Powars, '16, is practising daily with the baseball squad and has high hopes of making the team. Brothers Lawrence Carnahan, '15, and Marvin Griffin, '15, will join the squad in a few days and we should be well represented in this branch of athletics this year. Brother John Greene, '16, is assistant manager of the team this year.

Brothers Thornton Victory and Wallace E. Fiske, who hail from Santa Fe, New Mexico, are making a grand attempt to

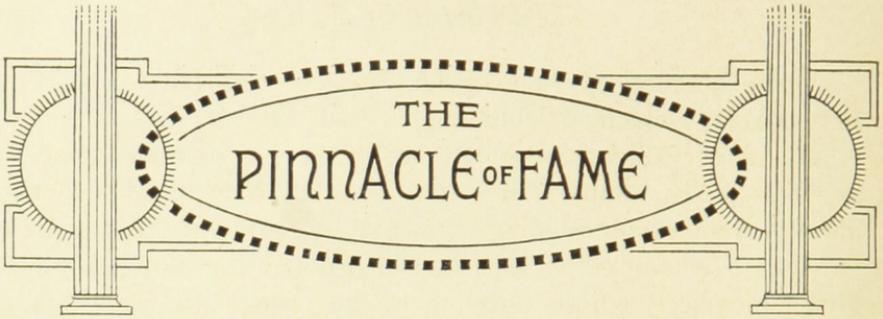
introduce the gentle art of eating Mexican chili, into Pi chapter. That they are succeeding is shown by the fact that Brothers Robert Canfield, '15, and Phillip McCary, '15, who choked and sputtered when first they put the "hot stuff" into their soup, now eat it on everything except their dessert. They say that with three months more of the chili diet they will be able to speak Mexican fluently.

Speaking of "hot stuff" reminds me that Brother Frank Powars, '16, has resurrected his old fiddle. We were greatly surprised to see it, for we were certain that we had disposed of it last year. However, it may be a new one, for Brother Powars is very hard to discourage. He is in better practice than he was last year, and can play such classical music as "The Irish Washerwoman" with very few mistakes, but we will not be surprised when we hear that the "Stradivarius" has disappeared. But we really have some accomplished vocalists, and it is really pathetic when they sing "Just A Little Love, A Little Kiss" in French.

$\Delta T \Delta$ is planning to erect its new house some time in the near future. We haven't seen the plans, but we know that it will be a "dandy" and worthy of the Deltas. It is also rumored that $A T \Omega$ will build soon.

That our sister chapters are enjoying the greatest success, is the wish of "the youngest of the family".

WALLACE E. FISKE.



ALUMNI

Vernon C. Ward (Δ '77) is now located at 317 South Olive Street, Los Angeles, Cal.

Warren E. Barnett (Z '12 Law) is Assistant Clerk of the Ohio Senate.

Emery E. Neff (E '13, Λ '14) has returned to Columbia University for graduate work and is living in Furnald Hall on the campus.

George W. Palmer (B '15), who has completed the requirements for his degree at Harvard, is now with the Hugh Nawn Construction Company.

Lynn Barnes Riddle (Δ '11-ex) is now located at Independence, Kansas.

Otto "Kelly" Brand (Z '10) is employed by the Ohio State Highway Commission at Columbus, and he is living at Zeta Chapter House.

Melville Halstead Rood (Δ '13), who is taking chemical engineering at "Boston Tech.", is residing at 209 West Canton Street, Boston Mass.

Walter Fisher (M '14) is in the banking business at Seattle, Wash.

Benjamin Franklin Young (E '13) is again an honor student, this time the winner of a University Scholarship at Columbia. It will be remembered that he was $\Phi B K$ at Ohio Wesleyan University, a 'varsity debater, and a member of the 'varsity track team. His address is 219 Livingston Hall, New York City.

Walter Festus David (Λ '12) has removed his law office to 604 Victor Building, Kansas City, Missouri.

Arthur Leroy Eustace (B '12) has removed to 264 Riverside Drive, New York City. He is in the insurance business.

Leslie Vandehoef Spencer (I '13) has removed to 95 West Fort Street, Detroit, Michigan.

Alexander Marcy Sr. (Gamma '57), writes of the old society as it existed at Amherst in 1856 in enthusiastic terms and furnishes a remarkable picture of $\Lambda \Sigma \Phi$ of that day. As at Yale, it was a Sophomore Society, and also noted for its bright, fun-loving members, whose standing in the college life was high in scholarship and replete with fraternal principles. These men in after life wrote their names far up on the scroll of fame and reflected much honor upon their alma mater, and furnish much inspiration for the men of the present generation.

George Vetter (M '15-ex.) is in the government forestry service at South Bend, Wash.

Milton Maurice Williams (E '14) is an instructor in the high school, Miamisburg, Ohio.

J. A. McCann (M '14) is with the McCann Printing Company, Seattle, Wash.

E. J. Lange (N '12) is U. S. land surveyor, located at Olympia, Wash.

Lester W. Feezer (B '14) has been appointed Assistant Secretary of the American Public Health Association, 755 Boylston Street, Boston, Mass.

Hugh Percy Shellabear (E '12) is principal of the high school at Pullman, Washington. Address, 703 California Avenue.

Francis N. Dodge (A) in a recent communication speaks of the old $\Lambda \Sigma \Phi$ at Yale of fifty years ago, when as a freshman he used to hear the students returning home at night singing "In all this mighty nation" after a meeting of the chapter. He is enthusiastic in his praises of the old and the new eras of our beloved fraternity. His address is Paterson, N. J.

Harold Kempinsky (M '14) is in the drug business with his father at Buckley, Wash.

Ken McConnel (Δ '11, Z '16 Law) has received the civil service appointment as State Inspector of Oil and Gas Wells. This is a newly created office, and "Mack" is the first to hold it and draw the salary.

Ralph Clark (M '15-ex.) is with the Packard Motor Car Company, Seattle, Wash.

Sydney Fisher (A '14) is employed by the Remington Arms Company in their New York office, but he expects to be assigned to the company's plant in Bridgeport, Conn., in the very near future.

Alfred Dewey Follett (Δ '76) was recently elected Vice-President of the Ohio Automobile Association at its annual meeting held in Toledo.

Harry T. Davenport (A '11-'13L) is associated with the firm of Wakefield & Wetherspoon, lawyers, Peyton Building, Spokane, Washington.

Judd E. Dewey (B '11) was recently appointed a member of the Massachusetts Insurance Commission by Governor Walsh.

Gilbert Whitney Campbell (A '11), after being marooned in Germany for several months during the war, has returned to the United States and is now located at Pawnee City, Nebraska.

Paul Clarence Recker (E '13) is assistant in biology, Ohio State University. His address remains 60 Park Avenue, Delaware, O.

Charles Briggs Mincks (Δ '09, Z), who has been making his headquarters in Elyria, Ohio for several years, has been transferred by the Safe-Cabinet Company to Wichita, Kas. "Dad" and his family will take up their residence in Wichita on May 1, 1915.

Morgan Glover Day (B '14) is connected with the Indian Orchard Company, cotton manufacturers, Indian Orchard, Mass. His address is 263 State Street, Springfield, Massachusetts.

Miss Theodosia Davenport Jessup of Beirut, Syria, a granddaughter of Brother Henry H. Jessup (A '52), was a recipient of high honors at Vassar this year.

Henri C. Jacques (A '12, '14 Law) has entered the law offices of ex-Judge Green, of the City Court, 141 Broadway, New York City.

William Stone (M '14) is in the real estate business at Everett, Wash.

Glen Morgan (N '13) is with the Hans Peterson Construction Company, Seattle Wash.

The recent sale of the art treasures of the late General Brayton Ives (A '54), netted his estate over a half million dollars. His alma mater, Yale University, is the beneficiary under

his will of between three and four millions for its general funds.

Charles H. Beglinger (K '09) is connected with the Twin City Lines, with headquarters at 394 Dayton Avenue, St. Paul, Minn.

Thomas Glen Galey (Θ '12) has changed his address to Metamora, Michigan.

H. P. Wood (Gamma '07) is connected with the Bureau of Entomology, United States Department of Agriculture, Dallas, Texas. Address, Box 208.

Edward Dempsey Cleary (E '13) is Principal of Schools, South Bend, Washington.

James O. Parsons (Λ '12) is on the financial staff of the New York *Sun*, with offices at 50 Broadway. Brother and Mrs. Parsons recently moved to 172 Sherman Avenue, New York City.

Arthur J. Warner (Δ '89) is in the engineering department of the city of Seattle, Wash.

Joseph Havel (M '14-ex.) is proprietor of the Rhine Hotel, Tacoma, Wash.

Arthur Wyman Proctor (Λ '11) recently joined the City Club of New York City.

Andrew Velebir, Jr. (B '13), has completed his legal training in Columbia University. He will practice at Belt, Montana.

Samuel Guy Hildebrand (E '13) is a teacher in the Decatur, Indiana, high school.

Brother Henry Winn (A '59) was granted by the Legislature of Massachusetts by unanimous standing vote an annuity for increasing the tax revenues of the State. He had succeeded in uncovering \$257,000,000.00 for the State of Michigan, and \$118,000,000.00 for the United States Government. Brother Winn is an expert in tax matters, and this high compliment was unsolicited by him and came as an appreciation on the part of the people for work well done.

ASHES OF DEAD HOPES

SHE was a white rose passing fair,
Dearer than all on earth to me,
The glance of the sunbeam was in her hair,
The touch of her beauty enchanted me,
And joy looked out from her beautiful eyes,
And her heart was as pure as good could be,
Her soul had the depth of the bending skies,
A wonderful woman indeed was she.

In the realm of the mind we play with fate,
Our stately day dreams come and go,
And fancy pictures her ideal state,
There are thoughts that only the soul shall know.
These thoughts, these pictures are seldom expressed,
Our words, our colors have not the power,
And hope unrealized, half repressed,
Is the destiny of each changing hour.

But this woman with all the beauty of youth,
With the wealth of her noble heart and soul,
Whose fair young life is as fair as truth,
Is fancy's picture upon my soul
Expressed in reality,—wonderful,—rare,
The girl of my manhood's golden dream,
Surpassing them all and still more fair,
A perfect womanhood,—sublime—supreme.

This has she always been to me,
Since destiny crossed her path with mine,
This will she ever be, and be
A guiding star through the night to shine.
Jewels of memory these, and yet,
These are the things I can't forget,
Ashes of dead hopes these, and yet,
The dead hopes are all that I regret.

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CHICAGO COUNCIL

Many men have passed away: many good men, too. And the saddest sort of "passing away" is that by graduation. We know how it was ourselves; we were graduated once, some of us two or three times—some of us nearly! We all remember the time we kissed the "Old Gal" "Goo-bye" and departed from the shelter of our chapter houses into the whirling, wicked, worldly world.

This year has meant a great deal to the Sigs who have made the most of Chicago Council and, the greatest thing of all, it has meant the same warmth of friendship that we knew in undergrad days. Do it, when you are "passed away"; hunt up your council (or form one) and find out for yourselves. Don't put it off; attend the first meeting, and keep on attending; skid right in on high gear, but keep your chains on. Even though you are leaving a professional fraternity house, you will find, as our Sigs have found, that the one fraternity tie that binds, in the alumni days, is the Mystic Circle. Get into Sig affairs, for they are the ones which will hold your interest ultimately, and your brothers in $A \Sigma \Phi$ are the ones with whom you will fraternize and with whom your friendship will be the warmest.

Chicago Council has been a live proposition for its members this year. The last big function of 1914 was the Christmas Dance, and everyone had the best sort of a time—even the writer, who handled the finances. The Christmas Party happened in the Red Room of the LaSalle Hotel and thanks to the prevailing stringency in purse-strings, netted us a mighty substantial deficit, in spite of the brilliancy of the affair. However, when you ask anyone who attended, whether it was worth it, the affirmative answer leaves no doubt. We liked it—and we shocked the society editors when they saw about two dozen Sigs holding forth in

one of the finest ballrooms in one of Chicago's finest hotels—oye, oye!

But it was all for the ladies, it was $\Lambda \Sigma \Phi$, and it was great. Wish you all could have been with us; absolutely no reference to finances! Alpha, Eta, Theta, Iota, Kappa and Mu chapters were represented by their alumni and our chaperons were Messrs. and Mesdames Sumner Sollitt, Oliver Sollitt, Harry B. Judson, William A. Chapman, Frank M. Butters, Henry Sears, William A. Manson, Frank O. Young, and William Radford.

January meeting was held in the old rooms, but in February we moved to the Great Northern Hotel and a big crowd put its stamp of approval on the new location—all but "Tap" Sollitt and his live duck on the half-shell. "Gill" presented the H. J. C. with a hammer and order reigned supreme. "Oppie" Sollitt was absent, so the piano hung on a peg in the corner and we missed "Ongwee—sconsin" and the rag-time version of "The Yellow and Blue." And toward the close of the session the council adopted, unanimously, the Chicago Council Resolutions, and ordered them mailed to the various chapters. Whereupon, Jud remarked through his yellow glasses: "Well, let's get organized, it's getting late."

The March "First Monday" proved a March Second Monday, on account of the meeting of the Chicago Inter-Fraternity Conference at the Blackstone, called to hear an address by President Curtis ($\Delta T \Delta$) of the National Inter-Fraternity Conference, on the purposes and achievements of that body. Eight Sigs managed to get over the "Two Bucks" barrier, the total attendance, representing thirty fraternities, being about one hundred fifty.

Following the lead of our national organization, Chicago Council was one of the seventeen alumni organizations which responded to the invitation of Mr. Shepardson ($B \Theta \Pi$) to join in the formation of the Chicago Inter-Fraternity Conference. Three delegates were allowed each of the thirty-four fraternities invited, and Alpha Sigma Phi was one of the few that were represented by a complete delegation, Brothers Krah, A, Gillmore, Θ , and Chapman, I, acting for the council. At both of these meetings we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. George Banta ($\Phi \Delta \Theta$), who may be termed the Dean of Greek-letter world activity.

You Sigs who are just leaving college will find these Inter-Fraternity meetings, these council sessions and the activities of our own Fraternity, mighty interesting, and the only way you can get in on them is through an active membership in one of the councils of Alpha Sigma Phi. We wish we could tell you of the Annual Banquet of Chicago Council in this letter, but it is still a month away, and it will have to wait until the next report.

The council is prospering, interest is growing (gets to white heat at times) and we're proud of it—"Cause Latet, aber Mein Gott," or in the words of those Eta boosters, Larkin and Sears, "Kick in, and be pleasantly, delightfully, yea, even rapturously surprised. The granddaughter of the Old Gal is Some Kid."

ROBERT HARVEY GILLMORE, *Secretary.*

NEW YORK COUNCIL

Twenty-two Sigs representing seven chapters gathered at Colazzi's on April 6th to partake of the annual dinner, and saw Brother "Herb" Evans (Lambda '12) tie Brother Mayer's "red ink" record. With the exception of the gathering at the New York Convention, this was our largest alumni gathering on record in this city. Among those present were Wayne M. Musgrave, G. J. P., Dr. Chapin, Γ '81, Senior President of the Council, and Werner S. Allison, Associate Editor of THE TOMAHAWK.

After a frisky banquet Brother "Heinie" Jacques reported that there were twenty honest-to-goodness paid-up members and a "preferred" mailing list of thirty-five interested local alumni. The usual speeches did not follow, but under Dr. Chapin, as chairman, the council discussed several questions which, in the opinion of the committee, who had chosen the topics and who had informed all the alumni thereof, are of vital importance to A Σ Φ to-day. We developed so much "pep" in argument that we forgot to vote this dinner the best to date; however, the committee, having been paid promptly by all present, thought themselves qualified to so vote and that settled the question.

The Council will now co-operate with Lambda towards making the latter's annual dance and annual banquet events to be remem-

bered, and then our programme for the year will be carried out. Of course we still lunch on Wednesdays (Gerard's, 92 William Street) and are always ready to take dues, as we did recently from "Doc" Ralph E. Myers (A '09), our latest convert, but otherwise we are looking forward to "big stuff" for next year.

HENRI C. JACQUES, *Secretary*.

MILWAUKEE COUNCIL

The Milwaukee Council has held two very enthusiastic meetings since the last issue of THE TOMAHAWK. Our meetings are at present mostly discussions of our house problem for the coming year. I refer to the proposition of a new house for Kappa Chapter. The alumni are taking a very intense interest in this matter and are giving it their hearty intellectual and financial support.

Kappa's formal party this year takes place on April 16. Those of us who cannot possibly attend are planning to either give a theatre party with a dinner following, or have a formal dinner party at one of the boys' houses. Sig songs will be indulged in and a fine time is expected.

CLIFTON W. WINDFELDER.

SEATTLE COUNCIL

November of last year found Mu Chapter with enough alumni members in Seattle to permit the organization of Seattle Council of Alpha Sigma Phi. The idea took hold of several alumni living at the chapter house, who arranged for the first formal meeting in the office of Carl Croson (B) on the night of November 30.

At this meeting eleven brothers were present, but since then the list has grown considerably. A constitution and by-laws have been adopted which concisely state the object of our council: "to promote and foster a spirit of brotherly kindness; to bring in closer union and keep in touch with all former members of our beloved Alpha Sigma Phi in the territory naturally covered by the council."

The present officers of the council are: Carl Croson, President; Adam J. McCann, Vice-President; Kenneth Biles, Treasurer; Allen M. Lacey, Secretary.

The council meets regularly every second Wednesday of the month. Lately, all meetings have been held at Allen Dale's Cafeteria. A short program is usually given. Brother Biles has addressed us on the subject of "Salesmanship", Brother Navarre on "The Legal Profession", and Brother Shedly on "Advertising".

The membership roll now includes the names of Adam J. McCann, Guy F. Navarre, Fred C. Baker, Ralph W. K. Clark, George B. Noble, Irving D. Winslow, R. Warren Shedly, F. Bernard Umbarger, Ellsworth Umbarger, Richard J. McCann, Wilson Lee, Walter F. Fisher, and Allen M. Lacey, all of Mu Chapter; Carl Croson, Beta; Arthur J. Warner, Delta; Kenneth O. Biles, Omicron; and Brother Morgan, Nu.

One big social event has been given in the name of Seattle Council. On February 19 was inaugurated the first annual ball of this organization. It is intended to hold this function always on the Friday preceding Washington's Birthday. Brothers Winslow and Clark were the committeemen who arranged all details. The ball was held at the Hotel Washington Annex, with thirty-five couples in attendance. Active members and pledges of Mu Chapter were invited guests. Acting as patrons and patronesses were Professor and Mrs. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Reed S. Edger-ton, Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. McCann, and Mrs. Richard Carlton Hoblitzell.

The council has prepared a membership record book in which is found the names, addresses, occupations, etc., of all Sigs out of college who are located in the Northwest. The book may be found at the law office of Brother Carl Croson, 909 Leary Building, and it is hoped that all Sigs visiting Seattle this year will find some use for this little volume.

ALLEN M. LACEY, *Secretary.*

THE FRATERNITIES AND COLLEGES

A X P has entered Allegheny College.

Σ N at Northwestern University will build a \$40,000 home overlooking Lake Michigan.

The University of Oregon has a new Administration Building, a modern structure of four stories.

John C. Acheson, Central University, '97, who will be inaugurated President of the Pennsylvania College for Women at Pittsburgh in May, is a B Θ Π.

Stanford University will have a new \$100,000 gymnasium. An outdoor swimming tank will be a feature.

Dr. Edward Kidder Graham was recently inaugurated President of the University of North Carolina, the oldest state-supported university in the United States.

Δ Δ Δ installed a chapter at Mt. Union-Scio, Alliance, Ohio, on December 5, 1914. The new chapter was formerly a chapter of A Σ A, which has now become a normal sorority.

A fund of \$1,360,000 is being raised for the Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, N. J.

It is reported that Harvard Medical School will relax its requirements for admission and will hereafter admit students with two years of college training instead of requiring the bachelor's degree.—*The Record* of Σ A E.

The Wisconsin Legislature has a tendency to restrict non-residents of the State from attendance at the State university. The tuition of non-residents has been increased to \$50 a semester, and this will probably be increased to \$100 next year.—Wisconsin chapter letter in *The Delta* of Σ N.

A chapter of Shield and Arrow, the national honorary fraternity, has been installed at Western Reserve.

The Washington State Legislature recently appropriated \$150,000 for a new building for the University of Washington.

Φ A E, a local at the University of Utah, has announced its intention of presenting a petition at the next convention of Σ A E.

According to the Utah chapter letter in the *Beta Theta Pi*, Σ A of the University of Nevada will probably petition Β Θ Π at the next convention.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has tentative plans for a great university. It will be known as Emory University, and the present Emory College, located at Oxford, Georgia, has been adopted as its academic department. Emory College has six national fraternities.

New rushing rules are in effect at Ohio State this year. No freshman bidding is allowed until May first, when sealed bids are issued through the Pan-Hellenic Association. The bids, with acceptance or refusal, are then returned to the fraternities issuing them.

ENGAGEMENTS

Miss Helen Norcross Lovell to Mr. Lynn Barnes Riddle (Δ '11-ex.).

Miss Angie Archer, daughter of Mr. George W. Archer, of McConnelsville, Ohio, to Mr. Kenner McConnell (Δ '11, Z '16L).

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Parker Ward (Δ '86) announce the engagement of their daughter, Dorothy Fawder (Δ Δ Δ), to Mr. Stanley Ulrick Robinson (Z '12).

Miss Ruth Hugo, Boston, Massachusetts, to Morgan Glover Day (B '14).

MARRIAGES

Miss Nell Schunemann, of San Diego, Cal., to Joseph Shell (N '13). Brother and Mrs. Shell will reside in Valentine, Ariz.

Miss Grace Elizabeth Fowle, Arlington, Massachusetts, to Dr. Philip Hale Pierson (A '08), April 7th, 1915. They will reside at Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts.

Miss Esther T. Danielson at the home of her parents, Hopedale, Massachusetts, on April 3rd, 1915, to Brother H. P. Wood (Gamma '07). They are now living at Dallas, Texas.

Miss Helen W. Wagner (A Φ), of Terre Haute, Indiana, to John Lansford McCloud (Θ '13), of 496 Baldwin Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

Miss Adell Fincher Smith, of North Yakima, Washington, to Benjamin Henry Dietrich (H '09) on February 27, 1915, at the home of the bride's parents. They will make their home in North Yakima, Washington.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Briggs Mincks (Δ '09, Z), on February 19, 1915, a son—Charles Briggs, Junior.

DR. EDWARD P. COOKE

Edward P. Cooke, M.A., M.D. (Δ '76), died at his home in Barlow, Ohio, on April 24, 1915, following an illness of several months.

Dr. Cooke was born in Marietta, Ohio, and was sixty years of age. He graduated from Marietta College in 1876 and from the Ohio Medical College in 1878. He has been prominent in Republican politics, having been a candidate for Representative three years ago. He was chairman of the Republican Central Committee of Washington County.

Dr. Cooke was assistant superintendent of the State Hospital at Athens from 1878 to 1884, and again from 1892 to 1897. He was a United States pension examiner and surgeon in 1897, and has practiced at Barlow since 1898.

Dr. Cooke is survived by his bereaved widow and one brother, Russel D. Cooke. Funeral services were in charge of the Masons and were held at the St. Luke's Episcopal church at Marietta.

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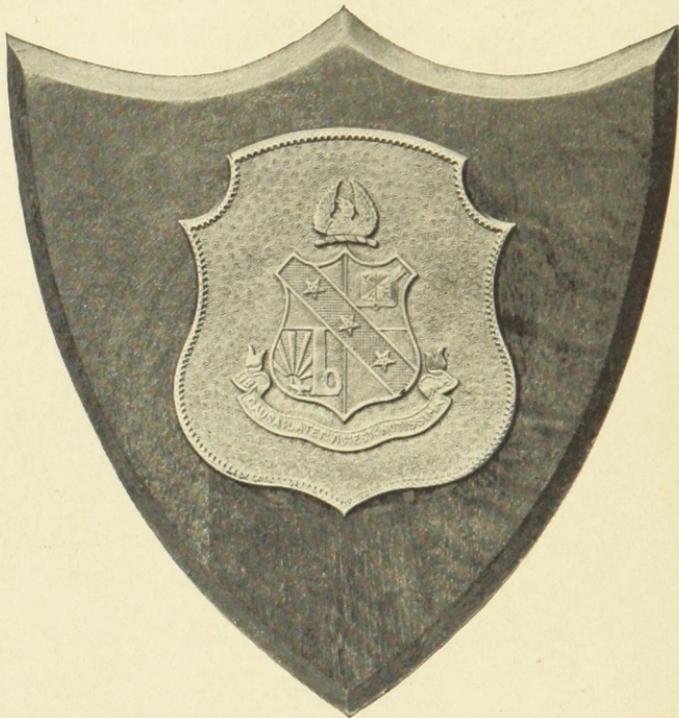
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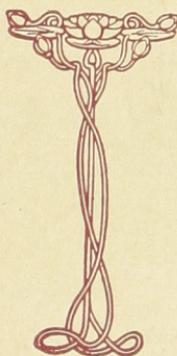
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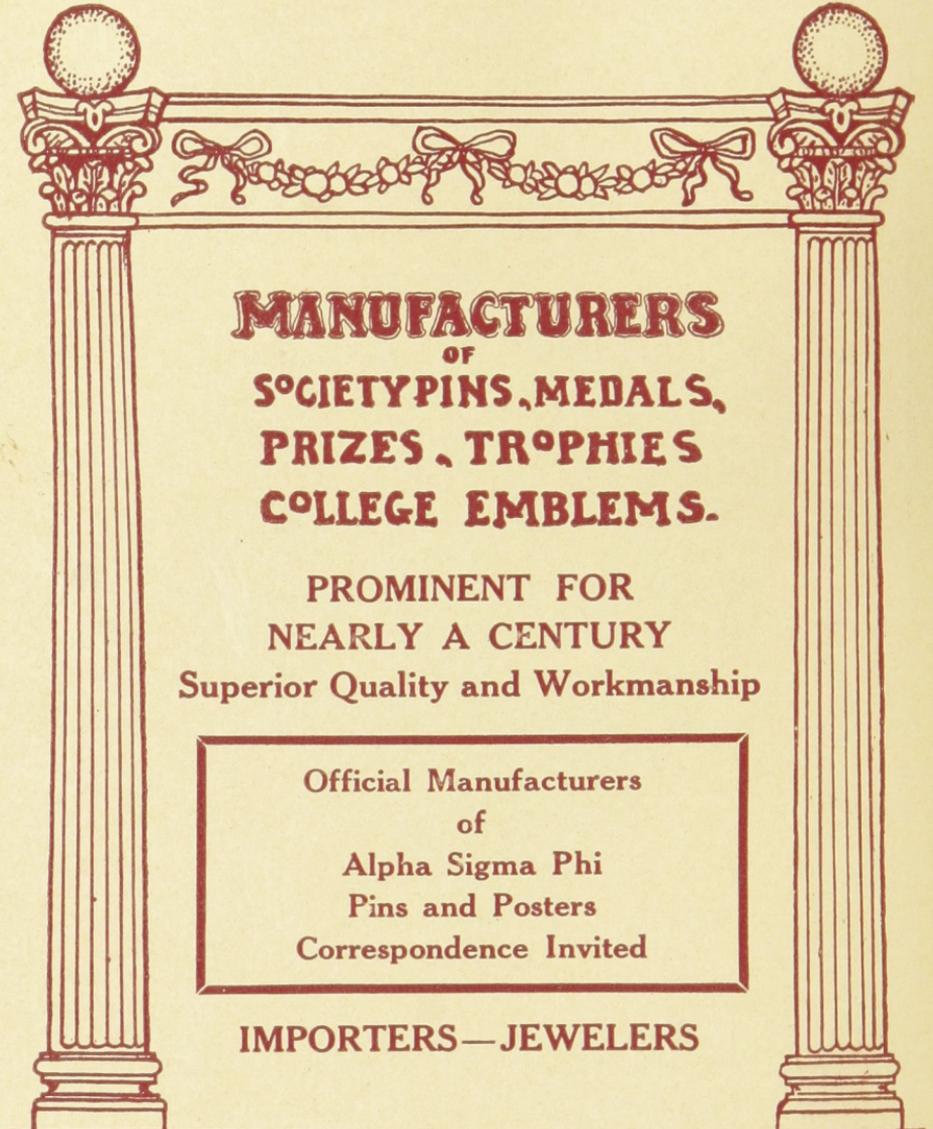
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