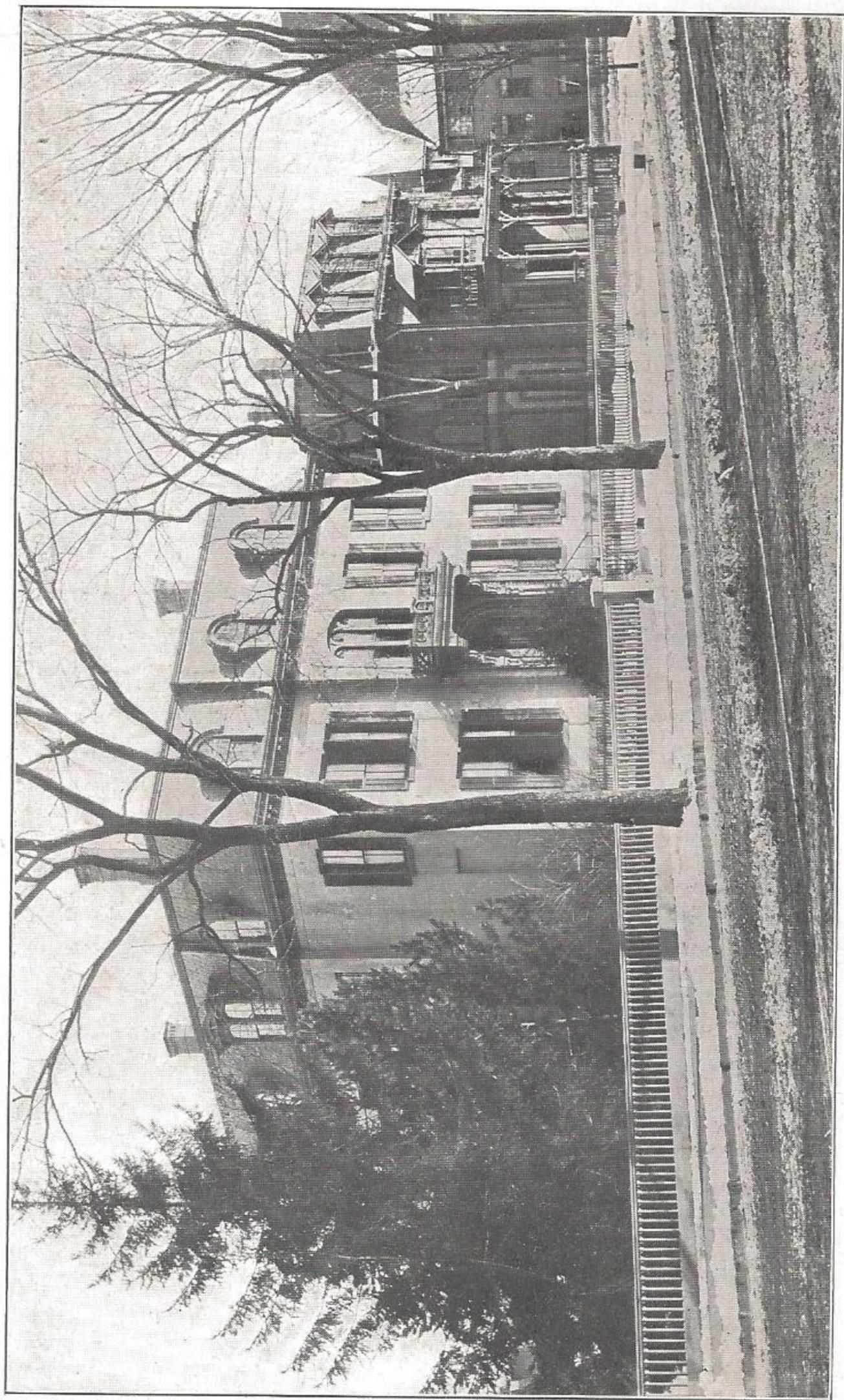


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THE CONVENTION OF 1905, held at Brookline, Mass., marked the beginning of a new era for Gamma Delta Psi. It was at that time that the National Board was instituted. We are now entering the second stage of this era, the first of which was signaled by the issue of the catalog. The GARNET AND SILVER will hope to continue the work so ably begun by Bro. John A. Denison and his colleagues of Springfield, and to bring the members of our organization, which has grown to national dimensions, into closer relationship. This publication was authorized by the convention held at Milwaukee in April. No action was taken until late in May, when the various chapters received notification of the action of their delegates. Since that time we have been busy, but the time was not adequate to compile the finished magazine which it was our hope to present. In time we hope to correct our errors, to remedy our faults, to receive *all* the news from *every* chapter, to make this paper of vital interest and intrinsic worth. If we are not the first in the field of this endeavor, we surely are not far down the list.

The GARNET AND SILVER is published for Gamma Delta Psi. It is not in any sense a magazine for general reading. Although there are no vital secrets published, care should be taken to guard against a perusal of these pages by anyone beyond the precincts of the fraternity.

There is a spirit unique to Gamma Delta Psi. It is evidenced by letters from all parts of the country in response to the announcement of this publication. It is quite individual. It is not the same affection that exists in college fraternities or other fraternal organizations, yet we cannot say that it is not as strong. It is the spirit of love which calls us back to the beginning of life when our first impulses formed our actions and these in turn formed our habits, which developed into character. We print herewith a letter which expresses this spirit of undying esteem for Gamma:

BEEVILLE, Texas, 5—28—07.

W. J. DOWNEY,
New York City.

DEAR BROTHER: Enclosed find 75 cents in P. O. M. O. as my subscription to "Garnet and Silver." I sincerely hope that your efforts in this work will meet with such support that you will see your way clear to make a monthly publication of "Garnet and Silver." It is we who have drifted into the waste places that perhaps need a paper to keep us in touch with the fraternity more than those who daily rub elbows with their old school mates, and I for one will look forward with pleasure to the appearance of each issue.

Kindly mail to me here.

With the best of wishes for the success of your endeavors,
I am,

Sincerely,

SETH S. LANGLEY,
Alpha Chapter.

The Editor wishes to express his thanks and appreciation of the many kind sentiments expressed in letters from subscribers. We hope that we may merit your praise. And at the same time we trust that we may have the benefit of your criticism and suggestion. We need help, and rely upon you to assist us. Any information which we may give is offered freely. If we are unable to reply direct, your letters will be forwarded to those who can and will give attention to any communication.

Have you ever stopped to consider the amount of labor involved in compiling the first catalog of Gamma Delta Psi? This work was constructive. There was no benefit from past experience. It was initial. It marked the beginning of a national spirit. That it was well done is but scant praise. It was splendid and every man who has seen the result has only congratulation to offer John A. Denison and his committee.

Incidentally Brother Denison is now recruiting his law practice, which necessarily suffered while he labored for us. Let us hope for an ample return for his loyal endeavors.

We wish to commend the delegates to the late convention for their wisdom in re-electing Everett E. Belding, President of the National Board. Brother Belding is a man who radiates enthusiasm. Last summer he spent his vacation in visiting the various chapters, and you who had the pleasure of meeting this genial friend know that he is the man for the place. His article in this issue is recommended for your attention.

The next number will be devoted to the National Board. All correspondence from the chapters must be in the hands of the Editor not later than November 23rd. We realize very fully that the correspondents have been laboring under adverse circumstances in getting up matter for this initial number. The time has been short, the status in which the matter was left by the convention was rather chaotic, and our labors have been done under conditions not favorable to a complete magazine. We hope to remedy our short-coming and toward this end, urge hearty and prompt co-operation by all members of the staff.

In the fall number we hope to present an article by Brother Harry F. Towle, principal of the Curtis High School, New York City. Brother Towle will treat High School fraternities from the viewpoint of the instructor.

The application for a charter for a chapter at the Niagara Falls High School has been denied.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Have your copy in on time. Write only on one side of the paper. Include all the news; it is much easier for the Editor to condense than to work up a story from imagination. Tell about your school; your alumni of course are interested in the active chapter, but it is the school news which will be more valuable. Do not leave your story until the last minute. Keep a running news account of every event, so that when the time is up you will have little trouble in framing your letter. Remember that the GARNET AND SILVER should be made interesting to the alumni. To do that, be on the lookout for any item of news you can gather which would be of interest to them and concerning them. With every number, send a separate memorandum of the number of members in your active chapter, the names and membership of the contemporary fraternities in your school, a list of names and addresses of all initiates since the last issue of the GARNET AND SILVER. The Editor will be very glad to receive suggestions from all members of the staff; we need your live interest and assistance.

Our pages are open to advertisements. Two of our members have been good enough to help us out on the first number, *i. e.*, Brother Gorham and Brother Belding. We shall be glad to respond to anyone interested in this department of the work.

To Brother H. L. Swain, Alpha, we are indebted for the picture of the Wurts home, presented in this number.

The intention, when the project of publishing a Gamma Delta Psi official organ was suggested, was to issue four numbers a year. After going over the ground very carefully it was found that with such an arrangement, one of the numbers would have to come in mid-summer, or unduly crowd the numbers in the regular school term. By going to print late in the fall, we shall get all the opening term news and the football season. The next issue, about March, will contain the Christmas holiday news, hockey, basketball, etc., while our June number will complete the year. We trust this plan will commend itself to our readers.

It is our regret that we cannot in this number present news from every chapter. It has been quite impossible to get into communication with all in the short time given. Especially do we regret the absence of any word from Alpha, but no reply to our requests has been received. In other instances circumstances prevented the National Board delegate getting into touch with the active correspondent.

Up to date the subscriptions received have been far from satisfactory. A very small percentage of the alumni have responded to the announcement of this magazine sent out about two months ago. We want to place this publication on a sound financial basis, a basis which will make it self supporting. It is not a money-making device. You who have had experience in such enterprises know that a great amount of work is involved with no pecuniary return. This we do not expect or wish, but we do ask that you help us pay our expenses as we go. We want to benefit our fraternity. Will you help?

To some who have not already subscribed, this number is being sent with a hope that it will be acceptable and that you will signify your interest by remitting the small sum asked. If you do not wish us to continue sending the GARNET AND SILVER, please tell us so, that we may not trouble you further.

CLIPPINGS.

We take the following from the columns of a recent metropolitan publication. Let Gamma Delta Psi always be an example of the absurdity of such sentiments :

"The following report of a special committee of the National Education Association is commended to the careful attention of all parents who have children in the high school; and more particularly to those whose children are to enter next September. The committee, before making their report, corresponded very extensively with high schools all over the country, and presented the views generally entertained by school principals, not theories of their own. The report was adopted with little or no opposition. It is the unanimous view of school men all over the country.

H. L. BOLTWOOD.

"The department of secondary education at its session to-day was well attended. The topic of interest was the report of the special committee on secret societies in secondary schools, by Gilbert B. Morrison, of St. Louis, who said :

"The committee, after reviewing former investigations on secret societies in secondary schools, reports that these societies should be discouraged for the following reasons :

"Because they are *unnecessary* in high schools; because they are factional and stir up strife and contention; because they form premature and unnatural friendships; because they are selfish; because they are snobbish; because they dissipate energy and proper ambition; because they set wrong standards of excellence; because rewards are not based on merit but on fraternity vows; because they inculcate a feeling of self-sufficiency in the members; because they lessen frankness and cordiality toward teachers; because they are hidden and inculcate dark-lantern methods; because they foster a feeling of self-importance; because high school boys are too *young for club life*; because they foster the tobacco habit; because they are *expensive* and foster *habits of extravagance*; because of the changing membership from year to year, making them liable to bring discredit and disgrace to the school; because they weaken the efficiency of and bring politics into the legitimate organizations of the school, and because they distract interest from study.

"Secret fraternities are especially condemned in public schools, which are essentially democratic, and should not be breeding places for social differentiation. The committee believes that all legitimate elements for good, social, moral and intellectual, which these societies claim to possess can be better supplied to the pupils through the school at large in the form of literary societies and clubs under the sanction of the faculties of the schools."

THE ORIGIN OF GAMMA DELTA PSI.

WALTER R. DANN, Alpha No. 1.

At the time of the formation of Gamma Delta Psi, it can be said that there were no organizations in the preparatory and high schools with the power for good and with the scope of usefulness, which was developed later by this fraternity.

The organization of the society was a natural evolution and consequence of the associated interests of a large school, and its popularity from the start was assured on account of its active promotion of all things pertaining to the common interest.

It needed only the suggestion of the formation of a Greek letter fraternal society to arouse the enthusiasm of Brother Alexander Wurts, to whom all credit is to be given for his untiring zeal in the pioneer work of organization.

When the two conspirators, one pleasant evening in the year 1879, met at the residence of Brother Wurts, on beautiful Whitney Avenue, in New Haven, with the scholastic environment of the great University for inspiration, plans were made for the consummation of our ideas. The constitution, objects and possibilities of the society were discussed, and a most optimistic feeling prevailed. Within a few days, Brothers Jackson and Jones were admitted to the councils, the constitution completed, the Crescent emblem adopted for a pin, and now with the charter members' signatures to the constitution, and their vows of eternal fidelity, the full-fledged infant society ventured to try its wings.

For some time and for precautionary reasons, absolute secrecy was maintained as to the existence of the society, but when eventually we proudly "swung our pins" in all their glory, we found ourselves with all the search lights thrown upon our Crescent, at first believing it to be the brightness of our own radiance. We soon found our mistake. We came through the scrutiny all right, with a great deal of acquired diplomatic experience. We were, however, soon firmly established in the good will and support of the school organization.

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New members were admitted, the initiation ceremonies being followed by a supper at the residence of Brother Wurts, the details of which will always live in pleasant remembrance by all who participated.

With the highest motives and the selection of members, who not only thought of the welfare of the society but also of the best interests of the school at large, it is not surprising that a strong organization resulted and that its influence extended to other educational institutions.

The early rules of the society restricted the members to the two upper classes in equal membership, the precedents of the seniors being followed by the juniors, who derived experience in conduct of the society and instruction from the older members, the joint classes electing a new junior class upon the graduation of the seniors.

This restriction of membership to the two upper classes had a very good influence on the conduct of the active members, who felt a certain responsibility in the direction of affairs and became the natural guardians of the school's precepts and customs. The membership and approbation of instructors in the school had also much to do with the initial success of the society, as by this means opportunity was given to those responsible for the school's welfare, to come into confidential relationship with representatives of the students under their charge, to know the good influences of the society on its members, and they therefore became strong advocates of its usefulness.

Many good results began to show from the association of the young men in this fraternal organization. Not the least of its advantages was the instruction and practice in parliamentary law, a knowledge of which is so essential in this democratic age. Gamma Delta Psi, in its early days, made the practice of rules of order one of the features of its meetings, and when the larger class and school meetings were held, many times brought order out of chaos by use of the knowledge derived from the little meetings of the society.

The publication of a school paper by the society, identifying itself with school interests, did much to promote good feeling,

and the younger members of the lower classes began to look up to the society as an attainable prize, election to membership becoming an acknowledgment of superiority either in scholarship, popularity or athletics, and many a youngster found in this an incentive to put forth his best efforts.

To sum up into a net result the early history of the fraternity, let us say that the possibilities for good and the early cultivation of fraternal association and experience in the rules of life were only a part of the advantages of membership in our society. All of the members look back with only the best recollections of the happy school days when loyalty to Gamma Delta Psi gave themselves something to work for, an incentive to study to bring honor to the society, and which put each member on his honor to preserve the prestige of his fraternity and also made for himself, life-long friends, to be depended upon in every emergency.

Dear is our Gamma Delta Psi,
Sweetheart and love of days gone by,
Gather we close to thee again,
Mother of loyal steadfast men,
Our Gamma Delta Psi,
Our Gamma Delta Psi.

E'en tho' we've left thy active life,
Memory still enfolds thy charms,
Calling us back from toil and strife,
To the dear haven of thy arms,
Our Gamma Delta Psi,
Our Gamma Delta Psi.

Thou shalt be our guiding star,
Shining in all thy mystic joys,
And tho' the future call us far,
We still shall be thy loyal boys,
Our Gamma Delta Psi,
Our Gamma Delta Psi.

THE CONVENTION OF 1907.

ARTHUR B. COLLINS, Eta.

While the glories of the convention of 1907 are still being accorded to the hospitality of Rho chapter, nevertheless we should not overlook the part that Tau chapter played in caring for and giving all "Gamma Delts," "en route" for Milwaukee, a taste of Chicago fun. It is chronicled that one brother travelled alone from Lowell, Massachusetts, to Packingtown simply to enjoy the atmosphere of a Tau smoker. All wearers of the Crescent who were so fortunate as to be present at the convention at Milwaukee realize how it was the ambition of all to "stop over," as it were, for a day or so in Chicago before resuming their journey to the Mecca of Gamma Delta Psi for 1907. These same men also realize how pleasant it was to travel the rest of the way, either in company with the speedy rail crowd, or with the rollicking bunch, via the water way.

However much we enjoyed ourselves on the way, we were taken in hand, on our arrival in Milwaukee, in masterly manner by the sturdy Rho men, which characterized their hospitality throughout the convention.

Monday morning, April the first, found us ready for the first of five business sessions, presided over by Brother Belding, President of the National Board, in the Colonial Hall of the "Plankinton House." Early Monday evening, the visiting delegates were escorted by their hosts on many pleasant expeditions, after which they wound up at the palatial residence of Brother Plankinton, where a smoker had been planned. The evening hours were lightened by the songs of two dusky sons of Ham, and enlivened by the spirited songs of the Gamma Delts.

Tuesday, the vanity of some (we will not, cannot say all) was satisfied by one Klein, a photographer. On the evening of the same day the "Town Club" was certainly an exquisite place for the brilliant scene presented by the dance of the Gamma Delts, with the fairest of Milwaukee for partners. Needless to say, the morning session on Wednesday was sadly

belated. However, that session was made long enough to complete the business of the convention. Some wished to see with their own eyes, to taste with their own (say not so) that which created the fame of Milwaukee. Others were so fortunate as to see the beauties of the town through the eyes of the motorist, while still others were entertained by the Thespians of the burgh.

The climax of the convention was undoubtedly reached when all the brothers assembled for the last time in the Colonial Hall of the "Plankinton House," the scene of many a stormy debate and thoughtful deliberation. The viands were served and eaten with a relish, the toasts were presided over by Brother Bigelow with his ready wit and quick repartee. When all was over, when toasts were said, and songs were sung, the brothers still lingered in groups about the board, loth to leave, tired but filled anew with love toward old Gamma Delta Psi, inwardly resolving to do more for the Crescent, and to prove their love by actions and deeds as well as by thoughts and words.

All day Thursday this group reluctantly withdrew from the hospitality of Rho back to their respective home chapters; let us hope to impart their own enthusiasm into the hearts, minds and hands of those who remained at home.

Thus the Ninth Annual Convention closed, a source of congratulation to Rho chapter and a credit to the entire fraternity.

WHAT THE CONVENTION ACCOMPLISHED.

The Ninth Annual Convention was held under the auspices of Rho chapter on April 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The five sessions were held at the "Plankinton House," and were presided over

by Brother Belding, President of the National Board. The following were delegates:

C. B. Copeland, Secretary.	W. H. Cady, Nu.
C. F. Messinger, Alpha.	R. L. Smith, Omicron.
R. L. Stimson, Delta.	E. J. Potter, Rho.
W. C. O'Mally, Epsilon,	Dunbar Sullivan, Sigma.
A. B. Collins, Eta.	Halsey Prudden, Tau.
W. E. Batterson, Theta.	W. B. Reilly, Phi.
A. C. Miller, Iota.	L. B. Morrison, Chi.
F. G. Howe, Jr., Kappa.	E. R. Pennock, Psi.

The revised constitution was presented by Iota and the form accepted by the convention.

A design for a traveling button was agreed upon and accepted.

Delta chapter was appointed committee to draw a suitable coat of arms.

A new ritual was framed.

Application was made for a chapter at Niagara Falls High School. Decision on this matter was left open, each chapter to confer with the National Board as to its vote.

Iota, Eta and Omicron were commended for excellence in correspondence in the order named.

Brother Belding was re-elected President.

The charter of Tau was extended to include other Chicago high schools.

Brother Palmer of Delta has charge of publishing a fraternity song book.

The next convention will be held at Buffalo by Sigma chapter. Thereafter, conventions will alternate between the East and West.

A WARNING AND AN APPEAL.*

EVERETT E. BELDING,

PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL BOARD.

In these days when the anti-fraternity agitation is being so generally discussed throughout the country, two things are primarily necessary for the life and advancement of each and every fraternity, no matter how strong a position it may hold in its community. These necessities are the proper actions of the actives and the loyal interest of the alumni.

In the first place, the actions of the actives should be beyond public criticism, and the officers of each chapter should so control their members that at no time could they overstep the bounds. This is necessary not from the fact that the active members do those things that are at all different from those of other boys of that age, but because they are at that age when it is considered the privilege of everyone, whether interested or not, to criticize them "for their own good," as they say, and which generally does the boy more harm than good. These conditions have been so for ages back and the larger the number of the perpetrators of these pranks, the more the criticism: thus the thoughtless action of one member reflects on his whole chapter, his fraternity, and all other like organizations.

The papers have recently published an account of an initiation of three members of a high school in a Massachusetts city, into one of the so-called "Prep. Frats," where the candidates were branded on the cheeks with nitric acid. These three young men are disfigured for life and a just ground for indignation aroused, and all from thoughtless action and unrestricted foolishness. Now we cannot believe that this organization which the papers mention could be other than an inferior body that has dubbed itself a "Frat," and whose existence and tolerance should be regretted by every fraternity of good standing, but this fact does not aid but only makes it

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more necessary that we strive harder than ever to put our fraternity on a higher level than it is even today. Our fraternity has no place for the thoughtless, heedless fellow who thinks after he acts, and should such a one ever secure membership in our fraternity, let that chapter of which he is a member take care that he is controlled. Let each active feel that he is personally responsible that no criticism should be made of our fraternity and see that the actions of his respective chapter are such as would be at all times beyond criticism and out of the public notice.

My word to the actives of each chapter is, to be strong and manly at all times, thinking of others and doing for others, and being honorable and just to everyone at all times. By so doing you will do your share in raising our fraternity to a pinnacle of success.

To the alumni, it can simply be asked, "What has the fraternity done for you?" and should there be any who honestly feel that it has done nothing, let him read this article no longer for he has wasted his opportunities. To the alumnus, though, who feels, as do most of us, that the fraternity has aided and helped him in his life and success, to him can be said, "What return are you making your fraternity?"

Awake! laggard brother! look around you and see the changes that have come about in the past few years. Are you not proud of our fraternity? There are brothers as old and as busy as you that are putting in their time and efforts even now to the advancement of the society, and why should you not do your share?

The man who works the hardest for the fraternity to-day, you will find is a leader in the community where he resides and is receiving honors and the confidence of all with whom he comes in contact. This being so, the work surely cannot belittle anyone, and as we need your help and co-operation, does it not behoove you to answer this appeal? The alumni should help their actives and see that they spend their efforts in the best and proper channels and aid them with suggestions and most of all, by your interest show them that the fraternity

is not a plaything but a practical schooling for future business and social life and that they should strive at all times to be men of the first stamp.

Don't forget your National Board, which is working for the interests of the alumni and actives alike and is giving time and thought for the benefit of all. We need encouragement, we need suggestions, we need your support and assistance, and as we can't come to all personally and solicit it, we ask you to volunteer. Let every alumnus, by a new interest in the affairs of his chapter, help us build our organization into a tower of strength and power.

Be strong!

We are not here to play, to dream, to drift!
We have hard work to do, and loads to lift;
Shun not the struggle—face it, 'tis God's gift.

Be strong!

Say not the days are evil—who's to blame?
And fold the hands and acquiesce; O, shame!
Stand up, speak out, and bravely, in God's name!

Be strong!

It matters not how deep intrenched the wrong;
How hard the battle goes; the day how long;
Faint not! Fight on! To-morrow comes the song!

(*Dr. M. G. Babcock.*)

Correspondence.

DELTA—GRAND RAPIDS H. S.

Grand Rapids, Mich.

JULIUS H. AMBERG, Correspondent.

The past year has been a strenuous one for Delta. The epidemic of fraternity opposition has at length penetrated Grand Rapids, and the fight has commenced in earnest. Last October the Board of Education appointed a committee to investigate the three fraternities and one sorority then existing in the high school. No misdemeanors on the part of our brothers nor serious ones on the part of other fraternities were the source of this investigation. It was merely the outgrowth of national conditions exploited in the daily papers. After a rather shallow and narrow-minded investigation by a biased committee, and after there had been numerous speeches and debates on the question in various mother's meetings, ladies' literary societies, and churches, and many articles, pro and con, had appeared in the local press, this committee reported unfavorably to the Board of Education. Whereupon the Board decreed that fraternities and sororities should be discouraged by the faculty and that letters should be sent to all parents, advising them to keep their children from entering secret societies. If this method of extermination did not succeed, harsher ones, such as the withholding of fraternity members from entering athletics, literary contests, and other school activities, were to be tried. From this action of the Board, so far, the fraternity has felt no great harm.

In the spring elections, two members of the School Board who had been particularly antagonistic towards fraternities, were up for re-election. Two of our alumni brothers ran against them, and one of them, Carroll H. Perkins, was elected. Brother Perkins has secured the co-operation of all the fraternities, and hopes, before the Board resorts to severe measures, to convince them that "evil influences" do not exist

in fraternal organizations. Our hopes are the best for a peaceful settlement, but if affairs come to a crisis, every Deltan is prepared to fight until the last for the chapter's existence.

Socially, the chapter has spent a very pleasant year. Besides several small parties at the homes of the various brothers, and weekly literary and musical programs at the regular meetings, a formal dancing party was given April 26th, at which twenty-five couples were present. In December, the annual banquet to the alumni was held at the Lakeside Club, Brother T. Gilbert White presiding, and a number of interesting toasts were made.

Financially the chapter has made a success. Commencing last September with a deficit of sixty dollars, the treasury has since gotten above board and is now in a fairly prosperous condition. The *Helios*, the official high school paper, which Delta has published for the last fifteen years, is still being issued on its former sound basis. It has been a source of considerable profit to the fraternity, and during the past year has in every way outstripped its rival, the *La Plume*. This spring the chapter combined with Gamma Delta Tau, the best sorority in the school, in presenting "Dandy Dick," a three-act farce. The united theatricals proved a financial success, and by general consent, the play was considered the best high school production ever presented in this city. Brother E. Alden Jewell, of local dramatic fame, managed the play.

Last December, the principal of the high school, Mr. Volland, died, and since then Mr. Jesse B. Davis, of Detroit, has been appointed as his successor. Mr. Davis, according to rumor, threatens to make life hard for fraternities and to abolish the *Helios*, at least. However, as Mr. Davis has been made an honorary at Iota, we hope the reports are false. Mr. Davis has not yet assumed his duties.

In school class elections, the fraternities met defeat before the "independents." However, our candidates received more votes than those of the other fraternities. But as our brothers come to school for an education, not for honor, perhaps it is just as well that we were defeated.

Perhaps Delta's greatest success of the season has been in athletics, especially in the track team. The team is composed practically of two fellows, Henry Sullivan and Joseph Horner, Jr., both Gamma men, the latter being captain. The fame of Brother Horner, who has shown himself the best all-round athlete in the middle west, has no doubt already reached many of the chapters. Through the efforts of these two men the track team won the meet at Evanston against many schools from the West, and lost the meet at Ann Arbor to Morgan Park by only one point, owing to a fall by Horner in the hurdles. However, at the meet to be given by Chicago University this month, we hope to capture first honors.

At the convention, Delta was appointed to design a coat-of-arms for the fraternity. Alumnus Brother Palmer and active Brothers Horner and Davidson have been elected to draw the crest. They have been reading up the matter considerably, and as they are artists of no small talent, in the near future some very good results will doubtless be obtained.

Delta started the year with ten actives. Nine more have been initiated, but as five have left the school, two but temporarily, the active membership at present consists of fourteen. We have a pledge chapter of eighteen, the majority of whom will be eligible for initiation in the course of the ensuing year. The alumni are taking great interest in both the active and pledge chapters, and are of valuable assistance at the meetings of both.

The year just ending for Delta has been more productive of alumni interest and activity than any previous year in our life as a chapter. As the years slip past and the brothers scatter to the four winds, it becomes a complicated matter to hold them in the perfect bonds of fraternity. Delta heretofore had looked on and shuddered and hoped—and done nothing. The older brothers got together once or twice, perhaps, each year, sang the old songs, went over the old times again, and once more scattered to the east and west.

The change came with the publication of the fraternity catalog. Delta's alumni brothers were scattered so broadly

that the active chapter was unable to find the data asked for by Kappa, and as a last resort they called two of the alumni brothers in to help them, and through the ensuing search for lost brothers and lost data the old memories were stirred and Delta began to hear from brothers who had been long looked upon as totally indifferent to the doings of the chapter. On the heels of this came the catalog itself, and what the other had begun, this finished. The brothers looked up their old classmates, found them prospering, and once more got in touch with them; then they sought out the chapter and offered their aid in anything the chapter might elect to do. At this time a few of the alumni procured a small room adjoining the fraternity rooms proper, and fitted it up as an alumni room for the comfort of the older brothers when they should drop in at any time. The active chapter now took a hand; they set aside one meeting night in each month as "Alumni Night." They decided to create an Alumni Advisory Committee to work with the chapter and to represent the sentiment of the alumnus body in questions of importance. On this committee were elected Brothers John M. Metheany, Raymond K. Dykema, and the National Board Delegate.

At this time, a matter arose which tested thoroughly the revived interest and love of the older brothers. The fraternity agitation started up with a rush, and our enemies began the process of eliminating the fraternities from school life, but they had not appreciated the strength of the "Young American Snobs," nor made adequate preparations to meet it. The alumni, old and young, at the sound of the first gun, jumped to the front, gave their valuable time freely, put their whole heart into the fight, and when the fraternity debates and discussions came up, our enemies found themselves sitting quietly hearing their irrefutable arguments and reasonings torn to shreds and buried, by the foremost business men of the city. The time came when fraternities were to have been a thing of the past and found us going on in the same routine, unaffected by the threats and eager for the investigation which promised. Now once again this matter has been dropped and our fears for

the future are at rest, for with the strong loyal alumni backing the chapter now possesses, it looks as though defeat were far off, below the horizon.

Some of us have been fortunate in being able to meet and entertain brothers from distant chapters. We have tried to make them feel the welcome that always awaits a Gamma man when he may stroll in for a short or preferably a long stay at Delta, and not only has the social side been pleasurable and of benefit to us, but we have derived many good ideas from the brothers' accounts of the doings and customs of their chapters.

Some of us also have been able to drop in on some of the various chapters, and every brother who has been so favored has brought home the account of the royal welcome he received and the equally royal entertainment furnished him during his stay. It was so at the time of the convention at Rho, where every brother who attended both the convention and the Tau Smoker at Chicago, just previous to it, was given the hand of fellowship fraternal and so handsomely entertained that it will be long ere the memory of it all slips away.

But as we have had our round of pleasure this last year, still there is one thread of sadness intertwined that has cost us all a world of pain and regret. On November 23rd, 1906, occurred the death of George Curtis Shirts, Delta 55, one of the most loved and respected brothers, both by his companions in Delta and by the world at large, that it has ever been our fortune to have enrolled as one of us, and the memory of the loss of our faithful, loyal brother leaves a shadow that will long remain.

EPSILON—BRIDGEPORT H. S.
THE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL.

Bridgeport, Conn.

GEORGE HUGHS, Correspondent.

As usual, things are stirring here.

The past year as a whole has been a good one, quite a little accomplished worth while and worth fighting for. There were four men on the football team, three on the basketball team, including the captain, and the captaincy of the baseball team. The president and treasurer of the Glee Club is an Epsilon man in each instance, there being four of our men in the Glee Club.

The anti-fraternity movement has not been felt as yet in the Bridgeport High School and it does not seem likely to; one member of the faculty is an honorary member of the chapter and the best of relations exist between Epsilon men and the faculty in general.

The Epsilon, the chapter's publication, published in the interest of the Bridgeport High School, is an old established institution, and back files of the paper reveal much interesting information. It has been kept up to its usual standard during the past year.

There are nine active members at the present time, and one of them, Brother Robert Sanford, is about to take examinations for Annapolis (we already have one brother at West Point, Lester David Baker). There have been five new members admitted since December, 1906.

The chapter occupies a pleasantly situated room in the Sturdevant Building, on Main Street, where, under the watchful eyes and ears of Brother H. C. Burroughs, whose office is next door, they endeavor to carry on the usual business and social sessions of the chapter in a successful and agreeable manner. It is needless to say that these endeavors are crowned with success.

For several years it has been the custom to hold a Reunion

in the week between Christmas and New Year. This past winter the affair was very successful.

These reunions are strictly informal, more of a smoker in fact, and are attended by large numbers of the alumni and actives, who spend the time in swapping yarns about the good old days that never will have their equal, "when we were in school," singing the fraternity songs and indulging in a lunch. They are fine affairs and work wonders in keeping awake the fraternity spirit among men of all ranks.

In April comes the dance. This season it was held in the Third Infantry Armory, and was managed by a joint committee of alumni and actives. The big hall was beautifully decorated, the entire ceiling and side walls being draped in pink and white, with garnet and silver appropriately worked in. This, of course, is an invitation affair and this year about one thousand invitations were sent out. Boxes are erected around the big hall and assist wonderfully in making a social success of the affair. The Gamma Dance is always the first society event after Easter, and is always looked forward to with anticipation. Much of the success of the affair can be laid at the feet of Brother J. A. Smith, of Alpha, who was in charge of the decorations—he is certainly an artist at the game. April 1st was the date this year, and when the big orchestra struck up the Gamma Delta Psi waltzes, a yearly feature, it made one rejoice to be a Gamma man. Among those present were parties from Alpha and Theta chapters. An informal dance was given on the evening of May 10th; this was also a social and financial success.

Some of the brothers have strayed far enough afield during the year to turn up at Alpha's banquet, at the National Banquet in New York, and at the convention.

Wooster Canfield, of St. Paul's School, Garden City, has been distinguishing himself from an athletic standpoint and bringing glory upon himself and the chapter by breaking records and winning all kind of medals, blue ribbons and laurel wreaths.

Hammond, down at Hackettstown—C. C. I., has also been

doing a number of athletic stunts well worth while, as well as endeavoring to abduct bodily a whole society and lead them into our happy hunting ground as a new and splendidly organized chapter. Unfortunately Brother Hammond's efforts in this direction were not crowned with the success he deserved, through some hitch arising through the undesirability of this society changing its name.

For the interest of the alumni of other chapters who read these notes and who have known Epsilon men in the past, the following items are added:

Roy Cram is still with us; long may he wave! He is an expert on maintenance of way, or something of the sort, for the Consolidated Street Railway Trust, and if any of the brothers have a street railway up their sleeve, they are referred to Brother Cram for full information as to the best methods of keeping the track on the ground and the wires in the air.

C. C. Stevens may be encountered in the wilds of the New York Subway in the morning at 8.30 and in the P. M. at 5.30. He is an advertising man in the great city and strays back into these quiet regions each evening to find a quiet place to rest.

Oliver W. S. Smith has joined the Gamma Art Colony in New York, and cut out hair cutting bills and wears an Elbert Hubbard tie. He resides somewhere in the wilderness of Brooklyn.

Alpha and Theta men who played football about 1895 haven't forgotten Harold Bill, our old tackle. He is a very staid and circumspect member of society now. His trick dog is a wonder.

Clarence Foster, the great running half back of the old champion football team, is now a professional baseball player; he was over in the land of William Penn when last sighted.

Herbert B. Odell, widely known as "Skipper," has forsaken this land of steady habits for the great north woods of Toronto. He is engaged in the manufacture of power boat motors.

Cornwall, the only fellow we could not locate for the catalog, has turned up somewhere on the Pacific Coast—the historian of the alumni association can furnish particulars.

The rest of us are most of us here—we are doctors, lawyers, politicians, dentists, advertising men—and we're all keeping busy, and any Gamma man who drops into Bridgeport will be committing a crime of the first degree if he doesn't report for duty either at the chapter rooms or at 1115 Main Street, Room 803, the alumni headquarters (Gorham's office), from where he will be piloted to any part of the city that may interest him or put in touch with any of our men, old or new, with whom he would speak.

ETA—BROOKLYN HIGH SCHOOL.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

EDWARD V. MORROW, Correspondent.

The year of 1907, in which Eta started out with an active chapter of thirteen, has been a most successful year for the chapter and the individual members, despite the unlucky number.

The first thing which took attention was the football team. Eta had many candidates out for the team, but, owing to the fact that most all of them were trying this game for the first time, only five men made the first team, two being substitutes. They were Brothers Freystadt, Collins, Bisson, Waldon and Havens. Five of Eta's men succeeded in making the second team: Brothers Turnbull, Bristol, Taylor, Cooney and Morrow. The season was very successful, although the football team was barred from winning the championship of the Long Island Interscholastic League, because of a protest against O'Connell, which claimed that he had already registered at Brown University, but had returned and made the team. They succeeded in winning every game they played, barring the Princeton Freshman game. They finished the season with the enviable record of "Champions of New York

and Connecticut." The season closed with a banquet given by the Athletic Association, from which each member of the team received a gold football fob, emblematic of the championship. High school has withdrawn, permanently, from the Long Island League. The schedule for the season of 1908 includes teams such as St. Paul, Central High School, etc., thus insuring harder games to win. The action of high school in withdrawing from the league has been the subject of much speculation, but she has decided to maintain this attitude.

The basketball team was very successful in winning most of the games it played, but was disqualified for playing with a team which was not registered. The championship would have been won, however, because High School defeated all teams who were eligible for the desired title.

It seems as if High School was a victim of circumstances, for on account of the changing of Clermont Rink into a roller skating rink, forced the hockey team to depend on Saratoga Rink. As Saratoga was an open rink, necessarily the skating depended on the weather, which was rather mild during most of the season. Thus the team could practice only on suitable days and as a result could not meet many of its scheduled games. Eta was well represented by Brothers Scofield, Taylor, Waldon and Bass. Eta's man is the favorite candidate for the captaincy, and his election has only to be sanctioned by the athletic council.

The track team received a setback, when the law was passed forbidding the use of armorys for anything except military purposes. For this reason High School had no place to train except outdoors. Very few opportunities were afforded for outdoor work during the winter. This lack of training made a serious difference in the outdoor season. We received second in the Public School Athletic League Championships, and second in the relay championship. The novice meet, held by the P. S. A. L., was easily won by High School. Brothers Goulden, O'Neil and Havens proved great point winners in all the meets. The outlook for next year is very encouraging,

and High School is looked upon to uphold her previous achievements, and in fact, to supercede all previous records.

On December 20, 1906, the national banquet was given, under the auspices of Eta chapter, at the Hotel Astor, New York City. The banquet, owing to its proximity to Christmas, was not successful financially. However, if one is able to judge by the reports of those who attended, it was a most enjoyable affair. The brothers who did attend are to be envied, for it gave one a new idea as to the meaning of Gamma Delta Psi. The banquet was honored by the attendance of Walter R. Dann, Alpha number one, who gave a very interesting account of the birth of Gamma Delta Psi, and the originating of the Crescent.

The baseball team was the winner of many scholastic honors and was ably captained by Brother Bade. Most all their games were victories. The main game of the season was played on April 20th, against the Princeton Freshmen. High School succeeded in making an unexpected showing by breaking with a score of 11—10 against Princeton, after a ten inning game. The game was practically won by Brother Scofield's timely hit, which sent two men scurrying home. Brothers Bade, Waldon and Scofield made a good showing on this team, throughout the season.

The human fish at High School were given their chance to show their skill at swimming, by the introduction of the swimming team, which made its debut this year. The team was originated through the efforts of Brother Freystadt, and, though its schedule was short, it made a good record. The team is now enrolled among the several teams which High School harbors beneath her protecting wing. Their principal game this year was against St. Paul. The score was tied, although High School made two goals. The reason being that the swimmer making the goal was charged with fouling.

Eta, during this period, took in a large number of new brothers, being, in order of their initiation: Valentine B. Haven, Henry H. Taylor, Russel S. Cooney, Edmund V. Morrow, Sidney R. Dresser, Everett M. Freystadt, Harold C.

Hancock, Robert S. Lott, Alan D. Smith, James C. Kennedy, Forster M. Coffin and Stewart Seaman. The chapter was unfortunate in losing Brother Meyer, who went to Annapolis, Brother Bisson, who went into business, and Brother Forshev, who is working temporarily, until the college term in the fall.

Eta gave many social events during the year, but by far the most successful was the play, which established a record never before equalled. The play was produced before a large gathering on April 5th. The title was "The New Boy," the title role being played by Brother Downey, who was ably supported by a cast including Brothers Fackenthal, Fowler, Freystadt, Turner, Allen, Smith, Bristol and Cooney. The play was cleverly managed by Brother Collins.

The prospects for Eta next year are very encouraging, and it is to be hoped that she will maintain the several honors established by previous chapters.

Great excitement has been caused in scholastic circles by the resignation of Dr. John Mickleborough, Ph.D., who has been principal of the Boys' High School since 1895. His twelve years of hard work are an example of his skill as a pedagogue. Dr. Mickleborough's work ends this June, and it is with esteem for his work, and appreciation of his fidelity, that the students watch the close of the public career of one of Brooklyn's ablest men. Dr. Mickleborough is succeeded by Dr. Sullivan, a teacher from the High School of Commerce. He is a man in the prime of life, and he enters his duties with the hearty wish of the student body that his career may be as successful as that of his predecessor.

Through the efforts of several alumni and the co-operation of several of the teachers, an alumni association has been formed at Boy's High School. On June 15, 1907, the first affair will be held under the auspices of the above, in the shape of a banquet, at the Assembly, on Pierrepont Street.

Eta chapter will close its social season with a dance, to be given at the farmhouse in Prospect Park. From the present outlook, the affair will be most successful, both socially and financially. Situated as we are in New York City, it is sin-

cerely hoped that we may have the pleasure of seeing many alumni and actives from other chapters. Our meetings are held every Saturday evening, at the chapter house, 966 Bergen Street, where a welcome is ever awaiting every Gamma Delta Psi.

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Chester R. Van Tassel is on the advertising staff of the *System Magazine*.

E. W. Tyler is manager of the Brooklyn office of the Legal Aid Society. Brother Tyler expects to open an office in Manhattan in the near future.

Henry C. Turner has closed his office in Brooklyn and is occupying adjoining offices with George W. Harper at 277 Broadway, Manhattan.

"Mac" Gilbert has recently received an election to Delta Kappa Epsilon at Yale.

Morris F. Knudson is associated with Albert S. Clement, Manufacturing Stationer, at 621 Broadway, Manhattan.

Fred M. Gilbert has gone to China for three years.

Carroll T. Cooney won the hammer throw at Yale-Princeton meet this year.

William Paul Allen has received the federal appointment of Assistant U. S. District Attorney.

"Randy" Sides is playing his usual position of third base at Princeton.

Eliot Bishop has recently graduated from the hospital, and is now practicing medicine.

S. J. Reid is playing a good game, as is his wont, at short stop on the Crescent nine.

L. D. Froelick is getting all the news for the "Sun."

Assistant Paymaster H. W. Browning is on the "Dolphin."

F. D. Fackenthal is secretary to President Butler, of Columbia.

Ensign W. H. Walsh has been appointed to the "Virginia."

S. B. Burrows is with the N. Y. Edison Electric Co.

Arthur Scrimgeour has resigned his position with Garner & Co., and is now studying medicine with a view to entering the navy as surgeon.

Arthur B. Walsh is the manager of the 'varsity track team at Princeton. He also holds the position of one of the Editors of the *Daily Princetonian* and the *Intercollegiate*.

"Sammy" Moore is specializing in the 220 and 100 yard dashes at Wesleyan.

John T. Hancock has been elected Editor-in-chief of the *Wesleyan Literary Monthly*. He was one of the team in competition for the Briggs prize in debating.

W. H. Buell is with the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. at New Haven, Conn.

THETA—HARTFORD HIGH SCHOOL.

Hartford, Conn.

A. ERWIN RANKIN, JR., Correspondent.

The past four or five months have been busy and useful ones for Theta. During the winter we gave our annual dance, which was one of the finest that we have ever given, although it was not a success financially. On April 5th we presented a one-act farce, entitled, "Poison," which was very well received. After the play was over, a very enjoyable dance was held. As a result of the performance, quite a sum of money was turned over the High School Athletic Association by Theta.

By the time this has gone to press we will have given a small german at the Hartford Golf Club. All the necessary preparations have been made, and we are looking forward to spending a delightful evening.

Our *Owl Annual* will probably be put before the public in a very short time. This is the twelfth year in succession that Theta has published this book devoted to the interests of high

school. Under the able direction of Brother Batterson, our delegate to the past convention, as business manager, we expect to clear a good deal of money from it this year. Brother R. O'Connor, the editor-in-chief, is doing his best to make this year's book the best that we ever have issued.

We have several brothers on the high school track team, including both captain and manager. Brother Phillips, captain of the team, won the Best Athlete's Cup, at our annual interclass meet, by securing first place in the hundred, two-twenty, quarter mile, and broad jump. In the Wesleyan interscholastic meet, we got second place, being beaten by the Centenary Collegiate Institute of Hackettstown by four points. Brothers Phillips and Batterson both won points, Brother Batterson scoring the second largest number of points of any individual in the meet. Our next meet is with Springfield High School, and as several brothers from Kappa are on the Springfield team, it should be a very interesting meet for both Kappa and Theta.

After the track season is over, Theta may form a baseball team. We would be very glad to play a game with any other chapter who would dare risk a shut-out at the hands of our pitcher. The pitcher has not yet been selected.

At the last meeting of the Hartford High School Mandolin Club, Brother Phillips was elected leader for next season.

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Early in January Brothers Winslow and Mitchell went South on a hunting trip to North Carolina and spent a week at the famous Roanoke Island lighthouse.

M. S. Little, Yale '07, is the retiring chairman of the *Yale Daily News*, and also treasurer of the Senior Promenade Committee.

P. S. Wainwright, Yale Shef. 1908, is the secretary of the Yale Dramatic Association.

J. K. Hooker, Yale '09, is secretary of the Spanish Club for next year.

E. C. Roberts, Yale 1910, is a member of both the Yale Apollo Mandolin Club and the Apollo Banjo Club.

R. B. Bulkely, Yale '08, is an editor of the *Banner* for next year.

H. P. Carey, Yale Shef. '07, is chairman of the Sheffield Picture Committee.

T. Hewes, Yale 1910, is an editor of the *Yale Daily News*.

R. M. Keeney, Mass. Inst. of Tech. '09, is assistant manager of the track team.

M. Flagg, M. I. T. '09, is a member of the track team.

H. P. Rapelye, M. I. T. '08, is a member of the track team, editor of the *Technology Annual*, also chairman of the Junior Promenade Committee.

On May 23, A. G. Newton was married to Miss Florence Griswold, of Hartford.

KAPPA—SPRINGFIELD CENTRAL H. S.
SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL H. S.

Springfield, Mass.

FRANCIS E. BRIGHAM, Correspondent.

Kappa Chapter entered upon its eleventh successful year with ninety-six members, fourteen of whom were actives. Kappa was in trouble all the fall term because the school board threatened to expel all fraternities and sororities from the high school, but the fine work of the alumni of the fraternities and especially those of Gamma keeps us in school. After hearing both sides of the case, the school board gave this decision: "Resolved, that it is the judgment of the school board that official recognition should be withheld from a student organization which does not admit jurisdiction on the part of the school authorities, and it is therefore voted that no secret fraternity, sorority or other secret society shall be permitted to use as a part of its title, in connection with cata-

logs or publications of any kind, the name of the high or other public school to which its members may happen to belong or in any way represent itself as under sanction of the public school department of this city." From this, there arose the question whether the teachers, by being patronesses at the fraternity dances, were not violating the resolution of the school board and recognizing the secret fraternities in the high schools and it went along until the teachers were forced a short time ago to either resign from the fraternities and sororities or lose their positions; and, as was only natural, they did the former.

We voluntarily gave up our Annual this year because of the fuss, and gave it to the school to run. They in turn gave it to the senior class, and immediately there arose the question where the proceeds were to go and numerous other questions, so that it can hardly prove a success. We ran it successfully for ten years and had no trouble, but the minute it changed hands the trouble began. "Ads" were harder to get, and the citizens did not take as much interest, and we expect to see it die out in time.

On the 27th of December we gave our annual Christmas dance, at which many of the alumni were present, but we did not make it as much of a financial success as our rival fraternity, the Alpha Delta Sigma, who gave one the night before, but everybody had a good time, thanks to the manager, Brother Frederick Howe, and his assistants, Brother John Stone and Brother Lawrence Baker.

Although this dance did not net us much, yet it paved the way for Brother Schlesinger and his assistants, Brother Robert Royce and Brother Sherman Bowles, who made over eighty dollars for us on our Easter dance and dramatics.

The name of the play was "Three Hats," and proved a great success. Brother Edward Porter deserves especial praise for the way in which he acted his part.

The convention has probably found considerable room in this issue, so all that I will say is that we were very sorry that Brother Allton Bennitt could not act as delegate, but we

know from Brother Frederick Howe's report that Kappa could not have had any better representative.

During the month of May we lost from school three brothers: Brother Lawrence Baker having to leave because of trouble with his eyes, Brother Robert Broadhurst left because he is going to a preparatory school next year, and Brother John Wilbur, as he was appointed to Annapolis in a non-competitive appointment by Senator Gillett. This is a sad loss, as all three brothers were good hard workers who would have strengthened Kappa greatly next year, when we shall be very weak, as we will have only three seniors, for most of the Gamma men in that class (1908) have gone away to preparatory schools.

To counterbalance this loss, we have taken in ten men this year and have another who will come in at the next meeting. Counting this man, we will then number one hundred and seven members, twenty-one of whom are actives.

Kappa men hold prominent positions in the high school athletics, namely, the president, vice-president and secretary of the Athletic Association, and last fall, manager of the football team, manager of the basketball team, manager of the tennis team, and manager and captain of the fencing team. Kappa has been represented on the football, basketball, baseball, crew, fencing and track teams: Brother John Stone being on the football team, Brother Howard Williams on the baseball, Brother Alton Bennitt on the crew, where he is the mainstay, Brother George Yerrall on the basketball, Brothers John Wilbur and Lawrence Baker on the fencing team, Brothers William Carleton, John Stone, Sherman Bowles and Elbridge Brigham being on the track team. Brother William Carleton holds all the weight records of the school, and Brother John Stone holds the "100" and "220" records.

Kappa's men also took an active part in all the musical organizations, especially the banjo and mandolin clubs, which might well have been called Gamma clubs.

We are now greatly interested in baseball, as the annual game between the alumni and actives comes off on the 21st of

this month, and some time after that we play the baseball team of the Omicron Pi Sigma fraternity.

One of our younger brothers, Brother George Yerrall, is an honor pupil and has stood exceedingly high all his four years, besides being manager of the basketball team.

Next year we will have to work hard to keep up with the record established this year, but we will have many of our chapter returning next year, and so we hope to surpass this record although it is a very good one.

A short time ago we entertained the active chapter of Kappa Phi sorority at a dinner, followed by a theatre party. As a return of the compliment we have been invited on a straw-ride for the night of June 14th and a supper at the "Shakers." By these we hope to strengthen our position at school in the social and class events.

NU.—BROOKLINE HIGH SCHOOL.

Brookline, Mass.

WALTER H. CADY, Correspondent.

As the time is now drawing near when the school and fraternity year closes, it would seem that a summary of the year's affairs would best give an idea of our work in Nu Chapter.

We began the year with five men, who were representatives of all the divers interests at High School. We set to work with a will and soon had chapter affairs running in fine shape. By November we had a chapter of ten. In that month we went into the room that we had leased. In the fall and winter Nu was well represented on the athletic teams and secured a good number of the class officers and positions on the board of the school paper. In February we gave a dance, the first one Nu chapter has run since the convention of 1905. We were greatly pleased with the outcome and won for ourselves a name in the society element.

About this time we became aware of the fine group of fellows in the freshman class, and set to work sifting out the undesirable men and pledging the fellows whom we thought might be possible brothers in our fraternity. At the end of March our chapter numbered thirteen. Although events during the spring months have not been very important, we have always found some means of binding ourselves more closely to Gamma Delta Psi. Along in the first part of May we gave the pledged men an entertainment, thereby placing ourselves in closer touch with them and giving them a few ideas about the position they were in. We have been seriously thinking of forming a pledged men's club and although no action has been taken on the idea, it is very possible that we will put our project into execution.

Recently a chapter of the Sigma Phi Upsilon fraternity has been established in the High School. This is a strong national organization and the local chapter has a good crowd of fellows. As we expected this move to be taken by a number of fellows, who had formed themselves into a club, we were able to secure most all of the men whom we care to have, and as yet have had no trouble or opposition.

In closing, we wish to express our most sincere hopes that our fellow brothers and chapters will meet with the greatest success in the future.

OMICRON—LOCKPORT HIGH SCHOOL.

Lockport, N. Y.

KLARE F. COVERT, Correspondent.

Omicron has now an active chapter numbering twenty men, only a few of whom we are to lose next year. As usual, our annual dance took place about Christmas. It far surpassed our previous dances, both financially and socially. Our first annual play, "The Twin Brides," was held April 11th and

12th, about forty men taking part. The play proved a success dramatically if not financially.

Omicron has been unfortunate in the line of athletics this year, having no men on the baseball teams. In the athletic association we have secured only a few officers, viz.: Vice-president, secretary, basketball manager and tennis manager. In the debating club we made a clean sweep. We have also secured the Senior class presidency and several of the minor officers.

There is some talk of abolishing the fraternities at school, but as yet nothing definite has been done, although the Board of Education has threatened to take away the school paper.

Brother Fogle is President Senior Class; Brother Hopkins, President Assembly (Debating Society); Brother Smith, Vice-President Athletic Association; Brother Covert, Secretary; Brother Woodward, Basketball Manager; Brother Hopkins, Tennis Manager; Brother Oliver, appointed student delegate to interscholastic convention at Ithaca; Brother Fogle, delegate to interscholastic debating league.

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W. H. Upson was recently appointed first assistant postmaster.

G. A. Stockwell, our former National Board delegate, has been admitted to the Bar.

R. O. Baker, a graduate of Columbia, is at present at Bellevue Hospital, New York.

E. J. Williams, now in Columbia, will go to Europe immediately after commencement.

V. R. Decrow recently became a member of the Glee Club at the University of Pennsylvania.

J. D. Peterson, who is at Lawrenceville Prep. school, is a member of the track and football teams.

M. G. Folger has joined the Musical Club at the University of Pennsylvania.

D. M. Ward is carrying off many debating honors at Cornell.

William Craig has accepted a position with the American Bridge Co., Pittsburg.

C. P. Baker has been appointed city attorney.

J. T. Shaeffer of Hobart was seriously injured in the Hobart-Cornell lacrosse game.

H. P. Smith is rowing No. 4 on the Freshman crew at Penn.

H. A. Brown has accepted a position with the Brooks Locomotive Works, Dunkirk, N. Y.

W. Mason Shimer is rowing No. 4 on the Freshman crew at Syracuse.

Wallace Cowan is captaining the baseball team at Hobart in an able manner.

RHO—MILWAUKEE ACADEMY AND HIGH SCHOOLS,

Milwaukee, Wis.

LEWIS G. CASTLE, Correspondent.

The 1907 convention of Gamma Delta Psi was held at Rho chapter. This was the ninth annual convention, and as Rho is located near several other western chapters, the number who attended the convention was about eighty-five. The business was entirely finished in five sessions. For way of entertainment, a smoker, dance and banquet were given in honor of Rho's guests.

The 1907 edition of the *Crescent* will be published next October.

On June 22nd an informal dance was given at the Blue-mound Country Club.

Lester Stevens, '09 Yale, won his "Y" this spring in track work.

Paul Bechtner now has an offspring of 800 chickens since the arrival of some incubators at his farm in Waukeesha.

Douglas McArthur is stationed at Manila.

Harry Whitcomb, Yale '06, is secretary of the Wisconsin Eastern Suburban Line.

Lester Bigelow has fully recovered from his operation for appendicitis.

Ernest Cribb has moved to Minneapolis.

The engagement of Harry Bradley to Miss Marion Beecher has been announced.

Benjamin F. Castle graduates from West Point Military Academy and will be married to Miss Winifred A. Walker on June 26th.

Brother John Bigelow of Rho died last month in Philadelphia after an operation for appendicitis. His loss was deeply mourned by all his brothers. Brother Bigelow was in the class of '09 Harvard, and was very popular in the college. He held the position of assistant manager of the 1907 football team. His loyalty to the fraternity and his efforts to promote its ideals endeared him to all.

SIGMA—MASTEN PARK AND LAFAYETTE H. S.

Buffalo, N. Y.

FRANK M. ENDE, Correspondent.

As Sigma approaches the close of another year, we feel that it has been the greatest year in our history as a chapter. There are four names on our membership roll that were not there last September. They are Brothers R. K. Howard, Frank M. Ende, James C. Sweeney and J. E. Teifer. This brings our active membership up to a number of twelve.

Our alumni club has now attained a sufficient strength to render it very efficient as a support to the active chapter.

Our chapter has many representatives in the various branches of athletics at Lafayette. Brother Harold Kling is

captain of our baseball team, which has played five games this season, winning all. Brother Edward Tiefer has been chosen captain of the football team for next year. Brothers Sullivan, Tiefer, Coward and Kling are doing good work on the track team, having participated in several meets. Lafayette has this year won the Harvard football cup; and has the brightest of prospects for the baseball and debating cups.

Mr. Arthur Detmers has given place to Principal Calvert K. Mellen, who is now carrying on affairs in accordance with the long-standing rules of the school.

We wish all our chapters a very pleasant vacation.

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Frank Loegler and John Shepard are winding up their senior year at Cornell.

Lynn Gearhart and Clarence Peterson and Vere Decrow are at Pennsylvania.

Lansing Seymour graduates from Trinity this year.

Leo Hopkins has lately returned from the Isle of Pines.

TAU—LAKE VIEW HIGH SCHOOL.

Chicago, Ill.

MARVIN K. CURTIS, Correspondent.

This, the fifth year of Tau's existence, has been a prosperous one, and with the experience acquired, we look forward to a more brilliant future than for some time.

The faculty opposition with which the chapter has been obliged to contend has not appeared to lessen the ardor or zeal of any of the brothers or had any appreciable effect on the acquisition of new men.

Tau has always been a small chapter, but with the help given them in the last convention, by extending its charter to take in more schools, they will probably be on a very much stronger basis than could be expected at present.

The active chapter would be more than glad to see the convention here in Chicago for the years 1909, but great doubt is felt at present, due to the fact that Tau's alumni, something upon which a convention must largely depend, are rather small in numbers.

We feel that enlarging the chapter field will do a great deal towards increasing the local interest of all Gamma Delta Psi alumni, with which Chicago is very well represented.

The plan now is to bring about a chosen union of visiting alumni with the local active and alumni bodies, which we are sure will be conducive to a more congenial and fraternal spirit to all concerned.

The GARNET AND SILVER will be, we are sure, a much-wanted medium for the exchange of general information which is difficult to bring out either by convention or correspondence.

We wish each chapter abundant success in next year's work.

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James D. Fleming is now located at Albion, N. Y., where he carries on a retail grocery business.

Payne Jennings leaves this month to enter the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee.

Joseph C. Carter has left Amherst and is now a "gentleman farmer" at Versailles, Kentucky.

Augustus S. Newman is now finishing his first year at the Jacob Town Institute, Port Deposit, Ind.

Willard Fairchild is pledged to Alpha Delta Phi at Wisconsin.

Ralph S. Danforth and Glen A. Wright have been recently pledged to Alpha Delta Phi at the University of Wisconsin.

PSI—KISKIMINETAS SPRINGS SCHOOL.

Saltsburg, Pa.

RAY H. SMITH, Correspondent.

Psi sends greetings to the brother chapters. The past year has contained many good things for us. We have initiated

eleven new men into the chapter, which now numbers nineteen, and when compared with the other two fraternities one of which is national, we have gained far more than our share of honors. We feel like taking this opportunity to render a word of explanation as to our situation as a chapter. Kiskiminetas is a boarding school averaging one hundred and thirty-five members and is situated about fifty miles east of Pittsburg, from which city most of the fellows come. Men enter during all stages of preparatory work, but seldom do we have a brother in school for more than three years, the average length of our membership being two years. This is somewhat of a handicap but this is what we are doing. Brother Jamison is president of the senior class; Brother Andrews is vice-president; and Brother Smith is secretary. We are represented on the editorial staff of the school paper by Brother Pennock. Brother Larimer, beside being president of the Y. M. C. A., is captain of this year's track team. Brother Andrews captained this year's baseball team, while Brother McKean is captain of the football team of next fall. The brothers have been well represented on these respective teams, which have each won the interscholastic championship of Western Pennsylvania. We hope to repeat last year's record, winning the senior oratorical contest.

In closing, Psi wishes the brothers the greatest of prosperity both during the summer and coming year. Any visiting Gamma man will always find a hearty welcome at Saltsburg.



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