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Initiates of 1931 - 1932

The following is a list of the new members received into the organization this year, complete in so far as the data has been forwarded to the Editorial Office. Associate and honorary members are designated by A and H. All the others are active.

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The Convention

A FTER MONTHS of anticipation fifty-three members of Eta Sigma Phi arrived in Nashville for the Eighth Annual Convention, April 20 and 30. Altogether twenty-three chapters were represented. The trip through the beautiful country and the cordial welcome of Psi



NATIONAL OFFICERS OF 1931-1932

Chapter put everyone in the proper frame of mind to make the Convention a successful one.

Early Friday morning the Hotel Jackson Coffee Shop was filled with Eta Sigma Phirites busily fortifying themselves for the first session, and quickly getting acquainted. At nine o'clock the Convention was opened at Alumni Hall, Vanderbilt University, by the introduction of Miss Margaret Shaw, Megas Prytanis, to the assembly by Mr. Arthur Crownover, first president of Psi. Then an address of welcome was given by Chancellor James H. Kirkland, of Vanderbilt University.

Dr. Kirkland said, among other things, that in spite of the tendency to interpret intellectual effort by its relation to the problem of making a living and the earning capacity of the individual and the consequent stress of the "practical subjects," the value of classical learning is gaining yearly. "The contact," he continued, "of mind



ARTHUR CROWNOVER

with mind and heart with heart, after all, is the greatest thing in education. When that cannot be secured, as it cannot in all cases and everywhere be secured, the next best thing is to approach through that medium where personality and character are revealed in the written word. And, I maintain that the study of a great piece of literature is of more value in the development of the human heart and mind than experiments with dead matter in a

laboratory without that personal contact. I have the feeling that in our study of the classics we get closer to what I have called the springs of life and learning than we do in any other discipline in the universities, and



PI AND OMICRON DELEGATES

in my mind that constitutes a very great argument for their continuance. I can never imagine a time when a student of philosophy can neglect Plato. I can't imagine his beginning with modern psychology and behaviorism and never asking what Aristotle thought about the human mind." After Dr. Kirkland's inspiring speech, the business session proper was taken up with the reports of the officers and the standing committees.

Following the business session, a delightful piano recital was given by Eduard Loessel, of the Nashville Conservatory of Music. Then the members of the Convention attended Professor Clyde Pharr's illustrated lecture on Crete. It was given in a classroom and made the delegates feel very much at home. It was interesting to learn that bath tubs are not a modern convenience, but were used by the early Cretans, whose culture developed two thousand years before classical culture. The most fruitful discovery made by the excavators in Crete was the magnificent palace at Gnossus. The fact that Professor Pharr himself took part in the excavations at Crete made his lecture doubly interesting.

Another business session followed the lecture, in which the reports of the Megas Chrysophylax, the Megas



ZETA AND GAMMA ENROUTE TO NASHVILLE

Prytanis, and the Executive Secretary were accepted. Delegates were requested to write out and hand to the chair any items of new business so that it might be referred to committees.

After a cafeteria luncheon at Kissam Hall, the Convention walked over to the Parthenon in a body. The simple beauty and dignity of the structure were awesome and made one feel small and reverent. It was not at all



Miss Barnes, Professor Murley, Miss Murley, Mr. Pilgrim, of Beta

difficult to picture the Greeks coming to this beautiful building to wors hip. Professor H. B. Schermerhorn, an authority on the history, associations, and construction of the building, delivered an informal lecture and then took the delegates out to look at the famous pediments. As they gazed

reverently at the skilled workmanship, it began to rain, and rain hard. There was a frantic scramble for shelter under the protecting porticoes of the Parthenon.

The lecture at the Parthenon was followed by an organ concert, given by F. Arthur Henkel, of the Ward-Belmont Conservatory of Music.

Model initiation was held before the formal dinner. At that time Mr. Robert Kincheloe, of Zeta Chapter, and Miss Basquet, of Psi Chapter, were initiated. After the formal dinner the day was brought to a fitting close by the presentation within the Parthenon of the lovely "Pageant of Greek Life" by the girls of Ward-Belmont College. The pageant was written and directed by Miss Pauline Sherwood Townsend, Ward-Belmont College. After the pageant, very beautifully and artistically done, the audience was asked to congregate outside of the Parthenon to see the great flood-lights and many vari-colored lights play on the Parthenon. It was a lovely sight.

The business session Saturday morning began at 8:30



Delegates Off Duty

and opened with the report of the ritual committee, by Professor Gertrude Smith, of the University of Chicago. There was an active discussion of the ritual form at present, and a free voicing of criticism. The discussion of the ritual closed with a motion to the effect that the printing of the ritual (with the suggestions of the Convention taken into consideration) and the Constitution be left to the discretion of the committee.

After the discussion of the ritual, Miss Mitchell presented Muhlenberg College's petition, and it was accepted by the Convention since the Executive Council had voted unanimously in favor of it. The reports of the Grand Executive Council and of the Treasurer of the



PROFESSOR SMITH, MR. STOW, MISS BROKAW NUNTIUS followed. Then Miss Mary Brokaw, editor of the NUNTIUS, presented her report with recommendations, which were accepted.

From the report of the Grand Executive Council it was learned that Mr. H. Lloyd Stow, Executive Secretary, will be out of the United States next year, and that Professor Gertrude Smith will be acting Executive Secretary.

The business session was followed by a violin recital, given by Erich Sorantin, of the Nashville Conservatory of Music.

A most interesting illustrated lecture of Cicero was delivered by Professor Charles E. Little, of Peabody College. From it was learned that the best-known "likeness" of Cicero is really Sulla, not Cicero at all; that Cicero derived his name from an ancestor who must have had a wart on his nose or a chickpea; that the two most genuine likenesses are the one struck on a coin in 27 B. C. and the one line-engraved on black agate at the Hague, both profile; and that the best series of busts of Cicero are probably those in the Museum at Madrid.

One of the most delightful and enjoyable events of "extrabusiness" character was the sight-seeing tour Saturday afternoon, and the high spot of the tour was the Hermitage. After a beautiful drive



MISS LANNING, MR. SIMS CROWNOVER, MISS COFFEE

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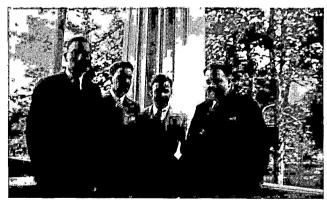
out of Nashville, the Convention arrived at this extremely historic and lovely spot. The members wandered about in groups through the house and the formal gardens, and there were exclamations of "Oh come here. Have you seen this?" "Isn't that quaint?" "How perfectly lovely!"

"Adorable!" "Have you seen the steps leading up to the four-poster bed?" and many others. Great interest was shown in General Jackson's uniform and in his sideboard and collection of bottles which had once been full of a now-forbidden vintage.

Pictures in abundance were taken here, and after a complete survey of the Hermitage, the Convention reluctantly left and returned to Nashville.

The last business session was taken up with the reports of the various committees appointed the day before. The Convention Committee reported that invitations had been received from Alpha Lambda, University of

Oklahoma, through Miss Eloise Chandler, and from Alpha Xi, Washington University, through Mr. Homer Wright. Because of the central location of Washington University, the invitation of Alpha Xi Chapter was accepted, and the next Convention will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, on April 28 and 29, 1933.



MR. McNair, MR. Butts, MR. Wright, MR. Appler



MISS HENDRICKS, MISS BROKAW, MISS BONNER

The Committee on New Business suggested that initiations not take place after the Convention because, according to the Constitution, it is necessary to pay national dues for the year in which the initiation is held. Much confusion has arisen from misunderstanding of this by

the various chapters, and an amendment to the constitution in this respect is to be phrased by the Executive Council and presented to the next Convention. Theta Chapter suggested that neophytes be required to pass a rigorous examination, and this suggestion was approved by the committee and recommended highly to the local chapters, but it was not thought that any national action should be taken. The establishment of alumni chapters was brought up for discussion by Mu Chapter, and it was recommended that definite plans be presented at the next Convention. Alumni chapters are to be encouraged and fostered, but no action in regard to them can be taken until there

are several and until definite plans are known.

A new by-law was achieved at this Convention. It is to the effect that the subscription to the NUNTIUS become a part of the dues of every active and associate member of the chapter.

The last report was that of the Nominations



GAMMA IN THE GARDEN OF THE HERMITAGE



Mrs. Hodgin, Miss Hadsel, Sigma

THE NUNTIUS



BANQUET SCENE AT THE ANDREW JACKSON HOTEL

Committee. The following people were nominated and elected as officers for 1932-1933:

A formal banquet at the Hotel Jackson brought the program to a close. Mr. Arthur Crownover acted as

master of ceremonies, and called upon the retiring officers, the officers-elect, and the permanent officers for impromptu speeches. A picture of the last gathering of delegates and visitors is shown. One of the most delightful features of the banquet was the singing of Mr. Bugg. Following that a very entertaining talk on Martial was given by Professor R. B. Steele. The Convention closed with the installation of the new officers.

The Convention was actually not ended until the last good-bye was said, the new friend's hand shaken for the last time, and the last expression of appreciation for a delightful time spoken to the hosts to the Eighth Annual Convention of Eta Sigma Phi.

Many Members of Eta Sigma Phi Elected to Phi Beta Kappa

The number of members of Eta Sigma Phi elected to Phi Beta Kappa during the year seems to stand as a criterion of the type of individual represented in classical study. Although there is no complete record, there is definite information that twenty-one members of Eta Sigma Phi were so honored at the spring elections of that society. The completion of this record and the addition of all the others who have attained this distinction in the year 1931-1932 would materially increase this total. In fact a compilation of the total number of members of Eta Sigma Phi who have been elected to Phi Beta Kappa since Eta Sigma Phi was founded would be of interest and would surely prove flattering to us as a national body. The list of members elected this spring includes Mr. Hugh

Davis, Mrs. Katherine Schmidt, Mr. Steve Seech, and Miss Catherine Wary, of Gamma Chapter; Miss Mary Johnston, of Xi; Miss Elizabeth Collins, Mr. Jack Hasler, and Mr. Jules Nathanson, of Tau; Mr. Donald Haff, Mr. Sidney L. Lancit and Mr. William C. Warner, of Alpha Epsilon; Miss Violet Canberg and Miss Pauline Picchiottino, of Alpha Eta; Miss Jessie Arzt, Miss Ann Merkin, Miss Edna Rogers, and Miss Dorothy Vogel, of Alpha Theta; Miss Lois V. Hunt, Miss Hermoise Hupp, and Miss Jane Smith, of Alpha Kappa; and Miss Grace Drennan, of Alpha Xi.

These members and those others whose names should be on this roll are to be complimented on their attainment of this honor.

New Plans for The Nuntius

NE OUTCOME of the recent Convention may be seen in certain far-reaching plans which were adopted with reference to the NUNTIUS. The experience of the staff this year in endeavoring to provide a publication more in keeping with the desires and ideals of the national organization has uncovered definite problems to be solved and advantages to be gained in carrying forward toward the goal. In conjunction with national officers and others who were known to be definitely interested the members of the staff had formulated these into recommendations for presentation with their report. The discussion of these before the Convention resolved itself into the adoption of a program of plans and regulations which it is believed will be very generally approved.

Every Active and Associate Member a Subscriber

One problem which caused the staff much concern was that of determining who were subscribers and who were not. The continuous turn-over under the old system and the changing personnel of local officers with consequent difficulties in securing accurate reports have been important factors in this. The members of the staff felt that this and the problem of financial support were the very crux of any move toward further progress and offered recommendations which resulted in a new by-law providing that "subscriptions to the Nuntius shall become a part of the dues of every active and associate member of the organization." The former regulation requiring the inclusion of two years' subscription with initiation dues is retained.

Four Issues per Year

The adoption of that by-law has opened the way to numerous other gains. It is no mean advantage to the organization as a whole to have every active and associate member thus kept in closer contact with the national fraternity, and it is believed the members themselves will find it desirable. The added financial support which is insured through subscriptions of the total active and associate membership makes possible the publication of four issues of the Nuntius each year. The desire for this has been prevalent from the first and its attainment will be a matter of universal satisfaction.

Copies Mailed Individually to Subscribers U. S. Postal Recognition

Perhaps few members of the organization realized that the only serious handicap which any longer prevented recognition of the publication by government postal authorities lay in the number of issues per year. With the publication of four issues each year the Nuntius will be entered according to postal regulations as a standard publication. In addition to the new "dignity" thus achieved postal rates will be reduced and copies of the Nuntius will be mailed individually to the constituency. Much complaint arose in some quarters from the old plan, under which copies were mailed to one center and were not always easily distributed to every one within reasonable time. Moreover, the individual members will have the personal satisfaction which comes from receiving the Nuntius direct, as is true of many other fraternal publications. This means, of course, that the Editorial Office must be furnished with the complete and accurate address of every active and associate member of the organization.

Payable Direct to Treasurer of Nuntius

With an increase in the number of issues goes no additional increase in price. The rate remains as formerly one dollar per year, payable to the Treasurer of the Nuntius rather than to the National Treasurer. Two dollars of the initiation dues of each new initiate is to be sent direct to the treasurer of the Nuntius together with the name and address of the individual. Further subscriptions of active and associate members are also to be sent direct to the treasurer of the Nuntius by the local treasurer. It is felt that this will avoid much confusion. In order to establish some regularity in regard to the time of subscriptions for new members, the following recommendation was approved by the delegates:

"The first year's subscription for the new initiate will end with the last issue published during the school year providing that no new initiate shall receive less than two issues for his first year's subscription. Members who are initiated at any time after the first issue of the year will regularly begin their subscriptions with the issue preceding their initiation, providing the office of the Nuntius is properly informed thereof."

Subscriptions from New Alumni Before They Leave the Campus

The National Convention also voiced its approval of a plan whereby each chapter is asked to canvass its seniors for subscriptions for the next year before they leave the campus and report the names and addresses to the Editorial Office. These subscriptions need not be paid until invoices are sent in the fall at the time when the subscriptions begin. It is hoped that there will be immediate and hearty cooperation in this on the part of every chapter. It is desired, also, to establish contacts with older alumni as rapidly as possible.

Life Subscriptions for Honorary Members

The last item on the slate was concerned with life subscriptions to the NUNTIUS for honorary members. The desirability of this closer contact with honorary members is obvious, and a plan for its accomplishment has been under consideration since the question was first raised. The Convention voted to launch the plan and fixed the sum at ten dollars, subsequent to change at the end of one year. It is hoped that a large majority of the honorary members will take advantage of this opportunity. The money received from this source will be used as a reserve fund for the Nuntius

Such are the plans for the NUNTIUS of the future. It is believed that their importance will be felt in the increasing value of our national journal. The editorial staff pledges its best efforts to that end and confidently relies upon the loyal cooperation of the local chapters.

Financial Report of The Nuntius

Steve Seech, Treasurer, Gamma

Amounts Received:

Subscription funds transferred from National Treasury, June, 1932..\$ 558.50

Subscriptions paid directly..... 91.00

\$ 649.50

Amounts Expended:

Printing and Engraving\$	406.17
Distribution	24.32
Editorial Office	17.84
Promotion	20.00
Equipment	30.20

\$ 649.50

ESTIMATED STATEMENT FOR END OF THE YEAR:

Balance on hand\$ 150.97

Subscriptions paid to Na-

tional Treasury 464.00

Due from advertisers.... 62.50

\$ 677.47

Estimated cost of third issue of the

Nuntius 200.00

ESTIMATED BALANCE AT END OF YEAR.....\$ 477.47

It will be seen from this report (accepting the estimated statement as approximately correct) that the cost of publishing three issues of the NUNTIUS of the size and

quality adopted this year exceeds the income by some eighty dollars. There are some grounds for believing, however, that funds from late initiates will cover a part of this deficit, and that the regulations governing subscriptions adopted at this Convention will make possible the publishing of four issues without loss.

High Lights from the Business Sessions of the National Convention

A PETITION from Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pennsylvania, was granted. Alpha Rho, to be installed there, will be our forty-first chapter. Muhlenberg College fulfills in all respects the requirements of the organization, and the position which the Classics hold there is an enviable one. Further details will be printed in the first issue of the NUNTIUS next year.

There was an extended discussion of the ritual and all that pertains to it, forms, arrangements, content, costumes, etc., and the matter was referred back to the committee for final revision and for printing (together with the Constitution) at the committee's discretion. The chairman of the committee is Professor Gertrude Smith, Alpha.

A new by law requires all active and associate members to be subscribers to the NUNTIUS; a new provision makes it possible for honorary members to obtain life-subscriptions; there is to be a concerted effort to have graduating seniors pledge subscriptions before they leave the campus; and there are to be four issues of the journal next year. A detailed report appears on page 7.

Professor Gertrude Smith will be Executive Secretary for the year 1932-1933. Mr. H. Lloyd Stow will be in Europe.

The Ninth Annual Convention will be held at Washington University, St. Louis, April 28-29, 1933, on the invitation of Alpha Xi Chapter.

National officers elected for next year are:

Megas Protohyparchos.......Dorothy Marks

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Megas Deuterohyparchos.....Louise Brant Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia

Megas Epistolographos...........Edward McNair Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina

Megas Grammateus......Mabel Wilson

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MINERVA

Words and Their Changing Significations

By Professor C. R. HARDING DAVIDSON COLLEGE (Alpha Nu)

[This is the second article contributed by Professor Harding under this title. The first appeared in the NUNTIUS, Vol. IV, No. 2.]

OUR SELECTION this time is the word ἀστεῖος, which in Modern Greek has primarily the sense of "facetious," "jocose," "witty," but also "polite." It seems preferable, however, to begin with its New Testament usage and trace it back.

Acts VII, 20: ἀστεῖος τῷ θεῷ — in which time Moses was born and was exceeding fair (Moffatt, "divinely;" R. V., "fair unto God;" Vulgate, gratus deo). Heb. XI, 23; ἀστεῖον τὸ παιδίον — By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child (R. V., "goodly;" Moffatt, "because they saw the child was beautiful;" Vulgate, elegantem infantem). The word means here "comely" or "pretty," literally "of the town" (although ἀστικός is generally so used). Naturally one's dress and manners, appearance and behavior are all improved by one's living in town and often coming in contact with his fellows. Good looks, politeness, and polish are the natural consequence of city life, of being town-bred. Hence the Greek word, like the Latin word urbanus, means "polite," "courteous."

As opposed to ἀστεῖος and urbanus, "urbane," "town-bred," consequently "courteous," is the Greek ἄγροικος, "of the country," "rustic," mostly with the collateral idea of "boorish," "rough." It is interesting to note that except in a semi-humorous or comic way we have not employed the word "heathen" (man of the heath, man of open land and uncultivated tracts) in this sense of "boor" though we might very naturally have done so. We have used it rather as descriptive of the religious condition of a people, of those ignorant of the true God, though here with implication, certainly for the most part, that such are rude and uncultivated and altogether lacking in the fine and beautiful things that we naturally associate with the city-bred in Christian lands.

Good manners, politeness, courtesy, certainly when genuine, are almost invariably accompanied by an element and show of kindness. So we find ἀστεῖος used of the kindly courtesy of the jailor (the officer of the Eleven) to Socrates during the latter's imprisonment and particularly in the hour when this officer comes to give him the hemlock in carrying out the sentence against Socrates as

recorded in Plato's *Phaedo*. The condemned man's last hours are described in the *Phaedo*. Here we read that at the close of his conversation with his weeping and grief-stricken friends he turned to them and said: "How courteous the man is; during the whole time I have been here he has visited me and sometimes conversed with me, and proved the worthiest of men; and now how generously he weeps for me." 'Courteous,' possibly 'fine' gives the sense.

And so ἀστεῖος is used of thoughts and words, "refined," "elegant," and hence "dainty," "witty," "clever." In the following from Aristophanes' Clouds (1.204) "clever" or our semi-slang or popular use of "fine," "capital" is about the idea to be conveyed. Strepsiades, the victim of his son's prodigality and extravagance, visits the thinking shop (φροντιστήριον) of Socrates in the hope of discovering some way by which he may shake off his debts at the expense of his creditors. He is taken in charge by a talkative pupil of the school who amazes the old man with his account of the feats of Socrates. The visitor's attention is soon attracted by a number of mathematical instruments. Being shown one of these, a device for measuring the earth, he remarks: "You tell me indeed of a clever ('fine' ἀστεῖον) thing, for the contrivance is at once democratic and useful."

Strepsiades is here imagining that the whole earth is to be measured off into lots and these distributed among Athenian citizens. No wonder that he feels this to be a fine, clever idea, at once democratic and practical in a high degree.

Clever thoughts naturally have their source in clever, bright fellows, fellows being alike masculine and feminine; hence ἀστεῖος is used also of such persons, looked upon as wits (Plat. Rep. 452 D). The passages in illustration of ἀστεῖοι as wits concern themselves with the matter of like training for men and women, which training of course necessarily involves rather wide and radical changes and a marked departure from current customs with a complete revolution in public sentiment, if it all were ever to be approved by the people. Says Socrates (after Jowett, with slight changes): "Then if women are to have the same duties as men, they must have the same education?

Then, women must be taught music and gymnastics, and also the art of war, which they must practice like the men."

The listener hesitatingly accepts the proposition and assents further to the next remark of Socrates. This is to the effect that "several of our proposals, if they are carried out, being unusual, may appear ridiculous . . . And the most ridiculous thing of all will be the sight of women in the palestra in the garb of athletes or wrestlers. . . .

"But as we have determined to speak our minds, we must not fear the jests of the wits ($\tau \dot{\alpha} \tau \dot{\omega} \nu \chi \alpha \rho \iota \dot{\epsilon} \nu \tau \omega \nu \sigma \kappa \dot{\omega} \mu \mu \alpha \tau \alpha$), which will be directed against this sort of innovation; how they will talk of women's attainments in music as well as in gymnastics, and above all about their wearing armor and riding upon horseback. . . .

"Yet having begun, we must go on and attack the difficulty; and at the same time begging of these gentlemen for once in their life to be serious. Not long ago, as we shall remind them, the Greeks were of the opinion, one still generally received among the barbarians, that the sight of a naked man was ridiculous and improper; and when first the Cretans and then the Lacedaemonians introduced exercises in such undress, the wits of that day $(\tau \circ \hat{\zeta} \circ \tau \circ \tau \circ \tau \circ \tau)$, might have ridiculed all this equally.

. . But when experience showed that to wear simply nature's own covering was far better than to wear an additional garment, and the ludicrous effect to the outward eye vanished before the approval of reason, the man was seen to be a fool who laughs or directs the shafts of his ridicule at any other sight but that of folly and vice, or seriously inclines to measure the beautiful by any other standard but that of the good."

While Plato's wrestling matches between the sexes is not to our taste or in accord with our ideas of propriety, there is something very modern in the suggestion that a situation at first exciting the risibles and serving as a target for the pointed shafts of the Wits may in the course of time become such an ordinary and common thing as not to attract attention at all. People oftentimes become so accustomed to a practice or fashion which at first introduction is looked upon as dreadfully bad form and even offensive to good morals that it comes to be taken as a matter of course and no longer excites either criticism or comment.

It is interesting to note that originally $\gamma \nu \mu \nu \delta \varsigma$ characterized or described those who were about to engage in gymnastic exercises ($\gamma \nu \nu \delta \zeta \epsilon \nu$) and so the verb meant "to exercise" in nature's garb, or in the nearest approach to such apparel, and hence later to exercise without reference necessarily to the character or limitations of the clothing worn. Is it any stretch of imagination to forecast the day when in Modern Greek this same verb, when applied to a young lady, will mean not simply or primarily "put on togs" or "trunks," preparatory to an hour in the 'gym,' but equally well "dress for the ball,"

"appear in evening dress," only the context serving to make it clear which kind of undress and laying aside of all superfluous boot and baggage is intended?

Quite different indeed is the use of ἀστεῖος in another passage in the Republic (I. 348-349 B). In the discussion between Thrasymachus and Socrates as to the respective merits and demerits of justice and injustice, the old philosopher addresses this question to his interlocutor: "Does the just man try to gain any advantage over the just?"

"Far otherwise," is the reply, "for if he did, he would not be the fine, simple (or 'simple, amusing') creature which he is (ἀστεῖος, ὅσπερ νῦν, καὶ εὐηθής)."

Here ἀστεῖος is very far from "clever" in the sense of "witty," or as descriptive of a wit, but it is quite close to our provincial use of "clever," as, "He's a nice clever fellow," — a nice fellow but with no over-plus of sense.

AGTEÎOC is employed of pigs, porkers in the Acharnians of Aristophanes (1.811), but as a term of praise. These pigs are nice, fine specimens of their kind. One may think that we are here far removed from a thing "of the city" since in the matter of pigs we naturally think in terms of ἄγροικος, "of the country," but possibly we may regard these pigs (Megarian young ladies) as citybred after all and well entitled to be called ἀστεῖαι. At any rate it suits our purpose to assume that these pigs were raised in town. Even in this twentieth century we have not yet succeeded in all sections of the land in banishing the pig and his pen from the 'city limits,' or eliminating in the present century of paved highways the 'road hog,' and it is not likely that Megarians 2500 years ago were advanced to the point of having on the statute books an ordinance against a city-bred pig. In the scene of the Acharnians the Megarian in desperate economic straits appears in the Athenian market with his two very hungry little daughters, whom he has disguised, placed in sacks, and now offers for sale to anyone willing to buy a 'pig in a poke.'

After some expression of doubt on the part of Dicaeopolis, a prospective purchaser, as to whether the sacks really contain pigs, and after further banter between the two men, the pigs make their wants known by fitting squeals and are fed some figs by Dicaeopolis, who notes how rapidly the fruit disappears under the animals' greedy attack. He exclaims (Frere's translation): "How they do munch and crunch! In the name of heaven! Why, sure they can't have eaten 'em already! . . . Well, faith, they are two fine ('clever' or 'comical') animals (ἀστείω γε τὼ βοσκήματε)." (There is here doubtless a play on "city-bred.") "What shall I give you for 'em? What do ye ask?"

Megarian: "I must have a gross of onions for this (Continued on page 13)

De Conventibus

By Professor Gertrude Smith University of Chicago (Alpha)

IF HOLDING the record for attendance at the annual conventions of Eta Sigma Phi is any criterion, I am doubtless the proper person to write this article. I have been present at seven conventions and nothing but neces-



Professor Gertrude Smith

sity could have prevented my being at the eighth. The reason for such regularity of attendance is simple — I find the meetings thoroughly profitable and enjoyable, as I am sure all the others do who have ever attended them. I was "on the ground" both when Phi Sigma, out of which the organization developed, was established at the University of Chicago and when the plans for nationalization were made and executed. There has therefore been a tremendous

fascination in watching the conventions grow from the little group of delegates who assembled at the University of Chicago in the spring of 1925 to such a considerable number as met this year in Nashville. It was fitting that the First National Convention should be held at the University of Chicago where the organization was founded and where Alpha Chapter is located. Although that meeting was held under great difficulties it was carried out very successfully and really helped very materially in putting the fraternity on its feet. The Convention was scheduled for the week-end of Memorial Day and all plans for the reception and entertainment of the visiting delegates had been completed when President Burton of the University of Chicago died on May 26. Inasmuch as the University was closed out of respect to the memory of President Burton it became impossible to hold the Convention in the University buildings. As it was equally impossible to postpone it, arrangements were hastily made to hold the meeting at the Universalist church of St. Paul's on the Midway. The members of Alpha Chapter had planned to present Euripides' Medea for the entertainment of the delegates, but it did not seem appropriate to present the play when the University was in mourning for its president. Despite these difficulties the little group of delegates had a splendid meeting from the time when the first business session was called until they had sung America in Latin after the installation banquet at the Hyde Park Hotel.

At that time there were only five chapters in the

organization, all of which were well represented: Alpha, at the University of Chicago; Beta, at Northwestern; Gamma, at Ohio University; Delta, at Franklin College; and Epsilon, at the University of Iowa. That group displayed as much enthusiasm and did as much good hard work as any other of our convention groups has done. There were many things to be considered in those early days and it is noteworthy that some of them have been on the convention docket ever since — ritual, an official publication (since styled the Nuntius), the kinds of institutions which should be considered worthy of charters, membership qualifications, and of course the perennial question of how to make ourselves more effective and better justify our existence.

Since that significant meeting conventions have been held at Northwestern University in 1926, at Ohio University in 1927, at the University of Iowa in 1928, at Mississippi State College for Women in 1929, at the University of Pennsylvania in 1930, at the University of Cincinnati in 1931, and at Vanderbilt in 1932.

There have been many high lights and much work has been accomplished. There are now forty chapters, and there are, I am informed, several petitions for charters which are being considered by the Grand Executive Council. One of the important accomplishments of the

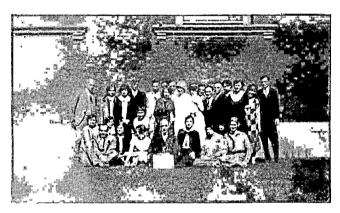
fraternity has been in relation to high school Latin clubs and especially, in connection with this, the distribution of the high school medals. The idea for the medal was conceived Professor Flickinger and it has been surprisingly successful. It is, I believe, the strongest link which connects the high schools and Eta Sigma Phi. Another important undertaking is the Nuntius which started as a little mimeographed sheet, grew into an



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eight-page printed paper, and now for the first time has been put on a stable basis with an alumna member of Eta Sigma Phi as its able editor. Such an enterprise needs continuity and obviously cannot be carried out by an annual change of editors. Again through the election of a National Executive Secretary and his work the organization has been put on a much firmer foundation. Another matter which has been under discussion year after year is the ritual. With a few changes which have been left to the discretion of the committee it will now be printed together with the Constitution.

One advantage of the conventions is that they give the delegates an opportunity to hear and to become acquainted with some of our important classical scholars. The names of the speakers whom we have been privileged to hear at these conventions will show the wealth of opportunity which the delegates have had of hearing the best that is being thought and written by leading classical scholars in various fields. Among others there have been Professors



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Scott and Murley of Northwestern, Professor Flickinger of the University of Iowa, Professor Lord of Oberlin, Professor Crosby of Pennsylvania, Professor Stout of Indiana, Professor Magoffin of New York University, Professor Robinson of Cincinnati, and Professors Shorey, Bonner, and Beeson of the University of Chicago. Faculty interest has been one of the great advantages of the fraternity.

Another interesting and valuable feature of the conventions has been the occasional presentation of Greek plays. Many of the delegates probably do not have frequent opportunities to see Greek plays presented. At Iowa City there was a most impressive performance of Aeschylus' Persae with an excellent interpretation beforehand by Professor Flickinger. At Mississippi State College for Women the Alcestis of Euripides was given. Although I was absent, I have heard many favorable comments about it. In Philadelphia Omicron Chapter in cooperation with the dramatics department gave a production of Euripides' Bacchae which brought out vividly the

dramatic poetry and the gloomy atmosphere of that strange tragedy. This is a convention feature which should be encouraged.

When the conventions have met in large cities our hosts have regularly provided us with means of becoming



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acquainted with them. So in Philadelphia, Cincinnati, and in Nashville the delegates were taken on most instructive sightseeing tours. This plan of affording the delegates an opportunity of seeing something of the cities and institutions of learning which they visit has met with hearty approval. It raises the question, however, of whether the time allotted to the conventions is long enough or whether it might not be worth while to have a three-day instead of a two-day meeting. The matter was a topic for discussion in Nashville.

The social side has never been neglected. There are always functions at which the delegates may mix freely and get to know one another personally. There are luncheons and informal dinners, not to mention the for-



FACULTY MEMBERS AT THE FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION PROFESSORS BEESON, MILLER, SMITH, BONNER, MURLEY

mal installation banquet which always ends the convention. I recall particularly the picnic supper on the "Acropolis" in Athens, Ohio, and the dinner at Iowa City at which we all wore wreaths and there were Latin menus. Twice dances have been given, arousing a storm

of protest in some circles. It involves the questions of the possibility of a successful dance at a convention where the feminine contingent predominates and of the propriety of a dance at the meeting of such an organization.

There are many incidents attendant upon a convention but not part of it which serve to make it memorable. The conventions for us of Alpha Chapter begin when we leave Chicago and last until we step off the train in Chicago on our return. We regularly join other delegates on the way and thus a fairly large group has begun to be acquainted by the time we reach our destination. Post mortems of the convention afford a source of another delightful time on the way home. I remember leaving Iowa City at midnight, fourteen of us sitting in one compartment conversing and consuming a large box of chocolates which had been given to one member of the group. Others tell vivid stories of the trip home from Columbus, Mississippi, via a cattle train in the midst of a thunder storm. Again there was the trip in a rented car around Cincinnati on our return from the meeting in Athens, Ohio. Such things have their place in the conventions, just as do the informal parties which are regularly held after the formal sessions of the day are over.

Do the conventions have any value beyond furnishing the delegates with a pleasant time and a quantity of mental pabulum? The answer is emphatically affirmative. There is first of all the executive and social experience which the entertaining chapter derives from planning and carrying out a convention. In every case it has been weil done. Then there is the benefit which the individual delegate gets out of his committee work and his work in the business meetings. I have noticed that the business has regularly been presented and dealt with in clear-cut, concise fashion and with real cooperation. In addition the delegate has a very valuable experience in meeting so many other students from such a variety of schools. It is to be regretted that more representatives of the local chapter cannot attend; for the participant in the convention is continually aware that, although his own chapter may seem small and not always to be doing things of importance, the result is not insignificant when he considers similar groups scattered all over the country with a common purpose, all trying to preserve the same ideal. They are all "lovers of wisdom and beauty." This is the idea that every delegate should try to bring to the realization of his less fortunate fellow students who have never attended one of these conventions.

We have just witnessed a most successful Convention at Vanderbilt University and are looking forward eagerly to the Convention of 1933 at Washington University in St. Louis.

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here; and the other you may take for a peck of salt."

From the idea of "nice," "fine" as praise comes that of "nice," "fine" in a tone of irony. Aristophanes' Clouds (1. 1064):—"A nice, fine piece of luck was the gift of a sword to Peleus!"

In the debate between Just Cause and Unjust Cause the latter asks (after R. Cumberland, with slight changes): "What good fortune ever did betide the mute and modest? Instance me a case."

Just Cause: "Many. Chaste Peleus so obtained his sword."

Unjust Cause: "His sword! And what did Peleus gain by that? (Marry, he got a pretty piece of luck, the poor wretch!) Battle and blows this modest Peleus gain'd; whilst mean Hyperbolus, whose wretched craft was lamp-making, by craft of viler sort netted his thousands, solid coin, not swords."

Just Cause: "But continence befriended Peleus so, —as won the goddess Thetis for his wife."

Unjust Cause: "And drove her too away, for he was cold, languid, and listless. She was brisk and breezy and sought a lover elsewhere."

With this sword, a gift from the gods to Peleus for his continence, he had an experience born of circumstances similar to those that confronted Joseph in the house of Potiphar, and when the offended Greek Potiphar (Acastus, the husband of Atalante) attempted to avenge his supposed wrong, Peleus was driven to declare war against him and girded on his sword.

As for Thetis in her desertion of her unappreciative husband we find a counterpart in the modern run-away wife of whom the ἀστεῖος or wit of today declared in nautical parlance that her husband took her for a "mate," but she proved to be a "skipper."

Still again in a semi-ironic sense the comic poet Diphilus uses ἀστεῖος of one of his characters—"You are a pretty fellow!"

And with this we return to our New Testament and leave ἀστεῖος with its undefiled and pleasing signification: "comely," "fine," "pretty," or "handsome," as doubtless Moses, the Great Law-giver, was from earliest years.

HERE AND THERE

Professor Eva Johnston, of the University of Missouri (Alpha Mu), is on leave of absence this year and is studying in Europe.

Lucien Gidden, a former member of Pi Chapter, has returned to Birmingham-Southern College as a member of the faculty after spending four years at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar. At one of the chapter meetings he told about classical study in England.

Interesting Echoes of An Active Chapter

THE BANNER of Eta Sigma Phi is being carried in the extreme South-East of the United States by Eta Chapter, at Florida State College for Women. How well it is done is left to the readers of this account of some high points in their year's activities. Annual festivities, active accomplishments, and high scholarship are united in the annals of that chapter.

Professor Frank Miller Honor Guest at Founders' Day Banquet

On March 22 Eta Chapter was happy to have as honored guest at its Founders' Day banquet Professor Frank Justus Miller, formerly of the University of Chicago. Professor Miller wintered in Florida this year and stopped in Tallahassee en route to the North for a brief visit with Miss West and Miss Dorman, Eta Chapter advisers. The chapter moved up its Founders' Day banquet from April 16, the date of its installation in 1926, in order that Professor Miller might be present, as it was through his interest and influence that Eta was established as the first chapter in the South. Professor Miller's address at the banquet was most inspirational, and Eta Chapter felt privileged in having so distinguished a guest. During his stay in Tallahassee, Professor Miller also spoke before several of the Latin classes and to the juniors and seniors of the Classics department at an informal tea given in his honor by Miss West and Miss Dorman at their apartment.

Having held its annual banquet in March, Eta did not commemorate its Founders' Day, April 16, with any social function. It did, however, put on the customary exhibit of the chapter charter, scroll of membership, list of membership qualifications, and a map showing the location of the various chapters of Eta Sigma Phi throughout the United States. A reproduction of the Eta Sigma Phi medal was also displayed. The exhibit was put up in one of the corridors of the library building where it attracted much favorable attention and interest.

Active and Versatile Classical Club Associated With Eta

The Classical Club on the campus of Florida State College for Women has had a membership of about 130 this year. The leaders of Classical Club are for the most part members of Eta Chapter who gain practical knowledge and training for leadership in the club which serves as a kind of Latin laboratory for the Classics department. The organization is divided into four groups, this division enabling every student to attend each of the groups during her four years at college. The Arts and Crafts Group concentrates on the arts and crafts of the

Romans and makes objects in miniature to illustrate the study of Latin. The group this year made a typical Roman street scene and worked out in detail the various rooms of a Roman house.

The Costumes Group first studies the wearing apparel of the Greeks and Romans and then makes authentic clothes for four figurines representing a typical Roman family. In the Music Group a study is made of the music and musical instruments of the Greeks and Romans. Latin songs are learned and are sung on the campus at Christmas and Easter by members of this group dressed as a vested choir. The Roman Antiquities Group takes up the study of Greek and Roman architecture, ceramics, and sculpture. The various programs are made vivid and real by the liberal use of lantern slides.

An exhibit was sent by the Classical Club recently to the meeting of the Florida Education Association in Jacksonville, Florida, April 1 and 2. The exhibit consisted of a review of the work done by the four groups of the Club this year.

Members of Eta Receive Honors

Several members of Eta Chapter have received recognition by other honorary organizations. Miss Margaret Gaillard and Miss Irma Ruff have recently been elected to Mortar Board, senior honorary for women. Miss Elizabeth Hoover, Miss Louise Houck, Miss Lillian Kocher, and Miss Frances Willis have been made members of Phi Kappa Phi, national scholastic. Kappa Delta Pi, international educational honorary, has recently added to its membership Miss Elizabeth Anderson, Miss Elizabeth Hoover, Miss Louise Houck, Miss Lillian Kocher, and Miss Frances Willis. The national history honorary, Phi Alpha Theta, has elected Miss Irma Ruff; the national French honorary, Beta Pi Theta, has elected Miss Elizabeth Anderson, Miss Elizabeth Hoover, Miss Lillian Kocher, and Miss Frances Willis; and the local Spanish, Phi Beta Sigma, has elected Miss Lillian Kocher to its membership.

Beta Alumni Continue Work at Alma Mater

George Stewart, Megas Prytanis in 1930-31, and Kenneth Thomas, '31, are taking graduate work at Northwestern. Clark Kuebler, Megas Prytanis in 1928-29, is an instructor in the department of Classical Languages.

Wins Scholarship at Cornell

Miss Ellen Townes, '32, a member of Alpha Alpha Chapter, has been awarded a scholarship in Latin and Greek at Cornell University, for the session 1932-1933.

EDITORIALS

To Psi Chapter and to other people who are not members of the organization but who contributed so finely to the comfort and entertainment of the visitors Eta Sigma Phi expresses through the medium of the Nuntius

the sincere appreciation of us all.

THANKS TO PSI The Eighth Annual Convention will not soon be forgotten. "South-

ern hospitality" became more than a mere phrase; it became a reality. The organization is indebted to all who made the Convention a successful one, but it is especially grateful to the members of Psi Chapter; to Mr. Arthur Crownover, Jr., chairman of the local committee; to Chancellor James H. Kirkland who welcomed the visitors to Nashville; to Mr. Loessel, Mr. Henkle, Mr. Sorantin, and Mr. Bugg who afforded musical programs; to Miss Pauline Townsend who presented "A Pageant of Greek Life"; and to Professors Pharr, Schermerhorn, Little, and Steele whose interesting and educative lectures everyone so much enjoyed. We reiterate our thanks for a most enjoyable time.

The two English words most hateful to the NUNTIUS staff are *No Reports*. It was a fond ambition (and vain, alas!) that in this issue the detested words would not appear. But such was not to be; the Fates decreed other-

NO REPORTS

wise. These two words have glared from the pages of our magazine ever since it has been established. They

have always been an unnecessary blot on an otherwise presentable record of accomplishments, and there is no chapter whose members can fail to feel the reflection which these words seem to imply. For these members and for ourselves the staff would recall with friendly exhortation the much-quoted words of Cicero — Quo usque tandem abutere patentia nostra?

The program which Eta Chapter follows for maintaining interest in the organization on the part of alumni members is an interesting and commendable one. Eta Chapter makes mention of this practice in connection

with its program of high ALUMNI INTEREST school expansion, but it deserves special comment here.

It is the custom of the chapter every fall and spring to send letters to its alumnae members telling of the work of the group. By this means, a fairly simple device after all, Eta Chapter is able to arouse and maintain in its alumnae members an active interest in the welfare of the chapter.

A word must be said concerning the new plans for the NUNTIUS which were evolved at the Convention. The details are to be found elsewhere in this issue; their import reaches far into the future. It may be said with

NEW PLANS FOR THE NUNTIUS

assurance that the adoption of these plans means that the NUNTIUS is becoming established on a firm and stable basis,

with the resources available to accomplish the aims and purposes for which it was founded. The next few years should bring forth a magazine truly representative of the organization, devoted to the interests of the fraternity, and ranking high among publications of its kind.

Special attention is called here to the recommendation adopted at the Convention that all senior members of the organization be canvassed by the various chapters of which they are members for subscriptions to the

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Nuntius for next year. The subscription price would not be paid until

the regular time in the fall (see page 7). Contacts with alumni members are difficult to establish, and if once a policy of acquiring such subscriptions before the members leave the campus could be put into effect, much confusion could be avoided, and the gain both to the organization and to the individual members would be great. May we not urge that this be done this year in every chapter before the seniors leave for their homes?

The first year of the NUNTIUS under the management established by the Convention of last year comes to a close. It is with real regret that this final issue of the year is published, for the time has been all too short in which to realize all our hopes and AU REVOIR dreams for the NUNTIUS. Whatever has been accomplished this year has been due to the splendid cooperation of the chapters and the unfailing support and encouragement of honorary members throughout the organization. Many have given generously of time and effort both by way of contributions to our journal and by sound advice on problems of policy. With this expression of deepest appreciation to all, the editors make their adieus with the hope that next year will witness a publication more desirable and increasingly useful to the membership as a whole.

The Convention Hears from the Megas Deuterohyparchos

MARY E. KEHOE, Epsilon

NE of the most interesting reports given before the Convention was that concerned with the problem of high school expansion. A variety of methods designed to increase the interest of high school students in the study of the classics, to further the work of Latin clubs, and to interest teachers and students in the Eta Sigma Phi medal is the result of Miss Kehoe's work this year. These suggestions, taken from the reports, should prove valuable to the various chapters of the organization:

- 1. Personal contacts with high school students on the part of members of Eta Sigma Phi who do practice teaching.
- 2. Visiting high schools: interviews with the faculty members and talks to students.
- 3. Teas, receptions.
- Form letters to Latin teachers and high school seniors.
- 5. Conducting contests.
- 6. Awarding of Eta Sigma Phi medal.
- 7. Awarding of certificates and cups.
- 8. Organization and sponsoring of Latin clubs.
- Maintaining a Service Bureau for Latin teachers.
- 10. Distribution of different classical publications to high schools.
- 11. Presentation of classical plays for high school students.

The individual reports follow:

ALPHA, University of Chicago:

The chapter sent out a form letter to all the members of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South who belong to the Illinois division. This letter contained information about Eta Sigma Phi itself and medals for fourth-year honor students in the high schools; an offer was made to send to anyone who wanted them suggestions for Latin club meetings.

BETA, Northwestern University:

The members of the chapter entertained the senior Latin students of the high schools in their locality on several occasions during the school year. At another time the freshman Latin students of honor grade were guests of the chapter. Medals will be awarded in the spring. Gamma, Ohio University:

A joint meeting of Gamma, Zeta, Sigma, and Mu Chapters was held at Athens. As a result of this meeting, the four Ohio chapters cooperated in sending out about two thousand letters to the seniors in the high schools of Ohio in behalf of classical study and Eta Sigma Phi. Gamma Chapter is also continuing its pro-

gram of giving medals to high school seniors in honor of its graduating members. Thirteen will be awarded this year.

DELTA, Franklin College:

The chapter has stimulated interest in the classics by sponsoring a poster contest for the high school students of Franklin. A prize of two dollars will be offered for the best poster and a prize of one dollar for the second best.

Epsilon, University of Iowa:

A tea was given jointly by the Classical Club of the University and Eta Sigma Phi for the delegates to the Fourteenth Annual Conference of the Classical Teachers of Iowa. Medals will be awarded to the two students receiving the highest grades for four years of Latin at the Iowa City and the University High Schools.

ZETA, Denison University:

The chapter combined with the other three chapters of Eta Sigma Phi in Ohio in a conference, the result of which was the sending of a letter to every teacher of Latin in the state. All students of Latin were urged to continue the study of that language or further their knowledge of the classics in some effective manner. The chapter is also planning to present medals for excellence in fourth-year Latin in two high schools in the county, and outside the county to provide medals for the high schools from which there are seniors at Denison who are members of the chapter.

ETA, Florida State College for Women:

The chapter maintained a Service Bureau for Latin teachers in the state high schools. Every year, in the spring, a letter is sent to all the teachers, in which attention is called to the Eta Sigma Phi medal. Every fall and spring a letter is sent to alumnae of the chapter, many of whom are teachers. In this way they are able to keep in touch with the chapter and its work, as well as with the Service Bureau for all teachers.

THETA, Indiana University:

The members of the chapter acted as hosts to the pupils and teachers who came to Bloomington for the State Latin contest. Three medals were presented to the winners in each class.

LAMBDA, University of Mississippi:

Medals will be sent to five high schools in Mississippi. In addition to this, regular form letters will be sent to the majority of the high schools in the state. Those members of the chapter who are student assistants in the University High School make use of their positions to stimulate an added interest on the part of their students. Members of the Latin Department of the University occasionally publish a Latin paper, copies of which the chapter sends to the various high schools.

Mu, University of Cincinnati:

The chapter cooperated with the other Ohio chapters in sending a letter to the high schools of the state. The seniors of the high schools of Cincinnati and vicinity are to be entertained by the chapter. Each high school sends five representatives. A play is being planned for their entertainment in May.

Nu, Morningside College:

The chapter is planning a tea for the senior high school students.

PI, Birmingham-Southern College:

A tea was given in the fall for representatives from all the nearby high schools. In most of the high schools classical clubs have been organized. Often a member of Pi Chapter takes charge of the meetings. The chapter is to give a program in the college chapel, and it plans to invite representatives from each classical club to be present. A picnic for high school students is to be held before the close of school.

RHO, Drake University:

The members of the chapter were hosts at a reception for the four Des Moines high schools. At that time it was announced that the Eta Sigma Phi medal would be awarded to the graduate of each of the four schools who had the highest average in Latin for the year. The chapter plans tentatively to take into membership the high school teachers.

SIGMA, Miami University:

The chapter cooperated with the other Ohio chapters in sending out to every high school in the state a letter telling the values of the study of the classics in high school and college. This letter was to be sent in connection with *Latin News and Notes*, a publication sent out by Ohio, Ohio State, and Miami Universities.

PHI, University of West Virginia:

The bank in which the chapter had placed its money failed. Accordingly, the chapter was unable to carry out its plans for the year through lack of finances.

Сні, Coe College:

In January medals were awarded at the Grant and Washington High Schools, and will again be presented in June. The chapter's most important accomplishment of the year was the awarding of certificates to the boy and girl in the smaller town Iowa high schools who have taken all the Latin offered in those schools and who have maintained the highest grades.

PSI. Vanderbilt University:

The various high schools have been visited, and the students have been invited to open meetings of the chapter. The high school teachers have been urged to bring

their classes to hear the papers which will be read after the business meetings of the Convention.

OMEGA, College of William and Mary:

The chapter is awarding a loving-cup to the Mathew Whaley High School at Williamsburg. This cup is to be a permanent possession on which each year the name of the student making the highest average in Latin will be inscribed. The chapter is also planning to offer a Virgilian medal to the student ranking highest in the high school Latin Tournament, which is to be held at Williamsburg in the spring.

ALPHA BETA, University of Denver:

The chapter has had no definite plans for the year. It was felt that the high schools were adequately cared for by members of Eta Sigma Phi who are teaching.

ALPHA DELTA, Agnes Scott College:

The chapter has sent out mimeographed letters to high schools throughout the state in an effort to interest them in the study of Latin. The chapter has also begun a contest, with a scholarship attached, among the leading high schools of the state.

ALPHA Epsilon, Lehigh University:

The chapter has been unable to do any work with the high school students this year.

ALFHA ZETA, Washington Square College:

The chapter was invited by Alpha Theta Chapter of Hunter College to a joint meeting. Plans were then to have been made for a definite campaign.

ALPHA ETA, University of Michigan:

The chapter has been working on the high school expansion plans in Ann Arbor and throughout the state. A satisfactory response is hoped for in this endeavor.

ALPHA THETA, Hunter College:

The members of this chapter have invited the firstand second-year students of the high schools of the city and their associated junior high schools to Hunter College to spend a social afternoon with them. At this time a short talk accompanied by slides will be given by Professor Lillian B. Lawler. A scene from a play of Plautus or Terence will also be presented.

ALPHA IOTA, University of South Carolina:

The state high school contests will be held in Columbia the latter part of April. At this time, the chapter will present a medal to the winner of the Latin Contest, and will entertain the fifteen Latin contestants and their teachers at a tea on the afternoon after the contest. Alpha Kappa, University of Illinois:

The members of the chapter have kept in close touch with the faculty of the Latin departments of the Champaign and Urbana high schools and are discussing with them the possibility of awarding a medal to outstanding high school Latin students. The chapter plans to give

a program before the Latin club of the Champaign High School this spring.

ALPHA MU, University of Missouri:

Through the cooperation of those members of the chapter who do practice teaching in the University Training School, the various high school Latin classes have attended lectures given by members of the faculty. A medal is to be presented to a fourth-year Latin student. Effort has been made to stimulate schools in the surrounding districts to present medals. Some form of entertainment is being planned by the chapter for the groups from the two high schools in Columbia for the last month of school.

ALPHA OMICRON, Lawrence College:

The chapter is planning a tea for the senior Latin students of the Appleton High School in May. At the end of the year a medal will be awarded to the outstanding graduating Latin student.

The work of this office is especially important, both to high school Latin students and to their teachers. Although many chapters throughout the country have felt the effects of the depression this year, the high school expansion work has been, on the whole, rather well taken care of by them. Of course, the success of the work depends on the efforts of the individual chapters, and, if a chapter does not show proper interest, that section of the country suffers. The work would be aided materially if each chapter sent to the National Office at the beginning of next year the name and correct address of its vice-president in charge of high school expansion. Miss Kehoe states that the chapter directory compiled in the March issue of the Nuntius proved very valuable.

Official Delegates to the Convention

Alpha (University of Chicago):

H. Lloyd Stow (Executive Secretary), Patricia Bonner, Harold B. Dunkel (Megas Chrysophylax).

BETA (Northwestern University):

Charis Murley, Walter Pilgrim.

GAMMA (Ohio University):

Steve Seech (Megas Grammateus), Nettie Tarasuck, Mabel Wilson.

Epsilon (University of Iowa):

Vera Huen, Mary E. Kehoe (Megas Deuterohyparchos).

ZETA (Denison University):

William Powell, Dorothy Marks.

ETA (Florida State College for Women): Lillian M. Kocher.

THETA (Indiana University):

Beulah F. Phares, Agnes Hendricks.

Lambda (University of Mississippi):

Elizabeth Smiley.

Mu (University of Cincinnati):

Carolyn Stites.

Nu (Morningside College): Katherine Blazer.

OMICRON (University of Pennsylvania): Leonard Snyder, William Cottee.

PI (Birmingham-Southern College): Foxye Lanning, Martha Coffee.

RHO (Drake University): Madelyn Rylands.

SIGMA (Miami University):

Margaret Shaw (Megas Prytanis), Lucinda Hadsel, Jean Phau.

TAU (University of Kentucky):

Margaret Rowbotham, Mary Esther Sheridan.

Pні (University of West Virginia): Wanda Mitchell (Megas Protohyparchos).

Psi (Vanderbilt University):
Ann Dillon, William Golden.

ALPHA ALPHA (Winthrop College):

Eunice Mickles.
Alpha Delta (Agnes Scott College):

Louise Brant.

ALPHA LAMBDA (University of Oklahoma): Eloise Chandler (Megas Epistolographos).

Alpha Mu (University of Missouri):

H. R. Butts, Jr.

Alpha Nu (Davidson College): Edward McNair.

Alpha XI (Washington University): Homer L. Wright.

Visitors to the Convention

ALPHA: Professor Gertrude Smith.

BETA: Professor Clyde Murley, Mildred Barnes.

GAMMA: Maxine Anderson, Emily Gaylord, Idah Stuart, Dolores Phelps, Mary K. Brokaw.

ZETA: Louise Krause, Robert Kincheloe, Margaret L. Thompson, Professor Miriam C. Akers.

Mu: Walter Appler.

SIGMA: Mrs. Marston Hodgin, Professor F. L. Hadsel.

ALPHA DELTA: Professor Gladys H. Freed.

Mater superbe multas res quas Marcus ex ligno fecerat, exponebat. "Puta," inquit illa, "Marcus hanc caveam (bird house) et illam stationem (stand) ex suo capite fecit!"

THE MUSES

To Vergil

By Professor Earl LeV. Crum Lehigh University (Alpha Epsilon)

'Tis not the poet's native land Nor varied rimes at his command That brings to him renown; But if the verse has stirred man's soul And fired imagination's role, He's won the poet's crown.

Vergilius Maro, Siron taught, Whose poems were sublimely wrought And based on Grecian lore, Raised Latin to its loftiest plane From whence the bards will ever gain Their themes as heretofore.

He gave the pastoral to Rome, Depicted shepherds, flocks, and home Where man is free from strife; A prophet of a golden age When war shall ever cease to gauge The sphere of human life.

His love of nature is displayed When in didactic garb arrayed, In old Ascraean strain, He sings of crops and care of trees Of raising cattle and of bees With philosophic vein.

In epic verse the poet brought To Rome a Trojan argonaut, Aeneas, sent by fate To glorify the Julian race, Set forth Augustus' rightful place, And laud the Roman state.

Pompeii

By NANCY JONES, Alpha Alpha

Men lift
The age-old dirt.
They fill small baskets, like
The ancients used,
Up high.

They bear The silt away. For hid beneath its weight Lies Pompeii, old And stiff.

Each day
The city grows.
The spades, with one day's strength,
Two thousand years
Bring forth.

And when
The moon steals out,
The city seems not dead —
Its peace is like
Sweet sleep.

Its streets
Are hushed, not sad.
Kind night fills in the walls,
And beauty lives
Once more.

Homer

By KATHERINE D. SCHMIDT, Gamma

As one who marks the rosy-fingered Dawn
Sweep back the eastern curtain of the day;
As one who travels over Phoebus' way,
Or dwells with those the gods have smiled upon;

As one who sails upon unvintaged seas,

And watches from afar Troy's bloody plain;

As one who fights the tumult of the main

With shattered oars, and longs for storms to cease;

So enter we this temple of the mind,
And hear and feel its music, loud and free;
With such a sense of Life's reality
We read the songs of Homer, bard divine;

Untouched by art of man he glows afar Lonely and grand and proud as Chronos' mightiest star!

Ode to Dionysus

TRANSLATED BY PROFESSOR SHERMAN KIRK DRAKE UNIVERSITY (Rho)

Strophe A

O thou of many names,
The joy of Cadmaean nymph,
And Zeus, loud-thundering god,
Thou who dost safely keep
Icaria renowned,
And ever bearest sway
In all-receiving vales
Of Eleusinian Deo,

O Bacchus! dwelling in this city Thebes,

The mother city dear Of Bacchic devotees, Beside the limpid streams

Of sweet Ismenus, and the dragon's seed;

Antistrophe A

Thy form above the rock
With jagged, double crest,
The gleaming fire has seen,
Where nymphs Corycian dance,
In Bacchic festivals,
Likewise Castalia's fount:
And ivy-covered banks
Of Nysian Mountains tall,

And height with many-clusters, lustrous green, Send thee with sacred songs

And shouts of Bacchanals, The god that watches well

The spacious streets and dancing grounds of Thebes.

Strophe B

Of all our cities fair,
This one thou honorest most,
Thou and thy mother dead,
The thunder smitten one:
Now also since disease
Has fastened its rude hand
On all the city's life,
Come down Parnassus' slopes

Or over moaning sea with cleansing tread.

Antistrophe B

O leader of the stars
That breathe forth glowing fire,
Lord of nocturnal hymns,
Appear, dear child of Zeus,
Attended by thy train
Of frenzied Bacchanals
Who hymn thee in their rites
In all-night revelry

Of song and dance, Bacchus, joyous lord.

Report of the Megas Chrysophylax

HAROLD B. DUNKEL, Alpha RECEIPTS

From the chapters	
Dues\$	459.00
Initiation	152.00
Nuntius	464.00
Unitemized reports	66.50
Installation of Alpha Pi	38.00
Excess dues from Alpha	
Mu	6.00
Total from the chapters \$1	195 50

Total from the chapters..\$1,185.50

Total from other sources.\$ 337.32

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR PAST YEAR....\$1,522.82
Savings account in the First Union
Savings and Trust of Chicago.. 1,020.00
Bank Balance from last year..... 286.05

Total Receipts and Assets.....\$2,828.87

DISBURSEMENTS

The Cary Printing Co\$	107.16
Expenses of Executive Sec-	
retary	84.00
The Torch Press (for medal)	1.00
The Medallic Art Co	251.60
Expenses of Megas Chryso-	
phylax	2.75
Expenses of Megas Deutero-	
hyparchos	8.06
Excess dues from Alpha Mu	6.00
Convention expenses of H.	
B. Dunkel	20.00

Total Disbursements\$	480.57
Owed to NUMBUS treasury	464.00

Owed to Nuntius treasury 464.00

NET BALANCE ON HAND\$1,884.30

Total\$2,828.87

NOT IN LOEB

O Sabile heres ago

Fortibus es in ero
O Nobile themes trux
Votis enim? Pes an dux.

"O, say, Billy, here's a go
Forty buses in a row
O, no, Billy them is trucks.
What is in 'em? Peas an' ducks."

LARES AND PENATES

MEMBERS OF ALPHA HOSTS TO SCHOLARSHIP ASPIRANTS

University of Chicago By Estelle Daresh

Alpha Chapter was duly represented at the National Convention of Eta Sigma Phi this year. Those who attended were Professor Gertrude Smith, H. Lloyd Stow, Harold B. Dunkel, and Patricia Bonner. Mrs. Bonner and Grant Bonner accompanied the delegates to Nashville.

Each year the Graduate Classical Club invites the members of Eta Sigma Phi to be its guests at one of its meetings. This year the Graduate Club entertained the members of Alpha Chapter on May 3. Professor Shorey was the speaker.

On May 20 the chapter and the Classical Club were hosts to the high school students who competed in comprehensive examinations for the Latin Scholarships at the University of Chicago.

Initiation for this spring will take place in the latter part of May. Plans are being made for the annual spring banquet to include both the installation of new officers and the formal initiation of new members.

BETA Northwestern University See page 14.

PLEDGES ENTERTAIN GAMMA Ohio University By Madge Campbell

Members of Gamma's pledge chapter proved themselves worthy candidates for membership at the April meeting when twelve pledges, with Miss Virginia Kelly as chairman, sponsored a varied and interesting program. Miss Dorothea Shannon opened the program with a piano solo. Following this Miss Mary Kupir told

of the cult of Vesta and the Vestal Virgins. The members were especially interested in "Cosmetics and Hairdressing among the Ancients," as presented by Miss Mary Ruth Krinn. Miss Mildred Fisher discussed ancient Olympic games. The presentation of a scene from the *Phormio*, written for the occasion, afforded much amusement. The program ended with a piano solo by Miss Elizabeth Miller. Refreshments and a social hour followed

In a short business meeting held before the social part of the program Miss Mabel Wilson and Miss Nettie Tarasuck were chosen as official delegates to the Convention. Miss Dolores Phelps was selected as alternate. Five others, in addition to these three, made the trip to Nashville. Two medals were decided upon to be presented to the winners in the District-State Latin Contest, and Eta Sigma Phi medals were to be sent to the high schools in honor of the twelve graduating seniors of Gamma Chapter.

On May 12 the annual spring banquet was held following the initiation of twelve pledges. Steve Seech, Prytanis, gave the address of welcome to the new members. Miss Virginia Kelly responded on their behalf. Harry Potts recounted the deeds and accomplishments of the senior members of the chapter. Professor Hill brought the program to a close with a fitting and inspiring talk. Installation of the new officers followed.

A picnic, enjoyed by members of Gamma Chapter and the Classical Club, brought the year's activities to a close.

The chapter regrets that illness has caused the withdrawal from the University of Miss Ruth Park, local Chrysophylax.

EPSILON HOLDS SACRIFICE University of Iowa

By Alpha Braunwarth

In order to secure the appearance of Socrates, Sappho, Romulus, Helen of Troy, Cornelia, and Nero upon the toast program of the annual banquet of Epsilon Chapter and the Classical Club, a toy animal made of rubber and filled with blood-red pop was sacrificed by the high priest of the ceremonies, Professor Roy C. Flickinger. After tasting the blood of the victim, the shades, who were conducted from the underworld by Mercury, recounted with mock seriousness their epic deeds upon earth. The playlet Baucis and Philemon was also presented by the first-year Latin class of the University High School.

The usual Eta Sigma Phi medals will be awarded for excellence in Latin at the University High School and the City High School of Iowa City.

ZETA'S CLOSING PROGRAMS Denison University

By Ethel Augenstein

On March 22 after the business meeting at which plans were discussed for sending delegates to the National Convention, Florence Obenland, chairman of the program group for that evening, led the members in an enjoyable half hour by reading the humorous article by Stephen Leacock entitled "Greek Drama As I See It."

At the called meeting on March 29 thirteen were voted into the membership of the chapter. They were pledged April 12, each neophyte being brought in individually and asked to repeat the pledging oath used by Zeta Chapter. This is the only class of neophytes Zeta has had this year since it pledges only after the midsemester grades of the second semester have been given. At the pledging

Miss Wilma Lawrence gave a brief resumé of Greek life. On April 26 the neophytes entertained with a halfhour original program under the direction of their chairman.

The election of officers for the coming year was held May 10, at which reports by the delegates to the National Convention at Nashville were also given. The initiation of the neophytes took place on May 17, and on May 24 the formal installation of officers and the annual banquet were the final meetings of the year.

ETA HAS SERVICE BUREAU Florida State College for Women By LILLIAN M. KOCHER

On April 20 Eta Chapter initiated four new members, making a total of fourteen members. The initiation service has been made more impressive this year through the adoption of Greek costumes, which add to the dignity and classical spirit of the ceremony.

Eta is continuing its work with the Latin teachers in the high schools over the state through its Service Bureau which was established by the chapter in 1927. Students working in the Bureau collect and classify material which will be of assistance to high school teachers in organizing classical clubs and in vitalizing the study of Latin. The Bureau also is in charge of a loan collection of 500 lantern slides on classical subjects, owned by the Classics department. In the fall of every year a letter is sent out to the Latin teachers in the state, informing them of the existence of the Bureau and of its desire to help them. In the spring a second letter is sent to the teachers with a questionnaire on the condition of Latin in order to obtain information for a syllabus to be made by the chapter. A request is also made for the names of prospective students at Florida State College for Women who plan to continue their study of Latin in college. The members of Eta Chapter then write to these students, welcoming them to the College and to the Classics department. Plans are now under way for sponsoring a state-wide Latin contest in the high schools of Florida next year.

Recently the members of the various honorary fraternities on the campus and their faculty advisers enjoyed an informal dinner together in the college dining room. Other such meetings are being planned for the future to create a spirit of cooperation and fellowship among the honorary organizations.

FOREIGN SPEAKERS ADDRESS THETA

Indiana University By Wenonah Hatfield

Theta Chapter was joint host with Classical Club and the Extension Division of Indiana University to the contestants participating in the State High School Latin Contest held on the Indiana University campus April 8. A banquet was given in the evening.

Spring initiation was held April 22, followed by a banquet in the new Union building. Miss Mary Mae Persinger, Prytanis, was toastmistress. An address of welcome to new members was given by Professor R. H. Coon, of the Latin department. Miss Lillian Gay Berry, also of the Latin department, introduced one of the speakers, Miss Lillian Chandler, an exchange teacher of the English Speaking Union, who is now at Washington High School in Indianapolis. She gave her impressions of this country. Dr. Paul V. Deugler, of Austria, was the other speaker introduced by Professor S. E. Stout, head of the Latin department. Dr. Deugler told the value of the classics as Europeans see it.

At a short business meeting after the banquet Miss Beulah Phares and Miss Agnes Hendricks were elected as delegates to the National Convention. Officers for next year were also elected.

IOTA HOLDS MEETING WITH HIGH SCHOOL LATIN CLUB

University of Vermont By Lucy W. Hope

Besides the regular business meetings Iota has held several interesting meetings during the year. At the last social meeting, at the home of Professor Metcalf, of the Psychology department, who is an honorary member of Iota, several members of the chapter presented parts of *The Birds* of Aristophanes.

A joint meeting was held with the Latin Club of Burlington High School in order to promote among them an interest in Latin and Greek. The program was given by members of both groups. The classical faculty furnished a program for one meeting, and the last meeting of the year was conducted by the seniors, of whom there are fifteen.

LAMBDA CHAPTER University of Mississippi By John W. Wade

Lambda Chapter held initiation for five new members in February. At this meeting Miss Ruth McNeill, of the Music department, a member of the organization at the University of Chicago that later became Alpha Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi, discussed its organization and activities.

The subject of the March meeting was Suetonius, summaries of his life and works being given by various members. In April the head of the department of Philosophy spoke on Greek philosophy and its influence on present-day thought. The last meeting was concerned with reports from the delegate to the Convention, election of officers, and business matters.

NUMEROUS FUNCTIONS AT MU

University of Cincinnati By OLIVIA Foyes

On April 12 Mu Chapter pledged eight freshmen and four upperclassmen. Formal initiation was held April 22 for the four upperclassmen and for two honorary members.

Mu Chapter held a joint supper meeting with the Paleolinguists, an undergraduate classical club, on April 15. Mrs. Rodney P. Robinson was the guest speaker. Her subject was "Rural Life in Ancient and Modern Greece," illustrated by remarkable and interesting slides.

On May 6 representatives of all the high schools in Cincinnati were entertained by Mu Chapter. A short play was presented, followed by a tea.

The year's social program came to a close with a banquet the last week of May. Alumni, active, and pledge members were all present to make the last meeting a most happy one.

NU ENJOYS ROMAN BANQUET Morningside College By ELIZABETH RIGGS

The Roman banquet held by Nu Chapter on April 21 was a great success. It is reported that the couches were conspicuous for their absence, but the brightness of the banquet as a whole compensated for that lack. Libations were made to Vesta and Bacchus, and the menu was as nearly Roman as Americans would find palatable; and the wine was excellent.

The annual high school tea was given in May. A part of the program consisted of a report of the National Convention by Nu Chapter's delegate, Miss Katherine Blazer.

The last meeting concluded the year's program and concerned the religion of Greece and Rome through the decline of faith. Officers were elected for the coming year.

XI SEES MENAECHMI

University of Kansas By IRENE TOMLINSON

On April 28 members of Xi Chapter heard a sketch of Plautus' Menaechmi, which the University Dramatic Club presented the following evening. As many as possible attended the play and the informal recep-

tion which followed. At the last meeting of the year the new officers were elected and installed.

Xi Chapter was very much interested in the meeting of the Classical Association of Kansas and Western Missouri which took place at Lawrence April 29 and 30. On April 7 Miss Mary Grant gave a report before the chapter of the meeting of the Classical Association held in Cincinnati. She and Miss Winnie Lowrance, who read a paper there, attended the meeting together.

Miss Mary Johnston, a member of Xi Chapter, has recently been elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

PI HAS OPEN HOUSE Birmingham-Southern College By Martha Coffee

Pi Chapter held open house in the Woman's Building on a Sunday afternoon in March. The alumnae of Eta Sigma Phi, classical students of Birmingham-Southern College, and high school students of Birmingham were especially invited.

In February nine new members were initiated, and on April 26 initiation was held for McCoy Mays. Officers for the next year were elected at the same time.

When the delegates returned from the National Convention, an informal meeting was held so that they might tell all the interesting things they had done and learned in Nashville.

In the Classical Club connected with Pi Chapter, Roman homes, armor, and various utensils have been the subjects of study.

HIGH SCHOOL COOPERATION STRESSED AT RHO

Drake University
By Sylvia D. Libles

Rho Chapter has enjoyed a very busy year. Chief among its activities has been the inauguration of a program for greater cooperation with the four high schools of Des Moines. A reception was held for all students of the high schools and of Drake University who are interested in the classics and are taking work in Latin or Greek. A varied program was presented, including a talk by Professor Kirk and a Latin sketch and songs. This reception was regarded as a direct step in starting relations with the students of the high schools and marks the beginning of Rho's expansion program.

On April 22 a banquet was held at which Professor Roy C. Flickinger and Miss Minnie Keys, of the State University of Iowa, were the honored guests. Miss Keys told of a dinner given by Epsilon Chapter, and Professor Flickinger gave an illustrated lecture on recent archaeological excavations in Italy and Southern France.

The May meeting, a picnic, was held at the home of Miss Doreen Howard, and a report of the Convention was given by Miss Madelyn Rylands. This meeting concluded the program for the year.

HIGH SCHOOL EXPANSION CHIEF TOPIC AT SIGMA

Miami University

By Mary Lou Sticksel

Sigma Chapter initiated fifteen neophytes into its membership on March 12. The annual banquet followed the initiation ceremony. A welcome from the president, toasts from old to new members and new to old preceded the principal address of the evening by Professor Hadsel.

After two weeks of intensive work spent in sending out circular letters to teachers of Latin in the high schools of Ohio, the members have resumed work on translating Terence's *Phormio*. They are planning to work out a finished translation adapted for a stage production which will interest a high school audience. The chapter will present the play before a combined audience of the high school pupils of Butler County.

At the end of the term Sigma

Chapter, together with the Classical Club, will hold a farewell picnic, which has become an enjoyable tradition of the chapter.

TAU HOLDS ALUMŅI BANQUET

University of Kentucky By Margaret Rowbotham

Tau Chapter held its annual banquet Saturday, April 16, at the Phoenix Hotel. The Prytanis, Miss Mary Esther Sheridan, acted as toastmistress, and introduced the speaker of the evening, Dean A. E. Evans, of the University of Kentucky Law College.

Other numbers on the program included vocal selections by Miss Pearl Zink, accompanied by Miss June Winslow, and brief talks by Professor T. T. Jones, faculty adviser of the chapter, and Judge Lyman Chalkley, of the University Law College.

The fraternity colors were carried out in the decorations, which consisted of a bowl of purple larkspur and yellow snapdragons and roses, surrounded by purple candles. Individual favors of violets tied with gold ribbon were presented to the guests.

Initiation of three neophytes was held immediately preceding the banquet.

HIGH SCHOOL LATIN CLUB ENTERTAINED AT CHI

Coe College

By Esther Johnson

This semester Chi Chapter entertained the Grant High School Latin Club. An illustrated lecture was given by Professor Hutchinson, of Cornell College, on the summer he spent in Rome.

At the April meeting initiation was held for Miss Elizabeth Burianek. In May a Roman dinner was given in honor of the seniors. At that time the Roman custom of reclining while eating was carried out by the seniors while the underclassmen were their slaves.

A most important accomplishment this year was the sending out of certificates to the girl and to the boy in the smaller Iowa high schools who have taken all the Latin offered in that school and who have the highest grades.

UPSILON PRESENTS OLYMPIC BURLESQUE

Mississippi State College for Women By Bethel Fite

Upsilon Chapter concluded its program for the year with the presentation of a burlesque of an assembly of the Olympian gods, written by Professor Donnis Martin, of Winthrop College. The study program for the year was completed in March by a discussion of Roman remains in Provence.

Officers were elected for the coming year.

INTERESTING LECTURES BY FACULTY AT PSI Vanderbilt University

By W. C. Golden, Jr.

Psi Chapter met on April 8 for the purpose of initiating candidates and one honorary member, Mr. James A. Robins. Afterwards a business meeting was held to discuss finances and minor details of the program for the Convention.

On April 16 the last meeting before the Convention occurred. Professor Edwin Lee Johnson, of the department of Greek and Comparative Languages at Vanderbilt, gave a very interesting address on "Peculiarities in Word Formation." The basis for the lecture was his recent book on word derivation, from which he chose a number of illustrations. A short and enthusiastic business meeting followed.

The last meeting of the year came on May 13 when Professor R. B. Steele gave his famous illustrated lecture on "Cicero" for the benefit of those newer members who had not had the opportunity to hear it. A

number of interesting additions made it doubly entertaining for those who had heard it previously. Election of officers concluded the year's work at Psi Chapter.

FOUNDING OF ROME CELE-BRATED AT OMEGA

College of William and Mary By Anne Shawen

The last few months have found Omega Chapter very busy. After weeks of preparation, the plans which had been in motion for some time were carried out, and a delightful public program in commemoration of the founding of Rome was given on April 21. The performance included a part of Plautus' Menaechmi, a pageant given by the Latin Club of the Mathew Whaley High School, under the direction of Miss Geraldine Rowe, alumna of Eta Sigma Phi, songs in Latin, friezes, and a pantomime of Catullus's poem, "Kisses." Over one hundred and fifty invited guests were present.

On April 31, the fourth annual tournament was held by the Virginia Classical Association to select the best Latin student in the state. William and Mary was designated as one of the thirteen centers throughout the state where students might compete for the honors, and Professor A. P. Wagener, of the department of Ancient Languages of William and Mary, was made state chairman.

Added interest in the tournament this year was created by the offering of two scholarships, placques to the winning schools, pins to the contestants, as well as the medal offered by Omega Chapter to the winner of the Vergil examination in the Tidewater District. Omega entertained with a tea for all contestants.

Officers were chosen for the coming year.

On May 12 was held the formal initiation banquet at which seven initiates were received into membership. At the same time Omega awarded the cup which it recently selected to the student at the Mathew Whaley High School who had made the highest scholastic average in Latin this past year.

GREECE IS STUDIED AT ALPHA ALPHA

Winthrop College

By MARGARET JOHNSTON

With "Greece, Ancient and Modern" as its theme Alpha Alpha Chapter had a most interesting program in February. Classical Greece was represented by readings from the poetry of Byron and Swinburne. After a discussion of the political situation in Greece today, a chorus of girls, in costume, sang the Greek national anthem in the native tongue.

In place of the regular meeting of March the chapter gave a tea in honor of the sophomore Latin students. Fifteen of the members presented a burlesque, "The Marriage of Helen and Paris," which was written by Professor Donnis Martin. Beautiful Helen with handsome Paris, not to mention benevolent Zeus and fiery-tempered Hera, completely captivated their audience.

The April meeting was centered about the interesting features of the Latin work in the high schools of the state. The reports of the Latin teachers revealed many clever ideas and methods. For example, one class had written a Latin newspaper, complete in every detail, even to the advertisements.

ALPHA BETA HOLDS MEETING

University of Denver By Elizabeth Stovall

Because of a limited membership Alpha Beta Chapter has not been very active this year. A meeting was held under the direction of Professor Edmund Cressman. At the meeting Professor J. H. Martin spoke on "Sidelights on the Ninth Eclogue of Vergil." The talk included a resumé of the work and its construction and a brief biography of the poet.

BUSY YEAR AT ALPHA DELTA Agnes Scott College

Alpha Delta Chapter held its second meeting in November in Butterick Hall. Following the business session, the members were entertained by Miss Lillian Smith, head of the Latin department, who told of the Vergilian cruise. She illustrated her lecture with slides. Many visitors came to hear Miss Smith tell of her interesting experiences.

The December meeting was held among festive holiday decorations contributory to the idea of the Saturnalia. Following a short business meeting the faculty members entertained the students at a delightful Christmas party. Roman songs, games, and fortune-telling by the Sibyl helped to carry out the idea of the Saturnalia. Little gifts with Latin and Greek inscriptions were presented by the faculty to each member.

On March 2 was held the annual initiation, after which the members adjourned to the Hotel Candler, in Decatur, for dinner. Mrs. Frances Craighead Dwyer, first Prytanis of the Alpha Delta Chapter, was the guest speaker. Following the dinner and skits presented by the new members, Mrs. Dwyer gave the fraternity an interesting outline of the history of the Classical Club and of Eta Sig-

At the regular meeting held March 9, the speaker was Miss Annabel Horn, head of the Latin department at the Girls' High School in Atlanta. Miss Horn spoke in a very interesting way of her experiences in Italy last summer, connecting them with the classics. Her main idea was to show that Latin is living in the language of Italy today.

At the regular April meeting Miss Torrence gave a report of the meeting of the Classical Association and of her paper which she read there. Then several students gave reports on various phases of Greek life. These reports were concluded at the May meeting.

ALPHA EPSILON MEETS WITH GERMAN SOCIETY

Lehigh University

By Joseph K. Strawbridge

At the March meeting of Alpha Epsilon Chapter the guest speaker was Howard Comfort, of Haverford College and late fellow of the American Academy at Rome. Professor Comfort spoke on "Roman Ruins in Germany," centering his talk about the country around Strasburg and illustrating his address with slides. As the address held interest for students of German, Alpha Epsilon extended an invitation to Deutscher Verein, a German society at Lehigh University.

The last meeting of the year marked the climax of Alpha Epsilon's activities. The new officers were installed with due formality. General good wishes were exchanged, and bright prospects were imminent for next year's activities. Alpha Epsilon has maintained correspondence with alumni members, and many interesting letters from them were read. The entertainment consisted of a dramatization of Plautus' Trinummus by five members of the chapter. Thus was concluded a year distinguished by many enjoyable lectures, entertainments, and contacts.

"SKIT NIGHT" HELD AT ALPHA ZETA

Washington Square College By FRITZIE W. PRIGOLIZY

The first week in April Alpha Zeta held a formal business meeting at which final settlements concerning payment of dues were made; doubt concerning prices and types of keys and pins were cleared up and order blanks distributed to those who requested them; and finally, a committee was chosen to plan and direct the program of the new members.

During the last week in April "Skit Night" was presented by the new members, under the chairmanship of Miss Frances Brown. Plays and skits such as "Modern Version of Horace and the Bore" and "A New Tragedy of Orpheus" were staged. Especially diverting was "The Faculty in Hades," in which the classics instructors, to their great delectation, saw themselves through their students' eyes in characteristic and often absurdly funny attitudes and poses. In the course of the evening refreshments were served.

THREE HONORARY MEMBERS INITIATED AT ALPHA ETA

University of Michigan By Marian Kelly

As part of its program for the year Alpha Eta has continued the reading of the Cena Trimalchionis of Petronius, a different group of members preparing the translation for each meeting. An open meeting to which all the Greek and Latin students were invited was held in March. Professor Crittenden, of the Latin department, gave an interesting account of his recent trip to Sicily.

The annual formal banquet was held on April 20 in the Women's League Building. Professor Winter, head of the Classical department of the University, was the principal speaker. The chapter has been fortunate in the addition of three new honorary members: Professor Saunders, of the Latin department, and Mrs. Craig and Miss Cope, of the University High School.

At the next meeting Professor Merlino, of the Italian department, spoke on "The Role of Cato in the Divine Comedy." Alpha Eta will give two Eta Sigma Phi medals to students in the Attawa Hills High School of Grand Rapids and the University High School of Ann Arbor.

Miss Violet Canberg and Miss Pauline Picchiottino were recently elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and Miss Jean MacNaughton, Prytanis, was elected to Phi Kappa Phi, senior honorary society.

INSCRIPTIONS STUDIED AT ALPHA THETA

Hunter College
By MILDRED LORDI

Alpha Theta Chapter held its formal initiation on April 10 at the Hotel Woodward. Professor Ernst Reiss, faculty adviser of the chapter, gave a delightful talk. His topic was "My Creed as a Classicist."

The chief topic of discussion at the meetings of the chapter was "Inscriptions." Professor Reiss obtained copies of various inscriptions which were distributed to the members. Discussion followed and special reports were given by various members.

Four junior members were honored by election to Phi Beta Kappa. They were Miss Edna Rogers, Miss Dorothy Vogel, Miss Ann Merkin, and Miss Jessie Arzt.

ALPHA IOTA GIVES TEA University of South Carolina By Mary E. Timberlake

Alpha Iota Chapter gave its annual tea in honor of the Latin Contestants from all over the state who met Friday, April 29. The tea was given at the Woman's Building where the announcement of the victor was made, to whom Alpha Iota presented a gold medal. Although the program was of a musical nature, several delightful readings were also given.

ALPHA KAPPA CONCLUDES A BUSY YEAR

University of Illinois By Grace Thomas

Alpha Kappa held its spring initiation March 13, at which time Professor Joseph W. Swain was made an honorary member, Miss Eva Hunter an associate member, and eight undergraduates active members. The initiation ceremony was followed by a banquet, several of the members at-

tending in Roman dress. Professor H. V. Canter, honorary member, was the speaker, and gave an interesting account of his visit to Palestine. The chapter has presented Eta Sigma Phi medals to the Urbana and Champaign High Schools, and has found this a very profitable investment, especially in respect to stimulating interest in Latin in these schools. As a further part of its work this year, Alpha Kappa sent several of its members to Champaign High School to put on a program for the Latin class-"Greek and Roman Dress" was the topic of discussion, and the speakers illustrated their talks with slides and some togas and tunics.

Most of the business meetings this year have been followed by short talks, including a description of the American School of Archaeology at Athens by Professor G. E. Mylonas, honorary member; an explanation of the relations of Dido and Aeneas by Miss Marie J. Boysen, honorary member; an exhibition of some embroidery and garments brought from Greece by Mrs. G. E. Mylonas; and the reading of original poetry on classical subjects by Professor M. S. Goldman, honorary member.

The year's work closed with the annual banquet, including a splendid program which made the occasion a very successful one. Professor W. A. Oldfather was the chief speaker, and Professor Joseph W. Swain, choosing the topic "Some Classicists I Have Known," gave a vivid and enlightening description of the virtues and failings of some men who have given their lives to the study of the classics. Some of the active members presented a short play entitled "What's the Use?"

ALPHA MU HEARS LECTURES

University of Missouri
By Dorothy Daniel

At the February meeting of Alpha Mu Professor Thomas Brady, of the History department, spoke on "Greek Papyri," and Professor Walter Miller told an interesting story about his cousin's experiences in the discovery of the Constitution of Athens.

In March the chapter enjoyed an illustrated lecture by Professor Walter Miller on "Horace's Sabine Farm." This was in keeping with the study of the poet made this year by the chapter.

Four new members were initiated on April 14. The initiation was followed by a banquet at which Professor Frank J. Miller, visiting professor from the University of Chicago, presented a paper on "The Gift of Speech," which stimulated some of the members to correct their daily language and to learn a new word every day.

At the last meeting of the year the president, Mr. H. R. Butts, gave a report of the National Convention. Officers for the coming year were elected. The rest of the meeting was taken up with reports of officers, and with Latin jokes, puzzles, songs, and poems. The usual social hour concluded the evening.

FORMAL INITIATION HELD AT ALPHA NU Davidson College

Davidson College By Roger Enloe

At the last regular meeting of Alpha Nu the formal spring initiation was held. Thirteen men were made members of the society. The regular ceremony was followed, and afterwards the initiates were divided into two sides and were questioned in the form of a spelling match by the president. This added a lighter aftertouch to the initiation service. A regular business session followed, and after adjournment an excellent banquet was held.

At the next regular meeting another contest, like the one described above, but on a much larger scale and in a more humorous manner, was held. Election of officers for the coming year took place. The new officers

were installed at the last meeting of the year, and a banquet brought the program of the year's activities to a close.

ALPHA XI

Washington University By VIRGINIA RUDICILL

On Friday, April 15, Alpha Xi held its initiation and election of officers. Mr. Homer Wright, recently elected Megas Pyloros of the organization, is the local Chrysophylax for the coming year.

Miss Grace Drennan, an officer during the past year, was honored by election to Phi Beta Kappa.

ALPHA OMICRON ENJOYS ACTIVE YEAR

Lawrence College

By Alicia Kumpula

The year's activities opened with the initiation of six upperclassmen on November 7. A second initiation was held on February 20, by which eight new members were added to the organization. A formal banquet was held at the Conway Hotel immediately afterward.

In December Alpha Omicron joined with the Classical Club in celebrating the annual Saturnalia banquet in the true Roman style. At one of the regular meetings of the year Miss Virginia Schumacher read a paper comparing Shakespearean and Attic comedy; at another Miss Julia Ladwig discussed Roman satire.

Professor Weston recently entertained the chapter at his home and read a paper on the Latin biography of George Washington, written by Francis Glass. Work on the Lawrence Latinist was begun, but was abandoned for this year in keeping with the economy program of the College.

Alpha Omicron gave a tea in the early part of May for the seniors in the Appleton High School who are taking Latin and may be interested in continuing their study of it in college.

ALPHA PI HEARS LECTURES

Gettysburg College

By EDWARD P. TURNBACH

On April 21, Professor Cline, head of the English department, who returned from a European tour at the close of last semester, lectured on the subject, "Rome as It Is Today."

Professor Glenn, head of the Latin department, lectured on May 5 about "Latin Periodicals." At the same meeting Professor Shaffer, of the Greek department, presented a paper on the subject, "An Introduction to Comparative Philology." Dr. Holmes Dennis III, of Princeton, was the guest of Alpha Pi on May 12.

In the latter part of May, during the Gettysburg Centennial Celebration, it is planned to have a get-together meeting of alumni and active members. An alumni initiation will be a part of this program.

NO REPORTS

Delta, Franklin College. Kappa, Colorado College.

Omicron, University of Pennsylvania.

Phi, West Virginia University.

Alpha Gamma, Southern Methodist University.

Alpha Lambda, University of Oklahoma.

HERE AND THERE

Professor E. E. Buriss, of Alpha Zeta Chapter (Washington Square College), has had published *Tabu*, *Magic Spirits* (Macmillan Company). Walter B. McDaniel, Jr. has brought out a second edition of *Catullus* (Oxford Book Company).

In March Professor and Mrs. Frank Clark sailed from New York on an extended trip abroad. They will visit England, France, and Germany, spending most of their time in Italy and Greece. Professor Clark is head of the Greek department at Miami and an honorary member of Sigma Chapter.

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