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Charter granted at Convocation. Names of officers not yet received.

SOME HIGH LIGHTS OF THE CONVOCATION

Chartering of Philadelphia Alumni Club, and passing of legislation favorable to extension of the idea.

Publication authorized of the *Songs of Sigma Pi*.

Directory of the fraternity authorized.

Military History of the fraternity authorized.

Date of next Convocation set for Christmas holidays, 1922.

Office of traveling secretary created.

Endorsement by the fraternity of the drive conducted by the United States Surgeon-General against venereal disease.



THE CONVOCATION

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A BIRDSEYE VIEW OF THE CONVOCATION

Sane enthusiasm, much fun, more work, and a solid mass of constructive achievements marked the sessions of the combined Sixth and Seventh Convocations of Sigma Pi, held at Purdue University on April 2-4. Among the noteworthy things done by the delegates may be mentioned the granting of authority to publish a song-book, a history of the fraternity, and a directory, the development of alumni organization, including the actual chartering of one alumni club at Philadelphia, and the election of Cyrus E. Palmer, Phi, as Grand Sage of the fraternity.

Eta chapter, the hosts of the occasion, began to be aware of the approaching gathering on Thursday, April 1, when delegates from all directions, braving the idiosyncracies of the various branch lines which connect Lafayette, Ind., with the outside world rolled in bunches into the university town. It is hardly proper to say delegates, and let it go at that; there were staid alumni, back for another fling at college days, and undergraduates from the lordly Senior to the lowly first year man, who felt the call and heeded it.

Registration of visitors was accomplished at the Hotel Fowler, and from that point on the chapter house of Eta was the center of interest. This structure is well worth commenting upon here. It is an excellent example of English timbered construction, handsome and commodious, and well set off by its surroundings. The interior is impressive with large, beamed rooms, and is ideally planned for its use as a fraternity house. It was here that the delegates were entertained, and the business sessions of the Convocation held.

Among the early arrivals at the gathering were Robert B. Fall, alumnus of Eta and Editor of the EMERALD, Pierce from far away California, Anderson, warmly welcomed as representative of the very latest chapter at Utah, the men from Iowa, and the delegates from Gamma, Epsilon, and Lambda, who assembled at Columbus, Ohio, and descended upon Lafayette en masse. Grand Sage Akers and the delegates from Tulane, Gordon and Humber, made their appearance doubly impressive by waiting until the last train and arriving at the ungodliest of the wee sma' hours Thursday night.

BUSINESS SESSIONS

The first session of the Convocation was called to order at 8:30 Friday morning. The roll call showed every chapter represented, and the following officers of the Grand Chapter present: Grand Sage, W. D. Akers; Grand Third Counselor, C. E. Palmer; Grand Fourth Counselor, W. H. Fenzel; Grand Herald, B. R. Lewis; B. W. Payne, Archon of Beta Province; and also R. B. Fall and P. W. Timberlake, Editor and Business Manager of the EMERALD. Grand First Counselor H. A. Ruehe was not present at the opening of the Convocation but arrived later.

The delegates from the chapters were as follows: Phi, W. B. Barber, L. M. Foss; Gamma, Paul Routsong, O. A. Lashley; Epsilon, T. W. Morgan, W. D. Hibbard; Zeta, C. B. Burnside, M. H. Mertz; Eta, W. G. Albershardt, T. J. Morton, Jr.; Theta, J. D. Hutchinson, W. S. Warner; Iota, E. S. Pierce; Delta, W. D. Kephart, M. S. Dixon; Lambda, A. L. Sidnell, W. H. Galberach; Mu, A. Haywood, Jr., Hugh Mac Kenzie; Nu, P. Q. Stumpf, C. T. Moyer; Xi, P. H. Petersen, A. J. Weber; Omicron, R. L. Gordon, J. D. Humber; Pi, Floyd Anderson. Later in the Convocation the Ohio Valley alumni club was represented by H. L. Barr, its president; and the formative alumni club of Pittsburgh had a representative present as a visitor, L. C. Lamberty.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND SAGE

In opening the Convocation, Grand Sage Akers gave a detailed summary of the work accomplished during his administration. The report was largely a record of substantial growth, including the chartering of six chapters since the Convocation of 1916, these being Lambda, Mu, Nu, Xi, Omicron, and Pi. The details given regarding the chartering of these chapters—which will appear in the published minutes—were highly gratifying to those who believe in conservative expansion. The Grand Sage pointed out that every chapter had weathered the war period without being forced to close even temporarily, and expressed satisfaction at the way in which they had met the crisis. He also referred to the whole-hearted way in which members of Sigma Pi took part in the war as evidence that the ideals of the fraternity were a vital force in their lives.

The Grand Sage explained the work of the war-time Administrative Committee and made many recommendations which were acted upon at a later session. It is regretted that the whole address cannot be printed here. The report was received with enthusiasm.

READING OF REPORTS

The reading of reports by the Grand officers and the chapters occupied the morning session. Instead of being dry summaries, however, these reports were in many cases records of solid achievement which occasionally evoked applause.

The report of the Grand Third Counselor showed an increased financial soundness, despite conditions during the war period. Two features of this report were the fact that there was no indebtedness from chapters to the Grand Chapter, and the statement that the EMERALD, from being the worst drain on the treasury of the fraternity, had transformed itself within the past year to a self-supporting journal.

The report of Grand Fourth Counselor Fenzel showed the great volume of business which passes through his hands, and promised that relief was in sight from the delay in securing fraternity jewelry.

Reports which were made by the Grand Herald, the Editor of the EMERALD, and the Song Committee were later acted upon and will be described at that point.

The chapter reports indicated a highly satisfactory standing in the various institutions where Sigma Pi is established.

SESSIONS BUSINESS-LIKE

The meetings of the Convocation were strictly business-like. The session on Friday extended from 8:30 a. m. to 10:00 p. m., with time out only for meals and an occasional ten minutes to get breath for the next debate. That last phrase is hardly exact, however, as practically no one felt impelled to do the Daniel Webster during the meetings and there was no chance of mistaking the convocation for an oratorical contest. The list of things completed shows that the sessions got down to brass tacks and worked.

ALUMNI LEGISLATION

Evidence that the alumni are doing things was not slow in appearing, and showed up in so many forms that speedy official action was taken. L. C. Lamberty told of activities under way to establish an alumni club in Pittsburgh, stating the benefits of such a club in that city, and adding that they were about to petition for an alumni charter. These remarks reminded Brother Dixon, Delta, of something in his pocket, and he straightway produced and read a petition from 38 alumni of Philadelphia, praying for a charter as an alumni club. This was considered and granted. Further developments concerning alumni, set forth elsewhere in this issue, may be taken with these as an indication that alumni and monuments are not inseparably to be associated together.

NEW RULING ON STANDING

In considering the alumni question the Convocation ruled that no card of good standing could be issued to any alumnus who was not a subscriber to the EMERALD. This rule is explained elsewhere.

HERALDRY

The interesting report of the Grand Herald on his work, and the action taken in accepting it will form a part of the official minutes and will not be further discussed here. The same is true of certain other measures connected with related subjects.

THE SONG BOOK

After several years' effort to compile a book of Sigma Pi songs, the Convocation approved the plans presented by the Song Committee, and the book will be published by the Grand Chapter. The book will be a substantially bound volume of between 60 and 75 pages, and should prove a welcome addition to the literature of the fraternity. Besides the songs of the various chapters, it will contain the alma mater songs of all the institutions at which Sigma Pi is established. According to estimates made at the Convocation the price will be in the neighborhood of two dollars a copy.

Other valuable publications authorized are a new complete directory of the fraternity and a history. The directory has been a great need, as the last one published was in 1916, and it is entirely out of date. It is planned to make the book of a size suitable, to carry in the pocket, which should render it especially valuable for travelers. The price will be low enough to make every member desire a copy.

The history will be compiled under the direction of Grand Herald Lewis, much of the material being already collected, and an especially full war record of the fraternity will make the publication of permanent value. A fuller account of this work is given elsewhere.

THE PREVAILING ATMOSPHERE

One who had never attended a fraternity convention before was struck with the "sweet reasonableness" of the delegates. The man who cannot disagree without being disagreeable was not numbered among the delegates at the convocation. Perhaps this is another reason why the minutes will contain a record of little debate and much achievement.

CHANGE IN TIME OF CONVOCATION

One of the most striking changes made was the changing of the date of Convocations. Hereafter the fraternity will convene immediately after Christmas in alternate years, the actual date to be set by the Executive Council. This will bring the next convocation at the end of December, 1922. The reason given for this change is that delegates can attend at that time without missing college work, and also that more alumni can turn aside during the holidays to take a dip into the past. As high scholarship and an active alumni body are two great aims of Sigma Pi it is believed that the change will be a benefit to the fraternity.

THE TRAVELING SECRETARY

Chapters which have felt securely remote from the possibilities of a visit from the Grand Chapter will have to wash the windows, dust off the books and "prepare for inspection," according to the

plan adopted for a traveling secretary to be appointed by the Grand Sage. This worthy will pay at least one visit a year to every chapter with the express purpose of seeing how the boys are, and perhaps of looking over the records and a few minor details of that sort. Our idea is that he will probably be an ex-shave-tail with an eye to little things and a hard-boiled manner. In case the secretary is not able to reach some chapter he is empowered to appoint an assistant for the purpose.

RESOLUTIONS

The Convocation unanimously passed a resolution of regret that Past Grand Sage L. L. Moore was prevented by illness from attending its sessions. This resolution was telegraphed to Brother Moore.

By another resolution *Banta's Greek Exchange* was endorsed by the fraternity and every chapter and grand officer required to subscribe to it.

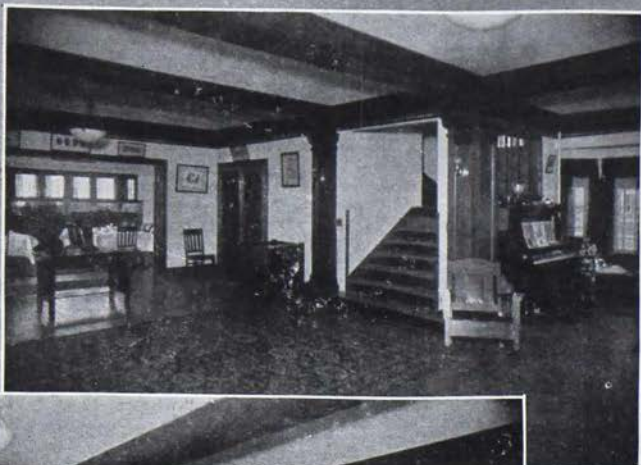
The battle of United States Surgeon General Blue against venereal diseases among college men was given the unanimous approval of the fraternity by the Convocation.

A hearty and unanimous vote of thanks was extended to Grand Sage Akers for his untiring, able, and successful efforts during his administration.

Similar votes were passed regarding the work of Grand Third Counselor Palmer and Grand Herald Lewis; and a hearty vote was passed of appreciation for the hospitality of Eta Chapter in throwing open its house to the Convocation.

The election of officers and the banquet which closed the Convocation are fully treated on another page of this issue.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss E. Genevieve Cook, of Syracuse University, Class of 1920, K K Γ, to William M. Reck, Mu, Cornell '14.



ETA'S HOME—THE SCENE OF CONVOCATION

BANQUET CLOSES CONVOCATION

Delegates End Sessions in Jovial Festivities

All the pent-up enthusiasm and oratory which the pressure of the business sessions had restrained, during Convocation was loosed at the banquet held on Saturday evening, April 3, at the Hotel Fowler in Lafayette. Formality was thrown to the winds or at least it was wafted gently away as the minutes passed, and the occasion became a genial gathering of brothers, who were seeing a side of one another not heretofore revealed. There were men present from both coasts, and men from most of the interlying country, north and south; and it was a good thing to see the way in which they mixed together, Americans all.

Grace was asked by the Grand Herald at the opening of the banquet, after which the following menu was set forth:

MENU

Fruit Cocktail
Wafers

Tomato Bouillon in Cups
Young Radishes

Roast Tenderloin of Beef
Browned Potatoes
Green Peas

Head Lettuce
Thousand Island Dressing

Ice Cream and Cake
Coffee

One of the comforting features of most banquets, as far as the untitled and merely human diners are concerned, is to glance at the list of worthies who are to speak, lean comfortably back, and look forward to a peaceful cigar while the oratory is on. It was at this point that many a humble brother got a distinct shock. In cold, cold type on the program appeared this announcement:

TOASTS

W. D. Akers,

Master of Ceremonies

YOU are the speaker.

Brother Akers is hereby empowered to exact from any man present a contribution to the evening's entertainment.

BE PREPARED!

It was a cruel blow. However, when the selective draft was begun by the Toastmaster, it became apparent that there was something to the idea after all; for, as a matter of fact, the speakers covered an amazing number of interesting subjects.

Of the talks made, it is possible to give only a few selections, taken more or less at random from the things that stuck longest in mind. The suddenness with which Brother Ruehe was called upon failed to phase him. He remarked that he was fully prepared, and would have been more or less insulted if he hadn't been called on; and proved his preface by giving a warm talk on the spirit of the fraternity. Brother Lewis also gave a short discourse which was a credit to the Grand Chapter.

Professor Fisher, of Purdue University, and a member of Eta, expressed his pleasure at meeting a group of men representative of all parts of the land. He spoke of the benefit to be derived from the meeting together of varied points of view, expressing the desire to meet more intimately the delegates from distant chapters.

Every chapter was called upon during the course of the evening, and the responses made were a symposium of that "irrepressible, irresponsible thing, undergraduate humor." It became increasingly evident as the delegates spoke that the Convocation had produced the effect, already referred to by Professor Fisher, of broadening and deepening the ties of the fraternity. "Come and visit us" was the universal appeal, delivered with unmistakable sincerity. Indeed, the attractions offered by some of the chapters were alluring, and when these had been pretty well exhausted by the various speakers, a later one urged, "Come and see us, we can give you plenty of sleep."

Brother Gordon, of Tulane, representative of newly installed Omicron, was probably the one man present who was pleased with

the spasmodic snow which had characterized the day. "My grandfather tried for four years to invade the North, and this is the first time I have succeeded. What more can I say? I have come North, I have seen snow, I am a Sigma Pi—and I am satisfied."

Brother Anderson, of Utah, delegate from Pi, the second of those lusty twin chapters, expressed his gratification at being able to carry back to his brothers at home the impressions which he had gathered at Purdue.

In all the talks by the delegates there was sounded an appreciation of the cordial hospitality shown by Eta chapter toward those in attendance at the Convocation.

Brother Butler, an Eta alumnus, and a former lieutenant in the engineers, told a tale which showed that he was not the sole representative of patriotism in his family. It seems his small son began to make a racket in school one day, shouting, "Stand up, stand up." When the teacher instituted an inquest he shouted again, "You're all Germans if you don't stand up. They're playing the *Star Spangled Banner* in the next room."

"Keeping the best till near the end," as he expressed it, the Toastmaster called on the new Grand Sage, Brother Palmer. In introducing the speaker, Brother Akers spoke of his feelings at retiring from the office which he had held for four years, and of his gratification that his successor was so well fitted to work for the best interests and the advancement of Sigma Pi. Brother Palmer introduced his remarks with a reference to alligators which brought down the house. Continuing he expressed his sense of obligation at the honor which had been conferred upon him, and promised that no effort should be lacking to carry on the progress which has been made in the past by the fraternity.

The lasting impression produced by the banquet was that it was a worthy example of the true spirit of brotherhood which is embodied in the ideals of Sigma Pi.

OUR FORMATIVE ALUMNI

A SUMMARY OF WHAT THEY ARE DOING

The rapidity of development in the matter of alumni organization makes necessary some comprehensive account of the work being done in this direction. The situation at present is as follows: two alumni clubs chartered, two more ready to petition, and legislation passed by the recent Convocation encouraging and regulating the formation of additional bodies.

The first alumni club chartered by the fraternity was the Ohio Valley Sigma Pi, which received formal recognition on Thanksgiving Day, 1919. The club includes alumni residing in the Ohio Valley between Pittsburgh, Pa., and Wheeling, W. Va., centering to some extent around Steubenville, Ohio. This organization has met through the winter, and sent delegates to the Convocation at Purdue. It has been actively engaged in promoting the interest of alumni in the fraternity.

Philadelphia has the honor of securing the second alumni club. The petition of 38 members resident in that city and representative of most of the Eastern chapters was presented to the Convocation by one of the delegates from Delta Chapter, and was granted. Elmer G. Van Name was one of the leading spirits in accomplishing the organization of this body.

Whether Pittsburgh or Chicago will be the third club to be chartered is a question. Both have reached the petition stage. At Pittsburgh a banquet, engineered by L. C. Lamberty, was held in the Fort Pitt Hotel on March 31. The affair was highly successful from every point of view. In addition to most of the Sigma Pi alumni in Pittsburgh, several active members from Theta Chapter and delegates on their way to Purdue from the East were present. The president of the Ohio Valley Club was also there. The tone of the meeting was enthusiastic, and the men present showed that they meant business, which should win them a charter ere long. The organizer of the affair, Brother Lamberty, was present at the Convocation and spoke urgently in favor of further arousing alumni interest.

The situation in Chicago seems to be equally pepful. A Thursday lunch has been a regular feature among the alumni in that

city for some time, and very recently steps were taken to organize into a regularly chartered alumni club. As we go to press no definite word has been received as to the present state of affairs, but there will probably be more to say later.

It is understood that similar plans are under way in Louisville, Ky., Cleveland, and Akron, Ohio, news of which we hope to publish in July.

ALUMNI LEGISLATION

The following legislation was passed by the Convocation to encourage the formation of these clubs:

ALUMNI CLUBS—MEMBERSHIP

1. Any regular initiate of Sigma Pi who is in good standing shall be eligible to membership in the alumni club.
2. Any such member in good standing shall have the privilege of joining any alumni club he wishes, without regard to locality; it being understood that he will usually join the club nearest to his residence.
3. The officers of the club shall consist of: president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.
4. Alumni clubs may adopt a constitution and by-laws, provided they do not conflict with the national constitution.
5. Every club shall meet at least once a month, and at such additional times as the club may decide.
6. Each club shall report a list of all members to the Grand Sage, and shall be subject to inspection by the nearest archon.
7. A quorum shall consist of at least one third of the club's enrollment, to transact business.

In addition to the above the Convocation also granted each club one delegate to the Convocation, the expense to be borne by the club itself.

The term "member in good standing" in the above rules means one who has paid his yearly national fee and has subscribed to the EMERALD, by these means receiving a card of good standing. The Convocation felt that any alumnus who was interested enough to join an alumni club would be interested enough to have a clean slate with the national body. The Convocation also made clear that simple petitions would be acceptable, as the fraternity is not afraid of its own men.

The interesting question remaining to be solved is, How many alumni chapters will there be by the next Convocation?

THE NEW OFFICERS OF SIGMA PI

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WHO'S WHO IN SIGMA PI

Being a Description of the New Grand Chapter

The new officers, whose names appear on the opposite page, for the most part need little introduction to the members of the fraternity. However, here is a chance to give them the once over and get acquainted with them.

Cyrus E. Palmer, the new Grand Sage, lives at 1117 Euclid St., Champaign, Ill. Brother Palmer is an alumnus of Phi chapter. The chapters have had a good chance to get acquainted with him in the last four years, as he was elected Grand Third Counselor in 1916, and administered that office in a way which caused him to be called, at the Convocation, the best man Sigma Pi ever had in that position. This record leads the fraternity to look forward with confidence to his administration.

It was stated during the Convocation that Brother Harrison A. Ruehe, better known as "Hab," was seeking only some minor office. Deponent denied the accusation with a Hoover-like air of non-partisanship, but the delegates refused to take *no* as an answer, and re-elected him as Grand First Counselor. Brother Ruehe, who is also from Phi chapter, has held this office since 1916, and previous to that was Grand Third Counselor of the fraternity, so his experience as a member of the Grand Chapter could hardly be spared at this time.

One of the chief regrets of the Convocation was that Past Grand Sage Louis L. Moore was prevented by illness from attending its sessions. Brother Moore has long been one of the mainstays of the fraternity, having served until 1914 as Grand Fourth Counselor, and from 1914 to 1916 as Grand Sage of the fraternity. With this record in mind the Convocation chose him as Grand Second Counselor.

The promotion of Brother Palmer to the chief place left a big hole to fill in the office of Grand Third Counselor, but fortunately the fraternity had a man at hand who was of the needed caliber. Brother Robert B. Fall, of Eta chapter, might well be called the "father of the EMERALD." After successfully editing this magazine for six years in the face of tremendous difficulties, he was ready and able to tackle almost anything, so he is now occupying the seat of Grand Third Counselor.

There was not a possibility or a thought of electing anybody to the office of Grand Fourth Counselor besides William H. Fenzel, Epsilon, who has handled that position with ability since Lou Foley went to Turkey, shortly after July 1, to run the Grand chapter of Armenia. Brother Fenzel was previously Business Manager of the EMERALD.

It is almost superfluous to state that Brother Byron R. Lewis, Alpha and Phi, was re-elected Grand Herald of the fraternity. Brother Lewis has occupied that office with benefit to the fraternity for a long time, and we all hope his term is just beginning. His latest work, presented at Purdue, was an example of his value to Sigma Pi.

After voting its thanks to the retiring Grand Sage, William D. Akers, of Zeta, the Convocation could not allow him to retire into privacy, so he was made Chairman of the Executive Council. No further word is needed here to describe his past services to Sigma Pi nor his fitness for the office. Serving with him on the council are C. E. Palmer (ex-officio), H. A. Ruehe, R. B. Fall, and L. L. Moore. The Executive Council is, therefore, composed entirely of men with experience in the Grand Chapter and in intimate touch with the affairs of the fraternity.

The editor of the EMERALD, Philip W. Timberlake, Lambda, was previously business manager of the same. To this latter office the Convocation chose Harry L. Barr, Zeta, who has been active as an alumnus, and as President of the Ohio Valley Sigma Pi.

MESSAGE OF THE RETIRING GRAND SAGE

W. D. AKERS

The new Editor of THE EMERALD will undoubtedly make a great success of his work, if he will *only* remember that some of us who talk quite a lot, cannot write as fluently. (This is a veiled hint to the new Editor!) Selah.

I believe that I am safe in saying that the "Sixth and Seventh" Convocation was undoubtedly the best Sigma Pi has ever held. While several of us have attended other Convocations none of them had the punch that this last one had. In the past it has taken two full days to dispose of the business accumulating over a two year period, while at Eta, four year's business was completed in two days with time to spare before the banquet.

It would seem that the recent Convocation broke away from the precedents set by the last several Convocations and hung out the motto "Business only." At any rate this was the attitude of the delegates, much to our pleasure. Some of us were about to suggest that a new heading be added to our business procedure, that of "foolish business," but the Sixth and Seventh Convocation killed the idea.

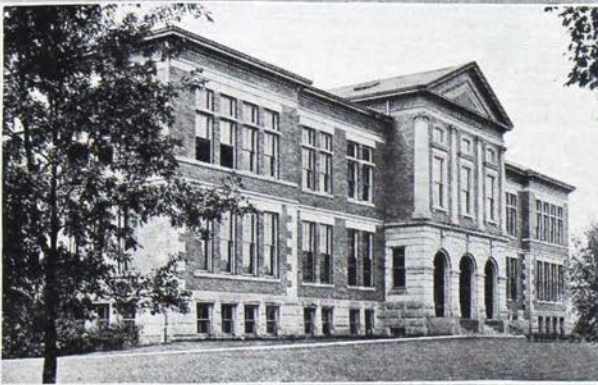
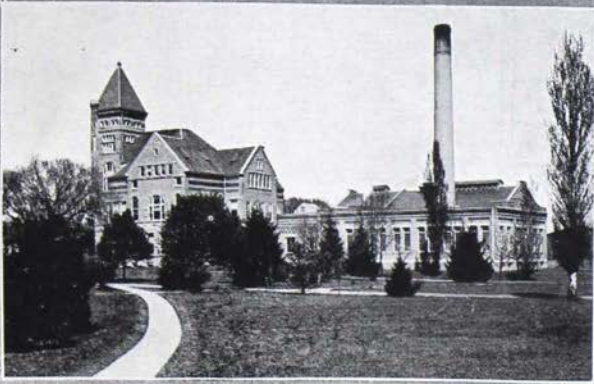
Aside from going on record as backing the Surgeon General in the fight on venereal diseases, several other good steps were taken by the Convocation. *Banta's Greek Exchange* was adopted officially for chapter use, and to make it a little stronger it was ruled that the Grand Third Counselor have a copy sent to each Grand officer and charge him with the subscription price. Judging from the past records, this should materially reduce the crop of aspirants to Grand chapter offi-

ces. We are now to have a traveling Secretary, whose business it will be to instruct chapters in the Ritual, as well as to audit the mental, moral and physical attainments of each chapter, to say nothing of the financial. All of these new steps denote a healthy growth in the Fraternity.

I should again like to remind the Fraternity, that the Administration from 1916 to 1920 was in no sense a one man accomplishment. Had it not been for my very efficient associates, my report would have without doubt been a list of excuses. It is my belief that the Convocation exercised very good judgment in promoting practically all of the Grand chapter. The men promoted had clearly shown that they were capable, and above all willing, to do the work assigned to them and I predict that the present Grand chapter will excel the past one by far. I sincerely hope that it will.

While my present office will not have that direct touch with you that my past one did, I hope that my work will bring me into contact with most of the chapter officers at least. I can safely assure you that henceforth the Executive Council will not be the official graveyard of Sigma Pi.

The four years that I have served as your Grand Sage, will always be among my most pleasant memories. In saying farewell I feel like voicing the sentiment of that old patriot Hale, "I wish I had a hundred lives to give to Sigma Pi."



SOME ASPECTS OF PURDUE

MESSAGE FROM THE NEW GRAND SAGE

C. E. PALMER

The most reliable barometer with which to ascertain the general conditions of an organization is a survey of a convention of representatives of the various units of that organization.

Sigma Pi has never experienced a more harmonious and fraternal convention than the Sixth-Seventh Biennial Convocation. From the summons of the first gavel-fall until the last note of the Purdue Alma Mater, which closed the banquet, there was remarkable unity and *esprit de corps*.

The success of this recent Convocation can be attributed largely to the excellent and efficient leadership during the past six years. These years include perhaps the most trying period in the history of college fraternities, yet Sigma Pi made more real progress during this period than in any previous period of equal length.

The status inherited from, and the standards set by our predecessors must be realized by those upon whom the success of the future depends, if success in full measure is to be attained. As this administration launches forth into the period of general reconstruction and re-adjustment, we find our organization in a better financial and fraternal condition than ever before. Moreover we are surrounded by opportunities instead of handicaps which surrounded the past administration. How much more, therefore, can justly be expected of the new administration in the way of success and progress? Each member of the Grand Chapter and each individual chapter must answer this question, place their goal just a little beyond the answer, and get into action.

Success and progress are going to come to us in proportion to the coöperation of every chapter with the Grand Chapter, the coöperation and harmony within the Grand Chapter, and the fraternal relations between the individual chapters. Perhaps no Grand Chapter in the history of Sigma

Pi ever entered upon an administration supported by a more loyal and enthusiastic chapter roll. "This is a hopeful sign"—and all that can be asked is that you will not let this loyalty and enthusiasm lag—acquire more, it's the sign of health and strength.

Each chapter will be visited at least once every year by the traveling secretary or his representative, as has been provided. When such visits occur the chapter should take up with the visitor all questions that have presented themselves from time to time and endeavor to gain as much as possible in the way of general fraternity conditions and activities. There is probably much that we can learn about our own organization if we are willing to make the effort and give a little time for research and study.

The new administration is more fortunate than any in the past on still another count, I refer to the Alumni Clubs. Without doubt these organizations are going to make their existence apparent in the near future. Each Alumni Club meeting will in a measure be a small convocation with various chapters represented. It is reasonable to assume that the counsel and advice of these clubs will materially aid in building up the organization as a whole, as well as the individual chapters in the immediate vicinity of the club. If an estimate of the success of our Alumni Clubs is to be based upon the quality and quantity of enthusiasm of their representatives at the Purdue Convocation, they will certainly be successful.

Our future indeed looks bright, mainly because untiring effort in the past has cleared our way. The tasks of the past have been many and difficult, but have been well done. We must do even better, for letting well enough alone will never result in progress. What was well done in the past cannot be considered in the future. We must strive not to equal but to surpass, since to equal with the present day advantage would leave our record far short in comparison with the record of the past.

Chapters, Officers, Alumni! let us adopt the slogan "Do It, and Do It better" then work together to the end that those who follow will have a prospect of an even brighter future than that which we are now facing.

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Constructive Endeavor

With the Convocation past and gone, a review of its accomplishments brings the feeling that things were done which were well worth the doing. The steady development of Sigma Pi in recent years brought with it the need of constructive planning to provide for its increasing responsibilities as a fraternity; and these needs have been largely met by the recent convention. Indeed, most of the important acts passed in its sessions are things which Sigma Pi could only at great disadvantage do without. We must have active, organized alumni, if we would build our foundations on the rock; we must coördinate our chapters—as the work of the traveling secretary will do—if we would work with unity; and we must center the responsibility upon definite shoulders, if we would get anywhere at all, for when responsibility is fixed for a task, that task will be done. We believe that the convocation has provided for these things.

The authorization of the history and the song-book are also great steps forward. Right traditions are the greatest heritage that age can bestow upon an organization. These traditions we find in our ideals and in the deeds of the members of our fraternity. The latter will be perpetuated in the pages of the history; both will find expression and utterance in the Songs of Sigma Pi.

More Alumni Clubs The foremost thought in every Sigma Pi's mind is undoubtedly the Convocation and what it accomplished. One of the many things that was accomplished was the legislation for the alumni clubs. Until a very short time ago the Sigma Pi Alumni body was dead, taking almost every meaning of the word into consideration. The majority of alumni still are. Dead alumni hinder, rather than help the fraternity. A live alumni club plays wonders in every phase of fraternity life; it helps the active chapter to become more active, and it gets men from different chapters acquainted and so carries out part of the ideals of Sigma Pi. Social activities in winter, something doing for the active and pledges during vacations at home, and last but not least, the feeling that your chapter may call upon its "older Brother" for advice or guidance, if need be, are some of the advantages of alumni clubs. Notwithstanding these benefits, it has been too much the policy for alumni to be called upon only for donations; and for alumni on the other hand to neglect even writing to their chapter, so that their addresses finally disappear from the directory.

As one of the founders of the Ohio Valley Sigma Pi, I have found out many of the benefits of an alumni club. Would it not be a great pleasure to hear the gavel sound and a meeting carried on in the usual way that you are used to in the chapter house?

Wouldn't you like to be capable of filling a chair in your chapter or a chapter you might visit on your travels over the country? Alumni are supposed to be able to answer a call like this. Can you do it? Alumni clubs prepare you for this, as well as bring back memories of college days.

Last Thanksgiving the charter for O. V. S. P. was granted. Meetings are held regularly, showing that large numbers are not necessary, though the spirit of Sigma Pi is. At Philadelphia, too, the alumni have caught this spirit, and Pittsburgh is going in the right direction, with the right men behind the movement, leaving no doubt it will be the third chartered Alumni club. The assembly on Wednesday night, March 31, at the Fort Pitt Hotel in that city was the beginning in the right way of a wonderful club.

By the time this goes to press the Pittsburgh petition will have been forwarded with at least 25 signers.

Brother Marx left the Convocation with the Alumni spirit, and Louisville, Ky., no doubt will be soon coming forth with a petition.

The bunch of Thursday noon diners that gather weekly at Chicago have the right spirit, but if they will go a little farther, send in a petition, and let the rest of us know where they are, they will be only helping Sigma Pi to a higher level.

The number in Cleveland must have dwindled, because a long time ago they had regular meetings. What about it, Cleveland?

—H. L. B.

Where Honor Is Due It would be impossible to assume the editorship of the EMERALD without making some expression of the obligation which is due the retiring editor. That the EMERALD exists at all today is owing to the constant efforts of Brother Fall, who brought it through six lean and hungry years when no one else seemed able or willing to undertake the task. As a result, the EMERALD not only exists but within the past year has at length become self-supporting.

Brother Fall has moved up to an office of wider responsibilities, leaving his shoes for others to fill. It will be the endeavor of the present staff to continue the progress which he began and make the EMERALD truly representative of the wishes, the deeds, and the ideals of Sigma Pi.

Welcome It is a real pleasure to express a word of greeting to the new chapters of Sigma Pi,—Omicron, at Tulane University, New Orleans, and Pi, at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City. The entrance of these chapters into the brotherhood of the Greek cross will, we are confident, be a matter of mutual benefit and pleasure. It was doubly fortunate that both of these twins were able to send delegates to the Convocation at Purdue, where old and new chapters might make the acquaintance of one another. The hearty manner in which their representatives entered into the councils of the fraternity at that time gives promise of a prosperous career for both and an indication that the fraternity has gathered to itself sources of strength.

An Acknowledgment Everybody has noticed by this time the change made in the cover of the EMERALD. It is fitting that acknowledgment should be made at this time to the man whose time and attention were

given freely toward making this improvement in the appearance of the magazine. Brother H. H. Smith of Xi Chapter, designed and executed the drawing, which we are sure is appreciated as a handsome and impressive piece of work by the members of the fraternity. He is accordingly acting in the capacity of Staff Artist, and we hope to present more of his designs in coming issues. It is a pleasure to find members of the fraternity who use their talents for the benefit of the organization.

To Our Hosts Eta chapter handled the Convocation in a way which brought forth well-deserved and universal praise. The hospitable friendliness shown toward those who were fortunate enough to be present is a pleasant memory which will linger long, and a pleasure which we hope some day to renew. The Convocation formally expressed its appreciation of this feeling, and as the official organ of the fraternity the EMERALD repeats the sentiment.

Prospectus The present, special, issue of the EMERALD is devoted entirely to matters connected with the Convocation. The July issue will resume the customary departments which, for that reason, are omitted in this one. At that time we hope to devote considerable attention to the new chapters, Omicron and Pi, when they will be expected to tell all about themselves and the universities in which they are located. It is expected that the romantic atmosphere of old New Orleans and the deserts—or is it mountains?—of Utah will fairly exude from the accounts which they send in.

Those chapter letters should be in from all of you before Commencement, too; and another thing which we almost forgot, had not that hateful business office, as *Life* puts it, reminded us: *The summer address of every last man must be sent to the business manager, or else how can he tell where to send the valuable summer edition that we are going to publish? Do it now!*

Notice As this issue of the EMERALD is an extra it is being mailed to all those whose names were on the list of expired subscribers in the April issue, since these men will undoubtedly wish to renew their subscriptions. However, the names of those who have not renewed their subscriptions will be dropped from the mailing list before the July issue. Send in that dollar!

DETAILS OF THE INSTALLATION OF OMICRON AND PI

News from New Orleans and Salt Lake City

[NOTE. Herewith are presented the latest available details regarding the installation ceremonies of Omicron and Pi chapters. It is hoped that points which lack of time has excluded from this issue will be fully presented in July.]

New Orleans, La., March 27, 1920—

Omicron chapter of Sigma Pi became a fact here tonight when Alpha Phi Omega, of Tulane University, was formally installed as a chapter of the fraternity. Grand Sage William D. Akers conducted the ceremonies, assisted by Grand Third Counselor Cyrus E. Palmer and Brother William M. Dixon, of Gamma chapter, who was also a member of the local fraternity.

The entire installation was an enthusiastic and complete success from every point of view. The installing officers were warmly greeted upon their arrival in the city, and were immediately conducted to the University. The members of Alpha Phi Omega were found to be all that their petition had promised and more. The impressive ceremonies of the installation have gained for the fraternity a group of active and enthusiastic members.

Ten men of the local were inducted into the mysteries of the Greek cross, among the number being Prof. E. A. Bechtel of the university faculty. In addition to these men the active chapter has four pledges, and affiliated with it Brother Dixon, formerly a member of Gamma chapter.

Following the installation a banquet was held in the Alcove, Kolb's Tea Room. During the course of the banquet talks were given as follows, R. L. Gordon of the new chapter acting as Toastmaster:

Address	W. D. Akers, Grand Sage
Scholarship Standards	Prof. E. A. Bechtel
From $\alpha \phi \omega$ to $\sigma \pi$	J. D. Humber
Address	Cyrus E. Palmer, Grand Third Counselor
Southern Timber	Hosea McAdoo
The Fraternity and Democracy	James B. Compton
The Call from the South	R. A. Fraser
Toast Finale	Wm. M. Dixon, Γ of $\sigma \pi$

Only a brief idea of the subjects discussed in these talks can be given here. The Grand Sage, in his address, expressed the official welcome of the fraternity to the new brothers. He spoke of the expectations the fraternity had regarding the future of Omicron, and out of his experience offered some words of advice, although considering this almost superfluous.

Professor Bechtel emphasized the fact that true progress in a chapter consists above all in the maintenance of high standards of scholarship. His words marked out a lofty path for the new chapter to follow.

The feelings of a member of the passing local were voiced by Brother Humber in his talk "From $\Lambda \Phi \Omega$ to O of $\Sigma \Pi$," the feeling of a broadening of the old loyalty as it expanded into a larger organization.

Grand Third Counselor—now Grand Sage—Palmer gave a warm address of welcome to the new chapter, expressing his happiness at their addition to the ranks of Sigma Pi.

The Southern note was sounded by two of the new brothers, Hosea McAdoo and R. A. Fraser, both mindful of the fact that they belong to the sole representative of Sigma Pi south of the Mason-Dixon line.

Lack of democracy has frequently been charged against the college fraternity. This idea was effectively put to rest by Brother James B. Compton, who showed the part which is open to the fraternity in the development and upholding of true democracy.

The final talk of the evening was given by Brother Dixon, whose efforts were largely instrumental in bringing about the joining of Omicron chapter to Sigma Pi.

The entire atmosphere of the occasion left no doubt that the new chapter is destined to an active part in the affairs of the fraternity.

Below is a roll of Omicron chapter, with a partial list of officers:

Sage	R. Lionel Gordon
Fourth Counselor	George B. Setzler
EMERALD Correspondent	George B. Setzler

CHARTER MEMBERS

E. A. Bechtel
O. W. Britt

J. B. Compton
R. A. Fraser

R. L. Gordon
 J. D. Humber
 W. E. Jones

H. McAdoo
 E. E. Mosley
 G. B. Setzler

AFFILIATED MEMBER

W. M. DIXON, Gamma of Sigma Pi

PLEDGE MEMBERS

J. L. Smith

E. N. Haller
 C. B. Harris

W. R. Fraser

Salt Lake City, Utah, March 27, 1920—

Sphinx Fraternity, of the University of Utah, was installed today as Pi chapter of Sigma Pi, Archon E. P. Cook, of Delta Province, being the installing officer. He was assisted by Past Sage Dixwell Pierce and Sage J. D. Bullock of Iota Chapter. The installation was followed by a rousing banquet at the Hotel Utah.

The installation committee arrived in Salt Lake City on Friday, March 26. Their arrival happened to be on the date of the Junior Prom at the University, and the committee was duly represented at the festivities that evening. The following morning was devoted to a sight seeing tour of the city, which a heavy snowfall made rather impressionistic. Preparations for the installation were made at the Sphinx house during the early afternoon.

Allegory greeted the committee upon their entrance into the house. The rooms were decorated with lavender and white streamers, while over one door hung an art poster with a sphinx in the upper left-hand corner, casting his eyes downward to the right, where there was depicted an oasis. The intervening region was the sands of the desert, and was traversed by a camel, carrying, symbolically, the members of the club from the sphinx to the oasis, labelled Sigma Pi.

The ceremonies of installation were begun at five o'clock. Thirteen men were received, two others being unavoidably out of town. Three pledges to the Sphinx were then initiated in full form by the newly installed chapter officers, assisted by the members of the installation party.

The banquet at the Utah was a very pleasant gathering, and good-fellowship reigned supreme. A letter from Grand Sage

Akers was read, followed by prolonged applause. The speeches were enthusiastic, and talks made by the newly-installed members showed an earnest intent to make Pi chapter a credit to Sigma Pi. Every talk reflected a feeling of responsibility in accomplishing this end.

Following the banquet there was an informal gathering in the hotel, and this was the final event of an eventful day.

The EMERALD is unable to publish the names of the brothers in Pi chapter at this time, but will make good this deficiency at a later date.

EPSILON ANNOUNCES JUNE HOME-COMING

Attractive Features Planned for Commencement Event

All Alumni of Epsilon Chapter are invited to attend the home-coming arranged for June 15 and 16 at Athens. Enough action is promised to make the oldest and youngest alumni alike want to turn their steps towards Ohio University at that time. A dance is on the schedule for June 15, and at noon the next day a reunion banquet will be held. The chapter expects a large number of old men back, and especially requests *your* presence.

OUR FIVE-FOOT SHELF OF BOOKS

Publications Authorized by the Convocation

We are thinking of establishing a book reviewer's page to keep up with the volumes published by the fraternity. As a start we give here an account of the publications authorized at Purdue.

"SONGS OF SIGMA PI"

This book will be what its title purports, a collection of all the songs of the fraternity which it was possible to get together. Some account of its compilation may help in giving an idea of what the volume will be.

The Song Committee was appointed in 1919 to take up the work of putting the songs of Sigma Pi into some permanent form—a work which had been contemplated since at least 1914, but had never been carried out. The Rev. James P. DeWolfe was made chairman of the committee, and the task of getting songs from the chapters was commenced. There was a nucleus of several numbers already at hand, and more were gradually sent in, although some chapters were as hard to get music out of as a practice clavier. The committee went over the songs very carefully as they were received, endeavoring to set a high standard, to which each number submitted must conform. Most of the songs received were found available for use, although in some cases radical editing was found necessary. The result is thought to be representative of the fraternity. While one hesitates to apply the term *poetry* to the verses of amateurs, there is, nevertheless, throughout the words of the songs, a fairly complete lyric expression of the ideals for which the fraternity stands. In every case, it may be said as the minimum of achievement, where a line is supposed to rhyme it does rhyme, and there is no distortion of words to fit the music. In some cases, we venture to hope, the ideas expressed will find a lodging in the minds of those who sing them.

In a few instances the music is original; for the most part it is adapted. But a careful selection has been made of those melodies which are especially fitted for the purpose of the book. There are ringing choruses a-plenty, some familiar, some not so much so,

all splendidly suited to a chorus of male voices. The range of selection is wide, running the gamut from a rousing trio by Donizetti through patriotic airs to college melodies and folk-songs. In all but a very few cases these songs have been sung with vim by the chapters which originated them, and they constitute, therefore, not experiments but well-established favorites. One we may mention as likely to find favor is a French sweetheart song. It is hard to pick favorites, though, as we have pleasant memories of having sung so many of them in the midst of a chapter that we feel they are all good.

The songs are divided according to their nature into Marching Songs, Banquet Songs, and other divisions. Scattered through the volume in order of seniority are the alma mater songs of the colleges and universities where Sigma Pi has chapters. The list also includes a short Greek ode, a song suitable for use as the fraternity's official anthem, and a dirge for memorial services.

The volume itself will consist of approximately 75 pages. The cover will probably be dark green buckram, with the title and the arms of Sigma Pi in gold. The book will be issued at the earliest possible date, depending on the printers, and will cost about two dollars. It is believed that the *Songs of Sigma Pi* will prove a welcome acquisition to the fraternity and will make its way increasingly great as its use becomes apparent.

MILITARY HISTORY OF SIGMA PI

The military history which is being prepared under the direction of the Grand Herald promises to be a volume of surpassing interest. The book will open with an introduction by its editor, followed by an address to the men in uniform by Past Grand Sage W. D. Akers. There will also be an engraving representing a service flag with the number of members who were in service and gold stars for those who have fallen.

The volume will be profusely illustrated with photographs, formal and informal, including portraits of the men and scenes connected with their history while in the service.

The book will also contain a roll of honor in memory of the brothers who died while in the service. A separate section of the History is to be devoted to each chapter, carrying the information secured in the questionnaires sent to them. The fullness with

which these were filled out will, of course, affect the interest which will attach to these various sections, but in the main they are well filled. Three or four pages will also be given to each chapter for personal reminiscences of the war: citations, adventures, and things in lighter vein.

Tables will also be printed, summarizing the military record of the fraternity as follows:

Total military registration of each of our colleges.

Number on honor roll of these colleges.

Number in service from each of our chapters.

Percentage of Volunteers.

Percentage of Selectives.

Percentage of the total chapter enrollment in the service at the time the armistice was signed.

The volume will be printed on extra quality paper, with suitable binding and design. It is not yet possible to give definite information as to the price.

A DIRECTORY OF THE FRATERNITY

Anyone who has tried to use the 1916 vintage directory will be profanely glad that a new edition is to be issued, as the other time-honored relic is a magnificent summary of misinformation. Features which promise to make the new compilation especially acceptable are the small size, which will enable you to carry it in your pocket conveniently, a projected geographical index, so that you can tell who is who in any given part of the country, and a handsome and durable cover. The cost of this directory will be almost nominal, and it will be something that every member will desire.

ADDENDUM

While book reviewing is being done, mention should be made of the other work—that of revision—done by the Grand Herald and accepted by the Convocation. It is a production of high merit which will be appreciated more fully as time brings out its richness.

IMPRESSIONS

Of Delegates From Some of Our Latest Chapters

LAMBDA CHAPTER, KENYON COLLEGE

The first impression that became rooted in my mind when the Grand Sage rapped with his gavel for order at the Sixth and Seventh Biennial Convocation of Sigma Pi was that I seemed to be in the midst of a miniature political convention. Surrounded by representative types of the best youth of the nation, who had come from many diverse parts of the United States, I could not help but feel that I was about to add something new and different to my previous conceptions of fraternity matters and the extension of fraternity ideals.

In my mind the most essential element in the success of any national organization is the quality of its leaders, and I am sure from my observation that the national officers of Sigma Pi are far above the average.

A delegate is broadened in his point of view regarding many fraternity questions, and he learns to appreciate and consider the opinions of his brothers who come from other sections of the country, perhaps far distant, yet who have in mind at all times the welfare of the fraternity as a whole.

One saw how such an organization as a fraternity can put some of its idealism for the betterment of mankind into effect when he saw the hearty manner in which the whole national body of Sigma Pi endorsed the plan of Surgeon-General Blue to prevent the further spread of venereal disease among college men.

As the Convocation drew towards a close I saw that I had a real message to convey to my brothers at Gambier, and that this message should impress upon all of our men the importance of obtaining a national point of view on all legislation and other matters having to do with the national organization. It was at this time, too, that I felt proud to be a member of a body composed of such clean-cut men, and realized that if they used their influence in the right direction, putting aside sectionalism and narrowness, an almost limitless field was open for extending and advancing Sigma Pi, furthering fraternities and the fraternity idea among non-fraternity men, and for spreading the great ideals be-

hind fraternal organizations, to be imparted to and imprinted in the minds of mankind.

A. L. SIDNELL.

MU CHAPTER, CORNELL UNIVERSITY

It is practically impossible for a delegate to the Sigma Pi Convocation to describe adequately the impressions made upon him during the sessions. To state that everything not only came up to but even surpassed my expectations is perhaps the simplest way to show its effect.

In the first place we made the acquaintance of our grand officers, who up to that time had been total strangers to us in Mu, except as signatures on numerous letters received by the chapter. And we found them to be real, red-blooded men, anxious to work for Sigma Pi, and spreading an enthusiasm that was contagious.

As to the representatives from the different chapters—they did not differ materially from the boys we left behind in the chapter house at Cornell, though they came from East, West, and South. They had the same pep, the same brotherly feeling; in fact, they made a fine bunch of men.

A Convocation was naturally a strange and unknown affair to us, and before we left for Lafayette some of our local chapter feared that the interests of chapters located in such widely different sections of the country would conflict. But any idea of that passed out of my mind when I saw that the delegates could laugh heartily, even in the midst of the warmest debate. Moreover, under the new grand officers elected, there is little to fear that the interests of any of us will be neglected, no matter in what part of the country we may be.

Our one regret is the fact that we could not bring more of our active members and alumni to Purdue for the inspiration to be derived from Convocation, and also to get the representatives from other chapters acquainted with them; for we feel that we have men who will be able to do a great deal some day to further the interests of Sigma Pi.

Ideas have been flying around so fast during the days of the Convocation that I have almost had a brainstorm trying to absorb them. But enough should have sunk in to enable me to give the

members of Mu plenty to think about for the rest of the year. If we who were at the Convocation can only inject a little of the enthusiasm we now feel into the men who were not able to come, Mu's progress will be hard to follow.

Of course it is impossible for us to thank properly the men of Eta for the cheerful way in which they put up with the inconveniences of having a Convocation camp upon them, and for the fine time they showed us. Perhaps they will feel that their efforts have been rewarded if I state that we were made to feel absolutely at home, and that it was almost like being in our own chapter house. After this, if we ever get anywhere near a chapter of Sigma Pi we are certainly going to drop in; and we renew our invitations to all our brothers to visit us. The train service may be bad, but we feel sure we can make up for it.

And so we leave the Convocation after a broadened acquaintance with Sigma Pi, no longer feeling that the most important part of the fraternity is within our own chapter walls, but is that indefinable spirit of the whole of our fourteen chapters. It is up to us to impress that idea on the other members of Mu and get them to think nationally instead of locally. Convocation is worth while if only to remind us that we really are brothers in one great fraternity, besides being members of our own local chapter.

HUGH MCKENZIE.

NU CHAPTER, FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE

We may use the old adage "Experience is the best teacher" in expressing our opinion of the Convocation. The lessons learned during Nu's first attendance at the Convocation, we hope, have been sown upon fertile ground and will lead towards a better chapter, and, following in logical order, a better Sigma Pi.

Sigma Pi means more to us since we have had the privilege of meeting men from each chapter and have learned the sterling qualities of the men in the Grand Chapter. We as delegates to the Convocation considered it one of the biggest events in our young lives, and our great regret was, and is, that all of our men could not attend the meeting.

Our lessons have been learned and we are going to start immediately, while the flame of enthusiasm is burning high, to teach

the rest of our brothers the lessons and incorporate some of the suggestions and methods of the Grand and local chapters.

We have already started to stir up the "city of the dead," as our past Grand Sage has called the drifting alumni.

Nu wishes to express her thanks to Eta for the fine accommodations and hospitality before, during, and after the Convocation. She certainly has a fine house and an exceptionally good bunch of fellows to make it a real fraternity home. Often we do not know just where our chapters are located. There is a tendency towards putting them in different states and institutions, but I'll assure you that Eta will always be at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, to the men of Nu chapter.

This brings us to the startling fact, made plain to us at the Convocation, that so few men knew where Franklin and Marshall is located. Let me take the opportunity to explain in this letter, that Nu may no longer be a chapter in the back woods of Pennsylvania. Franklin and Marshall College is in the city of Lancaster, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. It is on the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad, 36 miles from Harrisburg, and 69 miles from Philadelphia.

In closing we want to remind you that Nu always keeps her doors open for Sigma Pi men, and since we have explained to you just where our chapter is we pray that you will all pay us visits when you come our way. We will give you plenty to eat and plenty of sleep.

CLARENCE T. MOYER,
PHILIP QUAY STUMPF.

XI CHAPTER, IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Although her charter is two years old, Xi has always felt that she could not regard herself as a full-fledged chapter in Sigma Pi until she had attended at least one National Convocation. Naturally, therefore, Xi had been eagerly looking forward to Good Friday, 1920, as a real red letter day in the history of the chapter. Now that the big Convocation is over, we who were able to be in attendance know that we have been repaid many fold for all the time, trouble, and expense which attendance necessitated; and we feel that we shall have served Xi well if we can carry back to her one-half of the good things which the Convocation offered.

There were so many big, fine, impressive things about the Convocation that all of them could hardly be enumerated. Certainly one of the most salient features was the combination of a cosmopolitan spirit and ideas with a splendid democratic brotherliness. Men from Iota to Delta, from Zeta to Omicron, men of every profession and from all localities, men of widely varying outlooks upon life, were all forced together by the ever-prevalent spirit of Sigma Pi friendship. It was a great melting-pot of the best ideas and the biggest men of Sigma Pi. We came away with a multitude of constructive ideas and a better understanding and a more sincere appreciation of our brothers all over the United States.

Another feature of the Convocation which we of Xi were decidedly appreciative of was the fact that it enabled us to meet and get acquainted with the leaders and guiding spirits of the fraternity, the members of the Grand Chapter. This was as much of a pleasure as an opportunity. They are all splendid men and capable leaders and we are mighty proud to claim them as our own.

Eta Chapter cannot be given too much credit for the success of the Convocation. They are a grand bunch, the boys of Eta, and certainly showed us a mighty fine time. They have a well-located, spacious, and beautiful home, in which they take a very just pride. Their hospitality simply could not be improved upon, and we are mighty grateful for everything which they did for us.

The Convocation was a big success, from the standpoint either of profit or of pleasure. It is now up to us of Xi to demonstrate to what a degree we have profited by our first Convocation by our constructive work of the next two years. We are looking forward to being able to tell you all about it at the end of those two years. And right now we are going to sincerely thank the Lord that we are Sigma Pis.

XI DELEGATES.

OMICRON CHAPTER, TULANE UNIVERSITY

At 12:12 on the morning of April 2 the delegates from one of Sigma Pi's southern twins arrived for the first time at Purdue University to attend the Sixth and Seventh Convocation. Brothers of Eta Chapter warmly welcomed us at the station and made us feel from the very beginning that we were truly among brothers. No time was lost in conducting us to the beautiful home of Eta

Chapter and we were again welcomed with outstretched arms. After a few hours visit into dreamland, we were refreshed from our journey and a good breakfast soon prepared us for the work before us.

We found our places awaiting us in the convention hall, and although children should be seen and not heard we soon got into harness and worked as a pair of untrained mules in a Louisiana cotton patch would be expected to.

The Omicron delegates were particularly impressed by the way the Grand Chapter assumed control and the efficiency with which the Grand officers conducted the business of the Fraternity. Being new delegates, this was especially impressive to us, and the methods we learned at this meeting we hope to be able to put into practice at Omicron Chapter.

It was indeed a great pleasure to become acquainted with, and form the friendship of the splendid young men and brothers that came as delegates from all the chapters throughout the United States. We have formed ties of friendship which we are sure will never be broken and will prove to be a blessing to us in the coming years.

Never have we been entertained more royally or shown more kindness by any one than by our brothers at Eta Chapter. Every consideration was shown the delegates and no stone was left unturned in making our visit a happy and most enjoyable one.

After the installation of the new officers the Convocation was adjourned on the afternoon of April 3. The last and one of the most enjoyable occasions of the entire Convocation was the banquet on our last night at Purdue. This banquet was surely a happy ending of a perfect day with our brothers.

It was with a sad heart but yet a heart filled with deep appreciation that we went to the station and bade farewell to our brothers of Eta Chapter.

Our visit at the Convocation was a pleasure from our arrival to our departure and the happy memories of the 6th and 7th Bienial Convocation of the Sigma Pi Fraternity at Purdue will forever remain fresh in the minds of the Omicron delegates from Tulane University.

R. LIONEL GORDON,
JOHN D. HUMBER,

Delegates.

CONVOCATION OR BUST!

An Unauthenticated Report

It is said that an Eta freshman who got up early to light the furnace during the Convocation answered the door bell and saw three particularly dirty tramps in the morning twilight. He was growling, "Go to the back door," when one of the tramps, in unmistakably college accents, hailed him as brother, and asked when the Convocation would assemble. The freshman rubbed his eyes, and was further informed that he was honored with the presence of three visitors from Zeta chapter. They weren't dressed like the Zeta delegates so he ran the risk of awakening a senior to investigate. By occult means not unknown to members of the fraternity—and we may be sure the senior tried them all to make sure—the latter found that the strangers certainly knew what they were talking about; and eventually all was made clear.

It seems that the gentlemen in question, desiring to attend the sessions at Purdue, but possessing little but the desire, had trusted themselves to the hospitality of the railroads, journeying in those delightfully ventilated pullmans which open at the sides. The railroads proved kind, and there they were.

As said before, this may not be real history. We tried to get the story—in fact, it was promised to us by someone who knew; but the clew was elusive, and so we have told only what we heard rumored.

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