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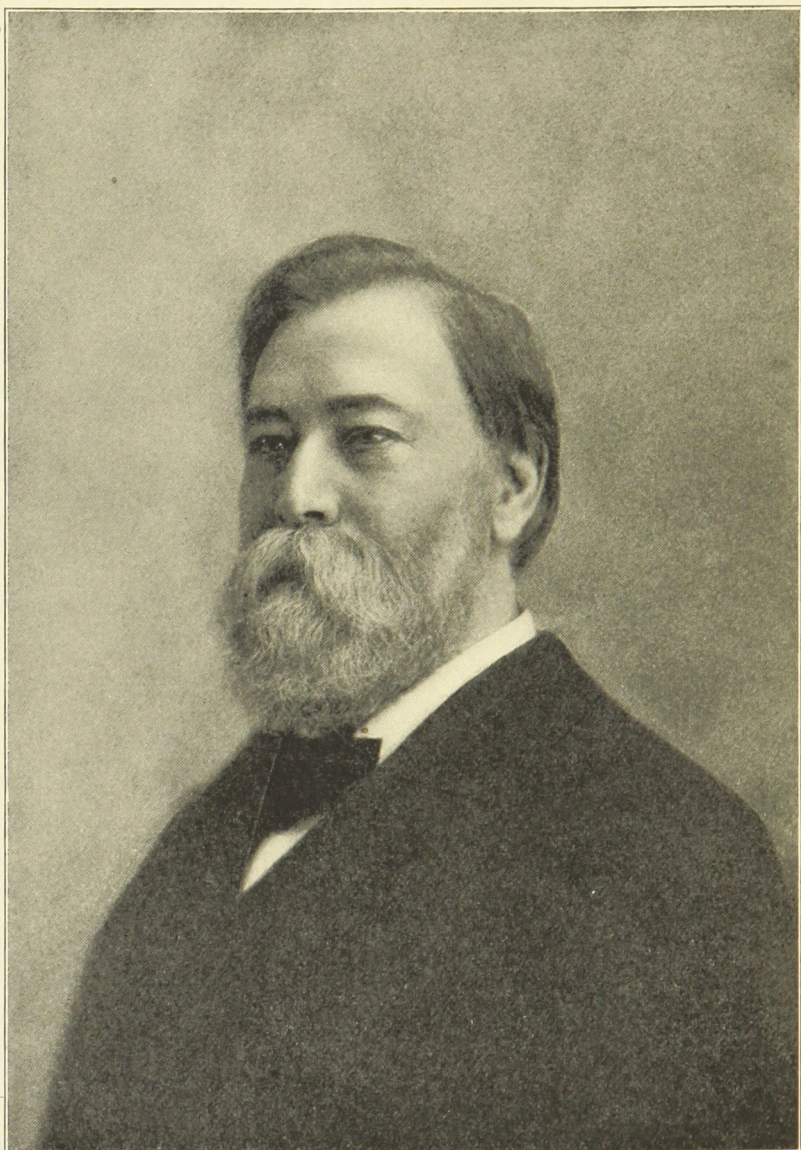
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HOMER B. SPRAGUE, Yale 1853

"We will draw the curtain, and show you the picture.
Look you, Sir; such a one I was."

Olivia in Twelfth Night
I, V, 251, 252, Schmidt's paging
(in the *Shakespeare-Lexicon*)



FEBRUARY, NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTEEN

PRESIDENT SPRAGUE'S ADMINISTRATION OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

HOMER B. SPRAGUE

President of the University of North Dakota from 1887 to 1891

“**H**OW many Indians have you in your university?” was the first question asked by my son, then a student in a preparatory school; a very natural inquiry for a youth fresh from reading Longfellow’s *Hiawatha*, on being told that he must come to the new institution

“In the land of the Dacotahs.”

About that time, while a Faculty meeting was in session, one of our professors glancing thru the window saw a huge wolf standing apparently in deep meditation on the side of our campus toward Grand Forks. Instantly of course a five-minute recess!—a seizure of a rifle, a sixteen-shooter presented me by my brother-in-law, president of the Winchester Repeating Arms Company. But before we could question the intruder, he vanished toward the city.

A few weeks later there was a similar experience with a like result. A big prairie wolf, a quarter of a mile away beyond the railroad, declined an interview, and continued his swift journey toward Minnesota. But we saw no Indians, except fifteen or twenty migrating southward. They bivouacked on the bank of the “Coulee.”

Arriving at Grand Forks at nine in the evening, October 4th (1887), I was cordially welcomed and hospitably entertained by

Professor Merrifield. I had met him at my son's table at Auburndale, Mass., and was so impressed by his evident good sense and sincerity that I was more than half persuaded to join in what seemed a romantic enterprise in "the wild and woolly west." Early in the morning of October 5th, as we started out to see the city, a young lady, a former pupil of mine in the Girls' High School in Boston, came tripping across the street exclaiming, "Why, Col. Sprague! where did you come from, and what has brought you to the end of the earth?" I answered "I have come from darkest Massachusetts to the centre of the continent, to take a look at your university."

Our walk took us to the Campus some two miles away. Except a little barn or stable, there was then only one building now known as Merrifield Hall. I was somewhat startled when he told me that three and a half months previously a wind storm had nearly demolished the southwest half, leveling walls, chimneys, and the ornamental cupola. I asked him if the inhabitants had cellars or subterranean retreats in case of cyclones. He assured me that they never had cyclones, tornadoes, or whirlwinds; that this was a "straight blow"; and "the reason the thing collapsed" was that the brick had been laid in mortar that froze before it had time to set.

A solid foundation had been laid for an astronomical observatory; but the ground was so much jarred by heavy trains passing on the railroad that it was feared the trembling might injure the instruments or interfere with the delicacy of their operations. So the plan was abandoned. On that foundation long afterwards the present Macnie Hall was built.

No quarters had been provided for president or professors. There were four of the latter, Henry Montgomery, Webster Merrifield, John Macnie, and H. B. Woodworth. They were all living at the city, two or three miles distant. For four weeks, Oct. 6 to Nov. 3, Mrs. Sprague and I were at the Hotel Richardson on Third Street.

For several reasons it seemed important that some if not all of us should reside on the premises; but for three years none had been willing thus to go into exile.

It is the inestimable advantage of a small college that the professors can keep in touch with the students, can be to them

"guides, philosophers, and friends." I remembered that at Yale, thirty-five to forty years before, the young men were rarely or never visited by members of the faculty. Speaking of the Yale professors, one of the best men I ever knew, an intimate friend in college and for many years afterwards, said sadly, "No man cared for my soul." He was mistaken; but it often seemed that we were sheep without a shepherd. He sent his sons to Williams college.

There was another reason more visible and palpable. Here was public property worth perhaps a hundred thousand dollars; a building just repaired at great cost, 150 by 50 feet, three stories high above the basement, containing an auditorium (assembly hall or chapel) that would seat two hundred, lecture halls, recitation rooms, library, museum, laboratory, apparatus, lodgings for a score of young women and for twice as many young men, much furniture, a boarding department with dining room and kitchen, janitor's living quarters, a heating plant that burnt up fourteen hundred cords of wood in a season;—the whole constituting a complicated machine.

A salaried military instructor resided there; but he seemed to repudiate the idea that he was to take care of the property, or that it was any part of his duty to keep order among the young men except during military drill. He was gentle and kind, and he "run" the boarding department; but was generally more ornamental than useful. A very intelligent and competent gentleman, a man of real ability, Major Hamilton, secretary of the board of trustees, rendered at times important service and always wise counsel; but he was much of the time inaccessible, residing on the banks of the Red River three miles away.

Here then was imperative need of constant supervision, often of careful guidance, sometimes of quick and strong executive action. It was no desirable position to be thus care-taker, counsellor, and policeman, in addition to my proper function as president; but the duty of undertaking it seemed clear.

Accordingly on the third of November, 1887, after I had partitioned off rooms on the top floor of Merrifield Hall and installed new furniture, I took possession of rooms 27 and 29. We hoped for the early completion of Davis Hall.

Taught by a four-years soldier experience during the war between the states, I immediately upon my arrival instituted Sunday morning inspections after the custom of the army. This inspection included at least once in every week, and sometimes twice, a glance at every young man's personal appearance and dress, and a careful examination of his room, furniture, bed and bedding, and the orderly arrangement of every thing (for each student took care of his own quarters). They were encouraged to make known their wants. I have a record of these Sunday inspections continued thru all the years of my presidency.

For the young ladies living at the University a similar service, modified to suit circumstances, was performed by Miss Jennie Allen. I seize this opportunity to speak of her as one of the most accomplished and faithful of women, a learned preceptress, a gentle caretaker, an efficient manager, and a wise counsellor. There should be a tablet conspicuously placed to her memory in Davis or Merrifield Hall.

In the fall and early winter of 1887 rapid progress was making in the building of the dormitory now Davis Hall. After eight weeks' residence at the top of the main building, during which we labored not unsuccessfully to prevent cosmos from lapsing into chaos, my wife and I on Friday, Dec. 30, took rooms in the new dormitory, placing in it some four or five hundred dollars' worth of furniture which I chose to own, and which I left at last to the university.

The winter weather was severe. Often it was not agreeable or convenient for students to walk two or three miles to attend church and the same distance back. There was no regular conveyance, and the roads were sometimes bad. It therefore seemed best to institute Sunday afternoon discourses of a semi-religious, semi-literary nature. These began Sunday afternoon Nov. 20, 1887, with a lecture in the chapel on John Milton. I spoke of his early life and quoted freely from his minor poems. Other talks followed on successive Sundays. The last in the chapel was on Jan. 22, 1888, the subject being Milton's *Masque of Comus*. The public were invited, and they sometimes came in considerable numbers. On the 29th of January the subject was Milton's *Lycidas*. This was the first discourse in Davis Hall, the students

bringing in chairs and a piano. Occasionally choice selections in prose were read and commented upon, especially passages from the greatest of all literature, the Bible.

By and by we generally gave up Friday evenings to receptions, each preceded by a brief lecture or essay by president or professor or other speaker, with choice music, the object being to promote acquaintance and friendship, to improve the manners of some, to develop an *esprit de corps*, and to make the University a delightful home.

The trustees repeatedly express a desire that I should as much as possible bring the University favorably to the attention of the people of North Dakota. There seemed no better way than by popular lectures. There were 86 counties, each with a superintendent of schools. Many were remote and inaccessible. Nearly all wanted educational lectures, but they were glad to hear us on any subjects. I found myself in constant demand as a speaker and at all sorts of gatherings. Work at the University was strenuous and absorbing; but it was even a relief to get away and speak at any point which could be reached on a Friday or Saturday evening. My diary shows that, among other places, I lectured during my first twenty months at Grand Forks, Fargo, Lakota, Larimore, Hillsboro, Bathgate, Langdon, Towner, Bottineau, Valley City, Hamilton, Moorhead, Mayville, Grafton, Minto, Jamestown, Inkster, Devils Lake, Mandan, and Bismarck. At some of these I was called twice and even three or four times. No compensation was expected or received. Occasionally the other professors lectured.

Never were audiences so hungry for speech. Several times, as at Bottineau, my train was late; but the committee were awaiting me as I alighted from the cars about ten o'clock. "Of course it's too late to have any lecture to-night; please show me where I am to lodge," I said. "Oh no," they replied; "the folks are all waitin' for you in the hall." In every case the lecture room was crowded. Once—I think it was at Towner, McHenry County, May 11, 1888—there were preliminary exercises, music, declamations, speeches. My subject was Milton as an Educator. I began speaking about eleven o'clock. When I finished at mid-

night, the audience was in a mood to sing "We won't go home till morning!" I left them dancing thru the small hours.

My subjects were mostly educational, often on Milton or Shakespeare; sometimes Oliver Goldsmith, Money and Manhood, Public Speaking, or The Bright Side of Confederate Prisons; usually including some glorification of the University.

It may be doubted if there was ever a more heterogeneous collection of students than ours. Good schools had been started, but none specially preparatory to the University. Most of our pupils at that time were to some extent self-supporting, either teaching a few months every year in the common schools, or engaged on the farms in planting and harvesting. A preparatory department had been established at the University under the care of a brilliant salaried teacher, who was also a student, Miss Cora E. Smith. In this school valuable instruction was gratuitously imparted by Mrs. Earle J. Babcock and later by Mrs. George B. Hodge and normal students. It was too soon to expect erudition. A few, like Frances M. Allen, Helen M. Bangs, T. E. Griffith, and Walter J. Marclay, are pleasantly remembered for their scholarship, but the majority were in all stages of difficult or impossible classification. Working continuously towards regularity, and for the elimination of cases exceptional or permanently troublesome, we made it a rule to reject no one, but to assign, if possible, uplifting and edifying work in some part of our curriculum. Every such special student was watched over and instructed as carefully as if a professor's son or daughter.

Cases of emergency were incessantly arising, requiring the counsel and co-operation of every professor. This necessitated an extraordinary number of faculty meetings. My diary records a hundred and three during the first two years of my administration; fifty-four in my third year, and forty in my fourth, with a statement of the topics discussed and the decisions reached in each session. As many as twenty-four items were disposed of at a single conference. Every member of the instructional force, it seemed, labored vigilantly and harmoniously not only to promote the welfare of every student but to make the machinery of the institution run smoothly and more and more in regular grooves.

In 1887 there was but one literary society. It bore the modest name *Per Gradus*. Another was soon originated for which an affectionate remembrance of a Brooklyn (N. Y.) academy suggested the name *Adelphi*. The Normal students started a third, to which they gave the severe classical appellation, *The Chrestomathean*. We afterwards established an athletic association and a Young Men's Christian Association.

In this connection should be noted a feature never before existing in any college. At Yale it had often been observed that in the great debating societies, *Libonia* and *Brothers in Unity*, pronounced by Hon. Wm. M. Evarts the best schools of discussion in the world, the time and pains spent in attendance upon literary societies, and in preparing and delivering speeches, essays, poems, declamations, and critiques, however meritorious, invariably detracted from the student's standing in scholarship as registered in the tutors' books. These never recorded anything outside the class-room. The president of each of the three was requested to hand to me a monthly report showing either his own estimate or that of an impartial critic as to the merit of each member's performance. I still have that record, which was continued till I left the University. This estimate, combined with the instructor's class-room record, was allowed weight in deciding questions of promotion or graduation. Such recognition gave an unwonted dignity and character to society exercises.

At college thirty-six years before, I had been one of the editors of *The Yale Literary Magazine*, and at Worcester, Brooklyn, and Ithaca, had lent a hand in originating and maintaining magazines (*Thesaurus*, *Adelphian*, and *Cornell Era*). In faculty meeting, February 23d, 1888, I suggested the establishment of a periodical to be edited by selected scholars with the assistance and under the supervision of one or more of the professors. I brought the matter up again in the meeting of March 1st and March 8th. The project was approved. Professor Macnie was appointed supervising editor. Upon his suggestion the magazine was named *THE STUDENT*. Miss Allen, Miss Bangs, and Mr. Marclay were selected as editors, with Peter Sharpe for business manager assisted by Horace F. Arnold. At noon, March 13th, the students in chapel elected as associate

editors May Travis, Geo. F. Robertson, and J. J. Armstrong. Miss Travis declining, Miss Marie Teel was elected March 22d to fill the vacancy.

I had promised the faculty that I would contribute at least one article for every issue. Upon looking over my files I find that I furnished for every number to the end of my presidency one on Shakespeare, sometimes several, and usually one or more pieces on subjects of literary or pedagogical interest, as college news, translations from the Odes of Horace or Goethe's Faust, etc. I paid many dollars to the business manager for copies, of which I mailed 80 in April, 1888, to periodicals or prominent persons likely to be interested in our University.

Except on the banks of the Red River, miles away, there was not a tree, shrub or bush visible within a mile of the University till May 5th, 1888. That day had been publicly designated by the territorial governor as Arbor Day. It was Saturday. In the morning, accompanied by janitor Guyot, whom I paid liberally for his assistance, I went to trustee James Twamley's farm beside the river. He had given us *carte blanche*. We picked out and dug up 1 ash, 1 elm, 1 cottonwood, 3 box elders, and thirty willow sprouts. We set the sprouts on the sloping bank of the "coulee," and the trees on the side of the main building some twenty or thirty feet from it. Trustee Fulton was equally kind, and from his and Twamley's grounds on both sides of the river we selected other comely trees on the 7th of the month. Students W. J. Graham, B. E. Ingwaldsen, Willie F. Crewe, Henry G. Vick, and the elusive "Phil" Wellington helped us at night to place them in position. Several friends joined us in making up a purse for the purchase of trees which we set out on Arbor Day two years later.

In faculty meeting, April 26th, 1888, I brought up the subject of a thoro revision of our curriculum with a view to its publication in the forthcoming annual catalog. We discust it item by item for many hours in faculty meetings May 1st, 3d, 4th, 7th, 9th, 10th. We submitted the result of our deliberations to the trustees. On the 28th we received from Hon. Mr. Heidel a

communication expressing their hearty approval of the course of study.

One question upon which there was earnest discussion and lack of unanimity was whether the study of Greek in the University should be encouraged. Some would omit it altogether, both in the branches prescribed for admission and as required or optional in the college course. It seemed to be a contest between the lower utilitarianism, so unavoidable in the new territory, and the higher idealism without which life is not worth living. I stood for the arts, useful and ornamental; the sciences which prophesied man's mastery over nature; the philosophies so far as they were not substitutes but aids to the loftiest wisdom; but above all for the humanities. Greek and Latin are precious as literature, but the usual methods of teaching them are a ridiculous waste of time. They spend three, four, or five years memorizing and applying rules and exceptions that will never be of any use in after life, feeding on husks and ignoring the rich fruit.*

The same questions recurred every spring, and the trustees favored the conservatives.

The division of labor had not been carried far. The talented Cora E. Smith at one time taught 20 hours a week. Professor Montgomery, besides having the care of the museum, was expected to teach anatomy and physiology, mineralogy, geology, physical geography, botany, zoology, and chemistry. Much correspondence ensued in efforts to find the best candidates for professorships.

About the first of June, 1888, the faculty unanimously recommended Ludovic Estes as professor of mathematics and physics for the next year. There was great need in the normal department of a skilled teacher of music. On the 16th of June at a meeting held at Professor Merrifield's house in Grand Forks we voted to urge the appointment of Miss Margaret Boasberg as instructor in music and drawing.

* Omitting non-essentials, and giving all possible aid to make the study easy, for it is hard enough at best, I have in one year taken students, who had never studied either Greek or Latin, thru these two languages as required in preparation for admission to the highest colleges. In one case it was done in five months. They were admitted to the Freshman class without conditions.

The attendance of students during the year next preceding my administration was seventy-five. The year before, it was but forty-eight. During my first year the number rose to ninety-eight. It closed with examinations. There was no commencement.

Naturally many annoyances had occurred. Only two will ever be mentioned. On the 28th of April, '88, Mrs. Sprague and I were threatened with a lawsuit to force us to pay for all the furniture that had been sent to Davis Hall. Two or three weeks later the suit was actually brought; but one of the best of our trustees, Mr. Fulton, graciously came to the rescue. He took all the burden upon himself.

The other annoyance was far more serious. For a while we were filled with anxiety; but in dealing with the trouble a plan was brought out that proved a great and unmixed blessing to the university.

"Man shall not live by bread alone," says the highest authority; but some one irreverently asks, "What is more vital than victuals?" There were complaints about the quality and quantity of food in the boarding department. The mild and amiable colonel, perhaps in feeble health, did not superadd to his military genius the skill to "run a hotel." Information came to me at evening on the 31st of January, 1888, that without my knowledge a petition had been circulated and extensively signed by the boarders protesting in strong language to the trustees against what they called their "fodder" as insufficient and unfit. Some threatened to leave the institution and never return. The report was spreading thru the territory that our young folks were stingily treated, ill fed, half starved. Immediately (Feb. 1st) I communicated with Col. Topping on the subject, and to impress him more strongly I made a private statement to him in writing of what I had learned were the specific complaints.

On the same day I wrote confidentially to the president of the trustees, stating the particulars of the situation. The students' petition, which had 33 signatures, was already in his hands. He had at once sent a strong letter to the colonel, enclosing a copy to the faculty, and he now came with the trustees' able secretary, Major Hamilton, to the University. His letter did not reach us till Feb. 3d. At noon Feb. 10th, the floor was covered with rejected food angrily thrown there by parties

unknown and undiscoverable. I ceased taking meals there Feb. 2d. There was no visible improvement in the dining room. No public denial could be made of the shortage or inferiority of provisions in the past; no confident assurance of better things in the future. There began to be much grumbling at the alleged high price of such board!

On the 13th of February, after two weeks of thought, I devised a plan that seemed likely to insure a happy solution of the distressing problem. That day I pointed out in another confidential letter to the president of the trustees the absolute necessity of more business ability, more promptness, and more executive energy than the soft-hearted, half-sick old soldier had displayed in the management of the culinary department, the dining room, and the drill hall. I assured Mr. Roach that in my opinion better board could be furnished for two and a half dollars a week than that for which they were paying three and a half, and thus each student remaining with us from the beginning to the end of the academic year would save not less than thirty-five dollars.

This plan contemplated an entire change in the military department. The colonel had been receiving \$900 a year. The greater part, if not the whole of this, would be saved to the territory. Some of our students were members of a military company in Grand Forks, and capable of giving good drill in the "setting up" exercises, the "school of the soldier," and to some extent in the "school of the battalion"—better drill and more of it than the rest of our students had received from the salaried instructor. I had already inaugurated such effective tho inexpensive exercises.

The constant care and oversight of the buildings and grounds, superintendence from which both the military instructor and the secretary of the trustees had seemed to shrink, had already devolved almost wholly on me, and there seemed no prospect of their transfer to other shoulders at an early date.

Mrs. Sprague, the best of housekeepers and the most level-headed of business women, was willing to undertake the entire management of the boarding department, provided she could have the control of the "incidental fee" paid by each student to be devoted to its legitimate uses.

Accordingly on Thursday, the third of May, 1888, the faculty having expressed their hearty approval, a proposition was submitted in writing to the board of trustees, covering the four points, board, superintendence, drill, and "incidental fees." On the seventh of May, President Roach replied, "Your suggestions meet my entire approval, and I will endeavor to so arrange matters as to carry out the program outlined by you." All the members of the board concurred.

My second year opened with bright auspices Sept. 26, 1888. The standard of qualifications for admission was much higher than ever before. A course in letters had been marked out in the catalog. The preparatory department had been lengthened a year. In the preceding June a valuable man, Earle J. Babcock, had been appointed instructor, and his wife was able and willing to give gratuitous instruction. Here were two new and most efficient teachers. Miss Boasberg had been appointed at the same time in charge of large classes in vocal music. Professor and Mrs. Estes had just arrived. The teacher's certificates which we issued May 26th were recognized and honored as valid. The younger preparatory pupils constituted desirable practise classes for our normal students under the skilful supervision of Professor Woodworth. Our curriculum offered an education at a lower cost and yet not inferior to that of any other college in the United States.

Miss Smith continued to do excellent work in arithmetic and English. To supplement her drill in reading, the president of the University for many weeks gave an hour daily from three to four training those who were to read or speak in the literary societies, or at appointed times in chapel as was required of all.

The young men rooming in the upper story of Merrifield Hall on and after October 23d constituted one military company; those in the second story another; those who lived "down town" were after a time organized as a third company. It was understood that the best drilled should be designated as Co. A.; the next best as Co. B.; the third, Co. C. They were allowed to choose their company officers. Oct. 25th the upper company chose for captain Peter Sharpe; the lower, G. S. Sprague. In the absence of a professor the ranking officer present was charged

with the duty of keeping order, and prompt obedience was required to his commands.

The students boarding at the University paid but two and a half dollars a week, and the meals were acknowledged better than ever before. But on the sixth of October a rude shock was given to our confidence in our ability to furnish them at so low a rate. A contract unmistakable in its terms and distinctly admitted, to deliver to Mrs. Sprague fifty sacks of flour at an agreed-on rate, was flatly repudiated because the market value of flour had taken a sudden rise. But she kept her promise to the students, having the incidental fee to fall back on, in case of a deficit. She occasionally released the student and paid it herself. This breach of faith by the flour merchant would not be mentioned, were it not that, later on, far more serious violations of express contracts occurred.

At the beginning of the year 1889 we were suddenly made to face a dangerous epidemic. January 2d a very estimable student returned from the funeral of a relative who had died of diphtheria at Buxton. I immediately required him, before he associated at all with other persons, to bring from the physician who attended the case a certificate that there could be no danger of his communicating the infection. But it seems there had already been exposure; on the 9th of the month a new comer, Charles S. Ritchie, had diphtheritic sore throat. I isolated him and, by advice of Dr. Wheeler of Grand Forks, detailed our fireman, Henry General, to take care of him. On the 11th Dr. Wheeler came at my request and again prescribed for him. The evening of Friday, the 18th, Drs. Wheeler and Logan of Grand Forks were summoned to see Ritchie and James Young, who was also ailing. They came between 9 and 10 o'clock. About 10 they took me aside, and whispered that those two and fireman Henry, acting nurse for Ritchie, all had diphtheria, and must instantly be quarantined. But how and where, they could not tell me.

Here was a critical situation. By a strange coincidence the territorial legislature, agreeably to repeated notice given long before, was to visit us on the morrow, scheduled to arrive between 9 and 10 in the morning! Our professors and students were expected to make it a festive occasion.

The attic which I had long planned to convert into a gymnasium for the special use of our athletic association, and which extended nearly the whole length of the building, was nearly empty. A long flight of steps led up to it. It was midwinter and I reasoned that the powerful upward draught of warm air would render it impossible for any taint of infection to be wafted down. A moment's reflection convinced me that the big room would be an admirable hospital. Instantly about ten o'clock, I called janitor Guyot. He and I, after half disrobing, immediately removed the three patients and all their personal belongings to that attic. I appointed Young's brother Samuel to stay with them. I charged him to look constantly after their comfort, and minister to every want of theirs.

It was now near eleven o'clock, but I summoned all the young men in the building to meet at once in the chapel. Explaining the situation, I made them pledge themselves to show all possible courtesies to the legislators who were coming in the morning, but not to lisp or hint a word to them or any one about diphtheria.

The senators and representatives, about sixty strong, some of them accompanied by their wives, arrived that Saturday morning about eleven o'clock. We entertained them as best we could with speeches and music in the chapel. At two o'clock they sat down to a dinner carefully prepared under Mrs. Sprague's direction in the dining room of Davis Hall. In the evening there was a banquet for them at the Ingalls House in Grand Forks with more speeches and music, the festivities lasting till one o'clock Sunday morning. They went away impressed with the belief that the University was a decided success!

That Sunday the locked room of the patients was thoroughly fumigated under the directions of the doctors.

The visiting Solons would have remained all the while in blissful ignorance of the sickness, had not a self-appointed investigating committee, mousing around, discovered in the third story the mysterious stairway leading to the attic. At its door was a large placard strictly forbidding every one to ascend. Of course they immediately rushed up and demanded of the four young men why they were there. At the word "diphtheria" they scampered back. The news spread like a prairie fire.

We flattered ourselves that we had effectually sequestered the dreaded disease. The regular exercises continued for several weeks. But on Tuesday noon, Feb. 5th, 1889, Dr. Logan of the board of health, who had been called to see Mr. E. T. Burke, a normal student in Merrifield Hall, and Georgie, the janitor's child in the basement, diagnosed both cases as diphtheria. All the professors being present, a faculty meeting was summoned, Dr. Logan was called in, and we immediately voted to close Merrifield Hall. Between one and two o'clock the students were assembled in chapel, and the necessity of vacating the building was explained. We found that we could make room in Davis Hall for twenty-one who had not been exposed to the contagion. So, next morning we took in the two Ogdens, two Engebretsons, Clayton, Gram, Bjornson, Schellenberg, McBain, Marclay, Vick, Rod, Fiveland, Hempsted, Yon Steenberg, Harvey, Egerton, Richard, Arnold, Evanson, and Goldwin Sprague.

The students and teachers in the building numbered forty. We endeavored to keep them all usefully occupied. That evening a Shakespearean lecture was given them in the parlor. Miss Allen gave Latin lessons daily. We hoped to be able to reopen Merrifield Hall and resume regular exercise in a week or ten days; but the University was closed from February 5th to March 4th. During that period Professor Merrifield lectured in Davis Hall, Feb. 19th and Feb. 21st, on his travels in Europe; Professor Macnie, Feb. 18th, on the Fall of the Roman Empire, and at noon, Feb. 20th, on the Feudal System. President Sprague during that month gave fourteen Shakespearean lectures in Davis Hall, and one at Minto, Feb. 16th, on Rebel Prisons.

At noon, Feb. 6th, a telegram came from Trustee Fulton, requesting me to come immediately to Bismarck. Leaving by train at 4 P. M. I reached my destination at 5.40 next morning. After two and a half hours walking the streets, I succeeded about 8 o'clock in getting into the Hotel Sheridan. Much discussion with committees or individuals ensued on the needs of the University. At evening I had to make a speech at a so-called "Camp Fire" in the Skating Rink. Next day I again address the legislative committee. Sunday morning, Feb. 9th, I left the capital for home.

That day Guyot's child died, Guyot having remained with his family in the basement of Merrifield Hall. Mrs. Sprague, whom I left in charge of everything, promptly sent them in a carriage to a house in East Grand Forks. While there two other fair children of the janitor passed sadly away.

During my 'three days' absence a son of the territorial Superintendent of Instruction violated the strict quarantine rule against entering Merrifield Hall. Mrs. Sprague, who had had experience in a noted yellow fever case at Wellesley College, saw him as he issued. She instantly locked the doors to prevent his return to Davis Hall. He tried in vain to enter. The day was bitterly cold, but the air between the two halls was hot, and the third commandment of the Decalogue was treated with scant respect. She was inflexible and he at last vanished.

On the 11th of February I arrived from Bismarck at 7 A. M. Six days having elapsed, and little or nothing having been done by the authorities to make Merrifield Hall safe, I called a faculty meeting to be held at 4 o'clock that afternoon at Dr. Logan's office. All the professors were present. We unanimously requested Professor Montgomery to cooperate with Dr. Logan in examining the plumbing, causing all needed repairs to be made, and then without delay to assist him in thoroly and promptly disinfecting by fumigation and washing. The plumbing was found very bad; it took a long time and many tests to rectify it: the fumigation was most thoro, beginning at noon, Feb. 25th, burning up 750 pounds of sulphur, turning Merrifield Hall into a volcano; the washing and scrubbing with disinfecting fluid, commenced Tuesday evening, the 26th, and continued with the assistance of ten or twelve loyal students till noon, Friday, March 1st. At last on Saturday, March 2d, Dr. Wheeler, health officer of the county, gave his consent to the reopening of the building on the following Monday.

By vote of the faculty, Feb. 15th, the usual Easter vacation was omitted.

On Monday, Feb. 25th, Josie Forbes, the young child of the housekeeper in Davis Hall, was taken sick. Mrs. Sprague instantly recognized the illness as scarlet fever and insisted on the girl's immediate removal. This was done, tho all doubted the judgment of Mrs. Sprague. The child was carefully wrapt

in blankets and carried by students to the house of Mr. Davidson, a long distance to the southeast. It was none too soon; for Dr. Herriman of Grand Forks next day pronounced it a clear case of scarlet fever.

Late in the evening of May 6th, a committee of prominent citizens, of whom Principal Clemmer of the Grand Forks high school was one, waited upon me and urged me to permit my name to be used as candidate for delegate to the approaching Constitutional Convention at Bismarck. They were sure that I would be elected and very likely be made Speaker to preside at the Convention. I answered that my first duty was to the University; the present was a critical period in its history; we were discussing proposed important changes in the course of study; deciding upon the contents and wording of the annual catalog; preparing for final examinations and our first annual Commencement; deciding what degrees should be awarded and to whom; and considering other matters of importance: therefore I must decline to enter upon any new field of activity, however attractive and honorable. I promised, however, to study the question, "What should be the provisions of the Constitution on the subject of Education?"

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Some of my propositions fared hard in the hands of the tinkers at that July Convention at Bismarck; but what is perhaps the most important of them all, the recognition of the imperative need of sound education and high moral character as essential prerequisites to admission to the exercises of the elective franchise, measurably escaped mutilation. It still stands at the head of the Article; and thus, in theory at least, North Dakota is in one important respect placed in advance of all other states and nations.

With the approval of the faculty, our Athletic Association observed "Field Day," Saturday, May 25th, with interesting sports and contests on the campus. In the evening of June 12th, interesting "Class Day" exercises were held in the parlors of Davis Hall. A third and more important new feature in uni-

versity life was the first Commencement. It took place in the chapel, Thursday, June 13th. The essays and orations were creditable. Seven diplomas in science, arts, and normal were awarded to as many graduates. Ex-Gov. Ordway and Gov. Melette were present and made handsome speeches. At 1.30 p. m. all in attendance were invited, and most of them partook of a bountiful collation in the dining room of Davis Hall. The trustees held a session that afternoon and elected or confirmed as instructors Mr. George B. Hodge and Mr. Earle J. Babcock. The wives of these two offered to give gratuitous instruction, and for a very long time they rendered invaluable service as teachers in the preparatory or normal department.

The new academic year, my third, opened with examinations for admission, Sept. 25th, 1889. Next day, Professor Montgomery having resigned, William Patten, who had distinguished himself by his scientific investigations, and who had been strongly recommended by the faculty to be Professor of Biology and Curator of the Museum, was requested by the board of trustees to "enter at once upon such duties as the president of the university might assign."

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For a year and a half after my arrival and for years before, need was felt every day when the University was in session of a post office on the premises; also of a regular army officer to give military instruction and drill. It was also felt that a signal service station at Merrifield Hall would have instructional value and enhance the reputation of the institution. President Roach had been urged repeatedly to secure these desiderata from the Washington authorities. For some unknown reason his appeals were unheard or unheeded or refused. Having an engagement of long standing to deliver another course of lectures at the Peabody Institute in Baltimore during the week ending Saturday, Feb. 22, 1890, I determined to visit Washington and there make application in person to the Postmaster General, the Secretary of War, and the Chief of the Signal Service. I assigned written work for my classes during my absence. Having made some

preparation, I presented our desires to each of these officers with as much skill as I could command. To my surprise they immediately granted all three requests; a post-office was established, Lieut. Leon S. Roudiez of the Fifteenth Regulars was detailed to be resident military instructor, and my son, Goldwin Smith, was appointed signal service officer and supplied with the proper instruments. The post-office still remains in Merrifield Hall, and the signal flags still float at the top. Roudiez did good service for some years; then married and vanished.

North Dakota had been admitted as a state into the Union, Feb. 22, 1889. In less than a year the new commonwealth was threatened with what many regarded as a deadly poison. The people of Louisiana had determined to drive out from their midst the notorious lottery. Its managers made a desperate attempt to establish it here. Enormous sums of money were offered, it was said, to the public treasury and to the pockets of legislators. Many politicians favored it; many respectable people. As the poet Pollok wrote of the old-fashioned theatre before it had been purified by the great artists,

“Some very honest, wise, and worthy men
Maintained it might be turned to good account.”

They showed that Harvard College had several times been saved from collapse by lotteries; that many noble charities had been financed by them; that a pious lottery scheme had been planned to put a copy of the Holy Bible into the hands of every citizen in eastern Massachusetts; that at the head of the Louisiana Lottery was a great and good man, the Confederate General who commanded at the capture of Fort Sumter, at the first Bull Run, and at Shiloh, P. G. T. Beauregard; admired by all the South and incapable of doing anything wrong; justly deserving the fine tribute implied in the toast pronounced by President Davis at the Montgomery banquet, April 16, 1861, celebrating the fall of Sumter—

“With mortar, paixhan, and petard
We tender ‘Old ABE’ our beau-regard.”

Without impugning any one's motives, the president and professors of the University concurred with a majority of the best citizens in deeming it a dangerous establishment, likely to prove an infernal nuisance. Careful not to allow the University to appear to take sides as an institution, they as individuals made vigorous protests in confidential letters, unsigned newspaper articles, and sometimes in bitter public denunciations.

On the 9th of February, 1890, the territorial superintendent, one of God's noblemen, Hon. William Mitchell, wrote from Bismarck as follows:

"My Dear President Sprague:—

"Sunday as it is, I must write you a line. Here one topic overshadows every other, the infamous lottery scheme. Protests and petitions pour in from all directions. The outlook is good for its defeat, unless too much is offered for votes. Five in the House and two in the Senate must be bought by the gamblers to put their bill through. 'Every man has his price' may prove true; and if that price is offered, woe to North Dakota. * * * The Senate is in no proper humor to do right things just now."

We finally got a promise from the governor to veto the bill and we breathed more freely. Our Professor Estes, a belligerent and pugnacious Quaker, was the most outspoken, active, and efficient in fighting it; but we all thought it a devil's saddle, and we all did our best to keep it off the back of North Dakota. Accordingly we must all be punished, and the University, if it could not be killed, must at least be crippled.

On the fifth of March, 1890, Senator George B. Winship, whose name is still held in high honor in North Dakota, wrote me from Bismarck as follows:—

"The bill passed the Senate with all salaries cut; yours to 2,000, the others to 1,800 each.

"After it reached the House, we recalled it.

"During the absence of ———— and some of his Lottery pals, we restored all the salaries. But on final passage, a majority of all the members must be had, which is 16.

"Last Monday the bill was again considered, ——— and his friends having returned. They were indignant when they learned of our action during their absence. L,——— made another attack upon you, to which I replied. He then moved that your salary be fixed at 2,000—— An amendment making it 2,500 prevailed.

"I have assurance from a good many members that they will make a fight to restore your salary. I shall do all I can to bring that about."

His effort failed. But we were "let off easy;" disaster to the University was averted; the state escaped the infection; the lottery octopus was killed; and I was the only one punished.

"The man recovered from the bite;
The dog it was that died."

I looked for redress, but it never came.

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In May each year the most important work of the faculty was the preparation of the annual catalog and determining the scope and contents of the curriculum. Here the question upon which there was most disagreement was as to the propriety of eliminating Greek. The majority (4 to 2) were against me. In faculty meeting, May 23d, I gave my reasons for desiring to retain it, and immediately thereafter submitted them to the trustees. I urged that we should adhere to it as in former years: (1) to avoid the charge and fact of vacillation, instability; (2) to demonstrate that even a single year of the study is a good preparation for common English; (3) as we are situated, by retaining it we avoid the multiplication of classes and subjects; (4) we thus keep our standard of scholarship high, make our institution attractive, and refute the charge that we are a high school masquerading as a college; (5) we continue able to transfer students to equal high standing elsewhere; (6) we attract desirable students; (7) the public have a right to expect it, some parents even demanding it; (8) we furnish a desirable qualification for admission to the highest professional schools; (9) for culture, and in its relation to the best literature and

art and the finest civilization, there is no real equivalent for it. On the third of June the trustees notified us that they favored retaining Greek and including it in the published courses of study in the catalog.

At the opening of my fourth year in September, 1890, the faculty was strengthened by the addition of Lieut. Roudiez. We were still under the necessity of facing and solving problems that seemed innumerable. There were 38 faculty meetings between September 26, 1890, and March 26, 1891. By act of the legislature during the preceding March, a school of mines had been added to our curriculum, and we were fortunate in having Professor Babcock to begin its work. Professors Merri-field, Macnie, Woodworth, Estes, and Patten, would compare favorably with any selected five in any college, and the instructors, both salaried and volunteers, were rendering really excellent service. The whole of eastern and middle North Dakota seemed eager to hear from the University, and president and professors were glad to fulfil appointmentts to speak at educational gatherings.

It may be proper to mention a movement which, had I foreseen the experiences of the next few years, would very likely have withdrawn me sooner from the University.

In March, 1889, The Pioneer Press of St. Paul and Minneapolis in its editorial columns surprised me by suggesting my name as that of a possible senator in the United States Congress. Soon thirty other newspapers in Minnesota, New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Illinois, Missouri, California, North Dakota, caught at the idea. They would have had me elected in a few days, had their wishes prevailed. But there are two things I never have sought: viz., office and riches. Some of my friends were gratified. They saved up the newspaper notices, and thought that for their sakes I should enter the lists. I attached no importance to the movement, until a prominent gentleman, an entire stranger, in an eloquent speech in the legislature eulogized me and ended by formally nominating me for that high office. Immediately I was urged by letters and by telegraph to come to Bismarck and conduct a personal campaign.

I judged it was time to put a stop to the business. This I did by publishing extensively the following card:—

“My position on the subject of the senatorship, having been misrepresented, I beg to state my attitude.

1. Of course I should like to be a senator; but as constituted and manipulated, the eager pursuit of so sacred and responsible an office by the only means likely to secure it, seems presumptive if not conclusive proof that the aspirant is not fit for it.

2. If it were tendered me in honorable fashion, without any other pledge than that I should faithfully, to the best of my ability, serve my state and my nation, I should gladly accept. But—

3. To get it I can engage in no scramble, no intrigue, no bargain, no fight; shall neglect no present duty, make no speeches, curry no favor, solicit no votes, pull no wires, promise no offices, pay no money, fling no mud, and tell no lies. I am not for sale.”

No room rent was ever paid at the University buildings, nor was any tuition fee paid by any student. Excellent board was furnished at three dollars a week, the two and a half dollars paid the preceding year having proved insufficient. January 7th, 1891, a prominent and influential citizen, apparently ignorant of the understanding between the trustees and Mrs. Sprague, endeavored, in his excessive loyalty to the state, to deprive her of a large portion of the “incidental fees” (paid by most of the students, amounting to \$5 each), and to turn it into the state treasury. He was in a position to know perfectly the conditions of the express contract, in which it was stipulated that the whole of those fees should be placed in my hands to aid in carrying on the boarding department and that I should not account for any of them. This being the third time that it had been sought to impair the obligation of financial contracts with me since I undertook the management of the University, I was led to do some thinking on the precariousness of my tenure of the office.

On the 24th of February, 1891, I tendered my resignation of the presidency. I had three reasons for resigning. The first was that I was overworked and needed rest; the second, that the winter climate had sometimes been too severe for the health of my nearest and dearest. The third and chief reason I have never stated.

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In the middle of last June (1916), after an absence of twenty-five years, I was so fortunate as to revisit the University. Never

have I seen a greater or more surprising change. The rough campus seemed by contrast to have become almost a paradise. Instead of a stubble field of twenty acres, here were a hundred and twenty which had felt the touch of the landscape artist. In the midst were elegant walks, velvet-like lawns, flower beds, a fine fountain, a winding watery mirror, arching trees whose tops vied in height with the highest roofs, pleasing alternation of light and shade. Instead of the one solitary building which I found when I first came, and the two lonesome ones which I left, there were now thirteen, some of them magnificent.

In the distance on the once treeless uninhabited prairie, I could see, across the green fields, thrifty dwellings, each nestling in a sheltering grove.

The hundred elms, which the Hon. William Budge had set along the avenue between the University and the old Fair Grounds, and which I feared would not live a year, had grown very tall, and with others, nearer the city, had made the street very handsome. The stunted trees that once lined the streets had grown to stately heights, and Grand Forks, once so plain and humble, had become one of the most beautiful cities in America.

The University library when I first came had less than a thousand volumes; less than three thousand when I left. It now contains over 53,000. We had four professors and two instructors when I came. There are now 47 professors, 28 instructors and 15 special lecturers. In my first graduating class I think we awarded but 7 or 8 degrees. Last June the University awarded 110.

I have attended some 40 commencements, but none, I think, more creditable to any institution than this in June. I have witnessed many pageants in war and peace, but none finer or more instructive than the dramatic display at the lovely Bank-side Theatre on the University campus the evenings of June 12th and 13th. Unique and original in its origin, of all which I have heard or read of, it seemed to me not only the most fitting to mark with splendor the conclusion of the Shakespeare Tercentenary Commemoration, but to be prophetic of still greater achievements in the centuries to come.—Reprinted by permission of *The Quarterly Journal*, October, 1916.

THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

THE illustrations herewith of various departmental buildings of the University of Kentucky give a very inadequate idea of the size and importance of this great educational institution of the Blue Grass State. Its history, like that of the state whose name it bears, is one of evolution and development,—transformation and adaptation.

The Morrill land grant of 1862 laid the foundation for the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Kentucky that was located at Lexington, Fayette County. In 1865 an arrangement was entered into between the trustees of Transylvania University at Lexington and the State whereby the two were combined under the name of Kentucky University and so continued until 1878, when the union was dissolved by act of the legislature. From this time it continued under the name of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Kentucky until after its union with several new departments instituted from time to time and at last incorporated under the name of the University of Kentucky. Transylvania University is still continued as an independent institution.

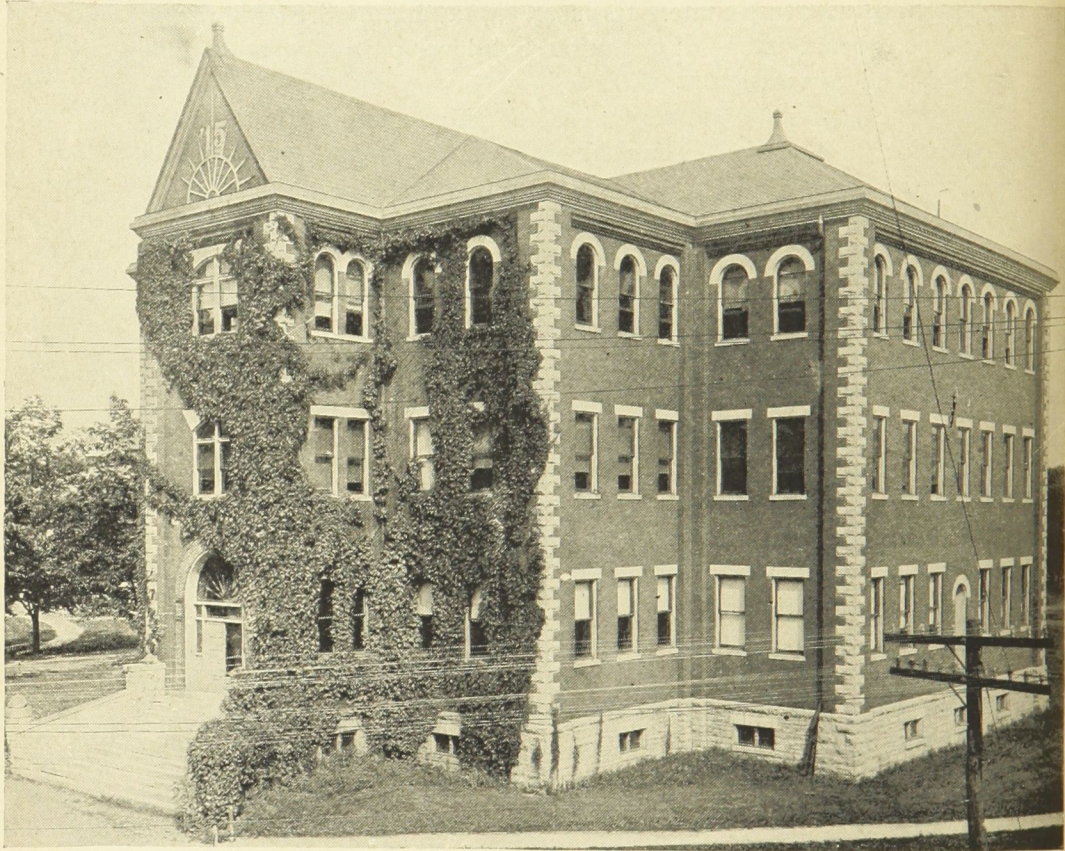
The University of Kentucky as now constituted consists of the College of Agriculture, College of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Mining Engineering, College of Civil Engineering, and College of Law, all located on a beautiful campus within the limits of the city of Lexington and valued at more than one million dollars. The institution is supported by appropriations from the state legislature and the federal government.

The institution confers bachelors degrees in Arts, Science, Science in Agricultural, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mining Engineering, and in Law. Also masters degrees in Arts, Sciences and Science in Agricultural in addition to the degrees of Civil Engineer, Electrical Engineer, Mining Engineer, Mechanical Engineer, and Doctor of Philosophy.

Its faculty at present consists of over 100 members, and its student body numbers over nine hundred males and nearly three

hundred females. The institution enjoys a steady and healthy growth.

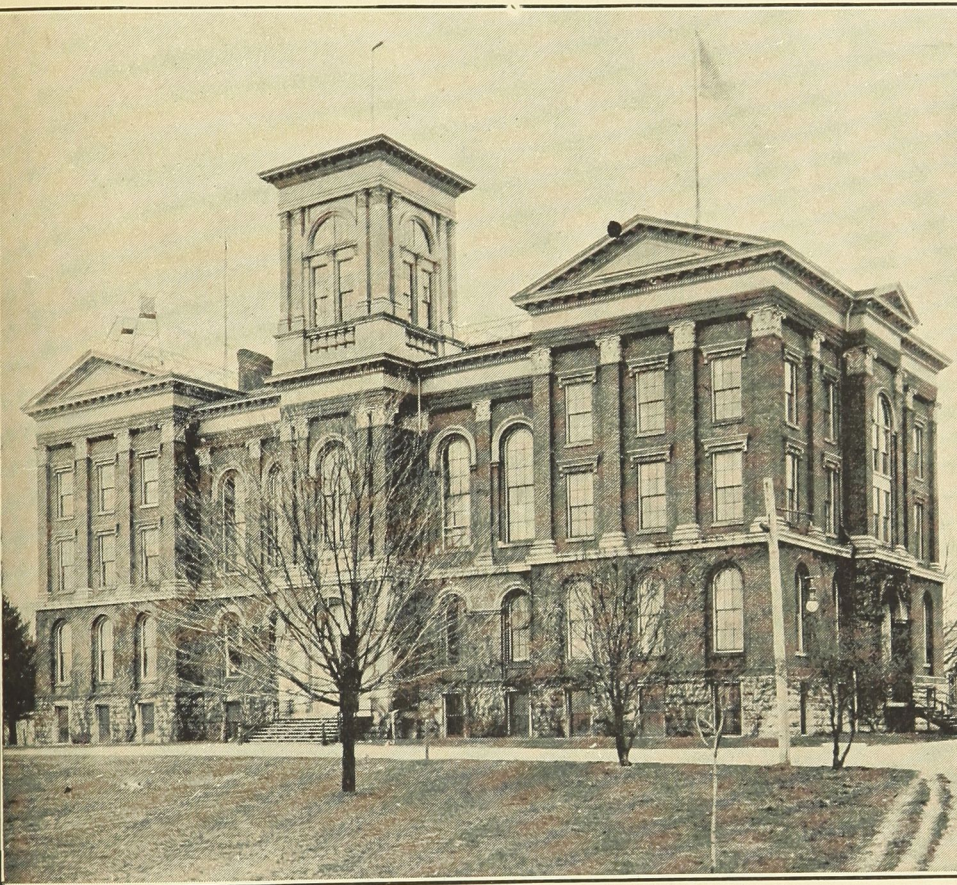
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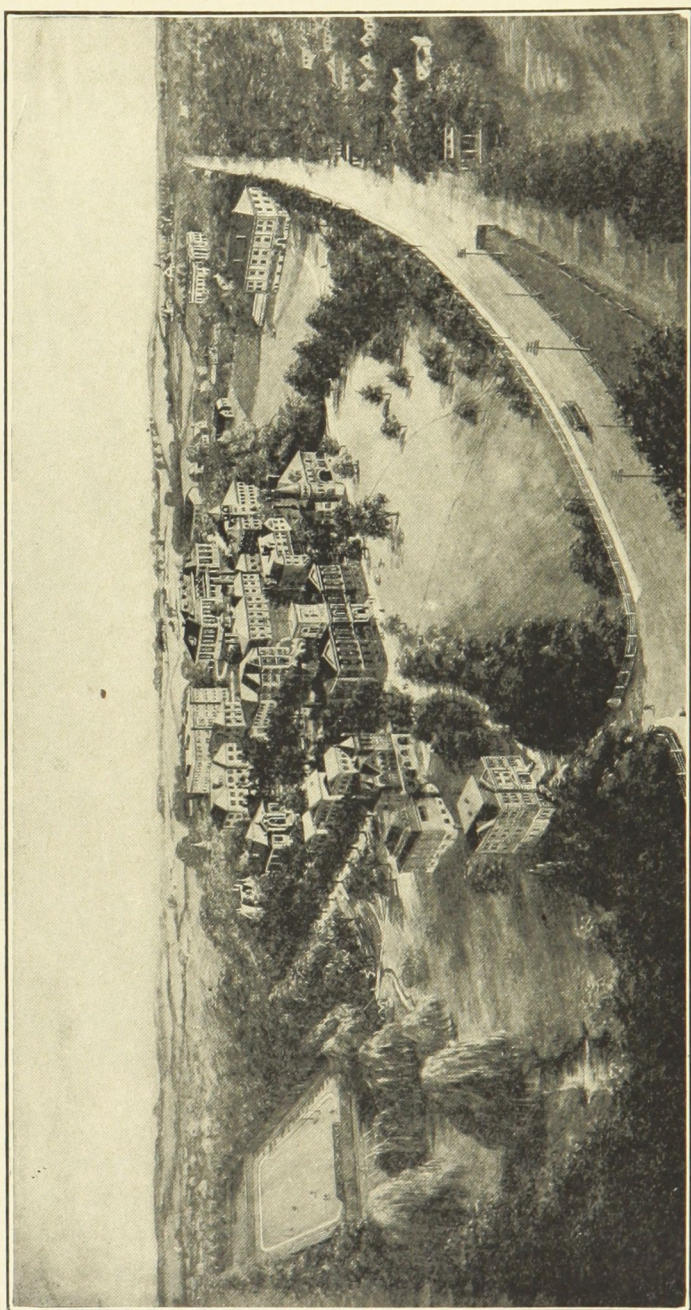
Kappa Alpha (Southern), Sigma Chi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Kappa Sigma and Alpha Sigma Phi. The professional fraternities of Tau Beta Pi, Alpha Zeta, Alpha Delta Sigma, Delta Chi, Phi Alpha Delta and Tau Kappa Alpha maintain chapters. The general sororities of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Chi Omega, Alpha Chi Delta, Alpha Gamma Delta and Kappa Delta claim the support of its student body. About twenty per cent of the

male students are represented in the membership of these fraternities.

In installing Sigma Chapter there, Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity has for the first time crossed Mason and Dixon's line

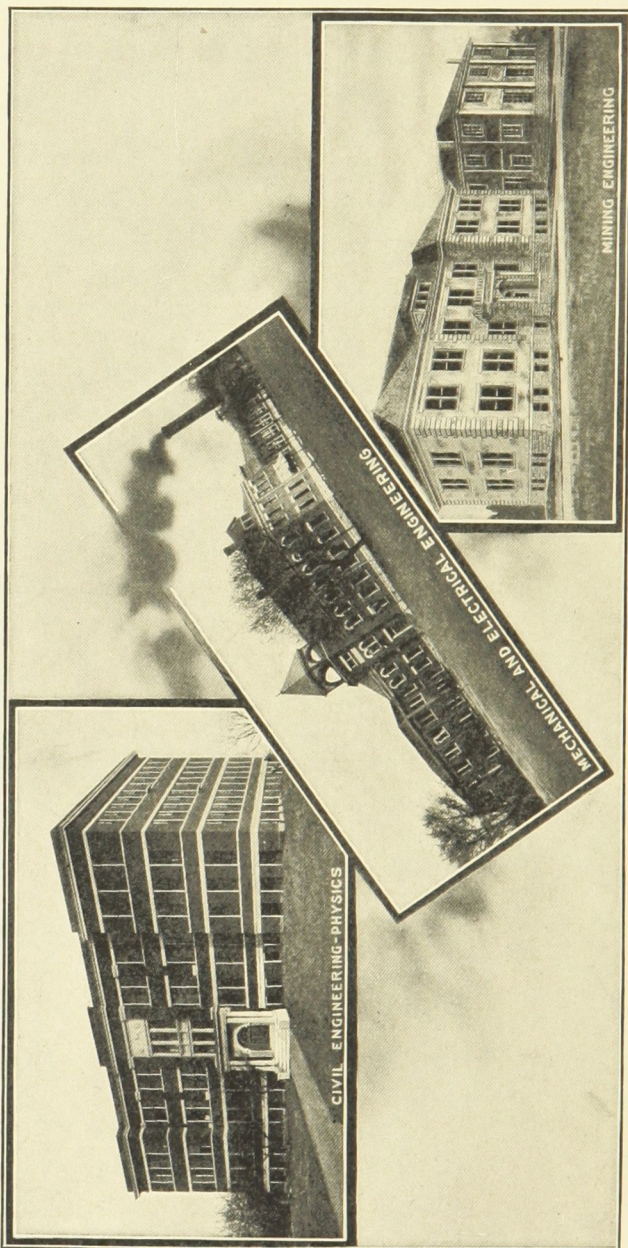


and invaded the south. Notwithstanding the insinuation in a recent issue of one of our leading contemporaries that we were inclined to remain a sectional though claiming to be a national fraternity, we believe that the good sense and best thought of our membership will rejoice that fortune has permitted us to add this splendid group of men to our membership and in this practical way demonstrate to the world that our principles and



purposes are ubiquitous. We are certain that our rituals bear undisputed evidence of a southern origin, and instead of invading the south it is a case of the south simply coming into its own in the instituting of this first but important branch of our fraternity in the leading educational institution of the blue grass state.

Notwithstanding that Stephen J. Foster says that "The sun shines bright in my old Kentucky home," all nature shed copious tears while the accouchement of the "Old Gal" proceeded that brought into the world her latest daughter, Sigma, on the 4th day of January, 1917, when eighteen members were initiated and immediately installed. Sigma is our 18th Chapter and is the transformation of the local known as Phi Sigma that had its origin in the academic year 1913-14 under the leadership of Prof. David Dallas Donohoo, now Superintendent of Schools of Horse Cave, Kentucky, but at that time a graduate student in the University of Kentucky, and ably assisted by Buford Bosia Russell and Thomas Lindsay Creekmore. Elsewhere the new chapter speaks directly to you through the lips of its own correspondent. Suffice it to say that in character, ability, and material accomplishment of its personnel individually and collectively, Sigma Chapter takes rank with her sisters and its members are a credit to us. The courtesy and chivalry of the south are reflected in their manners, the intellectuality and ability of New England in their mentality, and the bravery and heroism of Daniel Boone in their criteria of conduct. The traditions of Henry Clay and of the Hermitage are theirs to enjoy. And it may at last be said that both the South and Alpha Sigma Phi have come into their own in the installation of Sigma Chapter at the University of Kentucky.



MINING ENGINEERING

MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

CIVIL ENGINEERING-PHYSICS

HELLENICA

Get some men that the chapter can help as well as some that can help the chapter.—*The Record*, Σ A E.

Members of fraternities and sororities at the University of Washington had higher grades last year than non-fraternity students.—*Banta's Greek Exchange*.

And do not forget that it is men we are after. Not pocket-books, or genealogical trees, or even brains; but that happy blending of all the qualities of breeding, culture, and learning which must exist, either developed or latent, in every being whom we would crown a man.—*The Shield of Φ K Ψ*.

Why are upperclassmen overlooked? We have never yet been able to learn of any reasonable and satisfactory explanation of the actual fact that they are. Some chapters say it would violate custom and tradition. How silly such a custom or tradition is! * * * There must be, and are all the time, men who are developing and growing in the course of their progress from one class to the next and who while in the lower class did not show up with qualities attractive to the fraternity chapter, yet later attain them all.—*The Scroll of Φ Δ Θ*.

It is an excellent thing to win a new member who steps into the fraternity well equipped and ready, but you'd better keep your eyes on that fellow over there who has not found himself yet but is going to make good if he gets a chance.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

We do not think an expensive fraternity house is anything to brag of.—*Banta's Greek Exchange*.

Efficiency has been impressed with deadly persistency upon the college girl. *Courtesy* is a running mate. For, after all, as the good alumna said, it's the personal touch that counts. Even if it takes the time and effort of a busy college girl, it is never a mistake to be grateful for kind thoughts and friendly words that come her way.—*The Crescent of Gamma Phi Beta*.

"The fraternities are no longer merely handshaking brotherhoods. They have set out to justify their existence and they are making good. They are bringing up the scholarship of their members through the guidance of educational commissions and such agencies; overseeing conduct through upperclass committees and chapter daddies; bettering the living conditions in chapter houses

in accordance with the recommendations of inter-fraternity committees; and in various ways doing more for their colleges and fellow students. If fraternities keep developing for another dozen years as they have developed the past five or six years they will be regarded as a blessing."—*The Phi Gamma Delta*.

Speaking of sectional fraternities, there are several which have, or appear to have, a policy not to enter any institution in the South. $\Lambda \Delta \Phi$, $\Lambda \Sigma \Phi$, $\Delta \Upsilon$, $\Psi \Upsilon$, $\Sigma \Phi$, and $\Sigma \Pi$, besides Northern $\Kappa \Lambda$, have no Southern chapters.—*Scroll of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$* .

Wrong again, brother. $\Lambda \Sigma \Phi$ has crossed Mason and Dixon's line at the University of Kentucky and never had any policy of exclusion of Southern institutions.—EDITOR.

These parasitic growths are going to sap the very life blood out of the fraternity system unless some check is put upon their operation. Some of our most enthusiastic and most talented members have been induced to join their ranks, and these brothers are not to be blamed because we have not heretofore recognized the extent of the evil. It was always agreed that they made demands of time and money which were better spent in ΣN ; it was always known that the practice brought jealousy into the chapter and that it diverted a certain amount of interest from the chapter; but now we are facing the fact that as these groups grow in strength they grow in ambition, and at least one "professional" fraternity has dropped the mask, appearing in direct competition with regular fraternities, with the result that alumni members are automatically placed in rival organizations. The least that can be said is "Beware of The Hyphen."

The editor also expresses himself in rhyme on the same subject as follows:

I see where Brother X has joined
 The Alpha Beta Zetes;
 And that he's been elected by
 The Mystic Double Eights.
 I hear he's made the law frat,
 Kappa Eta, too.
 I wonder when he finds the time
 To be a Sigma Nu.

—*Delta of Sigma Nu*.

There are at the University five national Greek letter fraternities—two men's, Sigma Chi, and Phi Delta Theta, and three women's, Alpha Phi, Kappa Alpha Theta, and Delta Gamma—and five locals, three men's, Alpha Kappa Zeta, Synergoi, and Alpha Lambda Rho, and two women's, Delta Kappa Tau and

Alpha Sigma Epsilon. In addition there are two professional law fraternities, Phi Delta Phi and Phi Alpha Delta, an honorary oratorical and debating fraternity, Delta Sigma Rho, and the honorary scholastic fraternity, Phi Beta Kappa. It is reported that at least two others are in process of organization.

Six of the men's and three of the women's fraternities occupy houses and furnish living quarters for approximately 125 students. Unless the University can offer greatly increased dormitory facilities in the near future the development of the chapter house system seems the best solution of the housing problem.

During the past two years the scholarship rank of all the fraternities has been above that of the University as a whole.—*Quarterly Journal of University of North Dakota*, January, 1917.

As an afterthought, we would like to offer the observation that we have never seen a good, hard worker for a fraternity who was a poor scholar. Usually the poor scholar is a poor fraternity man; also we have never seen a good scholar among fraternity men who was not a fellow with whom one could spend his time in good fellowship and feel amply repaid. The fraternity man has a dual standard to uphold, that of his fraternity, and his own; the more reason why he should be a worker and not a drone.—*The Communicator of Φ Δ Χ*.

TO BAR WOMEN FROM PHI BETA KAPPA

At the triennial council of Phi Beta Kappa at Philadelphia in September, the Rev. Oscar M. Voorhees, Rutgers '88, Secretary of the organization, recommended that the yearly admission of women to membership be curtailed. Brother Voorhees based his recommendation on the fact that of those admitted to membership within the last few years about one-half have been women.

"The reputation of the society," the report ran, "will rest in years to come upon the work of those whom we are now electing to membership. It will be generally conceded, I think, that a larger share of its reputation must come from its men than from its women members."

Women were first admitted to Phi Beta Kappa in 1875, although it was not until 1893 that a charter was granted to a women's college. Vassar received the first.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

We hope the above extract is at least exaggerated. While we would not be understood as dictating to another organization the qualifications of its members and the terms of their admission, we should dislike to see any discrimination against women in the realm of intellectual recognition. If men cannot hold their own in competition with them let them own it honestly and not discriminate. There are two sorts of Phi Beta Kappa men,—the greasy grind who never amounts to much as a social unit while in college and is never heard from after; and the bright, intel-

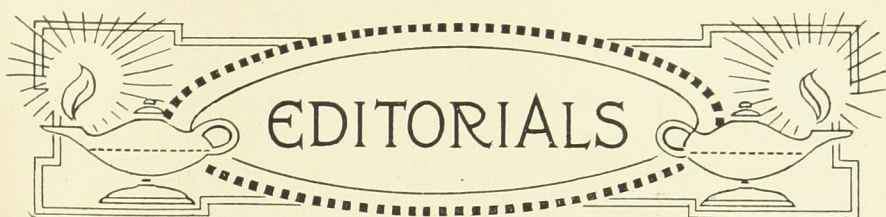
lectual leader who always does things wherever he is, in or out of college. Undoubtedly the latter are the men who will add lustre to the society because of their membership. But to bar women would add increased numbers of the former type of men. Of intellectual women we have only one type,—those with brains and social values. Neither now nor in the future will they cast any reflections upon their brothers in Phi Beta Kappa. "The reputation of the society" is perfectly safe in their hands.—EDITOR.

OLD MIAMI

Before these lines are read by the brothers Delta Tau Delta will have forged another strong link in her great chain of active chapters and the banner of Purple, White and Gold will have been unfurled at Old Miami. A story of this splendid university will be given in the January number and the baby will make its official bow to the Fraternity in proper form.

Every year the granting of a charter is more seriously considered and the pros and cons more carefully weighed by the Arch Chapter. We must first of all be satisfied beyond the shadow of a doubt that the institution is able to attract students of our type, that the field is not already overcrowded and that general conditions and atmosphere are congenial to the nurture of the principles and ideals of Delta Tau Delta. Then, besides conforming to our type, we require that a petitioning body shall have demonstrated its right to a charter by having successfully operated for several years as a local. On all these heads both Miami University and the Omega Psi Rho local have thoroughly satisfied us, and on November Twenty-fifth we will welcome Gamma Upsilon as our sixtieth active chapter.

These petitioners have received two other remarkable endorsements that weighed heavily with the Arch Chapter and could not help but be gratifying to the Fraternity. President Hughes, himself a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon, was not satisfied with a mere perfunctory endorsement but addressed warm personal letters to each member of the Arch Chapter. From the first presentation of the petition the five fraternities already on the ground—including the mother chapters of Phi Delta Theta, Beta Theta Pi and Sigma Chi—strongly endorsed the petitioners and assured us that a chapter of Delta Tau Delta would be cordially welcomed. In addition, a representative of each one of them wired the Arch Chapter the first day of its August meeting urging favorable action on the petition. All this is most satisfactory proof of the high regard in which both faculty and students hold our brothers-soon-to-be, and it guarantees the friendly feeling that will attend the birth of Gamma Upsilon.—*The Rainbow of Δ T Δ.*



We have before us a copy of *The Epsilon News*, No. 1, Vol. IV, the official organ of Epsilon chapter. This is a most commendable publication, and one that reflects much credit upon that enterprising chapter, and incidentally upon the fraternity itself. That such a publication is successfully maintained by Epsilon chapter should serve as an incentive to other chapters of Alpha Sigma Phi.

**CHAPTER
ORGANS**

The advantages accruing from a well-conducted chapter organ are so obvious that it is to be hoped these publications will become more general in our fraternity.

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The ruling of the United States Supreme Court sustaining the right of states to enact and enforce drastic laws against the college fraternities represented in state universities has greatly strengthened the anti-fraternity movement in some parts of the country; and, consequently, the existence of numerous chapters is, perhaps, a question of only a few years at most. It is recognized, also, that this movement is likely to spread and that other states may adopt such legislation. In view of the situation that confronts all the college fraternities, it seems clear that a fraternity earnestly desiring expansion should stop and consider whether it is wise to confine that expansion wholly or chiefly to state institutions. Some of our best institutions of higher learning are among the privately endowed colleges and universities; and many of these are small institutions. Their standards of scholarship are quite as high and their traditions are richer than those of the younger state institutions. Then, too, the ideal or traditional college atmosphere is to be looked for here rather than in the large state universities, the land-grant colleges and the state technical schools. Could one conceive, then, of a more ideal location

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for a chapter of a college fraternity? But notwithstanding these facts, we observe a strong tendency toward establishing chapters in the institutions where their very existence is threatened; and in our own fraternity this tendency has been somewhat apparent, to the exclusion of other colleges and universities. The unwisdom of such a policy is only too apparent, notwithstanding the high regard in which our state chapters are held by the fraternity at large. Out of twelve prominent fraternities, not including the most conservative, only one has a majority of chapters in the state institutions, while eleven have a majority ranging from 51½ per cent. to 72 per cent. in the other colleges and universities, according to the latest data at hand. Greatly as we admire our state universities and land-grant colleges, we should, at the same time, recognize the unquestionable merits of colleges and universities not subject to state control, and the fact that in many of them the opportunity for expansion still exists.

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The Rockefeller General Education Board has announced that it will establish at the 'Teachers' College of Columbia University a school to effect a revision of the system of education in this country. Aside from the high-handed effrontery of this announcement, there appear to be valid objections to the tentative program that has been announced. Latin and Greek are to be entirely eliminated and the theory of education known as "formal discipline" will be discarded. It is further declared that the modern school will "drop the study of the subject of grammar". Science, industry and domestic arts will be made prominent. The curriculum is so destitute of what have so long been cherished as essentials in education that the *New York Times* declares that "young men and women trained in this manner would be as destitute of culture as a Hottentot". This modest proposition (which appears to have been "put over" on the Board by one of its members, an "educational expert") has brought forth a flood of criticism from men high in educational circles and other men of prominence. That the Rockefeller Board has reason to be sanguine as to the successful outcome of this little

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scheme may be inferred from the fact that there is a fund of \$35,000,000 to draw upon.

The New York State Commissioner of Education holds that the Rockefeller General Education Board would have taken a wiser step if it had supplied the funds so that the state could carry out the research work. Already a resolution has been introduced in the New York legislature providing for an investigation of alleged attempts of the Rockefeller Foundation and "allied boards" to get a foothold in the public schools, and it appears at this time altogether probable that this latest attempt of the Education Board to control the school system, and ultimately the colleges, of America will meet with widespread opposition.

One able writer denounces the proposed changes as "unblushing materialism"; and when the antecedents and present affiliations of some of its ardent advocates in New York City (two or three of whom are officially connected with the Rockefeller Foundation) are taken into consideration, this characterization seems the more easily explained.

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Among the important subjects that were under investigation by the Inter-Fraternity Conference during the past year was

<p>OUR NON-GRADUATE MEMBERSHIP</p>

"What proportion of college fraternity men fail to graduate and the reasons therefor"? The report of the committee having the matter in charge, which was read by President C. S. Howe of the Case School of Applied Science, is the result of a very painstaking inquiry. The questionnaire prepared by the committee was sent to the presidents and deans of colleges and to all chapters of thirty-five Greek letter societies. The conclusions of the committee, as based upon these replies, are that the most important causes which influence men to leave college are, lack of funds, inadequate preparation, indifference to college work, and going to another institution. Assuming that these are the true reasons which induce fraternity men to leave college without graduation, the committee asserts that the fraternities have the remedy to a large extent in their own hands, and suggests the following: First, where the trouble is due to lack of funds, the alumni of

the fraternities might arrange to loan money to worthy fraternity members. Second, where poor scholarship, due either to inadequate preparation or to indifference to college work, is the cause of students leaving, it is evident that the fraternity has initiated men who are not inspired with high ideals of scholarship. If fraternities had some kind of scholarship requirement for admission, fewer of their members would leave on account of these causes. Third, when a student leaves to go to another institution he usually does so because he has failed in the institution where he begins his college work. If the scholarship requirements were insisted upon by the fraternities, fewer fraternity men would fail and hence fewer would go to other colleges.

We have given a brief summary of this report because of its importance to all our chapters. We earnestly recommend its suggestions to their careful consideration. If all our chapters are governed by such standards in their selection of new men, we cannot fail to have a greater proportion of graduates.

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The new Sister Pin of this Fraternity will be found listed on the inside cover of this number. Its design is that of a miniature of our enamel shield of the official badge and is intended to be worn by mothers, sisters, daughters, and other female relatives of our brethren, active and alumni. The name of the donor with his chapter must be engraved on the reverse of every pin and ordered only through the H. C. S. of his chapter. The pin itself is one of the finest products of the jeweler's art and we feel certain will meet with almost universal approval.

SISTER PINS

BAIRD'S MANUAL AGAIN

A FEW months ago, the 1915 edition of *Baird's Manual* came out and the magazine passed it by at the time because we were in a quandary as to how to refer to it. In size and quantity of information, the 1915 edition of *Baird's* is larger than ever, and it is more than ever before an encyclopædia of the college fraternity world, a mine of facts and figures, and the only general reference book in existence on the subject it covers. But there is no hiding the fact that much of the information in *Baird's Manual* is incorrect. And what makes it aggravating is that these errors are due, in many cases, to the editorial liberties taken by Mr. Baird himself. The Phi Gamma Delta report for the 1915 edition passed through the writer's hands en route to Mr. Baird, and the figures as sent to Mr. Baird were reasonably correct. But when the book appeared some of the figures and statements were garbled and changed to an annoying degree. There is a very big question as to whether Mr. Baird is justified in editing such matter as chapter house values. In the report for 1915 the new Bucknell chapter house, for an example, was given to Mr. Baird as worth \$20,000, although it has since transpired that the property cost \$23,000 actually, but Mr. Baird took the liberty to reduce this to \$12,000. The Beta house at Philadelphia, one of the finest specimens of Tudor architecture in America, and which has been pictured in architectural journals, was quoted by Mr. Baird at \$15,000, although the property is worth fifty thousand more than his figure. The new \$30,000 house at Penn State is valued by Mr. Baird at \$12,000. And there are other instances equally aggravating. Mr. Baird says, in explanation, that the values of chapter houses are often exaggerated by the chapters owning them, or by the fraternity officials reporting them, as they consider it important to make a good showing in the interfraternity tables giving the average and actual values of such houses. Hence Mr. Baird verifies these figures from outside sources. But it seems from results that Mr. Baird's "outside sources" are not so very trustworthy, and probably his figures on chapter houses would be about as accurate, and surely more pleasing and satisfactory, if he ran them as submitted by the officials of the fraternities.

In other respects liberties were taken with the Phi Gamma Delta report. Under graduate chapters, we mentioned two at Albany and Philadelphia. Now it happened at that time that the secretaries of these two chapters lived in suburbs—the Albany secretary at Watervliet, N. Y., and the Philadelphia secretary at Germantown, Pa., as published each month in the graduate chapter list in the magazine, although the names of the graduate chapters were given as Albany and Philadelphia. But Mr. Baird, in his zeal, changed our graduate chapter list so as to cut out the chapters at Albany and Philadelphia and to show graduate chapters at Watervliet and Germantown! Such mistakes are amusing, in a way, although it is too bad that they occur in a standard book of reference, which, above all things, should try to be accurate. Another misstatement is that the Phi Gamma Delta magazine is published eight times a year. The original report sent to Mr. Baird stated that our magazine was published seven times a year, but he changed the seven to eight.

Nor is Phi Gamma Delta the only fraternity that has suffered at Editor Baird's hands. The Alpha Sigma Phi says in its magazine: "It (*Baird's Manual*) repeats the misleading and inconsistent statements of three years ago in its article regarding Alpha Sigma Phi and in consequence a false and incomplete impression will be the result to the reader that seeks reliable information regarding us therein. The saddest part of all this is that the author had in his possession facts from which to have published the truth about us, yet deliberately published these misleading and false statements and repeats them three years later in his edition just issued." The Phi Delta Theta *Scroll* also complains of some inaccuracies that Mr. Baird has made in his account of Phi Delta Theta and says, among other things, "it seems to us that he has trimmed the valuations of Phi Delta Theta houses entirely too much." He gives their \$25,000 North Dakota house at \$9,000 and so on. Several other fraternities have complained publicly of Mr. Baird's treatment of them and one even charges him with bad faith, in that he minimizes the facts as to other fraternities and emphasizes the Beta Theta Pi account, thereby making his *Manual* in a way a Beta rushing book. While *The Phi Gamma Delta* cannot subscribe to this view yet it does feel that Mr. Baird is wrong in his policy of editing and revamping to so great

an extent the reports as prepared and sent by fraternity officials, as the run of these are dependable and honest men and fully as competent as Mr. Baird and his "outside sources" to put forth their own facts and figures.

Last month Mr. Baird put out a 46 page "Supplement" to his 1915 *Manual* and this embodies many corrections. The first seven pages are devoted to an "Explanatory Statement" in which he takes issue with his critics and charges some of the fraternity authorities with bad faith in that they sent him partisan and biased statements "intentionally and at the very last moment." He adds further that the fraternity people each want *facts* regarding the other fraternities, but in regard to their own they want "fulsome praise, idolatrous admiration, and the conclusion that from every point of view their own organization is superior to all others." This amazing and offensive arraignment of the fraternities can in no way apply to our objections to the butchering of facts by Mr. Baird as to the number of times per year our magazine is issued, the location of our graduate chapters, house valuations and such *facts*.—*The Phi Gamma Delta*.



THE THOUSANDTH MAN

One man in a thousand, Solomon says,
Will stick more close than a brother.
And it's worth while seeking him half your days
If you find him before the other.
Nine hundred and ninety-nine depend
On what the world sees in you,
But the Thousandth Man will stand your friend
With the whole round world agin you.

—RUDYARD KIPLING.



ALPHA CHAPTER, YALE UNIVERSITY, NEW HAVEN, CONN.

Founded1845
Tomb, 100 Prospect St., New Haven, Connecticut
Fraternity House, "The Celven Club", 70 Trumbull St.
P. O. Address, 1845 Yale Station, New Haven, Conn.
Meetings, Every Thursday at 9.00 P. M.

At the present time, Alpha Chapter has comparatively little to report. We have initiated one candidate so far this year, Brother G. W. Baker, of the Graduate School. At present, we are conducting a campaign in the Junior class, and after mid-year examinations, which begin next week, the campaign in the Freshman class will begin.

Alpha Chapter is represented in extra-curriculum activities by Brother Bulkely, on the Cap and Gown Committee, and by Brother Zetterstrand, on the Student Council.

As most of the brethren are at present preparing for the ordeal of mid-year examinations, after which comes the Prom., there is nothing further to report. Alpha Chapter, however, takes this opportunity to extend best wishes for success to the newly installed Sigma Chapter.

WILLIAM HENRY TOWNE HOLDEN.

BETA CHAPTER, HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Chartered1850
House, 44 Church St.
Meetings, Every Tuesday at 6:30 P. M.

With the mid-year examinations at hand, Beta closes the first term, and is beginning to plan for the spring activities.

For the second term, the following officers were chosen: H. S. P., R. S. Leland, '17; H. J. P., Eugene Galligan, '17; H. S., W. P. Palmer, '18; H. C. S., C. T. Prindeville, '18; H. E., E. T. Marble, '18; H. M., W. P. Hewitt, '18; and H. C., E. A. Freeman, '18.

Our annual banquet will be held at the Copley Plaza Hotel on Saturday, February 17. We hope that as many as possible of the brothers outside of Beta will attend, especially those living near Boston or of the chapters within traveling distance.

Since our last letter we have initiated the following men: Henry Conrad Bartholomay, '19, of Chicago, Ill.; Robert Gay Hooke, '19, of Dorchester, Mass.; Peter King, Jr., of Newport, R. I.; Francis Seward Swayze, '19, of Stamford, Conn.; Harold Wilson Craver, '19, of Youngstown, Ohio; C. P. Fuller, '19, of Mansfield, Mass.; W. B. Stevens, '19, of Newport, R. I. Brother Bartholomay was on the Freshman Red Book Committee. Brother Swayze made his Freshman Swimming Team, and is now out for the University team. Brother Fuller has just been taken on the editorial board of the *Harvard Illustrated Magazine*. Brother Stevens is a member of the Pierian Sodality Orchestra, and was on his freshman Mandolin Club.

Within the chapter itself there has been considerable activity. Several of us have organized an orchestra, which makes up in enthusiasm what it lacks in quality. Its rehearsals are limited only by the extent of the tolerance of the audience. Some time ago the House Committee decided to start a library through voluntary contributions, and as a result we now have about two hundred books on what were once some conspicuously empty shelves in the pool-room. The table is at present more popular than ever in its two years of existence. Over two-thirds of the chapter are regular boarders and the remaining third frequently eat here. Since we do not live in our chapter house, the dining table is not only the nucleus of the fraternity, but its popularity is a measure of the unity and interest felt by the members.

CHARLES TREGO PRINDEVILLE.

GAMMA CHAPTER, MASSACHUSETTS AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE,
AMHERST, MASS.

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.

At Gamma we have started upon our second term. Final examinations came before the Christmas holidays, so that we

now have no mid-years confronting us. All of the brothers came through the examinations in exceptionally fine style, making the best showing that has been made for some time.

The musical clubs of the college spent a very enjoyable and successful week in and about Boston on their annual Christmas trip. Brother Thompson, '18, was with the mandolin club and Brother Maginnis, '18, was a member of the glee club.

The Junior Prom now looms big on the social horizon. From present indications, our house party will be the biggest that we have ever held and the Prom will see more Sigs attending than ever before.

The informals are again in full swing. The brothers here certainly are falling into the spirit of these delightful affairs. At every informal we are heavily represented—at one a short while ago practically two-thirds of the brothers were present.

Our football season, although rather disappointing in some respects, culminated in a most satisfying and gratifying manner. Permitting the phrase, we beat Springfield, 6—6. Brothers Em. Grayson (Capt.), Day, '17, and F. Grayson, '18, were awarded football letters.

This year we are having our first 'varsity basketball team since 1909. Brother Em. Grayson, '17, has been elected captain and Brother Sedgwick, '19, is holding down one of the back positions. Brothers Squires, '17, Gasser, '18, F. Grayson, '18, and Babbitt, '18, are with the squad. It is significant that six of the ten on the 'varsity squad are Sigs.

Inter-class athletics have been put on a new basis. A board has been selected that is composed of representatives from each class. Brother Em. Grayson has been chosen chairman of the board.

The question of admitting the Commons Club to the inter-fraternity conference has again come up. This has been a bone of contention between the Greeks and the non-fraternity men ever since the Commons Club was formed at M. A. C. We have various athletic and scholarship contests that are inter-fraternal. Of course the Commons Club is barred. This question has been brought up in the Senate, in fraternity meetings, and in a special forum. There has been much haggling back and forth and neither side has seemed to define its attitude very

clearly. Now that the question is being taken up in a more thorough and efficient way it will undoubtedly be answered definitely and finally.

The second pledging date has just closed. We have pledged Guy F. MacCleod, '20, of Lowell. All of the pledged freshmen will be initiated this week, since the initiation banquet comes early in February.

Brother Wilcox, '17, has made a part in the annual Prom Show production given by the Roister Doisters, the dramatic club.

Brothers Foley, '18, and Coderre, '19, are managers of their respective class basketball teams. Pledge Graves is playing on the freshman basketball team.

Brothers Wilcox, '17, Day, '17, and Coderre, '19, are with the 'varsity track squad.

Brother H. T. Whitney, '16, spent a few days on campus early in December.

JOHN JOSEPH MAGINNIS.

DELTA CHAPTER, MARIETTA COLLEGE, MARIETTA, OHIO

Installed June 15, 1860
House, 205 Fourth St., Marietta, Ohio
Meetings, Every Tuesday at 8:30 P. M.

First, Delta extends a warm hand of fellowship to Sigma Chapter, and welcomes her into the Mystic Circle.

With Brother Meister at the helm, we start out for the winter term at Marietta. Football days having passed, basketball now holds our attention. Brother Skinner is on the 'varsity team, while Brothers Moore and Stitt are on the squad. Preps Snell and Fest are giving the 'varsity men a good run for places on the first team.

Brothers Aumend, Skinner, Artmann and Lankford, and Preps Myer and Fest are sporting football sweaters, the reward for their good work last fall.

Since the last writing, Brothers Bennett, Moore and Walter Stitt have been initiated into the Mysteries of Alpha Sigma Phi. Brothers Bauer and Sullivan, of Kentucky University, have also taken the fateful step at Marietta.

On November 22 last, the Seniors in the fraternity entertained the Senior class of the college with an informal dinner at the house. About forty were in attendance, and we did our best to uphold the hospitality of the Old Gal.

During the Christmas holidays, several Brothers favored us with their company for a few days. W. E. Lansley, '14, D. E. Wallace, '16, L. T. Miller, '16, and E. G. Herlihy, '15 spent several days here. Miller and Wallace left Marietta for Oklahoma. We know that they got as far as St. Louis, but as to their whereabouts now we know not.

By means of a close co-operation between the faculty and the Seniors this year, Delta is able to keep close tab on all who are inclined to be down in their studies. Freshmen especially must be watched or they will drop all their studies and spend their time sleeping. They seem to have the idea that by simply being in town they are acquiring an education. However, we do our best to get them straightened out on the reasons why they are going to school. It is very gratifying to see that the faculty appreciate not only our efforts, but our success in this matter. For while they were skeptical at first about our ability to keep a man up, now they come to us if a man gets seriously down.

Many of our brothers are eating from the mantle for a few days. The city has opened an ice rink just across the street from our house and some have been indulging a little too much, in fact even to the point of intimacy, where they sat on it.

Due to the increasing boarding club, we are considering some means to enlarge our dining room. Unfortunately we have not any architects or even good carpenters in the bunch, so we are at a loss just where to begin, but in a few weeks we hope to take care of at least twenty-five in the dining room at one serving.

However, if any Brothers are in Marietta, they must remember that there is always a special seat reserved for them, as well as a special hook for their hat. So if you are near here, and don't want to bring our disfavor on yourselves, you had better come around to the house.

J. SHERMER GARRISON, JR.

EPSILON CHAPTER, OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, DELAWARE,
OHIO

Installed June 6, 1863
House, 110 North Franklin St., Delaware, Ohio
Meetings, Every Monday at 6:45 P. M.

During the Christmas vacation, Brother Frank E. Welshon, '18, and Pledge Hefflefinger, members of the glee club, made the trip through Ohio and West Virginia. At the same time Brother Harry W. Brokaw, '19, was with the 'Varsity basketball team, and is the star forward of the team, having made many more points this year than any other member of it. Brother Welshon has distinguished himself as a vocalist by gaining a place in the university chapel choir, composed of six men and six women.

To our list of pledges have been added the names of C. O. Wigton, '19, of Delaware, Ohio, and Carlton Smith, '20, of Xenia, Ohio. Both are handy on the basketball floor, and our return game with Zeta may have a different turn from the one played on December 9, when we were defeated on our floor, 31—22.

Forensic honors began to accumulate for our Freshmen when Pledge Hartzler made a place on the Freshman debate team. Two other pledges, not fortunate enough to make the team, but men who have ability that the university will be glad to use in the future, are Pledges Callahan and Thomas. The university has this year taken an honor in debate that has not been hers for 17 years, by winning both debates in the Triangular League. The teams won over Oberlin at Oberlin and Western Reserve at Delaware.

Pledge Thomas is a member of the Freshman basketball team and is assured his numerals, and Pledge Smith is also on the squad of 12 men picked from the 75 who tried out. Brother W. W. Sargeant won his numerals in basketball as a member of the Junior team and is also a member of the "leaders" class in gym.

Pledge Longsworth has been honored recently by being elected to Crescent and Scimitar, an honorary sophomore society.

Brother Ernest M. Cole, '19, took second place, losing first by one pace only, in the 880-yard dash in our Track Meet with

Ohio State, January 20. Brother Darcie Meacham, '19, took third in the high hurdles in the same meet. Both will be point takers for Wesleyan's track squad this year. Pledge Hartzler is adding to his list of honors by making good with the weights in track events.

In the first game of the inter-fraternity basketball contest, we played Phi Delta Theta in a close game in which we won, 12—10. Our next game is with the Betas. We are now figuring on taking the championship banner, but later news will be more correct as to that.

Brother P. C. Davis, who has for some time been serving with the guards on the border, is on the way home and will soon be with us. He will graduate with this year's class.

An innovation known as "fraternity visiting" has been instituted at Ohio Wesleyan this year among the fraternities. According to the plan, men from each fraternity will visit every other chapter house, and an increase in friendships and good-will between the various fraternities and among the fraternity men is the desired result. So far the plan has proved a success.

Brother Charles F. West had the greatest honor of his class this year bestowed upon him when the Junior class elected him its representative to speak at the February 22nd banquet of the university. Brother Eugene West was named on the committee to prepare for the annual celebration and home-coming of the university. We hope that many of our alumni will be with us at that time to attend our initiation banquet to be held Wednesday night, February 21, at the chapter house. Come and register in our new guest book, which the sophomores have presented to the house.

PAUL ELDER SMITH, '17.

ZETA CHAPTER, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS, OHIO

Installed May 15, 1908
 House, 1892 North High St., Columbus, Ohio
 Meetings, Every Monday at 6:30 P. M.

Before the mental eye of Zeta last fall there loomed a three-fold vision—to pledge only men most worthy, to enter more largely into campus pursuits, and to elevate still further the

chapter's social standing. With one semester of the year gone by, we say with assurance that the triple goal has been inciting to the brothers.

As to the first great end in view we are continuing to achieve. To the dozen freshmen pledged last autumn, three more have lately been added: Milburn D. Staples, son of Brother Dr. H. F. Staples of Cleveland, John Schaub of Lorain, Ohio, and Andrew J. Nemecek, also from the last named city. Several of the pledge-roll have already disclosed real merit. Schaub and Nemecek have distinguished themselves by starring on the freshman football team, while Pledges Ford and Taylor are yearling basketballers. Pledge Staples easily made the swimming squad by displaying unusual form in diving and the dashes. The greatest excellence of the freshmen lies, however, in their concern for the chapter and their extraordinary zeal to be at home among the brothers.

Our hope to participate more widely in affairs of the campus is also being realized. Since the TOMAHAWK's last issue, Brother Wm. Dumont was appointed chairman of Intramural Athletic board, Brother Evans chosen President of the Homiletic club, Brother Blair elected to the honorary LaBoheme, and Brother Leonard awarded an "O" AA for service on the western conference championship eleven. Brother Bricker has made the Scabbard and Blade, honorary military society, to which Brother Major Hart has for some time belonged. Brother Keller, recently elected to the honorary architectural fraternity, A. P. X., is the third Sig here to be so honored. Brothers Mullay and Blair, besides aiding Brother Packer edit the comic, *Sun-Dial*, are helping to publish also State's annual, *The Makio*. The Zarzoliars, musical comedy presenters, claim on their cast Brothers Hart, Mullay and Packer. Campbell, Forse and Bricker are brothers interested in athletics, being aspirants for the track team. The chapter's basketball squad has started the season well by not only beating the first two games in State's Pan-Hellenic league, but also by overcoming our victors of last year, the five from Epsilon. Brother Bushey, member of Sutter judging team, has enjoyed a journey to Massachusetts, where the National Dairy show was held, while Brothers Nicklaus and Hart are still talking of fun on the Glee club's Christmas trip.

Now as to social events. Perhaps the longest to be remembered was our annual pig-roast, held just before vacation, when the brothers, freed from study, could eat with hearts most gay. Two successful house dances have been held, one for upper classmen, the other for Sophomores and the pledges. On January 5, an informal, chaperoned by Prof. and Mrs. Gould Harris, provided a very enjoyable evening for the fifty couples in attendance. At present the brothers are looking forward to March 30, when the Alpha Sig formal is to be held at the Columbus Elks' new home. Brother Elford is certainly proving to be the most capable of social committee chairmen.

On December 15, Mr. Bosta B. Russell and Mr. William J. Kallbreirer were partially initiated by the Brothers here as part preparation to their becoming charter members of the Fraternity's new Kentucky chapter. Other recent guests of Zeta were Brothers Donald Mitchel, Z '15, of Cleveland, and Ernest Cole and H. G. Blakeslee of Epsilon.

Alpha Zeta won the scholarship cup recently awarded here for work done the second semester of last year. Sorry to say, our own standing among the fraternities competing was just average, a ranking we shall surely raise the ensuing term. Omega Tau Sigma is a new member of Ohio State's Pan-Hellenic council, being the twenty-eighth national to be admitted to this inter-fraternity conference.

Zeta's officers for the next semester are as follows: H. S. P., Brother Galen Achauer; H. J. P., Brother Arthur Leonard; H. S., Brother Wm. Dumont; H. S. S., Brother Luther Evans; H. E., Brother Dorwin Sims; H. M., Brother Elwood Hart; H. C., Brother Wm. Brownlee; Steward, Brother Julius Sutter; Prudential Committee, Brothers Arthur Leonard, Russel Annis and Harold Elford.

In closing, let me extend, in behalf of the members at Zeta, greetings of congratulation and best wishes to the new brothers at Sigma Chapter. We welcome you to the Mystic circle.

DONALD LUTHER EVANS.

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.

At the earnest request of the brethren, this letter will not commence with that "proximity to exam." cry. Why mourn over a mis-spent semester?

At the time of the last installment, Eta was in the throes of a very successful Homecoming celebration. The fine showing that our Alumni put up, at that time, proved conclusively, that their Alpha Sig spirit has not waned since leaving college.

At the banquet, held on November 18, "The Alumni Association of Eta Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi" was organized for the purpose "of financing, promoting and holding in fee a lot and building to be used as a fraternity house for Eta Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity." This association was incorporated on January 11. A board of seven directors, six alumni and one active, was elected. It is composed of brothers Wilbur E. Krebs, Wm. C. Miller, George E. McIntyre, Howard M. Butters, Roland E. Leopold, L. Smith Ferguson and George O. Consoer. This is a big step towards a new home; and one that, we trust, will receive the hearty co-operation of every alumnus.

Frederick B. Kompass, of Niles, Michigan, was initiated on December 15. "Bunker" left school at Xmas time to work for his father. We miss his clog dancing and general good humor.

We have recently pledged George Taylor, '20, of Pryor, Oklahoma, and Donald Castle McGinnis, '20, of Aurora. Pledge Harold C. Yeager's name was incorrectly given in the last issue of the TOMAHAWK.

Brothers Gooch and Yount left us before Xmas. "Dewie" is going to run his father's plantation in Louisiana, and "Jack" has gone to Cincinnati to try his fortune.

On December 18 we held our annual Christmas banquet. Everyone received an appropriate gift, with an accompanying verse, quite suitable for "Snappy Stories."

A training table has been established for our track aspirants. They are brothers Pendarvis, Chapman, Downs and Pledge Wallace.

Otis Petty is on the 'Varsity Basketball squad.

The kindness of the Chicago Council, in inviting all active members to their Xmas Formal Party, was greatly appreciated by Eta Chapter, which had a goodly representation there.

Our second Informal Dance was held on January 12. Our new idea, of taking the girls to the Chapter House for a feed after the dance, proved a success.

Brother Carl B. Anderson has returned to the University on a leave of absence from his position in Oklahoma, to complete some Governmental work in Geology, which he started some time ago.

Brother Bill Miller has been here for the short course in Highway Engineering.

CLARENCE WILLIAM CLEWORTH.

THETA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

Installed.....October 24, 1908

House, 1315 Hill St., Ann Arbor, Michigan

Meetings, Every Monday at 6:30 P. M.

During the past three months, Theta has been busy, and with the final examinations, the annual J-Hop and initiations coming along in the near future, it seems that this activity will continue for a few weeks or so.

The J-Hop will be given Friday, February 9, and we will hold a house party over that week-end. It is expected that about twelve couples will be in attendance. The initiation will be held during February, and it is likely that a favorable representation of alumni will be on hand for the banquet. Theta has pledged Max L. Rumbold, '20, of Flint, Mich., since the publication of the last TOMAHAWK.

The new officers for the second semester are: H. S. P., Brother Steele; H. J. P., Brother Engel; H. S., Brother Watson; H. C. S., Brother Taylor; H. E., Brother Clarke; H. M., Brother Bowles; H. C., Brother Sprague; Prudential Committee, Brothers Krause and Moore.

Three of our men were honored during November. Brother Taylor was initiated into Vulcans, senior engineer honorary society; Brother Doty performed the rites which made him a member of Triangles, junior engineer honorary society, and

Brother Jickling was taken into Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic fraternity. Brother Taylor has also been elected managing editor of the *Technic*, engineer monthly, for the year beginning in February.

And, by the way, our basketball team gained some fame the other night, when the Delta Upsilon five, touted the champions of the campus, went down in defeat and Theta went up in victory. Our team won, 9 to 8, when everybody expected a score of about 27 to 3 in favor of our neighbors. We are not strutting, but we can appreciate the feeling that must have been experienced by our Iota Brothers last fall. A victory is a victory, regardless of the score, it seems.

Brothers of Zeta, Eta, Kappa and Rho have no doubt heard some of the "Michigan-back-to-the-conference" talk. The question has died down in Ann Arbor, but they say it is easy to fan a spark into a roaring fire, providing there is plenty of inflammable stuff around. The Chapter is about evenly divided on the matter.

And, speaking of agitation, the Student Council and *Michigan Daily* started a campaign to adopt the honor system in examinations. Students in the Literary College approved the plan, while the Law School rejected the proposition. It is now before the faculty.

Kappa Alpha Tau and Alpha Chi Omega have moved into their new houses in Washtenaw avenue and Cambridge Road, respectively.

CLARE MASON JICKLING.

IOTA CHAPTER, CORNELL UNIVERSITY, ITHACA, NEW YORK

Installed.....March 27, 1909
House, Rockledge, Ithaca, New York
Meetings, Every Monday at 6:45 P. M.

Dull and dormant indeed would be the vision of an Iota Sig who could not recognize in his chapter the likeness of a young virile mountain oak, sending its roots ever deeper into mother earth, invigorating and adding thereby to the strength of its head and trunk, until it becomes the prominent giant of the forest.

The Chapter is gradually but surely increasing the number in its fold and has just added six to its roll. The new brothers

are: William Douglas, Jr., Washington, D. C.; Rupert Kuhn, New York City; Raymond Velsey, Grantwood, N. J.; William Walker, Byron, N. Y.; Dean Wiggins, Brooklyn, N. Y.; William Wohlwend, Akron, O. Brother Kuhn is an upper classman of merit and Brother Wiggins a progressive sophomore. The other four brothers are freshmen with booming potentialities that promise to mould their efforts in University activities into a simple word,—Success.

It appears almost unnecessary to herald any further the coming Junior Week House-party, after the very meritorious publicity the committee headed by Brother Williams has given it, but anticipation of the big time makes talking easy. A very cordial and luring invitation has been sent to each alumnus, which the Chapter feels ought to meet with ready response. Ten or more of the brethren have already assured the party their heart's first or second choice, and with every one else lending their whole-hearted support, success is assured.

Unfortunately, the present is scarcely ripe enough to have witnessed any recent notable successes of the brethren in University activities, but the extent of our endeavors indicates that we need no lash. The Chapter hockey team, organized and captained by Brother Fisher, has just won its first game in the Inter-Fraternity League. With Brothers Eckley, Thomas, Fisher, Wolfe, Williams, Wood and Pledgees Owens and Whitehill as mainstays, another championship cup seems forthcoming. When Brothers Sturdevant and Modjeski get into the track meets this spring, we'll need more space in the TOMAHAWK to tell about it. "Buddy" Reese and "Zelt." are working overtime on the wrestling mat, and consequently expect more than just the exercise. Brothers Kimbal and Fisher still pull the string harmonics in the Mandolin Club and the music of the Lotus Eaters was never sweeter.

The Chapter expresses its sincerest regret on the departure of Brother Ralph Westing, '18, who got his call from the business world. The loss of Brother William Douglas, '20, who has received an appointment to Annapolis, is keenly felt, and we can assure the navy a good man.

The results of the recent election of officers permits me to name H. S. P., Paul Williams, '17; H. J. P., Leicester Fisher,

'18; H. S., Chas. Lowe, '19; H. C. S., Chas. Modjeski, '18; H. M., Roland Wood, '19; H. C., Donald Kimbal, '19; H. E., Joseph Thomas, '18; Alumni Secretary, Walter Balch, '17; Steward, Norton Walker, '19. Brothers Patton and Wolfe, both 1918, are members of the Prudential Committee.

LOUIS WILLIAM ZELTNER.

KAPPA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Installed.....April 1, 1909
House, 619 Lake St., Madison, Wisconsin
Meetings, Every Monday at 7.00 P. M.

Of all the times in the year, this is the most exciting for the fellows around here. Examinations, long only a hazy threat, are becoming a stern reality. With papers, book reviews, and cramming, there is little time that a man can call his own. That fact is driving everything else into the background, and Kappa is at this moment a hive of industry.

Beyond the travail, however, there gleams for us the vision of a great and glorious prom. For the second year now, the State authorities have granted the Junior Class permission to hold their Promenade in the State Capitol. I believe no other school in the country has the same opportunity to make their Promenade an affair of like magnificence. We are looking forward to it, and those of the fellows who have been frugal in the past will reap their reward by being able to attend in spite of the high cost of living.

Phi Sigma Kappa has installed a chapter here at Wisconsin. The ceremonies took place during the past week. This means that all the local fraternities except one have become nationals, and that one is a new one, founded this year. Thus you see that the fraternity idea is enjoying a healthy growth at Wisconsin.

Since our last letter, we have initiated five men. They are Richard Gray, Roscoe Vanderbie, Wayland Osgood, Clarence Phelps and Henry Gildermaster. Brothers Heilman and Consoer were present at the last scenes of the initiation and expressed their approval of the manner in which they were conducted.

Our steward, Steve Gribble, has been reaping scholastic honors. We are all proud of him, for his collection of keys and

insignia is certainly an extensive one. He scaled the summit of scholastic honor last week by initiation into Tau Beta Pi. Eddie Schmidt, Mechanical, is following up, by making Pi Tau Sigma, honorary mechanical fraternity.

As to University activities, in swimming, basketball, debating, music and dramatics, our fellows are taking an active part. It is our policy to urge all underclassmen, who because of modesty or fear, are rather timid to enter some line of outside activity, and thus help themselves, and incidentally, the general standing of the chapter on the campus.

Before the Christmas recess, we had a series of social affairs that deserve mention. A Christmas dance, at which a Christmas tree and holly decorations were features, was one of the most successful ever given at the house. This was followed by a "fusser's dinner," which the upper classmen were able to attend. On the night before we left for our homes, the freshmen in the house entertained the older men. A program and refreshment of a more tangible sort was their contribution.

Our bowling team is still gaining momentum. They are either first or second in the inter-fraternity contest at this writing, and getting better all the time. To offset their success, we have already come to realize that in the inter-fraternity basketball, we are out of the running. Two defeats, at the hands of ΨY and $\Sigma A E$ have forced this conclusion upon us. In a case like this, it pays to be philosophical. Besides the bowling cups are the most costly ones given away in the inter-fraternity activities of the various kinds.

On Monday, the 15th of January, we elected our officers for the coming semester. The results were as follows:

H. S. P., Clarence Loescher.

H. J. P., Merton Wright.

H. M., Joe Brennan.

H. G., Finley Baker.

Prudential Committee, Ray Horton, Carl Berger.

There remains to mention the alumni that have called in the past month. Brothers Sullivan, Lightner, Hinn, Lucas, Smith, Heilman and Consoer were welcome guests at the house during that time. We are especially glad to be able to write this, for it bespeaks a high degree of loyalty and interest in us, which we surely appreciate.

CARL BERGER.

LAMBDA CHAPTER, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK CITY

Installed.....May 29, 1910

House, 435 West 117th St., New York City

Meetings, Every Monday at 6:45 P. M.

Lambda will look back with some regret at the season just passing that will terminate next week with the opening of the February rushing season. Unhampered by the thought that we should be getting new men we have laid back and enjoyed our own society for the past two months. Not one of the brothers feel that the time could have been used to better advantage. We have come to know better our own brothers in the chapter.

The Christmas party on December 15 was the last social event that Lambda enjoyed. The house was artistically decorated in the Yuletide spirit. A real Christmas tree shone forth resplendent in the living-room and mistletoe was hung in certain secluded corners of the house. The most successful event of the evening was the presentation of gifts. Blind man's buff and other old English Christmas games completed the evening's entertainment.

Lambda elected new officers at a meeting on December 11. The following compose the new administration: H. S. P., Edmund Burke Thompson; H. J. P., Howard Welch Palmer; H. E., Everett Dudley Weldon; H. S., Victor Robert Schachtel; H. C. S., Ralph Clymer Hawkins; H. M., George Murray Rogers; H. C., Richard Merington Rogers.

At present, plans for an Alumni smoker and supper at the house on February 9 are occupying the spare moments of the members of the social committee. All alumni of Lambda and brothers in Alpha Sigma Phi, living in or near the city are invited to be present. We hope that at least sixty Sigs will attend.

The week following the smoker will be a gay one for the Juniors. Many social events are on the Junior Week program this year. Lambda has reserved a block of seats for the Junior Show, "Have A Heart," at the Liberty, on February 13. A tea will be held at the house, Wednesday, February 14. The Junior Prom will follow at the Hotel Plaza, on the 15th. These events, including a University tea, two basketball games, and the Freshman-Sophomore cane-sprees complete the Junior Week festivities.

Alpha Sigma Phi will be well represented in the Inter-Fraternity Relay meet at Columbia, late in February. With Howard

Look as Captain of the Sig squad, a man who has just brought the 'Varsity Cross-country team through a very successful season and who is now out for honors on the two-mile track, Lambda feels that it has an excellent chance of putting the silver cup that is to be awarded, on her mantle-piece.

A *News Letter* of more pretension than was attempted last year at Lambda will appear in the spring. Irvin D. Foss has been elected editor, with Roland L. Loiseaux as associate and Edwin N. Eager, as business manager.

An orchestra of eight instruments now plays after dinner at the house every evening. Everett Dudley Weldon, trombonist, is the leader. With another month's practice they will be able to give a dance at the house, employing only chapter talent.

This winter has been an exceedingly active one for Sig men on the campus: Richard M. Rogers, due to his consistent work on the swimming squad this fall, is now on the 'varsity swimming team. Lawrence H. Nichols has been appointed stage manager of the 1917 'Varsity Show, "Home James," which will be presented at the Hotel Astor during the week of March 28. Victor R. Schachtel has been elected Purchasing Agent. Brother Nichols is also a member of the Junior Prom committee.

Howard W. Palmer was recently elected managing editor of the *Columbia Spectator*. George M. Rogers was elected to the Business Board and Edmund B. Thompson transferred from the Associate to the Business Board. Next year may see Sig men occupying the positions of business manager and advertising manager on the *University Daily*.

Brothers William L. Conrad, Lawrence H. Nichols and Robert L. Graham accompanied the musical clubs on the Christmas holiday tour through New York and the New England States. Brother Roland L. Loiseaux has been elected treasurer of the Philolexian Literary Society.

Brother Arrigo Righi, who sailed for Italy on November 2, is now an assistant surgeon in one of the largest of eighty military hospitals at Bologna.

Clifford L. Tichenor, A '12, was married on Saturday, December 23, 1916, to Miss Pearl Nielson, of Mount Vernon, New York. Brother Tichenor is engaged in law practice with his father in this city.

IRVIN DEAMAREST FOSS.

MU CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, SEATTLE,
WASHINGTON

Installed.....May 21, 1912
House, 1906 East 45th St., Seattle, Washington
Meetings, Every Monday at 7:15 p. m.

Since the last TOMAHAWK, men of Mu have been getting results from their efforts along the line of collegiate activities, our biggest prize being the landing of the Yell Kingship for Brother Dan Burdick, who is a sophomore. Don is the first man to hold an office in the student body, and earned it by his hard and faithful work as stunt duke on the preceding staff. The boys are behind him solidly, and look for him to have a successful reign over the destinies of Washington rooting.

Following shortly on Burdick's success, it was announced that Brother George Vetter had been pledged by Xi Sigma Pi, honorary forestry fraternity. Brother Torkelson is already a member of this organization and will soon have a turn about at helping initiate Vetter, as the latter has been a Sig since 1913, while Torkelson went through in 1916.

The local interfraternity council is considering a new and complete set of rules to govern fraternity rushing and other conduct with regard to annexing new men, and if passed, each member of the conference will be obliged to put up a \$100 bond that it will abide by the rules. A regular court will be appointed, presided over by a member of the law faculty and consisting both of active fraternity men and graduate men who have been out of the university at least five years and were members of some fraternity during their college careers.

The fraternity council has been trying for some time to handle the rushing situation in a satisfactory manner, and it is hoped at last to solve the problem with the proposed system.

Seattle Alumni council recently surprised the chapter by presenting it with a bronze plaque, carrying the coat of arms of the fraternity, and arranged with a series of pendants bearing the name of the man who each year has been of the greatest good to the chapter. Athletic or activity in other collegiate fields, scholarship, and general all-around worth are the main

things considered and already five names are on the list. Allen Lacey, C. Carroll Blaisdell, Guy F. Navarre, Frank E. Jacquot and John W. Kelliher are those honored from 1912 to 1916.

Brother Adam "Bod" McCann made the presentation speech and told of the desire of the alumni to create an interest among the men of the chapter so that a spirit of rivalry would develop for possession of the honor and at the same time put all the men before the university in a more energetic and fitting manner. Already about thirty-seven of us are bidding for next year's addition to the hall of fame.

Brother Anthony Brandenthaler was successful in the election for commodore of the 'Varsity boat club and will spend the crew season at the boat club while turning out for a seat in Conibear's 1917 eight. Brandy is a junior and is conceded a mighty good chance for a place, as only three or four old men are back this year. The position carries with it a salary of \$25 a month.

The only big problem confronting Washington at present is whether to abolish senior exams. A vigorous campaign is being waged to do away with them and the argument is being pressed that Washington is unique in continuing in the practice, as nearly every college of repute has either abolished them or made a substitute. With so much pressure to bear, it is highly probable that by the time this letter is in print, the faculty will have taken some favorable action on the matter.

HIRAM SHERMAN MITCHELL.

NU CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY,
CALIFORNIA

Installed.....February 1, 1913
House, 2614 Dwight Way, Berkeley, California
Meetings, Every Monday at 7:00 P. M.

This letter from Nu must needs be very short. During the last three weeks of the first semester we held one dance, and also prepared for our final examinations, which closed four days before Christmas. After a vacation of three weeks we are just finishing the first week of our new semester.

During the vacation one of our new buildings, Benjamin Ide Wheeler Hall, was completed. This beautifully finished building is one of the several now being constructed under the bond issue voted by the state in 1914. The magnificent Doe Library is almost complete, a new chemistry building is under way, and Hilgard Hall is being erected to relieve the already overcrowded Agricultural Hall. All of these buildings are being made of solid concrete or white stone and when completed their grandeur will harmonize well with the natural beauty of our campus. Such historic buildings as North Hall are to go. Though they bring to mind many fond associations, we are all glad that the old gives place to the new and that our university may take its place among the great ones of our country, not only in point of numbers, but also in equipment.

Our first house meeting following the vacation was held January 13.

At that meeting the following new officers assumed their duties: H. S. P., Harold Hyde, '17; H. J. P., Clifford Mason, '17; P. Committee, Hugh Herrick, '17, and Paul Fussell, '16; H. M., Verner Thompson, '17; H. E., George Smith, '19; H. C. S., Leo O'Hara, '19; H. S., Lee Nielson, '19; H. C., Geo. Wightman, '20.

"Mike" Edson and "Fritz" Wesson have left school to make their way in the business world. We are glad to have "Bryce" Shillington and Perry Kittridge with us again.

Lee Nielson has just been initiated into Alpha Chi Sigma, a society in the College of Chemistry. Marius Scammell, '15, just returned from the border where he was serving as a lieutenant with the "regulars", has received an appointment as Assistant in the Department of History.

Ronald Hunt toured the state with the Glee Club as a soloist during the vacation.

Shortly before the end of last semester we pledged Malcom McKenzie, '20, of Martinez, California. As school has just started no new men have been pledged, but we have been entertaining a number of likely looking rushees.

We are pleased to note that the Casimir Club has been installed as Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Phi Sigma here in Berkeley.

XI CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

Installed.....April 9, 1913

House, 1340 R St., Lincoln, Nebraska

Meetings, Every Monday at 7.00 P. M.

The close of the first semester of school will find a number of old men back to Xi Chapter for the rest of the year. At the same time we will lose one or two of the men now active. Brother Clear Golden is expected back for post graduate work, Brother "Jim" Lucas will appear again to take up the academic work preparatory to entering the law college next fall. After a good start he left school on account of sickness and missed so much that he left for the semester. "Weary" Whyman, who has been in Oklahoma for the past few months, is back in school, specializing in geology, and will resume his office as President of the Pick and Hammer club. "Jerry" Shumway has decided to stay out of school one semester and get back to nature on his father's farm.

Just what report Xi Chapter will be able to make concerning scholarship this semester is uncertain, but we have reason to believe that all the freshmen will make their hours and can be initiated in February. At the time this is written examinations are about to begin and there is considerable tension in all colleges over the possible results and no little rivalry between representatives of each.

Nebraska finished only partially successful in the football results, but the two Sigs represented were given no little credit for the good work that was done. The school has a schedule arranged for next year that is probably the hardest ever attempted at Nebraska, and Dobson is expected to better his own good record in that series.

Alpha Tau Omega defeated the Sigs in basketball in a close and well-fought game that brought "Doc" Crandall no little credit and publicity.

Alpha Sigma Phi is well ahead in the bowling tournament and should have a third championship banner in that line to hang on our walls within a month.

Warm days have already brought out baseball material, and Xi will probably be a close contender as usual for that championship.

It is probable that intercollegiate baseball will be started again this spring, and a number of our men will without doubt be included in the list of eligibles.

The homecoming informal was held in the chapter house on November 18. The representative informal was December 15 and was also held in the house because we can entertain as many there as in the hotels or regular halls. Two or three small dances were enjoyed on week-ends, and a number of Sunday night parties with music and marshmallow roasts in the house before the fireplaces filled in empty spots on the social calendar. The annual Christmas party under direction of a committee headed by Crandall was one of the big things of the Sig year. A real banquet in the chapter house with a number of alumni and faculty men here and a list of toasts and speeches opened the evening, and were followed by a Christmas tree with something appropriate (?) for everyone, and an original Sig play, "Trail's End," put on by the freshmen.

Xi Chapter's biggest effort is the "All Greek Party," which was inaugurated last year by Brother "Beany" Lynch, now in Honolulu teaching school. The date set originally for January 20 has been changed by common consent to February, when we will have a clean sweep in the social whirl. Each fraternity and sorority is represented in some kind of act on the vaudeville order staged in the court here in the chapter house. The court is so arranged that it makes an admirable stage, and with the aid of benches secured from neighbors and the Y. M. C. A., we will be able to seat several hundred couple. A general meeting has already been held, and each group are submitting plans for their stunt, and these will be examined and censored by a committee made up of representatives from Delta Upsilon, Alpha Tau Omega, Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Alpha Phi. Every bunch has signified their willingness to help and to take part, and we hope to repeat and better the success of the undertaking last year. The active chapter stands the expense, but we believe it is money well spent. We hope to entertain four hundred guests for that night. Refreshments and dancing follow the program offered by the near-actors.

The night of the Christmas party and one day before the close of school the furnace in the chapter house broke down.

No local dealer could replace the parts and a hurry call was sent to Buffalo, New York, for them. Christmas brought a cold snap, and the house was too cold to stay in even for a moment. With the opening of the school the fireplaces were filled with coke and a dozen or more oil stoves were secured, and the fellows moved in. The repairs to the furnace failed to appear until the last of January. During the holidays Brothers Dunaway and Shirey visited in Lincoln and Brother Elton Stone and some others appeared by spells. Brother L. W. Harte has left Lincoln, where he has been employed by the Burlington, and is now in Chicago. His wife and baby girl will follow in the spring. Xi Chapter hopes that the Chicago Alumni chapter will find "Tuffy" Harte and discover what a fine chap he is.

CARLISLE LINCOLN JONES, H. C. S.

OMICRON CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA,
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Installed.....May 17, 1914
House, 3617 Locust St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Meetings, Every Tuesday at 6:45 P. M.

On the eve of rushing season, Omicron finds herself in as hardy condition as ever in her history, and looks forward with great expectations. Preceding this strenuous season comes "Mid-years," and the unusual calm and quiet of the evenings announce its nearness. The battle lasts for two weeks, and we are now in the process of preparing our defence. May Dame Fortune smile on us!

Before considering the Freshmen, we have five pledges: William B. Moll, Arch. '18; William E. Warrington, B. S., M. A.; Frank Maryott, Wh. '19; Ralph Robinson, E. E. '18; and Raymond C. Johnson, Arts '17.

Mr. Moll is president of the Junior class in the Architectural Department, while Mr. Warrington is an instructor in the Wharton School. Mr. Moll is also an excellent violinist and adds materially to our orchestra, which now is composed of piano, drums, clarinet, violin, trombone and piccolo. We also have a string orchestra of no mean repute.

Brother Gangwisch added further laurels to his and our name when he recently was initiated into Sigma Tau and the Hexagon Senior Society of the Engineering School—both honorary societies.

Among our other brothers out for campus laurels are: Brother Bower for lacrosse and business board of the *Punch Bowl*; Brother Rouse for Manager of the Gym. Team; Brother Rath for art department of the *Punch Bowl*; Brother Calhoun for 'Varsity crew (now rowing second 'Varsity) and the Mask and Wig Show.

Brother Flynn is now the soloist in the Glee Club, and incidentally is one of the "big four" in our own exclusive—Sig quartette. Brothers Rath, Smith and Kerr are the other three members. Brothers Smith, Ford and Flynn have been chosen for the Glee Chorus of the Mask and Wig Show, and will also represent Pennsylvania at the Intercollegiate Glee Club Contest to be held in New York, on March 3rd, in competition with Columbia, Dartmouth, Harvard, Princeton and Penn State.

We had our first big dance in the new house on the 19th, and it was such a decided success that we are all looking forward to many more of them.

It might be worth while to note in passing that Brother Rath is struggling with a new instrument—a ukelele. We will report his progress in our next letter.

Several of the Brothers from Iota visited us Thanksgiving time and helped us celebrate Pennsylvania's victory over Cornell at a Turkey Dinner and dance given at the Hotel Normandie. It was agreed by all present that the Bust was a great success, and it is our hope that our Second Annual Banquet which is to be given soon will afford us as pleasant a time. Brother Louser, I '14, has paid us several visits.

Omicron promises a more interesting letter after rushing season. She sends every chapter her heartiest wishes for a successful season in the promotion of the welfare of the "Old Gal."

Fraternally,

DAVID WALTER HUGHES.

PI CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, BOULDER, COLORADO

Installed.....February 6, 1915

House, 1105 Eleventh St., Boulder, Colorado

Meetings, Every Monday at 6:45 P. M.

As the months of the school year have passed from fall into the dead of winter, Pi chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi has gradually fallen back into the straight and narrow path of school life. Our freshmen are doing good work this year, and the merits of the other members in our house, as in all other houses as you all know, are not to be questioned. None of us, however, are confined to "all work and no play", so in order to comply with our share of the "play" we gave our second dance of the year on the evening of December 9th. Brothers Sawyer and McClintock came up from Denver, having been shown the way by Brother Carnehan, who spends the week-end with us at least twice a month.

We were exceedingly pleased and highly honored by the visit paid to us by Brothers E. F. Watson and F. W. Sullivan of Theta chapter, Ann Arbor, Mich., on the twenty-fourth of December last. Theta chapter should be proud of these men, they are *fine fellows*.

In our last letter, I mentioned our exceedingly good chances of becoming interfraternity basketball champions, but after two hard fought games, we were obliged to surrender our former title to Sigma Alpha Epsilon, who were first in their division.

We have taken up a new system by which we conduct our social meetings, which are held twice a month for the benefit of the pledges. A program is made out two weeks before, in which the alumni and upper-classmen are the star performers. Speeches on current topics are made, together with reading and musical numbers, and the evening is spent in a good-fellowship gathering.

In conclusion, we send our combined good wishes, with which we hope all of our brothers will carry with them to the doom that is hanging over our heads at the present time, THE FINALS.

Fraternally in A Σ Φ ,

PAUL KEEFE DWYER.

RHO CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS,
MINNESOTA

Installed..... March 28, 1916
House, 1103 Fourth St., S. E., Minneapolis, Minn.
Meetings, Every Monday at 7:30 P. M.

Since the material for the last number of the *TOMAHAWK* went in, the activities of Rho Chapter have been more or less of a private nature. At the Interfraternity Banquet, on the evening of December 13th, the Scholarship Cup, for the first year, was awarded to Alpha Sigma Phi. The cup is one of the largest ever seen on the campus, standing about three feet high on its pedestal. It sets off the general appearance of our living room in great shape. Our recent reticence in the matter of the "white lights of publicity" has been due to the energy with which our members are going after the cup again for next year. This is the first year the cup for scholarship has been awarded, and we want to win it three times and so gain permanent possession without having it marred by any letters other than those of Alpha Sigma Phi.

In a social way, we are scintillating to our hearts' content. On October 30th we formally opened the new house with a dancing party in the form of a "housewarming." Our other informals have been on December 1st and 21st. We are planning on giving our next informal on February 6th, between the semesters.

Since the December *TOMAHAWK* went to press we have pledged Gordon W. Sprague, of Madelia, Minn., and Ludwig J. Hauser, of Minneapolis. These men, with Frank Tupa, Stanley Laskey, Donald Colby, Arthur B. Venberg, Owen Wangenstein, and George F. Taylor, bring the list of pledges to eight. Taylor will be a "Sig" by the time this issue appears.

Brother Clifford Pickle, lieutenant with the 2nd Minnesota Infantry, is back from the border, and will reenter school next semester. He will have the rank of a Captain in the Cadet Corps. Brother Dash has made the University Rifle Team. Brother Mitchell has become the dramatic head of the Shakopean Literary Society, and will pick the cast for an extension tour; he has also been promoted in the Cadet Corps to 2nd lieutenant. Brother Norman has gained a place in the cast of the Masquers'

play, "A Woman's Way," which will be presented throughout the state during the University Extension Weeks.

Our basketball team has not met with much success, but we are lining up a hockey team that will make a lot of them run for cover. In baseball next spring we are going out for the flag; for we have a large bare space on one wall all reserved for it.

Our policy at Rho Chapter is to have every man representing us in some outside activity; and not all in the same field. Two or three of our newest pledges are not yet involved in campus affairs, but by the time the next issue of this magazine appears, we will have something to announce for each of them.

Fraternally yours, in Alpha Sigma Phi,

RAYMOND EDWIN OVERMIRE,

H. C. S., Rho Chapter.

SIGMA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY, LEXINGTON,
KENTUCKY

Installed.....January 4, 1917
House, 200 East High St., Lexington, Kentucky.
Meetings, Every Tuesday at 8:00 P. M.

In prefacing our initial letter to the TOMAHAWK, Sigma Chapter desires to take this opportunity to extend to all her brother Sigs her kindest and most cordial greetings, and to wish the grand old order of Alpha Sigma Phi a most successful and prosperous New Year. Sigma Chapter is not unmindful of the many acts of friendship which have been shown her, and desires to express her appreciation for them.

We Kentuckians first received the news of the granting of our charter on the night of the thirty-first of October, when Brother Musgrave telegraphed the glad tidings to us. This event, coming as it did on the night when the Ghosts and Goblins are supposed to tread this terrestrial ball, will ever bear a peculiar and distinctive memory in the recollection of every member of the Kentucky Chapter.

Immediately following the reception of the information relative to the granting of our charter, our boys began plans whose fulfillment places us in our present position. Of course the first

thing was to follow the instructions given us by Brother Musgrave, and accordingly we selected three teams who journeyed to the three Ohio chapters on December 15th. Thus Brothers Buford B. Russell and W. J. Kallbreier went to Columbus, D. D. Donohoo and Otis Taylor to Marietta, and George Bauer and Wallace Sullivan to Delaware, where they received the first three scenes of the Mystic Order, respectively.

As to the Sig spirit which was implanted in these men, and their evident determination to carry out the good work, each Kentucky member bears mute testimony to the faithful discharge of that sacred duty. However, that occurred before the Christmas holidays, and 'ere the time had elapsed for the close of our vacation, each loyal Sig had returned for the final initiation and installation by Brother Musgrave.

So on January third, Brother Musgrave arrived in Lexington, and on the following day Sigma Chapter was formally installed. Brother Musgrave left that afternoon for New York, and Sigma Chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi began its history.

At present we are in our own house, located at 200 East Hight Street. Our membership consists of twelve active members, seven of whom are at present rooming in the house.

Aside from this we have pledged four good men, and hope soon to place the Sig membership in Kentucky on par in numbers with the other Sig chapters.

Apparently the year 1917 augurs success to the Kentucky Chapter. With the realization of the one great hope of our boys fulfilled—our final affiliation in the Mystic Circle—we face the coming year with confidence and anticipation. Buoyed up by the achievements of our members in the past, we recount with pleasant memory the victories of our boys during the last semester. Thus Brother Bauer has made the Gamma Alpha Kappa. Brother Dotson was re-elected to office on the Inter-Collegiate Prohibition Association, and selected by the Senior Class on the Prudential Committee. Brother Russell has been chosen on the committee to supervise the Senior Ball, and Brother Creekmore has confirmed his reputation as a debater, having been selected to represent the University over twenty-three competitors.

In our Alumni we also take a pardonable pride. Brother Donohoo is now Superintendent of Schools at Horse Cave, Ken-

tucky. Brother Coleman has been advanced to Attorney-in-Chief of the Sher-a-Cola Bottling Company. Brother Reynolds is now practicing law in Nicholasville, Ky., while Brother Wilkerson is with his troops on the Texan border.

Thus Sigma Chapter, in sending her first communication to the TOMAHAWK, is filled with happily conflicting emotions. We realize that a mile-stone has been passed. We also realize that a cause has been accepted—that a trust has been reposed. Yet assured and encouraged by the kind and brotherly acts of the various chapters, Sigma Chapter has placed her faith and will not falter, for indeed, dear to our hearts are the principles of Alpha Sigma Phi.

Neither would we have our Brother Sigs, while visiting in Kentucky, forget that Sigma's latch-string is always on the outside. We extend a most cordial invitation to each and every member to visit us while in this vicinity, and make our house his headquarters.

Fraternally yours in Alpha Sigma Phi,

BOSTA BUFORD RUSSELL, H. C. S.

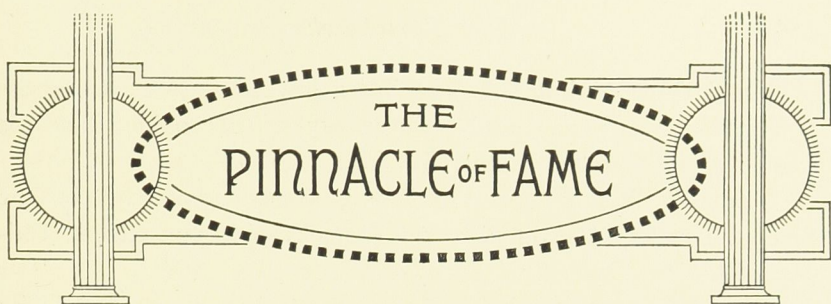


I HAVE looked straight into the hearts of men,
 And I know what the fretful, sad world needs.
 To break like a child from its harsh nurse, creeds,
 And sport with nature in field and glen.

Where the tiny acorn unfolds a tree
 To let God's miracles banish doubt;
 To see the soul in each pushing sprout
 And find a brother in bird and bee;

To look in the eyes of doe and dove,
 And feel the sorrow of all dumb things,
 And to know that we need not wait for wings
 To carry the message of perfect love.

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.



ALUMNI

Harry L. Owen (H '16) is residing at 1819 Lyndale Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn.

Antonio Leandro Howard-Soler (A '12), formerly of Cuba, is now connected with Q. K. Comstock & Co., 30 Church Street, New York.

Harold Gladstone Tait (© '11) has his home at 2248 Ashland Avenue, Toledo, Ohio.

Joseph Havel (M '12), one of the charter members of our great northwestern chapter, is at home, 2021 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, Washington.

Frederick Martin Twitchell (N '13) gets his mail at 1609 I Street, Sacramento, California.

Edwin West Allen ('15) is located at 1923 Baltimore Street, Washington, D. C.

Walter Thomas Palmer (Δ '11) is connected with the Withrow Steel Company at 43 Hobson Street, Faneuil, Mass.

Sidney Stuart McIntyre (M '14) is again at Sedro Woolley, Washington.

Arthur Somerville Tupper ('13) is now connected in business with Brother Albert D. Taylor (Γ '14) at 1900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. Brother Taylor is a member of the faculty of Ohio State University.

Ernest Suddath Burnett (E '13) is teaching in the Greenfield Training School. Address, Box 117, Greenfield, Tenn.

Emil Marzano (A '13) is in the real estate and insurance business at 150 Governor Street, Hartford, Conn.

Joseph Leib Shell (N '13) is connected with the Interior Department at the Swinomish Indian Reservation, La Conner P. O., Washington.

Frank M. Copeland (Δ '75) has a law office at 60 Congress Street, Boston, Mass., and is secretary of the oldest Masonic Lodge in the United States, St. John, No. 1.

Henry William Drucker (B '11) is senior member of the law firm of Drucker & Boutell at 69 West Washington Street, Chicago, Ill.

William August Slyh (E '12) is a teacher at the Sandusky High School in the Mathematical Department, and also director of the gymnasium. Address, 1220 Osborne Apts., Sandusky, Ohio.

Evans Sherwood Kern (H '13) has been advanced in his work at the High School at Bloomington, Ill. Address, 401 East Grove Street, Bloomington, Ill.

Michael Nelson Chanalís (Δ '10), who was with his regiment on the border during the summer, has recently been returned and mustered out. Brother Chanalís is an attorney at 538 Prudential Building, Newark, N. J.

Arthur Clarke (Θ '10) is a junior member of the law firm of McFadden & Clarke, Corvallis, Washington.

Oliver Lawrence Bracker (Z '13) is now located at 247 Watson Boulevard, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Alfred Shelton Keith (A '13) is now employed in the sales department of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, and is located at 6421 Kentucky Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Calvin Floyd Schwenker (K '11) has his headquarters at 820 Sixth Avenue, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and is traveling representative of the State Banking Department of Wisconsin.

Professor Homer J. Wheeler (Γ '15) recently received the degree of D.S.Sc. at Brown University and is connected with the American Agricultural Company. Professor Wheeler is one of the best known experts in his particular line in the United States. He recently made a trip to Washington and Madison, Wis., in his study of agricultural science. We had the pleasure of meeting him at the New York Alumni Dinner of the M. A. C., and of hearing him speak. His address is 111 Grand Avenue, Newton Centre, Mass. Brother Wheeler also enjoys the unique distinction of having been initiated for Gamma Chapter by Beta Chapter at the same time that his son was taken into Beta Chapter.

We believe this is the first instance of father and son being initiated at the same time in our Fraternity.

James R. O'Grady (Γ '09) is now connected with the State Industrial School at Manchester, N. H.

Conrad John Netting (Θ '11) is treasurer of the C. J. Netting Co. at 71 Broadway, Detroit, Mich., whose trademark has been copyrighted and is as follows: "Our lights shine everywhere." A most excellent motto for any concern, whether lighting or otherwise.

Edward Ross Wilson (O '16) is now located at 808 South 48th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Harold Jay Thorne, D.D.S. (Θ '14) is in business at 605 City Bank Building, Battle Creek, Mich., and is making good.

William D. Gordon (O '15) is connected with the Wharton School of Finance & Commerce at the University of Pennsylvania. His address is 4712 Richmond Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Harry Hutcheson Graef (I '12) has changed his address from Seaford, L. I., to 72 Adams Street, Akron, Ohio.

Harry Dorr Harper (P '15) is assistant professor of Economics and Commerce at the University of Kansas, and lives at the University Club, Lawrence, Kansas.

Carl Carlysle Hoyt (Δ '09, Λ '14) is practicing law at 731 Second National Bank Building, Akron, Ohio.

Walter Sylvester Hertzog (Λ '10) was recently elected president of the Silver Strand Mining Company of Nevada. Brother Hertzog is a graduate of Harvard, Class of 1905 and Columbia, '10, and is still a teacher in the High School at Los Angeles, California, and lives at 318 North Maryland Avenue, Glendale, Cal.

Charles H. Newton (Δ '60) is president of the Dime Savings Society of Marietta, Ohio, is a continuous reader of the *TOMAHAWK* and deeply interested in the welfare of the Fraternity, as in the days when he was a boy back in Marietta College.

Robert Newton Blakeslee (A '11) lives at 804 Laurel Avenue, Bridgeport, Conn.

Frederick Carl Schoenhut (O '15) is connected with the A. Schoenhut Co. at 2355 East Cumberland Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Thomas Glen Caley (Θ '11) is connected with the Locust-lawn Farm at Metamora, Mich.

James Bicknell Lockhart (A '16) lives at 2520 Lincoln Street, Taunton, Mass.

Morgan Cryder Davies (Z '15) is with the L. Beckman Co., 319 Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio. He receives his mail at 323 St. Claire Street, Toledo, Ohio.

Carl Paul Hinn (K '15) is connected with the First National Bank of Fennimore, Wisconsin, of which his father, Charles P. Hinn, is president.

Clyde Otis Darner (Ξ '16) is at 436 South 29th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Jonathan Phillips Blaney (Γ '10) and Herbert Wardwell Blaney (Γ '11) have formed the firm of Blaney & Blaney, Landscape Architects, 6 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Paul William Zerwekh (Θ '12) and Horace Ewing Wilgus (Z '11) have formed a partnership under the firm name and style of Zerwekh & Wilgus, for the general practice of law, at 17 Laura Building, Alton, Ill.

George Price Whitman (A '07) announces the formation of a partnership with Joseph S. Reynolds for the general practice of law, under the firm name and style of Reynolds & Whitman, at Candler Building, Atlanta, Ga.

Sidney Barrett Haskell (Γ '04) has resigned his position as Professor of Agronomy at the Massachusetts Agricultural College to become the Assistant Agronomist for the Soil Improvement Commission of the National Fertilizer Company, with offices at Munsey Building, Baltimore, Md.

Clarence Grover Robinson (Δ '13) is located in the oil regions in Oklahoma and associated with several members of his chapter there. He retains his home address, 817 Fourth Street, Marietta, Ohio. He is anxious to see a chapter of the Fraternity at the University of Oklahoma. His one strong objection is the tendency of the active members to forget the art of writing letters of their various activities to the Alumni out in the world. We presume this will strike a responsive chord in the breast of many a loyal alumnus and apply to almost every chapter in the Mystic Circle.

George Beverley Heilner (A '14) is with the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company as a transit man on their coal corps at Lansford, Pennsylvania, P. O. Box 44.

Thomas Webster Bean (Γ '09) is Assistant Hydraulic Engineer with the Connecticut Light & Power Company, Turners Falls, Mass.

Dr. Charles Raymond Atkinson (Α '11), last year in charge of the chair of Economics and Politics at Lawrence College, is this year Dean of the Robert A. Johnston College of Economics at Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis.

F. Ray McGrew (Δ '06) is with the Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana, in the pipe line department, and is located at 654 Wichita Street, Shreveport, La.

Morris F. Cronkhite (Κ '15) is with the Wheeling Street & Iron Company at 31 Fifteenth Street, Wheeling, W. Va.

The TOMAHAWK acknowledges subscription from Mrs. Mae A. Stiles, of 419 South Scoville Avenue, Oak Park, Ill., mother of our late brother, Le Roy Christie Stiles (H '15). Such rare devotion to a Fraternity is beautiful in the extreme and we are sure that Brother Stiles' memory is being perpetuated in a very practical way by his devoted and loving mother.

Gilbert Whitney Campbell (Α '10) after spending several months in the antipodes writes from Sydney, Australia, that he will shortly return to the United States. Brother Campbell called at this office on his way out last year and we assisted him in getting his passports. We have no doubt that some interesting facts will be at our disposal on his arrival home.

Thomas S. Burns (Κ '15) is with the Elmira Water, Light & Railway Company in the distribution department, and is located at 500 Lake Street, Elmira, N. Y. Brother Burns was formerly with the Northern New York Utilities Company of Watertown, N. Y.

Roy Keats Terry (B '14) attended the Federal Training Camp at American Lake, Wash. While there he made several visits to Mu Chapter at Seattle, and attended the Oregon-Washington football game at Eugene, Ill., and speaks enthusiastically of the Seattle men. He has his office at 1924 Yeon Building, Portland, Oregon.

Arthur F. Cole (Δ '90) is now secretary and treasurer of the Columbus Drilling Co. of 135 North Front Street, Columbus, Ohio. For many years Brother Cole was County Surveyor of Washington County, Ohio, with headquarters at Marietta.

Peter Quick Nyce (© '10), formerly an attorney-at-law at Bartlesville, Okla., is now with the Carter Oil Co. at Tulsa, Okla.

Harry Albert Simon (Δ '08) is now a drilling contractor at Broken Arrow, Okla.

Edwards Whitaker Church (K '14) is now living at 1027 Valley Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio, and is connected with the Cincinnati Cordage and Paper Co., of which his father, J. A. Church, is president.

Elmer Winfred Snyder (Λ '14) has changed his address from Rochester, N. Y., to the University Club, Williamsport, Pa.

Clyde Ross Newell (A '09), in addition to being in charge of the City Laboratory at Fargo, N. D., is also now in charge of the State Public Health Laboratories at the University of North Dakota.

Rev. Charles Little, D.D. (Δ '67), pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Wabash, Ind., is very glad that Delta Chapter was unable to secure admission to some other Fraternity during the time that he was in college and that through it Α Σ Φ has been able to attain its present proportions. Dr. Little is one of the "Old Guard" that watches with extreme pleasure the developments of this Fraternity. He has been connected with Delta Chapter from 1863 to 1867.

James Harold Sandford (A '15) is located at 4907 Walnut Street, West Philadelphia, Pa.

Henry Murray (M '15) has changed his address to Roy, Wash. He is a son of Nelson Murray, a general merchant of that enterprising western town.

Archie Dean Warner (N '13) is now located at 309 East 21st Street, Portland, Ore.

Lewis Vinton Brown (Δ '80), in sending in his renewal, expresses himself as follows: "Your subscription price should be \$2, and here it is." We gave Brother Brown credit for two years' subscription for his two dollars, but it is an expression of appreciation that may be of interest to the whole Fraternity. Brother Brown is treasurer of the Canaan Coal Company at Athens, Ohio.

Albert Alleman (M '15) is now located at Dupont, Wash.

Frederick Gibson (N '14) is in business with his father, L. W. Gibson, dealing in general merchandise, at Clovis, Cal.

Wilkie Clay Ham (A '11) is now practicing law at Las Animas, Col.

Elva Leon Ettinger (N '13) is at present beginning the study of music, with singing as a specialty, preparatory to concert, platform, and operatic work. His present address is 2509 Webster Street, Berkeley, Cal. To all of those brethren of the Fraternity who visited California in 1915, and attended the Convention concert, held at Nu Chapter House, this announcement will bring particular pleasure.

Ralph John Scoville (Ξ '13) is an attorney-at-law at Geddes, South Dakota.

Ralph Emerson Myers (A '08) is now a student in the Medical Department at Cornell University, and lives at the Lambda Chapter House, 435 West 117th Street, New York City.

Norman Columbus Lucas (K '14) is employed in the University Extension Division of the University of Wisconsin, with headquarters at 521 Frederick Avenue, Milwaukee, Wis. Brother Lucas is a field organizer and finds his work extremely interesting.

Lewis Schlotterbeck (Γ '14) is located at East Hollister, Mass.

George William Cosper, D.D.S. (Θ '10) is a dental surgeon with offices at 899 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Mich.

Karl John Kaiser (H '11) is at 1458 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.

Waldemar Arthur Knoll (K '11) is at Bessemer, Mich., and is one of the few alumni interested in life subscriptions. We hope others will take an interest in this matter, as the plan is developed in our Fraternity.

Professor Albert D. Taylor (Γ '14) is a landscape architect, with offices in the Paddock Building, Boston, Mass., and also at 1900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, and is Professor of Landscape Architecture of Ohio State University.

Roland Dickerman Radford (I '11) is manager of the building plan department of the Radford Architectural Company, the largest firm of its kind in the world, with offices in the Radford Building, 1827-33 Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Ill. Brother Radford is also secretary of the Chicago Alumni Council.

Willard Harrison Hasey (Γ '13) is located at 34 Market Street, Campello, Mass.

John Henry Curdes (E '16) is connected with the Curdes Bakery at 126 East Washington Street, Napoleon, Ohio.

Oreu Hutchinson Persons (B '15) is located for the winter at Pine Knot Camp, Cocanut Grove, Fla.

Lloyd Othmar Mayer (A '10), formerly Editor of the TOMAHAWK, is with the London & Lancashire Indemnity Co. of America, in the Portland, Ore., office. His address is 628 Everett Street, Portland, Ore.

Francis Trow Spaulding (B '15) is at 1915 James Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minn.

James Ellsworth Beardsley (Δ '14) is spending the winter at Ritta, Fla.

Justin W. Bourquin, D.D.S. (O '15) is assisting Dr. D. M. Martin in Romney, West Va., and expects to open his own office in some enterprising town in West Virginia.

Fred Harrison Diddle (A '16) is connected with the Citizens' National Bank at Philippi, West Va.

Robert Harris Cobb (I '12) is at Tyler, Texas, and is connected with the St. Louis Southwestern Railway Co. of Texas, of which his father, R. D. Cobb, is auditor.

Paul Edward Doherty (Γ '13) of 25 Appleton Hall, Brunswick, Me., is a son of Edward A. Doherty, Assistant Tax Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, whose headquarters are at the State House, Boston, Mass.

John Lawless Hogan, Jr. (A '09) is with the National Electric Signaling Co. at 67 35th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Elmer A. Jones (Ξ '13) is at Carroll, Nebraska, this year.

Max Charles Beust (H '12, N '15) is now living at the Ξ Chapter House at Lincoln, Nebraska, while holding down a position with the Union Pacific Railway Company.

John Fuller Hall (A '12) is Executive Secretary of the Euclid Avenue Presbyterian Church, Euclid Avenue and Cornell Road, Cleveland, Ohio, and is filling his position with marked ability and satisfaction.

Paul Kendall Hood (Δ '10) is in charge of the Chair of Agriculture at Talladega College, conducted under the auspices of the American Missionary Association at Talladega, Ala.

Howard Wakeman Wills (A '10) is employed by the Receivers of the Central Union Telephone Company, at 1257

Park Avenue, Indianapolis, Ind., where he was recently transferred from Chicago, on account of his ability as an Electrical Engineer.

Wilfred David Sawyer (II '15) is at 1270 Josephine Street, Denver, Col.

Henry John Hegel (A '10) is with the General Electric Company and resides at Alexandria and State Streets, Schenectady, N. Y.

Herbert Eugene Rehm (II '15) is in the Civil Engineering Department of the Santa Fe Railway, stationed at La Junta, Colorado, and lives at 315 Raton Avenue.

Eugene King Sturgis (N '13) is connected with the firm of Platt & Platt, attorneys and counsellors at law at 605 Platt Building, Portland, Oregon.

Avery Gottlieb Clinger (E '13) is now with the Fourth Ohio Infantry at El Paso, Texas. There are three other members of Epsilon Chapter with this regiment at the front.

Earl W. McComas (N '14) writes that he is a real farmer at Modesto, California, Route 13, Box 299.

Verne Ray Reade (I '13) is now superintendent of the Reade-Benzol Company at Akron, Ohio, with offices at 21 North Summit Street. Brother Reade recently visited his old Chapter and also our Kappa Chapter at Madison, Wisconsin, and speaks in highest terms of both.

Daniel Thomas Sullivan (K '14) is Superintendent in charge of live stock of the Tallahatchie Lumber Company at Philipp, Mississippi.

Oliver Frederick Bishop (A '08), located for the last few years at Los Banos, Laguna Province, Phillipine Islands, has accepted a position in the Forestry Department at Kisaran, Asahan, Sumatra, Dutch East Indies.

Clifford Pickle (P '16) is a member of Company M, Second Minnesota National Guard, stationed at Llano Grande, Texas.

Royce Brier (M '15) is now in California endeavoring to recover his health. He has had two severe operations of late that have very much impaired his strength.

William Eben Schultz, Ph.D., (A '15) is Professor of English Literature at Christian University at Canton, Mo. He is missed

very much by Eta Chapter, at the University of Illinois, where he taught last year. Harvey Durell Chase (E '13) is teaching biology in the same institution with Brother Schultz and making good. Schultz says that he and Chase are going to start a "Sigma Duet", but as Schultz always thinks in musical terms, this may be taken to mean an Alumni Council with only two members.

John Waldrip Kelliher (N '14) is now employed as a Mechanical Engineer in the office of the Johns-Manville Company, at Seattle, Wash.

Benjamin Henry Dietrich (H '08) is now located at 422½ West Yakima Avenue, North Yakima, Wash.

Edwin Morey Waterbury (A '07), former Editor of the TOMAHAWK, is City Editor of the *Evening Leader*, with headquarters at 111 East 5th Street, Corning, N. Y.

George Mincke Wakefield (H '11) is with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company at Carlyle, Illinois.

Dean Albert Ricker (Γ '13) is an Assistant State Entomologist for Iowa, with headquarters at Shenandoah, Iowa. His permanent home address is 25 Wildwood Avenue, Worcester, Mass.

Elmer Ephraim Meyer (K '12) is a Public Accountant and Auditor associated with James S. Matteson, C. P. A., 700 Alworth Building, Duluth, Minnesota. His home address is 1215 East 1st Street, Duluth.

Charles Gabriel Tachau (K '10), located at Currie Creek Farm, La Grange, Ky., assisted in the final initiation of Sigma Chapter and at its installation at the University of Kentucky on January 4th, 1917. Brother Tachau is Secretary of the Kentucky State Agricultural Association and a very enthusiastic member of the new school of agricultural training and education. This organization is working for a higher efficiency in all kinds of agricultural enterprises in the "Blue Grass" State. Members of Kappa Chapter will be proud to know that Brother Tachau tried to hide his light under a bushel, but found it altogether too small. The consequence is that the whole State of Kentucky is aware of his numerous activities.

Clarence Humboldt Newman (N '16) is now located at Dyer-ville, California.

ENGAGEMENTS

Miss Dorothy Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Parker, Jr., of Winchester, Massachusetts, to Wallace Blanchard (A '14), now connected with the Blanchard Company, bankers, 19 Congress Street, Boston, Massachusetts. The bride elect is an accomplished singer and very popular with the younger set in Winchester and Brookline.

MARRIAGES

Miss Phillis Janet Cogswell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Edward Cogswell, to Tell William Nicolet (T '14), at Amherst, Massachusetts, August 8th, 1916.

Miss Florence Fredericka Sanger, daughter of Mrs. Frederick William Sanger, to John Harry Pohlman (A '08), at 5117 Washington Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri, on October 4th, 1916. Brother and Mrs. Pohlman reside at 657 Amelia Avenue, Webster Groves, Missouri.

Miss Harriett Marie McClure, daughter of Brother and Mrs. J. Harry McClure (Δ '94) to Carl Carlisle Hoyt (Δ '09, Λ '11), at Marietta, Ohio, December 16th, 1916. After February 15th, Brother and Mrs. Hoyt will reside at 205 South Portage Path, Akron, Ohio. Brother Hoyt is one of Ohio's rising young lawyers whose light is too large to be hidden under a bushel.

Miss Vera Mary Chandler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Chandler, to Russell Gillette Warner (A '14), at New Haven, Connecticut, December 21st, 1916. Brother and Mrs. Warner are living at 162 West Rock Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut.

Miss Pearl E. Neilson, daughter of Emil Neilson, 157 South Sixth Avenue, Mt. Vernon, New York, to Clifford Lee Tichenor (Λ '12), of Mt. Vernon. Brother Benjamin Hilsdon Bartholow (Λ '14) was best man at the nuptials.

Miss Gwendolyn Mary Ingledew, of Leadville, Colorado, to Brother P. V. D. Neff, Nu '16, of Cottonwood, Arizona, at Cottonwood, Sept. 13, 1916.

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THE TWIN CITIES ALUMNI COUNCIL

The affairs of the Twin Cities Alumni Council are progressing satisfactorily. Our meetings alternate each month between St. Paul and Minneapolis. They are somewhat like the name of the Council—dual in form. The first part consists of the assemblage in a restaurant where dinner is served, after which an adjournment is taken to the house of one of the members, where the boys can smoke, talk and give vent to their musical tendencies. During December Brother Beglinger invited us to his home in St. Paul, while Rho Chapter House, in Minneapolis, was the scene of a January “Smoker”. Our February meeting will be held again in St. Paul, where the Winter Carnival is in session. At the close of the Lenten Season our Council is planning a formal dance.

We have had the great pleasure of enrolling Brother Martin C. Briggs, of Theta, as one of our members. We want more men like him. Therefore we urge Sigs, who come to the Twin Cities, or who are already residing here unknown to us, to get in touch with either Brother Ray Kenyon, 1044-48 Security Building, Minneapolis, C. H. Beglinger, 394 Dayton Ave., St. Paul, or the undersigned at Rho Chapter House, Minneapolis.

SYDNEY A. PATCHIN, *Secretary*.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, December 30, 1916.

Editor THE TOMAHAWK,
New York.

Dear Brother in Alpha Sigma Phi:

The most recent dinner and business meeting of the Cleveland Alumni Council of Alpha Sigma Phi was held at Weber's Restaurant, December 9th, 1916. Members present were P. J. Bickel, E. A. Anderson, Dr. H. F. Staples, H. H. Yoder, D. J. Miller and A. S. Townsend. Brothers A. D. Taylor, Gamma, '05, and Clyde D. Frost, Epsilon, '16, were also present and elected to membership in the council. An election of officers was held and resulted as follows: President, D. J. Miller;

Vice-President, A. S. Townsend; Secretary-Treasurer, H. E. Chenoweth.

There was considerable discussion at this meeting concerning the future purpose and work of the council. Co-operation of the council with all members of the fraternity located permanently or temporarily in the vicinity of Cleveland was urged by Brother Taylor. The number of Sigs in the city seems to be unusually small at present, although we feel certain there must be about a dozen alumni in Cleveland who have never yet identified themselves with the council. It is often difficult to get correct addresses, and Sigs who wish to meet members of the council should communicate with Brother H. E. Chenoweth, Office of the Law School, Western Reserve University. We are anxious to make the council a larger and more lively organization, which shall be of real benefit to the fraternity and its members.

A. S. TOWNSEND, *Secretary*.

PORTLAND COUNCIL

DECEMBER 30, 1916.

Dear Brother Musgrave:

I am writing for some information, and to give you a little news.

The Portland Alumni Council has been brought to life again. During the present Christmas vacation, I have arranged for two luncheons and an informal dance. We had fourteen couples at the dance which was held at the home of Brother Clyde Aitcheson, M '18. We are all well acquainted and enthusiastic both over our own growth and the fine prospects for A Σ Φ on the Pacific Coast.

Will you kindly forward me full information regarding the necessary steps, costs, etc., of getting a new chapter under way? In discussing such matters, we found that no one here knew the procedure. I am sure the information will prove useful to us in the future.

With best wishes for the New Year.

Fraternally yours in A Σ Φ ,

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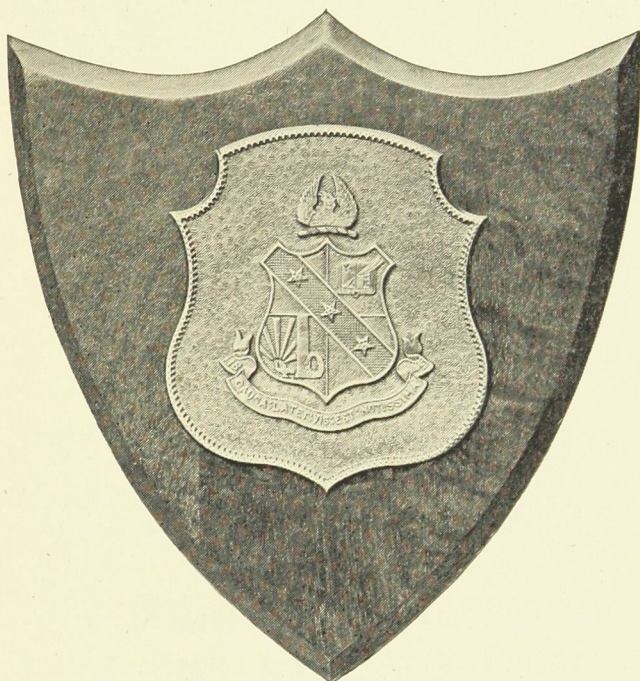
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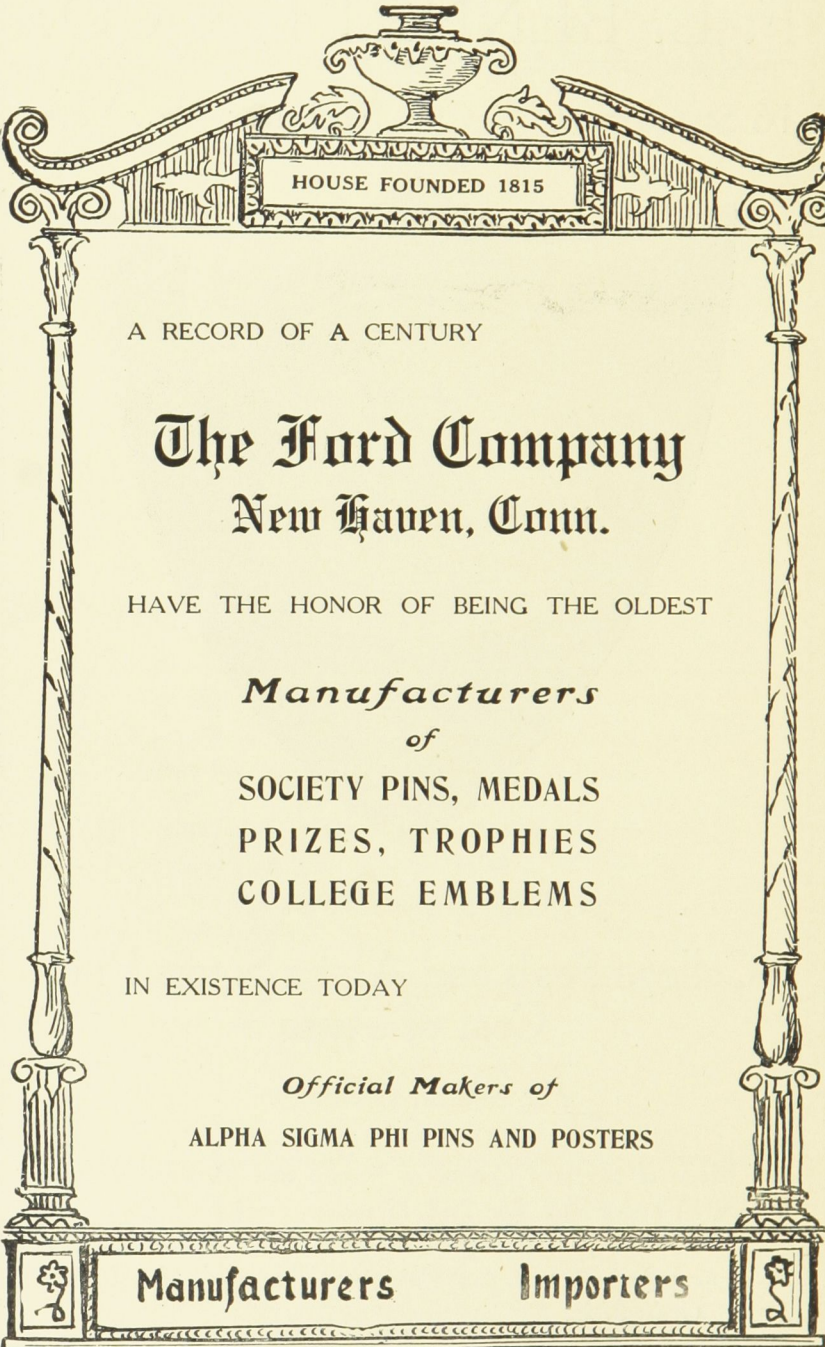


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