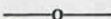


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THE WINDING WALLS OF YORE.

The dying sun aflame sinks slowly to its rest,
And rays of garnet shoot across the Golden West;
And, as each ray and shadow dies into the night,
The lily of the valley opens in the dull light
Of the moon, pale and sad, and the stars dancing o'er
The winding walls and massive ivy-halls of yore.

Although the long, long winters and the winds and rain
Have come and faded with the snow and gone again,
And flowers and sweethearts with eyes as bright as dew—
Drops, sparkling in the morning sun, have come anew;
But still unchanged by time they stand for evermore—
The winding walls and massive ivy-halls of yore.

But, Oh! Where are the laughing lads of yesterday?
The youths have gone beyond the hills and far away
To carry the sweet mission of the day and truth
Into the senate halls and into the jungle's ruth
Beyond the seas and far away from the love-lore—
The winding walls and massive ivy-halls of yore.

C. B. LIVINGSTON, *Alpha*.

ALPHA, MOTHER CHAPTER OF PI KAPPA ALPHA.

The Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity sprang into being with the founding of Alpha chapter on the night of March 1st, 1868, at the University of Virginia, in 31 West Range, the room of Bro. James B. Sclater. What little can be definitely asserted of the circumstances surrounding this organization is gathered from the recollections of the surviving charter members, since no minutes of the early meetings have been preserved.

Other national fraternities had chapters at the university at that time, but, in the chaotic years following the Civil war, their struggle was not so much for pre-eminence as for existence. It was under such inauspicious conditions as these that the new fraternity had its inception in the mind of Frederick Southgate Taylor, a second year law student from Norfolk, Va.

After thorough consideration with his room mate and lifelong friend, Littleton Waller Tazewell Bradford, also of Norfolk, the initial meeting was held. Associated with them as charter members were James Benjamin Sclater, in whose room the meeting was held, Julian Edward Wood and Robertson Howard, all friends made in college. Taylor was the author of the charter adopted, the name and motto being of his suggestion also.

The first initiate was William Alexander. The pin was designed by him, subsequent conventions refraining from material alterations in deference to him. Later in the same year A. W. Knox was taken in.

One year from the date of its organization the fraternity took its first step in expansion, due chiefly to the efforts of Knox. In spite of violent faculty opposition Beta chapter was established at Davidson College. From that date chapters were granted charters throughout the South. The spread to the North has been a thing of recent growth, although there was nothing in the constitution, as first adopted, to limit the field.

At Virginia, during the first year, the impression seems to have prevailed that Pi Kappa Alpha was a purely local organization, more than one national fraternity making overtures looking toward an absorption. This was, of course, an erroneous impression, as from its inception the fraternity was intended to be na-

tional in every respect. In 1889 at the convention at Hampden-Sidney it was restricted to the South, but lately the original provision was readopted.

For the first twenty years of the fraternity's existence Alpha, under the parent chapter system, was in governmental control of the whole organization. Alpha retiring into a comatose state in 1885, Theta assumed the reins until the establishment of the council at the Hampden-Sidney Convention.

Such, briefly, was the part of Alpha in the early history of Pi Kappa Alpha. Of the founders space confines us to only a brief personal history. Taylor, Howard and Sclater are deceased. Taylor, by profession a lawyer, was at one time a member of the Virginia state legislature. Howard was for many years a practicing physician, later holding the chair of anatomy at Georgetown University, Washington, D. C. Sclater was also a doctor, registered in Richmond, Va. Of the surviving, Wood is a practicing physician in Elizabeth City, N. C., and Bradford, who has taken the surname of his maternal grandfather, Tazewell, is a retired merchant in Norfolk. It had been our earnest hope to print, with this sketch of their work, the photographs of the five founders, but it has been impossible to obtain those of Taylor and Howard.

GEORGE D. FOWLE, *Alpha*.

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STUDENT LIFE IN VIRGINIA.

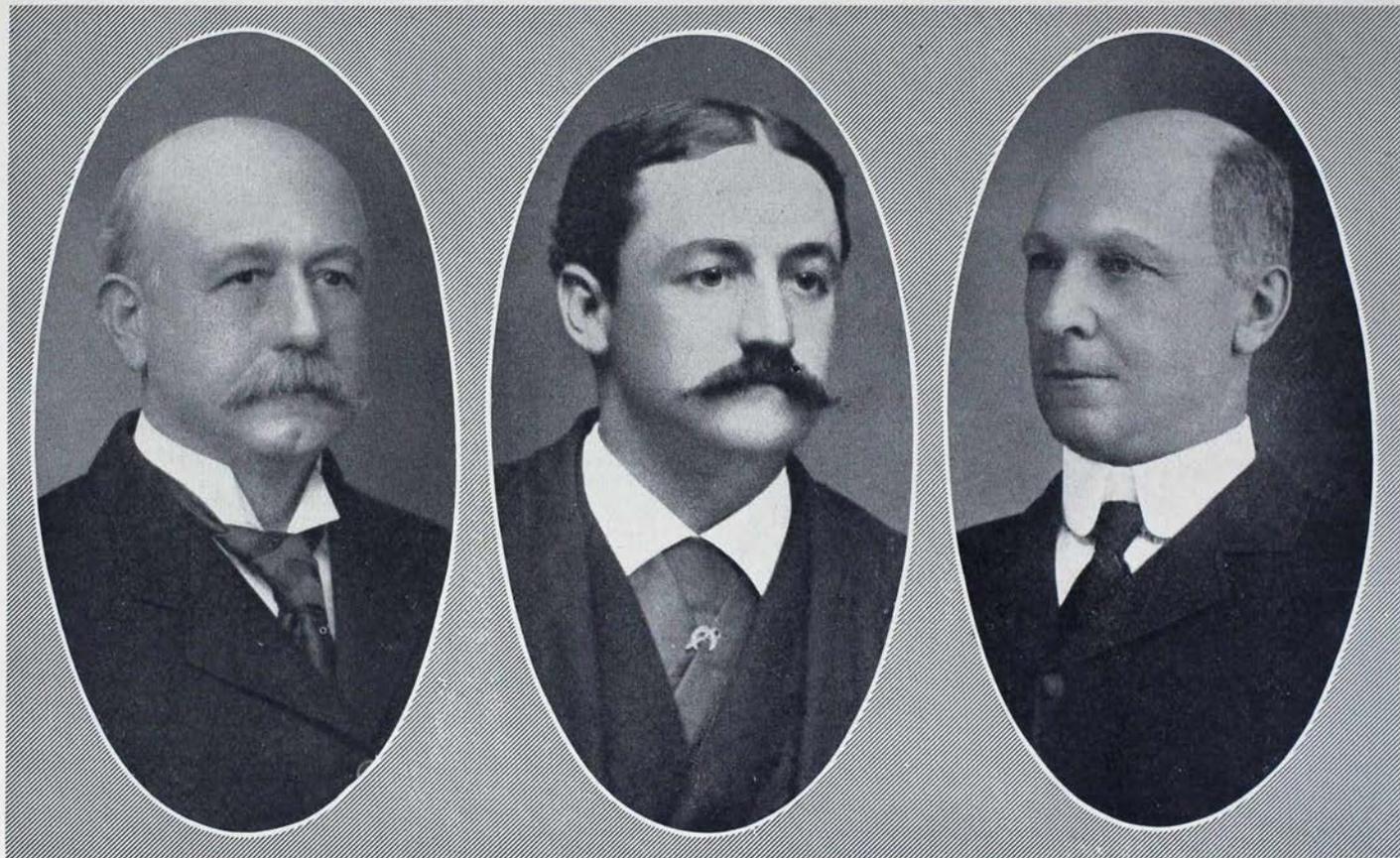
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Every year, about the middle of September, there come flocking to Virginia the groups of men that are to form the best part of the personnel of the university for the coming session. More than a hundred enroll during the fall months and after the Christmas recess, but the college identity is established by the characteristic gathering on the threshold of the academic year. Nearly seven hundred and fifty was the number of students that settled down rather noisily amid their hilly surroundings last September.

They came from the four corners of the United States, and all except three commonwealths of the Union were represented; almost one-half from the state of Virginia, barely a fifth from the rest of the South, and the remainder from the North and West. One per cent were from foreign countries. This was an increase in enrollment of more than a hundred over the preceding year, and a slight increase in the cosmopolitanism of the student element. But the blending of sectional traits has long been an ancient process at Virginia. Its very founding by Thomas Jefferson marked it as a national institution from the first.

The first year man at Virginia—for student longevity is marked by the ordinal adjective and not by separation into classes—is seized upon his arrival by nostalgic symptoms that bring into striking contrast with his prep school importance the utter insignificance of his present existence. Threading his way from the Union station down the main street of Charlottesville, he encounters no engaging smile of recognition and no mood of student friendship to dispel his sense of abandonment. If he comes unheralded and unknown to a friend among the old men, he is directed to his room on range, lawn or row, and perhaps to a freshman companion at supper he confides his feelings upon the lack of cheer apparent in things in general. Certain it is, that no overtures of friendship are made to the unsophisticated youth without acquaintances, and that he is let painfully alone. At such a time, a small amount of hazing would be received with genuine pleasure, but not even an inimical nod is vouchsafed him. He is expected to doff his bold manners and apparel, and to retreat into the background as far as possible, but only a friend, experienced in the customs of the place, will advise him to discontinue breaches in any of these respects. No insignia of verdancy are thrust upon him, nor does his newness brand him as an adolescent pariah. In the course of time, his true qualities will be revealed, and he will be slowly tested for admission into the full companionship of the powers that be. To the first year man with friends in higher classes, many tribulations are spared, but all during the first year there is the prime requirement of reserve and self-effacement.

The old man returning to Virginia, however, finds in the old life among new faces the great joy of renewing friendships and asso-



Littleton Waller Tazewell.

James Benjamin Slater.
THREE OF THE FOUNDERS.

Julian Edward Wood.

ciations. Fraternity brothers are reunited by the mystic hand-clasp, and together they exchange news on the possibilities of prospective "goats." It remains to be seen how effective will be the agreement this winter of the pan-Hellenic council that the fraternities are not to bid men hereafter until January 15th of each year, in writing, at nine by the rotunda clock. The compact was modeled after the plan ratified by the fraternities of the University of Pennsylvania, last April. It is hoped that the hands-off policy will do away with the all-absorbing "rushing" at the first of the college year and its attendant disadvantages. "To give the fraternity a greater chance for observation and to prevent the elevation of the freshman to a false importance from which he is afterwards abruptly removed," reads the prelude. Attentions have heretofore been often showered upon the near-neophyte to the complete subversion of any moderate ideas he may previously have entertained concerning himself. It is little wonder that many a promising career has been ruined by the overdevelopment of the ego in the freshman.

There are always a large number of new men turned away in the fall for inability to make the fourteen units required by the Carnegie foundation. To those who remain, a wide opportunity for culture and study is open. In the architecture of the buildings and the contour of the grounds, there is the inspiration found by Edgar Allan Poe in "The glory that was Greece and the grandeur that was Rome." Poe was the first celebrated alumnus, and it is probable that under the teachings of the faculty brought from abroad by Jefferson, he broadened his horizon by contemplation of the majestic rotunda, the arcades of shadowed range and lawn, and the natural beauty of an institution "set like a gem among the sapphire hills of the Blue Ridge." Phillip Alexander Bruce, LL.D., writing in the July *South Atlantic Quarterly*, says: "There is not another scholastic institution in the United States, and few throughout the world, so artistically sheltered, so beautifully housed.

"Jefferson's central purpose was to found an academic village, each part a link in the chain of all the parts, and all in the most perfect architectural harmony, though as varied as an alternation or combination of the Doric, Ionic and Corinthian styles could

make them. It was adopting the chastely severe but exquisitely symmetrical Roman temple, theater and Pantheon to the ends of the most perfect utility."

The classical beauty of the University of Virginia always excites the admiration of visitors, and brings back the alumni to come under the spell of the rotunda, and to walk again over the cloistered paths that connect the various buildings and dormitories. An editor of the *New York Sun* makes an annual visit every spring to enjoy what he calls the classic simplicity of the university. It is in the spring when the trees take on their verdure, or in the summer, by the soft glow of shaded lights, that the terraced lawn, enclosed by the academic buildings, the pavilions of the professors, and the long ranges of student rooms, has its most romantic charm.

The homes of two former presidents are pointed out to the sightseer as places of interest. James Madison lived on Monroe hill, in the house that is now the residence of Dean W. M. Thornton. On Monticello, commanding a splendid view of the Blue Ridge, is the home of Thomas Jefferson, now owned by Congressman Jefferson M. Levy, the New York millionaire. In a secluded part of the knoll is the modest burial ground of the statesman, and on the marble shaft of the tomb are the lines he composed for his own epitaph: "Here was buried Thomas Jefferson, Author of the Declaration of American Independence and the Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom, and Father of the University of Virginia." At Monticello he spent his last days, directing the construction of the university and supervising the minutest details of its curriculum and methods of instruction. His aims for the institution were expressed in the following words:

"A system of general instruction which shall reach every description of our citizens from the richest to the poorest; as it was the earliest, so will it be the latest of all public concerns in which I shall permit myself to take an interest. I am closing the last scene of my life by fashioning and fostering an establishment for the instruction of those who come after us. I hope that its in-

fluence on their virtue, freedom, fame and happiness will be salutary and permanent."

With the heritage of many old traditions, the student enters upon a collegiate life in which he is to stand upon his own merits. Wealth and social position do not bring popularity. I have spoken of the cosmopolitan character of the students and the variegated field from which they are drawn. The leading schools and colleges in Virginia naturally prepare their graduates for entrance, and of late years, Lawrenceville, Tome, Andover, Exeter and other northern schools have sent many of their best men. On this year's football team, of the sixteen men awarded the letter, six were from Virginia, two each from West Virginia and Tennessee, and one each from Kentucky, New Jersey, Mississippi New York and Colorado. In leadership in college affairs, all sections of the country are conspicuous in proportion to their numerical quotas. The number of men who are graduates from northern universities is exceptionally large.

The social life at Virginia is one of its chief characteristics. Twenty-three general fraternities, eight class fraternities, three ribbon societies, and innumerable other undergraduate clubs form the roster of organizations. Thicker than bivalves in an oyster soup are spread the islands of the Grecian archipelago, and slips of the world's old crust used to force more to the surface all the time. *College Topics*, the university newspaper, conducted a campaign in favor of race suicide some time ago with the apparent effect of putting an end to their further propagation. The situation had come to be alarming, there being imminent danger that prominent skaters on the ice pond would break through and sink with their freightage of fraternity pins and social gewgaws.

I asked a gentle neophyte
Why he did weep and sob.
"Fifteen soirees, this week," he said,
" 'Tis a golramighty job."

The impetus toward joining things was recently restrained within reasonable bounds, until at present only two-fifths of the students belong to Greek-letter brotherhoods. Usurping and exceeding the social features of the old Washington and Jefferson

literary societies, the fraternities and organizations based upon them do form the most striking units of student life. Hardly a Saturday night during the year when two or more fraternities do not give receptions in their houses to their outside friends. This is the soiree, a product indigenous to Virginia, combining all the features of an informal party. At midnight, the band of Elis may be heard parading the lawn to the booming of the loud Eli drum; the shout of the T. I. L. K. A. throng may be raised over the banquet; or the array of Hot Feet may send up their bacchanalian song. Hist! That hooded figure surreptitiously marking up the walk with sacred chalk may be a furtive decorator of the unknown Sevens, or a stealthy member of the cryptic and unapproachable "Z." The Sevens have concealed their identity for years, and the only manifestation of their activity is the secret script made on the pavements by the early light of dawn. The Zoos (so are termed the wearers of the sable "Z" ribbon) are much bolder. They doff their hats to one another no matter how many times they meet on the campus. If the word "Zoo" or the letter "Z" is mentioned in their presence, they leave straightway for parts unknown. Like having a first mortgage with security on that part of the alphabet, don't you know! If you interrogate one of the order after this manner:

"You are proud, brother senior, uncommonly so,
You belong to the Zoos, so I hear."

He will answer in this fashion:

"The price of potatoes in far Yucatan
Is cheaper, they say, than root beer."

There is no doubt that the lively songs of several of the local organizations have helped to give the impression abroad that Virginia is a place of unrestrained drinking and conviviality. Without entering upon a refutation of Mr. R. T. Crane's figures alleging that 95 per cent. of all students drink in some form or other during their senior year, and that 15 per cent. go irretrievably to the bad, it may be said that the proportions, as applied to Virginia, are greatly exaggerated in the former case, and almost nullified by the facts in the second. Occasionally unrestrained im-

pulses of students in the cities on holidays can not be taken as the measure of their daily life. If Yale students, in the spirit of celebration, frightened Gaby Deslys from the spotlights, and require water externally applied with a hose to counteract internal applications of whatever they may drink in New Haven, it can not afford the basis of a general characterization of Yale students. The same principle should vindicate Virginia, although it is not unusual for a new acquaintance upon introduction to exclaim: "From Virginia? What will you have to drink?"

The responsibility for this idea can be fixed in several ways. Mr. E. C. Mercer, a graduate who gets in the newspapers ten or twelve times a year as a reform alumnus trying, by tours of the continent, to lessen evils in the colleges of which he was a victim, does not enhance the general reputation for sobriety. This alumnus, who says that he took his first drink in a fraternity house after church service one Sunday, lived in a day different from the present. The "dyke" and the "calathumpian serenade" must have been inconsistent with the most orthodox ideas of temperance, and the revelry of "Anatomy Night" and the "Real Property" jamboree, held by the Meds and Laws respectively, must have been as lurid as they are portrayed to the present generation. It is not known whether Poe was the victim of such celebration or not, but it is certain that the lid is now on, and that another public soiree would mean a general expulsion. Drinking has been reduced to the minimum that obtains at most rational universities. Probably the impression that high living is tolerated arises from the fact that no system of faculty espionage seeks out possible breaches of discipline. Professors and students live together without molestation, on equal terms of friendship.

Probably more than social features, athletics holds the popular interest. From a limited relationship with the colleges and universities of the South Atlantic states, the football schedules of the future will include games with one of the large northern universities. Princeton has offered two dates for next year, at Trenton, and there have been overtures from Pennsylvania toward a game in Washington that would rival in interest the annual Georgetown contest. The alumni of both institutions are clamoring for a game between Vanderbilt and Virginia, and an agreement has

practically been reached for a series of annual contests to alternate between Nashville, Tenn., and Richmond, Va. These will be the football classics of the South.

Two men at Virginia stand out as the protagonists in athletics, and they share veneration and affection equally with the hosts of former athletes who come back to get the teams in condition under the alumni system of coaching. Dr. W. A. Lambeth, a member of the football rules committee, has been the leader in athletic councils for the last fifteen years. He is known as the "Grand Old Man of the University of Virginia." The other is "Pop" Lannigan, the genial and whole-souled trainer, whom the students love. He has had a big career as the trainer and conditioner of men. There is no department of sport in which he is not proficient. He was, in his younger days, a record-holder in swimming events, a major league baseball player, and the trainer of the champion pugilist, Fitzsimmons. Before coming to Virginia, he learned to know college athletics at Cornell. I have seen an Orange and Blue runner straining toward the tape at the finish of an intercollegiate event. He won when Lannigan stepped to the edge of the cinder path and shouted: "Now's the time! You're not running!"

"Pop" Lannigan has performed feats as noteworthy as "Mike" Murphy or "Bill" Muldoon. He turned out Rector, who lost his only race by inches to the South African Walker at the Olympic games in London. Forrest Stanton, the Californian, was another track star. Lannigan took Stanton from the baseball team two years ago for the Pennsylvania track meet on Lambeth field. He had not worn a spiked shoe for two months, but he easily won the quarter mile from Smith, the Pennsylvania man, and half an hour later beat out "Texas" Ramsdell in the 220 yards sprint. It was his iron nerve that won, for he never lost a race. In a mile relay with Cornell, the first Virginia man fell and put his team out of the running, but Stanton made up 60 yards in his lap of a quarter of a mile. I have heard coaches make ringing speeches to the football team in the dressing room before the big game, and the players go out upon the field with tears in their eyes, determined to win. Athletic spirit is responsible for most of Virginia's victories.

It is Easter week, and not the time of finals, when Virginia is at her best; baseball games with Princeton, Pennsylvania and North Carolina; the Pennsylvania dual track meet and the southern intercollegiate; brilliant germans at night in the gymnasium with the fairest girls of the whole Southland in their prettiest gowns; fraternity teas and receptions on wide porticos with Corinthian columns; drives over the rolling hills of Albemarle, and all the varied delights of nature awakening to life.

Virginia's students in hundreds and alumni in thousands take a constant pride in the name of their alma mater, and the achievements of her sons. Virginia ranks second among the universities in the number of alumni in congress and twelfth in representation in "Who's Who in America." The relatively small number of her alumni makes this pre-eminence the more striking. Not the least endearing sentiment of her graduates is the thought that they lived their student days under the honor system and its traditions, which were founded at Virginia.

R. B. ALBERTSON, *Alpha 1912.*

FRATERNITY SITUATION AT VIRGINIA.

To the most casual observer it is apparent that there has been a radical change in fraternities in every college in which they exist, during the last half century. Particularly is this true at the University of Virginia, due, perhaps, to the remarkable strides taken in the evolution of the fraternity system here since 1900. There are chapters of a large number of fraternities and the percentage of the students enrolled in their memberships is unusually high. The competition between the stronger organization is, of course, correspondingly great.

Alpha chapter takes this occasion to submit to the fraternity at large a letter from its loyal alumnus, Bro. Robert K. Massie, now Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, Ky., whose unfailing interest has kept him apprised of conditions here since his graduation in 1888.

It reads in part:

Fraternities play a more important part in college life and activities at Virginia today than they did thirty years ago because college life itself is more highly organized with a correspondingly larger opportunity for organized effort. But the fraternity men then occupied about the same position of relative importance in college that they do today in athletics, studies and the social life, and for the same reason, that

the fraternities have in their ranks the majority of the ablest of the student body.

When I entered college in 1882 there were only about three hundred men at Virginia. There were thirteen fraternities, averaging from ten to fifteen men each, thus containing about half of college. Now there are over eight hundred students and the twenty-three fraternities have about four hundred members, again about half the total enrollment. In spite of the stability of this proportion I recall several features of fraternity life in my day that were very different from what I know of existing conditions.

Fifteen dollars easily covered all dues and fees except the purely arbitrary price of the pin. Of the exact figures today I am uninformed, but I am aware that they have greatly increased. The attitude of the men toward invitations issued and declined has changed materially since I left college. Such incidents seem to be a matter of general knowledge, while, in my day, it was a point of honor to reveal such facts. The old rule is still supposed to obtain, I believe, but its observance is far from literal.

The place of fraternities in the political life of the university has changed but little in the essential features. Thus for several years Delta Kappa Epsilon, Chi Phi and ourselves waged relentless war against Alpha Tau Omega and Phi Delta Theta, more by mutual agreement than through any definite alliance. Great was our rejoicing when Floyd Hughes, a Pi Kappa Alpha, was elected final president of the Jefferson Literary society, then the highest office in the gift of the student body, and equally great was our lamentation when Alf. Byrd, Chi Phi, was defeated for the same office by Bohannon, Phi Delta Theta, a few years later.

The most striking change in conditions, however, is seen in the growing custom of owning chapter houses. In the decade from 1880 to 1890 there was not a single chapter house owned by any fraternity at the University of Virginia, nor did any fraternity rent a separate house for their own exclusive use. Each chapter rented an upstairs room, usually somewhere near "The Corner," and there their meetings were held according to their individual rules. The Delta Kappa Epsilon alone had a small brick building on Carr's hill, consisting of a sitting-room and one small bed-room. This was the property of the university and rented by one of the Dekes. There they held their meetings, Even this humble but permanent home gave them a distinct advantage over the other fraternities in college.

In 1902 the Delta Psis secured their handsome and dignified home. The effect was marked and far-reaching in consequence. The fraternity thus distinguished by owning a beautiful and commodious chapter house, rose from a position of comparative mediocrity to a position of



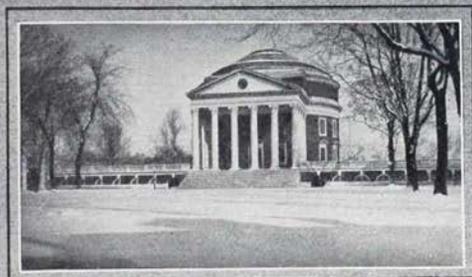
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undeniable prominence and influence. As a result of their action others began to build or to rent houses until today there are ten fraternities owning their chapter houses and twelve others renting theirs by the year.

From these figures it is evident that for a fraternity to occupy a position of consequence at the University of Virginia it is absolutely essential to have a chapter house of its own.

These are the chief points of comparison and contrast that have suggested themselves to me in considering the fraternity situation in your day and mine. I hope they, and the suggestions they convey will be of some service to you.

Yours in Phi Phi Kappa Alpha,

ROBERT K. MASSIE.

ALPHA AND THE FRATERNITY.

The state of Virginia has always been a stronghold of Pi Kappa Alpha, and from the birthday of the fraternity up to the present time Virginia has always maintained a larger number of active chapters than are to be found in any other state in which the fraternity is represented. The University of Virginia, therefore, by virtue of its place in the educational system of the state, not to speak of its high rank among the colleges of the nation, occupies a strategic position of the first importance in our fraternity field. It is this fact which gives Alpha a claim to especial consideration, over and above that filial regard in which she is held by the younger chapters. We cherish this regard, and are proud of Alpha's age and dignity. But the present-day importance of Alpha in the campaign we are all waging for the spread and betterment of the fraternity, is based upon arguments more tangible and potent than those dictated by sentiment alone.

Alpha is not only the mother of the whole fraternity; she is also the foster-mother of many Pi's who have left their mother-chapters for a more or less extended sojourn at the University of Virginia. To make a safe estimate, Alpha gets an average of three transfers a year, usually from the other Virginia chapters, but frequently a recruit appears who hails from a more distant institution. In fraternity talk, the transfer is proverbially an uncertain quantity and from the experience of some of our sister fraternities, if not from our own, we might be inclined to regard

him, collectively speaking, as a not unmixed blessing. But to Alpha the transfer has always been a prime source of strength. The history of the chapter proves this fact so clearly that it may be stated here without incurring the suspicion of exaggeration or of flattery. Our transfers come from chapters who maintain a uniform standard of excellence. They are frequently older in years and experience than Alpha's own initiates, and lend to the chapter a certain solidity and stability which, without them, would be difficult of attainment. They bring a mature judgment to bear on our problems. They contribute to our deliberations a different point of view, and can give us the benefit of another chapter's experience. They are men who came to the university with a serious purpose, they take a high stand as scholars, and they strengthen our influence in the graduate and professional departments, from which it is more difficult for us to fill our ranks than from the college proper. Alpha realizes fully the importance of the transfer, and she welcomes him with confidence and with enthusiasm, knowing that in him she will acquire a useful and a loyal member.

But the other side of the question—Alpha's duty to the transfer—must also be kept in mind, and with it her responsibility to the fraternity at large. Alpha should be able to receive the transfer into a fraternal circle that stands at least as well among its rivals as does the chapter from which he came. She should be able not only to offer him congenial friends, but also to give him the backing he needs in his various college ambitions. Furthermore, the other chapters should never have reason to doubt Alpha's ability to do this. The brethren of Gamma, Iota, Omicron, and Pi should be able to use Alpha's prestige as a drawing card in their struggle to secure the best men in their respective colleges, many of whom may have already made plans for professional study at the University of Virginia. If Alpha does not live up to her high calling, so much the worse for the chapters within the range of her influence, and so much the worse for the fraternity. With the interests of Alpha are inseparably bound up the interests of at least four of our most valuable and honored chapters. Alpha does not stand or fall by herself alone, and the presence of a strong or a weak aggregation of Pi's in

this university means far more than the gain or the loss which a single good or a single bad chapter usually brings to a college fraternity.

The moral of all this is too obvious to require pointing, did not this article need an excuse for its rehearsal of self-evident facts and unavoidable inferences. The moral is, Alpha's imperative need of a suitable chapter house.

Conditions have undergone rapid changes in the status of fraternities in this university. Ten years ago, when the present writer first made the acquaintance of Alpha, her chapter life was centered in a single poorly furnished room, which made up only on Saturday night for its bleak and cheerless existence during the remainder of the week. This situation was a serious handicap even then, but it was made tolerable by the fact that many of our rivals were in no better case than we. Soon this room expanded into a modest dwelling which housed several of the brothers and contained a small reception hall used for meetings. Finally the chapter moved into the more commodious and highly expensive house which at present constitutes its headquarters. This is a long step from that little room over the postoffice, but even as it is, we have not kept pace with the times, and our equipment lags far behind our requirements and our reasonable ambitions. Within the past six years the erection of handsome fraternity houses here has been simply phenomenal, and the day has come when Alpha must go and do likewise, or else accept her fate and slip back into a second-class position.

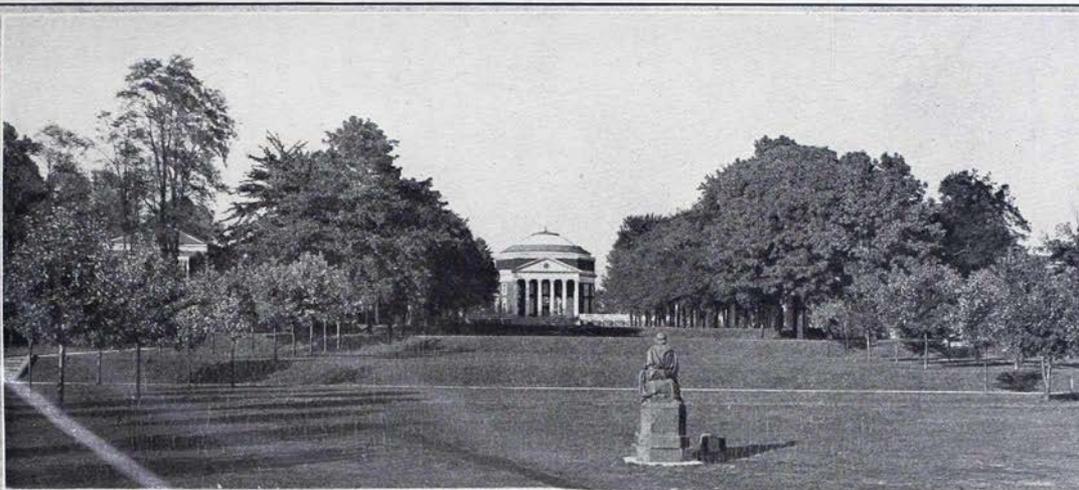
I am far from wishing to champion the idea that the vigor of a chapter's life can be measured solely by bricks and mortar, columned porticos and leather upholstery. A chapter's real home is surely one not made with hands; and the steady increase of Alpha's own strength and influence is sufficient proof of the possibility of healthy progress and robust vitality even under adverse conditions. But the question of our future standing is what concerns us here, and that question can not be settled by the assurance, however comforting and encouraging, that, certainly within the past ten years, Alpha has never had so strong a personnel, or

so firm a footing in the life of the university, as she has today. It is folly to close one's eyes to competition, and be blindly optimistic. If the support of the fraternity at large can keep for Alpha the point of vantage she has gained, and can put her in a fair way to realize her ambition to be second to none at the university of Virginia, now is the time for that help to be forthcoming.

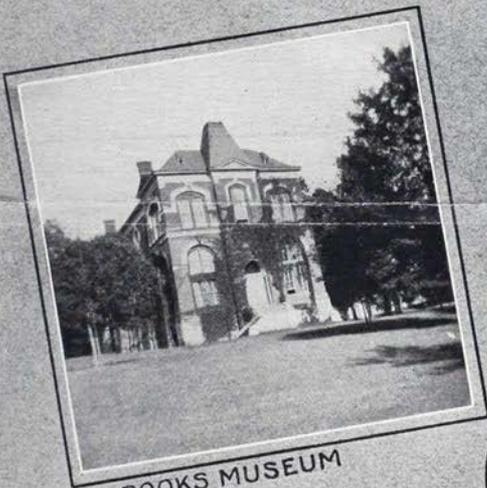
Elsewhere in this issue of THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND detailed explanation is made of our plan and the practical method of its accomplishment. If this plan succeeds, Alpha, and the whole fraternity through Alpha, will have a noble home. In charge of it will be a chapter made up of men who can be trusted to administer it worthily, to guard it jealously against the intrusion of the unfit, to welcome into it, as into a real home, those brothers who come to affiliate with them. No one need fear that the possession of a handsome house will make Alpha subservient to any one of those false ambitions—wealth, social influence, political power, athletic prominence—which, when elevated out of their rightful place into guiding principles, prove the ruin of the true fraternal spirit. Many of us have seen the heads of chapters, as well as of individuals, turned by prosperity. But Alpha has worked so long and so hard for her success that, like a self-made man, she is in little danger of losing the genuine ideal of fraternity life which at present permeates her.

The proposed improvement in Alpha's equipment will result in nothing but good to herself and to others. It will insure the permanence and the continuation of her progress, and protect her against those capricious turns of fortune which are so conspicuous a feature of every chapter's career. It will increase her influence within the borders of the state, and strengthen all those chapters which come into close relations with her. Indirectly, its benefits will be felt over a still wider field, and without question it will prove a weighty asset for the whole fraternity.

ROBERT HENNING WEBB, *Iota 1902, Alpha 1906.*



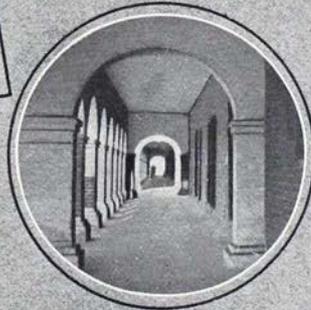
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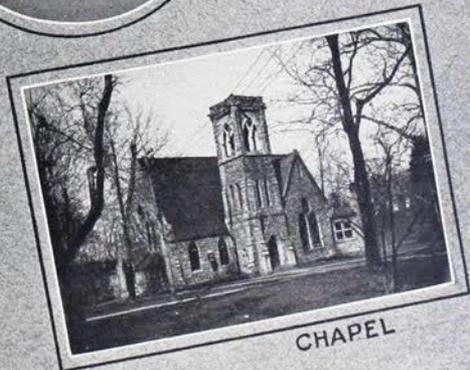
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CHAPEL

A FRATERNITY HOME AT VIRGINIA.

When the name Virginia is mentioned every member of Pi Kappa Alpha naturally thinks of the birth of his fraternity on that first night in March forty-five years ago. When the fraternity's birth is called to mind, we think of the "mother" chapter. Alpha chapter should always have a warm place in the heart of every member and of every other chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha. She is inseparably associated with the beginning and the progress of the fraternity. It was at Virginia's historic seat of learning that the fraternity began life, and Alpha's loyalty and indomitable spirit through a checkered career in past years have been a great strength to the organization in upholding its standard and ideals. Though sometimes silent, this chapter would not die—regardless of odds against her and obstacles in her path.

What could be more appropriate or what could redound to the benefit of the fraternity at large more than the erection of an excellent home for the "mother" chapter and the fraternity? The chapter needs it and the fraternity needs the advantage that would be gained from having its Alpha chapter in an adequate home.

It would be a great thing to be able to dedicate a beautiful building at the University of Virginia on the 1st of March, 1914—not only as a house for Alpha chapter, but as a home for the fraternity as well. What we are and everything we hope to be as a brotherhood we owe to Alpha and the five men—Taylor, Wood, Howard, Selater and Tazewell—who breathed into her the breath of life and instilled into her the spirit and principles of Pi Kappa Alpha. From this beginning has come our present organization, now rapidly spreading from ocean to ocean. If there is any chapter of the fraternity that should be placed on an equipment-footing that would be a pride to us all, it is the "mother" chapter. In this there should be no rivalry or partisanship. We should, regardless of territorial section or distance, join as one in this effort and erect at the University of Virginia a home as a memorial to the founders of our fraternity and as a

tribute of our love for them and for the brotherhood they established.

This can be done without depriving a single chapter of anything. Every chapter and every alumnus should gladly join in such a movement and pay a deserved and long delayed tribute to our founders and to the chapter to which all others owe their existence. It is to be hoped that this effort will meet a ready response from the fraternity at large.

J. GORDON HUGHES, *Grand Princeps.*

CO-OPERATION.

The establishing of a permanent home for Alpha chapter at the University of Virginia is a matter that should be of interest to every member of Pi Kappa Alpha, whether he be an active member or an alumnus, for it was at this institution where she was born, and she should always reign supreme.

The time has come—and such is the case at the University of Virginia—when a chapter must have a good home of its own in order to compete with the other fraternities at its university or college.

Most men will say that it is the alumni of a chapter and not the house that gives a fraternity prominence. The writer readily agrees to this, but nevertheless a home that is in harmony with the other chapters' houses will help considerably in getting new men. I am sure that every member has a desire to see the mother chapter established in a home that will be a credit to the whole fraternity. And in order to do this, it is necessary for all the chapters to co-operate with Alpha and its alumni in building this memorial hall to the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. Each chapter will reap the benefit from this memorial, as the University of Virginia is so well known that it draws men from every state in the South, and these men would praise the standing of our fraternity at this place.

Before this fraternity agreed to establish chapters above the Mason and Dixon line, many good men were lost to us on account of our not being in northern colleges, where they were expecting to go later on. This will point out how a suitable home at

Alpha will help towards getting men who expect to go to Virginia for a professional degree after an academic course at a college of their own state—this is especially true of the states bordering Virginia. Every man possesses a love for his fraternity and there is no better way to show it than by co-operating in the building of a memorial hall. And I'm sure that there could be no more fitting place for a structure of this kind than at the place where the fraternity was born. So let every man render what assistance he can towards making this plan a success.

The writer thinks that he is familiar with the conditions at the University of Virginia, and believes that when this memorial hall is built—according to present plans—Pi Kappa Alpha will take her rightful place among the leading chapters at this institution—this will be a credit to both Alpha and the whole fraternity.

C. F. FLOOD, *Zeta*.

CONVENTION

Lexington, Kentucky

April 16th, 17th, 18th, 1913

**ALPHA CHAPTER OF
PI KAPPA ALPHA FRATERNITY
INCORPORATED**

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J. T. TWYMAN, SECY-TREAS.

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I. J. SHEPHERD, (STUDENT)

A STATEMENT

SALIENT FEATURES OF THE FOLLOWING PLAN

The money which is now being paid by Alpha chapter as rent to outsiders will, in time :

*Pay for a Memorial Hall to the
Founders of the Fraternity.*

Establish a Loan Fund, when the house is paid for, for the benefit of brothers who need assistance in getting their education.

We desire to *borrow* from the alumni *the money* necessary to finance this plan.

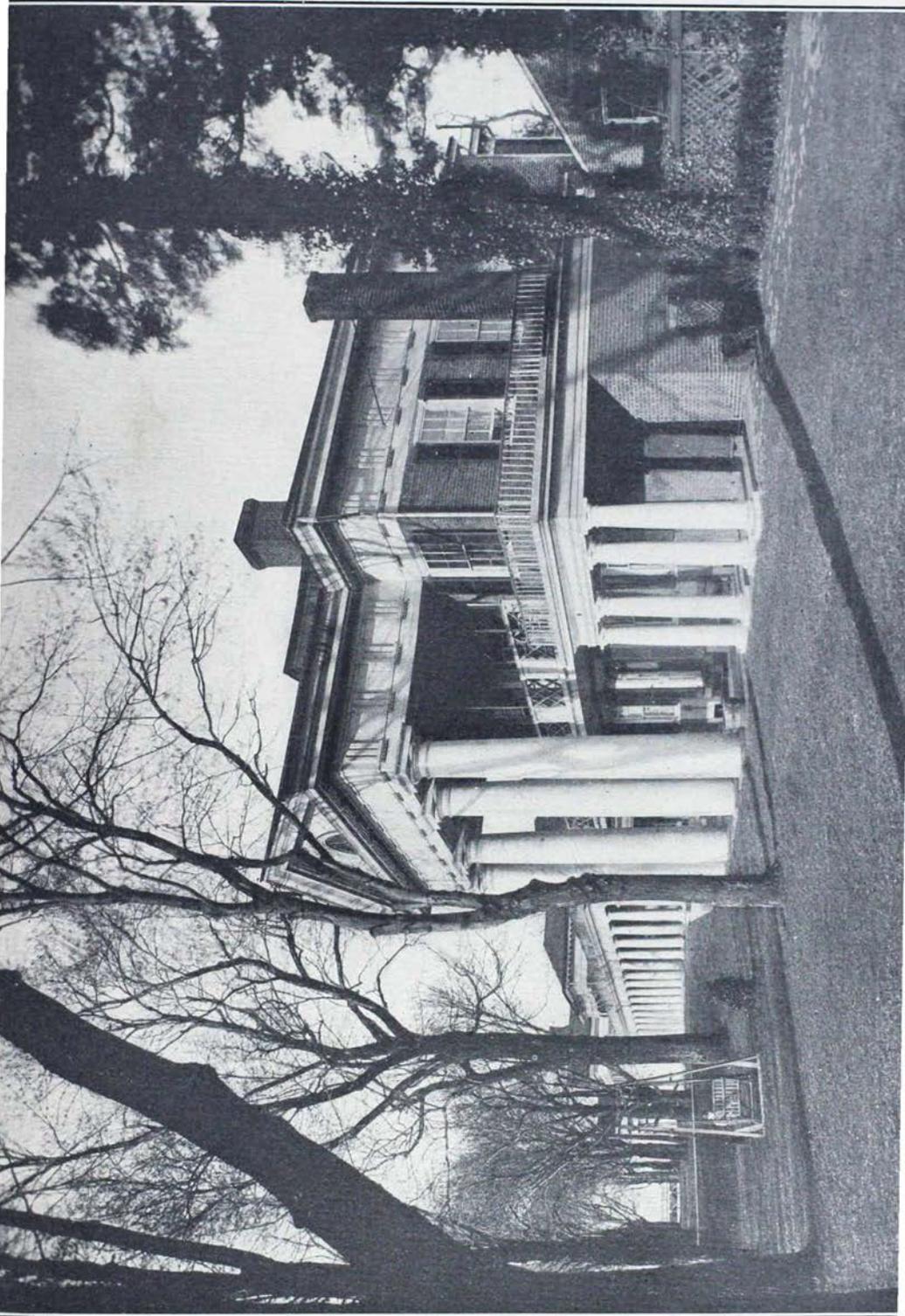
Alpha chapter is now in the position of a man who finds it better business to buy a house with his rent money than to continue paying rent, without any permanent profit. It is also confronted with the urgent necessity of occupying a presentable house.

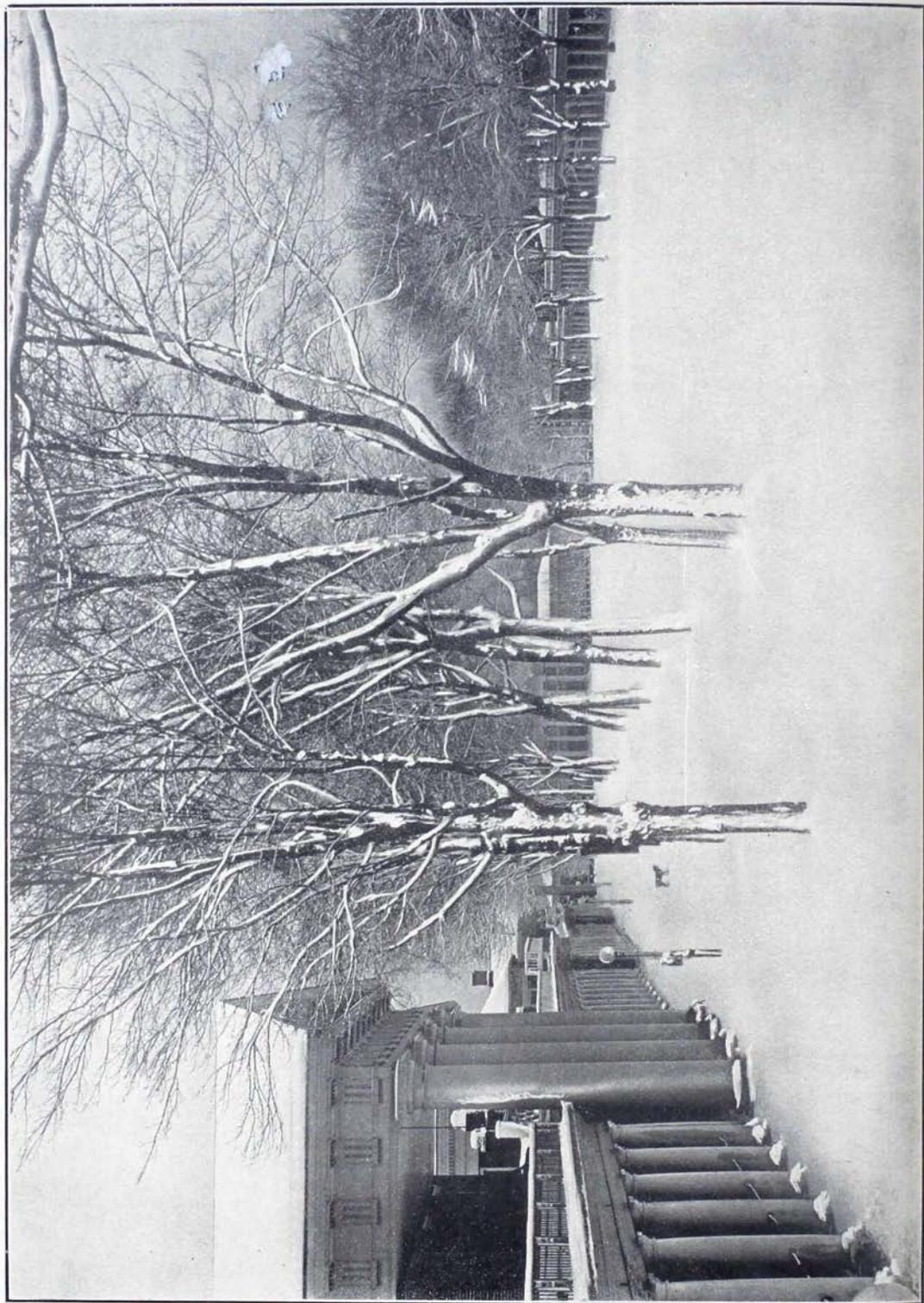
It is asking Pi Kappa Alpha alumni to help it finance the purchase of a home by LENDING IT the cost of house and furnishings.

The members of the chapter are now paying \$925 rent for nine months' occupancy of an unsuitable house.

They propose to pay rent to a corporation composed of alumni Pi's who will build a permanent home for the chapter and gradually pay for it with this rent money.

This home of the mother chapter will be erected as a MEMORIAL TO THE FOUNDERS OF THE FRATERNITY.





The Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia has agreed to give us a perpetual lease of a *site on the university grounds*.

The board has already assigned sites for seven fraternities. It recognizes the needs of the fraternities; and it thinks it good policy, because it retains *legal right to enforce proper sanitary conditions and up-keep of the buildings, and to supervise the moral conduct of its occupants and visitors*. Two of these houses are now occupied by the chapters. The site we have an option on is shown in the enclosed photographs. Other photographs show some of the houses already built and owned by the fraternities named thereon.

The chapter hesitates to ask for individual donations, it wishes to borrow the money from the members of the fraternity according to the plan set forth below. The alumni about the university like the spirit exhibited by the active members and are endeavoring to aid them; and they hope that the burden of paying for the house will be *partly* lifted from the shoulders of the active chapter by donations from alumni.

THE PLAN IN DETAIL.

We desire to erect and furnish the public part of the house at a cost of about fifteen thousand dollars.

To build it on the site offered by the university, or on outside property if this is best in the judgment of the men who finance the plan.

To ask the general fraternity organization to give five thousand dollars in order to enable us to make it a creditable memorial to the founders of the fraternity.

To borrow from members of the fraternity the balance. To issue to the lenders of the money bonds, for twenty-five dollars each, bearing interest at five per cent per annum. These bonds to mature in forty years, but be redeemable at par at any time, and to be secured by mortgage on the property.

A corporation which by its charter *is controlled by a directorate of alumni Pi's* will receive the money, issue bonds and own the house. This corporation will rent the building to the active chapter for a sum which will pay interest, insurance, up-keep and a

sinking fund of 2 per cent. (There will be no taxes to pay if it is built on the university grounds.)

All the members of Alpha chapter have for some time been making a contribution to the building fund when they leave college, or they have obligated themselves to give this money as soon as they are in a position to do so.

When the bonds are all bought in the corporation agrees to apply the net proceeds from rent to the establishment of a loan fund, for the benefit of brothers, here *or elsewhere*, who may need assistance in order to pursue their studies.

FUTURE PLANS AND OTHER DETAILS.

In the general room there is to be placed prominently a handsome bronze tablet stating that the house is a memorial to the founders of the fraternity, and giving their names.

There will be a room kept always ready for instant occupancy by *visiting* brothers, and never occupied by resident members of Alpha chapter.

Some may have doubts as to the wisdom of building fraternity houses, but the cold-blooded situation here is that chapters without suitable houses find it a very hard matter to maintain a high standard of membership. They are in constant danger of dying, or, what is worse, they are in danger of getting members who may prove undesirable, in their efforts to maintain their existence. A fraternity here without a reasonably good house can not be independent in the selection of initiates. This is the sober judgment of alumni living in the community.

The directors are considering the advisability of permitting certain bed rooms in the house to be endowed as individual memorials to deceased brothers, those whose lives would act as an inspiration to the occupant of the room. If this is done there will be placed a suitable tablet indicating the endowment.

The directors will welcome suggestions regarding the whole subject herein dealt with, and will gladly explain in greater detail any points not satisfactorily explained herein.

R. M. BIRD, *Iota*, President.

A MEMORIAL HALL.

A house that is built upon a hill cannot be hid. The hills of Virginia are famous for their natural beauty. The Appalachian chain stretches obliquely down one side of the continent and spreads over the western half of the state, dotting the giant landscape with little mountains of verdure and bellying the topography with rolling highlands. In the penumbra or outer edge of this elevated district, where the country begins to climb, lies Charlottesville and the University of Virginia. Hillocks encompass the town site round about, on the most famous of which is Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson, founder of the university. Higher altitudes impend on the west, the whole territory is uneven, and the college community has several natural eminences. The upper rim of one of these has recently been given over to the plan of building a crescent row of fraternity houses, looking out upon the Blue Ridge in the distance. A site has been granted to the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity for the construction of the long-wished-for memorial hall, and the determining steps having been taken, plans formulated, and funds contributed, the prospects for raising within the present year the amount necessary for building are bright. As soon as the walls of masonry begin to rise, a lasting tribute will be assured to the founders of the fraternity, whose fitting memorial has been postponed to this late day. And as was postulated at the outset, a house that is built up a hill can not be hid. It is a perpetual monument to progressiveness and principle.

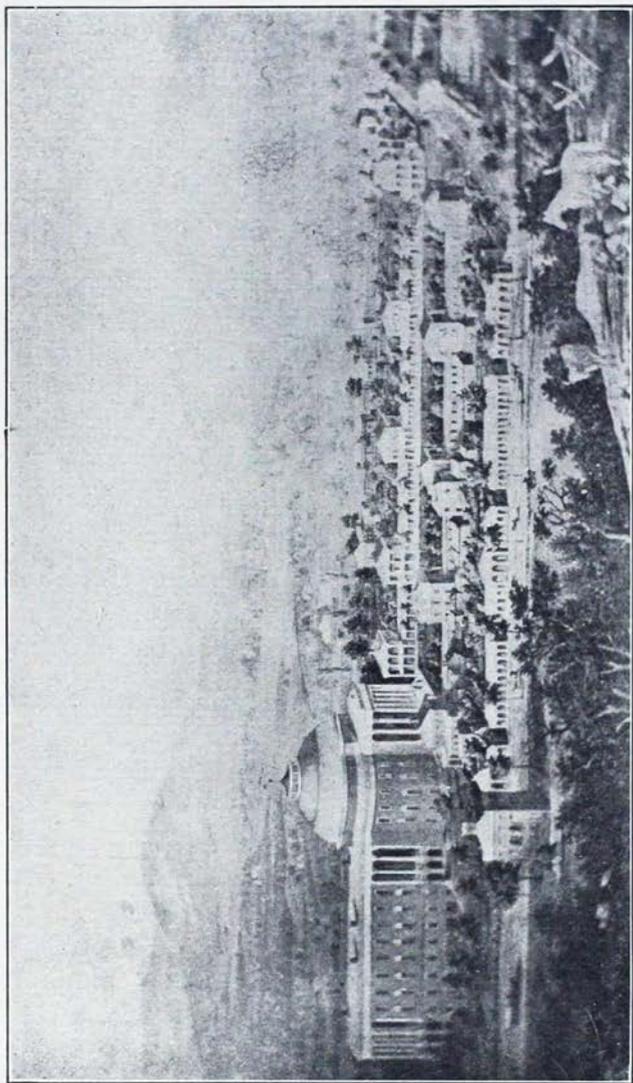
Among all the universities in this country, visitors have remarked that there is probably none that so blends a grace of architecture with the charms of nature as does the University of Virginia. Many undoubtedly surpass it in massiveness of structure and breadth of acreage, and larger endowments have made possible a more compelling artificial splendor, but in the subdued tone of chastened grandeur, the Jeffersonian plan probably has no superior.

The central building is the Rotunda, which is modeled after the Roman Pantheon. It occupies the highest vantage point, and its dome glistens from afar through the enveloping trees. It is

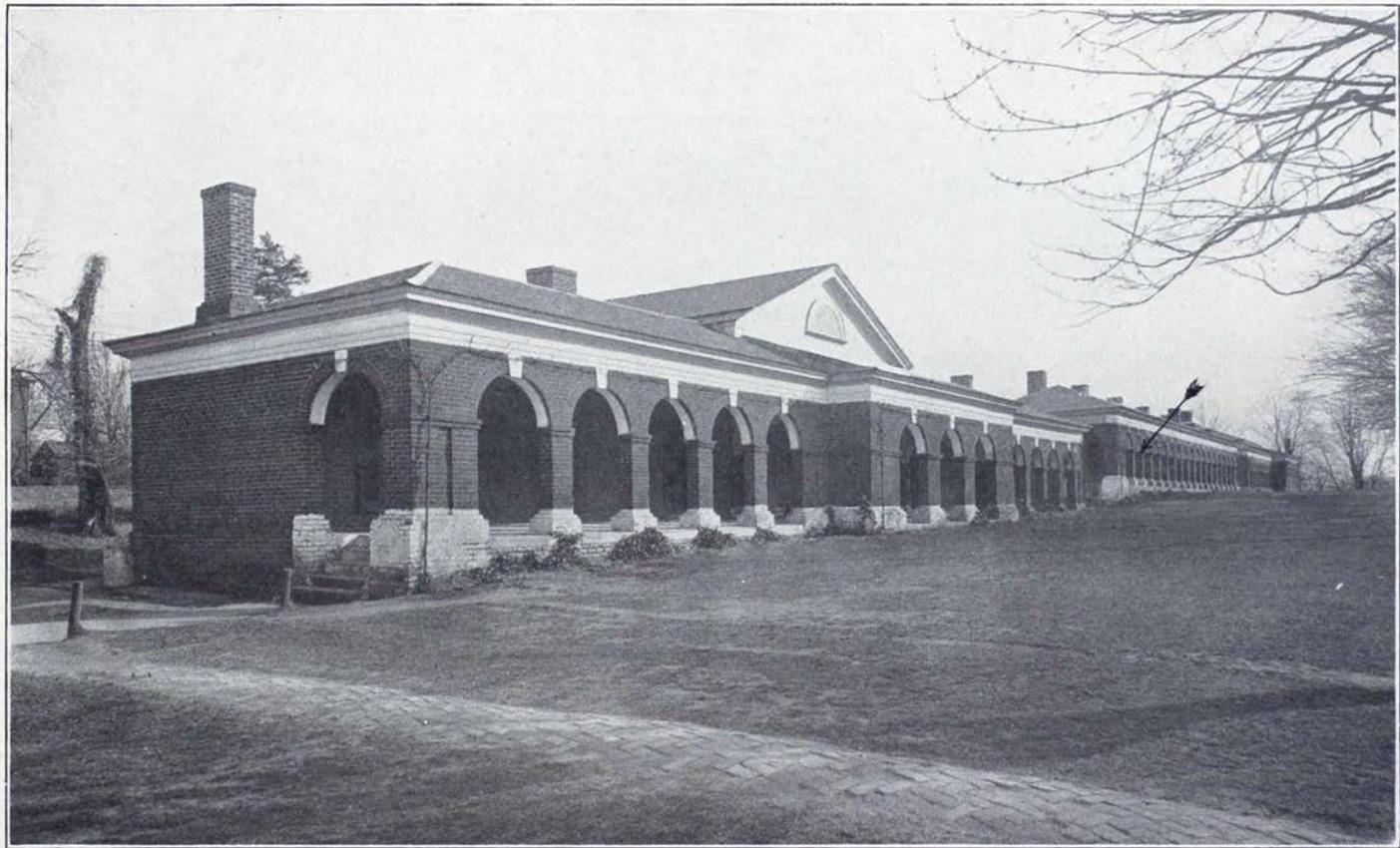
at the northern end of a terraced close, known as the "lawn," the longitudinal sides of which are formed by rows of pavilions or professors' houses, compactly connected by cloistered low-lying students' rooms. Each side is fronted by a pillared arcade, the white columns of which soften the verdure of lawn and foliage. At the southern end of the rectangle is Cabell hall, a building of Ionic architecture facing the Corinthian of the rotunda at the other distant extremity. The Rouss physical laboratory and the mechanical building also are noble types opening upon the quadrangle. The whole scheme is majestic and appeals strongly to the sense of rhythm in the aesthetic.

Separated by Italian gardens in the rear, behind each flanking row of pavilions is a similar structural chain called the range, likewise opening upon a lengthy vista. At the south end of West Range is the "Commons," and nearby, facing a natural amphitheater, is Minor hall, the pride of the law school. Dawson's row in the distance is an elliptical string of dormitories, with white facades looming large in a pleasurable luster. In front of East Range is the university hospital, the largest sanitarium in the western part of the state, immaculately trim and modestly imposing. The Brooks museum in the foreground of the campus and the little Gothic chapel nestling on the margin of a dell that slopes gently down to the skating pond are the most conspicuous of the buildings remaining in the parietal domain. Madison hall is the home of the first college Y. M. C. A. in America, and is a beautiful home for nearly all of the undergraduate activities, but is outside of the grounds proper. In front of it is a pretty lawn, and in the rear are twenty tennis courts graded between natural embankments. Then, there is the home of President Edwin A. Alderman, a stately mansion of graceful design. It is upon the hill containing the site of the proposed memorial hall, and more of it anon.

It will now be necessary to start at the entrance to the university grounds—the "corner," a lounging, leisurely place where many hours of idle ease are spent, and begin a brief tour of introspection. On the left of University road, a low wall bounds the campus buildings heretofore described in the college scheme. On that ground flourished and became firmly intrenched, before



OLD UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.



WEST RANGE, UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

Arrow shows the room where the Fraternity was founded.

the surrounding purlieus were inhabited, the ideals for which the university stands. There the honor system, founded in a new spirit of democracy, took root and spread to other institutions. No other university has graduated, proportionately to size, so many statesmen and men of mark in various fields. Statistics of congress and the encyclopedia of "Who's Who in America" bear out the statement. Those students of other days did not know the mushroom growth that now has its being in the extramural neighborhood. A village has grown up on the right side of the University road. There are boarding houses where students may obtain more sumptuous fare than is provided at the "commons." There are many private residences on Preston Heights, a delightful *rus in urbe* commanding a fine view of the mountains. And there are twenty-one fraternity houses, all of these organizations, except two, having owned or rented halls of varying pretensions.

Within the past few years the following fraternities have built new houses in accord with the classic construction of the other university buildings: Delta Psi, Phi Kappa Sigma, Kappa Sigma, and Delta Tau Delta. All of these are of brick and stone, with large white columns and spacious porticos. Phi Gamma Delta has bought a type of the Doric, and there are many other attractive chapter houses, both frame and of masonry. Nearly every fraternity is now culturing a building fund in order to have a house of the latter kind. Those which own frame houses are selling them to convert their dollars into buildings more substantial.

It is in the midst of such competition as this that Pi Kappa Alpha looks up to the hill where a site has already been laid off for a memorial hall. The mother chapter can not afford not to vie on equal terms with the other fraternity chapters at Virginia. It is in splendid condition in all respects save the owning of a home of dignity, and its prestige will be increased by this acquisition. On the hill are already located the handsome buildings of Kappa Sigma and Delta Tau Delta. At the southern base is Fayerweather gymnasium, and above it is the home of President Alderman, deep-seated in a grove of immemorial elms. All of these structures look out upon the two old roads of travel. The unoccupied space on the hill, as has been said, has been dedicated

by the university to the fraternities for building sites. A road has been opened up around the western rim, and a central site has been granted. The view across Lambeth field, the finest athletic field in the South, is entrancing; the location desirable in every possible way. Here will be raised a noble monument to the founders of Pi Kappa Alpha.

And, as was said at the beginning of this article, a house built upon a hill can not be hid, nor its glory lost in the shallows.

ALUMNUS, *Alpha*, 1912.

OUR MOTHER CHAPTER.

There are few influences in life which mean more to a man than that of a mother! In all history this influence has awakened the best in man, and has been the power that has done the most in shaping their lives.

We therefore think with reverence of our mother chapter, Alpha, and all that she meant to II K A in the early struggle, and all that she means to her now, in the splendid position which she takes in the college fraternity world.

Few of us realize the sacrifices made by the early members of this fraternity to establish it and keep it alive during its first days, and to such men as Dr. Taylor, Dr. Wood, and Mr. Tazwell, and to our beloved brothers, Theron H. Rice, Floyd Hughes, Robert Hughes, J. Pike Powers, Jr., we owe what the fraternity is today. The former were the most active of our founders and the latter have given freely of their time and substance to reorganize the fraternity when it was about to become extinct, and to help it attain its present position.

It is most fitting, therefore, that the fraternity should cooperate in establishing now a memorial house at the University of Virginia in commemoration of the early days of old Pi Kappa Alpha, and in honor of the mother chapter and her loyal sons, who have always been so devoted.

Others are setting forth in this issue the plans and purpose of this memorial building, and it is only for me to add my word of

commendation to this plan, and to bespeak the active assistance and help of every member of the fraternity to mark the birth-place of our beloved fraternity with a suitable and fitting memorial house.

ROBERT A. SMYTHE.

VIVE LA II K A.

Air: "Vive La Compagnie."

Come, brothers, now every one join in this toast,
 Vive La II K A;
 To the "Frat," that is truly our pride and our boast
 Sing Vive La II K A.

Chorus:

Vive La, Vive La, Vive L'Amour.
 Vive La, Vive La, Vive L'Amour.
 Vive L'Amour, Vive L'Amour,
 Vive La II K A.

Let tinkle the glasses and sing as they clink
 Vive La II K A.
 May our sorrows be sweetened by II's golden link,
 Vive La II K A.

Chorus:

And whenever we meet, be it day time or night,
 Vive La II K A.
 We will sing from the depths of a heart free and light
 Vive La II K A.

Chorus:

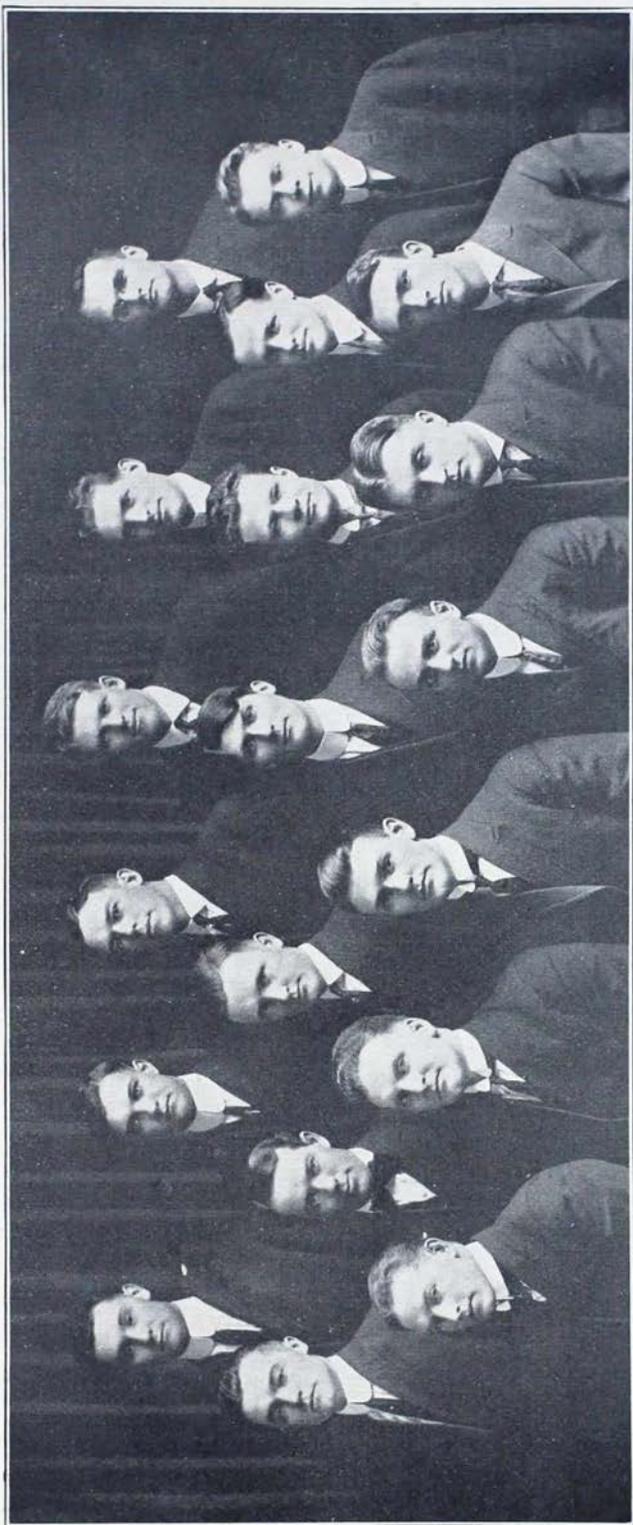
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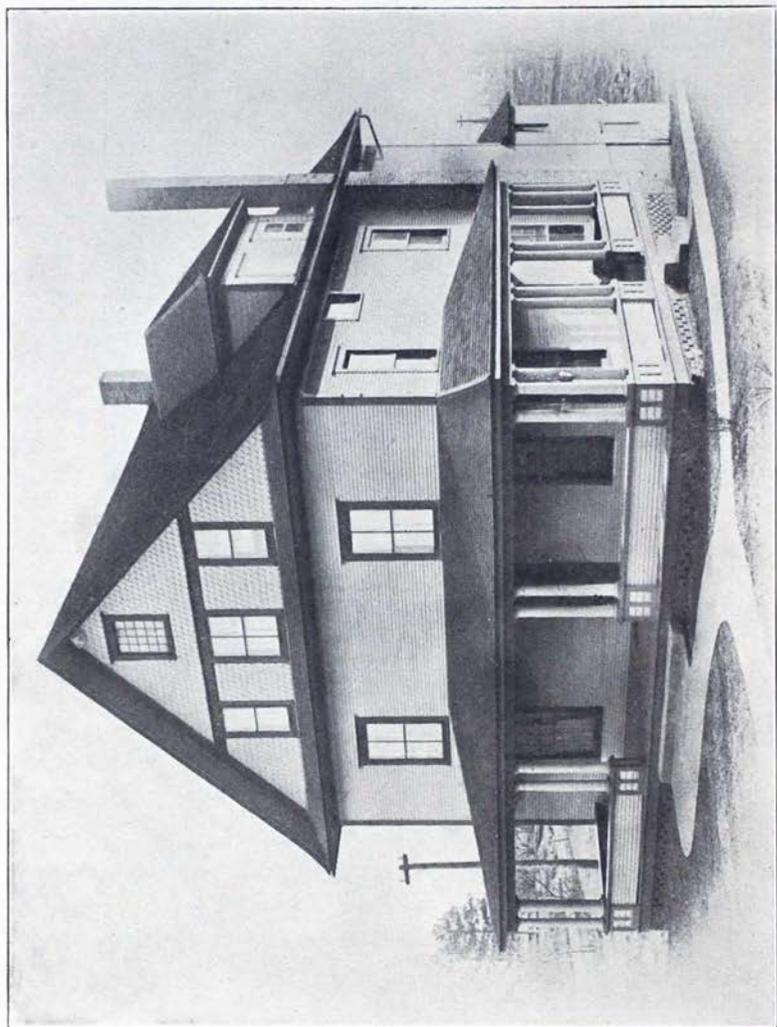
**IOWA STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
AND MECHANICAL ARTS**

Ames, Iowa

Established February 21, 1913



ALPHA-PHI CHAPTER, IOWA STATE COLLEGE.



ALPHA-PHI CHAPTER HOUSE, IOWA STATE COLLEGE.

ALPHA-PHI—IOWA STATE COLLEGE.

The Alpha-Phi chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity was installed at the Iowa State College, at Ames, Iowa, on the evening of February 21st by Bros. Holloway, Gladding, Savage, Jackson, and Chapman, all of Alpha-Nu. At this time twenty-one men were initiated, five alumni and sixteen active members. A great many more of our alumni would have been initiated at this time, but the members in the house were under the impression that only active members could be initiated on that night. However on hearing news to the contrary, we managed by telephone and telegraph to summon S. H. Hoyt, of Des Moines; R. P. Wakeman, of Ft. Dodge; F. S. Naiden, of Adel, and Dr. E. M. Brady, of Mason City, and Roy J. Murray, of Galva. They all arrived in time to ride the "goat" that evening.

Following is a list of the members in the order of their initiation:

1. Herbert Miller.
2. S. H. Hoyt.
3. F. S. Naiden.
4. R. P. Wakeman.
5. E. M. Brady.
6. H. B. Clark.
7. H. W. Hall.
8. Geo. M. Clark.
9. J. R. Johnston.
10. G. E. Wray.
11. H. W. Milligan.
12. H. W. Reid.
13. A. N. Hathway.
14. B. G. Moad.
15. D. S. Barry.
16. A. L. Hopkins.
17. R. J. Murray.
18. R. M. Gridley.
19. H. H. Sunderlin.
20. L. D. Potter.
21. O. H. Dixon.

F. O. Jones, an alumnus of Gamma-Theta, was initiated on March 16th.

Alpha-Phi was formed from Gamma-Theta, an organization which has existed as a local fraternity since January, 1909. The ultimate desire of the members has always been to procure a chapter of a national fraternity, realizing the greater and more permanent strength of such an affiliation.

It was not until last fall that we definitely decided to petition. We were aided in making our decision by meeting Bros. LeMire and DuVall, of Alpha-Nu, who gave us a great deal of information that we desired in regard to petitioning.

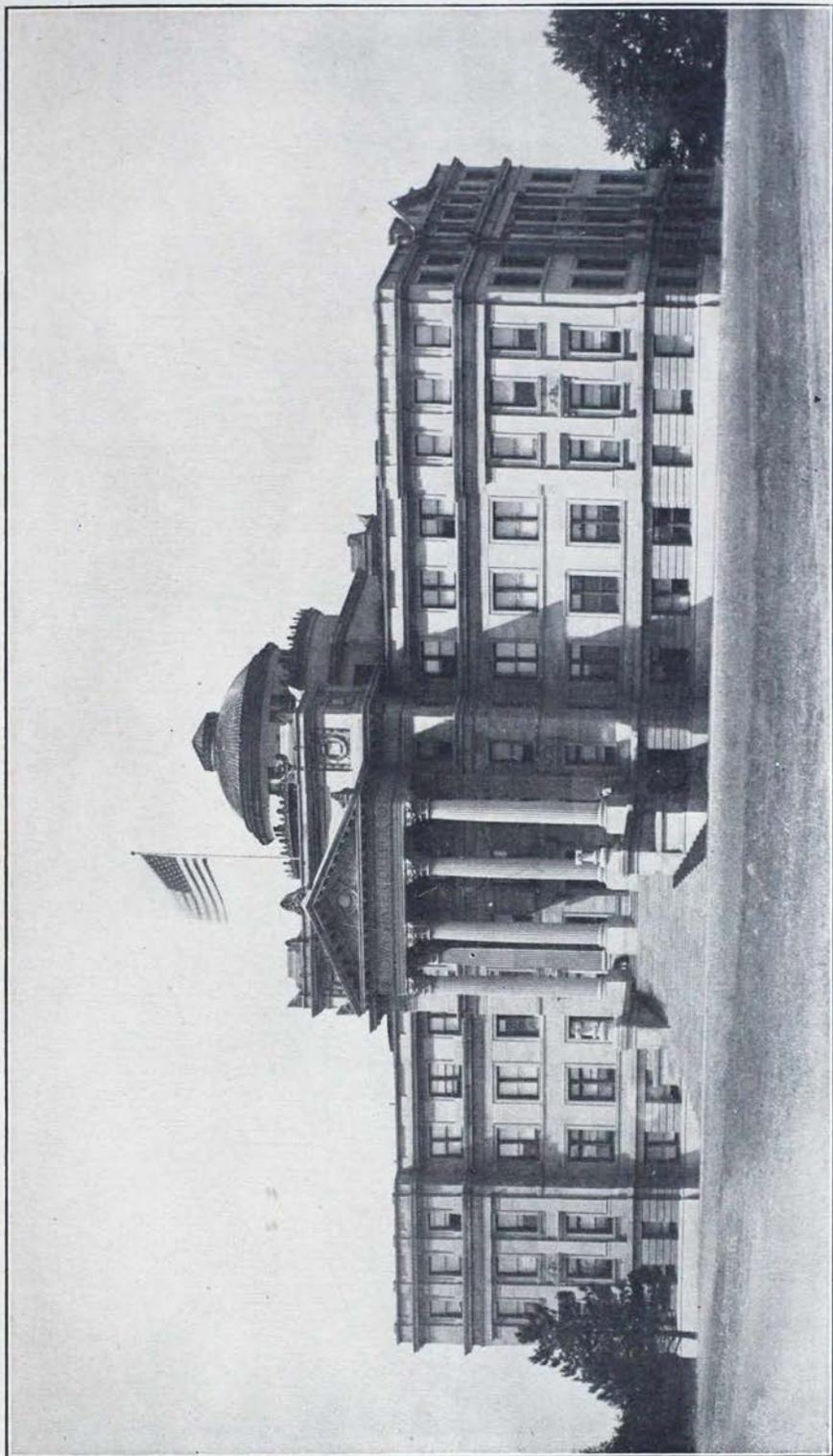
Our petition was sent to the Supreme Council of Pi Kappa Alpha and a few of the nearest chapters during the Christmas vacation. This petition brought the investigating officer on Janu-

ary 22d in the person of Bro. J. Graham Sale. Bro. Sale was with us two days, and during his stay we were much entertained by one of the most congenial men we ever had the pleasure of meeting. Russell E. Holloway, an alumnus of Alpha-Nu, was also our guest at the time of the investigation.

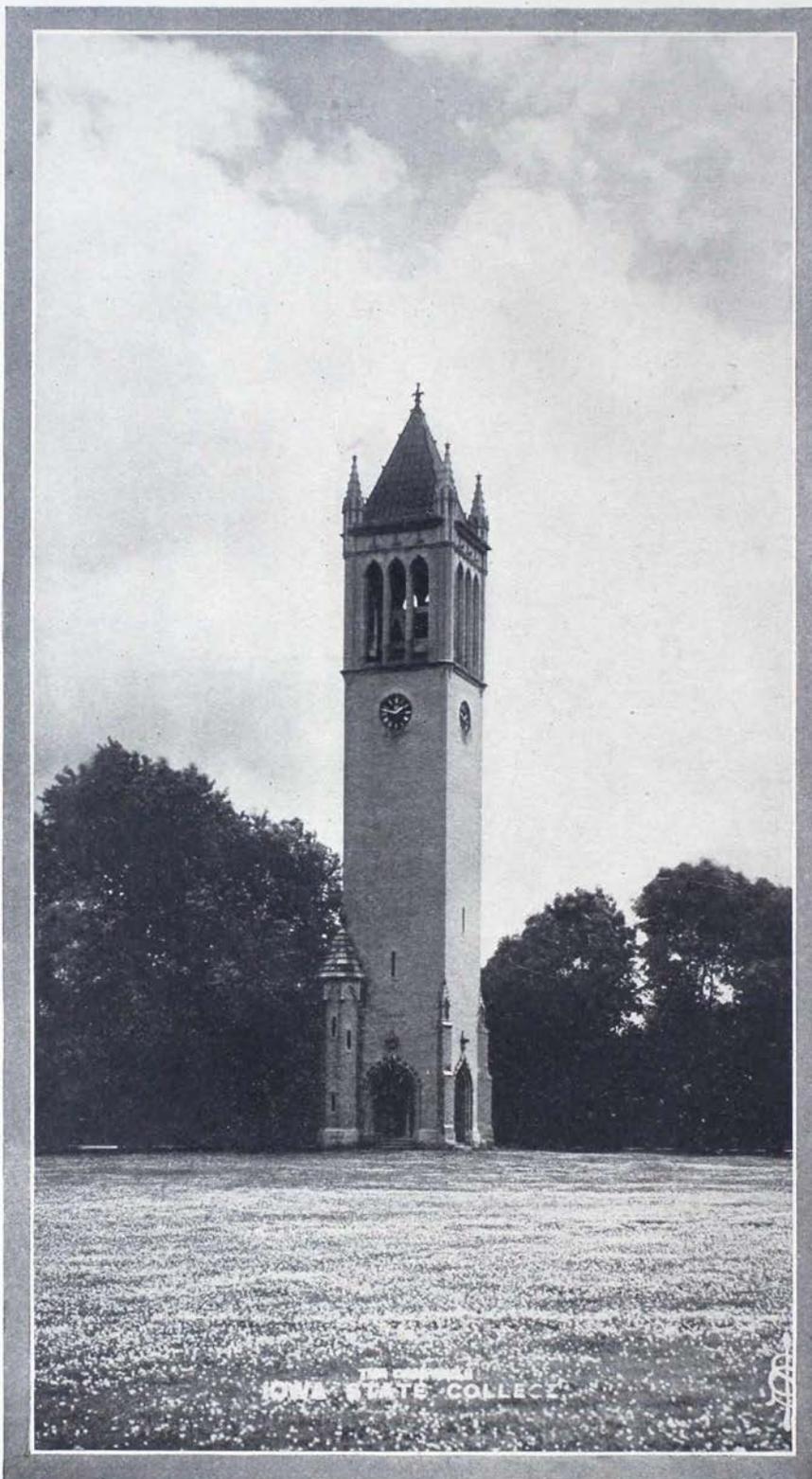
Some four weeks later we received word that our charter as Alpha-Phi had been granted by the Supreme Council. I can assure you it was a "happy bunch" after learning the good news.

During the existence of this chapter as Gamma-Theta we purchased a chapter house valued at \$10,000 through the medium of the Gamma-Theta association, a corporation incorporated under the laws of the state of Iowa. The stock sold to enable us to purchase the property and furnish the house is held entirely by members of Gamma-Theta. The house is located near the campus and within a five or ten-minute walk of any of the buildings. We have also established a sinking fund for the ultimate purpose of building a larger and better chapter house. This fund is accumulated by each member at the time of his initiation signing three notes, one of which becomes due the fifteenth of January next succeeding his severance from active membership, and then one on the following fifteenth of January, and so forth. With the accumulation of this fund and other donations, along with the house which we now have, we hope within ten or twelve years to be able to erect a \$25,000 fraternity home. Gamma-Theta has over thirty alumni members, most of whom are quite widely scattered, but we hope within the next year to initiate the majority of them into Pi Kappa Alpha, and from the many letters we have had during the last month it is the desire of all to come back for initiation.

Our active chapter consists of sixteen active members, all but one living in the house. So far this term we have been fortunate in having the honor man in the civil engineering department in the person of Herbert Miller. Bro. Barry has lately been elected into Tau Beta Pi, an honorary engineering fraternity, and Bro. Gridley into Delta Theta Sigma, an honorary agricultural fraternity. As yet outdoor work in baseball has not begun, but a considerable number of men are doing indoor work in the new gymnasium, among them being Bro. George Clark. George, however,



CENTRAL BUILDING, IOWA STATE COLLEGE.



CAMPANITE, IOWA STATE COLLEGE.

will not be able to play with the varsity this year because of the fact that he is classed as a professional, having played with New York, of the American league, and Rochester, of the International league, last summer.

Gamma-Theta's part in the various college activities from its organization to date is as follows: Three members of the varsity football team, two of the varsity baseball team, five on the varsity track team, two of the varsity tennis team, a number on the reserve football and class teams, one on the athletic council, one assistant football coach, one captain of the cadet army, four members of the A A fraternity, three of Tau Beta Pi, two of Alpha Zeta, two of Delta Theta Sigma, one of Kappa Phi (local), three of Quo Vadis, one member of the royal stock judging team, one member of the international stock judging team, two of inter-society debating teams, one of Forensic league, four members of college band, four of the bomb board, two assistant forestry instructors, one senior class president, two honor students, and a number of members in the various local literary, engineering and agricultural societies.

So far this year we have nine pledges, all of whom we hope to initiate at the close of school. The faculty fraternity committee require that a student to be initiated into a fraternity shall have an average grade of 82.5 per cent and be entitled to sophomore classification, or, in other words, he must pass all courses taken during the first year with the average grade of 82.5. We have heretofore experienced but little difficulty along this line, and consequently anticipate none this year.

Our social activities this term consist of two dances. Besides this we entertained the four sororities at Sunday dinner. We are earnestly hoping that the girls will see fit to return the invitations. Our next dance will be our installation dance on April 12th, followed by the term party on May 3d. If any brother Pi's should happen to be in the vicinity of Ames at either time we would be more than pleased to have them attend these functions.

On March 12th Iowa State College celebrated the home-coming of former secretary of agriculture, James Wilson. Secretary Wilson, before being called to Washington, was head of the agricultural division of the college and director of the Iowa experi-

ment station. Mr. Wilson left the Iowa State College sixteen years ago, being called at that time to accept the position of secretary of agriculture in President McKinley's cabinet. He has held the same position under three presidents, McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft. Dean Curtiss, of Iowa State College, writes in appreciation of Secretary Wilson's work as follows: "This is an unprecedented record in point of time, and the service of Secretary Wilson has marked the greatest development of the nation's agricultural resources that has ever been recorded in a corresponding period in the history of any nation." At the banquet held in Mr. Wilson's honor on the evening of March 12th, at which over 400 were present, Secretary Wilson expressed the idea that he would do all in his power to make this college the best in the land. With a man of this caliber pledging his support it makes us doubly certain that the future of I. S. C. will be even greater than the past.

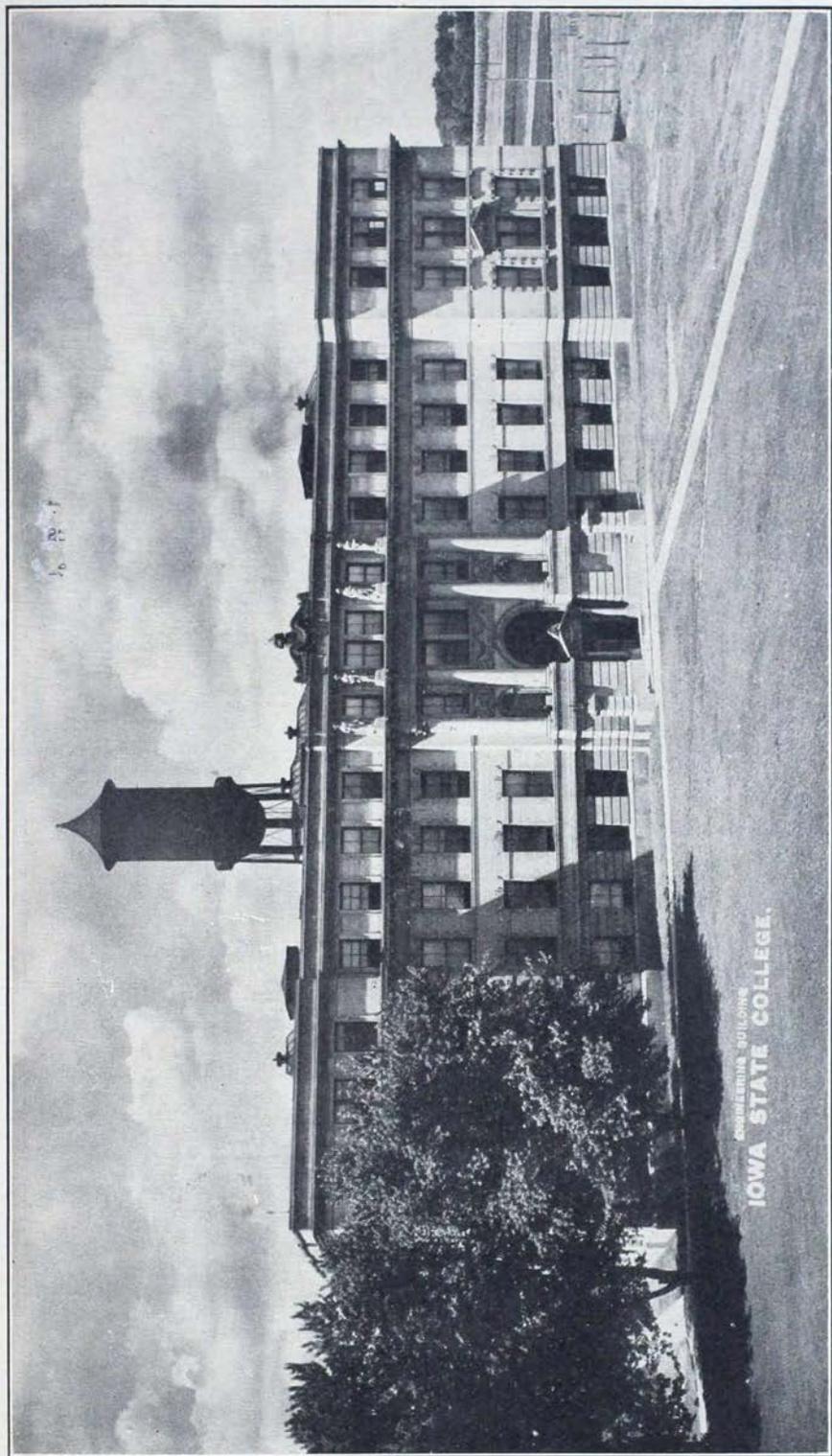
At our chapter meeting on March 10th, H. W. Milligan and J. R. Johnston were chosen delegates to the convention at Lexington, with Herbert Miller and H. W. Reid as alternates. The delegates chosen anticipate a very delightful time and are looking forward with interest to the time when they will meet the representatives of the various chapters.

In behalf of Alpha-Phi I extend a cordial invitation to every member of Pi Kappa Alpha to make us a visit at any time they may be near our chapter. It is our most earnest desire to meet as many members II K A as possible, and this is one way in which we hope to partially accomplish our end.

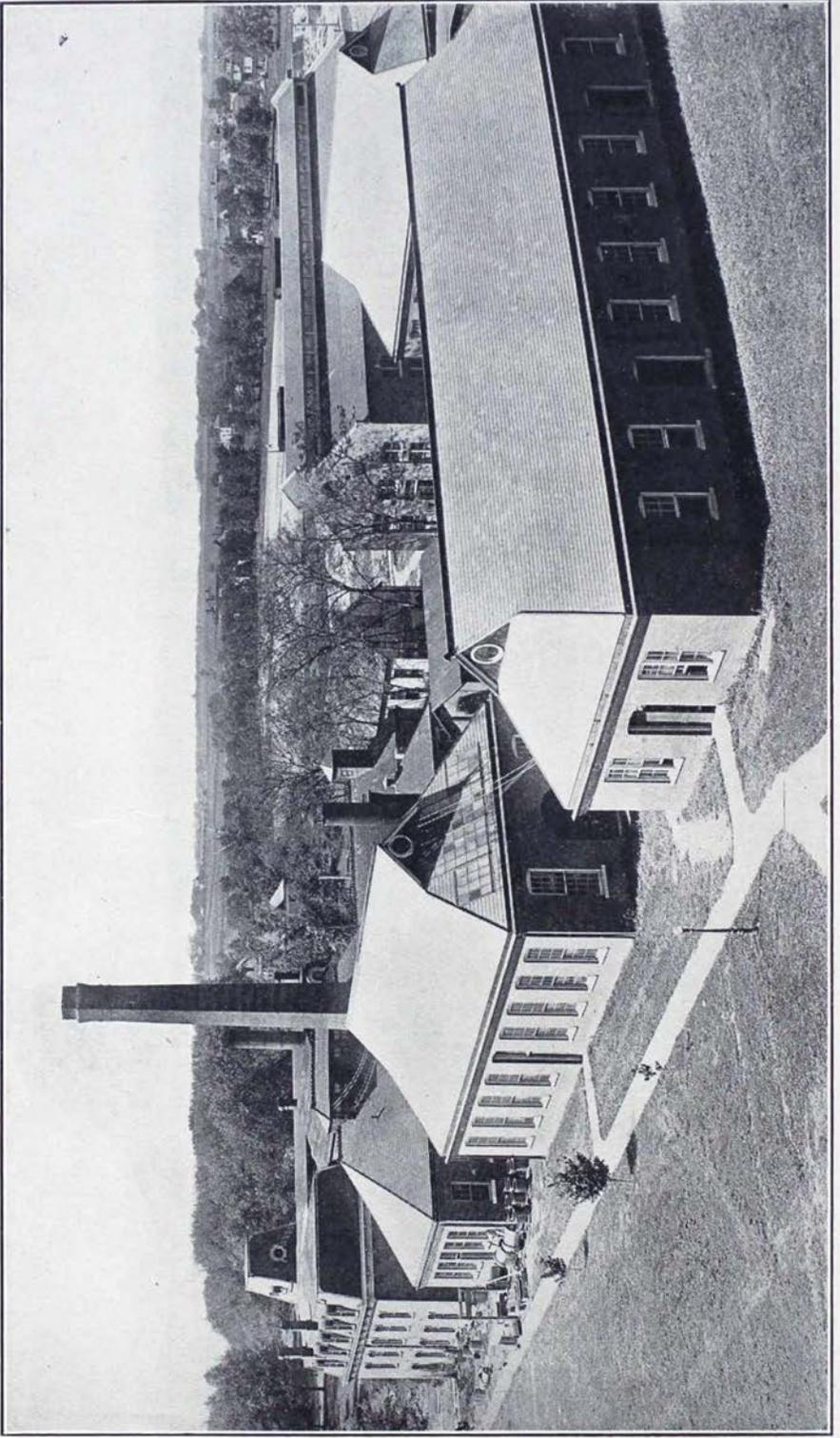
A letter from Bro. Holloway, of Columbia, Mo., apprised us of the fact the Alpha-Chi chapter has been installed at Syracuse University. Congratulation, Alpha-Chi. May you live long and prosper.

We wish to express our gratitude through these columns of the efforts of Bro. Holloway and Alpha-Nu for their help in securing our chapter.

HAROLD W. REID.



ENGINEERING HALL, IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.



ENGINEERING SHOPS. IOWA STATE COLLEGE.

IOWA STATE COLLEGE.

The Iowa State College is located at Ames, Story county, Iowa, near the geographical center of the state. The Chicago and Northwestern railway, whose north and south franchises intersect the main line at Ames, and the Fort Dodge, Des Moines and Southern Electric railway make it easily accessible from the different parts of the state.

The Iowa State College was established by an act of the legislature of Iowa in 1858, and in the following year 640 acres of land was purchased for the use of the college. In 1862 congress passed the act known as the "Morrill act" by which public lands are donated to the support of state schools of agriculture and mechanic arts. The college was formally opened on March 17th, 1869, and the first class, numbering 26, graduated in 1872.

Of the entire college domain of 1,200 acres, 125 acres is set apart for the campus. The true principles of landscape gardening have been faithfully observed in gardening and in the location of buildings and drives, so as to make the entire campus a large and beautiful park.

Thirty-six buildings have been erected by the state for the exclusive use of the various departments of the college, besides the dwelling houses and the buildings for farm stock, machinery and work. All of these buildings are heated by steam, lighted by electricity, and supplied with pure water from a central power plant. The total value of the college property approximates \$3,000,000.

Iowa State College offers four five-year courses in engineering and fourteen four-year courses in agriculture, engineering, science, home economics and veterinary medicine. The faculty numbers 199, and has been increasing each year to keep pace with the growth in buildings, departments and enrollment.

When the college was first established its growth in enrollment each year was carefully watched. That the college filled a long felt want has been demonstrated.

In the past few years the enrollment has exceeded the most radical estimates, increases being at the rate of one hundred to

three hundred per year. At the present time the enrollment is very close to the 2,200 mark.

Two years ago one million dollars in appropriations was provided for in a tax levy to be used for buildings alone. Of this amount \$150,000 was spent this year on a new gymnasium, and \$150,000 on the new veterinary building. This leaves \$700,000 yet to be spent. Out of this amount it is planned to erect next year a new mechanical laboratory costing \$60,000, a \$225,000 library building, and a \$55,000 annex to Margaret hall to take care of the increasing number of girls.

The demand for a larger and greater school has been brought about by the reputation established in the past and upheld at present. The rapid advancement of the past and the bright prospects of the future would seem to indicate an unparalleled growth of the institution in the coming years.

In athletics I. S. C. recognizes football, baseball, track, basketball, tennis, wrestling and cross-country. The athletics at this school have been governed by Missouri Valley conference rules since the organization of that conference in 1907. This conference is composed of the University of Missouri, the University of Kansas, University of Nebraska, Drake University, Washington University and Iowa State College. At their last meeting Kansas Agricultural College was admitted. Under these rules the following championships have been won by Iowa State College:

Baseball, 1908.

Track, 1908.

Cross-country, 1911.

Football, 1911. Tied with Nebraska.

Football, 1912. Tied with Nebraska.

In the state we have won the following championships:

Football, 1908.

Baseball, 1908.

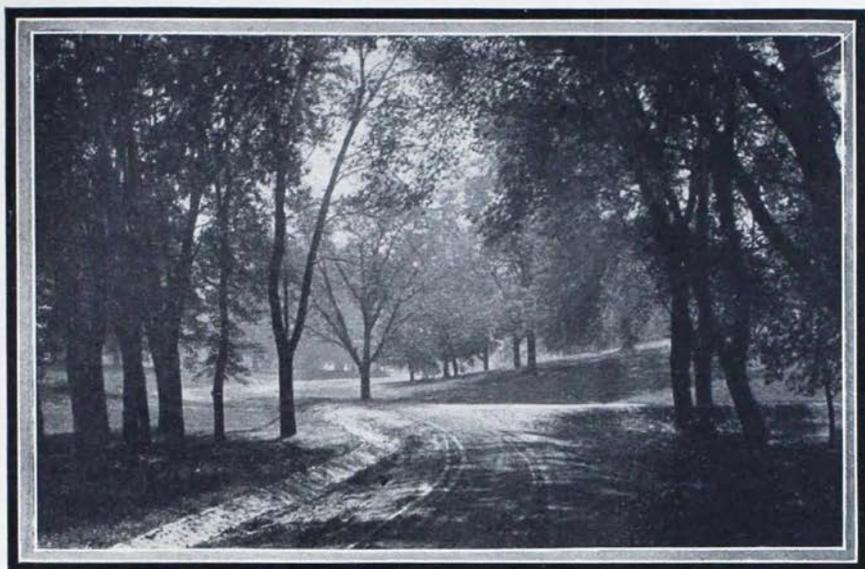
Football, 1911.

Baseball, 1911.

Baseball, 1912.

Also won the Big Eight cross-country run, 1911.

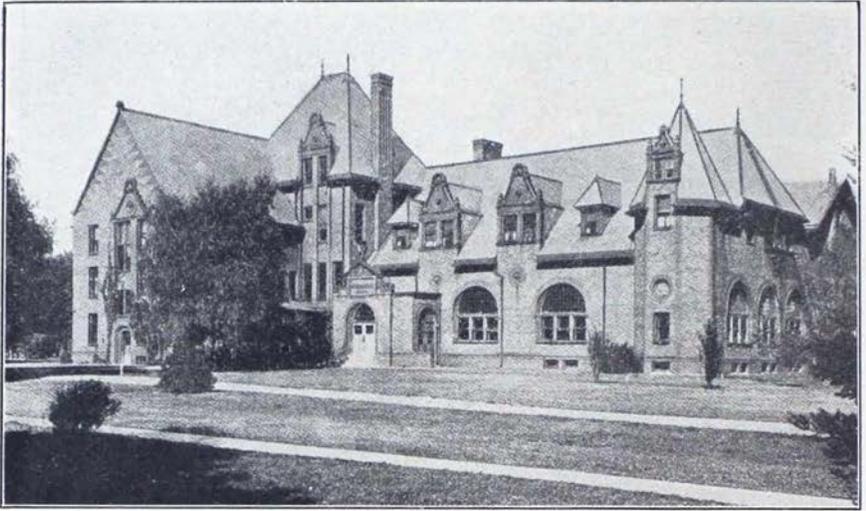
The students of the college publish a semi-weekly paper call-



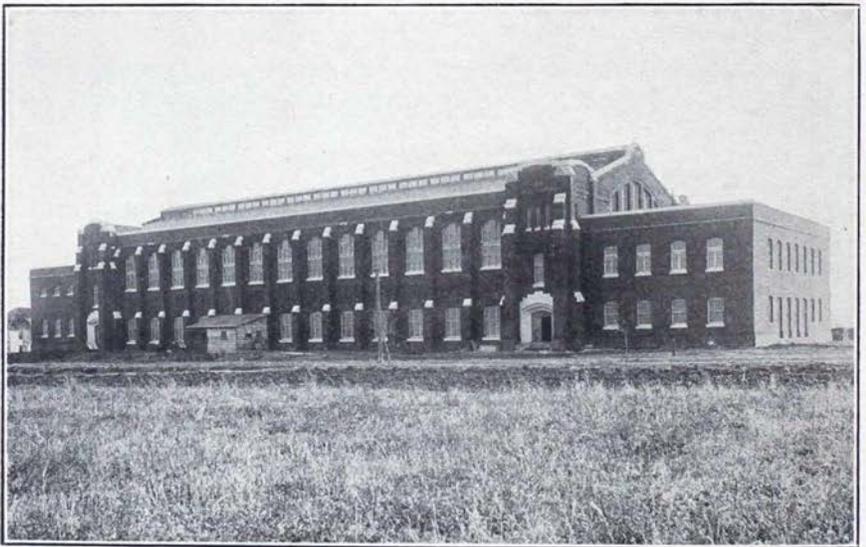
CAMPUS DRIVE, IOWA STATE COLLEGE.



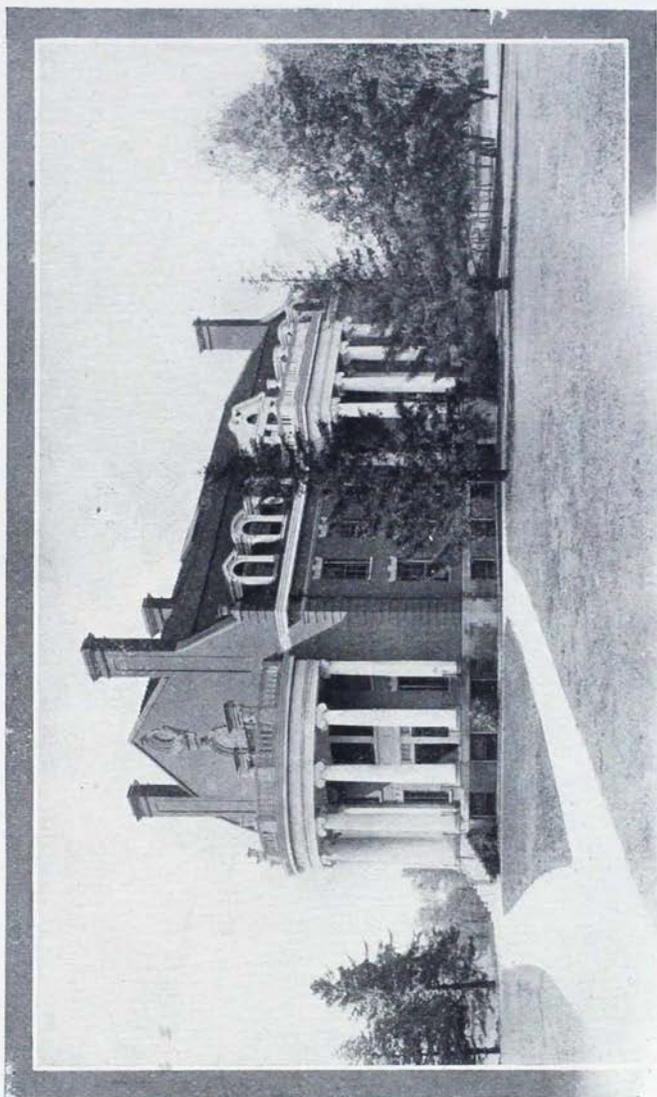
CAMPUS SCENE, IOWA STATE COLLEGE.



MARGARET HALL, IOWA STATE COLLEGE.



GYMNASIUM, IOWA STATE COLLEGE.



ALUMNI HALL, IOWA STATE COLLEGE.



AGRICULTURAL BUILDING, IOWA STATE COLLEGE.

ed *The Student*. The agricultural students publish the *Iowa Agriculturist*, a monthly magazine, and the engineering students publish a monthly magazine, the *Iowa Engineer*. Beside this the *Bomb* is published yearly by the members of the junior class.

Ten national fraternities besides Pi Kappa Alpha have chapters at Ames, besides these we have four national sororities. The national fraternities entered Ames as follows:

1. Sigma Nu, 1904.
2. Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 1905.
3. Beta Theta Pi, 1905.
4. Phi Gamma Delta, 1907.
5. Alpha Tau Omega, 1908.
6. Kappa Sigma, 1909.
7. Theta Xi, 1909.
8. Acacia, 1909.
9. Phi Sigma Kappa, 1911.
10. Delta Tau Delta, 1911.
11. Pi Kappa Alpha, 1913.

Besides the "nationals" there are five "locals." One of these has been granted a charter in Phi Delta Theta, and another has a chapter of Phi Kappa Psi on probation. The chapter of Phi Delta Theta will be installed in the near future.

Fraternities existed at Ames prior to 1892; at that time anti-fraternities laws caused the withdrawal of all the charters. In 1904 the board of trustees adopted a resolution sanctioning the establishment of fraternities at Ames. Since that time the growth has been in proportion to the increasing number of students.

Iowa State College is the second largest school in the state, the University of Iowa has a few more students enrolled at the present time. In number of male students, however, Iowa State College outranks every school in the state, the majority of the students at the university being girls, while at Iowa State College there are over 1,800 men and only 350 women.

HAROLD W. REID, *Alpha-Phi*.

PLEDGE SONG.

(TUNE: "Believe me, if all these endearing young charms.")
 In Pi Kappa Alpha our kinship is strong,
 And fidelity throbs in each voice;
 May it stir us to swell to an anthem our song,
 And to sing it with hearts that rejoice!
 For the faith that has rendered us comrades and true
 To our brothers in old Pi Kay A
 Is the faith that, with hand upon heart,* we renew
 In the pledges we offer today.

**The right hand is placed over the heart.*

To Pi Kappa Alpha our pledges belong,
 And fidelity throbs in our praise;
 May it stir us to swell to an anthem our song,
 And to sing it the rest of our days!
 For friendship has more than the charm of its youth;
 It is deeper than pleasure and play;
 And our seal is upon it—the right hand of truth**
 Is upraised as we pledge it today.

***The right hand is raised over head.*

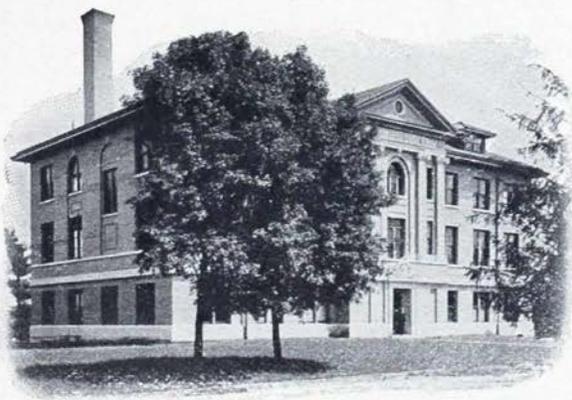
In Pi Kappa Alpha dear memories throng,
 And fidelity stirs us anew,
 And we know that it swells to an anthem our song,
 For the voices that sing it ring true!
 I have known you, my brother, and dear is the heart
 That has kept you, through all, at my side.
 Now, with hand upon hand in a clasp none shall part,***
 I have pledged by that faith to abide.

****The right hand is given in the grip.*

H. W. RUDOLPH, *Alpha-Upsilon.*



Morrill Hall and Central Building, Iowa State College.



Dairy Building, Iowa State College.

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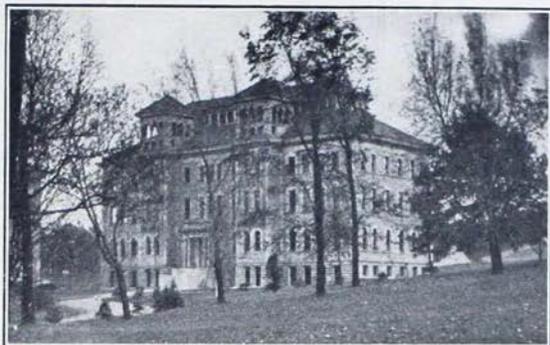
Syracuse, N. Y.

Established March 15, 1913

THE INSTALLATION OF ALPHA-CHI.

Words can not express the joy which Alpha-Chi received on March 15th when Bros. S. W. McCarte, District Chief, and W. L. Engles, of Alpha-Upsilon, conferred the honor of initiation upon the following men:

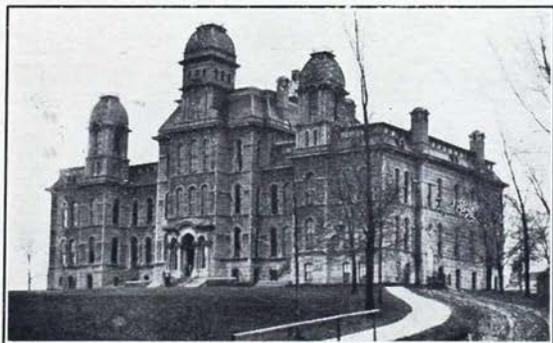
- Elgia Edward Helmstetter, 701 Teal Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.
 Jervis Lorton Francis, 834 Park Ave., Hoboken, N. J.
 Daniel Jonathan Jones, Oxford, N. Y.
 Bertram Frank Allen, Port Washington, N. Y.
 Joseph Harry Rich, Canton, N. Y.
 James Fletcher Reynolds, Geneva, N. Y.
 Robert John Hagaman, Greene, N. Y.
 Earl H. Fellows, 1645 S. State St., Syracuse, N. Y.
 Earl Bowdish Staley, Sharon Springs, N. Y.
 George Sims Parker, 405 University Place, Syracuse, N. Y.
 Frank Ganes Dye, Elbridge, N. Y.
 Richard Dodge Seymour, 712 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.
 Carl Arthur Daniel, 473 High St., Buffalo, N. Y.
 Alfred Lee Edgerton, Afton, N. Y.
 Justin Floyd Gates, Jamesville, N. Y.
 Floyd Thomas Schermerhorn, 352 McClellan St., Schenectady,
 N. Y.
 Robert Earl Consler, 92 Woodward St., Rochester, N. Y.
 John Edwin Gates, Jamesville, N. Y.
 Ralph Ingles Morse, Clayton, N. Y.
 Russell Vincent McKee, Port Washington, N. Y.
 Charles Eugene Wright, 302 E. Colvin St., Syracuse, N. Y.
 Clifford Edward McElwain, 169 Merriman Ave., Syracuse,
 N. Y.
 Charles Sherman Drew, Norwood, N. Y.
 Harold Everest Stowell, Norwood, N. Y.
 Bruce McWilliams Houseknecht, Muncy, Pa.
 Ray Transue Young, 1209 Harrison St., Syracuse, N. Y.
 Fuastas Platt Hardesty, 1729 Amherst St., Buffalo, N. Y.
 Denoyelles Christie, Haverstraw, N. Y.
 Fred Albert Vandewalker, Norwood, N. Y.
 Linn Vermilya, Muncy, Pa.
- In addition to this list the following alumni were initiated:



L. C. Smith College of Applied Science,
Syracuse University.



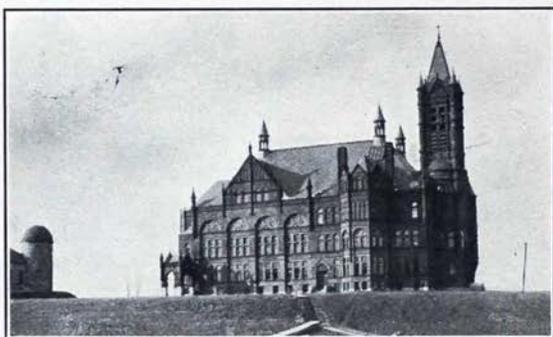
College of Law, Syracuse University.



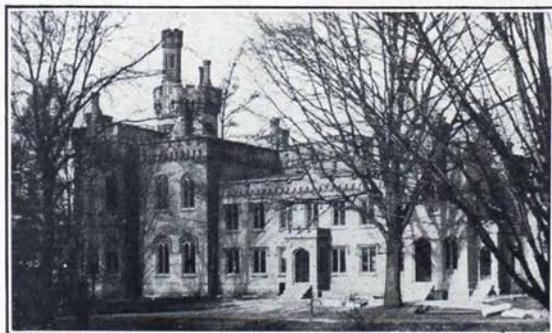
College of Liberal Arts, Syracuse University.



Lyman Hall of Natural History, Syracuse University.



John Crouse College of Fine Arts, Syracuse University.



Margaret Olin Slocum Teachers' College, Syracuse University.

Morse Elliot Ames, DeRuyter, N. Y.
Chester Arthur Bixby, Poultney, Vt.
Leslie Watson Brooks, 283 York St., Jersey City, N. J.
Glen Whalen Bulger, 4 Fifth St., Nyack, N. Y.
Edwin Sanford Cullings, State Conservation Comm., Albany,
N. Y.

James Archibald Coulter, Belleville, N. Y.
Everett Sprague Elwood, 105 East 22d St., New York City.
Leon Walker Ellis, 922 Irving Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.
Russell Hale Sawens, 1542 Lake Ave., Rochester, N. Y.
George Alfred Helmstetter, 701 Teall Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.
William Jacob Gabel, 130 Wadsworth St., Syracuse, N. Y.
Robert Steward Spencer, Madison, N. J.
Henry James Spencer, 1124 Amsterdam Ave., New York City.
Cornelius Lansing Seymour, 54 W. Bridge St., Oswego, N. Y.
Bruce Charles Sprague, 301 Vanderbilt Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
James Madison Strong, 105 East 22d St., New York City.
James Albert Rourke, Box 71, R. F. D. No. 3, Troy, N. Y.
Ora Sterling Wilcox, 721 East Genesee St., Syracuse, N. Y.
Frank Ernest Eldridge, Long Branch, N. J.

Our ambitions now are to develop that brotherly feeling which can only exist among Pi's. The brothers have already put their shoulders to the wheel so that Alpha-Chi may be ranked among the leaders at Syracuse. The alumni are intensely interested and have already outlined definite plans for a permanent chapter house. Bros. Engels and McCarte offered many helpful suggestions which will aid us materially in our future plans.

On Friday, the 14th, cards were sent out to each fraternity and sorority on the hill, announcing the granting of a charter by Pi Kappa Alpha. During the day letters of congratulations were received from various sources. We were agreeably surprised just before midnight by the entire chapter of Psi Upsilon, who extended best wishes for our future success. After the exchange of songs and yells, our visitor departed, leaving us in the best of spirits and increasing our ardent desire for the speedy arrival of the installation.

The installation banquet, which was held at the Onondaga hotel, brought forth joy and happiness to the baby chapter. Dur-

ing the course of the evening telegrams of congratulations and wishes of future success were received from Alpha, Gamma, Omicron, Alpha-Upsilon, and also from Bros. P. Tulane Atkinson, J. Gordon Hughes and J. Graham Sale. We also received notes from the following national chapters located at Syracuse: Delta Kappa Epsilon, Zeta Psi, Phi Gamma Delta, Delta Upsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Delta Tau Delta and Beta Theta Pi. Through Bro. Engels, the Alpha-Upsilon chapter presented us with a New York University seal and a copy of the *Violet*, their annual junior publication. After stuffing several courses of edibles from the Onondaga culinary department behind our belts, we assumed comfortable positions. The atmosphere suddenly changed from an area of low to high pressure and as Pericles has ably stated, "And now the wind begins to blow." The toast list was as follows:

Toastmaster, E. E. Helmstetter, '13.

"From Here to There," J. Lorton Francis, '13.

"In $\Phi \Phi \kappa \Lambda$," Samuel W. McCarte, Alpha-Upsilon.

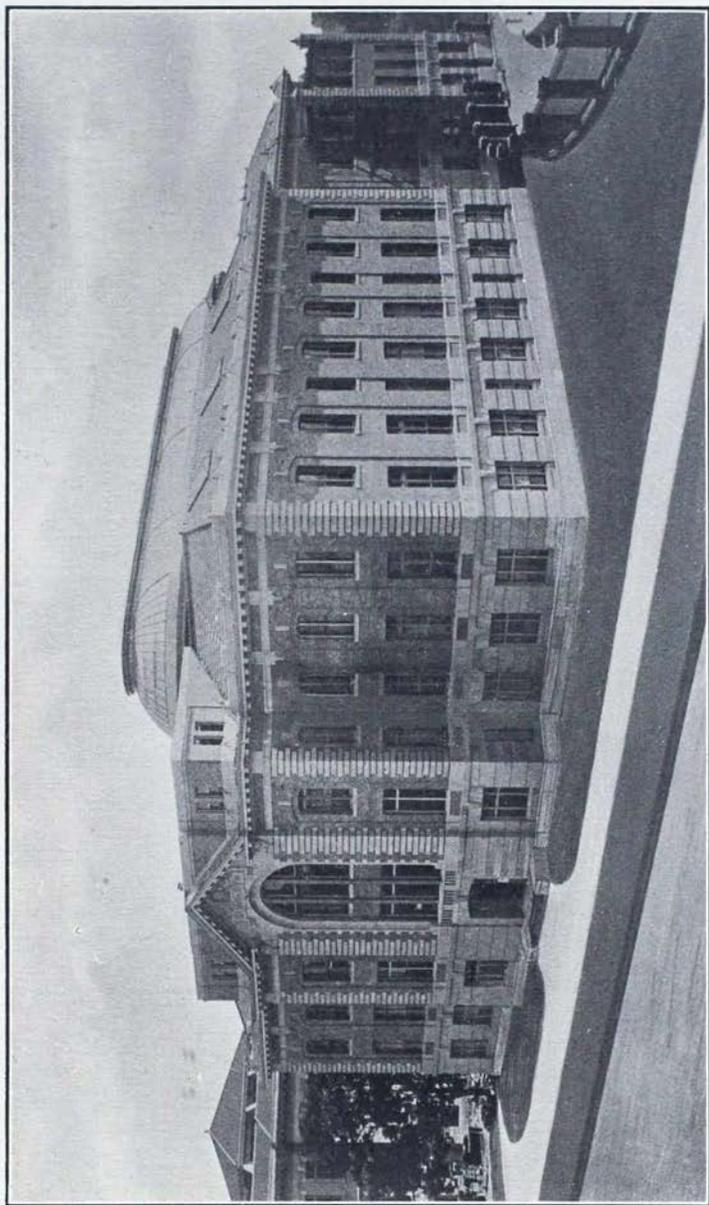
"Our Future," Floyd T. Schermerhorn, '14.

"New Bonds," William L. Engels, '13, Alpha-Upsilon.

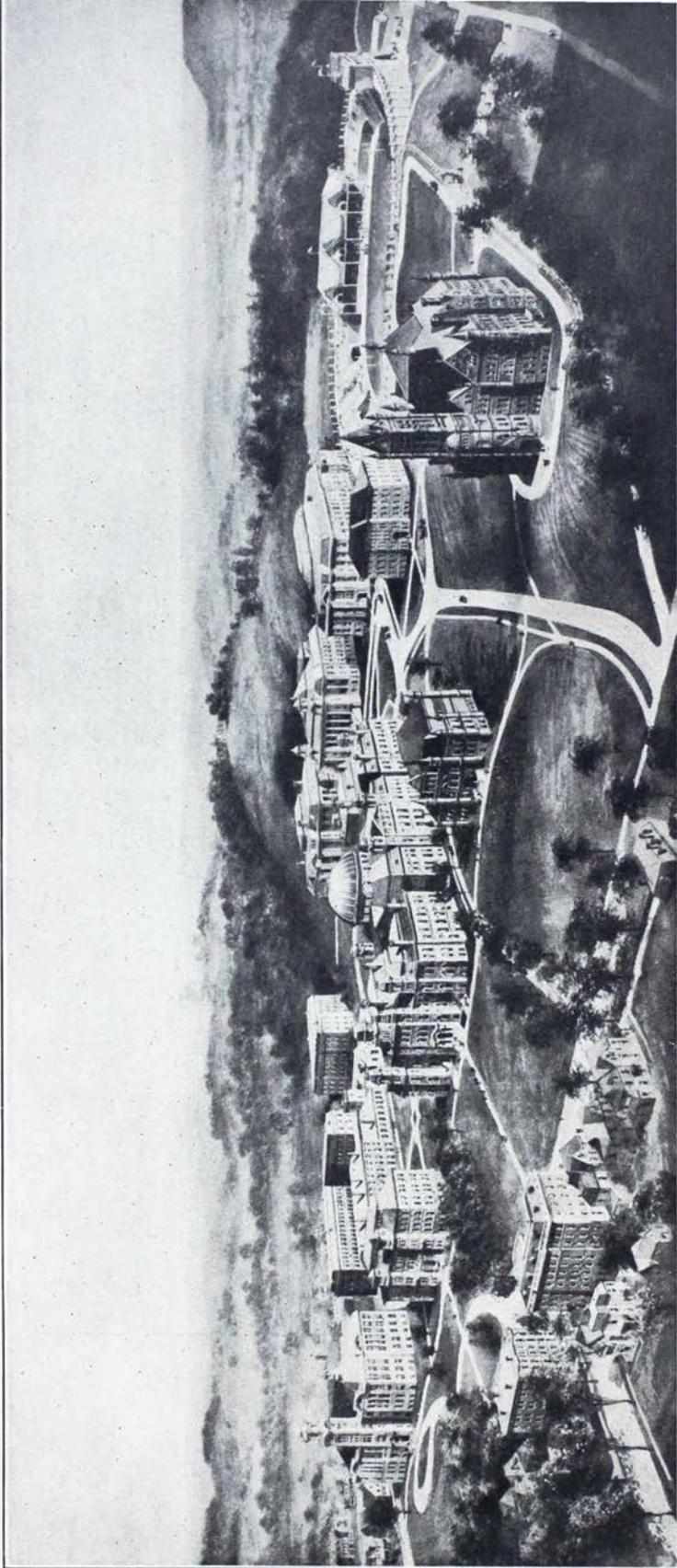
"Retrospection," Jay M. Strong, '08.

The alumni were then called upon for two-minute remarks. This brought us into the early hours of the morning and we broke up by singing the Alma Mater. In spite of the strenuous events of the day, it was a tired but cheerful bunch which wended its way up towards university hill.

The present year has found us represented in many of the college activities. Bro. Helmstetter, '13, has just closed a successful season as manager of the varsity football team, upon which Bro. Seymour, '14, creditably held down the position of right end. The latter also played a star game as guard on the varsity basketball team, and is now endeavoring to regain his last year's position as shortstop on the varsity baseball team. As customary, a dinner is tendered to all block "S" men. This is to occur on the 3d of April. The affair is in charge of the senior council, which is composed of fourteen men, among whom are Bros. Rich, '13, and Helmstetter, '13. The former is now rowing No. 6, his old seat, on the varsity crew. Bros. Consler, '15, and Christie, '16,



NEW GYMNASIUM, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.



SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, SYRACUSE, N. Y.

are competing for positions on the *Daily Orange* staff. Several of the brothers are occupying their time in the Tambourine and Bones, musical society, of which Bro. "Dutch" Schermerhorn is manager for next year. "Dutch" has recently been elected to membership in Boar's Head Dramatic society, and is now an aspirant for coxswain of the varsity crew. Several of the freshmen are anxiously awaiting the opening of the baseball season to show their ability on the diamond.

Alpha-Chi is looking forward with great interest to the oncoming convention at Lexington. She will be represented by Bros. J. L. Francis and E. E. Helmstetter. We are glad to have the opportunity to attend the convention so soon after the installation, for it will broaden our views of Pi Kappa Alpha.

Telegrams of congratulations have been lately received from Phi and Iota.

It will give the chapter great pleasure to receive visits from the brothers in the near future.

D. J. JONES.

SYRACUSE, THE HOME OF ALPHA-CHI.

The city of Syracuse, with an estimated population of 150,000, is known for its wealth, culture and industry. It is the central city of the Empire State and is, naturally, the rendezvous of many conventions, as it is approached from all directions by the great railroads. That the citizens have done much for the university is evidenced by the gifts of Mr. L. C. Smith, Mr. John Lyman, Mr. H. S. Holden, Mr. William Nottingham and others. Mrs. Russell Sage, who presented the college of pedagogy to the university, was once a resident of the city.

The university campus, containing about 100 acres, is beautifully located on the heights in the southeastern part of the city, commanding a fifteen-mile view over Onondaga valley, the city, and Onondaga lake. This location has produced a typical college community in which the existing loyalty and collegiate spirit results from the close social life of students and residents.

In 1870 the Genesee College, established in 1849 at Lima, N. Y., was moved to Syracuse as the nucleus of the present university. Two years later the Geneva Medical College (which was in part successor to the Fairfield Medical College, 1812-

1839) was incorporated with the Liberal Arts College, and henceforth the institution was known as Syracuse University.

Starting in 1871 with 41 students its registration has steadily increased until the current year shows 3,600 in attendance. This number is distributed among the colleges of applied science, liberal arts, college of fine arts, college of pedagogy, college of medicine, college of law, college of forestry, and college of agriculture. A geographical survey of the student body shows many foreign countries and nearly every state in the Union represented.

The Syracuse University, a non-sectarian institution, corresponds to the American idea of a group of colleges in which may be pursued almost any course of study. The era of building began under Chancellor Sims, grandfather of Bro. G. S. Parker. The Holden observatory was completed in 1887, the administration building in 1889, John Crouse College of Fine Arts the same year, and the old gymnasium in 1892. In 1896 the Medical College was finished. Since then building has continued constantly. Steele hall of physics, Winchell, Haven, Sims halls, all dormitories, the heating plant, the general library, Browne hall of chemistry, Lyman hall of natural history, the new gymnasium and the stadium have more recently been completed.

The faculty is composed of 250 members drawn from the leading colleges of America and Europe.

The Onondagan is the annual issued by the junior class. *The Syracuse Daily Orange* is an energetic newspaper of university affairs. *The Syracusan* is a monthly, magazine in form, and especially devoted to the interests of the alumni.

Syracuse is represented in the athletic world by football, crew, baseball, track, basketball and hockey teams. Our crew is one of the leading factors at the annual regatta at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and, next to Cornell, has won more races than any other college competing. Early last fall our rowing equipment was completely destroyed by a tornado, but since that time has been replaced by voluntary subscriptions from students and alumni. Our other teams are meeting year by year representatives of the

largest institutions of the East and Middle West, and have not failed to win a reasonable amount of respect for Syracuse. The new stadium, with a seating capacity of 30,000, and the crection of one of the largest and most thoroughly equipped gymnasiums in the country, has given an added impetus to this branch of college life.

Class societies give Syracuse a broader view of social life. Among these the competition to do something for Syracuse is very great. In all cases the membership is elective. We also have many honorary fraternities, as Sigma Xi (scientific), Alpha Chi Sigma (chemical), and Beta Epsilon. The latter acquire their members by a basis of scholarship and research.

In conclusion, Syracuse offers a college man a means of broadening his character along lines of mental, athletic, social and moral life.

Editorial

Alpha—The Mother Chapter. It is but a little over forty-five years ago that the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity was founded at the University of Virginia. Alpha, the mother chapter, out of the storm and strife of the civil war, has grown from youth into manhood, from a small flower to a great fruition. Little did those five immortal founders think, when they laid the foundation stones of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, that it would blossom forth, like the lily, into the glorious plant it is today. Little did they think that half a century thence the organization they had formed would resolve itself into a national fraternity. Alpha was the mother chapter; Alpha we must always revere and esteem.

In this issue Alpha has taken especial interest, furnishing certain cuts and articles that could not have been obtained without the co-operation of the active members.

The advisability of a memorial hall at Virginia has long been a mooted question. That such a hall should be built is the consensus of opinion of the whole fraternity. That Alpha is willing to do her share, aye, more than that, is shown by an article in this issue. Who can forget the fine magnanimity shown by Alpha at the last Convention, when Alpha and Upsilon applied for the chapter house fund and Upsilon got the fund upon motion of the delegate from Alpha.

Two New Chapters. Since the last issue two new chapters have come into the fold of Pi Kappa Alpha; the Gamma Theta local, of Iowa State College, becomes Alpha-Phi chapter, with sixteen active members. Dispensation was granted the chapter to initiate thirty of its alumni under the amendment to the constitution adopted at the Knoxville Convention. Alpha-Chi, located at Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y., was installed on the night of March 15th, when thirty active members and nineteen alumni were initiated. Both of these universities are splendid institutions, and

from the high standing the new brothers take in college activities we are assured that $\Pi K A$ has gained two chapters of which she will be proud, and we extend to them a warm and sincere welcome.

Local Interfraternity Conferences. For some years men with the interest of fraternity at heart have tried to bring the Greeks closer together by meetings, dinners, etc., where the problems of the different fraternities could be discussed, and the desirability of harmony among the fraternities shown. As an outgrowth of what is known as a general interfraternity conference there is now urged what is to be known as a local interfraternity conference at each college. Mr. Wm. R. Baird is the chairman of the committee and of local conferences says: "It is in such local conferences, rather than in the general conference, that a proper spirit of toleration, mutual support and unity of action will be promoted. The enemies of the fraternities see them fighting among themselves, doing mean, underhand things, breaking their word, squabbling for offices, lifting each other's pledges, and the like, and are thus fortified to attack them. If harmony, instead of discord, can be secured at even a tenth of the colleges, something will be gained." No doubt many of the colleges have pan-Hellenic organizations, but these organizations vary widely in character, and the proposed local conferences would be more or less alike at all the colleges, with similar aims and purposes, changed, of course, when necessary to meet local conditions. There is much food for thought in Mr. Baird's suggestion.

Chapter Letters

Chapter Letters must be mailed to C. W. Underwood, 305 Equitable Building, Atlanta, Ga., not later than the 25th day of September, November, January, March and May of each year. Further notice of this rule will not be given. Chapters are liable to fine for failure to observe it.

ALPHA.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

Initiate: George Dashiell Fowle, Washington, D. C.

It is very gratifying to us to be able to report the acquisition of this new brother, and Alpha hereby introduces him to the brotherhood. The two new chapters, Alpha-Phi and Alphi-Chi, have our best wishes for prosperity and a long and useful life.

The mid-term examinations terminated on Saturday, and with the folding of the last sheet there began the much anticipated pleasures of Easter week, with its concomitant influx of feminine loveliness. Forgetting the seclusion and solitude of his toils where for seeming interminable eons he rapaciously devoured the contents of arid tomes, the student has burst the chrysalis of learning, and with haughty disdain for anything suggestive of Minerva, has exuberantly plunged into the pageant of pomp which continues until the end of the week. Examinations came at a very opportune time this term (if such could ever be said of them) and their being over augments the freedom from care that prevails at this season. The Easter dances begin tonight and follow nightly until Saturday.

A very clever and capable burlesque was given Saturday night by the local Phi Delta Phi law fraternity in the nature of a public goating, the initiates delivering numerous raps at the law faculty. Bro. Teddy Willcox was in the cast and easily demonstrated his histrionic abilities with his perfect ease and *sang froid*.

The baseball team has struck its stride, after several preliminary games with the Washington Americans, who are training here, and threw the college community into ecstasies by defeating Princeton in a peppery game by a score of 3—0 last week. Considering the severe blow occasioned by the loss of Eppa Rix-

ey, whose ability has outgrown local bounds, the Virginia team has shown remarkable strength.

The inauguration of President Wilson on March 4th was attended by fully five hundred students who went up to Washington in a body on a special train to do homage to the university's distinguished alumnus. The Virginia delegates marched second in the college division of the parade being next to Princeton, who, of course, was given her merited priority.

A good many of the brothers have left college for various points to spend the Easter holidays—Bros. Parker and Willcox left yesterday for William and Mary College to attend the german given there this week by Gamma chapter. Bro. Butt is at his home in Portsmouth, Va., and Bro. Hanger is visiting his parents in Staunton, Va. Bro. Redus has just returned from a short trip to Washington and Baltimore.

We have been pleased to welcome Bros. C. F. Flood, H. Landon White, M.D., of Knoxville, and Bro. O'Niell, of Omicron chapter, who have paid us short visits recently. Bro. O'Niell intends to enter the university next fall in the engineering department. We will be very glad to have him with us.

For the articles that appear in this issue Alpha is deeply indebted to Bros. Bird and Webb, of the university faculty; Bro. Massie, of Lexington, Ky., and Bros. J. Gordon Hughes, Robert A. Smythe, C. F. Flood and R. B. Albertson; and especially to Bro. C. W. Underwood, who very kindly consented to give us the necessary space in the April issue of *THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND*.

To all these brothers who have written upon the subject which so vitally concerns the fraternity, we are deeply grateful.

The coming convention in Lexington, promising to be the biggest in the fraternities' history, should be the Mecca of every Pi who can possibly get away. Bro. S. T. Bitting and the writer were so fortunate as to be selected delegates; both of us having been present at the Knoxville Convention, we know whereof we speak when we say that for unalloyed pleasure the Pi Kappa Alpha conventions are without a peer. We very naturally are looking forward to the event with the keenest anticipation. Bro. Bird, a most loyal alumni member of the faculty, will also repre-

sent Alpha. Hoping to meet all of the previous delegates and brothers and many new ones in Lexington,

J. M. HOWARD, JR.

BETA.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE.

Since our last letter we have have had Bro. Nat Waller with us for a visit of a few days. He was a stranger to most of us in one interpretation of the word "stranger," but brothers are never really strangers to each other, and his visit was certainly a treat. Bro. McMurrian, an alumnus of Washington and Lee, spent a day with us, and we are looking forward with great pleasure to another visit from him. Bro. Beall stops over for a short time on some of his trips through our "city," and our only regret is that he can not stop oftener.

Junior speaking was the greatest one that any class has had at Davidson, and that is making a big statement. We nobly held up our end of everything, and had the choice of the choicest. Bro. Beall was on the job, as at all times, and came up with a sister. We gave a reception on Friday night, during the event, to our guests which all seemed to enjoy very much. Then, on Saturday night, we served refreshments to all callers during the general reception. We trust that our guests enjoyed their short stay sufficiently to be back at commencement, and we are certainly expecting all of them besides others, who didn't get here for junior speaking.

Our baseball season has just begun, and from the present outlook we shall have a good season. Coach Cook started practice early and the team is in good condition to take the top from the first. Several of the players are new men, but have a good record and have shown up well. Our schedule is the hardest that we have had in several years and includes three more games on the hill than we have had before, which is very pleasing to us.

On January 13th our debating team defeated the University of South Carolina at Winthorpe College, the five judges being unanimous in their decision. Last night, March 24th, the same two debaters defeated Wake Forest in the same manner at Salem

College. Both of these debates were the first of a series of three.

We believe that we are going to have the greatest and biggest convention ever, and only wish that all of us could attend. We feel sure that plans will be worked out and movements started that will make II K A the greatest fraternity as she deserves to be, but does not prove to be by the latest *Manual*.

We are sorry to give up Bro. Van Devanter for a few weeks on account of his eyes, and trust that he will soon be restored to us with "full sight."

J. R. MCGREGOR.

GAMMA.

WILLIAM AND MARY COLLEGE.

Spring is here, and Gamma's fancies are turned quickly to love; even the older brothers are seen to flaunt white flannels to the vagrant breeze, and the hoarse cries from Cary field indicate that the sons of Swat are vindicating the honor of their historic lineage. Fair maidens peek from out their latticed windows—the windows from which Martha Custis and Audrey once looked out; and the southern mocking bird wings his way to the tallest peach tree, carrying in his curved bill the wriggling fruit of the early morning's hunt.

In the dim past gleams brightly the accomplishments of the basketball team, with its many victories and a lone defeat, and in the future can be perceived nothing but rich, red roses. Already the baseball team has chalked up two victories to its credit, in the first two games of the season, and the team is expected to render a good account of itself on its northern trip, when it will meet Columbia, Fordham, St. Johns and New York University inside of four days. Bro. Garth is captain, and with Bro. Arthur Tucker on second base, Bro. Jones in the field and Bro. Shackelford among the pitchers, Gamma is well represented. Bro. Lewis Tucker is assistant manager.

Long before this issue appears the Easter Germans will be chronicled among past events, and the Pi Kappa Alpha German will have flown away, leaving in its wake much joy and comely mirth. The dances take place on March 27th and 28th, and

Gamma is expecting many of her alumni down, to say nothing of the fair sex. The scribe will, of course, pilot around the gleaming floor a damsel whose beauty is incomparable, and whose glory only the stars can reflect.

Gamma has enjoyed visits recently from Bros. Willcox and Parker, of Alpha, formerly of Gamma, Bro. Flood, Zeta; Bro. Corke, Iota; Bro. Logan, Phi; Bros. Wright and Stedman, of Omicron and Alpha-Epsilon, respectively, and Bros. Dodge, Buckhart and Brown of the Union Theological Seminary, in Richmond.

Gamma rejoiced to learn of the acquisition of the new chapters at Ames and Syracuse, and congratulates the new brothers.

EARL BALDWIN THOMAS.

DELTA.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY.

Initiate: J. W. Snowden, Pineapple, Ala.

It is with pleasure that we place this heading to our letter. Bro. Snowden has passed through the mysteries of our brotherhood, and is now a faithful and loyal Pi.

Since the writing of the last letter the awful monster, exams, has passed. He left no visible signs of his presence on us, but it may be that he left some inmost pains. However, he has passed, and is now in our faint recollection. We are all digging and pulling to come into battle with him in June stronger than ever before.

Baseball is the attractive sport on the athletic field these bright days. From the present outlook it seems that Southern University will send out a strong team to represent her in the baseball line. Some have been complaining of the pains in their backs of late, because the deceptive ball of one of our old twirlers makes them "bite" so hard. The Pi's are certain of two men on the team. Bro. Snowden says that he can hold a rifle ball on second base, if it becomes necessary, and it seems that it is fun for him to "sack" every ball thrown to him by our snappy catcher. Bro. Roberts says he can catch a fly if it goes to the sky and

comes down in right field, and from the way he is "eating" those in his territory it seems that his statement is true. Among our first games scheduled is the series with Alabama Polytechnic Institute, and it is hoped that we may give the husky nine of that institution a good game. Bros. Roberts and Snowden are anticipating a great time with the brothers of Upsilon during their stay in Auburn. The Pi's there are noted for their hospitality, especially in the mind of one of Greensboro's fair ladies who attended the recent dances in Auburn.

Brothers, commencement is rapidly approaching, and with it comes joy and sorrow. We, of Delta, rejoice because among the noted speakers of that occasion will be found one of our alumni. He has long since departed from our halls, but he is still a Pi, and it is with the greatest pleasure that we announce the coming of Bishop Murrah, of Jackson, Miss. He was one of the charter members of Delta, and we feel greatly indebted to him for having made it possible for us now to enjoy the sweets of the Pi Kaps. On the other hand, we are sorry to see the close of school, because it means a separation for a time from the halls of Pi Kappa Alpha.

At this time the thing which is uppermost in the mind of every Pi is the convention at Lexington in the near future. More than one anxious heart is longing for the time to come when we can receive hearty handshakes from our brothers of every state. Many things are awaiting us in Lexington, and the writer hopes to have the honor and pleasure of enjoying the program which has been so carefully planned by our brothers in the blue grass region. Let us all give three long cheers each for Kappa, Omega and Alpha-Lambda and break for Lexington on April 15th.

O. A. HASKEW.

ZETA.

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE.

Initiates: Spencer Drake Bayer, Cumberland City, Tenn.; Porter Groves Cantrell, Hendersonville, Tenn.; Evan Austin McLean, Knoxville, Tenn.; Raymond Hoff Seagle, Chattanooga,

Tenn.; John Corbett Graham, Reynoldsville, Pa.; George Andes Dooley, Knoxville, Tenn.

It affords us considerable pleasure in introducing these men to Π K A, and also to add that but one other fraternity equalled us in the number of initiates.

Zeta commemorated the founding of Π K A with a banquet in the private dining room of the Stratford hotel. After the table had been cleared of a sumptuous repast of six courses, toasts were made in the following manner:

Bro. J. Pike Powers, toastmaster.

"Alumni," Bro. W. M. Briscoe.

"Expansion," Bro. Carleton Flood.

"The Active Chapter," Bro. R. R. Haggard.

"The Girls," Bro. Frank K. Boal.

"Poetry," Bro. Edwin H. Brown.

"The Goat," Bro. George A. Dooley.

"The Yankee Member," Bro. J. Corbett Graham.

Bro. Cy H. Bond withdrew from school to engage in engineering work in Arkansas. He will, however, return next fall.

Bro. E. Ray White has been elected delegate to the Lexington Convention. He will be accompanied by Bros. Gibbs, Cantrell and McLean.

Bro. Carleton Flood, a Zeta alumnus, visited us for three days during the week preceding Founders' Day banquet. He returned for the banquet and responded to the toast, "Expansion." We believe Bro. Flood to be thoroughly enthusiastic over expansion, and we give him credit for being instrumental in installing new chapters.

Zeta greets Alpha-Phi, and assures it that their welcome will be equally cordial from all the other chapters. We congratulate them upon their peculiarly strong position as regards their geographical location, membership, and chapter house, which we understand they own.

The faculty has placed a ban on "Turkey-Trottin" and other modern dances, and issued an edict that hereafter all fraternities and dancing organizations must sign a pledge to refrain from aught save waltzes and two-steps. This places the Tri-Kappa

German club, composed of the Kappa Sigma, Kappa Alpha and Pi Kappa Alpha chapters at Tennessee, in an embarrassing position, as this club was preparing for their April dance, and those who attend protest against any other music except that appropriate for modern aesthetic dancing. Probably the sentiment will soon abate or the fever for modern dancing recede.

Zeta will give a spring hop about the last week in May. The dancing committee is considering reintroducing the Virginia reel as a substitute for the tango.

FRANK K. BOAL.

ETA.

TULANE UNIVERSITY.

At this time, when the eyes of every II K A are turned towards the heart of the Blue Grass country, towards Lexington, Ky., with the Convention almost at hand, we are tempted to indulge in a few flights of fancy, and begin our letter in the same vein that Omega ended their last one. In other words, we feel inclined to descant at some length on the glories and beauty of "the home of the thoroughbred and trotter, the abode of many Helens, where the God Bacchus dwells." Although all of us will not be able to be present in the flesh, we can and will, one and all, be present in spirit, and rooting for the grandest and most successful convention in the history of II K A. We have every confidence in the ability and hospitality of our brothers at Lexington, and feel sure that this will be an unparalleled Convention in the annals of our fraternity. Here's hoping that the 1913 Convention will be the "greatest ever," and now the Convention's the thing.

It was with great manifestations of pleasure that we noted the announcement, in the last issue of THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND, of the birth of our new chapter, and some few days thereafter we received a card of announcement from Ames, Iowa, introducing to us Alpha-Phi chapter of Iowa State College. Greetings to our new brothers! Welcome, thrice welcome, into our ranks; we make you the best possible wish, may you ever be worthy of II K A.

Our local pan-Hellenic association has determined to award a

Scholarship cup, which is to be held for one year by the chapter making the highest scholastic average for the university year immediately preceding the date of award. In computing the averages and ranking of the various fraternities, a term subject has been adopted as the unit, i. e., a two-term subject shall be counted twice. These, we think, are the only rules of award of general interest to the fraternity. Eta considers that she has a fair chance for the trophy, and certainly expects to make a good showing at all events.

The Tulane night play, given annually by a cast composed of Tulane and Newcomb students, will take place on the 5th of April. The play chosen is "The County Chairman," and II K A is prominently represented in the cast. Bro. Lionel Adams, Jr., is playing the leading part, that of the young lawyer who is a candidate for prosecuting attorney against the father of the girl to whom he is engaged. As the honor of playing this part was won in open competition with the entire student body of the university, and as it is the first time that this honor has been won by a freshman, we feel very proud of Bro. Adams. Bro. Waguespack has also been cast in a good part, and Eta shall certainly show to advantage on this gala night.

We have had the pleasure of annexing the scalps of the Louisiana State University "Tigers," our ancient and most feared rival, in the last two events in which we competed with them. We took three out of four games from them in basketball, and won both the singles and doubles from them in tennis, thereby wiping out completely the sorrow of our defeat at football. Hence, there is great rejoicing at Tulane.

At our last meeting we had the pleasure of a visit from Bro. W. T. Coats, alumnus, Eta, and were very glad indeed to welcome him. It is very encouraging to us when we see our alumni taking an active interest in our welfare, and our only regret is that circumstances will not permit of their coming all the time.

We have elected Bro. H. W. Waguespack to represent us at Lexington, with Bro. Lionel Adams, Jr., as alternate. To end as we began, "may the Convention be 'even better!'"

L. H. PEREZ.

THETA.

SOUTHWESTERN PRESBYTERIAN UNIVERSITY.

The spring term finds us in a joyful state of mind as all examinations are now over with, and we enter into the approaching two months before commencement with many thoughts of the fair sex and baseball. An interesting schedule has been arranged for the latter and the outlook is very promising in spite of the fact that Southwestern Presbyterian University lost six of her strongest players, which would have made us have one of the strongest teams in the entire South. Practically all the chapter are taking some active part in the practice games, and we feel assured that Theta will be represented on the team by Bros. Wood, Miller and Stokes, the last named having played on S. P. U.'s athletic teams for the past several years and will be a great loss to the chapter and school by his graduation in June. One of the absorbing things here at present is the splendid band, under the leadership of Bro. Robert M. McGehee, which is making things hum around the college green and everybody to sit up and take notice. Six of the II's are represented on the band. Bro. McGehee is director of the gymnasium also. We are sorry to lose Bro. "Stiler" Armstead from active college work, but are glad that his work is so close at hand as to enable him to take an active part with us in all of our plans. A large number of the chapter attended the laymens' convention in Memphis the 18th, 19th and 20th of February, and it was a veritable reunion of II's both from this and from other chapters, and we rejoice to note they are taking leading positions in the affairs of the land. Bro. "Bas" King will represent Theta chapter at the Lexington Convention, and we look for great things to come from this, both as regards external expansion and in the strengthening of our internal chords of brotherhood and union.

As regards social stunts we are strong and apparently becoming more so, as we note the increasing charms to some of our brothers of certain fair maidens, which is evidenced by absent-mindedness and a dreamy look of repose as the birds sing and the flowers bloom and the soft winds play love songs in their ears. Here's

a greeting from old Theta, through Bro. King at Lexington, that we might all be there and unite in drinking to our great brotherhood's increasing efficiency in promoting the great principles for which we stand.

U. S. GORDON.

IOTA.

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY COLLEGE.

Since the last issue of THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND we have had quite a number of our alumni with us. At intermediate celebration Iota was favored by visits from Bros. Ridgewell, T. T. Atkinson Stratton, H. W. Blanton and C. M. Walker. It always gives great pleasure to have our alumni with us, for it adds so much fraternity spirit to the whole chapter. We greatly enjoyed having Bro. Brock, of Omicron, with us several weeks ago, when he was here on the Richmond College quintet, and Bro. Flood, of Zeta, at the same time.

Now that the basketball team, under the able leadership of Bro. Corke, has finished its schedule the interest of all is centered upon the development of a winning baseball team. The squad, under the direction of Coach Bernier, has been progressing nicely for the last three weeks. The first game of the season will be played March 24th with Trinity College, of Hartford, Conn. As the result of good hard work and individual ability to play the game, Iota will be represented on the team by five members, namely, Bros. Wool, Wysor, Bugg, Talbot and Laughon. With Bro. Wool as captain and four other Pi's on the team Iota will have a chance to show what she can do in this line.

In the annual inter-society debate Iota was represented by Bro. Wool for the Unions and Bro. Corke for the Philanthropics. It was diamond cut diamond for a while, but in the end the Unions, having the better arguments, won the decision. It was acknowledged by all that it was one of the best and hardest fought debates in the history of the societies, and Bros. Corke and Wool both reflected a great deal of credit upon Iota.

D. T. WOOL.

KAPPA.

TRANSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY.

Lexington has been honored by the presence of an old Pi, Bro. Massie, from Alpha chapter, who comes to us in the capacity of dean of the Episcopal church.

A joint smoker was given him by Kappa and Omega in Omega's chapter halls. In the address that he delivered he showed, even though it has been a number of years since he has taken any active part, that he had not lost any of his former zealotness and that he has always watched the progress of the fraternity with the interest of a loyal alumnus. On that occasion he seemed to impart an enthusiasm that pervaded the entire assembly.

The least that we can say of him is that we are delighted to have him among us.

The members who were present at the informal dance given by Omega on March 15th in her home were royally entertained. Kappa will give a small dance on March 29th, and try to reciprocate the kindness.

Athletics has taken a step upward in Transylvania. A five-dollar athletic fee has recently been inaugurated which requires each matriculate to pay that sum along with his other fees toward the support of the athletic association. The main obstacle in our athletics has been the lack of funds, and this is expected to remove the difficulty.

In the awarding of T's, which took place recently, Bros. Warren, White and Spink each received one.

The Convention is fast becoming a reality. Nearly every detail has been arranged for and each delegate may expect to find something to employ his time every day. We shall be delighted to see as large a delegation as possible, especially from the alumni.

ROBERT HOWARD.

OMICRON.

RICHMOND COLLEGE.

The mid-term examinations are now over, and after a very pleasant Easter holiday the members of Omicron return to the

spring work before them with new zeal and ardor, determined to make this term even more successful than the other two, if that be possible. Omicron will have four men to graduate in June, Bros. R. C. Duval, Jr., and J. B. Duval, of the law department, and Bros. J. P. Tread and J. H. Moore, of the academic department.

Along with spring has come the usual spirit and interest in baseball, though more intense than usual. Omicron hopes to be well represented on the team, having two lettered men back, Bros. J. P. Snead and Beale, captain, and several others who are showing up well. With these two "R" men to start with, we should hold our own.

Bro. R. C. Duval, Jr., will represent Omicron at the Convention in April. It seems to us that as many as possible, especially from the chapters in reasonable connection with Lexington, should attend the Convention this year. It is the wish of Omicron to have several members present. Let's make it a grand success!

Omicron extends hearty greetings to the new chapters.

H. G. DUVAL.

TAU.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Initiate: David Columbus Moore, Greenville, N. C.

We take great pleasure in introducing Bro. Moore to the fraternity at large. He has three brothers who were members of this chapter, and are very loyal alumni.

We have just passed through Easter week, and every one seemed to enjoy the dances very much. Several of the fair visitors were "sisters," and they made quite a hit. We are now looking forward to the commencement dances and are contemplating having a house party.

Baseball is the chief talk of the campus at this time of the spring. While Carolina is not very strong in the baseball line this year, we have done remarkably well with our opponents so far. Our athletic star is Bro. Shamburger, who will get his monogram in the gymnasium this spring.

Our delegate to the Convention is looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to his trip. We know he will have a grand time and wish that the whole chapter could attend. There will be, however, a big delegation from the "Old North State," at least ten.

The Convention will be a thing of the past when this letter is published, but here's hoping that the boys will have a "large" time and that the Convention will be the greatest ever.

N. ST. GEORGE VANN.

UPSILON.

ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

When this article appears in print the 1913 Convention of Pi Kappa Alpha will have become a matter of past events. Whether it will be a success or a failure will depend largely upon the interest and enthusiasm shown by the delegates. Therefore, let every man do his part and the Convention will be recognized universally as "the best ever."

In the little village of the plains, namely Auburn, the topic of baseball is the paramount issue of the day. We have very good prospects for a record-breaking team this year. With six of last year's varsity and plenty of new material to pick from, Auburn should be way up in the first division when the season is ended. Upsilon is, as usual, represented on the team, Bros. Newel and Harris, the former being a pitcher and the latter a star in the outfield.

The class football championship was won by the juniors this year when they ignominiously defeated the freshmen to the tune of 13 to 0. Considerable interest is shown in these games and they are always well attended.

Dr. W. D. Weatherford, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., has, for the past week, been giving lectures on clean living, men and their standards of morals, to the students. These have been very interesting, and he has secured a good attendance to all of them.

It is with pleasure we note the installation of a chapter at Iowa State College. We wish Alpha-Phi the best of success and

trust that she may thrive and prosper in the ranks of Pi Kappa Alpha.

It is with pleasure that the writer is made to realize, more and more every day, that Pi K A is no longer a purely southern fraternity. She is expanding and rapidly, too. In the near future we shall see chapters of Pi Kappa Alpha all over this great country of ours, and it deserves to grow and enlarge until it shall be recognized as a predominating power among Greek letter folk.

With kindest regards to all,

T. O. ROBERTSON.

PSI.

NORTH GEORGIA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

Just after the writing of our last letter "Billy" decided that he was greatly in need of a little vacation and since that time his whereabouts have been a mystery, but we are hoping to see him turn up again very soon for we have several very promising looking jobs for him in the near future.

The prospects for a winning baseball team have never been brighter than they are this season and we believe that we will make somebody wake up and take notice.

We were fortunate enough to land "Kid" Brannon, the far-famed Georgia pitcher, for our coach, and we know he is capable of turning out a winning team. He is mighty favorably impressed with the promising material he will have to work with.

Psi is confident of placing at least three men on the varsity nine, vis.: Bros. H. G. Huie, W. M. Huie, and Bro. F. P. King. All of these are last year's varsity men, and we are expecting them to do wonders this year. Bro. H. G. Huie, better known as "Kid," has been about the best in college for the past three years and he is confident of breaking all former records this season.

On Friday evening, March 14th, the members of Psi chapter were very delightfully entertained at a Dutch supper given by the members of Kappa chapter, Sigma Nus. We will have to "hand it to them" when it comes to palying host, for they certainly do know how. Everybody tried to observe all laws pertaining to temperance unions, but some of the fellows found it difficult to

maintain their natural state of equilibrium. Everybody had one grand and glorious time, and it was far into the wee small hours of the morning ere we said goodnight and went home.

For the past two years this college has been a member of the National Rifle association, and last year we tied for second place. We haven't been showing up so well this year so far, but the team has been doing some good shooting nevertheless. Among those on the team is Bro. Tom Curry, who has proven that he is some shot with the rifle.

Tennis has gained some recognition in spite of baseball, and we really have got a number of crack players in school at present. We are going to play off a tournament to decide who is best, and then we will match them against other colleges. Another interesting event is the mixed tournament where the ladies take part in the game; then is when the scramble comes for everybody wants the best partner.

Next Tuesday we observe field day, and it is always an interesting day because it is then that the rivalry between the military companies is shown; sometimes the spirit runs so high that it end in a regular knock-down-free-for-all fight, and broken noses and black eyes are a common sight.

Well, Convention time isn't very far off now, and once again we want to wish all those who do go a most enjoyable time, but at the same time we hope they will each gain something that will make them a more worthy soldier to serve in the ranks of their fraternity.

GARLAND PEYTON.

OMEGA.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY.

Initiates: Glanton Smith, Ashland, Ky.; Gay Drake, Lexington, Ky.; J. Willis Field, Versailles, Ky.

We feel that in these men we have added three loyal Pi's, not only to our own chapter, but to the fraternity at large.

Both Omega and Kappa chapters are very fortunate in having acquired the influence and support of the Rev. Massie, who is the new dean of the cathedral in this city, and a loyal Pi.

On the evening of February 27th a joint informal reception and smoker was given by Kappa and Omega chapters in the latter's home in honor of Rev. Massie. An excellent time was reported by all members, several of the alumni were present; a number of impromptu talks were made, and several little pointers on fraternity life were brought out.

Again, on the evening of March 15th, our home was the scene of a little informal dance given in honor of our new men. The affair was conducted in the charming and brilliant manner which characterizes all our functions, and every one enjoyed the evening very much. The house was decorated for the occasion. Good music and the charming members of the fair sex furnished a delightful combination which never fails to attract.

Although the basketball season has closed with "Kentucky's" usual number of victories, we are starting out in a systematic and business-like manner to get our share of baseball.

Our chapter has several men out for the team and we feel sure that we will be well represented, as is the case in all other forms of athletics.

The final preparations for the convention are being made, and every one is full of anticipation for this greatest of all Pi Kay's gatherings.

Omega sends her greetings to all sister chapters, and her best wishes for a successful climax to the present collegiate year.

Geo. B. Arnold.

ALPHA-ALPHA.

TRINITY COLLEGE.

Alpha-Alpha's mid-year initiation is now a matter of history, and the members who for the past few months have been busily engaged in the time-honored practice of painting with a lavish hand the joys of fraternity life to prospective goats are now at liberty to enjoy a period of quietude and view with a retrospective eye the victories which have been won. Whenever we consider the bunch of freshmen which were corralled, and the strings which were handed out to other fraternities, we feel rather chesty

and high-strung. The initiation was held on the afternoon and night of February 14th, and the following men were made joint heirs with us in fraternal joys:

Wesley Luther Ferrell, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Cyrus Conrad Johnston, Mooresville, N. C.

Kinchen Coffield Knight, Whittakers, N. C.

Heath Edgeworth Lee, Monroe, N. C.

Frank Caldwell Patton, Morganton, N. C.

Nathan Milam Palmer, Warrenton, N. C.

Immediately after the initiatory ceremonies were concluded a banquet was served at the Lochmoor hotel complimentary to the initiates and visiting brothers. Besides the thirteen regular members of Alpha-Alpha, the following were gathered around the festive board: Bros. Vann, Jourdan and Hannah from Tau chapter at the University of North Carolina, Bros. Bruner, Parks and Griffith from Alpha-Epsilon chapter at the North Carolina A. and M., Bros. Bob Gantt, Boddie and Col. Langston, former members of Alpha-Alpha, and Bros. Trigg and Willis, alumni of Pi chapter, Washington and Lee University. Bro. Bob Gantt, long famous in athletic circles, acted as toastmaster, and toasts were responded to by Bros. N. Patton, Andrew Warlick, W. S. Lee, Brandon Bruner, N. S. Vann, Frank Boddie and each of the six initiates.

In spite of a rather disastrous northern trip, Trinity's basketball team won the undisputed championship of North and South Carolina by defeating Wake Forest, A. & M. and Wofford; Wake Forest and A. and M. in turn defeating the universities of North and South Carolina. This seems to be a big Trinity year in athletics.

So far the baseball season has been highly successful, our team losing only to Princeton University and the Providence Internationals. One of the features of the Providence game was the brilliant pitching of Bro. Knight, who pitched the last five innings, allowing the leaguers only one hit and striking out five. Bro. Knight bids fair to become a worthy successor to Bro. Bob Gantt as a wizard of the sphere.

A new pan-Hellenic agreement is being considered which will

forbid invitations to membership in fraternities before the first of October in each year. The present system in use here places no time limit on bids, but places a limit of six months on initiations, only those being eligible who have passed ten hours of college work. The new system has not been ratified as yet, and it is very doubtful if this will be done at all, owing to the fact that the present system seems to have given entire satisfaction.

We are all looking forward to the Lexington Convention and hoping great things will result for Pi Kappa Alpha. Alpha-Alpha will be represented by Bros. N. Patton and W. S. Lee, Jr.

ANDREW WARLICK.

ALPHA-GAMMA.

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

At last the Lenten season has drawn to a close. After forty days of quiet seclusion and uninterrupted piety, Louisiana State University will awaken the social world to the realization that she is still in existence. The season which was so successfully brought to a temporary close with the advent of "Bud" Scott's famous musicians, a few days previous to the ushering in of the days of sackcloth, will again flare up in all its splendor, illuminating the social sky with its delightful rays of joy so long pent up.

The junior "prom" is the most talked of affair on the campus at present, according to Bro. Blanche, who is chairman of the invitation committee. He has branded it as the "swellest event" to be pulled off this season. Just how far he is from being correct we won't venture to say, for we can see nothing ahead but germans, fraternity and sorority dances and class socials. It is needless to say that Alpha-Gamma will not be lacking when our turn comes. The chapter house is undergoing a considerable amount of repair work and when completed we shall attempt to satisfy our hungry desire to "trip the light fantastic."

The baseball and track season has opened with fine prospects and we find Bro. "G" Morgan seeking a reputation on the diamond and Bro. "Spare-ribs" Smith high-jumping like the "devil"

on track. Bro. Moseley has been awarded an "L" for his excellent work on the varsity basketball squad.

Since our last letter we have been visited by Bros. "Slick" Thompson and "Jeff" McCue. At this writing Bro. Thompson is again with us as a delegate to the W. O. W. convention now in session here.

GEORGE BAILLIS.

ALPHA-DELTA.

GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY.

Initiates: Clyde M. Wood, Atlanta, Ga.; W. Orville Brice, Shreveport, La.; Charles R. Mather, Atlanta, Ga.

Bros. Wood and Brice were initiated February 1st and Mather March 9th. They are fine men and we are fortunate to add them to our ranks.

Although he has only been in school a month Bro. Mather has already gotten to work and is on the track squad.

Baseball practice is well advanced. Alpha-Delta is represented on the varsity squad by Bro. Jordan, pitcher, and Bro. Att-ridge, catcher. Work on the new athletic field is progressing steadily, two hundred convicts being employed on the work. The diamond is already being used.

The schedule for pan-Hellenic baseball has not been finally arranged, but the first games will be played in a few days. Each year a handsome cup is given the winners. Last year Alpha-Delta made a strong race, losing the championship game 2 to 1. This year we are going to try for revenge.

Bro. Hodges has been initiated into Anak Senior society. It is composed of the ten seniors who are the acknowledged leaders of student life and activities. Election to it is considered the highest honor that can come to a man.

Bro. Bond, of Zeta, came out to the house a few hours while his basketball team was in Atlanta on their way to Athens. We were only sorry he could not stay longer.

We also had the pleasure of a short visit from Bro. Anderson, of Delta and Upsilon who is in college at Anniston, Ala.

Bros. Hightower and Sellars, of Delta, and Clark, of Psi, who

are studying in Atlanta, were present at our last initiation. We hear rumors of other Pi's attending college in Atlanta, and would be glad to have them come to the house and to chapter meetings. We seem unable to get in touch with them.

Copies of Alpha-Upsilon's II K A song book were received from that chapter shortly after our last letter. Enough praise can not be given Alpha-Upsilon for this creditable little book. If every chapter were blessed with as energetic a poet as Bro. Rudolph the long dreamed of II K A song book would soon be realized.

At present all interest is centered around Lexington and the Convention. Bro. Hodges is the only active man who will attend, but a number of our alumni are planning for the trip and a big time. If every one is as enthusiastic as they, the Convention can not help being a grand success.

R. M. ROLFE.

ALPHA-EPSILON.

A. & M. OF NORTH CAROLINA.

It is with the greatest of pleasure that we announce the initiation of the following into our fraternity:

W. H. Gaskill, Morehead City, N. C.

George Webb, Morehead City, N. C.

George L. Lillard, Charlotte, N. C.

Robert T. Cottam, High Point, N. C.

We are indeed proud of our new men and feel certain that they will prove to be valuable men as well as true and loyal Pi's. Our basketball season is over and, although we did not win as many important games as we desired to, we came out of the struggle on top. We led in per cent of games won by different teams over the state, the highest average being A. & M., 720 per cent.

Bro. Sumner, playing the position of forward, was easily considered the star player all through the season. Once again, for the first time in eight years, we had the pleasure of meeting our old rival, Carolina, in basketball and also had the pleasure in parting from our old rival, victorious, jubilant and satisfied. Also after ye eight long years we will meet them in base-

ball and football. It is indeed gratifying to know that athletic relations between the State University and A. & M. have been resumed.

We are at present preparing for our annual Easter dance, when we will pull off a big one. Easter is without a doubt the pre-eminent dance date of the entire college year at A. and M., and Alpha-Epsilon is fortunate heretofore in always securing this date. On account of its past success it has helped to give Pi Kappa Alpha prominence and standing at A. and M. It is the only dance given here by one fraternity alone.

Our attention is now attracted by baseball, and our team seems to be a good one as usual, but as we have played and won only two games we are not able to judge much yet.

We are favored now and then by a visit from Bro. Albert S. ("Boo") Lachicotte, of Georgetown, S. C. He is now in charge of the Wilson Motor Car company, Wilson, N. C. Just a word before closing about our new chapter, Alpha-Pi. We were more than "dee-lighted" to hear such good news, and we congratulate Bro. Holloway and Alpha-Nu chapter on the installation of so valuable an addition to Pi Kappa Alpha.

HERBERT B. NORRIS.

ALPHA-ETA.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA.

The members of Alpha-Eta have been busy during the past few months and have raised higher than ever the standard of Pi Kappa Alpha at Florida.

On March 7th the chapter gave a banquet as the ninth commemoration of Alpha-Eta's birthday. It is the universal opinion that this was one of the finest events ever given by any organization at the university. The affair was held at the White house in Gainesville. Sixty-five were present, including guests, out-of-town alumni and representatives of other Greek-letter chapters here. The decorations in the banquet hall worked out the fraternity colors of garnet and gold, and the menu cards

had covers of garnet leather decorated with a gold coat of arms. The favors were cigarette pipes and Japanese fans.

Bro. Lusk, of Eta, ably officiated as toastmaster, and toasts were responded to by Bros. Morgan, Crow, Sinclair, Riculfi and Beeler, and by Mr. E. L. Casler, of A T Ω , and Mr. R. M. McCaskill, of K A. Two of our sisters, Miss Mervin Ray and Miss Julia Tate, also responded to impromptu toasts. The following day a dance and reception were held in the new fraternity rooms.

The University of Florida has been very successful in baseball this season. The season was opened on February the twenty-second with a victory over the Jacksonville Olympics, one of the strongest semi-pro teams in the state. We have continued our success and have just completed a series with Mercer, which resulted in victory for the University of Florida. On the team are four Π K A's, Bros. Tenney, Price, Riggins and Beeler. Bro. Price is captain, and his hitting has been one of the notable features of the season. Bro. Tenney is doing the catching and is considered the best college catcher in the state. Bro. Riggins is holding down third base in great style, and Bro. Beeler is on the pitching staff.

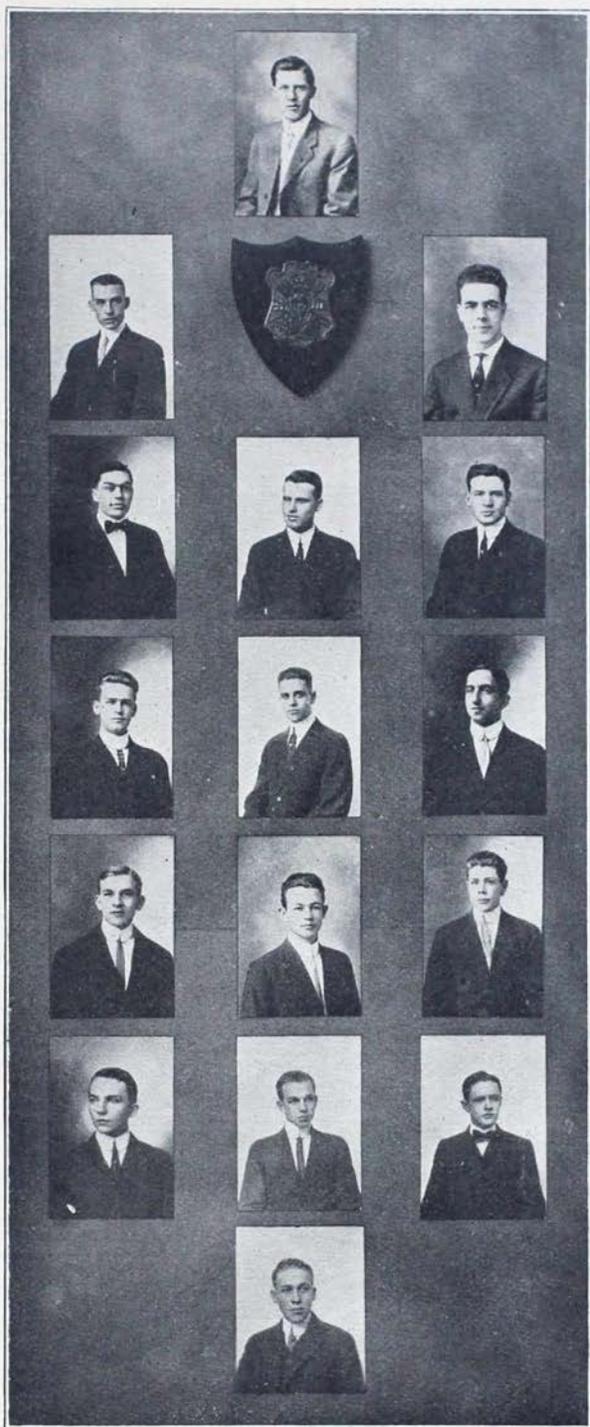
Bro. Tenney has been elected captain of Florida's football team for next year and also has been honored as leader of this year's junior prom. Bro. Hill has been elected chairman of the junior prom committee.

The basketball season has closed, and here Π K A was also well to the front. Bro. Kennedy was manager and Bro. Beeler captain.

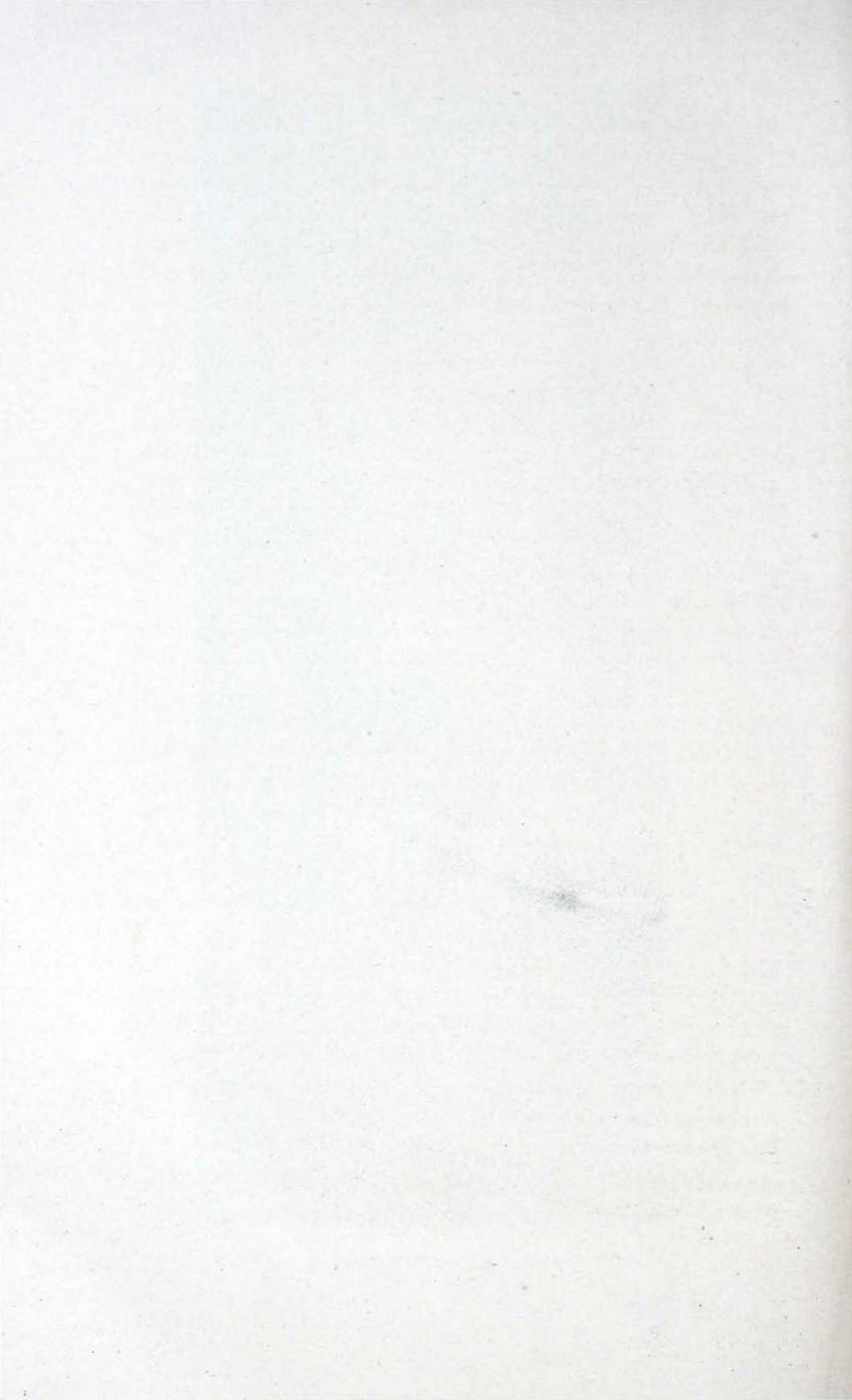
Bro. Hill is captain of Company C in the university battalion, and Bro. Moseley is captain of next year's second team in football, a position which was held by Bro. Hill the past season.

The university glee club has had a most successful season, and has just returned from a tour of the state. They were everywhere enthusiastically received. On the club we have Bro. Read, as first tenor, and Bro. Beeler, as pianist and president of the club.

Bros. Riley and Robins have been elected to Iota Tau Kappa, an honorary ribbon society.



ALPHA-KAPPA CHAPTER, 1913
Missouri School of Mines



Since the last issue of *THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND* we have added another brother to our number, Robert M. Riculfi, of Jacksonville, Fla. Bro. Riculfi is in the law department, and we feel fortunate in adding him to our ranks.

Alpha-Eta hopes that any Pi, if he so chances to be in our part of the state, will look us up, as the latch string is always out, and he may be assured of a hearty welcome at the U. of F.

PAUL R. BEELER.

ALPHA-KAPPA.

MISSOURI SCHOOL OF MINES.

Since the last letter to *THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND* things in Rolla have been progressing in a most encouraging way, both for the School of Mines and for the chapter. After the dreaded finals were over, every one in the town commenced to have the good times that they denied themselves during examination week. Alpha-Kappa's share in this has been two small dances and the entertaining of visiting friends and brothers.

About the middle of February Mrs. B. Ten Broeck, of St. Louis, and the mother of one of our new men, made us a very enjoyable visit. The chapter enjoyed her visit very much and we were all sorry when it came time for her to leave us. We are always pleased to meet the parents of any of our brothers, and we feel that much mutual benefit can be gotten from these visits.

Shortly after we had the pleasure of entertaining the sister of Bro. Knappenberger, who is attending school in Columbia, Mo. We were sorry that her stay was as short as it was.

Bro. J. N. Schmidt, of Chicago, who was in St. Louis on business, ran down to Rolla for a couple of days. Jonnie is the same Jonnie that used to make life miserable for the freshmen a couple of years ago.

About two weeks ago Bro. H. J. Hubbard stopped off in Rolla for twenty-four hours on his way to Oklahoma, where he has taken a position. We are sorry that "Hubb" had to make his stay so short, but he has promised to do better next time. Seeing these old fellows certainly brings back many pleasant memories.

The Missouri School of Mines has just received an appropriation of \$250,000. This money is to be used, partly, for the building of a new gymnasium. The school has felt the need of this gym for several years, and when it is completed we feel as if there is very little that we care for. The school is one of the finest equipped schools of its kind in the country, along mining and scientific lines, and with this new addition we feel that we will have one of the best schools for work and play that is to be found anywhere. The attendance this year has taken quite a large jump to the last few previous years, and from present prospects the attendance next year will be even better than this. This, we hope, means more good frat material, and more good material means the betterment of every chapter in Rolla. Truly, the outlook is bright for the fraternity.

On the 17th of March the students had their annual celebration. In the morning the St. Pat's parade met his holiness at the depot and escorted him through the town to the campus, where, after his speech thanking the school for his royal welcome, he proceeded to knight the seniors of the school. This is the annual custom at this school and Missouri University. After this form had been gone through with we were dismissed until the afternoon, when we all were asked by him to take part in the carnival on the campus. This was a mock affair and lasted until the starting of the Parker hall picture show that had been hired by the committee for the day. In the evening another picture was given, after which the masked ball was attended by every one. This lasted until the wee small hours. We returned to our home dead tired and feeling that the time and money spent on this day's success had been well spent. We are all waiting for the return next next year of the engineers' patron, old St. Pat.

Alpha-Kappa has finally taken a step that has long been under discussion. We have leased a new home for the next year. The new house will not been completed until the first of June, but when we get moved there will not be any doubt as to the fact that the Pi Kappa Alpha shield will hang above the door of the finest fraternity house in the city of Rolla. Alpha-Kappa extends an

invitation to every II K A to visit us next year and share a little of our new pleasure.

Bro. H. M. Wilson has received the appointment of instructor in shop practice. He is the seventh of our chapter roll to get on the pay roll of the school. Bro. E. R. Needles has been initiated into Tau Beta Pi, the honorary engineering fraternity. This is the only honor that can be gained here, and we are one of the three.

We have just received an unofficial announcement that Bro. H. C. Kibe has entered the bonds of matrimony. He married a young lady of Davenport, Ill. We extend our hearty congratulations to the happy couple and wish them a long life. It was certainly sudden, considering the fact that it was Harry.

We were all pleased to hear of the installation of the baby chapter at Ames. We wish them luck through all their trials and tribulations and hope that they make II K A the best in Ames.

We are all primed for the best convention that the frat has ever had when the Lexington Convention convenes. We may not all be able to get there in body, but we will certainly all be there in spirit. Here's hoping that the 1913 Convention is the best that the fraternity has ever had, or ever will have until 1915.

F. G. MOSES.

ALPHA-LAMBDA.

GEORGETOWN COLLEGE.

With the passing of a beautiful Eastern and spring showers, the trees are budding and the grass is beginning to take that tint which makes it so widely known. Every condition seems to mark a Convention such as has never been before.

We are now feeling very proud of ourselves, due to the fact that Georgetown is again beginning to be known on the athletic map. With the close of our basketball season another championship has been won, and almost forgotten in the zeal for baseball fame. While Alpha-Lambda was represented in basketball only by Switzer sub-guard, we feel sure that on the diamond every one of our chapter shall have a place and give a good account of himself. In Anderson, for two years all-Kentucky first baseman;

Steele, our last year's leading pitcher; R. Glass, utility infielder, and Switzer in the outfield, we hope to annex another championship team.

J. W. Glass, the popular captain of last year's football team, has been forced to leave school by his father's continued illness, and take his place as salesman for J. C. Kerr & Co., of Cincinnati, O. However, he is still helping with the Convention arrangements, and will be in school again this fall.

Kenny, Herndon, White, Howard and Bridges were visitors in town for the Easter dance, and brought the news of the arrival of William Dawson, Jr., a ten-pound boy.

By the time this issue reaches all, the Convention will be a thing of the past, but which I hope shall ever live in the memories of all who attend, and by that time I hope to have met many more Π K A's.

LYON SWITZER.

ALPHA-MU.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA.

Initiate: James Peterson, Ailey, Ga.

If I were a romantic historian or a very fluent writer, I could picture a blood-stained field over which the remnants of Georgia's students were strewn. A mighty professor fortified within the backs of unknown and difficult books came forth as victor from the field of knowledge, and now the students are burying the dead and are attempting to outlive the past. The memorable battle waged from March 8th to March 16th, and shall go down in history as the fiercest of all. In plain English, mid-term exams caught us at flood tide, and most of us are still trying to swim back to safety. Wiffles! but we had "er time."

Since our last letter was written, Bro. Chance withdrew from college. I do not intend to say the "as-usual-stuff," but will only add that all Pika's will sadly miss his good and conscientious work for the uplift of our fraternity.

It was with great sorrow that we learned of the death of Bro. Mitchell's father. On this account "Mitch" was forced to leave us, and in his going we lost one of the best ever. In heart, body

and soul he was for the betterment of II K A, and now we shall only miss him as an active member, for he shall forever be working for our future.

Our basketball team ended a glorious season, having lost only one game. They are the undisputed champions of the South, and Bro. Johnston, who was captain, prides himself on leading so great a combination. Bro. Liddell was a great part of the offensive strength of the team and was rated as the best college guard in Dixie. We are pulling for these two basketekers to return next year and though they both graduate in June they speak very favorably of returning.

Baseball will soon be having her sway, and Georgia Pikas are sure to be representatives. Bro. Covington has pocketed the third cushion. He is a returned member from last year's varsity, and all who have opposed him fully realize his worth. He had the hard luck to make three errors last season, and we hope that he will do as well during the coming campaign. "Bubbles" certainly is a shark when it comes to getting them on the big hop. Bro. Corley will represent Alpha-Mu as a mound artist. He certainly has the stuff, and all Georgia is looking for him to be our first pitcher.

Without a doubt, Georgia has a schedule to make that is harder than any ever attempted by a southern college. From Athens, Ga., to Michigan and back in eight days, playing six colleges, is going some. The team leaves Michigan on April 26th and plays Vanderbilt in Athens on April 28th. How the game will come out is mere conjecture, but it is needless to say that luck will have to be with us if we conquer the Commodores. With only two good pitchers and an average hitting team, we see a hard row of stumps ahead.

Well, let's sit up, take notice, and prepare for a grand Convention. Brothers from everywhere shall meet brothers from everywhere else and discuss methods whereby the glory and presence of II K A shall be extended throughout our land. The time has arrived when we must extend ourselves in order that we might do honor to our banner.

Everybody is happy! We are now in a new chapter house, 347

Milledge avenue. We are now so comfortably located that we dread thinking of when we were in the "old house." We are further from the campus than before, but the added comfort overcaps the difference. Let every traveling brother look us up and then it will be our pleasure to show him the best of times and also a red-hot chapter.

Wishing every one the best of success and that Π K A shall be the owner of many diamond stars, we now rest before entering the Convention hall.

L. G. PROCTOR.

ALPHA-NU.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

Initiate: Ira B. Hyde, Jr., Princeton, Mo.

Pledges: William Everitt Nicholas, Nowata, Okla.; Frank M. Kelley, Muskogee, Okla.

We are particularly proud of Bro. Hyde, for he was the only one of our four pledges to make the required fifteen hours for initiation. Kelley and Nicholas both entered the university second semester, and we consider them about the pick of the freshman class, except—they are from Oklahoma.

We were all mighty glad when we heard that the pan-Hellenic council at Ames had given their approval for the entry of Pi Kappa Alpha into their midst by the absorption of Gamma Theta. It is due to "Cap" LeMire that this local petitioned our fraternity, and for that reason and knowing also, as we did, just what kind of a bunch of fellows they were in every respect, we were particularly anxious to see them installed. The first delay lay not in the local, but was due to the fact that there were at the schools two locals which had been petitioning fraternities for a much longer time, and the pan-Hellenic thought that they should be allowed to enter first. Accordingly, as soon as the good word was received and Sale put his O. K. on it, Bros. P. Savage, Gladding, Chapman, Jackson and Holloway journeyed to Ames and put them through the ceremonies.

The boys put on some initiation stunt, too, but I am afraid from the reports received that the boys initiated more than "charter members" on the trip. They talked Gamma Theta until we

were sick on their return, but the sum of what they said was about this—that Pi Kappa Alpha secured the best local at the school, and has a chapter there now that stands up with the two or three best nationals there, and which will before long be at the top, for the new chapter is a bunch of pushers.

Word has reached us of the installation of Alpha-Chi chapter at Syracuse. We knew that there was a local petitioning us at that school and that they were the kind for II K A to take (Bro. Rudolph). Here's wishing the new and baby chapter unbounded success in the bonds of II K A.

Bro. Kenneth Sears was elected as our delegate to the Convention, and Bro. Duvall, the alternate. Bro. Sears has, however, been laid up in the hospital for four weeks with ear trouble, and says that he is afraid that he will have to let Duvie take the responsibility. He made all E's the first semester in freshman law (the only instance on record in the law barn, we might add) and is afraid that too much absence will impair his chances for a repetition of the offense. However, we hope to make him attend yet.

Alpha-Nu had an unusual distinction thrust upon her not long ago, when it was announced that Bros. Savage and Chapman had both been appointed on the junior prom committee. Usually a chapter considers one man enough to get all members in free, so you see our position. The two are now spending most of their time figuring on how they can give the most creditable dance and still amass a fortune.

Bro. Fist has been appointed to the '15 *Savitar* staff and the student senate. Henry is one of these smooth grafters, member of a political ring, and it was his turn to receive an office—that was all. But he is one example of such policies whom we are sure will not prove a failure. One of our pledges, Louis Sebring, and the writer have been picked as members of the chorus of the "Hundred Dollar Bill," a musical comedy presented by the Quad club of the university.

On St. Pat's day the engineers have a parade ending with a khow-thow on the campus. Bro. Phil Savage easily won the prize this year for being the most cleverly and comically dressed boiler-maker in the "peerade."

In every way this chapter is in the best condition this year of any time since its inception. Finances are in good shape; we own, free from debt, all the furniture in the house, and have about \$4,000 in notes signed up on the house-building fund. Each newly initiated member is given the opportunity to sign up \$100 in notes, payable within ten years, not less than \$10 to be paid in any one year, starting with the removal of the person from the university, whether by graduation or by other means. We have had several offers to build a new house for us, we to pay in the usual way in such cases—rent, plus payment on principal each month—but so far have turned them all down for the reason that usually in such cases it works a hardship on the chapter in holding to the contract after the first couple of years, due to unforeseen conditions arising. So we are planning on doing our own building in a few years, probably four or five.

In number of members and pledges Alpha-Nu stands about with the average. The average number of active members is about twenty, and we have eighteen; the average number of pledges is about nine, and we have six. We have always tried to do what is best for a new chapter at a school, that is, keep the standard of pledges high. We have endeavored to do this by taking only good men—for quality and not quantity. Last year, for instance, our number was only two.

On the 12th of the month the Alpha Phis entertained our members with a dance at their house, which we returned with a chafing-dish luncheon and matinee dance the 24th. On the 29th the Kappa Kappa Gamma's have their annual matinee dance for us. The Delta Gammas held open house for the boys the 15th.

We hear of the approach of a petition from a local at Manhattan—the Kansas Agricultural and Mechanical College. The chapter's sentiment is very strongly in favor of this, as this is an excellent opportunity for Pi Kappa Alpha to enter, among the first two or three fraternities, a school comparatively deserted by such organizations. Sister chapters are much needed in this Missouri valley.

Promising to send as many as possible, planning to do all that is within our power to make it a success, and "saving up our

money meanwhile," we await eagerly the coming event—Convention.

WILSON B. HELLER.

ALPHA-OMICRON.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Initiates: Thomas Jennings Pace, Iowa Park, Texas; Eugene Anthony Burrus, San Augustine, Texas, and Emory Alleyne Dunnam, 1713 Hardy street, Houston, Texas.

Each of these new victims of his Goatship will do credit to the fraternity and be an honor to Alpha-Omicron. Bro. Pace is one of the most promising freshmen. His scholastic average is exceedingly high. Bro. Burrus is private secretary to Dr. Bishop, our president; Bro. Dunnam is a promising student and a coming athlete, having won his letter this year in basketball and being picked for a position on the varsity for next year.

The spring term opens next week. Mid-term examinations are drawing to a close and Alpha-Omicron feels assured of attaining a good average. Along with the coming term baseball is the all-absorbing topic. Southwestern has great hopes of winning the Texas championship, having already defeated Polytechnic College and trounced Texas University 7 to 1. This gives us at present a percentage of one thousand. We are represented on the squad by Bro. Binion, who is on the pitching staff. We feel the loss of "Uncle Billie" Mickle. Bro. Mickle was elected captain for this year and would have been the leading college pitcher in the state. We are sorry to hear he will not be with us next term.

Bro. Grady Spruce is back for the spring term. This brings our active membership to twenty-four. We were afraid Bro. Spruce was going to "list to the voice of the siren" since it was rumored that "Cupid on the left to the right propitious sneezed." But, whether through weakness or not, Bro. Spruce had to desist from calling "her" wife; and we are indeed glad to have him back. He has been elected superintendent of the Stanton high school for the coming year, and since he receives his degree this term we are assured he will accept. Since Bro. Spruce has returned to graduate, Alpha-Omicron will have six

A.B. graduates this year. Inasmuch as we also have two student assistants and one student instructor among our number Alpha-Omicron is rightly not ashamed of her literary ability.

It was a pleasure to have Bro. Voigt pay us several visits this term. We look to have him here often since his feminine attraction has moved here.

In this chapter's last letter mention was made of the "barb" agitation. The writer was correct in calling the trouble "idle wind," since it has so proved to be. The committee on amendments to the constitution decided that the bill for inserting a clause barring fraternities from Texas University was not urgent and did not deserve to be even brought up in the legislature. Here at Southwestern the "Barbs'" mass meeting went down unrecorded, and today it is not remembered, except only as having been an occasion when the auditorium was used with the faculty's consent. By their conduct the fraternities have outlived for some time all anti-fraternity fight.

We are looking forward to the Convention and expect to be represented by at least one more man besides the delegate.

Alpha-Omicron was indeed glad to hear of the installation of Alpha-Phi chapter. We extend a welcome hand and hope the good work may continue. So it is with renewed pleasure we hear of the installation of Alpha-Chi chapter in Syracuse. Welcome to our midst.

G. B. MARSH.

ALPHA-PI.

HOWARD COLLEGE.

Initiates: J. D. Wilson, Jackson, Ala.; D. L. Blackwelder, Birmingham, Ala.

With the beginning of the second term Alpha-Pi lost three men, Bros. Day, Griffin, C. H., and Stodghill, all of whom expect to return next year. Bro. Day has accepted a position as chemist in Birmingham, Bro. Stodghill is writing insurance in Birmingham, and Bro. Griffin is selling Overland cars at his home, Cullman, Ala.

Howard's baseball team is being rapidly whipped into condition, and Pi Kappa Alpha will be well represented on it. Bros.

Robinson, D. L. Blackwelder, South, W. R. Griffin and Wilson will probably make varsity. The team will take several trips during the season.

Bro. Simmons was recently elected president of the college Y. M. C. A. for the next year.

On Friday evening, March 22d, we entertained our friends in the parlors of our chapter house. The parlors were dressed in palms and ferns, and Easter suggestions were carried out in color scheme and refreshments.

The frat sisters of the three fraternities at Howard have formed the Pi Sigma Psi society, deriving its name from the first part of each name of the fraternities here. They are going to give the fraternities a formal reception on Friday evening, April 24th.

The Howard students were glad to learn that a first-class gymnasium will be constructed on the campus and equipped during the summer months.

There is a "measley" fright among the dormitory students at present—there being two cases of measles in Renfroe hall.

The writer hopes to meet many of you at Lexington.

I. F. SIMMONS.

ALPHA-SIGMA.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

Initiates: Everett Willard Fenton, Seattle, Wash., and Lloyd Nelson Hamilton, Oakland, Cal.

Alpha-Sigma feels indeed proud in introducing to the fraternity these two youngest members on the chapter roll. Bros. Fenton and Hamilton are both freshmen, and typical Pi Kappa Alpha freshmen. Hamilton is out for baseball, and Fenton is interested in journalism.

The strenuous college work of the spring term and a well filled calendar of university events has not permitted of as many society events for this term as some of the boys may have desired. Opportunity has been found, however, to slip in one informal dance already, and plans are complete for a dress affair on April 9th. University functions have been largely attended, with dinners at the chapter house before the dance.

In the lists of the honor society initiates for the year, Alpha-Sigma was represented by a goodly number, as the following list will show: Phi Beta Kappa, Fred Linde; Sigma Xi, Fred Linde Carroll Ruddock, Clarence Wells and Dale Stewart; Beta Kappa Alpha, Warren Horner, Brython Davis and Fletcher Taylor; Beta Gamma Sigma, Jack Clark. Among the professional fraternities, Bro. Warren was made a member of Phi Delta Kappa, and Bro. Stewart of Alpha Chi Sigma.

The scholarship report of the men's organizations for the fall term of 1912 gives Pi Kappa Alpha still a place among the foremost. We stand at the head of the twenty-eight national fraternities, but with three locals above us. Every effort, individual and collective, is being made this term to maintain and better this high standard, at the same time taking active interest in the extraneous activities of the campus.

Preparations are under way for the annual chapter banquet. This is to be held on the evening of April 16th, the anniversary of the installation of the chapter by Bro. Atkinson. It is planned to make this an occasion for the reunion of alumni members with the active membership. Our thoughts are often with the Lexington Convention, where we will be represented by Bro. Blois.

Much has been doing in our California world of athletics this year. The Stanford-California intercollegiate football agreement has been the subject of much discussion, which will probably result in a revised agreement. Definite relations in varsity and freshman athletics have been established with the University of Southern California at Los Angeles. But probably the most important item is the recent admission of the University of California to the I. C. A. A. A. A. While a strong team will represent us in the approaching meet, we are much hampered by the ruling of that association barring freshmen from varsity athletics, and the ensuing three-year competition rule. Freshmen being allowed on varsity teams here, California will be represented by but two classes. It is probable that California will in the near future revise her ruling in this matter so as to conform with the large eastern colleges.

Charter day exercises were celebrated at the university on

March 22d, commemorating the forty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the state institution. Sir Richard McBride, premier of British Columbia, was the speaker of the day. President Wheeler delivered at that time his customary report of the growth and development of California. According to the figures read by the president, the total enrollment is now seventy-seven hundred. This makes us second in size only to Columbia. The three largest universities in America are "at New York, the Gate of the East; at San Francisco, the Gate of the West, and at Chicago, the Gate of the Great Middle Region. Of all the universities of the world, California is tenth in size. After Berlin, Paris, Budapest, and the others as far away in the tenth place, comes the Little Village by the Bay, San Francisco."

The size of the university presents an almost fatal obstacle to the engendering of that spirit of unity so essential in a college community. Of all our customs which have been introduced to overcome this obstacle, the most considerable force is the university meeting, which President Wheeler calls "the hearthside of California, the greatest force of unification during our period of growth." These are gatherings of the whole faculty and student body on every second Friday, when great men from all over the nation speak to us.

While the men outnumber the women by a great majority, California is a strongly co-educational university and every opportunity is given the women to speak for themselves. Witness the Women's Parliamentary society, the Associated Women Students, with their own feminine athletics, and finally the "Parthenia." The latter is an annual masque, given for the first time last year, an expression of the "spirit of maidenhood." It is characterized by largeness in numbers of actors, in the action, the performance being given in the open air, and in color effects. It is an allegorical play presented in pantomime and in song and dance, with many pageant-like features, and has already assumed the place of a classic.

The annual dramatic offering of the senior class, the Extravaganza, will this year be entitled the "Mischiefs Makers." Several Pi's have passed the first try-outs, with good chances for parts.

Alpha-Sigma extends well wishes to all sister chapters, and particularly welcomes Alpha-Phi and Alpha-Chi into the bonds.

EDWARD HUNTSMAN-TROUT.

ALPHA-TAU.

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH.

Pledges: Jay Wooten, American Fork, Utah; Allen Forrester, Salt Lake City.

The basketball season at the University of Utah is now over and has disclosed the fact that Utah is the undisputed champion of the Rocky Mountain region. Probably never before have we had a more successful season, both in basketball and football. We have not only won the championship in both these branches of sport, but have done so by such overwhelming scores that we have even surprised ourselves. The basketball team invaded the North, where they met and defeated five of the six strongest teams in that division, losing the last game of the schedule to the Triple B team, a professional aggregation at Billings, Mont. The latter exhibition could by no stretching of the term be classified as basketball. The Triple B's resorted to pugilism, wrestling, sand-bagging, and every other means of disfiguration known, and whenever the official attempted to interfere he was immediately "crushed" by the Billings supporters. The Utah team left the floor after about the first five minutes, but because of financial obligations to the management were forced to continue the game. From that time on our players simply stood around and threw at the basket nearest at hand.

Boulder sent its Colorado champions to Salt Lake, but they were simply bewildered by the speed and team work of the Utah quintet, and as a result put up a rather poor exhibition.

Baseball is now the center of attention, and from what can be judged at this early season our chances of annexing a third Rocky Mountain championship are unusually bright. Practically all of last year's squad has returned and a number of promising looking freshmen are out. II K A hopes to be fairly represented this year in this activity.

However, varsity baseball will have to content itself with sec-

ond consideration this season, as the pan-Hellenic association has formed a league and is going to give the student public some real "Class A" exhibitions. Connie Mack has already written for a line on a number of our players, but has been informed that no consideration from a third place organization would be considered.

We are now looking forward to our first pan-Hellenic smoker, which promises to be a big event in the fraternity world at our school. The rivalry that has existed between fraternities here has not been the healthiest, and we hope by this means to bring about a better inter-fraternity spirit.

One month from the date of this writing (April 20th) will mark the first anniversary of the installation of our chapter. A suitable commemoration of the event is being planned, which we hope to make an annual affair.

We have been informed of the installation of chapters at Ames, Iowa, and at Syracuse, N. Y., and we wish at this time to extend to our new brothers a hearty welcome into the fraternity. We are glad to see Pi Kappa Alpha expand so long as such strong chapters can be secured.

GRANT BAGLEY.

ALPHA-UPSILON.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY.

The chapter is glad to announce the acquisition of Monroe Julius Tanner, of Meriden, Conn., to its ranks. The active membership now numbers twenty-one Pi's, of whom fourteen are resident at the chapter house. It might not be amiss to make the observation that the high spirits and energetic disposition of this nucleus is constantly varying in its expression between the studious smoking circle around the green lamp and the tornado-like "rushes" with which the chapter's husky quartette of sophomores stand ready to meet any opposition to underclass rule. Visiting brothers with whom it has been our pleasure to meet since the last writing—Bros. J. U. Field, Kappa; George Goodwin, Omega, and H. L. Amos, Kappa—were unexpected spectators, so the writer remembers, at one of these tempests of the underclass in-

terregnum on March 6th. We believe our Lexington brothers enjoyed the full content of humor on that occasion, which was one of the irregular initiations of the "Bath Tub club" having, as its motive, the "ducking" of one freshman by several sophomores, and, as its outcome, the usual deadlock division of class against class in equal numbers.

The brothers from Kappa and Omega were our guests on March 6th. Previous visits had been those of Bro. George H. McCulley, Zeta, from New Haven, Conn., on February 19th, and of Grand Princeps Hughes from Columbia, S. C., on February 21st. Bro. Hughes acquainted us with the success of the Syracuse petitioners in the Supreme Council, and among the songs that were sung after dinner on the occasion when Bro. Hughes was with us, a certain one with the words:

"Here's to Brother Hughes
With his views on Syracuse,"

was given with a will. On March 13th the chapter enjoyed a visit from Bro. Geib, of Alpha-Rho, and has since received the very welcome information that he is to be general secretary of the young Men's Christian association on the campus during the next college year. Bro. Francis, Alpha-Chi, came down from Syracuse on March 25th, and we were glad to welcome him at the chapter meeting that evening. The chapter house doors are cordially open to any brothers who come to New York City, and for all Pi's the roof is considered an introduction. The chapter would like, through information from the various correspondents, to get in touch with any other chapter's alumni who may be located in this vicinity.

On March 15th Bros. McCarte and Engels, of this chapter, went to Syracuse to install the Alpha-Chi chapter at Syracuse University. Alpha-Upsilon is glad to note this step of the fraternity northward, and is renewing with doubled interest investigations that, it is hoped, will further and at the same time safeguard national expansion in this territory.

The chapter's prominence in undergraduate life has suffered no decrease during the spring term. Pi Kappa Alpha has been championed on Bro. Lynch's baseball team and Bro. MacAdam's

gymnastic squad as capably as at Bro. Becker's junior prom dance, which was a great success. Furthermore, the fraternity recently had the distinction of being represented by 100 per cent of the college quartette. The occasion was the concert of the New York University musical clubs on March 13th, and the brothers comprising the quartette were Conklin, MacAdam, Don-shea, and Becker.

In closing, Alpha-Upsilon wishes to send her hearty greetings to Alpha-Phi and Alpha-Chi chapters.

HAROLD W. RUDOLPH.

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ALPHA.

R. K. Massie, '88, has gone to Lexington, Ky., where he assumes the duties of dean of the cathedral at that place.

Geo. Shephard, who has been studying art in Antwerp, Belgium, has returned to his home in Virginia.

The *Times-Dispatch*, Richmond, Va., March 7th, 1913, has the following account of the death of Bro. John M. White:

Charlottesville, Va., March 6.—Judge John M. White died this afternoon at about 3:15 o'clock at his home in the suburbs. His health became critical some months ago, and his life was almost despaired of, but he rallied and until about two weeks ago he seemed to be recovering slowly something of his old-time vigor. Then unfavorable symptoms returned, and his condition grew worse until the end came.

Judge White was born in Norfolk county sixty-seven years ago. As a youth he served in the Confederate army the final year of the war. After the war he entered the University of Virginia and graduated from the law school in 1867. He returned to his home, but a year later came back to Charlottesville and practiced law here until 1885, when he was elected judge of the Albemarle county court, succeeding Hezekiah Taylor. This office he held for a period of twenty-seven years. In 1904 he was elected judge of the Eighth Judicial district.

Judge White filled a large place in this community as good citizen, upright judge and a business man of fine parts and sterling character. He was president of the People's National bank, vice-president of the Michie Publishing company and of the Charlottesville Lumber company, and a director in the Charlottesville Woolen mills and the Merchant Manufacturing company.

Judge White was twice married. His first wife was Miss Gay Leake, daughter of the late Judge Shelton F. Leake. Of this union, two children survive—Mrs. Louise Pendleton, wife of Colonel Hunter Pendleton, of the Virginia Military Institute, and John S. White, member of the house

of delegates from Albemarle county. His second wife was Miss Hiliah White, sister of William H. White, president of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railway. Three children survive this union—Mrs. Etta Bryan, wife of Dr. W. W. Bryan, of the United States marine hospital service, and Misses Joan and Elizabeth White.

Bro. George R. B. Michie, of Charlottesville, has recently been elected to the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia.

Bro. John W. Fishburn, of Charlottesville, has been appointed judge of the circuit court of Albemarle and Green counties to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge White.

The following is clipped from *College Topics*:

JUDGE WHITE DIES.

Judge J. M. White, Charlottesville, died at his home last Thursday at 3 p. m.

Judge White, who was an alumnus of the university, was circuit judge of Albemarle and Green counties.

He spent several years in college, graduating in 1867, and was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. He is survived by four daughters and one son.

BETA.

Wade Williford is at the University of South Carolina.

GAMMA.

Gamma chapter will have their annual german on March 28th. The cards sent out were very prettily gotten up, and the dance will unquestionably be a very brilliant affair.

The below dispatch concerning Bro. Floyd Hughes, who has been for a number of years Grand Councilor of the fraternity, will be of interest to the many Pi's who are personally acquainted with Bro. Hughes:

FLOYD HUGHES TO BE COLLECTOR OF STATE—NEW PLAN PUTS NORFOLK OFFICE AT THE HEAD—COLLECTOR PREPARING FOR CHANGE.

By operation of the customs reorganization plan as promulgated by ex-President Taft just before he went out of office, Floyd Hughes, now collector at Norfolk, the future headquarters-in-chief of the district of Virginia, will become the collector of customs for the state, thus making Norfolk's victory as complete as it could have been under the reorganization plan. Collector Hughes, in view of the many changes that must oc-

cur in the Virginia customs district when the new plan becomes operative July 1st, has already began to lay plans looking to adequate room for the district headquarters.

It is probable under the permanent plan as designated by President Taft that a number of the present customs force at Newport News must be transferred to the Norfolk office and to this end it is more than likely that Collector Hughes will ask that the customs department be given practically all the main floor of the customs house building. Mr. Hughes will next week visit the department at Washington and lay before them such suggestions as he may have to make.

ETA.

C. J. Ellis, Jr., who only recently graduated, is now a prominent young lawyer in the city of Rayville, La. He was recently elected city attorney, which was quite an honor for one so young, especially as he was opposed by two older lawyers.

THETA.

Henry Rudolph Malt is farming near Clarksburg, Tenn.

Paul Clifton Cato is teaching this winter at Union Church, Miss.

IOTA.

Bro. Thomas A. Painter, an honor man of the class of 1910, is teaching again this winter at Cluster Springs Academy. Late reports from the authorities of the school are that Mr. Painter is one of the most popular and best fitted professors the academy has had in recent years. Those who know Tommy will not be surprised to hear this.

George L. Walker, like Bro. Painter, another one of the "faithful," is still the dominant head of the Worsham high school, Worsham, Va. A wise counselor and worthy exemplar, Bro. Walker has been for so long a benefaction to the younger men of the chapter that he is now looked upon as an indispensable factor in the vicinity of Hampden-Sidney College.

The following dispatch from Atlanta, Ga., concerning Bro. H. B. Arbuckle will be of interest to the fraternity. Dr. Arbuckle has held several high positions in the fraternity:

DR. H. B. ARBUCKLE LEAVES AGNES SCOTT COLLEGE?—REPORT FROM CHARLOTTE SAYS HE HAS ACCEPTED PLACE AT DAVIDSON COLLEGE.

Dr. Howard Bell Arbuckle, professor of chemistry at Agnes Scott Female College, at Decatur, will soon sever his connection with this institution to accept a similar place at Davidson College, near Charlotte, N. C., according to a dispatch issued Friday morning from Charlotte. Efforts to locate Dr. Arbuckle and have him confirm the report of his election to the Davidson faculty were in vain, and none of the Agnes Scott faculty wished to make the definite announcement.

Dr. Arbuckle came to Agnes Scott in 1898 after serving with distinction as professor of chemistry at Hampden-Sidney College, in Virginia. Since that time he has continuously occupied the chair of chemistry at the Decatur school, where he has made friends by his excellent work. Dr. Arbuckle was educated at Johns Hopkins, taking up his present line of work soon after completing his course of study.

OMICRON.

C. H. Elsom is an engineer, and is located at Bluefield, W. Va.

R. H. Willis, of Roanoke, Va., who has been very much in the limelight lately because of his connection with the cases of the noted Allens, of Virginia, is in Washington, D. C., this week, where he will petition the supreme court of the United States for a supersedeas in the case of Claude Allen.

PI.

Clovis Moomaw, who coached the football team at Washington and Lee University last fall, has located for the general practice of the law with John C. Moomaw at Roanoke, Va., under the firm name of Moomaw & Moomaw. Clovis Moomaw graduated from the University of Virginia in 1909 with both the A.B. and A.M. degrees. He took the LL.B. degree at Washington and Lee in 1912. Being a young man of rare natural abilities, and with his educational equipment, Bro Moomaw has before him an exceptionally bright future. THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND wishes him the fullest measure of success in his professional labors.

A. L. Stras is in the real estate and insurance business in Roanoke, Va.

T. P. Trigg, also of Gamma, is working for the American Tobacco company at Richmond, Va.

ALPHA-ALPHA.

E. O. Smithdeal, who was one of the charter members of Alpha-Alpha and who has been teaching for a number of years, has entered the theological school of Vanderbilt University.

F. H. Bryan, of Washington, N. C., has become a member of the legal firm of Small, McLean & Bryan. The senior member of the firm, Mr. Small, is congressman from the 1st North Carolina district.

J. D. Langston, another of Alpha-Alpha's charter members, and one of the most distinguished young attorneys in the state, was recently appointed a colonel by Governor Craig.

L. Mills Kitchin, ex-'14, is now located in Miami, Fla.

"Billikin" Parsons is studying medicine at the North Carolina Medical College in Charlotte. He no doubt finds plenty of Pi Kappa Alpha's to hang out with in the Queen City, as there are now about thirty there.

John Peacock, ex-'14, is in the insurance business in High Point, N. C. He will probably re-enter Trinity next year.

Lawrenc McCullen, ex-'14, is now a midy at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

ALPHA-ZETA.

Bro. Ashleigh Boles, also Alpha-Mu, was graduated from the University of the State of Arkansas, A. D., 1908; he was instructor in the University of Arkansas for a time after his graduation. In the collegiate year of 1911 and 1912 he entered the horticultural department of the agricultural department of the University of Missouri. During the summer of 1912 Bro. Boles was made secretary to the state board of horticulture of the state of Missouri. His time was much taken by addressing and instructing conventions in various parts of the state of Missouri and in the supervision of business relating to the functions of the state board of horticulture in attempting to make the fruit growers of the state more familiar with their industry.

Only recently the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad (Frisco system) created a new department to assist in the development of the territory into which any of its lines reach. In looking about

for a suitable person to place at the head of this department the officials of the Frisco lines selected Bro. Boles, without any solicitation upon his part whatsoever. This is quite an honor for one so young as Bro. Boles, who has just reached the age of 25 years. I am sure that all the brothers will be glad to hear of his being chosen for so responsible a position.

APHA-PHI.

The *I. C. S. Student*, a publication of Iowa State College, says with reference to the installation of Alpha-Chi:

GAMMA THETA SECURES CHARTER—PI KAPPA ALPHA ENTERS AMES—ELEVENTH NATIONAL SOCIAL FRATERNITY TO ENTER I. S. C.—INSTALLED LAST NIGHT—21 INITIATED.

On Friday evening a chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha, a national social fraternity, was installed at Ames, taking over the former Gamma Theta local.

The former local was organized in January, 1909. As an outgrowth of the old Arcade club, which existed from 1906 to 1909. The men have always been active in college life and when they decided last fall to petition a national they had little trouble in securing a charter. It was granted soon after school opened this spring and now the installation comes as an early reward.

ORGANIZED IN 1868.

Pi Kappa Alpha was organized at the University of Virginia in 1868 and for a long time was distictly an eastern and southern fraternity. In the last decade it has expanded rapidly, however, and now has 34 chapters at the leading institutions of the country. Its membership totals about 5,000.

The initiation was in charge of Messrs. Holloway, Gladding, Chapman, Jackson and Savage, of the University of Missouri. The local chapter is to be known as Alpha-Phi chapter.

Among the 21 men initiated were S. H. Hoyt and Dr. E. M. Brady, of Mason City; R. P. Wakeman, of Fort Dodge, and F. S. Maiden, of Adel, alumni of Gamma Theta.

In Memoriam

WILLIAM OSWALD PERRY—ALPHA-THETA.

William Oswald Perry died at the home of his mother in Culpeper, Virginia, on November 7th, 1912. For several months his friends knew his condition was hopeless, but his death was, nevertheless, a great shock to his hundreds of friends throughout the states of Virginia and West Virginia.

Bro. Perry, the son of John Taylor Perry and Nannie Flint Perry, was born in Clupeper County, Virginia, on September 25th, 1875. His early education was received in various schools in Virginia, and about the time he reached his majority he came to McDowell County, West Virginia, to teach school. In 1905 he entered the law department of the West Virginia University, and shortly thereafter was admitted to practice law.

He settled at Welch, West Virginia, and started in his profession, and at the time of his death he was a member of the well-known law firm of Flanagan & Perry. For years Bro. Perry was recorder of the town of Welch, and at the time of his death was the mayor of the town.

Born and bred a gentleman, Bro. Perry never forgot this precious heritage; with a manner always dignified and gracious, and with a keen interest in the welfare of his community, he was honored and loved by those with whom he lived.

Bright's disease, which first became known to him a few months before his death, was the cause of his death. Apparently hearty and active, this dread disease gripped him a few months before his death. He left his business and went to his former home at Culpeper in hopes that the rest might help him, but from it he never returned.

On June 23d, 1904, he married Miss Nancy Moffette Tate, of Welch, West Virginia, who, with one infant son, survives him.

In Masonic circles was Brother Perry particularly well known. He was a member of McDowell Lodge, No. 112, A. F. and A. M.; of Howard chapter, No. 26, R. A. M.; of Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 10, Knights Templars, and of Beni Kiden Temple of Mystic Shrine. In all Masonic work he was well learned, and at various times was master of his lodge.

He was initiated into Pi Kappa Alpha by Alpha-Theta chapter on March 22d, 1905, and always took a great interest in his fraternity.

ROBERT H. TROY, ZETA, GRAND SECRETARY,

1898-1899.

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to take from our midst our beloved brother, Robert H. Troy, to serve in the higher and better service of Him who doeth all things well, and

Whereas, The Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, in the death of Brother Troy, who served as Grand Secretary of the fraternity from July, 1898, until June, 1899, has lost one of its valued members; one who at a critical period of the fraternity's life unselfishly devoted his time and means to advance its interests; one who lived up to its standards and teachings, and whose life was an example of its high ideals. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Supreme Council of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, governing the fraternity and acting in its behalf, That the fraternity does deeply deplore the death of Bro. Troy, and extends to his stricken family its most heartfelt sympathy in this time of sorrow, and commends them to the compassion of the Power who lightens the burdens of the weary and comforts those who sorrow. And be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be presented to the family of our deceased brother; that a copy thereof be sent to Zeta chapter, to be spread upon the records of that chapter, and that the same be published in THE SHIELD AND DIAMOND.

Given under our hands, and the great seal of the Pi Kappa

Alpha fraternity, this 21st day of February, 1913, and 45th year
of the fraternity.

J. GORDON HUGHES,
Grand Princeps.

ROBERT A. SMYTHE,
Grand Treasurer.

P. TULANE ATKINSON,
Grand Secretary.

J. GRAHAM SALE,
Grand Historiographer.

(Great Seal)

Official Communications

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT. No. 5.

The Supreme Council announces the issuing of a charter for Alpha-Phi chapter, to be located at the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts, Ames, Iowa, to the following charter members:

Harry Ward Milligan,
Herbert Miller,
Albert Lynn Hopkins,
Josiah Raymond Johnston,
George Edward Wray,
Harry Wendel Hall,
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George Myron Clark,

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Donald Shearon Barry,
Alonzo Newton Hathway,
Ross McKiney Gridley,
Hiram Harold Sunderlin,
Lawrens Day Potter,
Oness Harry Dixon, Jr.

Dispensation is also granted this chapter to initiate the following men, all of whom are alumni of the institution at which said chapter is located:

L. S. Hamilton,
Samuel H. Hoyt,
Howard C. Miller,
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Roy James Murray.

Given under hands and the great seal of the fraternity, this
17th day of February, 1913.

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