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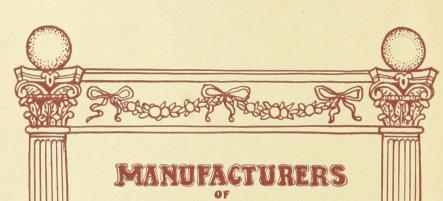
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FORMAL GROUP PICTURE—KAPPA CHAPTER

Third row-Meyer, Loescher, Hauser, A. Henry, Burke, Ward, Settle, H. Merrill, Schmidt Fourth row-Truitt, Fairweather, Tye, Bohn, Wright, Cronkhite, Fuller, C. L. Henry Second row-Zuehlke, Schapper, Sanborn, Herner, Horton, Gribble, Brennan, Dean Top row-left to right-Jacobson, Hinn, J. Merrill, Smith, Connor, Lucas, White



MAY, NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTEEN

HISTORY OF KAPPA CHAPTER

ISTORY is generally a narrative of events and personalities. A chapter history is primarily a record of personalities and their achievements. From the date of its origin as a definite integral part of the fraternity on April 1, 1909, Kappa chapter has had its share of strong personalities. Great bravery and courage were shown by those stalwart Sigs-to-be who ventured forth to the wild Champaign country of central Illinois, there to receive the rudimentary shocks of Sigdom. This roll of honor consists of Arthur Henry Boettcher, Arthur William Polzin, Clarence Henry Beglinger and George Edmund Worthington. After being royally entertained in the sense that they were made the center of operations, these four valiant sons of Wisconsin returned to the green fields of Madison's educational activity, there to spread the gospel of "Causa latet vis est notissima". Two willing candidates who had been unable to make the trip to Champaign were on April 29, 1909, initiated into the mysteries of Alpha Sigma Phi. Walter Evan Wied and John Robert Newman permitted themselves to be thus enriched by the knowledge and association of our fraternity. Each of these men was a leader in his own field of activity, and the seed planted in this good soil was bound to produce a harvest well worth reaping. Arthur Boettcher, now very successfully engaged in the practice of patent law in Chicago, Illinois, and an enthusiastic member and officer of the Chicago Council, was our first H. S. P.

Three of the six members of Kappa chapter did not return to College in the fall of 1909. The three remaining men, Newman,

Worthington, and Wied had indeed a gigantic task on their hands. Had it not been for their almost superhuman efforts, aided and abetted by one Rufus Samuel Dietrich, an Illinois Sig, who had been one of the founders of Eta Chapter, there would now be no necessity for a narrative of events happening subsequent to the founding of the chapter. Those of us who have conducted a real initiation know that when five candidates are put through their paces by four initiators in one night, and the writer hereof can testify and does testify that it was a real initiation, then, indeed, a real event has occurred. About December 4, 1909, just such an event took place. The five products of the mill on that occasion were, No. 1, Carl William Esau; No. 2, Calvin Floyd Schwenker; No. 3, George Walter Esau; No. 4, Roman August Heilman; No. 5, Harry Dion Brainard. This galaxy of nine betook themselves forthwith to seek a suitable home wherein they might better advance their future growth. An apartment in a house just completed at 809 W. Johnson Street furnished that accommodation. The first real home of Kappa Chapter was fittingly dedicated by a house party, which was given the members of the chapter attending the Junior Prom early in February, 1910. Brother and Mrs. John H. Roemer acted as chaperones. Brother Roemer, at that time Chairman of the Wisconsin Railroad Commission and active in that capacity until the year 1915, was a "Sig" at Marietta, and has ever since remained loval to his fraternity and indeed very helpful in working out the destinies of Kappa chapter.

The possession of a house made it less difficult for the nucleus of nine to expand, and the month of February saw the inclusion of four more names on the rolls of Kappa chapter. Kenneth Richard Burke, Lee Hayne Stewart, Lloyd Henderson Mohr, and Armin William Hyde passed the portals As Sam Dietrich, who acted as H. S. P. during the first semester, completed his work at the end of his period of office, we had an even dozen brothers at the end of the last initiation. "Bobby" Newman was our H. S. P. during the second semester of the year 1909-10, and it was during his regime that we really broadened out into interfraternity activity. We were represented in the Interfraternity Council for the first time and also gamboled o'er the green in the Interfraternity Baseball League. No record of our

illustrious chapter is complete without a record of the Psi Upsilon game. Through the machinations of one Walter Wied, who was heaving the pill for us, the last inning had arrived and the enemy were scoreless while we had amassed six runs, and it really seemed that our otherwise clear record was to be tarnished with a victory. But the thought of victory was too much. The opposing batsmen shoved easy grounders at us, but we could not find the first baseman, and the climax was reached when, with the bases full and the score 6-4 our favor, and two out, a short fly came toward Wally Esau, who was playing right field. He stuck out his glove, but, alas, the ball did not stay there. But the worst is yet to be told. After pursuing the elusive sphere for about a minute he hurriedly picked it up and held it while he watched the enemy scamper around the bases. Our record, however, was clear.

William Tell Liens and Norbert Daniel Kulasavicz were added to our ranks during the spring of 1910. About the middle of May of that year, we succeeded in obtaining a lease of the house at that time occupied by the local chapter of Phi Gamma Delta. We considered ourselves fortunate indeed to acquire possession of the place, as it was located in the center of the fraternity district of the university. And it was quite an undertaking, too. Eight brothers returned to college in the fall of 1910 to bear the burden of a house which had accommodations for twenty. Here again Kappa was fortunate. Brothers S. Elmer Smith of Menasha, Wis., J. H. Roemer of Madison, Wis., and S. H. Clinedinst of Menasha, Wis., all Sigs at Delta, procured the funds necessary for us to furnish our new home, and a debt of gratitude to these brothers was thus created which probably can never be repaid.

Thus in the fall of 1910 the chapter, with fitting ceremonies, was at home at 609 Lake Street, where we remained for three years. There were only fourteen men in the house to start the second stage in the expansion of Kappa, six of whom were pledges, Daniel Thomas Sullivan, Royal Edmund Echlin, Arthur William Consoer, Arthur Henry Gelatt, Clifton William Windfelder, and Hugh Leroy Gear, and one a stranger to us, a brother from Illinois, Albert George Fuchs. Calvin Schwenker was H. S. P. and Lee Stewart was head of the commissary depart-

ment, and much credit is due these men for the successful consummation of the year's work. During that college year, that of 1910-1911, we took part in the interfraternity bowling and baseball contests, had several informal parties, besides our first real fraternity "formal", waxed stronger in scholarship, and won our first cup when Brothers Haukohl and Stewart produced the best vaudeville act at the all-university vaudeville show.

We remained at 609 Lake Street for three years, and during that time steadily maintained our membership at twenty-six. Brother Schwenker guided us as H. S. P. for one whole year. Brother Clarence Murphy was our mentor for the succeeding semester, and Brother Kenneth Burke guided our destinies for the second semester of the college year 1911-12. During the year 1912-13 Brother Roman Heilman acted as H. S. P.

In the fall of 1913 Kappa Chapter moved to 619 Lake Street, two doors nearer Lake Mendota, the house having just been vacated by the Chi Psis. This new house was somewhat more commodious and homelike, and gave us an opportunity to expand a little more in numbers and to entertain quite conveniently with dances and dinners, which had been somewhat difficult in our former residence.

We remained at 619 Lake without making any extensive changes for two years. During the five years thus rather hurriedly passed over, namely, 1910-15, Kappa chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi became firmly established as an integral part of the fraternity life of the University of Wisconsin. We did our share of studying, we did our share of social stunts, we took our share of the prizes in interfraternity activity. We won the interfraternity relay race one year. We finished second in the interfraternity baseball league for two successive seasons under the leadership of "Shorty" Rule, and in the spring of 1915 we acquired the first place cup in that same league. Hence we have rather a good sized collection of trophies.

In the spring of 1915, a definite movement shaped itself, wisely guided and assisted by the Milwaukee Council of which Bob Haukohl was the banner bearer, to provide a permanent home for Kappa. And success crowned the efforts of the creators of the movement. For on June 29, 1915, pursuant to a resolution passed at a meeting of alumni at the Sig "Bust", a

contract was signed wherein and whereby Kappa purchased the house in which it was then living with a privilege of borrowing \$8,000 to remodel and put it into shape so that we should have a fraternity lodge of the first class. But that is another story. We bought the house, it has been remodeled, and everybody is satisfied.

We have dwelt with more or less particularity on the events and personalities of the early life of Kappa Chapter because we believe that it was because of the good foundation thus laid that the present sound structure stands and it is only just that a history of the Chapter should mainly concern itself about its early growth.

The spirit of fraternity was the most notable thing about our college life in Kappa Chapter. We formed friendships there which neither time nor separation ever can break. The close association of young minds in a state of development gave to all an impetus for further scholastic advancement. The participation in athletic sports in rivalry with other fraternal groups gave both a spirit of competition and loyalty to fraternity which is of great assistance to those who are now participating in a wider field of activity.

The charter members of Kappa chapter can well feel proud of the progress which has been made in seven short years. May the spirit of fellowship and fraternity ever remain, and may a long life and success in the future be Kappa's share, so says a "Sig" who is proud of the title.

ROMAN AUGUST HEILMAN, '09. A. B., '11. L.L. B., '13.

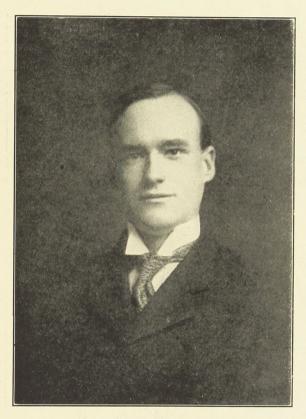
OUR NEW HOME

W ITH the opening of school in the fall of 1914, the returning members of Kappa chapter suddenly came to a realization of the fact that it was high time to be looking for a home for the following year. Our lease on the house we were occupying expired in September, 1915, and, as our genial (?) landlord expressed the intention of making a very substantial raise in the rent, we realized that we would either have to come to terms, or find another house. This fact was accordingly communicated to Brother "Bob" Haukohl, Secretary of Kappa Alumni Association. Brother Haukohl acted at once, and sent out notices of an alumni meeting to be held in Madison at Homecoming time in November.

At this November meeting a permanent alumni organization was effected, but nothing definite was done about the house proposition. Accordingly, it was decided to hold another meeting at the time of the Sig Bust in May. The active chapter was advised to prepare a list of house propositions to be presented at that time. Our house committee, consisting of Brothers Burns, C. L. Henry, and Fuller, immediately started its task, and, during the months between meetings, unearthed at least a dozen propositions, offering houses either for sale or for rent.

Each proposition brought up by the committee was considered by the chapter. Since it seemed to be the unanimous opinion that it was time to make a permanent investment and quit renting, we soon found that our choice of proposals was very limited, in fact we recognized that there was only one proposition that we could handle with any assurance of success. We decided to recommend to the Alumni Association that arrangements be made to buy the house we were then occupying, providing the owner would make such improvements as we suggested. We also decided to announce that, if the Alumni Association would not take any definite steps, we would go ahead and handle the plan ourselves, for we were tired of moving about, and more than weary of paying the extortionate Madison rents.

Our recommendations were unanimously accepted at the time of the Sig Bust. The enthusiasm of the alumni present more than made up for their lack of numbers. It was decided that, because the alumni had not yet incorporated, the whole proposition should be handled by the active chapter, until such time as the alumni should decide to take it over. A permanent building committee, consisting of Brothers Disque, Heilman, and Klumb, was then elected, and Kappa's building project was finally launched. Despite the fact that the committee immediately set



ROBERT CONRAD DISQUE

to work, there was considerable haggling over terms, and the signing of the contract was delayed until July 1.

Briefly stated, our agreement is as follows: We are paying \$27,000 for the house and lot at 619 Lake Street. The original price of the property is \$20,000, and the balance of \$7,000 is for the remodeling, which was done at our suggestion, and which was paid for by Mr. Keachie, the owner. We have already paid



Kappa Chapter House, July 1, 1915



The Same, October 1, 1915

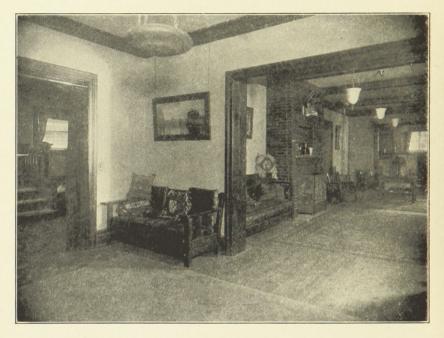
\$3,000 on the contract and the balance is to be paid off in semi-annual payments of not less than \$500, beginning with January 1, 1917. The interest, at six per cent., is paid in monthly installments, which correspond to our former rent payments. We have met our obligations to date, and we now feel that we have passed the crisis and are on the high road to success in our undertaking.

Before remodeling, the house was a three-story frame structure. At the rear of the second story was a sleeping-porch, supported by stilts. The entire house contained twelve rooms, two baths, and a basement kitchen. The outer improvements are briefly, as follows: The old porches have been torn away and a massive red-brick porch has replaced them. The outside of the first story of the house is of brick. The second and third stories are of panelled stucco. A library has been built under the sleeping-porch, the basement extended beneath the library includes a new kitchen. The addition of the library has given us a room, which, because of its large, comfortable fireplace, bids fair to become the most popular in the house.

The entire first floor has been redecorated, the woodwork refinished, and the floors sanded. The living-room fireplace has been enlarged, and is now almost "smokeless". The ceilings of the library and living room have been beamed, and more light has been secured by the addition of several windows. French doors open from the dining-room into the library, living-room, and hall, and from the music-room, out on to the porch. The hall has been enlarged by the removal of the old telephone booth, and all the rooms are resplendent with new fixtures, curtains and rugs.

The rooms on the second and third floors have all been refinished. Those on the third floor have been enlarged by the extension of the gables, and more light has been secured by cutting new windows. The second floor hall has been extended to the sleeping-porch, which, in turn, has been provided with screens, curtains, and a fire-escape. That practically completes the enumeration of the improvements. However, since the above gives only meager information, a glance at the accompanying views will furnish a little better idea of what has been accomplished.

The work was started about July 10, and was superintended by Brothers Disque and Dean. It was planned to have the house ready for occupancy by the fifteenth of September, but, in spite of the strenuous efforts of Brother Disque to push things along, many unforeseen difficulties occasioned innumerable delays. As a result, when we flocked back to Madison in the fall, all prepared to settle down into a nice new home, we met with the shock of our lives. We found our house open to the four

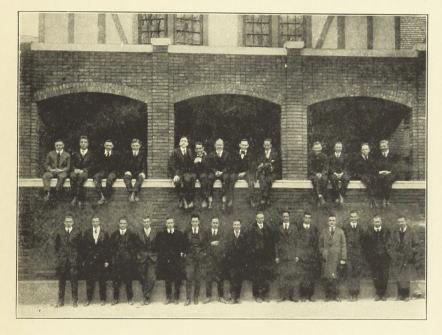


An Interior View

winds—not to mention the daily rains, which were occurring just then. Not a room was finished and there was no prospect of starting our table for a month. It was a gloomy outlook, rushing season upon us, and no place to entertain. Despite the disappointment, there were no visible grouches, and not a word of criticism was heard from anyone. We simply transformed our pent-up feelings into rushing spirit, and, despite our great handicap, broke through with as fine a bunch of men as we have ever pledged.

For over a month we were forced to pick our way through

piles of plaster, laths, shingles, and shavings, and to live in the fear of being drowned by a sudden shower at night. And who among us does not remember the night of the third of October? Ah! Brothers, what carnage and bloodshed was there! While Kappa's hosts slept, a winged enemy, more terrible even than the Teuton Taubes, descended upon us in overwhelming force. By twelve o'clock every one on the porch was wide awake and it was, "Biff", "Bang", "Slap", "Ouch", on all sides. At the end



At the Luncheon Hour

of half an hour we became demoralized and broke for the shelter of Brother Horton's room. Intrenched here, we started our gas pots, and the noxious fumes of Brother Brennan's vile tobacco at length overcame the flying demons. Needless to say, the sleeping-porch was fitted with screens, the very next day.

By the end of October the work on the house was practically completed, and we settled down for the semester's grind. Of course there have been some minor details that have not proven satisfactory. For instance, we have found out that the furnace is not large enough. That fault, however, will be remedied

before next winter, and, with the addition of storm windows, we expect to be very comfortable. On the whole, we are greatly pleased with our purchase, and we do not regret for an instant the step we have taken.

It is only fitting that some mention should be made at this time of the members of the building committee. Kappa Chapter owes Brothers Disque, Heilman, and Klumb a debt which will be hard to repay. We have Brother Heilman to thank for so ably attending to the legal side of our contract. We are also grateful to both Brothers Klumb and Heilman for the manner in which



Ready for the Sleeping Porch

they managed the financial end of the deal. However, it is to Brother Disque that we extend our most heartfelt thanks. With his optimism, his push, and untiring energy, he kept our spirits up when things looked darkest, and finally forced the work through to a successful conclusion. He spent the greater part of the summer superintending the work of construction, and we hereby extend to him our thanks for his sacrifice of time and energy.

In conclusion, we wish to announce that our new home is now open for inspection, and we are anxious to have you pay us a visit. Come when you may, the latch-string will always be out at 619 Lake Street.

Kenneth Richard Burke, '16.

OUR CUPS

THE oldest of our cups (No. 6) came to us through the efforts of our two famous musical Brothers, Haukohl and Stewart. In the spring of 1911 these gentlemen entered the side show contest of the University of Wisconsin's annual circus, and received the first prize for their harmonic efforts.

Meanwhile the rest of the chapter was playing baseball, which it has continued to do with varying success ever since. In the season of 1912 our team, captained by Pitcher "Slide" Rule, sur-



prised everybody by winning second place in the inter-fraternity league, giving us another cup (No. 2).

We ardently hoped and expected to win the championship the next year, but a 3 to 2 defeat in the last game of the season forced us to be content with another second prize (No. 3). About the same time a team composed largely of freshmen wrested the relay championship from the D. U.'s (fourteen times winners), and added another diminutive cup to our collection (No. 1).

The next year our baseball stars, Liddle and Rule, were drafted by the 'Varsity, with disastrous results to the fraternity team. Finally, in the spring of 1915, we made a last supreme effort for the inter-fraternity championship flag. We started the

season with a star battery, and little more. The first few games were won by narrow margins, and then over-confidence lost us a game against the weakest team in the league. Undaunted, the team came back with two smashing victories against the league leaders, and thus won their way into the finals. By this time we had a smoothly working machine. Bad weather forced the postponement of the final games to the very end of the college year, and forced Pitcher Boebel to work two consecutive days against fresh opponents. Despite this handicap we buried Phi Gamma Delta under an avalanche of runs, and finally conquered Delta Upsilon by the score of 5 to 3.

By this achievement we secured the ownership of the first place cup (No. 4), and the custody of the venerable emblem of the championship (No. 5), which we retain until it is won away from us.

Last and latest of our prizes we must name the fourth place cup of the inter-fraternity basketball league, won by our representatives early in the month of March. As yet we have not received that cup, and therefore it does not appear on the above picture.

With this excellent start we hope soon to possess an assortment of "hardware" of which any chapter might well be proud.

HENRY BALDWIN MERRILL, '16.

OUR ALMA MATER

Some Interesting Facts About the University of Wisconsin

Area of Campus—Approximately 1,000 Acres.

Value of Grounds—\$2,077,911.

Number of Buildings-65.

Value of Buildings—\$3,724,356.

Value of Laboratory Equipment and Other Apparatus—\$547,307.

Number of Books—315,000.

Value of Books—\$580,000.

Endowments—University Fund, \$232,701; Agricultural College Fund, \$303,594; University Trust Fund, \$142,788. Total, \$679,084.

Income from Endowments—\$32,809.

Departments—Graduate School, Letters and Science, Agriculture, Engineering, Medicine, Law, Pharmacy, Extension Division, Summer Session.

Courses-29.

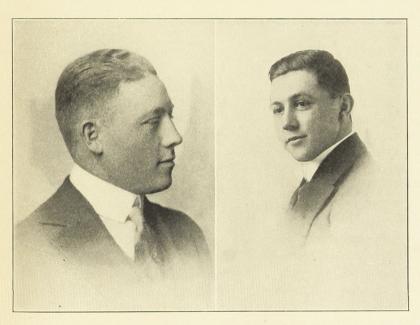
Faculty-Professors, 103; Associate Professors, 55; Assistant Professors, 127; Lecturers, 20; Instructors and Assistants, 394: Total, 699.

Estimated Number of Students—72,000.

First Graduating Class—July, 1854.

Total Number of Degrees Granted—10,980.

We believe that the facts enumerated above will, in as concise a manner as possible, give a general survey of the university which we are proud to call "The Best in the Middle West". Rather than devote several pages to descriptive material regarding the university, we have used statistics to obtain that end. In this manner we have been enabled to use practically all of the space allotted to us for news and illustrations which have a direct reference to Kappa Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi.



TWINS BUT NOT KIN

"Rudolph" Zuehlke Member of Kappa Chapter Alpha Sigma Phi

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HOMER BAXTER SPRAGUE

CONTINUED FROM FEBRUARY NUMBER

IN November, 1860, Lincoln was elected; in December South Carolina seceded; within two months six states followed her example; on the 12th of April, '61, Sumter was attacked by nineteen hostile batteries; on the 14th it was surrendered.

The seven seceded states claimed to be a nation. It must be conceded that they had all the attributes of a nation, even a powerful nation. No definition of nationality can be given that will not include the case of the Confederacy. As a nation they had attacked and captured Fort Sumter. The question confronting President Lincoln was, "Shall the Confederacy be treated as a nation?" In Congress, years before, he had declared with great emphasis, "Any people, anywhere, being inclined and having the power, have the right to rise up and shake off the existing government, and form a new one that suits them better. This is a most valuable, a most sacred right." But now he conscientiously chose to be inconsistent. The most tender-hearted of men, he yet would not listen a moment to the overtures of the Confederates in favor of peace.

On the 15th of April he issued his proclamation calling for 75,000 militiamen "to repossess the forts, places, and property seized from the Union". This meant and could mean nothing but war; and though but one northern governor, William Sprague of Rhode Island, a distant relative, took the field in person, the response to the proclamation from all the free states was instantaneous and abundant. The writer of this sketch, being a well drilled soldier but not at that time a member of a militia company, commenced drilling every evening a company of so-called "Home Guards" in preparation for the inevitable struggle. On the 22d of July, '61, the day after the astounding disaster of Bull Run, Congress called for 500,000 volunteers, promising that they should be on a footing of perfect equality with regulars as to pay, a promise that was faithfully kept until April 23d, 1904, when the surviving regular officers were handsomely paid for civil war service but the volunteer officers were forgotten. That pledge is still unfulfilled!

Sprague opened his law office for recruiting. A company of the Seventh Connecticut unanimously elected him captain. He declined the office. "Why?" asked state senator Hammond. "Because I have a wife and children to support", he answered. "Why do you not enlist?" said the senator to Sprague's witty friend Sheldon, who stood by. "Because I have no wife and children to support", he replied. At Sprague's suggestion the company immediately elected Sheldon. They two went to Col. (afterwards Gen.) Terry, and then Sheldon, who was a vegetarian, protested against soldier fare. "You kin eat it, but you don't hanker after it", said the colonel. So Sheldon, and so Terry, who would say with Henry Fifth at Agincourt,

"That he which hath no *stomach* to this fight—Let him depart."

There was no thought yet of bounties, still less of conscription; but the call for volunteers was still urgent. Again Sprague opened his office for recruiting, filling his leisure hours with the preparation of anti-slavery newspaper articles, or with speeches at flag-raisings. He raised a company for the Thirteenth Connecticut Infantry. They elected him captain, and he went into barracks with them about the first of December, 1861. Continuous drills and patriotic exercises kept the regiment busy till they were mustered into the United States service on the 18th of February.

Sprague's subsequent military career is in general quite fully related in his *History of the Thirteenth Connecticut*, which is found in many of the large public libraries. He was four years and two months in the service, his battalion being retained on duty till finally mustered out April 25, 1866, a month and a half more than a year after Lee's surrender at Appomattox. He was successively commissioned Major, Lieutenant Colonel, Brevet Colonel, and Colonel. The brevet was for gallant and meritorious conduct performed while a captain at Port Hudson, Louisiana.

"Lest we forget", a few topics, mentioned slightly or not at all in the regimental history, may properly be discussed briefly as illustrative of an officer's experience. One of his pupils in Latin at Mayor Skinner's school a dozen years before, Charlie Palfrey of Franklin, La., while fighting in the Confederate ranks, was captured by the Yankees. On parole as a prisoner of war, he visited his old teacher at Thibodeaux, La., and was handsomely entertained by him in Sprague's tent, occupying half of Sprague's bed, the best of friends!

In the sharp fight at Irish Bend near Franklin, La., on the 14th of April, 1863, as the Thirteenth Connecticut was charging on the battery known as the Saint Mary's Cannoniers, Capt. Sprague's company being in the centre of the regiment, and he in front of his company facing the enemy, he happened to have his sword high in air, the hilt opposite his forehead, having just shouted, "Come on, boys!" all rushing forward as rapidly as possible, when a Confederate bullet struck his sword-hilt and shivered it into many pieces. Some of these tore his wrist, making what his surgeon, Dr. George Clary, one of the bravest of brave men, and then on the firing line, called a very pretty wound. Other pieces of the lead were picked out of his face. Three entered the muscles of his right arm, and they still remain embedded there, two being visible, and the third perceptible to the touch. The brandished sword had stopped the ball that would have penetrated his face or brain.

The fourteenth of June, 1863, witnessed the fierce and disastrous assault upon Port Hudson. The Thirteenth Connecticut had been designated to act as a reserve; but in their impetuosity, among several thousands of troops badly handled or entangled and disordered by the nature of the ground, they had worked their way to the very front of the attacking forces. There they lay under the breastworks in a deep, irregular ravine, where portions of five or six regiments with four colonels and other field officers reached them. There were perhaps 1500 men huddled in there, the Thirteenth alone seeming to be in some order. Command after command came from Gen. Banks to the senior officer at this point, whoever he might be, to force an entry to the rebel works instantly. But the sides of the ravine were steep, and crowned by the rebel parapet spitting fire. At last arrived Lieut. Francis, bringing orders from Banks for the immediate formation of a storming column of two hundred. The field officers demurred. Capt. Sprague, being at that moment the senior officer present of the Thirteenth, appealed to his command to become the

nucleus of the two hundred stormers. Lieut. Charles H. Beaton, of Company E, was the first officer, and Corporal Niram Blackman, of Sprague's Company H, the first enlisted man, to respond. The number of two hundred had been nearly made up, when an aide arrived in all haste from Banks, countermanding the order, and assigning as the reason, "Two heavy lines of rebel infantry have been discovered lying back a little distance inside the works at this point." So this slaughter was averted.

Two days later, on the 16th of June, Banks published his famous General Order No. 49, Headquarters Department of the Gulf, calling for a "Storming Column of One Thousand Men" to scale the walls. Immediately upon receipt of the order, Captain Sprague, senior captain present in command, and Lieut. John C. Kinney, acting adjutant, notified Gen. Banks in writing that they volunteered in the storming party, and requested that their names be so enrolled. The captain then assembled the battalion at once, read to them the order of Banks, and appealed to them to join. Within three days one hundred and fifty, and within three weeks sixteen officers and two hundred and twentyfive enlisted men of the Thirteenth, were enrolled in this forlorn hope. The Sunday assaults of May 24th and June 14th, as well as those of June 10th and May 27th, having been repulsed with a loss of about three thousand of the Union army, Capt. Sprague and Lieut. Kinney, recollecting the account of the "loud Sunday" of Waterloo, drew up and sent to Gen. Banks a petition reading as follows:

"Thirteenth Regiment, Connecticut Volunteers, Before Port Hudson, June 25, 1863.

GENERAL:

The undersigned, . . . officers of the above-named regiment, present for duty, having volunteered as members of the Storming Party called for by General Order No. 49, Headquarters, Department of the Gulf, beg leave respectfully to request that the intended assault may not be made on a Sunday."

Thus two hundred and forty-one, nearly one-fourth of the whole number of the storming column of a thousand, were furnished by this regiment alone. The two colored regiments came next in this test of patriotic devotion, for they together furnished

two hundred men. The eloquent appeal of Banks had been made to not less than fifteen to twenty thousand men, including the fleet. By request of many of the non-stormers of the Thirteenth, Captain Sprague obtained permission that when the assault should be made, they, the rest of the regiment, should follow immediately in support of their comrades. Nearly three weeks of most thorough drill with ladders, hand-grenades, bayonets, etc., and timely instruction by skilled officers, got them ready and anxious to strike. Captain Sprague had drawn up his own will and those of many others, and they deposited their money and keepsakes with chaplains or surgeons to be sent home, if the owners fell.

But on the sixth of July, when they were momentarily expecting the orders to "fall in" for the charge, suddenly the thunder of almost every cannon of every gunboat in the great river and of every Union battery on shore, and the hurrahs of thousands of Union soldiers and marines told the Confederate garrison, "Vicksburg has surrendered!" Port Hudson did the same.

It were an almost endless task to give particulars of one's experiences through years of war. The writer will content himself with clearing up one or two points concerning which there had never appeared in print a full and accurate statement until the publication of Col. Sprague's *Lights and Shadows in Confederate Prisons*.

Pickett's famous charge at Gettysburg was not more brilliant than Gordon's at Winchester. At the head of six thousand infantry comprising his own and Rodes', and part of Ramseur's division, assisted by the cavalry of Lomax, Jackson, Johnson, and Fitzhugh Lee, who was severely wounded, and the sharp fire of Braxton's artillery, he swept away like chaff the whole of Grover's division except about a hundred who held their ground far to the front. These were under the command of Sprague, then Lieut. Colonel, to whom the command of the Thirteenth had been transferred by Col. Blinn that morning on being taken sick. Sprague's horse had been shot under him, and abandoned a half hour before. At the instant Gordon's charging hosts came nearly abreast of him on the right and left, and immediately after the

order to retreat had reached him from brigade headquarters, the order was countermanded by Sheridan, who commanded him to hold his position to the last. Sheridan's order was obeyed. The ground was advantageous. Lying flat or kneeling, they kept up their fire, careful, by express direction, to take good aim and pick off the officers. Once they fixed bayonets to receive an expected charge; but the massed thousands, thrown into disorder by the broken ground, swept past without halting. So they held their post stiffly to the last, a tremendous and prolonged roar and rattle telling that the battle was on behind them. Dwight's division, the first of the Nineteenth Corps, stood steady as a stone breakwater against the tumultuous billows. Russell's reserve division of the Sixth Corps began to smite the right flank of the six thousand charging Confederates, who came pouring back upon Sprague and his handful now apparently in the middle of the Confederate army. These were instantly engulfed. The rebel officers, who rushed to his side, professed the greatest admiration of his desperate tenacity in maintaining his ground. Never was man more highly complimented, or more bitterly cursed all in one breath; for "their best general", they said (General Rodes), had fallen right in front of him. Little comfort was there in their praises; for his theory had always been that a soldier should die rather than be captured. That they were sincere was evident enough, for he and all who were captured with him were treated with perfect courtesy and respect. Except for their failure to die, they had done their duty and done it well. A soldier should remember Thermopylæ.

Over five months of imprisonment in the Confederacy followed. With several hundred Union officers he was confined at Richmond, at Salisbury, and at Danville. Anxious to extract as much benefit as possible, he got up a class in French with Capt. William Cook, afterwards instructor at Harvard and professor in the Institute of Technology in Boston, as instructor. He also started a class in German, G. Haven Putnam, now the head of the great publishing house of G. P. Putnam's Sons, being the teacher. Besides Cook and Putnam there were many fine scholars among the prisoners. A class in Greek would have been formed, but some one stole Sprague's Greek Testament, a case of "piety run mad!" Gen. Joseph Hayes and several others commenced

Spanish. Sprague, who never liked mathematics, bought for 20 Confederate dollars a copy of *Davies' Legendre*, and memorized four or five books of the volume. He bought a copy of Oelschläger's German Reader, and committed to memory many pages of its poetry. Except for these slight attempts at study, his four and a half years of military service as an officer of the State of Connecticut and of the United States, have always seemed a sad loss from an intellectual point of view, placing him at a disadvantage a hundred times.

During his four months of imprisonment at Danville, Virginia, the cold, privations, insufficient and unwholesome food, and unsanitary conditions brought on scurvy and rheumatism. He lost forty pounds of flesh. He suffered much pain, especially at night. The prison commandant, who had been a Yale student during the forties, and who had himself been a prisoner of war, visited the prison occasionally and took an interest in him. There was no mistaking his genuine kindness of heart. One day he proposed to Sprague to come to his headquarters and do writing there. He promised him good food, warm clothing, a good bed, and considerable liberty on parole. Sprague thanked him warmly, but answered that his business in the war was to do the Confederacy as much harm as possible, and he could not conscientiously accept the kind offer. The conversation was at Col. Smith's office, and was overheard by a visitor, who, seeing Sprague's pitiable plight, said, "I have a son, who is a prisoner in the hands of you Yanks at Johnson's Island. He is suffering from want of everything. I'd like to make an arrangement to have your friends in the north supply him with what he needs and I'll supply you." This was agreed to at once. Sprague hastily wrote down a list of things of which he stood in most urgent need; and received a schedule of articles to be furnished the Confederate at Johnson's Island. The father assured him that the moment he received word from his son that Sprague's friends had placed in his hands the needed food and clothing, he would fulfil his part of the agreement. Sprague answered in substance as follows: "It would take about three weeks, as I reckon, for you to receive word from your son. I don't expect to live three weeks." A Confederate soldier on duty at headquarters, Mr. John F. Ficklin, of the Black Horse Cavalry of Virginia, having heard the conversations, and knowing

all the details of the negotiations, planned a scheme to assist Sprague immediately. He pretended to Col. Smith that he had a prisoner friend in the North to whom Sprague's friends had been kind! He even forged a letter which he pretended to have received from that imaginary prisoner. He showed it to Col. Smith, and obtained from him permission to supply Sprague's wants at once. From his own table he brought him in food, clothing, and a hundred dollars in money, Confederate paper of course. After the war Sprague was able to do him some service in repayment for his kindness to him and other Union prisoners, both officers and enlisted men.

In February, '65, Sprague was paroled with two other Union officers, to distribute supplies of clothing sent through the lines by the United States Government for Union prisoners. It came too late to do much good. There were then about a thousand prisoners there. At the rate they were dying, all but the officers would have been dead in less than a year. A desperate attempt to break out of prison, in which Sprague participated, and which ended tragically, had utterly failed. When the war ended, it was officially reported that about thirty-one thousand Union prisoners had perished in Confederate prisons, and almost exactly the same number of Confederates in Northern prisons.

At last the war ended, and the slavery that caused it. To save the Union ninety thousand Northern soldiers had been slain in battle or died of wounds, and four hundred thousand of their comrades had perished by disease. They were in the bloom of early manhood or in the strength of middle age. With the young men of the South, fallen in battle or by disease, three hundred thousand or more, the dead numbered not less than eight hundred thousand. For fifty years now their labor of brain or muscle has been lost to their country. A careful reckoning will show a loss of not less than thirty thousand million dollars.

The question will force itself upon us, Would it not have been better to let the Southern states go by themselves as an independent nation, as advised by Horace Greeley, Winfield Scott, all the Garrisonians and all the Quakers, agreeably to the doctrine laid down by Abraham Lincoln in 1846 and Thomas Jefferson

in 1776? In the middle of January, '61, when State after State, following the bad example of South Carolina, was plunging into the darkness of secession, John G. Whittier wrote—

The firmament breaks up. In black eclipse Light after light goes out. One evil star, Luridly glaring through the smoke of war, As in the dream of the Apocalypse, Drags others down. Let us not weakly weep, Nor rashly threaten. Wherefore should we leap On one hand into fratricidal fight, Or, on the other, yield eternal right? They break the links of Union: shall we light The fires of hell to weld anew the chain? Draw we not even now a freer breath. As from our shoulders falls a load of death? Why take we up the accursed thing again? Pity, forgive who flaunt disunion's rag, But urge them back no more: and let us press The golden cluster on our brave old flag In closer union; and, if numbering less, Brighter shall shine the stars which still remain.

During the war, and especially during his imprisonment, Col. Sprague had carefully pondered the question of his future occupation. He had no doubt of his ability to achieve a fair measure of success as a lawyer; but it became a matter of conscience with him. There were skilled lawyers enough. What the nation needed most was right education. He had had quite unusual success as a teacher. Conscientiously he chose that profession. Lieut. Gov. Winchester and Professors Thacher and Gilman of Yale offered him the principalship of the State Normal School at New Britain. After some hesitation he accepted it. He immediately visited the four Massachusetts normal schools at Westfield, Framingham, Salem, and Bridgewater, spending some time at each and studying their methods.

There had been a secret growing hostility to this institution. General Russell and other prominent gentlemen, interested in private institutions, took the ground that there should be no public schools, except as a charity to those too poor to pay for schooling. The opposition to the State Normal School was intensified by a desire to punish Sprague for his strong anti-slavery utterances

in past years. In a party caucus it was resolved to stop the supplies for the institution, ostensibly on the plea of economy. This was accordingly done, notwithstanding the fact that a committee of inspection had visited the school and reported strongly in favor of its management.

The people of New Britain were indignant. A committee of leading citizens waited on Col. Sprague and requested permission to make him their candidate for representative in the legislature. He bade them do as they pleased, although the high school committee of Meriden, after examining him in Latin and Greek, and finding him able to read English, had made him principal there. In due time he was elected representative over the opposing candidate, Mr. Landers. Until the assembling of the legislature in New Haven, he every day mounted his war-horse (which had received a bullet and a bayonet stab in his breast, and whose tail had been abbreviated by a cannon ball) and rode down to Meriden. There every noon he walked to the bank for lunch with the cashier, Abiram Chamberlain, afterwards governor, who sung to him, "When marshaled on the nightly plain", "My country, 'tis of thee", "We shall meet, but we shall miss him", and other religious and patriotic songs. When the legislative session began, he had secured Mr. C. W. Bardeen, then a recent graduate of Yale, a young man of the highest character, now a prominent educator and editor, to take his place in Meriden.

In the legislature Sprague was made chairman of the House Committee on Education. As such, he devoted himself to the accomplishment of three objects: (1) The abolition of "the odious rate bill" which was keeping thousands of children out of the public schools by compelling parents to pay tuition money for every child they sent to school; (2) Trebling the amount appropriated by the state for Teachers' Institutes; and (3) Rescinding the order that stopped payments for the support of the Normal School. It required much hard and patient labor with many individual legislators in the House and Senate to carry these measures through against the most determined opposition: Sprague publicly threatened also to go into every school district in the state and address the voters. All three objects were accomplished. Then, for the first time, the public schools of Connecticut were free to the poor; the Teachers' Institutes, under the inspiring

management of Hon. B. G. Northrop, whose appointment as Secretary of the State Board of Education, Sprague had secured, were able to render far more valuable service than ever before; and the State Normal School, never again obliged to fight for its existence in the newspapers or in the legislature, has ever since been recognized, not merely as an ornament, but as an indispensable support to the intelligence and integrity without which a free commonwealth cannot long exist.

In 1867 Sprague was elected Commander of Stanley Post, G. A. R., New Britain.

In the summer of 1868 he was appointed to the chair of Rhetoric (including English Literature, Elocution and Oratory) at the then new Cornell University. For two years he did the work of three full professors, of course superficially, having practically all the students in his classes. Among these were President David Starr Jordan, Hon. J. B. Foraker, and others hardly less distinguished. While there he was perhaps the first to advocate the establishment of chairs of Didactics or Pedagogy in colleges and universities, and the appointment of lady professors. He was much in demand as a lecturer, and the most extravagant encomiums upon his ability as a speaker were printed in scores of newspapers. With his growing family he found it difficult to meet his expenses, and in the summer of 1870 he was unfortunately drawn away, by a salary three times as large, from the university which he loved and the professorship which he had founded. Especially painful was it to part from his dear friend, the splendid president Andrew D. White, now America's first citizen, and his much-loved Goldwin Smith, his summer guest, godfather of his youngest son who bears that honored name.

Adelphi Academy, now Adelphi College, Brooklyn, N. Y., had just been incorporated; but, owing to misunderstandings, it was already in a crisis, the extent of which its friends did not realize till the fall term opened in September. Then, instead of the expected attendance of three hundred, there were about one hundred. The former principal, who was very popular, felt himself aggrieved, and, with quite a number of his best teachers, had started a rival institution and drawn away very many of the students. With great care Sprague had marked out a curriculum embracing all grades from the youngest primary to include the

first year of a first-class college. Here were some twenty instructors. There was no endowment, and no income except from tuition. The Adelphi was in danger of immediate collapse. How to save it, was the problem. He instituted a course of thirty popular lectures running through thirty successive weeks, delivered in the beautiful assembly hall by well-known lecturers whom he persuaded to give their services without compensation. These were judiciously and thoroughly advertised as free to the parents of the pupils, all others paying a small fee, the surplus of receipts above expenses to build up a library. Pains and skill were in requisition to have a careful synopsis and often a verbatim report of the lecture appear in the Brooklyn newspapers. George William Curtis, Goldwin Smith, Andrew D. White, Chancellor Crosby, and many other brilliant men, gladly gave their services to build up the Adelphi. Never was an institution more splendidly advertised. The same plan was kept up year after year. Whenever an eminent lecturer could not be secured, Sprague would take his place. The growth of the academy in numbers, in income, and in reputation, was most gratifying.

But this lecture business at length caused Sprague's resignation. He had engaged Henry Ward Beecher, and the majority of the trustees opposed it.

After a year in the lecture field, he was offered the position of Head Master in Boston's pet institution, the Central High School for girls. Here he remained for nine years. He found an opinion prevalent in Boston that girls should not aspire to a high-school education, unless specially gifted. Quietly but very earnestly and on all proper occasions he sought to inculcate the exactly opposite view, that, whatever the position in life, such an education would ordinarily prove a blessing. The result was an enormous increase in the number of high-school scholars. To make it easier for the poor to afford the expense, he labored long and hard and not unsuccessfully to induce the legislature to enact that all text-books and educational appliances should be furnished to every pupil in every grade free of cost. During his nine years as Head Master he introduced in the internal management over twenty improvements, more or less important, some of them unprecedented, as "fire-alarm drills", "Authors' Days", and a "Literary Society" of fourth-year pupils meeting weekly for essays,

criticism, and especially parliamentary practice in the conduct of public meetings.

During the seventies he became accustomed to spend his long vacations at Martha's Vineyard. There, at what is now Oak Bluffs, he secured the establishment of a money-order post office, founded a free public library, organized a Rural Improvement Society, and, with vast labor and multitudinous correspondence extending through many months, originated the Martha's Vineyard Summer Institute. This was the earliest and for a long period the largest of the world's general summer schools, which are now numbered by hundreds.*

Early in the seventies he was offered the presidency of a New England college, and early in the eighties the chancellorship of an important university, both denominational institutions. In 1885 he accepted the presidency of Mills College and Seminary in California. The idea was to originate the higher institution, strengthen and develop the lower, graft the one upon the other, and lay out a continuous course of study for both. It was a work of extreme difficulty and delicacy, but it was successfully accomplished in a little over a year. Upon severing his connection with the combined institution, one hundred of the young lady students contributed a dollar each for the purpose of presenting him with an elegant gold-headed cane engraved with an inscription testifying their respect and love. When he rode away, he found them lining for a quarter of a mile the road which they had strewed with flowers. He always cherished a warm affection for the institution, where, after repeated invitations from Mrs. Mills, the founder, he delivered Shakespearian lectures in the fall of 1909.

After a year of lecturing he accepted in the fall of 1887 the presidency of the infant University of North Dakota. The standard of scholarship was much elevated, and the attendance was nearly trebled during the four years of his administration. While there an effort was started without his concurrence to make him Senator of the new State in the United States Congress; but his unwillingness to enter the lists as an active competitor; the bitter opposition of those who were seeking to estab-

^{*}By general summer schools is meant schools not limited, as Agassiz's was to marine zoology at Penikese, and Vincent's at first limited to religion at Chautauqua, N. Y.

lish in the new state the odious Louisiana Lottery which he had strenuously opposed; and the liberal use of large sums of money, defeated the effort. He had no ambition of that kind. A committee of prominent citizens waited on him and besought him to permit his name to be used as a candidate for delegate to the constitutional convention. He refused; but consented to draw up the article on Education. His draft forbade parting with the lands allowed by the Government for educational purposes except by the concurrent action of two successive legislatures. He was the author of that portion of the article which holds up and insists upon a higher standard of intellectual and moral qualifications for the exercise of the elective franchise than can be found in the fundamental law of any other state or nation. It reads somewhat as follows:—

"A high degree of intelligence, patriotism, integrity, and morality, on the part of every voter in a government by the people, being indispensable to ensure the safe, smooth, and efficient working of the governmental machinery, it shall be the duty," etc.

The severity of the winters and a regard for the health of his family, after he had secured for the university the establishment of a signal service station, a post office, battalion drill under an officer of the regular army, and the foundations of a liberal education obtainable at less pecuniary cost than elsewhere in America, caused him, much to his regret, to leave this most promising field of labor for the less inclement climate of California. It was gratifying to know that the president and faculty that he left behind were exceptionally qualified to carry on to still higher results the work to which he had for four years given his best energies.

Disastrous occurrences, without fault of his, led him to leave again the Pacific Coast. In the east he engaged in the work of University Extension with headquarters for some months in Philadelphia. He established a large number of "Centres". It was a continual joy to witness the enthusiasm with which his lectures were received, and the diligence with which large numbers entered upon a systematic study of Milton and Shakespeare, the principal subjects of his discourses. Next for several years he

resided in East Orange, N. J., giving instruction and lectures on oratory in Drew Theological Seminary. This was followed by some half dozen years' residence in Newton, Mass., during which he gave lessons and lectures on Shakespeare to the students of Lasell Seminary. All the while, as had been the case for many years before, his services were in demand at the Chautauquas in many states and at many other literary institutions.

In 1907 the physicians imperatively insisted that his wife's health required a change of climate. Arriving at Los Angeles he was himself taken seriously ill. He was seven weeks in hospital for a critical operation. Recovering strength after seven months' illness, he delivered lectures in the Southern University, in five of the California colleges, two of the Chautauquas, and many of the high schools, academies, and other institutions.

Returning to Newton, Mass., in September, 1910, he accepted an invitation to deliver a course of lectures before the professors and students at Cornell University. Accordingly on the 81st anniversary of his birth and forty years after he had left his professorship there, he gave the first of his course of four. In the following July he delivered another course of four to the twelve hundred students of the Summer Session, the first being on Milton, which he had previously given four times in Ithaca, and more than two hundred times elsewhere.

He was at one time Councillor of the National Educational Association; President and afterwards life Director of The American Institute of Instruction; associate founder and first president of the New England Watch and Ward Society; President of the New England Society of North Dakota; life member of the Pilgrim Society; member of the Berkeley (California) Club, and of the Tuesday (Newton) Club, etc.; comrade in five Grand Army posts, and Commander of one of them; Companion of the Loyal Legion; for many years lecturer, director, and one of the Executive Committee of the American Peace Society; afterwards director of the Massachusetts Peace Society; for three years, and until he went to Europe, the first president, and afterwards director of the Martha's Vineyard Summer Institute; delegate representing Grace Church, Newton, on several occasions; etc.

Among his published writings are the following:-

History of the Thirteenth Connecticut Infantry Volunteers (353 pages); Treatise on Voice and Gesture (86 pages); Address on Coeducation (at laying corner-stone of Sage College for Women); Free Text-books (for all pupils in all public schools); The High School and Citizenship; Inaugural Addresses on Higher Education (at Adelphi Academy and Mills College); The Place of Literature in a College Course; An Educational Party Needed; The Pilgrim Fathers and the Foundation of Civil Government; Introductory Essay (to Beecher's Metaphors and Similes); Societies for the Suppression of Vice (with tribute to Anthony Comstock); Wealth in Books (Address at Dedication of Public Library at West Brookfield); American Liberty (oration at New Haven, Conn., July 4th, 1900); The Two Parties (Speech at the Hotel Savoy, N. Y., before the Democratic Club of College Men); The Assassination-Who is Responsible? (of which Charles Eliot Norton wrote, "It is overwhelming in its Effectiveness"); Alleged Law Blunders in Shakespeare; Preeminence in Education of the Yale Class of 1852 (speech at the Alumni Meeting on the 50th anniversary after graduation): The Right and the Wrong in Our Civil War (viewed from the standpoint of a lover of peace, and showing both parties in the wrong); The People's Party's Position Correct (on Income and Inheritance Tax, and Ownership of Great Public Utilities); Recollections of Henry Ward Beecher; Shakespeare's True Macbeth (not Sir Henry Irving's); Light on the Bacon-Shakespeare Controversy (with explanation of Tobie Matthew's letter of 1622); War Pensions and Promises; Essay on Cæsar, Brutus, and Antony (in Shakespeare's Julius Casar, showing Brutus no patriot); Appreciation of Daniel Coit Gilman (a college class symposium); Appreciation of George W. Shinn (read at a Memorial Service); Sketch of General A. B. B. Sprague's Career (prepared for the Biographical History of Massachusetts); The Elevation of His Satanic Majesty (in The Tomahawk of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, February, 1912).

He has edited with copious notes on a new plan Shakespeare's Macbeth, Hamlet, Julius Cæsar, Merchant of Venice, The Tempest, As You Like It, and Midsummer Night's Dream; also Masterpieces in English Literature, including complete works

selected from Chaucer, Bacon, Shakespeare, Spenser, Milton, and Bunyan, with biographical sketches; also selections from Irving's Sketch Book, the whole of Scott's Lady of The Lake, Carlyle's Essay on Burns, Goldsmith's Vicar of Wakefield, first two books of Milton's Paradise Lost, etc. He has completed a new metrical version of the Book of Job, with a closer adherence than any other English translation to the original Hebrew. It is copiously annotated, citing with great compactness the best authorities on disputed points, with bibliography up to date, and an introductory essay on the Mystery of Undeserved Suffering Explained in the Light of Evolution.

Sprague received the degree of A.B. from Yale in 1852, A. M. in 1855; Ph.D. from the University of New York in 1873, and LL.D., 1916, from Temple University of Philadelphia, Penn. Honorable mention of him was repeatedly made in Crafts' Successful Men of To-day. An imperfect outline sketch of him has appeared in the Cosmopolitan magazine; also in Who's Who in the World, and a quite full synopsis of barest items in Who's Who in America.

He married December 28, 1854, Antoinette Elizabeth, daughter of Captain Leonard Pardee, of New Haven, Conn. She died January 29, 1913, after a very long illness. Four children were born to them, Charles Homer, now a lawyer; William Pardee, a physician; Sarah Antoinette, wife of Rev. William Whiting Davis; and Goldwin Smith, a merchant.

In the Alpha Sigma Phi of Yale some 65 years ago there would seem to have been something promotive of longevity. Of the class graduating in 1852, numbering nearly a hundred, only seven still survive; but of those seven, four,—Buck, Crapo, Sprague, and Wilcox,—were "Sigs"! Evidently they did not exhaust their vitality by over-study, though three of them were Phi Beta Kappa men ranking for scholarship in the best third of the class. Crapo brilliantly edited the Tomahawk.

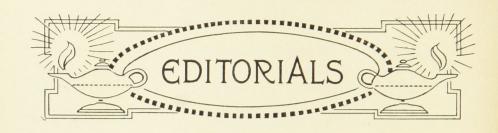
For the unspeakable sorrow which culminated after a long illness in the loss of his dearest on the 29th of January, 1913, Sprague found partial solace in strenuous literary labor, as well as in the tender filial devotion of his daughter and three sons. With the most loving and most faithful of daughters and her husband, Rev. William Whiting Davis, in April, 1914, he made his second voyage across the Atlantic in the steamship *Arabic*

of the White Star line. In the company were congenial friends. Among them was his relative, the noted author, Rev. Franklin M. Sprague, grandson of Federal Constitution Sprague, previously mentioned; his son-in-law, Rev. Dr. George M. Ward, ex-president of Rollins College and of Wells College; the gifted wives of these two, with other accomplished lady relatives and friends, one of whom, Miss Alice Beatrice Condell, is a lineal descendant of Henry Condell, joint editor with John Heminge of the First Folio of the Shakespeare Plays. A merry party they were, and it gave each of them a pang, still painful, when later they learned that the splendid steamship had been sent to the bottom by the Germans.

The six months in London were a delightful period. Davis was an unusually able preacher, and his services were in demand at many churches. Especially delightful was it to Sprague to be often with his learned and accomplished classmate, Wm. A. Reynolds, whom he had not seen for fifty years. Reynolds had been for many years a professor in a French college, but was now retired on a pension from the French government. He was the second scholar in the class at Yale. Learned, white-souled, elegant in manners, he was most genial and lovable.

Sprague's nearest friends in the party had planned to go with him to the south of France and remain there or in Italy for an indefinite period; but the infernal war cut short their stay in England and rendered impossible any pleasure travel on the continent. They engaged passage in October on their favorite steamship, the *Arabic*; but Sprague's prudent daughter scented danger and induced them to cancel that arrangement and embark on the American liner *New York*. They arrived in New York City October 19th, the day on which Sprague completed his 85th year.

He immediately engaged in studying, writing, and lecturing. In 1915 he delivered at Cornell University his fifth annual course of lectures. The subjects were The Story of Paradise Lost, illustrated by diagrams, and The Book of Job, with copious readings from his metrical version. The same year his Lights and Shadows in Confederate Prisons was published. Few publications have been more warmly or more generally commended. His Studies in Shakespeare (first series), now in the press, will probably be issued this spring.



We welcome the newest addition to our sisterhood with royal fervor. Baby Rho, the seventeenth daughter of the "Old Gal",

LAUGHING was born exactly nine years to the minute after the renaissance of the mother chapter at Yale, which occurred on March 28th, 1907. She has her home amidst the classic shades of the University of Minnesota and within sound of the silvery ripple of the Falls of Minnehaha. "Laughing Water" shall henceforth be her sobriquet with us. Let us hope her relationship to the fraternity will be exemplified in the words of Longfellow:

"Though she bends him, she obeys him, Useless one without the other."

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The fraternity world is menaced by a new evil that threatens to be almost as serious as the former activities of Θ N E and

INTER-FRATERNITY FRATERNITIES Quo Vadis, if we can believe the editorials of several of our leading contemporaries. These are the so-called "honorary" and "professional"

fraternities that draw the majority of their membership from the graduate alumni of the general fraternities and then fill up their rosters by competing with them among the undergraduates. Dire legislation is advocated and threatened.

There are two sides to this question, however, fellow Greeks, and you have created the conditions that have made this competition possible. You hold your active membership to the undergraduate body and as soon as a man has secured his baccalaurate degree and wishes to prosecute his further studies in a post-graduate department at the same institution he loses his standing as an active and becomes a graduate alumnus. New surroundings, new interests, new activities confront him, while he feels no longer at home among his old associates. Remove these con-

ditions, open your ranks to all departments and classes, and hold a man to active membership while he remains an active student in any department of the institution, and you have almost solved the difficulty. Make it possible for him to affiliate more freely with your local chapter if he changes institutions for post-graduate study, and you have completely solved it. Be true to yourselves and your troubles will solve themselves. These "parasitical institutions", as you classify them, will no longer fatten upon your members if you place a premium upon their continued loyalty to your ideals by retaining their activities in your service instead of making them graduate alumni.

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"You have often noticed the faltering footprints of an erring brother. Publishing his shortcomings, or proclaiming his misdoings not only lowers you in the eye of the uninitiated, but affects the high standing of the order in the community. Go to the brother in private and give him of the good counsel which his fault demands." These splendid words from the *Acacia Journal* are equally valuable here. We heartily endorse them and commend them to every member of A Σ Φ .

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"A fraternity, to my mind, should be a group of good clean men banded together in the bonds of friendship."—Alpha Tau

FRATERNITY DEAD BEATS

Omega Palm. We agree with the above definition of a good fraternity and good fraternity men. But what shall we do with the fellow who leaves college owing his chapter money for board and room and to its request for payment when he has secured a good paying position either ignores it or refuses to pay? Beta Theta Pi serves an order to show cause why such men should not be expelled and in by far the majority of cases secures payment and reclaims the debtor from the error of his ways. Where they fail they take away his badge. We believe our fraternity should adopt this measure also. Relationship between a man and his chapter brethren is reciprocal, but the man who refuses or fails to be a man when he

has the opportunity should not be protected by a policy of sufferance. Expulsion should be resorted to and sternly enforced. We know a few of our chapters in which this practice could be introduced successfully.

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In a recent issue of the Delta of Sigma Nu we note a criticism of the tendency of college and fraternity men to shirk their religious duties. The writer emphasized the apathy to church going and grew eloquent on the indifference of youth to the spiritual welfare of the man. We do not agree with this expression of opinion of college life in general. We believe the writer of this criticism confused church going with the tenets of faith that underlie the true relationship of the thinking man to his God. Goethe has well remarked, "You can't always tell the quality of a man's religion by the length of his face on Sundays." Nor can you tell the depth of religious feeling through the tendency to commune with self as compared with regular attendance at church.

We do not condemn, but, rather on the contrary, commend frequent and regular attendance at church, but, on the other hand, we do not wish our young men's religious life to be judged entirely upon their regular appearance in places of public worship. We believe that every human soul is essentially religious,—the educated, thinking one the stronger and more spiritual,—the unreflective devotee more attracted by the mechanics and ritual of his creed. For this reason we believe our college men are more religious than many of less capacity, but they are more liable to dissociate the false with the true elements of sacerdotal value.



ALPHA CHAPTER, YALE UNIVERSITY, NEW HAVEN, CONN.

This has been a busy winter for Alpha, and since the last letter a good many things have happened.

At the February elections the following officers for the spring semester were chosen: H. S. P., George B. Heilner; H. J. P., Norman B. Pilling; H. S., W. Henry T. Holden; H. E., Cleveland J. Rice; H. C. S., Robert E. Bedworth; H. M., Gerard C. Besse; H. C., Robert N. Blakeslee, Jr.

The following men have been initiated since the last communication: Henry Sheppard, Jr., '17S., New Haven, Conn.; Eldridge LeBaron Bridgman, '18S., Norfolk, Conn.; Frederic Boley Schell, Jr., '18S., Maplewood, N. J.; Max Wagner, '18S., Nantucket, Mass.; Sidney Bishop Miner, '18S., New London, Conn.; John Dwight Mills, '18S., Bridgeport, Conn.; Philip Courtlandt Dunford, '18S., New London, Conn.

On February 7th the Yale Promenade was held, as usual at the C. N. G. Armory, and this chapter was represented by sixteen couples. The Prom. was preceded, in the afternoon by a tea, and the evening before by a German, at the Temple Street house. The effects of the Prom. lasted for a while, but reminiscences of the popular informal house dances bore fruit, and we added one more to our list of social affairs on March 18th.

The 71st Anniversary Dinner of the Chapter was held at the Taft Hotel on March 25th, at which we were glad to welcome Brothers Smiley of Beta, Perry of Gamma, Thompson of Lambda, and Goulson of Omicron. From our alumni were present Brothers Southworth, '62; Musgrave, '09; Quinn, '09; Kennedy, '09; Trowbridge, '10S.; Bishop, '11; Davis, '11S.; Warner, '11S.;

Marzano, '13S.; Wenzel, '14S.; Rorer, '15S.; and Wright of the Faculty.

A chapter of the Gamma Alpha (Graduate Professional) Fraternity has recently been established here at Yale, with Brother Holden one of the charter members.

Brother Sincerbeaux is now manager of the University Orchestra.

Brother Zetterstrand has been elected to the Sheff. Senior Council for the next college year.

Brothers Miner and Dunford are out for the freshman crew; Brother Schell is on the bowling team and has made the record score of 625 for three games.

Our annual dance comes on Friday evening, May 26th, the day before the Princeton ball game. We hope that a large number of alumni will be able to notify Brother Holden of their intention to attend.

NORMAN BODEN PILLING.

BETA CHAPTER, HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Spring Vacation, April 16!

During the last month or so, Beta has been unusually active. On February 26 we held our annual banquet at the Hotel Thorndike, in Boston. We were fortunate in having with us brothers from other chapters and a number of our own alumni, and enjoyed the opportunity of getting in touch with Sigs at the other colleges, as well as of listening to stories of the old days. Omicron Tau Tau, a recently organized fraternity whose charter members are all members of Beta, took advantage of the festivities incident to the banquet to initiate several new members. The Tau Tau has been prospering this year, and reports the establishment of chapters at a number of other colleges.

Since the banquet we have had three smokers, all well attended, both by the brothers and by a number of prospective members. In the latter part of March we elected and initiated four men: Harold Truscott Davis, '18, of Waterbury, Conn.; Burt Prentice Flickinger, '18, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Edward Alden

Freeman, '18, of Newton Centre, Mass.; and Alfred Burham North, '17, of New York City. Brother Davis has the coveted distinction of being Beta's best and only southpaw pool shark.

Speaking of pool, Brothers Gundlach and Galligan are now in the finals of the first tournament on our new table.

Brother Persons is playing lacrosse, while Brothers Marble and Rodgers are busy with the spring dramatic productions. Brother Marble has run up against a threatening snag in his "contest" for the lacrosse managership; two other candidates have appeared. Brother Trafford took a prominent part in the Intercollegiate Debates. Brothers Hewitt and Davis are showing up well in the *Harvard Illustrated* news competition.

Some weeks ago the chapter received, with mixed feelings, a gift from Brother Eustis in the shape of "Sig". Brother Eustis insists that Sig is an Airedale, but Brother Prindeville sees striking resemblances in him to a Swiss fishhound. Sig himself seems undisturbed by the obscurity which envelops his origin, and has made himself entirely at home—several times, in fact—on the dinner table.

It has been decided to enter a baseball team in the Leiter Cup Series this spring. This is a new departure, but at present there appears no reason why it should not be successful, not only in the pleasure which we should get out of it, but also in better identifying Alpha Sigma Phi with college activities.

Although our present quarters are comfortable and on the whole satisfactory, the House Committee is on the lookout for something better. We have been prospering this year, and hope to be able to show our prosperity to the world by moving into a more sumptuous house.

CHARLES TREGO PRINDEVILLE.

GAMMA CHAPTER, MASSACHUSETTS AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, AMHERST, MASSACHUSETTS

Chartered at Amherst College, Amherst, Mass....1856-1862 Massachusetts Agricultural College, February 14, 1913 House, 85 Pleasant St., Amherst, Massachusetts Meetings, Every Monday at 7:00 P. M.

On March 4th Gamma held her Third Annual Initiation Banquet at the Plymouth Inn, Northampton. Brother S. B. Haskell, '04, acted as toastmaster, and made this banquet one which will

be remembered for a long time. Gamma had a goodly number of her older alumni at the banquet, as well as those of the younger men who were within reach of Amherst. Brothers Raymond K. Hyde and Hawgood brought us the best wishes of Alpha, and told us of the prosperous year which she is having. Brother Harold H. Brodeur told us of Beta and her work. Brother Elwood L. Haines, of Omicron, gave us a watchword of fellowship, which cannot be emphasized too strongly. Close, intimate fellowship can accomplish everything and will always help to solve many of the personal difficulties which now and then arise. Messages from Lambda and Delta were read, expressing the regret that their delegates would be unable to be present.

In the course of the evening Brother Chapman, '05, broached the subject of a new house for Gamma, and after presenting several plans the matter was placed in the hands of a committee, to be placed before the men of the chapter as soon as possible. It is the ambition of Gamma to be in her new house by 1920.

During the evening best wishes and greetings were exchanged between Gamma and the other fraternities here at Massachusetts. All the fraternities were holding their initiation banquets on the same night, and these courtesies are but one evidence of the feeling existing between fraternities here.

Brothers Hyde and Hawgood remained over with us till Sunday, when, as all Yale men do, they wandered "over the mountain", and disappeared. Brother Haines remained with us until after our meeting on Monday night.

For some strange reason the cold wind of the 20th of February blew two strangers into Gamma's home, and Brothers Al Farwell and Newcome, of Alpha, camped with us over night. Strange indeed were the stories of Yale and her men that night. The same wind blew these men towards the south next day, but according to reports, they were left stranded in a queer little town just "over the mountain", from which they got out all right a day or so later.

The week of March 13th was Farmers' Week here at college, and Gamma again saw Brothers C. R. Webb, '05, Kilbon, ex.-'14, E. J. Burke, '10, C. Peckham, '12, Ted Nicolet, '14, and Frank Clegg, '14. During the later part of the week Brother John N. Summers, '04, was with us for a few days.

Brother Ralph R. Parker, '12, dropped in at the house for a moment on his way back from Montana, and he also dropped in on the way back, but he couldn't stay very long either time, for, well, coming back he had his wife with him.

Brother Herb. Brewer, '13, also spent a few days with us. "Herb" had just returned from Hawaii, and is now traveling for a fertilizer concern in New York.

Gamma has an unusually large number of her men playing 'Varsity baseball this spring. Brothers Day, '17; "Em" Grayson, '17; Chambers, '18, and Gasser, '18, have made places on the first team, and Brothers Maginnis, '12, Carl Kennedy, '18, and "Babe" Kennedy, '19, are fighting hard.

Aggie's new ball field is all ready and by the time that this goes to press the first game will have been played. A large percentage of Gamma's men will have played in that first game.

Inter-fraternity baseball has started and here again Gamma is holding her place, for in spite of our 'Varsity men being taken from us we still have a goodly number of ball-players left. To mention that these games are played at six o'clock in the morning shows that considerable interest is centered in this series.

Since the last issue of the Tomahawk the following men have been taken into the Mystic Circle: Brothers Sumner R. Parker, M. A. C., '04; Harold Ralph Day, '19; Walter Decker Graves, '19; Lawrence Wilhelm Johnson, '19; and Leroy Duane Peterson, '19, of New York City. Brother Parker is at present State Leader of Massachusetts and connected with the Extension Service Staff of the College.

Dr. Brides, our football coach at Aggie for the last four years, has left us to return to his Alma Mater (Yale) to help bring that team up to its rightful position in the football world, and since a word to the wise is sufficient, watch that Yale line next fall. If Beta is at all sceptical, let her stop for just a moment and think over the way Doc's Aggie team fought this last fall.

With the departure of Dr. Brides, Aggie has adopted the idea of graduate coaching, and Brother E. A. Perry, '16, has been chosen to act as line Coach for the coming season. Brother Perry has played on the 'Varsity for the past three years, and has played in all the line positions, with the exception of end. He is, therefore, a very capable man for his new work, and

Gamma, knowing that he will do his best, wishes him the very best of success.

Intercollegiate basketball has been revived at Aggie, and next year will find an Aggie team shooting baskets with the usual vim. With the exceptional showing which Gamma's men made in Interclass basketball this past winter, it looks as though she could not fail to be well represented on this new 'Varsity team.

Since the last chapter letter was written, Brother Dean A. Ricker, '16, has been awarded the track letter, and Brother Berger Rosequist, '18, has been elected to the business board of the Collegian, our weekly publication.

Dean Albert Ricker.

After four months of very active service at the front, Delta Sigs have been granted a furlough of one week and are planning to spend that time at their various bases of supplies. Several of the brothers have planned to remain in Marietta, but the greater number will recuperate in various ways at their respective homes.

At present the chapter is much occupied with the working out of a new financial system. H. E. Graves and the Auditing Committee, which was recently appointed, have decided that the proper way to conduct the financial affairs of the fraternity is through a budget system. The expenses for the maintaining of the chapter will be made into a budget, including also the Social Account. This amount will be distributed among a number of different funds and every item of expense will be provided for. As yet the chapter has not passed on the necessary amendments to the by-laws, but it is thought that the changes will be made at the next meeting.

Steps are also being taken towards the forming of an Inter-Fraternity Conference for the regulation of pledging next year. Such an organization was in existence here two years ago, but since disbanded its need has been sadly felt. Alpha Sigma Phi was one of the prime promoters of this project and at present it looks as if it will be successfully put through.

The usual large number of men are taking part in the spring athletics. Brothers C. D. Freshour, E. Freshour, Meister, Miller, Pond and Skinner and Pledge Byer are out for track and practically all of them are sure of places on the team. In baseball Brothers Sutton, Keever and McIntyre of last year's team are practically sure of their positions and besides them Brothers Skinner, Stonecipher, Dye, Lewis and Artman are trying out.

During the past season Marietta had the best basketball team of her history. By winning eighteen out of nineteen games we were able to claim the undisputed championship of Ohio, West Virginia, and Kentucky. Letters were recently granted by the Athletic Association to Brother Skinner, who played forward, and to Brother Miller as manager.

At the recent Athletic Carnival, which opened the track season, Alpha Sigma Phi won the Inter-Fraternity relay race for the third consecutive time. The team was composed of C. D. Freshour, Meister, Skinner and Lewis.

Brother E. Freshour has been elected President of the Y. M. C. A. and Brother Boggs Treasurer. Brother Sutton was President during the past year.

Brothers Lankford and Garrison recently represented Marietta in an Intercollegiate Debate with Denison.

The Home Glee Club Concert proved to be one of the most enjoyable events of the spring season and here we were represented by six men. Brother McConnell is President of the Club and also one of the soloists. The 'Varsity Orchestra, of which Brother Aumend is Director, assisted in making the affair a success.

Since the last letter three men have climbed the pinnacle. They are: Thomas Mervin Stonecipher, Donald Leslie Dye and George Dewey Williams.

On Washington's Birthday we held our annual Mothers' Day celebration. Dinner was served at the house in the evening and later the entire party attended the basketball game between West Virginia University and Marietta. About sixteen mothers were in attendance and the affair as usual was entirely successful.

At the last election, the following officers were chosen for the spring term: H. S. P., C. D. Freshour; H. J. P., Harry Pond; H. M., Howard Meister; H. S., D. M. Auch; H. C., Robert Erdmann; P. C., J. R. McConnell and A. W. Hutchison; House Committee, Dane Wallace, Lester Miller and Walter Woodford, and H. A. S., Paul Keever.

Recent visitors at the house have been: Brothers Glen Mc-Connell, Delta, '11, Lambda, '14; Lloyd Wharton, '10; Claire Rowland, ex-'16; C. B. Mincks, '09, and Rev. W. W. Coe, '83.

DAVID MILTON AUCH, '18.

Epsilon Chapter, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware,

During the interval between this letter and the last, initiation has twice occurred at Epsilon and we have been able to see her grow materially in numbers. On February 20 the following Freshmen were admitted into the Mystic Circle: Darcie Valoris Meacham, Delaware, Ohio; Ernest Miles Cole, Midvale, Ohio; Donald A. Lose and John Henry Curdes, Napoleon, Ohio; Harry Andrew March, Lisbon, Ohio; J. A. Paul Morrison, Bidwell, Ohio; Harry Worthington Brokaw, Barberton, Ohio; Wilbur Humphrey Fowler, Zanesville, Ohio. We have in these men a group which is representative of their class and capable of commanding an ever-increasing respect for Alpha Sigma Phi in Pan-Hellenic affairs.

The second initiation was held on April 1, when William Irving Lacy, '12, became one of our alumni members. Before another initiation occurs we hope to have our new chapter room completed, which will add very much to the work.

Wesleyan finished the basketball season with a flourish and has the strongest claim for the conference championship. March 18 was a fitting climax to the season as far as Epsilon was concerned. On this date we entertained Zeta Chapter, the occasion being a game between our opposing teams. If modesty did not forbid, it might be related how we got the better end of the 51-17 score. The affair proved to be the source of much enjoyment and we hope for a continuation of such "get-togethers" in the future.

Brothers Brokaw, '19, and Dietrich, '18, won points in the recent inter-class swimming meet, while Brother Force, '18, is adding more points to his 'Varsity track record. Brothers Emery and McConnell, '16, have each taken trips recently with their respective musical organizations.

Two inter-fraternity contests of note are being held this year; the one, a basketball tournament, is becoming a tradition, but the other is something more novel in the form of a horse-shoe tournament. It remains to be seen if Epsilon can toss the ringers as well as the baskets.

Roscoe David Leas, '16.

After the flurry and hurry of the finals and mid-winter social activities are over comes the spring lull, when strolling dates, tennis, theses, and incidental studying are "vogue".

To begin with the boys came through the finals in great shape. Among those making "merit" marks in the recent examinations are Brothers Leonard, Elford, Mullay, Alexander, and pledges Dumont and Annis, the latter seeming to "merit" everything they undertake.

On the awful night of March 4th, for it was the coldest and rawest night of the winter, we initiated Ralph H. Anderson, Cornelius J. Ryan, James C. Ryan and Evan A. Edwards. The Ryans are twins, and the second pair initiated in this chapter within two years. The Yeagers, who are now studying dentistry, were initiated in the spring of 1914.

The fraternity basketball team had great success at home, winning eight and losing no games in its league, but in the finals lost by a close score to Phi Kappa Psi, champions of the other two leagues. Then came another defeat at the hands of Epsilon chapter on the night of March 18th. We hated to lose this one, and the writer, who is an ardent Zeta basketball man, will have to retract all the boastful predictions made concerning this game.

Two dances and a smoker constitute our social activities since the last letter. One dance at the "Parsons" was chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Gould K. Harris, of the department of accounting. Needless to say, etc. The other dance was given by the upper-classmen at the house April 14th, and our beloved house mother, Mrs. Fannie Dodd, chaperoned. The smoker given by the freshmen was something scrumptious. Through the efforts of Pledge E. Carson Blair, a "cullud" gentleman was procured, who entertained the brothers by his singing, and playing and singing.

Brother Harry Gailey was forced to withdraw from school on account of eye trouble, and Maxwell Kearns left to take a position with the Jeffrey Manufacturing Co. Brother Kearns is still living at the house. Pledge Sutter, who is very promising football material, and up to a few days ago a member of the Spring squad, had to leave school to take charge of his father's business. He will return next fall if his father's health improves.

Brother Harlan Born, Epsilon last year, was affiliated with this chapter at the beginning of this semester.

"Activities" are quite numerous among the brothers this year. Brother Alexander is Vice-President of the glee club, and an assistant in one of the agricultural labs. Blue is a member of the University orchestra, Senior committee, and treasurer of the architectural club. Dunham is Senior class treasurer, Y. M. C. A. cabinet man, and a member of the A. P. X. honorary architectural fraternity. Bracken is on Senior Social committee, Holman on rifle team, Anderson in Glee club, and Walter Pettit another brother in A. P. X.

In athletics Brothers Cornelius Ryan and Arthur Leonard represent Zeta as members of the spring football squad, Pledge Dumont as Freshman baseballer and candidate for 'Varsity manager next year, and Brother Bleser as member of interfraternity conference.

In the army we have Captain Hart and First Lt. Bricker. Kinkle is editor this year again of the art department of Agricultural Student, and secretary of the Downing Society. The honorary accounting fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi, has taken in Brother Bloser. Dudley, Born, Mullay, Packer, and Hart are Sigs on the Lantern staff. Mullay is press agent for Zarzolliers Musical Comedy organization, on Sun-Dial staff and tennis squad. He has been working hard as candidate for Makio editor next year, an office which is now competitive. Another brother on the

Y. M. C. A. cabinet is Evans, who is also on art staff of *Makio*. Brother Packer, present associate editor of *Sun-Dial*, will be its editor next year. This year he is calendar-editor of *Makio*, president of LaBoheme literary fraternity, a Zarzollier, Junior social committeeman, and a pledge of Sigma Delta Chi.

In other activities of the campus the brothers have also been interested, and no Political Science, Horticultural, Pen and Brush, or Psychology Club meetings occur without some Sigs in attendance. Hoping this epistle of Zeta's doings will not prove boresome, we drop the present task to fight in other ways the student's pest, the old spring-fever germ.

GEORGE LEONARD PACKER.

ETA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILLINOIS

Installed October 24, 1908 House, 404 East Daniel St., Champaign, Illinois Meetings, Every Monday at 7:30 p. m.

Spring has finally put in her appearance at Champaign and with it have come many interesting sights as well as fine times. Our principal occupation, when not studying, seems to be "decorating the front porch". Of course, golf, tennis, "fussing", etc., all have their places, and no doubt are well attended to.

Illinois was not as successful in basketball this year as last, and yet, in spite of injuries, succeeded in being runner-up to the champion Wisconsin gang. Brother Appelgran played the entire season as "standing guard", but he wasn't "standing" when Illinois wanted the ball and his rushes afforded the crowd much amusement, but they "delivered the goods".

Illinois in track this season won 413/4 points in the Indoor Conference Meet at Evanston, the largest score ever run up by any team in a similar contest.

At the close of the season, Brother Appelgran in basketball and Brother Pendarvis in track were awarded the "I".

Baseball is now the sport attracting most attention. On the southern trip of the baseball team Eta had three of her men in the box scores: "Cherry" Krebs at third base, "Baldy" Stiles on first, and "Deke" Arbuckle in center field. All have been

putting up a stellar game. Brother Ward Flock has been playing shortstop on the second squad and before the end of the season hopes to secure a berth on the 'Varsity.

Coach Harry Gill will take several men to the Drake Relays and the Penn Games. Brother Chapman of the freshmen is going in good shape in the mile and if present indications are maintained should receive his numerals. The writer has his ankle in a cast and is on crutches, but hopes to be in shape again soon.

The Inter-Fraternity baseball schedule is out and we hope to win the trophy.

Brother George Consoer has lived up to his freshman reputation and at the spring initiation became a Tau Beta Pi. He has also recently become a member of Sigma Tau, honorary engineering fraternity.

Brother "Huck" Owen is one of the charter members of Theta Tau, an honorary engineering fraternity, a chapter of which was installed here this year.

Brother Ward Flock has been taken into Alpha Gamma Rho, the honorary agricultural fraternity, and is now pledged to Comitatus.

Brother Don Chapman has recently been pledged to Psi Mu, an honorary architectural fraternity. He has served all year on the art staff of the *Siren* and has been quite successful with his posters, having won a silver cup for the Sophomore Smoker Poster.

Brother Van Deusen has worked faithfully as Assistant to the Campus Scout of the *Daily Illini*, and as a result of the ability which he has shown he has been elected to Graphomen, a Sophomore Journalistic Society. He won the first prize silver cup at the Sophomore Smoker for the best stunt.

Brother F. L. Kroner has been reporting for the *Daily Illini* and has established quite a reputation for himself. He is a member of Philomathean Literary Society, to which Brother Max Taylor also belongs.

Brother Johnny Yerington has worked like a Trojan as Sophomore Assistant to the Baseball Manager and we are hoping to see him one of the two Junior Assistants next year.

Brother Dave Griffiths is Assistant Art Editor of the *Illio* and is the logical man for the editorship next year.

Brother "Oats" Petty has been more than active, for after receiving his '19 in football he started in at basketball, but his studies finally got the better of him and he had to give it up. He also served as treasurer of the Freshman Class during the first semester and is one of our leading fussers.

Brothers "Draggy" Warnshuis and Don Chapman were members of the choral society, which gave "A Tale of Old Japan" last Tuesday evening.

Socially, Eta has been doing well. So far this semester we have given one informal dance, which was quite successful, even though three of the boys on the southern baseball trip could not be present. Every one is looking forward to the Formal on May 19th.

Our fussers have shown their capabilities and as a result nearly every sorority formal has seen a few of the boys as guests. Brothers Owen and Consoer and Pledge Lalor graced the Alpha Delta Pi's; Brothers Pruett, Gooch, and Appelgran the Alpha Chi Omega's; Brother Flock invaded the Chi Omega's and Brother Kaiser the Kappa's; Brothers "Puss" Farnham, "Oats" Petty and "Mike" Gleason took in the Sigma Kappa's and Brother "Gene" Pruett will favor the Delta Gamma's.

Eta has recently taken quite a step in her efforts to obtain a home by purchasing a very good site and we hope to have the support of every alumnus in meeting our payments.

HARRY REED PENDARVIS.

THETA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

Spring has failed as yet to spoil our daily routine, and we look ahead over the few weeks of school that are left to a number of big campus events, a spring initiation and the final examinations. Our February initiation was a success and added seven men to the active chapter. We have four more men pledged for the spring initiation. They are: James Howard Ewen, '19 Lit., Saginaw, Mich.; Edwin S. Snyder, '19 Lit., Detroit, Mich.;

Harold Raphael Smith, '19 Lit., Detroit, Mich.; Chester C. Chopp, '19 E., Lakewood, Ohio. At the February election we elected the following officers: Brother Weaver, H. S. P.; Brother Stecher, H. J. P.; Brother Van Stone, H. E.; Brother Steele, H. C. S.; Brother Bastian, H. C.; Brother Gernt, H. S.; Brother Hull, H. M. During the past months while the Michigan Opera and other activities were demanding many of the members for rehearsal every evening, we found it advantageous to hold the weekly meetings at 10:30. At the last meeting we decided to go back to the old time of 6:30.

Brother Musgrave, while on his way to Minneapolis to install Rho Chapter, paid us a visit of a day. Happily, he came on Monday evening and we were honored by a talk from him on fraternity affairs during the course of the chapter meeting. At that time he brought up the matter of the fraternity history. Theta has decided to push the history, and by this time the individual chapters have received letters in regard to the matter from our committee.

The Freshmen who were initiated in February have presented the house with a set of chimes, whose silver notes now take the place of the old brass gongs. During the Easter vacation just finished our then porter felt the call of the cotton fields and returned to his home in Tennessee without due notice. We now have a very portly porter who is all business. Brother Campbell Harvey has presented the chapter with a silver scholarship cup to go to the man making the largest gain in scholarship this year, and he informs us that the Detroit Council plans to give a larger one on which will be engraved the names of the winners.

In University affairs there is no end of events. The Spring Carnival comes May 18-19 and the Engineering Exhibit is also on that date. The latter event will be a big affair. The Seniors' historic "Swing-Out" comes the first week in May. The Busrah campaign for subscriptions to foreign missions in Arabia will soon be well launched. The student Y. M. C. A. has already started its new building, and the initial step in the clearing and breaking of the ground for the new Michigan Union building has been taken.

Psi U will erect a new \$75,000 chapter house next year to replace the present building. The action of the Board of

Regents of the University in permitting voluntary military drill has brought forth a crop of aspirants who have formed a "crack" company and look forward to becoming officers next year. President Emeritus Angell's death April 1 closed a long and useful career. The respect of the University's student body found expression on the day of the funeral, when 6,000 Michigan students lined the streets from the Angell residence to the cemetery and stood with bowed heads while the cortege passed.

Thursday before Easter Vacation, which started April 7, we held an informal pre-vacation dance in the house, and Friday, April 28, twenty-four of the active chapter will attend our formal dinner dance to be held in the house. While on matters social, I might say that the girls who attended our J-Hop house party have presented us with a striking example of the furniture manufacturers' art in the form of a settee for the front vestibule. It, the settee, is white in color—this so you will recognize it should you come to visit us.

Brother Sellers will be the business manager of the *Wolverine* for the summer; Brother Bastian is active in track work; Brother Piggott is turning his eyes toward the baseball diamond; Pledge Smith has been elected Fresh Lit. baseball manager. Brother W. C. Mullendore, whose name is a byword on the campus for prominence, has achieved the high honor of election to the Order of the Coif, the Phi Beta Kappa of law students.

Brother Van Stone is mentioned in other pages, and will graduate with his Ph.D. in June and leave immediately for Chicago, where he will be engaged in research work along insulation lines for the Western Electric Company. Brother Van Stone has been one of Theta's most active and valuable men. He was recently honored by election to Sigma Xi, the highest honor for scientific work.

Brother Theron Weaver, who has been our H. S. P. for the past year, will graduate from the engineering department with the degree of B.S. in Electrical Engineering. Brother Weaver entered the University in the fall of 1912. He has been very prominent in campus activities. The success of this year's Michigan Union Opera was due largely to his efforts as chairman. He is a member of Tau Beta Pi. Besides a host of other campus honors, he was secretary of the Junior Hop in his Junior year.

and was on the staffs and boards of various organizations. Brother Henry Stecher, our H. J. P., obtained his B. M. E. last year. This year he will get his B. E. E. Brother Stecher comes from Lakewood. Ohio. He has been one of Theta's staunch members. Brother Burrell will graduate from the engineering department with a fine record. His recent election to Tau Beta Pi was noted in past numbers of THE TOMAHAWK. Brother Neilson and Brother Mullendore will finish their work in the law department this June, as will also Brother Zerwekh. The first two have not been active for the past year, having joined legal fraternities. Brother Bastian needs no mention along athletic lines, his work on the football team last fall having been of the "M" brand. With these older men gone from our ranks next year, we wonder what will become of us, but trust that, as has always been the case, the Sig pluck of former times will be in evidence to carry us through.

LATHROP W. HULL, '17 Law.

A great many things have happened at Cornell since my last letter. Fire, fussing, initiating, and the destruction of the Second Term Rushing Association.

Delta Upsilon had a fire during the Christmas vacation that damaged its building to the extent of \$1,500. Following this came the destruction of the almost new house of Seal and Serpent and the complete gutting of the home of Eleusis. During the week of the Junior Prom Morse Hall, the home of the Chemistry Department of the University was totally destroyed. How it started no one knows. The usual run of house parties, dances, entertainments, etc., had been given and the last day of the festivities had arrived. About four o'clock in the morning when everything was quiet and the whole town had gone to sleep the alarm of fire sounded. In an instant everything was hustle and bustle and the students turned out en masse to aid the city firemen in their efforts to save the structure in which were stored so many precious scientific instruments, supplies, and notes. Many

of the professors lost the accumulations of years of experimentation and effort. The flames raged until late on Sunday afternoon. The Chi Psi boys did their share in the work of rescue and fire fighting by serving hundreds of cups of hot coffee to the tired firemen and students engaged in the active work.

The seriousness of the situation will be seen in the fact that this loss caused the withdrawal of hundreds of men from Cornell because of a lack of room and facilities to handle them. Credits for work already done is lost to most of them. Brother Reyburn Hemphill, whose work was almost confined to the laboratories, was one of these. He was a leader in several minor sports, and would have landed a managership if he could have stayed.

In addition to starting the fire pageant Delta Upsilon also kicked over another lantern at Cornell and busted up the Second Term Rushing Association. Conceiving that it was desirable to get men who had successfully passed the required number of first term hours in order to increase the standard of the fraternity, they began to pledge them in secret. One of the favorite diversions was secret automobile parties to Rogues Harbor, where the freshmen were kept until they consented to being pledged. One fraternity went so far as to lock one of the men up in its basement that was greatly coveted by another organization. The result was the offending house was taken by storm and a wordy battle of billingsgate followed. This was the climax. The result of this dishonorable method of pledging men in the face of agreements was to leave some of the fraternities in the lurch while others profited by the onslaught.

Iota with Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Nu, and others were in the First Term Rushing Association, and were only interested onlookers of this dishonorable contest of selfishness. Yet, between the first and second period of second term rushing we added Clark Rhinehart Jackson, '19; Julian Flad Sturdevant, '19; George Hunt Lent, '19; Herman Leonard Lutz, '17, and Charles Boyd Lowe, '19, to our trenches, making twelve in all this year. Now the second term men are asking our advice for a new plan of rushing. Competition is very keen here, as there are 68 different organizations trying to get men. What will be the outcome no one can say. Will it be by card, where every house has an equal chance, or a free for all scramble as in ancient days?

We are all back from a joyous Easter recess and working for high ideals.

Brother Thomas is a sure winner for a place on the Cornellian Board.

Brother "Count" Modjeski is plugging hard at track, and Coach Moakley finds him good material.

Brother Fisher will make the tennis team.

Brother Williams is out for lacrosse and is scoring a success at this old Indian game.

Brother Hauser from Kappa is with us and is making a killing with the chickens in the Agricultural College.

The rest of the brotherhood are interested in all kinds of student activities and social affairs of the university. Our Junior Week House Party was a success, and the usual number of hearts were won and broken.

ROLAND CHESTER VELGUTH, '16.

Kappa Chapter, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin

We really have not been overcrowded with interesting happenings since the end of January. Semester examinations did not result fatally for any of us, although we must admit there were one or two close shaves. At the end of the semester Brother Hauser left us to take up specialized post-graduate work in poultry at Cornell. We have heard from him several times, and he says that the boys of Iota chapter have treated him right royally. In Brother Hauser's place Brother Cyril Ward was elected H. J. P. Brother Albert J. Henry has decided to remain at his home at Michigan City for a semester in order that he may see to it that his "Dad" carries on the lumber business according to the precepts laid down by the commerce course. Brother Herner has been elected to fill Brother Henry's place in the capacity of social committee. Brother Burke has made up his mind to stay with us another semester. He is doing special work in the heat-treating of steel, besides finishing up his thesis as a matter of recreation.

Since our last letter to the Tomahawk we have had three informal social events, all of them dances. On February 18 we had a house dance, which was well attended and enjoyable throughout. Next our pledges entertained the pledges of all the other fraternities at a smoker and dance on the evening of March 4. Saint Patrick's Day brought another party. The social committee, assisted by the underclassmen, put in a strenuous afternoon adorning the house with shamrocks, clay pipes, and other knick-knacks of an Irish character. Green was, of course, the predominant color, even to the electric fixtures, which were supplied with green lamps. The effect was most pleasing, and, with the addition of excellent music and refreshment, the party was voted one of the best we have had this year.

At the most crucial time our interfraternity basketball team lost the services of Brother "Dutch" Hauser, who departed for Cornell just when the semi-finals were about to commence. Our team, thus handicapped late in the season, was able to gain only fourth place in the race. As a result, we are soon to have another cup to adorn our mantelpiece. The team is to be congratulated for the work they have done. Out of nine games played, our team won six.

Three men have been pledged since the beginning of the new semester. They are Henry H. Conley, Cazenovia, Wis.; Carl H. Berger, Milwaukee, Wis.; and Harold O. Pinther, Fond du Lac, Wis. In "The Reformers," this year's junior class play, Berger took the leading male part. Since that time he has appeared in the French society's presentation of Anatole France's "The Man Who Married a Dumb Wife."

Of course, the most interesting thing that happened in the month of March was the preliminary initiation of the team representing the petitioning Minnesota chapter. Five men, Messrs. Butler, Carlson, Falgatter, Harper, and Ossanna were given the initial going over on the night of March 18. All parties concerned will vouch for the fact that there was plenty of entertainment furnished.

Following close upon the preliminary initiation of Rho chapter came another initiation. Eight men were welcomed as Brothers into Kappa chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi. After a week of special preparation, beginning March 19, the final degrees were conferred

on March 25 and 26. The men who were initiated were as follows:

David Van Walter Beckwith, Berlin, Wis.; Silas Llewellyn Spengler, Menasha, Wis.; Paul Farrell Tye, Chicago, Ill.; Harold Eugene Marks, Madison, Wis.; Finley Baker, Bismarck, N. D.; Donald Ivan Bohn, Madison, Wis.; Peter Trepp Yegen, Billings, Mont.; and Thomas Owens Lake, Oshkosh, Wis.

Thus Kappa Chapter has grown to unprecedented proportions. At present we have thirty-six active members, by far the largest chapter roll that it has ever been Kappa's fortune to possess. We are looking forward to a prosperous spring and even a more prosperous year than this has been when the boys return next fall. To commemorate the initiation and also the chapter's birth-day, a banquet was held at the chapter house on the evening of April 1.

Our formal dinner dance of April 7, held at the Park Hotel under the able direction of Brother Herner, was most successful both from the gastronomical and terpsichorean standpoints. Those of us who were there enjoyed ourselves immensely, and are not likely to forget the party for a long time to come.

Within the last few weeks Brother "Baldy" Merrill has been elected to both Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Lambda Upsilon. Besides being an excellent student, "Baldy" is one of the university's most reliable and conscientious athletes.

Brother "Matz" Zuehlke has been elected captain of the baseball team that is to represent us in the inter-fraternity baseball league. We are sure the little fellow feels duly honored and that he will put forth his best efforts to produce another championship team. Our first game is with Chi Psi on April 20.

In closing, a few words about this, the Kappa number of the Tomahawk. We have endeavored to obtain such illustrations as will best show our home and the fine bunch of fellows that occupy it. We believe that illustrations are more telling mediums of information than numerous pages of closely written text. Therefore, we have incorporated within the space allotted to us as many significant pictures, and as little of unnecessary text as possible.

Norman Columbus Lucas, '16.

LAMBDA CHAPTER, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK CITY

Activity is the word that best describes Lambda's existence during the past few weeks. In less than three weeks we have pledged four men, and we have every hope of one or two more immediately after the Easter holidays. This was all done in the dull season at Columbia, and we feel proud that we were able to get so many men who are actively engaged in campus work.

The four new pledges are Edwin N. Eager, '18J, New York City; V. R. Schachtel, '19, New York City; Howard Look, '17, Brooklyn, and William Leaman Conrad, Watkins, N. Y. In February we pledged Paul W. Gallico, '19. Look is one of the star runners on the cross-country team, and has already won his numerals and his "C". Pledge Schachtel is Secretary of the Freshman Debating Society, captain of the team which will debate the Cornell Freshmen at Ithaca on May 5th, and is pulling a strong oar in one of the Freshmen boats. Eager was elected to the editorial board of *Spectator* on the day we pledged him. Gallico is one of the most promising candidates on the first year crew squad, and has held the job of stroke most of the season.

Speaking of elections to *Spectator*, our chapter has more men on the board now than any other fraternity on the campus. Brother Palmer, '17, was promoted to the Managing Board of the paper just before the Easter holidays, after being on the board but a year. He secured his new position over the heads of five other Juniors who had been on the board since their Freshman year. There are four men on the Associate Board, Brothers Loiseaux, '18, Thompson, '18, Foos, '18 T. C., and Pledge Eager, '18J. Loiseaux and Thompson are eligible for the *News* Board and will probably secure promotion before the end of the year. Brother Foos and Pledge Eager will be advanced early next year probably, as they have shown exceptional ability.

The University, through Kings Crown, adopted this year the plan of awarding insignia to men who had shown ability in literary and other non-athletic work on the campus. Only men who had been in the activity at least a year were awarded the insignia. Four Lambda men secured the watch charms which

were awarded, Brothers Thompson, Palmer and Loiseaux for Spectator work, and Brother Nichols for Glee Club work. Brother Nichols has sung with the Glee Club for two seasons, and this year made all the trips. Brother Earl Gordon Brown, '17, sang with the clubs all this season, and Brothers Rogers, '17, and Graham, '17, played on the Mandolin Club, but none of them received medals because this was their first year with the Clubs.

With the addition of Pledge Schachtel to our fold we now have three men rowing in the first two Freshman boats. Pledge Gallico, who tips the scales at about 180 and stands 6 feet 2 inches, is sure of a place in the first boat. Schachtel is no stripling either, stretching up over six feet. Pledge Hawkins, '19, has the grit behind him to make up for his lack of weight and height, and was retained in the first squad as one of the men who had showed most rapid improvement.

Pledge Gallico is a football player as well as a crew man, and we predict that he will be heard from next year. He was a sub on the De Witt Clinton eleven last year.

A new administration was ushered in the first meeting of April, Brother Edmund Burke Thompson, '18, H. S. P. Ernest Weller, '18L, H. J. P.; Everett Dudley Weldon, '18 T. C., H. E.; Irvin Demarest Foos, '18 T. C., H. M., re-elected; Roland Louis Loiseaux, '18, H. S., re-elected; Clarke Porter Kuykendall, '18, H. C. S.; Robert Lincoln Graham, '19, H. C., re-elected.

We are having lots of trouble trying to keep our past H. S. P.s straight. The call of the army was too strong for Brother Baldwin, and as soon as he retired from the post of H. S. P. he started out after a commission in the enlarged U. S. A. "Mexico or Bust" was the message which Jack left as he departed for Washington to take the necessary examinations. Jack comes naturally by his military tendencies, his father having been an army officer. He has a brother now in the graduating class at West Point. Jack held down a second lieutenant's station at the Plattsburg camp last summer.

Brother Elmer W. Snyder, who preceded Brother Baldwin as H. S. P., is also lost to the chapter. He decided to put some of the knowledge he gained at Teachers College into practical use, so on March 24th he left for Williamsport, Pa., to become superintendent of the industrial work of the schools of that city. He

may return to Columbia for a summer session or two to complete the work for his degree.

On April 28th the formal dance will be held in the Green Room of the Hotel McAlpin. The alumni are supporting the dance well and it looks as though we would have a good sized crowd. On May 6th the chapter will hold its annual banquet at the same hotel in the same room. Brother Nichols, '18, the new chairman of the Social Committee, is working hard on the banquet, and is trying to secure some old Alpha members for speakers.

Your scribe had the pleasure of visiting Omicron Chapter on March 24th, and of being present at an initiation ceremony. The occasion for the visit was the annual debate between Philolexian Society of Columbia and Philomathean Society of Pennsylvania. The two societies are old debating rivals, and Philomathean maintained the tradition by beating the Philolexian team. On the same night Brother Thompson was seeing the sights at Yale, as a guest of Alpha at the annual banquet. He reported a very fine time.

The two teas which we have given will go down in Lambda history as two of the most enjoyable affairs ever held at the house. The first was the Junior Week Tea on February 15th. From four to seven we held open house, and during that time many members of other fraternities dropped in for a dance or two and then went on to the next house. About fifty couples took part in the festivities. On February 29th we had a new style party. We corralled several young ladies who had attended all of the fraternity functions, who were well acquainted with one another, and told them to run the party, and we would provide the funds. They gave us one of the best parties imaginable. Leap Year was our excuse for shifting the responsibility to the girls. They weren't half as bashful as we thought they would be, and in running Leap Year games they cannot be surpassed. The party was entirely informal. Accompanying the twenty members of the chapter who attended were as many residents of Brooks and Whittier Halls.

Lambda is entered again this year in the Inter-Fraternity baseball series, and on May 2nd we play our first game with the D. U.s. There are twelve fraternities entered, and the winner is

to be determined by gradual elimination. Prospects are bright for our team, for we have about eighteen good players from which to choose nine. Brother Nichols has been elected manager of the team.

After a long series of matches Brother John Morch, '16, has been established as the champion hand ball player of Lambda Chapter. He defeated Brother Thompson in the final match, 21—1; 21—3. A tennis tournament is the next thing that is to be held.

Lambda has decided to issue a short news letter this year, which will tell the alumni of the chapter what has been done at the house during the past year. Brother Palmer has been elected editor, with Brothers Foos and Loiseaux as assistants.

We had the pleasure of entertaining Brother Carlson (P) of Minnesota Chapter for three days, the week before Easter, while he was attending the American Association of Collegiate Registrars. Brother Carlson is registrar of the University of Arkansas. We also had the pleasure in April of a short visit of three Alpha Brothers who were on an engineering trip. Brother Hyde (A) stayed at the house two nights. Brother Jones (O) called on us after the Columbia-Pennsylvania basketball game. We were glad to see Brother Jones, although he was chiefly responsible for Columbia's defeat in the best games ever played on the Columbia floor.

Mu Chapter, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington

Once again we enter upon the task of chronicling the recent history of Mu Chapter. During the three months which have just elapsed we at Seattle have been active in university affairs, and are participants in the work of higher education.

First of all, Mu Chapter sends greetings to our new brothers at the University of Minnesota, Rho Chapter, and wishes them every success.

And now, as to ourselves.

One of the most pleasant surprises of the year, and one which serves as an eloquent testimonial of the labor of love of Mother Hoblitzell, was the surprise dinner tendered to the boys at the chapter house on Washington's Birthday, February 22. Laden with delicious viands, such as make American youths' mouths water, the mothers swept down upon the house, besieged it, took it by storm, and reported a complete victory. The fellows, however, all agree that it was a battle well worth losing, even if it did come on Washington's Birthday.

A very signal honor was recently conferred on two of our engineers. Pledge Albert Kalin and Brother Roland Mayer were initiated into Tau Beta Pi, the Phi Beta Kappa of the engineering world.

Brother Kelliher is conspicuous in musical circles, and as a fitting culmination to a four-year course, in which he devoted his spare time to dramatics and musical activities, has a leading rôle in the spring opera, "Red Mill", to be produced May 3d. Brothers Fred Havel and Lynn Peterson have minor parts in the same opera.

Pledge Anthony Brandenthaler is a stroke oar on the second 'Varsity crew, and expects to go East with his crew to the Poughkeepsie races this summer. He was also half-back on the sophomore football team, and is now captain of the sophomore crew, and very prominent on committees and in class circles.

Brothers Sellick and Clark Davis are out for track and will likely make their letters in the meets this spring.

Brother Rogers and Pledge Burdick are barred from 'Varsity track by the freshman rule, but both are members of the freshman track team.

Brother Coffee is captain of the sophomore debating team, and a candidate for forensic honors in the annual oratorical contest.

Pledge John Murchison is a member of Pi Mu Chi, national honorary Pre-Medic fraternity.

We have entered a team in the inter-fraternity baseball and tennis series and cherish sanguine hopes for the success of both. Our first baseball game is scheduled with the Dekes.

The latest recruits to the Cardinal and Stone are Pledge George W. Fowler, '19, Everett, Wash.; Pledge Anthony M.

Brandenthaler, '18, Seattle; and Pledge Harold Tennant, '19, Seattle.

Brother Hammond of Theta favored us with a short visit, but, much as we tried, we could not inveigle him to tarry a little longer.

On February 25th we held our semi-annual initiation banquet at the Hotel Washington Annex. The feature of the program was the very eloquent address of our Grand Marshal, Brother Croson, on "What Membership in Alpha Sigma Phi Has Meant to Me". It was indeed an inspiring talk, and one calculated to make every man present think. It was of especial value to the new initiates, in giving a new and very clear vision of the important part one's fraternity affiliations play in one's life.

One of the biggest surprises of the year was the sudden marriage of Brother Henry Murray, '18, to Miss Francis Moll, '19, a member of Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority. The marriage came as the happy ending to a romantic courtship of their college days. The couple are living in Roy, Washington, where Brother Murray has an important position in his father's mercantile establishment. Brother Murray was one of last year's star twirlers, and was counted as one of the most promising pitchers on the 'Varsity baseball nine.

We are all looking forward to the Alumni Week End, May 19, 20, and 21st. We are anticipating alumni from all parts of the country at this time, and they will be our guests for a formal banquet, an informal dance, and the crew race with the University of California. The time will be one of Sig handshakes and a friendly reunion of old friends. On May 19, the banquet will be given at the Hotel Washington, and the dance will come after the races, and will be given in one of the parks across Lake Washington. Those intending to come can certainly anticipate a good time.

Summer vacation will be on us soon, and we close, with the usual conventional effusive leavetakings, knowing that all the brothers will perceive the heartfelt greetings underlying our trite circumlocutions.

John Main Coffee.

NU CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, CAL.

We at the Universitiy of California will soon find ourselves looking for sundry occupations in which to spend our summer vacation. There are just two more weeks before the final examinations for the spring semester commence, so now that the A. S. U. C. elections are past and most of the intercollegiate forensic and athletic contests are over, we at Nu are spending much time over notes and tomes.

Nu Chapter went through a very successful rushing season at the beginning of the semester. Our letter for the Sprague Number of the Tomahawk went to press so soon after the opening of the current semester that there was nothing to say about new men. But now that the semester is nearly over we can say much about them. Every fellow taken into the chapter this year is of the finest type. Each of them is a credit to the fraternity. Our rushing was well organized, somewhat concentrated in the first few weeks, and then brought to a close. No other men have been pledged since our spring initiation, but a number of mighty likely rushees have been brought around, and we are in touch with some fine fellows who will enter next year, so we look forward to having a "peppy" rushing season next fall. We end this college year having ten men in our freshman class (next year's sophomores). The following six men were initiated the last of January: Frank F. Hargear, '19, Berkeley, Calif.; Ronald W. Hunt, '19, Niles, Calif.; Phillip S. Mathews, '18, Berkeley, Calif.; Leland H. Nielson, '19, Ferndale, Calif.; George E. Smith, '19, Blue Lake, Calif.; and E. Leo O'Hara, Oakley, Calif.

The chapter house has been filled to its capacity throughout the semester, 23 men finding living room here. The chapter house has had a number of changes and improvements during the semester, which makes it a much more attractive and convenient place to live. (It was already that.) In the first place, our table was much too small to seat the number of men who take meals at the house. So a number of the mechanically inclined brothers turned their attention to the matter of a new table that

seats all instead of part of the chapter. Through careful management the chapter has been enabled to purchase a new set of crockery. The crockery is ornamented with a narrow cardinal band and the official crest of the fraternity.

Our social activities within the chapter this semester have been limited to a formal dance, given March 10 at the Town and Gown Club, our Annual Banquet, given on February 19 at the Hotel Shattuck, and an informal dancing party on the evening of April 1. Each of these events will be long remembered, but the one that will be with us most permanently, of course, was the banquet, because of the artistic setting and the thoroughly substantial toasts served at the beck and call of Alfred Solomon, N '02. Beta and Alpha Chapters were represented in that their alumni were among the speakers. (Brother Rev. F. S. Brush, Delta '76, was scheduled for a response, but was unavoidably prevented at the last moment from being with us.) Brothers C. Gordon Douglas, Beta '12, and Lloyd O. Mayer, Alpha '12, responded with interesting and pleasing talks.

One of the customs of the campus of a semi-social character which we have enjoyed immensely this semester is that of having bi-weekly, on meeting nights, a faculty member here for dinner and then speak to us for half an hour or so afterwards. They usually talk on subjects of general interest, such as religious, ethics, and campus affairs. Of course we have faculty men around to dine at numerous other times also.

Brother George H. Kennett, '17, who entered the University Farm School at Davis, California, has taken out a leave of absence and has returned to his home in Helena, Montana, to recuperate from the effects of an operation for appendicitis. We are hoping that "Buff" will be back with us next fall and "going strong".

Tracy B. Kittredge, Nu '12, received a cable from Hoover in Belgium asking him to return to Belgium and again take up his work with the Belgian Relief Committee. According to current reports Kittredge will sail on May 9 for Europe to take up the relief work among the war-stricken Belgians.

In a previous paragraph I mentioned the fact that our intercollegiate and collegiate activities for this spring are drawing to a close. Our men took an active part in these activities. H. A. Hyde was elected member at large of the Executive Committee of the A. S. U. C. and Harry B. Liversedge placed second in the shot-put in the annual California-Stanford Track Meet, which was held on April 15. I am sad to say that Stanford won the meet with a score of 69 to 53. But as has been said many times and at many places, "just wait until next year".

A number of our men have been honored with election into various honor and professional societies this spring; Paul L. Fussell was elected to Golden Bear, a local Senior society, and Phi Alpha Delta. Brother Fussell was also chosen as one of the three commencement speakers for the 1916 class. C. E. O'Hara was elected to Alpha Zeta; E. W. Raeder was elected to Sigma Iota Pi; H. A. Hyde was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, Sphinx (Philosophical), and Phrontisteron (Historical); C. Gordon Douglas, Beta, was elected to Phi Alpha Delta; H. N. Herrick and F. L. Hill were elected to Tau Beta Pi; and P. J. Walker was elected to Phi Chi.

The chapter officers have been elected for the next semester as follows: H. S. P., P. L. Fussell; H. J. P., C. V. Thompson; H. S., R. G. Young; H. C. S., Bryson Shillington; H. M., E. W. Edson; H. E., H. A. Hyde; H. C., R. W. Hunt; Prudential Committee, C. V. Mason, D. E. Martin; Alumni Secretary, Alfred Solomon; Tomahawk correspondent, P. S. Mathews.

CLAUDE VERNER THOMPSON.

XI CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

Xi Chapter presents seven new names as brothers in Alpha Sigma Phi:

Clair Raymond Anderson, Frank John Brady, Clyde Otis Darner, Mac Bernard Diers, Paul Arthur Dobson, Arthur Merwin Gray, Harold Anthony Langdon.

These men struggled through their ordeals on February 12 and 13, while the chapter was assisted by Brothers Meacham (E), Wright (K) and Maxey (K).

At the same time we wish to introduce five new pledges, who will be within the Mystic Circle before the next letter.

James A. Lucas, George Rohwer, Frank Allen, Thomas H. Ashton, Leo J. Gude.

This makes our chapter roll, active and pledges, number 36, while post-graduates and alumni here swell the total to 40, the largest membership in Xi's history.

We are on the last lap of our busiest year. The quick growth of the University here, with an enrollment now of more than five thousand, has caused leaps and bounds in most of the Fraternity chapter rolls. One national Fraternity has been installed, Pi Kappa Phi, but has not yet been admitted to the interfraternity council here.

Scholarship the first semester was quite satisfactory, and although the standings of each fraternity are not yet known, we were reasonably pleased with our reports. Brother Clear C. Golden led all in this respect and was rewarded with a Phi Beta Kappa key. Brother Clark, our new H. S. P., has recently pledged Alpha Chi Sigma, and Brothers Lynch and Clark have been initiated into the Dramatic Club.

So far our athletic efforts have been disastrous. We lost our first game of basketball to the A T O's and did not enter in the interfrat. track meet. However, with the bowlers the prospects are brighter, and after defeating the Σ A E's and the Δ X's, we are waiting for the next easy victim. Manager Angell is organizing baseball, but makes no promises.

Starting in September with our move into the new house, we have attempted more socially than any year before. In this the house (described elsewhere) has helped much. Almost every college and society in the University have used the house once or twice, and we have been glad to turn it over to them at these times.

On February 11 Alpha Sigma Phi entertained all the Greeks at a stunt party on the Orpheum plan, with almost every one of the Nebraska Greeks represented in some act. More than 200 were here, and the majority of them stayed for the dancing and refreshments that came later. Since that time we have had two dancing parties, one serving as a rush event during the week

eight hundred high school basketball men were in Lincoln for their tournament.

On May 7 we plan our first Formal. Fraternities have been giving formal dancing parties but once in two years at Nebraska, so this being our fourth, our time was more than due. A fund of \$500 has been set aside for this, and all plans are complete. The next night is our annual banquet, held in the Garden Room of the Lincoln Hotel. It is to be formal for the first time.

Later we plan a picnic and a late spring dance, but that is another story. It suffices to say that Xi's chapter house is always open and a cordial welcome goes to all who will be able to pass this way this summer.

CARLISLE LOGAN IONES.

OMICRON CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

The first hours of February saw Omicron plunge deep into the sea of an elaborate rushing season. During this month of concentrated entertainment, the chapter staged three feature smokers, three first-class house dances and two innovations in the form of a German dinner and an English supper. Led by Brother Carter, who as a member of the committee in charge worked tirelessly for success, this campaign for new men culminated on March 6th, in the issuing of bids, and terminated on March 22nd and 23rd with the ushering in of the following into the sheltered cove of Alpha Sigma Phi: Walter Percy Boos, '19, New York; Robert Jefferson Flynn, '17, East Orange, N. J.; William Duncan Gordon, '16, Philadelphia; Henry Walter Graves, '19, Washington, D. C.; David Walter Hughes, '19, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Lester Malory Rouse, '19, Auburn, N. Y.: Frank Foster Shannon, '16, Carbondale, Pa.; Ralph Alonzo Smith, '19, Trenton, N. J. Since then, John Caswell Campbell. '19, of Chattanooga, Tenn., has been pledged.

The election of officers for the long March to October term witnessed the passing of the last charter member from the roll

of active official management. The remaining six charterists graduate in June. The chapter will then be governed solely by the new generation, with Brother Robert L. Gangwisch as H. S. P.; William F. Connelly, H. J. P.; J. Hinman Carter, H. E.; Edward P. Bartman, H. C. S.; William H. Wilkinson, H. S.; Harold W. Kerr, H. M.; and John Vernon Calhoun, H. C.

Due to Pennsylvania's winning the Intercollegiate Basketball League championship, Brother Vernon Jones was awarded his "P" and made a member of the 'Varsity Club, an organization drawing its personnel from the wearers of the 'Varsity letter. Added honor was accorded "Vern" when the Philadelphia newspapers ranked him as the third best guard in the league. Since the winning of the championship, basketball at Pennsylvania has been raised to a major sport.

Brother Connelly followed his success in winning the feature novice event of the Meadowbrook games by making the 'Varsity track team. Try-outs for the relay teams to participate at Pennsylvania's annual Relay Carnival to be held this week will probably result in his making the two-mile team. "Bill" is also the logical choice for editor-in-chief of Punch Bowl, the University comic monthly. Brother Calhoun, rowing on the third 'Varsity crew, is one of Coach Wright's most promising pupils and is scheduled for early advancement. Brother Flynn, in addition to being the star of the numerous tenors at the house and a member of the Musical Clubs, is a swimmer on the 'Varsity aquatic squad. Brother Smith, a Musical Club vocalist and a freshman baseballer, will make his initial bow as a Mask and Wig "chorine" when the Easter production opens next week. Verily, this versatile freshman is "blessed of the gods." Brother Vanderbeek is now wearing a Kirke Dental Society key. We of the house fail to grasp the significance of this fact, but probably there are some who do.

Brother Gordon, highest honor man of his class for the four years of his collegiate existence, member of the Executive Committee of the Wharton School, and a Class Fund committeeman, is a Beta Gamma Sigma Honorary Fraternity man and a contracted instructor for next year's Wharton Faculty. Brother Haines was elected Ivy Poet of the Senior Class dur-

ing March. "Si's" inherent modesty makes him refuse to acknowledge that in securing one of the seven senior honors he ceased to be mortal, but we of the "common herd" take this opportunity to sing his praise. Numerous class committees claim Brothers Schoenhut, Campbell, Goulson and Avery.

Our banquet, scheduled for May 13th, in the Red Room of the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, promises to be the social event of the year. We hope to have delegates from all the chapters within a reasonable distance of Philadelphia, and feel sure that when our toastmaster, Brother Jagocki, signals the first speech, Omicron's first banquet will be featured by the presence of every "Sig" in the State of Pennsylvania. We invite each and every "Sig" individually to be with us on that date.

It has been decided to stay in our present quarters another year. Internal and external improvements have been promised, and next fall will witness the entire renovation of our home. We have an idea that within a very short time Omicron will be owning her own house, or better still, following the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Theta Chi Fraternity in its erection of a \$35,000 home. Of course, this is still a dream, but then, dreams do come true sometimes.

We were honored with the presence of Brothers Howard W. Palmer and Alfred L. Pitts of Lambda on the occasion of our freshman initiation. Brother Palmer accompanied the Philolexian Society's debating team to engage our own Philomathean Society in debate. Brother Persons stopped at the house for a few minutes on the Harvard lacrosse team's recent visit to Philadelphia. Brother Balch of Iota paid us a visit a few days ago and gave us a lasting impression of the efficiency of Alpha Sigma Phi at Cornell. We look forward to Brother Balch's return.

With this record, Omicron's correspondent for this year passes from these pages to take up the work of an alumnus. For that reason, I take advantage of this last "active" opportunity to wish success and prosperity to all the chapters of Alpha Sigma Phi, and to compliment Rho on its attaining "the Pinnacle of Fame." Good-bye and good luck.

ROBERT LEO JAGOCKI.

PI CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, BOULDER, COLORADO

The larger part of the school year has passed and commencement is only six weeks off, and as I look backward over the happenings at Pi Chapter, I feel that we have done exceptionally well. We started the year with only eleven active Sigs, and by diligent work we built up the membership to twenty-eight, counting pledges, by the middle of October. However, we lost six men throughout the year, by one way or another. Since the writing of the last letter we have pledged six good men, and intend to hold initiation for them this spring. Our pledges are Selden Andrews, '19, Walsenburg, Colo.; Raymond Brock, '19, Kimberly, Idaho; Charles Kettle, '17, Westcliffe, Colo.; Herbert Kime, '19, Hot Springs, S. D.; Herbert Ruegnitz, '18, Pueblo, Colo.; and Carl Wood, '18, Denver, Colo.

We are going to move next year, and have leased a large stone house on the corner of Eleventh Street and College Avenue, which will place us two blocks nearer the campus, and in the same block with Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Among our visitors this semester was Brother J. H. Wellingkamp (A '11), who found us rather busy, it being examination week. Brother Carl W. Strauss (I '14) visited us on February 15th, but only stayed a very few minutes. He is now at Longmont, Colo., with the Great Western Sugar Company. Brother Robert Canfield (II '15) came up from Pueblo on February 12th for initiation. He is now in the employ of the Santa Fé Railway, at Pueblo. Brother Lawrence Carnahan (II '15), from Denver, visits with us almost every other week end, but we will have to acknowledge that we are not "Carny's" main attraction in Boulder. Lyle Bowman, of Longmont, Colo., one of the old Sans Souci boys, visited us on March 4th, at which time we initiated him into the Mystic Circle. He leaves soon for Lovell, Wy., to establish a law practice. Brother Frank Gilligan (П '15) motored up from Denver with a party of friends to attend our dance on March 17th.

On the 11th and 12th of February we held initiation, and admitted into the Mystic Circle Brothers Ben George Tandy, '17; Eugene Cochrane Harvey, '18; Albert Severin Anderson, '19; Paul Keefe Dwyer, '19; James Alexander Finlayson, '19; John Emmett Mackin, '19; Leland Stanford Schuck, '19; and Royce Jay Tipton, '19. After the initiation a banquet was held at the chapter house, Brother O'Niell presiding as toastmaster. Brother Greene extended a welcome to the initiates, and Brother Tipton responded for them. Speeches were given by Brothers Canfield and Hall.

We have been represented fairly well this year in student activities. Within the past month they have organized an engineering troop at University of Colorado, and we are represented by seven privates, and Brother I. C. Crawford, Captain, and by Brother C. L. Eckel, as First Lieutenant. Brother Devol made his letter in basketball. He played the star game in almost two-thirds of the games he participated in. It was largely through his work that we were able to tie Colorado College for the basketball championship. Brothers Tandy and Sawyer did excellent work on the basketball squad. We have a few men out for track and baseball, but the season is too young to know what they will do. Brother Leland Schuck was elected Y. M. C. A. Secretary, and Brother Royce Tipton is Assistant Baseball Manager. Brother Tandy was elected to Sigma Tau, the engineering fraternity, and Herbert Ruegnitz to Alpha Chi Sigma, the chemical honorary. Brothers Wynn and Johnson were elected to Tau Beta Pi, the engineering scholarship fraternity, with the first oneeighth of their class.

On March 17th we gave a dance at the Physicians' Hall. The hall was decorated with cardinal and stone, and the walls were hung with pennants. At one end of the hall an electric $A \Sigma \Phi$ shone forth, giving the hall a beautiful lighting effect. This was the work of Brother Nord. About forty couples were present, and all declared that it was the best dance ever given by the Alpha Sigs in Boulder. Several of our alumni motored up from Denver and Longmont for the occasion. On Sunday, March 19th, we entertained our faculty members, our local alumni, and

several of the young ladies who came up from Denver for the dance, with a dinner at the chapter house. We are planning some beefsteak fries, and a picnic and dance at Eldorado Springs, for the end of the year, and a Sig Bust to be held about the same time.

Election of officers occurred on April 10th, the following being the results:

H. S. P., Hubert A. Wynn. H. J. P., Wallace E. Fiske. H. M., Arthur G. Collins. H. E., Lester Johnson. H. S., Martin J. Dwyer. H. C. S., Royce J. Tipton. H. C., Ben G. Tandy.

All of the fraternities and sororities at the University of Colorado have passed resolutions to abandon the usual rushing parties on the evening of the Annual High School Day, and to lend their efforts to a common entertainment for the high school visitors.

The First Annual Home Track Meet took place on Gamble Field on April 15th. We entered a relay team and several members entered the individual events, and although we placed in several events, we had no chance for the meet, which was won by the Σ A B.

We are going to enter a team in the inter-fraternity baseball league, and have erected a batting cage near the house, so that we may practice batting without having to go over to the 'Varsity field.

Our prospects for next year look bright. We will have a fine house nearer the campus, and will have paid for our furniture by the end of this school year. Also we have a lot of good, active men, the most of whom will return to school next year. If things run as smoothly next year as we expect them to, we will be able to start a building fund, and in a few years save money enough to build.

Should any of the brothers come to Colorado we wish them to look us up. Although our house will be closed during the summer, there will be several of the men in summer school. We welcome you at all times, and hope that you will visit us.

LESTER BRYAN JOHNSON.

RHO CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

With this number of the Tomahawk, Rho Chapter takes its place for the first time within the Mystic Circle and sends its greetings to its brothers in Alpha Sigma Phi. Rho Chapter was installed at the University of Minnesota on March 28, 1916, by Brother Musgrave, G. J. P., assisted by Brothers Kenyon of Lambda Chapter, Roberts of Beta and Beglinger of Kappa. Preceding the installation of Rho Chapter the following men were initiated by Kappa Chapter at Madison, Wisconsin, on March 18, 1916: Brothers W. W. Butler, A. J. Carlson, R. S. Fallgatter, H. D. Harper, F. A. Ossanna. Brothers Kenyon and Roberts, assisted by the above-named members, initiated the following men on March 24th and 25th: Brothers Victor Dash, Fred Gaumnitz, George Hicks, Paul Jaroscak, Ivan Lawrence, Ray Overmire, Sydney Patchin, Joseph Sullivan and Percival Viesselman.

In addition to the above members we have pledged the following men: Conrad Johnson, Academic '18, of Duluth, Minn.; Clifford Pickle, Ag. '18, of Madison, Minn.; Floyd Friar, Eng. '18, of Minneapolis, Minn.; and J. J. Murphy, Instructor in Mining, Minneapolis, Minn.

On April 15, 1916, we had the pleasure of initiating Thorgny Carlson, Academic '15, one of our alumni. Since his graduation, Brother Carlson has held the position of Registrar of the University of Arkansas.

In the announcement of Senior honors on Cap and Gown Day, April 13, 1916, we were very much pleased to see that the only two "Sigs" in the Senior class were awarded memberships in honorary fraternities: Brother A. J. Carlson in Tau Beta Pi, honorary Engineering Fraternity; Brother Lyle Roberts, of Beta Chapter, in Alpha Omega Alpha, honorary Medical Fraternity.

In student activities our members have been quite active during the present year. Brothers Sullivan and Carlson are members of the Minnesota Union Board of Governors, representing the Law School and Engineering College, respectively. Brother Butler is Manager of the Minnesota Union. Brothers Carlson, Hicks and Jaroscak are officers of the Shakopean Literary Society and Brothers Overmire and Ossanna of the Forum Literary Society. Brother Fallgatter is one of the representatives of the Academic College on the Board of Publishers of the Minnesota Daily. Brother Overmire has been chosen Editor-in-Chief of the 1918 Gopher, the annual published by the Junior Class.

Brother Lawrence is becoming famous as a dialect artist in campus vaudeville. Incidentally, Brother Butler expects to make his début shortly as a Shakesperian actor in the "Comedy of Errors", a University production, to be given early in May.

Brother Gaumnitz was recently elected captain of the University Swimming Team on account of his excellent work in this particular field.

In debate and oratory the Sophomore members of our chapter have distinguished themselves. Brothers Jaroscak and Ossanna were members of the Sophomore Class Team which won the annual Freshman-Sophomore debate, and the latter also was awarded second place in the annual Freshman-Sophomore Oratorical contest on April 14th.

Inasmuch as Brothers Dash, Overmire, Lawrence, Carlson and Hicks are officers in the University Cadet Corps, Rho Chapter is rapidly becoming an advocate of the policy of "preparedness".

In conclusion, we may say that, with most of our members expecting to return to college in the fall, Rho Chapter is looking forward to an active and successful year during 1916-17.

PERCIVAL WILLIAM VIESSELMAN.



ALUMNI

Charles Ernest Hall (A '14) is a student at Northwestern University, 2237 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, Illinois.

Forrest William Andrew, D. D. S. (O '14) is practicing his profession at Wallber Building, 476 Main Street, Springfield, Massachusetts.

John Henry Bacon (I '15) is farming near Neville, Clairmont County, Ohio.

Max Jones (N '15) is located at 2218 Sunset Avenue, Bakersfield, California.

Hugh Leroy Gear (K'13) is a member of the firm of William H. Gear & Son, wholesale dairymen, Menasha, Wisconsin.

Homer J. Wheeler (Γ '15) after spending the major part of the year in Wisconsin has returned to his home at 111 Grant Avenue, Newton Center, Massachusetts.

Francis Wallace Lightner (K '14) is now a member of the Lightner's Drug Stores at Randolph, Wisconsin, in which his father and brother are partners. They make a specialty of the Rexall remedies.

Clyde Micajah Stanley (E '14) has charge of the General Science Department of the Alliance (Ohio) High Schools.

Samuel C. Damon (Γ '15) is connected with the Kingston, Rhode Island, Experiment Station.

Marvin Clay Griffin (II '15) and Thornton Maltby Victory (II '15) are both at 618 Chapel Street, Schenectady, New York, in the testing department of the General Electric Company.

On February 2nd Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, conferred the degree of LL. D. upon Col. Homer Baxter Sprague (A '52) our Past Grand Senior President. Col. Sprague has been selected to deliver the Phi Beta Kappa oration at the University of North Dakota at the Commencement in June. He was formerly President of this thriving educational institution of the northwest, and started it on its upward trend. Certainly well-earned honors are coming to Alpha Sigma Phi's "grand old man" in the heydey of his youth.

Raymond Chamberlain (Γ '14) is on the editorial staff of the *Boston Transcript*.

William Eben Schultz (A '15) was Editor in Chief of the recently published Acacia Fraternity Song Book.

L. O. Stevenson (Γ '14) is now connected with the Experiment Station at Massachusetts Agricultural College. He has just returned from New Orleans. His advice is, "Let the South alone boys."

Edward G. Herlihy (Δ '15) is now employed in the oil fields at Nowata, Oklahoma.

Herbert Brewer (Γ '13) has returned from Hawaii, and is employed by a New York Fertilizing Company selling its goods upon the road.

Hon. Albert Blakeslee White, ex-Governor of West Virginia (Δ '74) is the Republican candidate for United States Senator from that state, and is almost sure to win in the election in November. Brother White was formerly Grand Senior President of this Fraternity.

Hon. Simeon Eben Baldwin (A '61) will address the World Court Congress at Carnegie Hall, New York, on May 2-3-4, on the subject "Enforcing the Decrees of International Outlawry". Ye Editor is an accredited delegate at this meeting and hopes to hear his old teacher in this most interesting subject. We shall strive to give at least a résumé of this address in the August number of The Tomahawk if its author will permit it to be published.

The old friends of Earl M. Franklin (Δ '94), whose address was unknown for several years, will be glad to know that he is now comfortably located at 2155 Mohegan Avenue, Borough of the Bronx, New York City.

Harold Brewer (Γ '14) is traveling for a woolen concern and making good.

Morris Abel Slocum, M.D. (I '10) is now permanently located at 401 South Linden Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he is taking up the active practice of his profession after finishing his interne work at the German Hospital, Philadelphia. We know this brother personally and bespeak a brilliant future for him if fate permits him to live out his allotted span.

Wilbur McKee White (Δ '13) recently resigned from the *Parkersburg* (West Virginia) *State Journal*, and is now connected with a paper at Dayton, Ohio, but our correspondent neglects to give its name.

Earl Sumner Draper (Γ '13) after finishing his work in North Carolina visited his old friends at Amherst, and is now located at Turners Falls, Massachusetts.

Thomas Edward Esker (Δ '09) is District Manager for the Prudential Life Insurance Company at Chillicothe, Ohio.

Donald Williams (Γ '15) becomes a member of the reporting staff of the *Philadelphia Public Ledger* on June 15th.

Charles Earle Humphrey (Δ '15) has severed his connection with the Goodrich Rubber Company in Akron, and is sojourning at his old home in Belleville, West Virginia.

The La Crosse County School of Agriculture and Domestic Economy at Onalaska, Wisconsin, has two members of Kappa Chapter on its faculty, Thomas Howard Campion, '14, of the Chair of Agriculture, and Earl L. Liddle, '14, of the Chair of Animal Husbandry.

Matthews Grain & Elevator Co., of Matthews, Missouri, have Brother Leon Frank Swartz (H '12) as one of its enterprising office managers.

Harry Chapman Engel (@ '12) is employed with the Maxwell Motor Co., Detroit, Michigan, and is located at 409 Pennsylvania Avenue, that city.

Wilbur Haverfield Cramblet, Ph.D., is Professor of Mathematics in Phillips University, East Enid, Oklahoma. Brother Cramblet was one of Alpha's famous scholars.

Douglas Granger Hoyt (I '14) is now located at 455 Allen Street, Syracuse, New York.

Leonard Starr Henry (A '14) is now with Gause & Lynch, Architects, at 107 North Third Street, Wilmington, North Carolina.

Zina Hugh Cook (Δ '98) is representing the Indiana Refining Company at 413 Hackney Building, Saint Paul, Minnesota. Old Delta men will take great satisfaction in hearing how Brother Cook has climbed. He has been one of its live wires and a man who has always made good.

William August Slyh (E '13) has an important position with the Sandusky High School. His address is 1220 Osborne Street, Sandusky, Ohio.

Harvey Stone Johnson (I '14) is in the employ of the New York Street Railways of Utica, New York.

Evans Sherwood Kern (H '14) has an important position with the Bloomington, Illinois, High School and is located at 401 East Grove Street.

Kenneth Boit Haines (A '15) is in the Rate Department of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co., and is residing at 500 Todd Street, Wilkesburg, Pa.

OFFICIAL

Brother Henry Edgerton Chapin, Ph. D., (Γ '13) M. A. C. '79, has been appointed Editor of the Tomahawk and will assume his duties on October 1st next. It has been his request that the present Editor remain in charge during the balance of Volume XIII. The August number will contain a biography of Brother Chapin.

The amendments to the Constitution received sufficient votes to carry and are now a part thereof, the Grand Prudential Committee being no longer de facto but de jure. Biographies of the Committee reached us too late for publication and the photograph of one of the members was missing. We preferred to have these appear in this number but they too have gone over until August.

Chapters should not forget that the Coat of Arms and Seal are protected by the Grand Chapter and concessions granted only to official makers and jewelers, and these firms are entitled to the support and protection of the fraternity. Under no circumstances will privileges to imprint these insignia be granted to other than official licensees. Dinner and dance committees would save themselves much annoyance if they would obey the rules and not ask special favors from the "front office."

The August number will contain the Records of those members of the fraternity who have made "honors" in scholastic work this academic year. Let every member, every H. C. S., and every Tomahawk correspondent report all these in time for listing therein. We are willing to check out duplications in reports, so let no man be omitted through error or oversight of someone not personally interested. If your name belongs on the "Honor Roll" see that you get credit for it, that the Chapter also gets credit for it, and finally that the Fraternity gets credit for it. Many honors are not announced until Commencement. Make it your personal affair to inform the Editor of these as soon as they are announced. If every man who has and will yet receive honors will write us about it there will be no omission. The way to be sure it has been reported, my brother, is to report it yourself.

ALUMNI COUNCILS OF ALPHA SIGMA PHI

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THE BOSTON ALUMNI COUNCIL

The Boston Council of Alpha Sigma Phi, which has been lying dormant since its birth, in February, 1915, came to life with a vengeance this spring. A luncheon was held at the Hotel Napoli on Saturday, March 4th, at which fifteen "Sigs" were present. Then and there the following permanent organization was effected:

President, F. M. Copeland, Delta '75.

Vice-President, L. W. Feezer, Beta '14.

Secretary and Treasurer, T. A. Nicolet, Gamma '13.

It was decided to have monthly luncheons during the months from November to May. During the winter a formal dinner will probably be held. A weekly meeting place for lunch was fixed at Rich's Grill on Federal Street, and the day was set for Wednesdays at twelve.

Another lunch was held at the same place on April first. There were sixteen present. It was a frisky time, from start to finish, and the sentiment was unanimous that the affairs should continue. Next fall, it is hoped that bigger things can be done.

All "Sigs" who live in the vicinity of Boston should get in touch with the secretary at once. His address is 58 French Street, Fall River, Mass.

MILWAUKEE COUNCIL

The Milwaukee Council this year boasts ten active members. Four times during the year we have broken into the society columns of local papers with our banquets. These have been arranged at times when vacations were in force at the University

of Wisconsin and our group has always been swelled by the addition of several brothers from Kappa Chapter. Brothers Lucas, Loescher, Zuehlke, Schmidt and Fairweather have been our guests at different times. Our meetings have been rather far apart, but at the last session it was decided to meet monthly. The organization has been entirely of a social nature and as such has been a great success.

As an effective alumni organization we hope to be of use in entertaining promising prospective students of the city, and any one knowing of students, either old or prospective ones, whom they desire to have entertained, should communicate with our president, Brother C. W. Windfelder, or with the secretary.

The following men compose the personnel of the Milwaukee Council this year:

C. W. Esau, K'09; G. W. Esau, K'09; R. G. Haukohl, K'11; G. E. Elwers, K'11; L. A. Warner, K'10; E. U. Klumb, K'13; C. W. Windfelder, K'10; A. W. Hyde, K'10, I'11; R. E. Laley, I'11; C. L. Turner, E'13.

Brother C. W. Esau is in the real estate business in the city. G. W. Esau is head chemist for the A. O. Smith Manufacturing Co. Brothers Haukohl, Elwers and Turner are on the faculty of Marquette University. Brother Warner is traveling for a paper concern and Klumb is selling bonds for the Peabody-Houghtling Bonding Co. of Chicago and hopes to establish an office in Milwaukee soon. Brother Windfelder is assistant chemist in the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co. A. W. Hyde is conducting a successful law practice, while R. E. Laley is manager of the Workman's Compensation Bureau. Very recently Brother C. R. Atkinson (Λ '11), who is now residing in Appleton, Wis., was elected to the Chair of Economics at Marquette University. He will come to Milwaukee in August, and the Milwaukee Council anticipates his arrival with a great deal of pleasure.

Brothers Knoll, Spear and Velgruth, though residents of the city and members of the Council, have not been present owing to the fact that their business has kept them away.

Just now the Council is planning to attend the Sig Bust at Madison in a body and awaits the coming of June 6th with a whole year's pent up enthusiasm and advice.

CHICAGO COUNCIL

The next event marked on Chicago Council's calendar is the annual Sig Bust at Kappa Chapter on June 6th. Probably a dozen of the Chicago Sigs will attend. The Council is always glad to learn of the various Fraternity activities and wishes more of the chapters would endeavor to send advance notices. We hope that none of the chapters will neglect to send us copies of the annual news-letters or chapter reports. Communications may be sent to Roland D. Radford, 1827 Prairie Avenue, or to Robert Harvey Gillmore, 350 North Clark Street.

On March 13th the annual Inter-Fraternity Association banquet took place at the Blackstone Hotel, Brothers Brodt and Gillmore representing this Fraternity. Nearly all of the thirty-three Chicago Alumni organizations were present through their delegates and the statement of Dean Clark of Illinois that he had found fraternities invaluable at Champaign in carrying on his work as Dean of Men was a highly pleasing remembrance to carry away. Mr. Tracy Drake (Δ K E) was elected President of the Association for the ensuing year, succeeding Mr. Shepardson, Beta Theta Pi. Mr. Grabner, Sigma Chi, very kindly consented to act as Secretary for another year.

Chicago Council believes in the value of the Inter-Fraternity Association and expressly gave its support to that body by approving the payment of the tax laid upon the local Alumni organizations for defraying the incidental expenses of the banquet. The interests and problems of the Greek Letter Fraternities are identical and the growing spirit of harmony and active co-operation is indicative of the unity and correlative strength that is to come in later years.

On the first Monday of each month Chicago Council meets at the Great Northern Hotel with an average attendance of eighteen to twenty. All members of the Fraternity should bear this meeting in mind and plan to attend if in the city. The April meeting was held on the 3d and the annual election of officers took place. Brother Carl A. Krah (A) retired from the chair, after nearly two years of continuous service, as Brother Dormitzer (H) was in New York nearly all of 1914-15. Brother Krah has worked

untiringly for Chicago Council and much of its success is the result of his unselfish efforts.

The newly elected officers are: Robert Harvey Gillmore (0), H. S. C.; Bryant E. Judson (H), H. J. C.; Roland D. Radford (I) H. S.; Roland E. Leopold (H), H. E.; and Ralph S. Sollitt (I), Member of Executive Committee.

ROBERT HARVEY GILLMORE.

DETROIT COUNCIL

The Detroit Council has enjoyed the biggest and best season of its existence. Our membership has increased somewhat and the majority of the boys are "regulars".

We have been holding our regular monthly dinner on the first Monday of the month at the Griswold House and surely have had some great old times, always having a good-sized crowd. Since some time in February we have been having bi-weekly luncheons at the above place and these have enjoyed even larger attendance than the dinners.

Several of the Brothers have signified their intention of "trotting in double harness" in the near future, while our Brother Hannivan, of the Theta Chapter, has lately been actually driving in "tandem". While we give him our very best wishes, etc., we have to regret his very infrequent attendance at our meetings since the happy occasion took place.

Everyone enjoyed our Annual Christmas-New Year's Party at the Fellowcraft Club and pronounced it a success. On the 31st of March about eight couples attended the Detroit performance of the Michigan Union Opera with a supper dance afterward at the D. A. C., the opera being the best ever in the mind of the writer.

The Council has no definite plans for the summer, but no doubt will enjoy our usual performances as in the past.

H. C. ENGEL.

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

ENGAGEMENTS

Miss Ethel Scherrer, Smith '14, of Endeavor, Pennsylvania, to Brother Charles Andrew Fritz (Σ '12), Dean of the Department of Oratory and Public Speaking, Otterbein University.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Angus Jenkins of Mount Vernon, New York, announce the engagement of their daughter, Dorothy Bennett, to Brother Harold T. Whitney (Γ '16).

MARRIAGES

Miss Gladys Fitzgerald of Ithaca, New York, to Brother Frank Oliver Young (I '16). The date is not given. Our correspondent merely says, "He took unto himself a wife, a very sweet wife, but kept it all a secret, even from his brethren of the Chapter, and as he leaped on board the train that carried him back to his home he turned and said in a thousand flurries, "Tell the boys I'm married."

Miss Myrtle Belle Hollister of New York City, to Brother Fidardo Reuben Serri (A '14) on February 26th, 1916. At home after May 1st, 1509 Silver Street, New York.

Miss Alice Pershing of Denver, Colorado, to Brother Carl Waldemar Strauss (I '14) on March 1st, 1916.

Miss Adah Leota Nicolet of Fall River, Massachusetts, to Brother Ralph Robinson Parker (Γ'12) on Tuesday, March 28th, 1916. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luke A. Nicolet, and a sister of Brothers Tell and Ted Nicolet, also of Gamma Chapter. Brother and Mrs. Parker will reside at Bozeman, Montana.

Miss Marion Fulton of Washingtonville, New York, on April 15, 1916, to Brother Henry Griggs Cameron (I '15).

DEATHS

Hon. Thomas Jefferson Hugus (Δ '67) at Wheeling, West Virginia, on March 9th, 1916. Brother Hugus was Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for several terms, and was one of the most prominent jurists of the South.

George Washburn Smalley (A '51, Yale '53), in London, England, April 4th, 1916. Mr. Smalley was a prominent author and war correspondent and associate and contemporary with Edmund Clarence Stedman (A '52). At the time of his death he was London correspondent for the New York *Tribune*.

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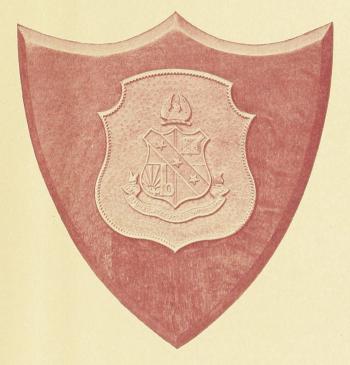
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