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EDITORIAL

The Editor wishes to extend a very hearty Christmas greeting to all the subscribers of the Garnet and Silver and to members of Gamma Delta Psi.

Now is the time for every man who allows the Crescent to adorn his left breast to come to the aid of the Garnet and Silver. A better day to join in the work could not be than the present. A better deed for the welfare of the organ, which must needs exist through the benevolence of the brethern, could not be. The life and continued existence of the Garnet and Silver, as has been expounded through the columns of the publication and through various mediums, is dependent on the degree of charity with which the members see fit to treat it. At no season of the year is the spirit of giving more prevalent than the present. Yule-tide brings annually a desire on the part of every person to embrace an opportunity for doing something helpful if he can find a worthy cause. The Supreme Being loves a cheerful giver be it for any cause. It may be a sixpence here or a shilling there—each a trifling and a meagre sum—yet thereby some heart is gladdened, some home is

made happy, some load is lifted, yea, even a good work may be promoted. All fraternal institutions are founded primarily on charitable bases. Gamma Delta Psi is not the least to have as its prime factor, its elementary treatise, the encouragement of generous and unceasing application of such principles. At a time of the year when the purse strings are not intricately knotted and when there is a cause so just as the *Garnet and Silver*, which must have attention and undying support in order to maintain it, is there a brother in our sacred ranks who can conscientiously shrug his shoulder or simply give a passing glance at a plea for more finances? Moreover is there a man in all the fraternity who would scoff at the idea that upon his individual contribution the life of the paper might become dependent?

The tidal wave of anti-fraternitism is rolling higher and higher and dashing more madly each year. It is not difficult to see that gradually the coast line of Gamma Delta Psi is wearing away. Of all the accusations that are being made against the High School and Preparatory School fraternity, perhaps that of tending to influence poor scholarship is the most prevalent. We hear the statement often made that the fraternity member is accredited with leaving school, prior to graduation, simply on account of the detriment the secret organization has wrought, through a ravenous desire to cope with his fellow members. Scholarship, then, must be considered paramount at this time in order that the prevailing degree of skepticism may be eradicated. There can be no doubt that all members of our fraternity have in the past and are continuing to lend their best efforts toward the extermination of such beliefs. Of course, there are instances wherein that principal thoroughly becomes applicable, but dilatory messengers run hither and thither and eventually invade every well organized and well governed secret body. To advance such a theory of

explanation, for the consideration of those who are attacking us, would be nonsensical. Yea, it would even be worthless. Still, it is an existing condition and requires no little attention. The only feasible or practical remedy that might at this time be prescribed is that greater care should be exercised in the choice of candidates for membership. So far as can be learned from the seventeen active chapters, after making a canvass of the situation, the aim and the ideal seems to be toward elevating scholarship standards to a more lofty station. True, considerable attention is given toward the upbuilding of athletic departments in the schools, and mayhap in some instances too much time is thereto devoted, but, all things considered athletic training is essential and goes hand in hand, down the same pathway, with high scholastic standing. At present, nor can the time be cited, is there any manner in which can be foretold the outcome of the discussion. We can but live and hope. Nevertheless we must endeavor to originate a preventative for further spread of the misjudgment and labor indefatigably in an earnest endeavor to dispel the vagueness and irrational statements that are charging our fraternal atmosphere. In Illinois and Ohio drastic steps have been taken toward wiping out the High School fraternity, regardless of its character or standing. We are not given any assurance that the same action will not eventually be had in any of the remaining eight states where we have chapters located. In the two states mentioned, it is learned on the best of authority, that Gamma Delta Psi stood foremost. But in order that the entire edifice might be razed our pillars of strength had to be removed. It is unfortunate, in some respects, that we have competitors; again it has served to incite deeper interest in our own fraternity in order that we might attain the position of rank alone enjoyed by us. In Lockport the question of fraternity men leaving their alma mater before graduation is not debatable. The percentage

thus leaving has not been high. Therefore in this one instance the open charge is removed from the fear of discussion.

It is well that we not only contend, but urge and insist that the older members of the fraternity exercise greater care in order to avoid the fostering of habits in the younger element that yearly develops. A most excellent imitator is youth and encouragement to grow older solicits no needful assistance. As a rule that spirit is maintained in the fraternity rather than allowed to ramify until its destructive characteristics wreak unmistakable havoc. Age and experience are the best counsel and both are embodied in the alumni members. The older men should take it upon themselves, as a rightful duty to the fraternity, to prevent the use of tobacco by the younger brethren. There is a constant hue and cry that young men are taught such "vile" habits in fraternity circles. We are fortunately endowed with a panacea for that whimper, if the by-laws are effectively enforced. Then, too, from the standpoint of healthfulness, so far as the undergraduate is concerned, smoking is injurious. It is also an expensive luxury and embraces the expending of sums not unfelt by he who must muster his monthly dues together or finance his own system of education. It is because of these few reasons that the public is led to become critical. By abolishing the use of tobacco, at least in the fraternity rooms, by the active members, we not only endow them with power to increase their bank accounts, but likewise imbue their minds with good principles and increase their ability to demand a more spirited degree of public favor.

The members are requested to read carefully the article appearing on another page which relates to the subscription contest. Observe and act accordingly.

Conservatism in most things nowadays, is being replaced by radicalism and this feeling is making itself evident even in our school exercises. To the High School fraternity may be attributed, to a great extent, the responsibility for the manifestation of a juvenile precocity, which ekes out in numerous and unchallenged forms. Today, instead of the ordinary graduation exercises, to which our forefathers were accustomed, we unwittingly, perhaps, indulge in the practise of celebrating "commencement" with its luxuries frills and furbelows and what-nots? It might be said that the toga virilis is attractive, but, that the toga proetexta is out-grown is absurd. Fraternity men could be most instrumental in destroying such a feeling, and would it in the end not be more fitting, more apropos, to confiscate some of the radical features and replace them with the primeval simplicity?

The next National Convention will be held at New Haven during the month of April, 1909, under the auspices of Alpha Chapter, the "First Founded". Let all gather in the "Land of steady habits," to which "Wooden nutmegs" are indigenous.

The Garnet and Silver is yet in a state of infancy. Its possibilities are great. No member of the fraternity is able to accurately forecast what its outcome will be. Although the precise terms of the result may not be foreseen, its general scope may still be clear. Certain tendencies mean certain conclusions. If the mare is running away no person can tell who will be maimed or killed, but unless her course be changed, or she be checked in her made race, a smash-up is always imminent. Disaster may be foreseen, but not the details. Great loss is quite apt to be entailed. We can but judge the future by what the past has been.

The Garnet and Silver presents happy prospects for a bright and enduring future. Its success is dependent upon the members of the fraternity. Thus far the support has been encouraging. With future application of the past principles we have the right to expect that the work will go on and ever on with an unceasing power of doing good for the fraternity. If each member lends his hand, in other than a financial way, the tendency will be to inject greater stamina until it will be better than self-supporting. By this is meant that the brethren could do much toward bettering the publication through contributions. We have the work well on the run and the course has been selected along an apparently unobstructed pathway. To turn aside the hand of disaster and foster desirable and advantageous things should now be our aim. By so doing we expunge discreditable measures, challenge the entailment of financial loss and overcome the octopus that serves its master when it destroys. If, then, there is a brother who can not devote an iota of time to contributing along the lines suggested, let him do the next best thing for the good of the paper-read!

Someone kindly inform the Editor of the addresses of the following brothers: Carl G. Burdick, Kappa; A. R. Skidmore, Nu; R. S. Sote, Eta; R. W. Scofield, Eta; Frank McKane, Psi; Alden Jewell and L. P. Hall, Jr.

How often we hear the term, "What a snob he is!" applied to members of our fraternity and, yet, every brother whose ears that slogan penetrates will begin by illustrating its inappropriateness, even when boldly thrust, hit or miss fashion, at himself or a fellow associate. The best description of one who might be thus termed is that he is a person who vulgarly affects gentility, or has a superficial pretention of what it is not within his power to possess.

He might also be credited with being a person who apes and cringes to those he deems superior, yet is overbearing to those whom he would serve or those whom he deems quite inferior to himself. He might also be called one who deems personal wealth far superior to infinite wisdom. Can we conceive of such a person taking the obligations and passing through the forms and ceremonies which characterize any or all of our chapters? Nay, a thousand times. No fraternity man is superior to another. We are all created free and equal. The only difference which might be portrayed is that there is a so-called class distinction and that of itself is nothing. Our claim to superiority is not as individuals, not as a class, but as one large fraternal family banded together for the promulgation of rightful teachings and the inculcation of doctrines worthy of the principles our organization has been founded upon. However else we may err, no matter what may befall us, let every Gamma Delta Psi man draw in his chest a bit and cast off every "I'm-holier-than-thou" shaft that is strung.

Will the time ever arrive when officers of the active chapters fully realize the scope of their exalted stations? Will there ever be continually evidenced a strenuous desire on the part of all to execute the duties of their offices without preventable imperfections or the tarnishing of the lustre which surrounds the few chairs to be occupied? We do not hesitate to say that all of the eighteen chapters will immediately respond by saying, "Such is the present state of affairs". In not every instance would such a criticism be applicable, still from a single germ may develop a great plague and the parasites of inactivity are infecting many. Upon the officers of the Active Chapter falls the arduous task of preserving harmony and accord. Let us deviate from the old lines a trifle, if necessary, create a new pathway, incite anewed interest and practise rigorous and less

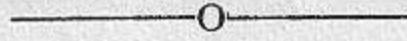
faulty methods instead of a tiresome rigmarole such as we may now have in vogue. Too many officers forget that they are at the head of the work to be accomplished by their chapter and drift along aimlessly with the popular tide, regardless as to whether it is absolutely in the right or a trifle in the wrong so long as it meets with a majority approval. In the officers' hands has been entrusted the sacred keeping of the primeval principles inculcated in the minds of those who first banded themselves together at New Haven and adopted The Crescent as their emblem of purity and badge of Gamma Delta Psi men. Surely it is but fitting for us, who have by virtue of our qualifications been deemed worthy of admission into the ranks of the fraternity, to extol and sustain those cardinal virtues of justice, prudence, temperance and fortitude which they sought out and taught one another to respect, dedicate and practice. Let us divest ourselves of apathy and coldness, each such a detrimental feature in insuring progress. Let us put forth a greater effort to grasp whatever is noble or elevating and appertains to sublime ideas. Guard against dissensions, preserve order, discourage and prevent gambling, vice and error in its many forms. Finally should a brother, through frailty of mortality, drift onto forbidden paths, he should be found, not renounced, but returned to the fold and by forceful example be shown the great degree of superior loveliness of virtue which the fraternity enjoins upon its members. When these tenets have been more closely adhered to the officers will be doing their duty, the fraternity will flourish and from year to year there will be seen an ever-increasing and onward movement of Gamma Delta Psi.

Of late attention has been called to the fact that several chapters have been initiating large numbers of men. In two instances there was an intimation that it was being done for financial results, rather than for the purpose of add-

ing material strength to the fraternity, through obtaining candidates, who were worthy and well qualified to be brothers among us. It is quite unnecessary to cite the evils that might result therefrom, yet, a cautionary word at the proper time might serve its intended purpose. The selection of men worthy of wearing the Crescent cannot be left to one brother, it must become the duty of all. As a rule an active chapter exercises great discretion in choosing novitiates and in some cases, perhaps for spite, there is too much discretion in effect. In either instance there is an opening for criticism. The character of a neophyte seeking admission should be beyond reproach. Our fraternity, like all others, is of such a nature that some must instruct, while others obey. Words of advice from members of the National Board should not be ignored. When it is believed that such men are incapable, then the old mantle should be laid aside and a new one appropriated in its stead. National Board members are the men who have been deemed worthy of dispensing advice and they are the men who should be versed thoroughly in the ritual, by-laws, constitution etc. of the fraternity and in each instance invested with the powers for doing good equal to those with which they have been entrusted. The harmony of the fraternity is largely dependent upon the support every member may give to them. Consult them often. Keep them constantly informed of what is daily being practised in the chapter, then there will be less criticism relative to the eligibility of candidates after the veil of secrecy has been raised and the door of the fraternity opened unto them.

The Garnet and Silver and the members of the National Board extend their best wishes for future happiness to Brother Gleeson Murphy, formerly National Board Delegate from Iota Chapter, whose marriage to Miss Cornelia Wilkinson, Memphis, Tenn., was solemnized Tuesday evening, October 27th.

It is the wish of those in charge of the Garnet and Silver to print a complete list of the addresses of the Corresponding Secretaries', together with the location of permanent or temporary chapter rooms in the succeeding issues. Correspondents' kindly take note and submit information with letter for the April issue, which will be published April 15th.



Springfield, Mass., Dec. 9, 1908.

H. C. Townsend,
Lockport, N. Y.

Received election by good margin. Paper sent by mail.
EVERETT E. BELDING.

The above telegram tells the tale of Brother Belding's success in his efforts to represent the Fourth Ward, Precinct "A" in the Common Council of Springfield. He will occupy a seat next to Brother John A. Denison, who is at present representing Precinct "B" of the same ward.



"LIKE A FLOWER OF THE FIELD"

Arthur Dwyer, No. 54, Theta Chapter, died at his home 123 Morris Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y., December 8th, after two weeks illness, of typhoid fever, at the age of twenty-seven years. He is survived by his wife and two children. He was born April 3, 1881.

Brother Dwyer was graduated from Hartford High in the Class of 1900 and later completed a course in the Scientific Department at Yale. After leaving college he went to Buffalo where he engaged in the contracting business with his father under the firm name of J. W. Dwyer & Son, with offices in the Ellicott Square building. He was a member of

the University Club at Buffalo. On Friday, December 11th all that was mortal of the departed brother was laid to rest in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, N. Y.

On the evening of June 5, 1899 the curtains of secrecy were parted and Arthur Dwyer entered to take upon himself the obligations of Gamma Delta Psi. His strict attention to duty, moral development and social standing were the things which recommended him to the fraternity. As a brother in Theta Chapter he was held in high esteem and the list of brethren who today feel a sense of personal bereavement at his untimely passing away is a long one.

His private life was a model of gentleness and simplicity, a devoted husband, an affectionate father, a genial gentleman, a kind and companionable neighbor, a true and loyal citizen, he had won a place in the hearts of those with whom he was associated, both in and out of the fraternity circles, unsurpassed by that of any other.

It is difficult, indeed, for us to become reconciled to the death of a brother so young, and one whose life was so full of hope and promise. At the meridian of his intellectual strength and physical vigor he fell to rise no more, a natural body.

Though he is dead, yet still he lives and his memory lingers to light the way of those who in their turn shall follow him. Let us emulate the noble attributes of his character. His faults, if any (and all men have them), let us write upon the sands, his virtues upon the tablets of love and memory.

WITH THE NATIONAL BOARD

ARTHUR R. HURST, Acting President

Recent reports from various chapters throughout the West, to the effect that the active opposition to High School fraternities among Board of Education members in several cities has by no means become quiet, prompt me to urge upon the National Board men, the great need of a more intimate relationship between active and alumni members.

Of course the experienced judgment of older alumni members is of infinitely greater value in dealing with Boards of Education, than the immature minds of the preparatory school student, hence it is to the alumni and first of all, to the National Board delegate, that the active chapter must look for aid when their existence is threatened.

So long as an active chapter abides by and lives up to the letter and spirit of the constitution of Gamma Delta Psi there can be no argument against them on the grounds of morality and scholarship.

To refute the criticism that we are undemocratic, and to present to men, who have never known fraternity life, the many advantages and privileges offered to every member of Gamma Delta Psi, is the duty of every alumni member of the fraternity.

An interested body of alumni can be of inestimable value to their active chapter, both in times of stress, as I have outlined above, and in times of peace, so to speak, when they can give helpful supervision toward the betterment of their active chapter, and above all, their personal friendship, which I doubt not will in many cases, be a blessing in return to the alumni themselves. With this suggestion I earnestly hope that each National Board member will bend every effort toward the formation of an interested and energetic alumni club for his chapter.

I wish to take this opportunity to bring to the attention of the fraternity at large, a matter upon which hinges the question as to whether greatness or mediocrity is to be the future portion of Gamma Delta Psi.

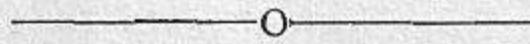
Not that the present conditions do not warrant the belief that ours is the best scholastic fraternity in the land, but that without the active, hearty and constant co-operation of every National Board member, the splendid structure planned and erected by Bro. Everett E. Belding and his associates, will be undermined and greatly weakened. It is to be presumed that each active chapter in selecting one of their alumni to represent them on the National Board would choose one whose time can be so apportioned that a few moments each week may be given to the interest of his Chapter.

To quote from our constitution Art. 8, Sec. 4, "The Duties of the Delegate. To carry out the wishes of the chapter which he represents, and to report to that chapter his or the Board's action on the same.....
.....To see that all communications from the Board are promptly considered and answered."

By observing the chaotic condition of my files it is obvious that some chapters have been unfortunate in selecting National Board members, whose personal business affairs make it impossible for them to accomplish all that they would like to for their fraternity.

Now in closing, it is my earnest desire, and should be that of every loyal brother under the Crescent, that each National Board member, each corresponding Secretary, and, each and every active, alumni and honorary member, who loves his fraternity, devote at least, a little time to the answering promptly of all correspondence and to the transacting of what greater or less amount of business he has been intrusted with by his fraternity. The oft spoken truth, which grows stronger with each repetition, should be taken most

seriously to heart by each and every member of the fraternity, particularly by each National Board member. Each brother draws help and strength from the fraternity in proportion to the amount he has put into it.



THE OLYMPIC GAMES IN ENGLAND

JOHN NEIL PATTERSON, Iota

The Olympic Games in London this year, from the point of a good time, was a great success and no people on earth could have done more for the entertainment of the visiting athletes than did the English.

On arrival each competitor was presented with a button which he wore on his coat. This button or badge took him into everything and would even get a man out of jail, I guess, if any one had had to use it for that purpose.

The theatres were thrown open to us, as well as other places of amusement where they charged everyone else to get in. We were given so many wonderful banquets, balls and receptions that it was difficult to make a choice. Of course none of the American team went out until after his events were pulled off, but then he could go as he pleased.

Sir Thomas Lipton gave the American boys an elegant trip to the Isle of Wight in his yacht and said if the boys could not get enough champagne he would fill the bath tub full and let them take a splash.

As to the treatment which there was so much talk about, I think that the Englishmen tried hard to give every one a square deal, but didn't know how. They do things today the same as fifty years ago and that is the way they not only run their athletic games but their country as well. The Americans ran up against trouble more than the other countries, because in every race they were well toward the front and because they won so much more than the other countries. Then, there was Count "so and so" and Duke

“such and such”, who were the officials, who didn’t know a running race from an eight day clock.

The trip was a great thing to throw college athletes together and I think every one made many friends that they will always keep. After the games, those that did not come home, traveled around, some in bunches, while others went in two’s three’s or four’s. Some of the Irish Athletes went to Ireland for a meet, while another bunch of fellows went to Paris for a meet.

We all came home at different times, but even those that went home had their expenses paid back to New York for the big “blow-out” the people of that city gave to the American team, and a fine one it certainly was, keeping us all on the jump from Friday until Monday afternoon. In that time we went to two theatres, had banquets, a track meet, parade, automobile rides, saw Coney Island and met the President.

Under a three-line, thirty point, double column headline on the first page and a cut of J. Neil Patterson, the Detroit Journal prints this tribute:

J. Neil Patterson, high jumper on the Olympic team, reached his home, 27 Garfield avenue, this morning, after spending two and a half months abroad.

Patterson was one of the six athletes presented with diplomas for making six feet in the high jump. There were 60 competitors in this event. While abroad Mr. Patterson acted as Journal correspondent at the Olympic games.

“The Olympic games in London, to my mind, were a great success,” said Mr. Patterson.

“It will take a little time to eradicate the hard feelings which arose over some of the races, but in a year or so I think we shall have forgotten the disagreeable parts and remember only one of the greatest athletic contests ever held.

“On the Oceanic, sailing home with me, were a number of the American athletes, prominent among them Hayes,

the Marathon winner, and probably the greatest and most talked about athlete in the country today. The rest of the party included Halstead, Cornell; Doust and Spitzer, Yale, and Riely, of the Irish Athletic club. When the steamer was about two miles from the landing place, Hayes and the rest of us were greeted by a small boat with a 'Welcome Home' sign on the side and a brass band playing the 'Star Spangled Banner.' On the boat were the manager of the team, M. P. Halpin, and a large bunch of N. Y. C. and Irish club men.

"When at last we got ashore there was a wild rush and Hayes, amid the cheers of the crowd, was lifted high on the boys' shoulders and carried up and down the dock, while the rest of us had our hands gripped, it seemed to me, by hundreds of people. Hayes, who had been the smallest man on the boat, now became the biggest man in New York and was taken to the N. N. C. club where a banquet was waiting and hundreds of additional enthusiasts greeted the American hero.

"As to the sportsmanship of the English people as a whole, it was pretty good, but they are poor losers. The athletes themselves were good fellows but the older men connected with the games had rather narrow and ancient ideas. They do things today because they did them years ago and cannot see why rules should be changed.

"Sir Thomas Lipton gave a royal party to the Americans, taking them on a special train from London and a ride around the Isle of Wight, and back to a magnificent banquet. When the boys thanked him he said:

"'If I did this every day for a month I could not half repay the hospitality shown to me whenever I go to America.'

"At the banquet Mike Murphy got up and nominated Sir Thomas Lipton for the next president of the United States,' which tickled him to death."

CORRESPONDENCE

ALPHA--HIGH SCHOOL

New Haven, Conn.

FRANK J. COYLE, Correspondent

In September we started a year which promises to be one of the best in our history. At that time our chapter consisted of fourteen. Since then, we have taken in Brothers Bird, Osborn, Chatfield, Rogers and Wheeler.

A gratifying sign of our prosperity is our pledged list. It is a very fine one with all the fine fellows of the first year's class on it.

We have Brothers Bird and Osborn on the football team with Brothers Kennedy and Styles manager and assistant manager respectively. Brothers R. Burton, Bray and J. Burton will represent us on the hockey team. Brother R. Burton will manage the team and Brother J. Burton will captain same. Brother Bird is manager and Brother Wheeler assistant manager of the baseball team. In the Athletic Association Brother J. Burton is treasurer.

Our monthly paper is up to its usual high stand. Brother Kennedy, the present editor, will be succeeded by Brother Dwight Blakleslee.

We plan to have a private dance in the near future, and intend to send out about sixty invitations. Last year, under the able management of Brother Messinger, it proved a great success, and expect this year it will prove even a greater one. This dance will be followed by our annual entertainment and dance. The play for this dance has already been selected and undoubtedly will make a great hit.

We have given two smokers to the most promising fel-

lows of the school at the homes of Brothers Styles and Welch, and both proved successes.

Our convention committee has put on its work harness and from the present outlook the 1908 Convention should prove a great affair. Brother Gilson is chairman, Brother Embree first assistant and Brother I. Osborne Second. The chapter has selected Brothers D. Blakleslee and Styles as active members.

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Charles P. Tuttle is teaching English and History at the University School, Baltimore, Maryland.

Ray Hackett is on the Journal Courier Reportorial Staff.

D. F. Fox is instructor in English at River View Academy, N. Y.

R. Chamberlain is completing his studies at Yale.

Paul Thompson, with his brother Charles, is learning practical aspects of the decorating trade in New York, preparatory to their work in their father's firm, "The Thompson Shop."

Brother Baldwin is attending The Ossining Military Academy.

Brother Messinger and Brother Bacon played on the Yale Freshman Team.

F. D. Grave got a cup for broad-jumping in the Yale Meet.

Brother Beebe is singing in the Yale Glee Club.

Brothers Messinger, Grave, Hackett, Sargent, Bacon and Beebe entered Yale.

Brother Newton is in the electrical business at Hartford.

Brothers Stetson, Bird and Beebe are members of the Yale Glee Club.

Paul Somers has accepted a position with the N. Y. N. H. & Hartford Railroad.

DELTA—HIGH SCHOOL**Grand Rapids, Mich.**

SHELBY PARMENTER, Correspondent

With the dawn of the new school year, Delta enters upon her twenty-first year of existence with a chapter strong in numbers and strong in determination to have this year far outshine all preceding ones. Although our battle was fought nearly a year ago, the smoke has only lately risen and left a clear sky ahead of us so that everyone is able to recognize Gamma Delta Psi first and foremost among scholastic fraternities. This fact enabled Delta to pledge all of the ten men she bid this fall and assures her success in the future.

In June many of our active members, whose work in the fraternity and at school was of great credit to Delta chapter and Gamma Delta Psi at large were graduated. Nevertheless, Delta was fortunate in beginning the school year with an active membership of fifteen. With the ten new pledgemen obtained this fall, Delta has a pledged chapter of fourteen members. This large number to draw from assures us of good material for several years to follow.

Honorary Brother Davis, who is principal of our high school, has recently established many organizations and societies in the school which will doubtless give much credit to the school. It is the aim of the brothers to join these societies in hopes of establishing a better feeling between members of the school and Gamma men. No doubt this will show our fraternity in a more democratic light to outsiders and greatly strengthen our chances in obtaining new men.

The inter-fraternity agreement committee which is composed of two delegates from each of the fraternities of school does much to further the wishes of the school board and keep us on friendly terms with them. The agreement

designates a definite time and grade in which the rushing is to commence and further states the length of time for which it shall continue. This gives all the fraternities an equal chance for a man and also gives the man a chance to make his decision wholly upon the fraternity's merits. Delta has found this method to be very successful and hopes many other chapters will succeed in furthering its adoption.

On November 28, Delta staged the melo-drama. "The Convict's Pal." This kind of a show has never before been given by any of the organizations of the high school and for that reason proved to be a novelty and was well supported by the public. Through the great enthusiasm and hearty cooperation of the actives, pledgemen, and alumni, this proved to be the greatest financial success ever experienced by Delta as she was able to realize over two hundred dollars.

The Annual Banquet of Delta Chapter will be held during the Christmas holidays. We will gladly welcome any Gamma man who can be present.

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Carl P. Palmer, '03 and A. DeValois Evans '03 are now in Cuba. They are surveying near Caibarien and will be pleased to see any Gamma men who happen to be near.

Delta Chapter is represented in the far west by Jas. Welton Maynard '02 and Eugene B. Permer '93 in Salt Lake City; Glen Davidson '96, Albert Robinson '98 and Edward C. Raymond '98 in Seattle and Henry J. Idema '95 in Sultan, Wash.

Bruce T. Dyer, '95, is now the owner of a large hotel in Los Angeles, Cal.

At the fall election Leonard D. Verdier '95 was elected to the State Legislature from the First District of Kent County.

The engagement of Parke H. McMullen '02 to Miss Hazel Grady of this city, has been announced.

Carrol S. Daniels, '05, is at Amherst.

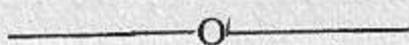
Julius H. Amberg, '08, is at Colgate.

Marshall M. Uhl, '02, is practicing law in Urganue, Mich.

Stanley Morris, '02, is in Oberlin College.

Espy Stanton, '05, is with the Childs Hulswitt Co., Stocks and Bonds.

Walter D. Idema, '06, and Harold M. Harvey, '06, are at Princeton.



EPSILON—HIGH AND UNIVERSITY SCHOOLS

Bridgeport, Conn.

R. C. MEEKER, Correspondent

Epsilon began the year with eleven active members in the High School and one at the University school.

During the summer we moved out of our old rooms, and are now occupying two fine rooms in the Waller Building, corner Fairfield Ave. and Watter Street. These rooms are not only occupied by the active chapter but by the members of Epsilon Gamma Delta Psi Club also, which was organized at the beginning of the year.

On November twelfth we gave a sort of entertainment to our pledgemen, and a few others whom we wished to pledge. Our feature of this entertainment was a fine talk by Bro. Fones, a charter member of Epsilon, on his recent tour of Italy, which was instructive and very interesting.

At the beginning of the season a call was made for candidates for the football team. Bros. Richardson and Carey made the team, together with two of our pledgemen. Lalley, the manager of the team, is a pledgeman and Brother R. Meeker is assisting him.

In the musical circle we are well represented having six members in the Glee Club and four in the chorus.

Epsilon gave an informal dance on December the fourth, which turned out to be a great success both financially and socially and we expect to give another in the near future.

In the regular election of officers in the athletic association Bro. J. Meeker was elected vice-President and Bro. Hughes, who is quite a runner made the office of Track Manager.

This year so far we have taken in no new members, but on reunion night, December 31, at least four or five are to be initiated.

Miss Somerset is going to give an entertainment for the benefit of the Athletic Association in which the Glee Club is going to sing and several prominent members of the school are going to speak.

Bro. Savage, B. H. S. '05, Exeter, '07, made fullback on the Yale Freshman Football Team.

Bro. Partrick, B. H. S., Ex. '11, is learning engineering and surveying in Long Island.

Bro. Lovegrove, University School, '07, is now a student of the University of Michigan.

Bros. Whitcomb and Beadstreet are freshmen this year at Yale.

Bro. Hanke is studying at the University School.



ETA—BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

Brooklyn, N. Y.

HENRY H. TAYLOR, Correspondent

Last June Eta lost seven of her strongest brothers by graduation and so started the new school year with an active membership of ten. Since the opening of school, four new brothers have been added to this number.

The football team met but two reverses out of the eight games played, one with our Brooklyn rivals, Poly Prep.,

and the other with the strong eleven of the Central High School of Philadelphia. Eta was represented on the team by Brothers Taylor Seaman and Gardiner. D. Havens played on the "soccer" team.

Brother Major manager of the track team has won first place in all of the dual cross-country runs he has entered here in the city. Thanksgiving Day he won second place in the Championship Scholastic Cross-Country Run at Philadelphia.

Arrangements are now being made to hold our annual banquet during the Christmas holidays. The chapter dance will also be held about the same time.

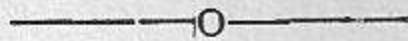
The hockey team is now hard at work, and captained by Brother Bass, should turn out to be a championship seven. Brothers Taylor and MacKay are on the squad.

Everet M. Freystadt, a freshman at Rutgers, played tackle on the 'Varsity. Valentine B. Havens, also of the class of 1912, is showing up strong in track work.

John T. Hancock has been chosen president of the debating team at Wesleyan.

Russell S. Cooney made guard on the Exeter eleven this fall.

Brothers Bristol and Dresser have entered Cornell.



THETA—HIGH SCHOOL

Hartford, Conn.

W. CHENEY BROWN, Jr., Correspondent.

With the school year now in full swing, Theta has begun another strenuous season. Our active chapter now numbers thirteen, and while this is considered an unlucky number, last year it brought us good luck. From all appearances it will do so again.

In accordance with the suggestion made at the last convention, we have elected a committee to secure alumni

speakers from out of town chapters to talk to us at our regular meetings. Brother Everett E. Belding of Kappa, Ex-President of the National Board spoke to us one evening and gave us some very good ideas concerning the affairs of Gamma Delta Psi. We believe that alumni speakers should be a great benefit to the various chapters at any rate it would prove very interesting.

The "Owl Annual", which is Theta's yearly publication for the school, has been started, and the work of getting "ads" is progressing rapidly. The board for the fourteenth volume of the book; Editor in chief, Hugh O'Connor; Assistant editors, Bros. Pearson and Shepard; Business manager, Robert T. Frisbie; Assistant business managers Bros. Messinger and Brown.

In the high school this year Theta men hold most of the important positions, having junior assistant editor, business manager and junior assistant manager of the "Chronicle", the only school paper. In the Athletic Association Bro. O'Connor is President and several hold-off men are in minor positions. On the football team, which is now a thing of the past, we had several men. Bro. O'Connor was manager, Bro. Welch played guard, Bro. Messinger end, and Bro. Scoville quarter-back.

The hockey team this winter has Bro. O'Connor for captain and Bro. Shepard for manager. Bro. O'Connor is also captain of the track team.

So far this year there has been no outbreak against fraternities in Hartford, while in several cities near here there has been considerable disturbance. However, we feel that Theta will have no trouble for some time to come. We endeavor to be as democratic as possible in the high school so as not to antagonize the non-fraternity element. In this way we get along very well and hold our place as the best of the Hartford High societies.

Our annual Christmas dance will be held on Dec. 23.

Any brother who is in town at that time will be given a cordial welcome.

Ernest Walker Smith, as chairman of the Republican town committee, conducted Hartford's political campaign in a most creditable way.

Thomas Hewes is now assignment Editor of the Yale Daily News.

A. E. Rankin and F. N. Breed have entered Trinity and have both made Psi Upsilon. Bro. Reed made the varsity football team.

Morgan Brainerd is now president of the board of aldermen while Heyward H. Whaples looks after our interests in the common council.

Harry Rapelye has been chosen assistant to the President of Massachusetts Tech.



KAPPA—HIGH SCHOOL

Springfield, Mass.

EDWARD M. PORTER, Correspondent

On beginning the year we began taking in men and our active chapter now numbers twenty-two.

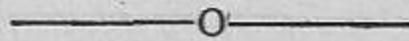
Chief in the minds of all is the 3d annual production by the "Klapparappers," the theatrical organization of our Alumni. The performance is a benefit affair, a large share of the profits going to the Ferry Street Settlement Association, a local charitable society. Two years ago "The Man from Mexico" was successfully given, and last year "Christopher Jr." was presented with even more favorable results, both from financial and a theatrical standpoint. This year "Caught in the Rain", William Collier's star play is to be offered. The date is to be January 8th, and great things are expected of the amateur actors. An able cast has been

selected, and under the direction of Brother Robert F. Day, who also takes a leading role, a most creditable performance is anticipated.

While the material for this performance is drawn mainly from the Alumni Association, five actives are taking part making the active chapter's interest in the play more vital.

On December 28th the active chapter will give its annual Christmas dance at Apollo Hall. Visiting Brothers will be made most welcome.

Kappa sends best wishes for the New Year to all the members of Gamma Delta Psi. Particularly do we congratulate the staff of the Garnet and Silver for the great work they are doing in unifying and fraternalizing our institution. Success to the good work which helps to make us more personally "Brothers" under the Crescent.



NU—HIGH SCHOOL

Brookline, Mass.

HENRY F. DUNBAR, Correspondent

At the first meeting this term there were but six actives on the roll, for five of last year's actives graduated and three left school. Now we have twelve actives, all in earnest and anxious to keep up the good work which has been done in previous years.

Arrangements have been made for a dance which we will give sometime in December.

Brother Ainsworth has played an excellent game of football on the team this fall.

We have three representatives on the High School Mandolin Club.

Brother Collins is captaining and Brother Dunbar managing the Hockey Team.

OMICRON—HIGH SCHOOL**Lockport, N. Y.**

PHILIP A. RICHMOND, Correspondent

Omicron began the year with an active membership of eleven, which has been increased until we now have a working force of fourteen. This is nearly as large a chapter as we have had in former years. We also have a pledge man whom we expect to initiate in the near future.

At our last initiation we used a new ritual, which was written by Brothers Townsend and Keck and adopted unanimously by the active chapter. It proved a great success, in the line of impressiveness, and we hope that one similar to it will be proposed and adopted for National use at the coming convention.

During the month of November we received a challenge to play the active members of Gamma Sigma, our rival fraternity, a game of football. We accepted the challenge and received a drubbing, the score being 22-10. Although we were defeated we felt well repaid for our efforts and all are anxious to meet them in another form of athletic sports.

Klare F. Covert was elected vice-president of the Athletic Association in October and Benjamin Foote was elected treasurer.

Our annual dance will be held on December 23d, and to all brothers, we extend a most hearty welcome to attend.

The new principal, Walter Severance, is strongly opposed to fraternities in the high schools, but he gives us the assurance that no attack will be made on our chapter unless stronger reasons than he now sees are presented.

We held a dance on October 30th, to which we invited non-fraternity element, and it proved a success, socially and financially.

Brother and Mrs. Jesse T. Shaeffer are the parents of a daughter born in June.

The engagement of O. Neil Prudden to Miss Evelyn Oesterle of Muncie, Ind., has been announced.

Howard W. McComb has assumed the Hay and Produce business of his father who died several months since.

Erie J. Williams, is a senior at Columbia Law School.

Rollin O. Baker has opened a medical practice in this city after completing his course at Bellevue Hospital, New York City.

Wallace Cowan and Alexander Campbell have left for Virginia where they will represent a large publishing house.

F. Allen Tovell has lately become associated with the Oliver Brothers Brass Bedstead Works of this city.

Dr. Arnold R. Moyer has assumed the dental practice of his brother at Niagara Falls.

Raymond W. Stockwell is attending the Medical Department of the University of Buffalo.

Announcement of the engagement of Ray Clarkson Tower of Youngstown to Mary Belle Morrill of this city has been made. The wedding will take place in January.

Harold A. Brown is assistant manager and treasurer of a branch office of a Chicago seed firm in Buffalo.

Glenn A. Stockwell, who finished at Albany Law School last June, has opened a law office at No. 60 Gluck Building, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Livingston Oliver is manager of the Southern Fibre Company at Norfolk, Va.

The brethren were all pleased to again welcome T. Thorne Flagler of Cincinnati during his brief sojourn in the city.

Brother and Mrs. Raymond D. Sprout, nee Miss Kate L. Chambers of Shelbyville, Ind., have lately taken up their residence in this city. On October 5th there was born to them a daughter, Leonora Chambers Sprout.

John R. Earl, Jr., is at Albany Law School.

RHO—ACADEMY AND HIGH SCHOOL**Milwaukee, Wis.**

LEWIS G. CASTLE, Correspondent

In another year the School Board of Milwaukee intends to put a ban on secret societies in Milwaukee, so that after that time Rho chapter will have to be considered inactive as far as pledging new members is concerned. We were well prepared to meet the school board to discuss the subject of fraternities but as they gave us no notification as to when we might have been heard, they passed their decision before we had an inning.

Since this final act of the School Board our entire pledge chapter has been initiated. This increases the number upon active chapter to twenty-two members. We still hope to keep in touch with all chapters of Gamma Delta Psi thro' correspondence and will be represented at the next convention unless the School Board should carry their decision out sooner than we expect.

We have been very successful this fall pledging several new members.

A banquet will be held during the coming holidays and probably a small dance will be given.

Brother Hopkins of Sigma Chapter who has been living in Milwaukee has moved to the State of Washington where he will enter the lumber business.

William Harley is attending School in Hyde Park, Chicago.

William McMillan has left the University of Wisconsin and is now working with the O'Neil Oil and Paint Company. He will manage the University Wisconsin Glee and Mandolin Club Concert which will be here December 28th.

Brother Pierce is now at Madison attending the University.

Donald Paddock has gone to Princeton Prep.

Hugo Boorse is attending Beloit College and Brothers Ewing and Atwood are at Ripon College.

Howard Watts was elected President of the Senior Class at East Division.

Frank Wood is now with Sprague Warner Company, Chicago.

Lester Bigelow has joined the troop.

Edward Potter will return to Wisconsin University next February.

Benjamin Castle is the proud father of a son, Frederic W. Castle, born Oct. 14th, Manila, Philippine Islands.

Henry Gay is Secretary of the Commercial Law Club just recently organized.

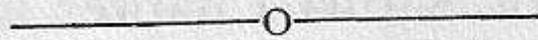
Alexander Ahrig who has been traveling in Germany will return to the states next month.

James Welsch is at Mercersburg Academy this year.

Ralph Youngren has left school and is now one of the knights of the dinner pail.

Gilbert Sherman is in Seattle, Washington, Address care Y. M. C. A. Bldg.

Francis McLeod is in the Ticket Office at the North-Western Depot.



SIGMA—BUFFALO PREPARATORY SCHOOLS

Buffalo, N. Y.

LLOYD L. BISSELL, Correspondent

With the welfare of Gamma Delta Psi ever before her Sigma started in the new school year with an active membership of eleven. That number having been increased until at the present time she has an enrollment of fourteen.

On October 10th, we passed a most enjoyable evening at the Meadow Club, where we were joined by a delegation from Omicron. During the evening many very interesting

and exciting debates were waged between the members of the two Chapters, and judging from the expressions of the majority it was a great success.

Brother Thomas, on November 20th, very kindly offered us the use of his home for a rusher. Here we met a fine crowd of fellows who from all appearances will make good material for Sigma in future years.

In Athletics Sigma is represented in football by Brother Hopkins who is manager and by the Sullivan Brothers, Brother Jackson holds the managership of the swimming team, and we have bright prospects for a goodly representation on the track team.

Lafayette High has won the Harvard football cup during the past season, which now remains in her permanent possession.

Sigma has lost by graduation and other ways five of her active men, namely:

Brother Coward who has gone to Union and there made Alpha Delta Phi.

Brother Dold who is attending Cornell is a member of Delta Upsilon.

Brother Phelan who is at Hill Prep. School

Brother Snyder who has moved to Chicago and Brother Ende who is studying medicine at the University of Buffalo.

But we have taken in four men as follows, Ernest Moncreif, '72; Max Wilcox, '73; Griffin King, '74; and Thomas Squires, '75; so Sigma if any is very little behind.

A number of the alumni are attending the "Alumni Nights" of the Active chapter to which the last meeting in the month is given over.

Carroll and Earle Dunning and Lou Pratt are at the Bittmore school of Forestry.

Harry Coward is a member of the cross country team at Union College.

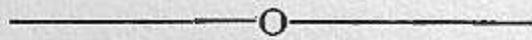
Brother Gould writes that he has been visiting our two chapters near Pittsburg.

The chapter banquet is to be held Dec. 26th, at the University Club and as that is the big alumni night, we expect to see all the men there.

We were all glad to see Harry Root when he was home on his vacation.

Vere Decrow is doing great stunts in the theatrical line at University of Pennsylvania.

Election of officers for the Alumni Club will be held after the banquet Dec. 26th.



TAU—LAKEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

Chicago, Ill.

LEWIS T. GREGORY, Correspondent

Tau started its seventh year, in September, quite paralyzed by the action of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, and now, after three months of bare existence, since school opened, sees no prospects of advancement or growth. No active work can be carried on, on account of the "pledges" signed by each active member, before admission to the school, resigning from all secret societies.

We have nine men in school, four of whom are members of the different school organizations: Brother Seagrove is a member of the inter-scholastic debating committee and represents Lake View High School and is chairman of the L. V. H. S. Debating team; he is also Literary Editor of the Red and White, the School paper; Brother Gregory is playing cornet in the Orchestra; Brother Clark is a member of the Aquatic Squad and Brother Lower is on the Sophomore Basket ball team.

In June last, Tau gave the annual play, which was a success in every way. We gave two little farces, and then had a dance after the entertainment.

We are anticipating giving a dance some time before Christmas, and from the present outlook we fully expect success.

Brothers Barr and Austin are at Wisconsin.

Brother Dunne is at Ann Arbor.

Brother Danforth is at Illinois and belongs to the track team there.

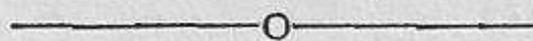
Brother Griffith is a Freshman at Cornell.

Brother McNulty played halfback on the Georgetown college football team.

Brothers Mehlem and Hebner are at Notre Dame, and are on the second football team. They both swim for the Illinois Athletic Club.

Brother Newman is at Tome School, Port Deposit, Md.

Brothers Miller and Wolf of Delta visited us during the summer, and within a month, Brother Hurst, Acting President of the National Board, also honored us with a short stay. We enjoyed their visits very much, and hope that all other brothers, coming to Chicago, will look us up.



PHI—HIGH SCHOOL

Lowell, Mass.

GEORGE E. MAHONEY, Correspondent

Phi opened the year with eight actives, but has since increased its numbers to ten, Edward Woodward and George Robertson having been initiated. Brother Robertson made Phi's chapter roll an even 50, and since, there has been one more man voted in with whom to start its second half hundred of members.

The annual fraternity party is to take place January 1, at Colonial Hall, and brothers from each and every chapter are cordially invited to be with us.

Phi had but two representatives on this fall's football team, Bros. Donahue and Barnes. The former will captain the basketball team.

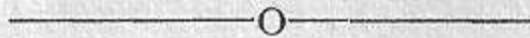
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Of Phi's graduates last June, Jack Parker entered Princeton; John Spaulding, Harvard; Marshall Pratt, Amherst Agriculture; Wm. White, the University of Vermont, where he was made president of the freshman class. Brother "Al" Haynes made good at Vermont last year, having been one of two freshmen to play on the 'varsity baseball team. John Mahoney has decided to work a year before entering Tuft's Dental College.

Henry Wilder, captain of the Harvard College Golf team and president of the Inter-collegiate Golf Association, won the inter-collegiate individual golf championship last October. He was also the winner of two state amateur tournaments held in August.

Royal Leith made the Freshman track team at Brown and in the class meet won the high hurdles. He also played end on the '12 football team.

Warren Scribner, Harvard '10, is a forward on the Harvard 'Varsity team, while Oscar Dow, '11, has done good work as a member of his class track and basketball teams.



PSI—KISKIMINETAS SCHOOL

Saltsburg, Pa.

THOMAS CUMMINS, Correspondent

For the past three years Psi has been very prosperous as a chapter of Gamma Delta Psi. During this time our brothers have represented the chapter by making the various athletic and other teams pertaining to the school.

As far back as our present active brothers can recollect

Psi has played an important part in the proceedings of this school, and now as we look over the coming prospects of Psi, we are just as confident of its future as we have been satisfied with our past. Loyalty to Gamma Delta Psi has favored Psi in football this fall, by having six brothers on the team and four subs, with brother Haulber as captain.

The outlook for the basketball team this year is very favorable, both to Psi and Kiski. Bro. Gordon as captain assisted by two brothers and possibly one other as substitute will constitute a part of the team.



ZETA—CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Washington, D. C.

HOWARD W. HODGKINS, Correspondent

Zeta started her first year with only six actives, but since then have taken in six more men besides pledging several others, a couple of whom we expect to take in shortly.

We are quite creditably represented in the interests of the school and have the good will both of the faculty and the student body. H. W. Hodgkins represented us on the football team. G. W. Hodgkins as president of the debating society and Brother Townsend as chairman of the executive committee hope to successfully carry out the debating interest. Brothers Peale, Couch, Hospital and Morrison are respectively president, vice-president, secretary and executive officer of the Rifle Club and hope to get together a team capable of winning another leg on the championship trophy. The indoor track work is well under way although no meets have been entered as yet, several of the brothers are on the squad.

Brothers Peale, Townsend and H. W. Hodgkins have been appointed first lieutenants and Brother Hospital a second lieutenant in the High School Cadet Regiment.

G. W. Hodgkins is the editor of the school paper "The Review" and several other brothers are on the staff.

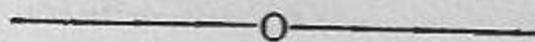
Under a ruling of the school board we are not permitted to have chapter rooms and therefore hold our meeting at the homes of the brothers.

Our fall complimentary dance was held at Dyer's on the Fourth of December and every one had a great time.

We expect to hold one of our spring dances at the same place on the fifth of March and hope that many of the out of town brothers who have come down for the inauguration will be able to attend.

Mark Finley is at Michigan.

Daniel Chung is in Philadelphia preparing for Yale.



ALPHA ALPHA—W. & J. ACADEMY

Washington, Pa.

BOYD A. WELLS, Correspondent

Alpha Alpha has shown up wonderfully in the past two months both in athletics and securing new members. We now have five new men, making an active chapter of thirteen, two pledged men and one honorary. Prof. F. W. Stewart, our honorary, was a Delta Kappa Epsilon at Rochester University, and did graduate work at Harvard. We find his advice and suggestions a great help to the chapter.

We have seven men and the captain on the first football team, Brothers Carson, Wise, Montgomery, Wells, Davis, Mullendore, Kyle and Lockridge. Brother Davis has been elected captain for next year. We also have the President, Treasurer and Senior Director of the Athletic Committee. Brother Duffey, last year elected baseball captain, has not returned but we expect him back after Christmas.

In one of our recent meetings we were pleased to have

with us Brother Theodore J. Gould of Sigma, who gave us a very interesting talk.

Loyd H. Bowers, '09, is attending school in Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

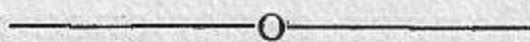
Brothers Wray, Calverly and Grimm have entered W. J. College, having made the successive fraternities: Phi Gamma Delta, Beta Theta Pi, Kappa Sigma.

Burgin Digby, '08, has entered a law-office in Pittsburg.

Joseph C. Wiley, is at the University of Pittsburg.

Samuel M. Rose, '10, is attending the East Liberty Academy in Pittsburg.

Walter B. Scott, '08, has entered the law office of his brother in Pittsburg.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

465 West 157th Street, New York City.

Dear brother Townsend:—

The copy of "Garnet and Silver" received and I thank you for your promptness. It is a very creditable publication and a move in the right direction to promote the welfare of Gamma Delta Psi. I believe there is no question but Gamma Delta Psi is the strongest and best academic fraternity and through the efforts of the national board and the results from the conventions will improve in ideals and be more united.

You will find subscription herewith. Wishing you success and that the "Garnet and Silver" will continue.

I am yours in Gamma Delta Psi,

H. G. B. DAYRELL,

Oct. 26, '08.

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PRESS CRITICISMS

From "The Ypsilantian," published in Ypsilanti, the home of Michigan State Normal:

"The growing conviction that secret societies in the high schools exert an influence prejudicial to good scholarship, and are becoming a menace to the healthy American spirit which has hitherto characterized our public schools, has found expression frequently during the past year both in the criticism of educators and the practical action of many boards of education. Indeed as long ago as 1905 the National Educational Association passed a strong resolution condemning these weak imitations of college societies, and declaring that all their fancied benefits could be better provided by literary societies or clubs under faculty supervision.

"A still stronger expression of opinion is furnished by an article in the September number of *The Review of Reviews* based upon longer experience and more recent data. According to the writer of the article, out of 185 principals consulted, 128 condemned the secret society business unqualifiedly. Of the others most spoke unfavorably; the few that approved were institutions of nearly college rank or otherwise exceptional. The charges brought against them are that they are undemocratic, introducing caste and a snobbish aristocracy into the schools, substituting society for class affiliations, and usurping unwarranted control in school matters, which is used tyrannically against non-frat pupils. This is especially charged against the sororities which exert their social influence cruelly in 'leaving out' from all social entertainments the girls who do not follow in their lead. It is charged, too, that these societies lead to friction in school discipline; and that, having no high scholarly aim, they often degenerate, on the part of the boys, into smoking and gambling clubs, and on the part of the girls into meetings for idle and malicious gossip.

"Many boards of education have met the situation by

promptly pitching out the whole business 'neck and craw'; others have provided for gradual extinguishment by forbidding taking in new members; others by non-recognition as any part of the school life and still others by requiring each society to be under the supervision of some member of the faculty who shall be present at all meetings. Of course these changes have not been made without opposition, and in some cases litigation has followed. The courts have decided in every case that full authority in the matter rests with the board of education. This decision makes the body whose indifference to danger of trusting irresponsible powers and privileges to the inexperience of mere boys and girls first allowed the evils to creep into the schools, and who recognized the societies as features of the school by allowing them rooms for their meetings and other privileges, responsible for their continuance when ever it shall be found that they are exerting a deleterious influence upon the school work or the school spirit.

"When the colleges are becoming alarmed over the disappearance of literary societies and the decay of the literary spirit due to the multiplication of purely social school organizations, one need not wonder that the opinion is freely expressed that 'the high school secret society is the knottiest problem that has arisen in school circles for years'."

The following extract appeared in "The Review", a publication in Central High School, Washington, D. C., and is reproduced through the courtesy of Brother Mark Finley of Zeta Chapter:

"The class of '07 is to be congratulated that so far there have been no evidences of factional friction. The frat and anti-frat contentions have been dormant. Yet the experience of former years warns us to be extremely circumspect lest we set the ball rolling. Once the contention is propa-

gated there is no killing it. In order to cope with the exigency the situation demands analysis.

“The fraternity faction originated the strife by attempting to control a larger number of class offices than its importance justified. But in the following years the anti-frat men outdid their opponents at their own game. If the action of the fraternity men was undemocratic and empirical, the spirit of the anti-frat clan was even more so. A victory by either side did not insure the election of the best officers for all the offices.

“While one may not approve of the fraternity in high schools, on the ground that the reasons advanced for its existence among the colleges is lacking and the bad features of the college frat are magnified in the high school variety, yet the proposition is open to argument. Neither does the charge affect the personal capability of a man who happens to belong to a frat to hold class office.

“The only expedient by which the discord of former campaigns may be averted is to eliminate from the class elections any other than the real issue—that of the individual worth of the candidates”.

Under the caption “Says he was permanently injured by I. O. O. F. Initiation,” the New York Sun prints the following:

Noblesville, Ind., July 23.—Charles Kassbaum, 22 years old, today sued Sheridan Lodge, I. O. O. F., and several individuals who assisted in his initiation for \$20,000. He alleges that during the initiation he was struck upon the left thigh with some sort of metallic instrument, which penetrated the flesh to the bone and exploded, the powder and paper with which it was loaded tearing a large hole in his leg. Kassbaum was unconscious for several hours after the accident and he says he has not been able to work since on account of his injuries, which are said to be permanent.

“The Senate of the State of Ohio a day or two ago passed a bill abolishing high school fraternities. It provides a fine for high school officials who allow them, and suspension for pupils who are members of the same. Many of those who have attended the old fashioned school look on in wonderment at the new fangled notions continually making themselves manifest in our latter day places of public instruction. It would seem that a secret society in a public school has about the same right to exist as did the military companies that many of the modern churches fostered not long ago. The young person who is attending high school for business will have all he or she can attend to without giving attention to the frat.”—Lockport Union-Sun.

This report was made some time ago, but the Board of Education acted upon it for the first time July 9th. Superintendent Chancellor was dishonorably dismissed after a trial by the Board, and there is now, so far as is known, no anti-fraternity sentiment.

“The report of the committee appointed by former Superintendent Chancellor to investigate the subject of secret societies in the high schools was referred to the committee in high and normal schools for action by request of the present superintendent. In brief, the report of the committee does not favor the proposed plan for the complete abolishment of such societies, but favors regulation, the suggestion being that;

“Meetings of secret societies must be held only in the homes of parents of some members and not in club rooms and must be held on holidays or days preceding the same. No one may be a member unless in his third high school year. Initiation must be unobtrusive and in no way connected with the schools. No society insignia except the pin may be worn. No recognition shall be given secret societies or other social clubs in high school papers.”

“On the whole the committee thinks that the secret societies in the Washington schools have not been especially harmful and do not possess the objectionable features noted in other schools of the country.”—Washington Times.

An inkling of the Tau Chapter situation may be seen by the following Chicago despatches:

Chicago, September 11.—Plans for organized resistance to the enforcement of the Chicago school board’s “anti-frat” rule have been perfected at the Hyde Park, Wendell Phillips and other high schools.

The open defiance on the part of the members of the various fraternities and sororities is to be expressed Saturday at a joint meeting, when arrangements will be made to apply for a writ to prevent the board from enforcing its rule which calls for the suspension of every member of a secret society.

Chicago, September 12.—Expulsion of fraternity members from the high schools began yesterday, according to President Otto Schneider, of the Board of Education. The reason given for the expulsion was their refusal to sign pledges renouncing membership in high school secret societies.

Investigation in the vicinity of the Lakeview High School today led to the discovery that at least one girl pupil was told not to return to school Monday unless she brought with her a “renunciation pledge” signed by herself and her parents or guardians.

The news that the suspensions or expulsions had begun caused a sensation among high school pupils and teachers. By many it was construed as a move intended to terrorize the fraternity and society members who have been planning to apply for an injunction to restrain President Schneider and Superintendent Cooley from suspending or expelling them.

Under the caption "School Societies and the Adult's Goat" the Yale Alumni weekly says: "Every once in a while some benevolent person rises and remarks that the school and university secret society, Greek letter fraternity, idea is basically wrong, or immoral, or subversive of educational ends, or something like that, and ought to be abolished, or put an end to, or stopped. It is a bad thing for youth, tends to segregate them into cliques, teaches them to draw unreal social distinctions, leads them to keep things from their parents and guardians, inculcates secretiveness, concealment, occultness, and other devil may-care and generally snobbish characteristics. Much of this sort of talk is not worth much. It is not infrequently heard from the lips of worthy citizens at board of education meetings, who explode violently against their young hopefuls' society affiliations and then leave early in order to get to their lodge initiations to feed the goat. It leaves out of account human nature, boy nature. It forgets that the boy is, the world over, the father of the man, and that, in many if not all cases, secret societies, properly restricted, are a most excellent means of breeding loyalty, and that some colleges whose literary alumni write scathing and inaccurate books about other colleges that have secret societies are themselves apt to be deficient in qualities that they incredulously discover in the institutions they affect to despise. The only consideration worth considering in this connection is the relative place of the secret society in the school or college, and whether it helps or hinders the social education which is undoubtedly a large part of an American school or college training. Once put in its place and made subservient to the good of the whole school or college the Greek letter secret society can become, what it is at Yale, a thoroughly reliable adjunct to the broadening influences of the place.



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