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## THE NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

In Baltimore, Md., under the auspices of Delta and Epsilon Chapters, on November 29th and 30th, 1906, the ninth annual convention of Kappa Psi Fraternity convened and duly transacted all business before it.

The Convention was a busy one, and the delegates got right down to business and earnestly debated every motion brought before the Grand Council before the same was put to a vote.

The following is a list of the delegates and Chapters represented:

- Josiah S. Bowen, M. D., Grand Regent.
- George L. Holstein, P. D., Grand Secretary and Treasurer.
- Press Eldridge, Jr., Grand Editor and Historian.
- Hiram K. Gaynor, Jr., Gamma Chapter.
- William Coleman, Delta Chapter.
- H. Phillip Hill, Jr., Delta Chapter.
- F. E. Rigdon, Epsilon Chapter.
- A. F. G. Paetsel, Epsilon Chapter.
- Percy A. Coles, Eta Chapter.
- Fontain B. Moore, Eta Chapter.
- Gains C. McCrary, Iota Chapter.
- Wade A. Martin, Kappa Chapter.
- Robinette B. Hayes, M. D., Delegate-at-Large.

Brother Eldridge held the proxy for Brother Frederic W. Rugg, Grand Vice-Regent, who was unable to attend the meeting.

The Grand Secretary and Treasurer read his annual report, which was audited by a committee appointed by the Grand Regent in accordance with the Constitution and found correct, as was the annual report of the Grand Editor and Historian.

Brother Bowen read his annual report as Grand Regent, which included his actions in withdrawing the charter of Zeta Chapter for non-payment of dues in accordance with the power granted him at the New York convention last year. The report was ratified and approved.

The report of the committee appointed to revise the Ritual was read by Brother Eldridge, and after much discussion was handed back to the same committee for further consideration.

Brother Holstein read the report of the Executive Committee, which had been prepared and forwarded by Brother Francis H. Smith, M. D., chairman of the committee. The report proved to be a lengthy one, and covered in detail the year's work of that committee, concluding with three recommendations for changes in the Constitution, two of which were adopted, viz., reducing the number of members of the Executive and Legislative Committees from five to three each and permitting the Grand Regent to name one month instead of three months in advance the delegates-at-large.

The reports of the conditions of the various Chapters, as given by the delegates, indicated a general prosperous and satisfactory standing and the claims by the different Chapter representatives for the most honor men at graduation last June was hailed with applause.

The Grand Secretary and Treasurer reported having received a petition for a Chapter from twelve students of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. The usual routine course will be taken in the matter.

The election of officers for the ensuing year were all unanimous and resulted as follows:

Brother George L. Holstein, P. D., Grand Regent, Lebanon, Pa.

Brother Robinette B. Hayes, M. D., Grand Vice-Regent, Baltimore, Md.

Brother Press Eldridge, Jr., Grand Secretary and Treasurer, New York, N. Y.

Brother Henry J. Goeckel, Phar. D., Grand Editor and Historian, Bronx, N. Y.

Philadelphia, Pa., was decided upon as the city for the next convention, Eta Chapter acting as hosts.

Brother Bowen was warmly thanked for the great work accomplished by him during his administration, as was Brother Holstein

on the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and the best wishes of the brothers were offered for a prosperous and successful career as Grand Regent. This article will serve to show briefly to the rank and file of Kappa Psi what was accomplished by the delegates in business session. The social features of the convention will be found under separate headings in this issue of "The Mask."

To Delta and Epsilon Chapters belong much credit for the good work in taking at short notice the burdens of entertaining so many men, and to Brother Bowen and his associates are due the hearty thanks of the delegates of the ninth annual convention.

PRESS ELDRIDGE, JR.

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### "THE SOCIAL SIDE OF THE CONVENTION."

Thanksgiving Day, after partaking of a dinner of turkey and all the other trimmings that go with the November bird, the delegates, in charge of Brothers Bowen, G. R., and Coleman and McElwee of Delta, boarded a trolley car and were given a ride to Oriole Park, where we prepared to enjoy the afternoon watching the mighty warriors of University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins clash in their annual football contest.

Of course we were instructed to shout in unison every time the University of Maryland scored a touchdown, and were coached in all the cheers—63 in number of the black and red—and in anticipation of sore throats some of the men brought lemons to relieve the vocal chords, and Brother Coles of Eta suggested presenting the largest of that friendly fruit to the Hopkins team as an expression of our opinions of their mighty eleven.

Prior to the game, Brother Hill, Delta, amid cries for "Hill" from the multitude, bashfully made his way to the centre of the cheering section, and with a megaphone glued to his mouth, led the singing of the battle songs. He was ably assisted by a gentleman who insisted upon shouting and waving his arms upon the slightest provocation.

The game was most enjoyable, but the plans of men oftentimes go astray, and all our prearranged instructions went for naught, and our opportunity to cheer every time the University of Maryland scored never materialized, for the black and red were beaten in the

last five minutes of play after putting up a most stubborn fight. We had met the enemy and we were theirs, so we sympathized with the Delta men and threw the lemons in back of the bleachers and made our way back to the hotel.

In the evening we occupied two boxes at the Maryland Theatre where we heartily enjoyed an unusually good vaudeville performance, taking our ease and smoking perfectos furnished by our thoughtful hosts. Brother McCrary of Iota was much interested in the lady in the yellow gown who presented a very clever ventriloquist act and kept the opera glasses to his eyes all the time she was on the stage. Brother Gaynor of Gamma kept insisting we would surely laugh when we witnessed Mr. Gardner's performance as "The New Coachman" and he was correct in his programme.

We applauded all the acts impartially and enjoyed the evening's entertainment immensely.

After the performance Brothers Coleman and McElwee of Delta, and Paetzel and Rigdon of Epsilon, took us in charge for a sight-seeing trip, and to say that all hands enjoyed themselves is putting it mildly. Paetzel proved a most efficient guide, and his "Good Evening Gentl'mens" will long be remembered.

Friday night at 9:30 at the New Howard House we gathered around the banquet table to do justice to the good things that Delta and Epsilon Chapters had so thoughtfully provided for us. The menu was as follows:

	Martini.	
	Blue Points.	
	Green Turtle.	
	Sauterne.	
Queen Olives.	Celery.	Salted Almonds.
	Broiled Blue Fish.	
	Potatoes Parisienne.	
	Lobster a la Newburg.	
Vermont Turkey.		Granberry Sauce.
	Sherry.	
	Green Peas.	
	Quail on Toast.	
	Kappa Psi Punch.	
	Lettuce Hearts.	
	Harlequin Blocks.	
	Fancy Cakes.	
	White Seal.	
Cheese.		Crackers.
Coffee.		Cigars.

We attended strictly to business at first, and after satisfying the inner man, we leaned back in our chairs and enjoyed the speeches of the men present, especially Brother G... so affected by Brother Eldridge's remarks anything when his turn came.

Brother McElwee acted as toastmaster a capable one, he was entirely impartial upon speech and the just and unjust suffered a retiring Grand Regent, was heartily cheered. His remarks were well chosen and timely. Brother... elected Grand Regent, told what he hoped for the undivided support of every Chapter. Brother... our new Vice-Regent, thanked the delegates for the honor they had bestowed upon him, and told us that his one aim would be to work in perfect harmony with the new Grand Regent and advance the interests of Kappa Psi at all times.

Brother Eldridge, who has now held at one time or another the office of Regent, Vice-Regent and Grand Editor and Historian, and who had just been elected to succeed Holstein as Grand Secretary and Treasurer, told the men that he believed Kappa Psi men stayed awake nights thinking of new jobs they could create to shove him into; he told us of Brother Holstein's record as a good Kappa Psi man and proposed the health of Kappa Psi and its new Regent. Other speeches were made by Brothers Coleman, Stevens, Dulaney, Black and McElwee of Delta, Coles and Moore of Eta, McCrary of Iota, Martin of Kappa, and Rigdon of Epsilon; then the Kappa Psi songs were chanted and with the old "Toast" yell the banquet, like all good things, came to an end.

In closing let me state that the delegates, and through the delegates the Chapters extend to Delta and Epsilon Chapters their heartfelt thanks for the most generous hospitality bestowed upon their representatives. That the convention would be a success was a foregone conclusion, but that it would be such a grand success was unexpected. Men of Delta and Epsilon we thank you.

ONE OF THE DELEGATES.

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Lebanon, Pa., January, 1907.

To the Brothers of Kappa Psi Fraternity.

Greetings:

A short time ago, I was notified by the Grand Editor and Historian elect, that with my elevation to the Grand Regency, increased responsibilities and duties had also been placed upon my poor shoulders, one of which was an official message to the Fraternity at large, so this article is a small attempt at the fulfillment of this duty.

When it became apparent that there would be a change in the head of the Fraternity, I was approached by several members of the Grand Council and asked who would be the next Grand Regent, but having no available person in mind, I said I didn't know, but that I did know that a new G. S. & T. would have to be elected also, as the work during the past year had been too arduous, the result of which conversation placed my name in nomination for Grand Regent, to which position I was unanimously elected as the highest honor possible for the Fraternity to bestow largely in recognition of services rendered.

It is not my object in this message to "blow my own horn" as the saying is, but simply to draw this one note from it. The active men who show the proper Fraternity spirit andd work unceasingly in unison and harmony with the best interests of the Fraternity without thought of personal reward, will have honors bestowed upon them.

I cannot express my feeling at having received this last position of honor and trust and therefore shall not try to, except to say that I will continue to do all in my power for the welfare of the Fraternity, and sincerely hope that I will not prove a detriment, but will receive the undivided support of all the members of the Fraternity.

It being part of my duty as Grand Regent to appoint the members to serve on the various committees, I hereby give public notice that I have appointed as the Legislative Committee the following Brothers, to serve until their successors shall have been appointed: Bro. Robinnette B. Hayes, M. D., G. V. R., Chairman; Bro. Gaines C. McCrary, Iota; Bro. Wade A. Martin, Kappa.

Executive Committee—Bro. Frederick H. Harmening, P. D., Chairman; Bro. Percy A. Colt, Eta; Bro. F. E. Rigdon, Epsilon.

You will notice by the above appointments that the number on each committee has been reduced to three at the last convention held in Baltimore, Md., November 29th and 30th, 1906.

I have endeavored to represent the different parts of the country not represented by Grand Officers as much as possible.

The New Year has just begun, let us begin to put new life into our beloved Fraternity and stimulated by the interest shown by those passive men who so liberally responded to the letters of appeal sent out to bridge a crisis, do ever better work now that we have safely passed the crisis.

Let us ever remember the Fraternity motto "All for one, and one for all." Take in only such men as you would invite to your own home and table and the New Year will prosper every Chapter.

Hoping all the brothers had a Merry Christmas and wishing all a Happy and Prosperous New Year, I remain sincerely and fraternally yours,

GEORGE L. HOLSTEIN, P. D.,  
Grand Regent.

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### ADMONITION.

H. J. GOECKEL.

Harken to the voice of Reason  
Offering counsel in our need,  
Revealing truth in all her actions,  
Telling of Life's higher aims.  
Enabling us to conquer falsehood:  
Nothing is beyond her realm.  
Superstitions by her are shattered,  
Even delusions she expells.

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## EDITORIAL.

The appearance of this number of “The Mask” marks the fourth year of its existence as the official journal of the Kappa Psi Fraternity of the U. S. A. The present editor was elected to the office without his knowledge or consent, but accepts the position and the work because he believes that every one who would be worthy of being a brother should be willing to lend a helping hand, and to each do his share in placing the “scarlet and the gray” at the front of the army of true worth and achievement.

He asks in return that all the members send in their subscription money at once so as not to necessitate needless corresponding. He sincerely hopes that they will avail themselves of the opportunity of expressing their views on medical, pharmaceutical and fraternal topics in “The Mask” so that all may be benefited by the same.

Let us one and all haunch our shoulders and not with a mere hip-hip-hoorah of the lips, but with a real hearty determination work for the interest and advance of our fraternity.

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It is with pleasure that we call attention to the installation of another Chapter. Lambda is its name. It's a lusty and sturdy young chap, having at its very birth the strength of ten men, and having its home in “Sunny” Tennessee. But it will not for long be the baby, another claimant looms on the horizon.

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In November, 1905, Gamma Chapter gave a reception and dance in honor of the delegates to the convention of the Grand Council. Its success and the approval from the passive members, some of whom came a considerable distance to attend, was a surprise to the Chapter.

The question which has been put to Gamma most of all since then is: are we going to have another dance this season? Gamma answers yes, and has selected Tuesday, February 26, 1907, as the date, and the Hotel Marsailles, New York City, as the place for the second annual dance.

The present editor has decided to change the policy of issuing "The Mask" every month during the collegiate year. Hereafter it will be issued every three months throughout the year, thereby reducing the expenses of publication and at the same time making it possible to issue larger and fuller numbers than heretofore.

#### "SNAP SHOTS OF THE CONVENTION."

A few things the delegates will remember.

"Phil" Hill's Sombrero.

"Dutch" Paetzel's Haircut.

"Tom" Steven's Sideboards.

"Font" Moore's Afternoon Naps.

"Gains" McCrary's Red Tie.

"Hi" Gaynor's Banquet Speech.

George Holstein's Satisfied Smile.

"Wade" Martin's Alabama Dialect.

"Josh" Bowen's Theatre Party.

"Ken" Dulaney's Evening Clothes.

"Press" Eldridge's Singing Party.

"Ross" McElwee's Horse Stories and Oyster Habit.

"Perc" Cole's Young Jewelry Store.

"Doc" Hayes' Modest Ways, no rhyme intended.

"Fat" Rigdon's Early Hours.

"Bill" Coleman's Habit of Being "on the job."

#### NOTICE.

The Chapter secretaries who have not to date send in the following data to "The Mask" are requested to do so at once.

A list of the Chapter officers, the full name and home address of each man initiated since the first of this collegiate year, and the names and year of all active members of the Chapter.

## Chapter Notes.

### GAMMA CHAPTER.

"I am sure all those who attended the sessions of the Grand Chapter went home feeling as I did, that Delta and Epsilon certainly extended the hand of hospitality in a most lavish and generous way."—Hiram K. Gaynor, Jr.

Walter Scott Kennedy and Frank G. Bradtke have been respectively elected president and vice-president of the post graduate class of 1907.

Buddy Ashton, O. Stechman, post graduates, and Roy Duckworth, passive are reported engaged to be married.

W. H. Gaul, P. G., was operated at the St. Joseph Hospital, Bronx, N. Y., for appendicitis: he is recovering.

H. W. Ferguson, '03 is now with Babcock & Co., perfumers, New York.

Herbert Lentz, '04, who has become a benedict since the last issue of "The Mask" is at present with C. A. Henrichsen, 149th St. and Amsterdam Avenue, N. Y.

Justin S. Brewer, '01, director of the Hegeman Laboratories, N. J. is another one who married this fall.

Eugene A. Dupin is with the Municipal Dep't. of Gas, Water and Electricity, N. Y. City.

S. W. Hunter is a chemist for Parke, Davis & Co., at Detroit, Mich.

John Gerrie Neil, who took the Breitenback prize of \$200.00 last spring at Columbia University for attaining the highest average in his class during the Senior year for Ph. C. is now home in Dunedin, New Zealand. After leaving New York he took some special studies in England.

Walter Clyde Overton who won the Kappa Psi gold medal in the same class is now studying medicine. The Kappa Psi medal is awarded by Gamma annually to the man who attains the total highest average in his class for the entire course for the degree of Pharmaceutical Chemist at Columbia University. Both winners are members of the Fraternity.

Harry Reynolds is now with Squibb & Sons of Brooklyn, N. Y.

The second annual dance of Gamma, will be held at the Hotel Marsailles, 103rd St. and Broadway, N. Y., Tuesday, February 26, 1907. Tickets, including refreshments \$8 a couple. Remember the date and place. A pleasant time is assured to all.

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### ETA CHAPTER.

The names of officers of Eta Chapter are as follows:

Percy A. Coles, Regent, '07. F. B. Moore, Vice-Regent, '07.  
B. L. Fusen, Secretary, '07.

New men initiated since beginning of this collegiate year are as follows:

Garfield March, '07, Bellefontaine, Ohio.  
Raymond N. Graeff, '07, Lebanon, Pa., 750 Mifflin St.  
Frederic E. Shaefer, '07, York, Pa.  
Lionel W. Hall, '07, Northeast Maryland.  
Kelso C. Ackley, '08, Camden, N. J., 1700 Fillmore St.  
Thomas J. Kelley, '08, Philadelphia, Pa., 1813 S. Broad St.  
William Mathewson, '08, Coatsville, Pa.  
Leslie E. Kelley, '09, Elmira, N. Y.

In speaking for the brothers of the Eta Chapter of K. 4 and their royal fraternal spirit, am pleased to write of their success and continued co-operative work.

The brothers indeed have the word push behind them this year and are doing exceedingly good work. We have plucked the best men of the famous '07 class, and after having searched it well for men whom we would consider worthy of membership, are digging fast into the classes which follow us.

The Chapter at present stands fifteen strong, and with the progress of her little army soon hopes to obtain the strength of "Gibraltar." The recent convention held at Baltimore was reported a grand success by the delegates of Eta Chapter, and indeed proud that she will have the pleasure of meeting the delegates of next convention held the following year in her own grand old Quaker city of Philadelphia.

Fraternally yours,

B. L. FUSER, '07,  
Secretary, care of P. C. P.,

145 North Tenth St.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Jan. 10, 1907.

ETA CHAPTER OF KAPPA PSI FRATERNITY:

*Resolves,* That whereas the Almighty God in his providence has seen fit to remove from this world and our loyal Brother William Foster and his family their dear and beloved mother.

Be it resolved that we offer our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of their deep bereavement.

*Resolved,* That a copy of these resolutions be sent to him and his family, placed upon the minutes and printed in "The Mask."

B. L. FUSER,

R. N. GRAEFF,

G. MARCH,

Committee.

### KAPPA CHAPTER.

#### ACTIVE MEMBERS.

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|---|-------------------------|
| 1. Wade A. Martin, '08, Regent,                 | 5. D. S. Moore, '08,    |
| 2. J. C. Anthony, '09,<br>Treas. and Historian, | 6. C. W. Farrar, '08,   |
| 3. W. J. Lovett, '09, Sec'y.,                   | 7. J. W. Black, '09,    |
| 4. Hal S. Armistead, '09,                       | 8. H. F. Hamilton, '07, |
|   | 9. F. W. Harris, '09.   |

## NEW MEMBERS 1906-1907.

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 10. Joel Chandler, '10,   | 15. P. G. Williams, '09, |
| 11. W. A. Lavender, '09,  | 16. J. F. Hughes, '10,   |
| 12. C. G. Arbery, '10,    | 17. W. O. Lawrence, '09, |
| 13. E. A. Hendricks, '08, | 18. E. N. Harris, '07.   |
| 14. J. G. Davis, '10,     |                          |

Kappa Chapter began the New Year with eighteen members, all enthusiastic and energetic men, working together for their common good, and for the good of Kappa Psi Fraternity.

We meet every Thursday night and impose a fine on absent members who cannot give a legitimate and satisfactory excuse, which must be sickness, or out of town.

We owe our present progressive and enthusiastic spirit much to our present Regent, W. A. Martin.

Brother Wade A. Martin is a third year man of high standing socially and in his class work. He is enthusiastic and energetic in all his undertakings and will reflect much credit on himself and Kappa Psi Fraternity. We predict for him a bright and prosperous future.

Brothers W. F. Hamilton and E. N. Harris are seniors of good standing, and we regret that we are to lose them after this session.

The writer was along to assist Brother W. A. Martin in installing Lambda Chapter in Vanderbilt University. We were very much pleased with the bright young charter members. They are good fellows and fine hosts. We report a very pleasant and profitable trip.

Messrs. McGahey and Warner showed us the town and we vote them royal entertainers and princes of good fellows.

We wish to compliment the Vanderbilt men in their selection of Mr. McGahey for their Charter Regent. He is bright, enthusiastic, and a born leader. Much may be expected of his reign.

J. C. ANTHONY,

Treasurer and Historian,

Kappa Chapter.

## LAMBDA CHAPTER.

### OUR NEW BABE.

Lambda Chapter is now a fact, no longer a desire looked forward to, but a live, active, struggling baby.

We are proud of our new acquisition and the Kappa Brothers predict a brilliant future for Lambda Chapter in particular and Kappa Psi in general.

On Monday, November 26th 1906, a petition for membership and Charter to our Fraternity was received by myself, then G. S. & T., and signed by twelve students of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. I presented this petition in the convention of the Grand Council in Baltimore, Md., two days later, and then handed it over to the newly appointed Legislative Committee for action.

On December 18th 1906, Dr. Robinette B. Hayes, G. V. R., Chairman of the Legislative Committee, reported that all the committee and active chapters had reported favorably on the petition, and I (as Grand Regent) ordered Bro. Wade A. Martin, member of the Legislative Committee to install the new Chapter with the name Lambda Chapter, and on Friday, January 4th 1907, Bro. Martin assisted by Bros. J. C. Anthony and A. S. Glenn of Kappa Chapter performed the duty of installation and held the election for the new Chapter.

Bro. Martin writes that Lambda Chapter are very enthusiastic and are a royal set of fellows.

The election resulted as follows:

Bro. R. G. McGahey, Regent; Bro. T. E. Henry, Vice Regent; Bro. R. T. Coffman, Secretary; Bro. C. B. Warner, Treasurer for the Executive officers.

Bro. Norton, a Kappa man now studying medicine at Vanderbilt University, has transferred his membership from Kappa to Lambda Chapter, and can no doubt be of great assistance to our baby Chapter.

Wishing Lambda Chapter great prosperity, we'll close with "three cheers and a tiger" for her sponsors.

GEORGE L. HOLSTEIN, R. D.

Grand Regent.

## CONVENTION FUND.

Geo. L. Holstein, P. D., past G. S. and T., begs to acknowledge through "The Mask" the following contributions to the Baltimore Convention Fund:

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J. C. Anthony.....2	R. H. Holmes.....1
Chas. W. Baas.....1	Geo. L. Holstein, P. D.....1
F. C. Balmert, M. D.....1	J. Howard Houk.....1
A. L. Baskin, P. D.....1	Huston Hughart, M. D.....1
C. W. Baxter.....1	M. A. Kaehrle, Ph. G.....2
Jas. S. Beaty, M. D.....1	Fred. B. Kelty.....2
John H. Bird, M. D.....1	W. S. Kennedy.....1
L. W. Bishop.....1	Geo. W. Koch, Phar. D.....1
J. W. Black.....1	Geo. W. Lord.....1
A. Richard Bliss.....1	Wade A. Martin.....1
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Josiah S. Bowen, M. D.....1	Newton S. McCausland.....1
E. L. Bowlus, M. D.....1	Chas. H. McLaughlin.....1
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### A SOLUTION OF THE FRATERNITY QUESTION.

"The trouble with the fraternity as it exists today is that it is sacrificing the development of college spirit to accomplish its end. The fraternity develops the individual; it does not develop college spirit." According to this view, the solution of the problem lies in the broadening of college life, in making a fraternity man first a Michigan man. Granted the individualism of the fraternity is in many ways desirable, giving one self-confidence, poise, culture, and life-long friendships, it cannot, or rather does not, engender loyalty and devotion to one's alma mater. In this writer's opinion, the gain to the individual does justify the fraternity. It furnishes that "indefinable something which renders friendship noble, enduring, and unselfish;" but he seeks to bring the fraternity closer to the university in this, maintaining that "to bring college spirit to its highest development, it is essential that the class should be the basis of all college life." Nothing is so conducive to college spirit as class spirit. Class rivalry and pride is the best possible inculcator of college spirit. To accomplish this, the freshman class should from its registration become a definite and strictly defined unit. Each freshman should know personally every other member of his class. That this may be possible, it is absolutely necessary that his interests are not taken up with upper-classmen and his first friendships formed with others than his classmates. In other words, no freshman should be allowed to join, or even to affiliate with or pledge himself to, a fraternity.

At the end of his first year, when he has become intimate with his classmates; when the seeds of loyalty to his alma mater have been so deeply sown that they may never be supplanted; when he has had an opportunity to look over the ground and thoroughly understand the situation; when he is able to judge which set of young men will be most congenial and helpful—to whom he can give unstintedly the best there is in him, and from whom he can receive what they have to offer, as man to man, without toadyism or hypocrisy—then, and not until then, is he ready to join a fraternity and claim a share of the privileges and benefits they afford.

Being intimate with all the members of his class, the fraternity does not then become the "be-all" and "end-all" of his college career, but a means whereby he may receive that grooming so essential to the gentleman, and the daily "heart-to-heart" intercourse with real friends of his own choosing. In other words, fraternity elections should begin with the sophomore class. Especially is the pre-mature pledging of preparatory-school boys to be condemned.

Having joined a fraternity, it is essential that all his activity be not confined to his chapter, but that constant intermingling with his classmates, both members of rival organizations and independents, be continued. This is to be fostered and encouraged in every way, but it is to be best developed through the agency of such splendid institutions as those established by Dartmouth, Harvard, and Pennsylvania, to accomplish just this end—viz., College Hall, the Harvard Union, and Houston Hall. Such clubs stand for the best expression of undergraduate life and cannot fail to promote that democratic good-fellowship which is its foundation.

They are especially commended to all large institutions where fraternities tend to isolate the student body into diverse cliques. At these clubs the fraternity man loses his own identity as such and becomes the broad, wholesome college man, while the independent stands on absolutely the same ground without fear or favor.

By way of precaution it is recommended that the board of governors, though chosen by the whole student body, be composed of equal numbers of independents and fraternity men, with perhaps the added restriction that the president or chairman be always an independent. Then will it be assured that neither faction will ever dominate, and the club will be absolutely representative.—*Michigan Alumnus.*

## THE UNIVERSITY AND THE FRATERNITIES.

An all-round view of undergraduate life is impossible without taking into consideration the fraternity. Some would have us believe that the fraternity is the incarnation of the undesirable.

But the college man is only human when he seeks congenial companionship. However much one may love mankind in general, when it comes down to concrete instances there are few indeed who can love everybody or even make friends with everyone. There are always one or two individuals who furnish immediate proof of the impracticability of such an altruistic scheme of existence. We all know of some persons who have the uncanny ability to rub us just the wrong way. Whatever they do they never can suit us; we know we are unreasonable, yet we seek the other man's society. He has at least the comfortable qualification of being able to fit in with some of our own peculiarities; he may not have the same ability to arouse in us a fighting humor, but more agreeably he can calm our ruffled feelings.

So in any college community, where there are so many opportunities for friendship and where so many interests lie along the same paths, it is not strange that the social body tends to disintegrate. As has been said: "You can't make a fraternity of the whole student body." This process of division and subdivision is only natural, and it has taken place in all large colleges in various degrees. In some of the universities the social units have become clubs, more or less elastic in their organization, permitting the individual still to maintain some really social relations with the rest of his class. In colleges where this conception is uppermost, the fraternity, if it exists at all, carries with it more or less the predominant club idea. But the problem at Michigan has worked itself out in another direction, and paradoxical as it may seem in this most democratic section of the country, it has followed the most undemocratic extreme. The fraternities are, as a rule, more or less truly democratic in their choice of men. Therefore they think they *are* democratic. But once a man is sheltered behind the Greek-letter pale he is separated effectually from the mass of his fellows. That is, most of them are. There are always some who have enough force and vigorous personality to break through these narrowed limits to the broader and truer college life. Such men, however, are apt to be exceptional. But it is a significant fact that the more of these men a fraternity has, the stronger it is, both in itself and in the eyes of the more or less critical student body.

There are, of course, distinct benefits which a fraternity man receives—of close organization, of lifelong intimacy, and of personal culture—which perhaps are wanting in the more happy-go-lucky give-and-take of the larger university life. These must justify the fraternity system as it exists at present; but they are, after all, selfish considerations, and it must be acknowledged that the spirit of the university is the loser. The fraternity man is apt to be first a member of his own Greek band, and it is only whatever loyalty and time is left over that he devotes to his alma mater. Nevertheless, the times are changing, and the ideal of the broader undergraduate life is becoming more general. The ideal fraternity is the one that combines the charm and inspiration of personal friendship with the greater breadth and high endeavor of a true university life.

We hear very much in these days about the growth of corporations. It is certainly true that a very large percentage of the business, social, philanthropic, educational, and fraternal enterprises or organizations have deemed it wise and advisable to incorporate under the laws of some state and become in law artificial persons, being distinct and in a large measure separate from the natural persons which compose or stand behind these enterprises or organizations. There is reason in all this. Corporate liability is much more limited than individual or partnership liability. The rights, duties, and responsibilities of a corporation are better defined than those of a looser form of organization, such as our fraternity has been during the first fifty years of its existence.

As long ago as 1892 Sigma Alpha Epsilon recognized the wisdom and advisability of incorporating. Its affairs had become so complex and diversified, its financial interests had become so important, that a corporate form of organization seemed to be the only safe and sane way of conducting its business. Consequently steps were taken to have the fraternity incorporated under the laws of Tennessee. Since 1892, and until recently, the fraternity has assumed and supposed that it was thus incorporated. Recently, however, a question was raised about the validity of this incorporation, and upon investigation and report by an attorney in Tennessee, who was familiar with the proceedings which had been taken in 1892 toward incorporation, it was discovered that certain defects existed in the steps taken at that time which rendered all of those proceedings worthless. As soon as this was discovered, the matter was taken up again, with the result that Sigma Alpha Epsilon was incorporated on March 9, 1906, under the laws of the state of Illinois.

The interesting fact connected with this incorporation, apart from the mere fact of incorporation itself, is that it was effected on the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the fraternity. March 9 is now known not only as Founder's Day, but also as Incorporation Day. On March 9, 1856, the fraternity was born in Alabama, and on March 9, 1906, fifty years later, when it had spread from the South to the East, North, and West, it was given a new birth or corporate existence in Illinois.

This time there is no question about the legality of the incorporation proceedings, and the fraternity is now a person in law, and has a legal existence. It has taken fifty years to take this step, and certainly no more fitting time could have been selected than March 9, 1906.—*Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record*, May, 1906.

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## THE HIGH-SCHOOL FRATERNITY.

In his recent bulletin Superintendent Cotton urges that the secret society and fraternity should not be tolerated in the high school. Though of comparatively recent origin, the growth of high-school fraternities has been surprising, and educators are much concerned as to what the results may be.

The movement began suddenly and with apparent spontaneity about 1898, when no less than a dozen societies appeared as national high-school fraternities. Gamma Delta Xi, which was founded in 1879, and Mu Delta Xi, which dates from 1885, were practically the only high-school fraternities before that time, and these were found only in a few eastern cities. But in the last eight years the expansion has been greater proportionately than that of college fraternities in the last half-century. Phi Sigma, 1898, has twelve chapters; Beta Phi Sigma, 1898, has twelve; Beta Phi, 1900, has fourteen or fifteen; and Kappa Alpha Phi, 1898, confined chiefly to Indiana, has fourteen chapters.

Why such rapid increase? It is simply a feature on the student's side of the great spread of education and educational machinery during the last twenty-five years. In 1880 Yale had one hundred men in its faculty; now there are more than four hundred. In Indiana the number of high schools has more than doubled itself in the same time. These examples show what progress education actually has made. Advance in the system itself has been accompanied by a change in the attitude of the student. Today the high school is the largest hopper of the college. The high-school pupil considers himself a college student in the making, and thinks he ought to be like a college student and do what he does. Recently a young man who had been national secretary of a high-school fraternity, which is widely established in Indiana, said: "Of course, the high-school fraternity is a good thing. The rituals have been formulated

by college men, the members work under the direction of teachers who were college men, and always the best boys are elected—football players, track men, and such fellows. Why, 90 per cent. of our members who go to college make 'frats.' But this merely proves what was said above in two ways—first, that the high-school fraternity is undoubtedly an imitation of the college fraternity, and, second, that the apparent rather than the real worth of the boy is the estimate upon which he is elected. Proficiency in athletics is not always deserving of the highest reward, nor is it the standard by which to judge real worth.

The trouble is that the concretely foolish side allures the high-school lad, rather than the abstract ideals and spirit of brotherhood for which the college fraternity fundamentally stands, and whose significance he is not mature enough to grasp. The sign, the password, the mysterious grip, are what attract. Men get fun out of it; why shouldn't the boys? That is the way they look at it. The defects without the advantages of the college fraternity are copied.

The college fraternity throws men into intimate relations with each other, smooths off the rough edges, links them in strong friendships, and lends a thrill and relish to college days that never is forgotten. High standards are sought for, and many times attained. Is this true of the high-school fraternity? Its members do not live together, and their association is limited to school hours and meetings. It is a select high-school club, that is all.

Even the college fraternity has its undesirable features. College spirit is often broken up because of it. There is a sharp line drawn between the "frat" men and the "barbs," which is revealed in many ways. Of these college politics is the most prominent. Partisanship runs high and bitter, and men who normally have common-sense enough to know that associations and college spirit should not be limited by a lettered shield or a jeweled pin, are forced to act in direct contradiction to what they know and believe best. The "barbs" are more numerous; so the "frat" men must retaliate in other ways. Consequently, college affairs are divided into two classes, and at the very beginning the student body is split into opposing elements.

This is not all. The "frat" men divide against themselves because of rivalry, animosity toward particular persons, or contempt for relative age and ideals. It is a matter of recent memory how the eight fraternities at Indiana University split into the "big five" and the "little three," and how the "big five" attempted to ostracize the "little three" by boycotting all the girls who attended "little three" dances. Such situations, coupled with the fact that in many cases a man's allegiance to his fraternity is stronger than his allegiance to his college, are frequently used as argument against the college fraternity.

If such a state of affairs occurs among men mature enough to exercise discretion, what must happen among immature boys? The high-school fraternity stands for the select group. Select groups breed clannishness and snobbery, and these are thoroughly un-American. Boys should have fun, but, as Superintendent Cotton says: "It is generally conceded that the fun side of boys and girls does not need any coaching." The high-school fraternity does not give the right kind of fun.

The college fraternity is a good thing so long as it remains subsidiary to the leading interests of a college. It stands as a reward for merit, a pleasing personality, or a forceful character. But the high-school fraternity is bad at its best, because it puts a premium on select groups when youth is in the molding, when even the most experienced teacher cannot always tell whether the casting will turn out good or ill.—*Indianapolis News, through Sigma Chi Quarterly.*

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