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Editorials

GIVE THE RITUAL A CHANCE

Have you ever noticed, that the ones who criticize and "damn with faint praise" are usually the ones who know least what they are talking about. In a discussion of the new ritual, which was prepared painstakingly—there were some dissenters and some demurrers. Upon closer questioning, they admitted that the secret rites had been subjected to insults, such as being read, and by people in street dress. Do the mysticism and beauty of the ritual have a chance under such handicaps? Many copies of the ritual were lost, scattered about like so much waste paper. Treat your ritual more fairly—perhaps then you will like it more.

TREASURE TROVES

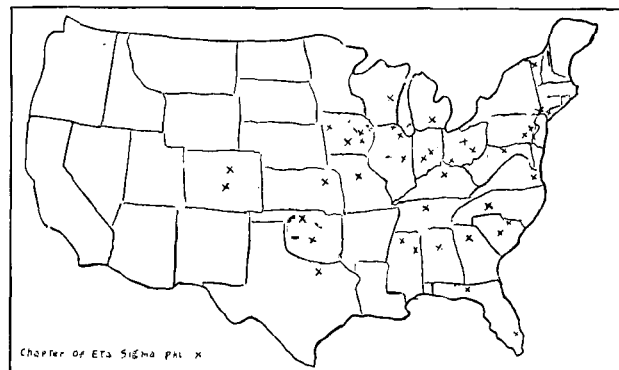
There is a trite saying "Last but not least." It is hard to evaluate the worth of the chapter reports to which the last pages of the Nuntius are relegated. Reading these reports is like "going fishing"—you never know what you will find. If you are at a loss for a program for your local chapter—you will find programs here. If you need a "spur to prick the side of your intent"—see what other chapters have accomplished and what they are planning. One of the biggest pro-

jects ever undertaken by any chapter is treated briefly in Washington Square College report. The next issue will carry a story on this production of Prometheus. If you want things—accomplishments, or dreams, gossip, or news—read the chapter reports.

CONVENTION AFTERMATH

After the jolly good time, the goodbyes and the pleasant recollections of the National Convention, comes the marrow of the matter. For what has been done by the few representatives, is the platform, the ambition and the goal of all the chapters of Eta Sigma Phi. What seems but cold facts of an uninteresting report, are vital, palpable realities when looked at more carefully. For instance, the college expansion committee suggests that Eta Sigma Phi be highly selective in considering petitioning groups. But did you know that of our thirty-seven chapters, only two are in the west? The chapters are massed in the east and middle west. The fertile fields of the west beckon—as the west once called to pioneer inhabitants. Can Eta Sigma Phi afford to neglect such universities as Stanford, California and Southern California?

The rosy dream of the convention was a permanent officer, to knit the chapters together in spirit, to extend her in territory and strength. (A more fanciful pen can even picture an officer to travel about, inspecting groups, and installing chapters.) But whatever the future holds, now is the time to advertise, to put Eta Sigma Phi in the sight of desirable Western Universities and Colleges. *Lets have action!*



LAST MINUTE

As the first issue of volume four goes to press, it is with trepidations and misgivings on the part of the editor. However, both "bricks and bouquets" will be appreciated, as well as any suggestions as to what the readers want.

Minerva's Section

ANNA, THE SISTER OF DIDO *As an Italian Divinity*

by

DONNIS MARTIN

(Honorary Member, Alpha, Alpha Chapter)

ANNA, the sister of Dido, is a minor figure in Vergil's story of the tragic romance of the Carthaginian queen. It is surprising then to find her later domiciled in Italy and identified with an Italian divinity. The legend is told by Ovid, *Fast.* 3 545 ff., and by Silius, *Italics*, *Pun.* 8:50. While there is some variation in minor details as given by the two poets, the story in the main is the same and the account of Silius, in echoing certain word and phrases, seems drawn from that of Ovid.

After the death of Dido, Iarbas, king of the Numidians and rejected suitor of Dido, took possession of the kingdom. Anna was compelled to flee and took refuge on the island of Malta (or at Cyrene, according to Silius.) Here king Battus entertained her hospitably for over two years. But the news that her brother Pygmalion was approaching with hostile intent again forced her to seek safety by flight. A storm drove her vessel upon the Laurentine coast. As chance would have it she met Aeneas walking along the shore—still accompanied by his faithful Achates! The hero was naturally greatly surprised at meeting Anna in Latium and his first impulse was to defend his conduct towards her sister. He swore that only the will of the Gods could have caused his seeming desertion of Dido. According to Silius, Anna replies with a lengthy description of the death of Dido. But in Ovid's account Aeneas refers briefly to his meeting with Dido in the underworld and does not care to have the harassing details of her death repeated.

Aeneas offered Anna the hospitality of his home and treated his wife Lavinia to cherish her as a sister. But Lavinia became jealous of the favors shown to Anna and plotted revenge. That night the bloody image of Dido appeared to Anna, warning her of her danger and urging her to flee to the neighboring river Numicus where the nymphs would give her shelter. Escaping by a low window Anna fled through the fields and was received in the bosom of the stream. When on the following day the Trojans traced her footsteps to the banks of the Numicus, Anna appeared to them in its blue depths and said (*Fast.* 3. 653 f.):

*placidi sum nympha Numici:
anna perenne latens Anna Perenna vocor.*

"Straightway (continues Ovid) the Trojans held a feast in the fields where they had sought her and celebrated the day with generous drinking and with mirth." Thus was the festival of Anna Perenna instituted. The account of Silius *Italicus* is concluded as follows:

*ex illo primis anni celebrata diebus
per totam Ausoniam venerando numine culta est.*

It is easy to see why according to this legend Anna was brought into association with the Numicus river since Aeneas himself was buried on its banks as Jupiter Indiges. But the confusion of the Carthaginian Anna with Anna Perenna, an old Italian divinity, seems inexplicable. Ovid himself did not know who Anna Perenna was and relates this story only as one of the varying rumors about the goddess.

The festival of Anna Perenna was celebrated on the Ides of March. Ovid gives a description of the festival (1 c. 523 ff.). It was held in the Campus Martius near the Tiber. Men and women lay about on the grass under the open sky or beneath leafy huts. They drank, sang, and danced. Especially did they pray for as many years of life as the cups of wine which they drank. They returned home reeling with drunkenness and the people who met them called them, '*fortunati.*'

There is little in this description of the festival to indicate the nature of the goddess. After presenting the legend of the Carthaginian Anna, Ovid gives another explanation of the divinity which he is more inclined to believe (1. c. 661 ff.). When the plebs had seceded to the Sacred Mount their supplies of food gave out and they were in desperate straits. An aged woman from Bovillae, named Anna, made cakes and distributed them to the people each morning. After peace was made the plebs in gratitude erected a monument to Perenna. This myth would seem to derive the name from *anus*. At any rate it is significant that Anna Perenna appears here in the guise of an old woman.

Lastly, in order to present all the various theories, Ovid says that there are those who identify Anna Perenna with the Moon, with Themis, Io, or even a daughter of Atlas who gave first nourishment to Zeus, (1. c. 657):

*Sunt quibus haec, Luna est, quia mensibus, impleat annum;
pars Themis, Inachiam pars putat esse bovem.
invenies, qui te nymphen Atlantida dicant.
teque Iovi primos, Anna, dedisse cibos.*

The identification of the goddess with the Moon 'who completes the cycle of the year with months' is probably nearest the truth. The relation of the name Anna Perenna to *annus* seems obvious and in general she seems to have represented the revolving year. 'Anna' may refer to the current year, 'Perenna' to the completed year (see H. Usener Rhein. Mus. 30. 206 ff.). In this connection it is significant that her festival was held in March, originally the first month of the year, and on the Ides, the first full moon of the new year. Ovid cites the time of her festival as proof that the calendar originally began with March (Fast. 3. 137 f.):

*nec mihi parva fides, annos hinc isse priores,
Anna quod hoc coepta est mense Perenna coli.*

In another legend, which Ovid relates (l. c. 675 ff.), Anna Perenna was associated with Mars. Mars had fallen in love with Minerva and begged the assistance of Anna, pleading the fact that their festivals occurred in the same month. Anna pretended to gain the consent of Minerva but veiled herself as the bride. Mars was wrathful when he saw the face of the old woman but Venus was pleased with deception. In this myth Anna Perenna again appears as an old woman. It seems reasonable to conclude that the older tradition represented her as an old woman and that she was associated with the passage of time. It may have been only the similarity of the name which caused the confusion with the Pyric Anna. Nevertheless the accounts which the two poets give, of the apotheosis of Anna are interesting as a sequel to the story of Dido.

VOTES FOR WOMEN

by

EDWIN L. GREEN

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Aristophanes, the Athenian comic poet, has left three plays dealing with women. In one he represents the feminine population wreaking vengeance on Euripides for the way he had portrayed women in his plays. The *Lysistrats*, so named from the leading characters, is a lively presentation of one way in which the women might force the men to quit fighting and make peace. We are told that it was in a period of hopeless despondency that this play was produced. This could be; but Aristophanes may also be answering the women's 'what we would do, if we had control of the government,' and makes fun of them by showing how they can manage affairs without having a voice in the government: leave the men, pesky creatures, "to themselves, and they'll soon come to their senses," as they did.

In later years Aristophanes placed the votes in the hands of the women in his version of an ideal state. Perhaps a "League of Women Voters" had become active; perhaps the play was the poet's answer to Mrs. Aristophanes. However, that may be, the *Ecclesiazonsae*, or *Women in Congress*, let the people know what to expect, if the government was turned over to the women.

After careful plotting the women of Athens slipped away from home early one morning disguised by false beards and wearing their husbands' "knickers" and shoes, rushed into the assembly hall, and, with Madam President in the chair, took charge of the government. Some of the women were not yet far enough advanced not to come late and were scolded; but the up-to-date ones took a pull at the hip-flask and ripped out a few masculine oaths, for that was the way the men

did, and were careful to use the word "gentlemen" in addressing the assembly. Then a resolution was put through turning over the government to the women, who proceeded to change the state into a form of Soviet Government: all goods should be in common; no one should have any advantage over the other, but all should have an equal share.

So, perhaps, as man's heart is easiest reached through his mouth, there are to be public banquets. Nothing is greater for women than love, so to even up, an older woman shall have the young man, if she wishes.

The law is carried out. A young man appears; the young woman, whom he would choose, is thrust aside by an older one, who claims him under the law; but just as she is dragging him away, an unsightly hag asserts the justice of her claim to the young man. He is bewailing his fate, when the maid announces dinner, and the chorus proclaims:

"So now ye have these tidings true,
Lay hold of a plate and an omelette too,
And scurry away at your topmost speed,
And so you will have whereon to feed."
(Roger's translation.)

One man, husband of the president, takes comfort to himself under the new form of government. To her he says (Roger's translation):

"Lead on, my lass. I'll follow close behind:
That men may point and whisper as I pass,
There goes the husband of our chieftainess."

Muse's Section

FRAGMENTS FROM SAPPHO

(Tr. by Philaesthetics)

I.

Love has the splendor and beauty of the sun, I sometimes
think;
And splendor and beauty and such things are my only food
and drink.

II.

The moon and stars have left the sky;
It is the midnight hour.
Time passes on; and yet I lie
Alone within my bower.

III.

My soul is shaken, tossed and torn by Love;
My knees are loosed by Love when we two meet.
Love is a ruthless creature, bitter sweet,—
A tempest falling on me from hills above.

IV.

O Muse who on a throne of gold
Your heavenly habitation hold,
Raise now for me the strain
Which in the land of women fair
Anacreon sang with sweetness rare,—
O sing that glad refrain!

V.

You carpenters, raise up the rafters high!
Like unto Ares comes the bridegroom nigh!
Taller than tall, his head will reach the sky!
Hail to the god of marriage!

VI.

When the full moon with silver lights our globe,
The stars conceal their face in heaven's robe.

VII.

As through the apple boughs a cool breeze goes,
Down from the quivering leaves cool slumber flows.

VIII.

If for a worthy wish were these your sighs,
And if your tongue had voiced no evil thought,
Shame would not now have covered up your eyes,
And you would speak uprightly, as you ought.

Lares' and Penates' Section

SUGGESTIONS FOR LATIN CLUBS

To those who are interested in establishing Classical Clubs, the following suggestions sent out by the Megas Denterohipparchos to the second vice presidents.

Latin Clubs are often organized with the Roman state as a basis. Members may be divided into patricians and plebeians, or into senators, knights, and commoners, either according to grades or according to class—e.g., the second-year people may be patricians, the first-year plebeians, etc. Officers may be one or two consuls as chief officer or officers; quaestor as secretary-treasurer; censor as membership chairman, etc.

Favorite names for Latin clubs are Societies Latina, Sodalitas Latina, S.P.Q.R., Romani Hodierni, Laeti Latina, Civitas Latina, Fratres Togati, Aeneadae, Legio Decima, Classical Club, Athena, Minerva, or the initials of a Greek Motto—e. g., Phil Epsilon stands for the Greek motto Phos esto, or Let There be Light. The club may adopt a motto, colors and an emblem such as a Roman standard, a shield, a fascis, an eagle, etc.

A good program consists of roll call, answered by the repeating of a Latin proverb, by giving a Latin word and its meaning, by naming an event of Roman history, or by the word "Adsum;" a game; one or two good talks; open discussion of the talks; and a Latin song.

Talks may be on "Pompeii," "Why Study Latin," "The City Rome," (with slides if possible), "Roman Dress," "Roman Houses and Furniture," "Roman Holidays and Amusements," "Latin Words in English," "Roman Political Life," "The Day of a Rich Roman," "The Day of a Poor Roman," "Roman Art," "Roman Literature," "Some Famous Roman Men," "Some Famous Roman Women," etc. Stories from mythology may be told; men or women of the town may be asked to come and talk about their Latin days, or what they think of the value of Latin; books like "Ben Hur," "Friend of Caesar," "Lays of Ancient Rome," "Standard Bearer," etc. may be read by pupils and reported on to the club. Members may draw charts showing the percentage of Latin words in English, advertisements using Latin words, objects used in ancient times, etc., and display them. Cartoons of Roman life may be drawn and displayed. Models of ancient instruments of war, tools, dress, furniture, houses, etc., may be made and shown. A Latin newspaper may be read to the club weekly by the editor (chosen weekly.) Original stories may be written on such subjects as "An Imaginary Letter from Cicero to his Daughter;" "Adventures of a Roman Boy

During the Civil War at Rome;" "A Day in Ancient Rome," etc. Even a little easy conversation in Latin may be tried.

Latin songs may be found in Flickinger's "Carminia Latina," University of Chicago Press, Chicago, Ill., 15c. New ones may be made by members.

Occasionally a different type of program may be tried for variety. A debate may be held on some subject suggested by the Latin author being read; a meeting may be devoted to poems on Roman and Greek themes, etc. At Halloween time the program may consist of ghost stories from the classics, and fortune telling by means of messages written on real leaves and distributed by the Cumaeon sibyl. At Armistice time the program may be based on Roman and Greek patriotism. At Christmas the ideas of the Roman Saturnalia may be discussed, with their relation to modern Christmas customs; and Christmas carols and the Christmas story from the Latin Bible may conclude the meeting. In February a Latin valentine box may be featured; on the Ides of March, a Caesar meeting may be held. In April a party, perhaps a Roman banquet, may celebrate the founding of Rome, April 21, 753 B. C. In May a flower festival may be held.

Latin plays are increasing in popularity. Several are available through this bureau, as is also a pamphlet of instructions for singing.

A classical moving-picture, such as "Julius Caesar," may be brought to the town picture houses, and the club may advertise it, and perhaps earn a little money selling tickets for it. The club should attend in a body. "Julius Caesar" is available to Kansas Teachers at very low cost. Write to the Extension Division of the University, if you are interested.

Once in a while the club may give "Open House" for parents and friends, with an exhibit followed by a program and perhaps a play. Write for the pamphlet on "Open House."

The Latin Club at Atchison has football yells in Latin, and takes part in football parades. The same club plans to sing Latin carols under the windows of townspeople at Christmas time.

Many suggestions along the above lines will be found in the Classical Journal, under "Current Events" and "Hints for Teachers."

Susan Paxson's "Handbook for Latin Clubs" (D. C. Heath & Co.) and Johnston's "Private Life of the Romans" (Scott Foresman) are very helpful.

Write us about the success of your club.

CHAPTER REPORTS

BETA, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Beta chapter has just begun its program for the year, which promises to be a profitable one. The members are planning a more intensive campaign to interest juniors and seniors of neighboring high schools in continuing their study of the classics in college. We alternate business and social meetings and usually entertain a speaker who brings a message pertinent to our work. Later in the year, after the initiation of those who were pledged last semester, we hope to be able to present a play. We also plan to hold open house so that all members of the Latin and Greek departments may become better acquainted.

GAMMA, OHIO UNIVERSITY

Gamma chapter furnished the program and sponsored the first meeting of the Classical Club which is composed of students of Latin and Greek who are not members of Eta Sigma Phi. A Greek skit and Roman games and songs were the features of the evening. The chapter hopes to entertain the classical club at an open-house meeting in the near future.

Plans are already under way for the high school extension work, the drive for new subscribers to the Nuntius, and a schedule of worth while programs for the year.

DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE

Delta Chapter has elected the following officers:

President	Ruth Anna Ritz
First Vice-President	Myrtle Rueff
Second Vice-President	Esther Williams
Secretary	Ruth Cox
Treasurer	Kathleen Burton
Guard	Mae Taylor

EPSILON, UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Epsilon's activities for the coming year will include cooperation with the Classical Club in presenting monthly programs and with the Classical Department in entertaining the delegates at the Classical Conference to be held in Iowa City, February 14 and 15, 1930.

Although Commencement was several months ago our sale of the medals is still progressing. The present total is 469.

ZETA, DENISON UNIVERSITY

Zeta Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi begins the year with sixteen members. We have planned what we think will be a pleasant and profitable year. Our members will prepare and give papers, we plan to give a Latin or Greek play, and we are to pay special attention to the Latin Prize in one of the nearby high schools. In this way we hope to arouse interest on the part of high school students in a further study of the Classics.

ETA, FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

Eta Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi wishes to submit the following as a brief outline of its plans for the year 1929-30: To make an extensive study of the life and history of Vergil in keeping with the great Vergilian celebration; to keep in

closer touch with Eta Sigma Phi Alumnae and the work carried on by them in furthering the advancement of Classical subjects in the High Schools of the State; to continue our efforts toward establishing and maintaining interest in Classical Clubs in the High Schools throughout the state.

At our first regular meeting to be held within the next few weeks we are planning to initiate five new members who were pledged in the spring of last year.

THETA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Eta Sigma Phi and Classical Club cooperated in getting Miss Anna P. MacVay, vice-president of the American League and National Chairman of Committees which are preparing for the commemoration of the twentieth centennial of the birth of Vergil, to speak at a joint meeting of the two organizations recently. Her subject was "The Virgilian Pilgrimage and the Aeneid Cruise."

Plans are being made to present Eta Sigma Phi medals to the one or two best Seniors in the Bloomington High School."

IOTA, BURLINGTON, VERMONT

Iota Chapter has started the new year with promise of a most successful one. At a special meeting we decided to have less meeting, but bigger and better ones. This idea began with a meeting which combined both business and social events. We welcome to Iota Chapter four new members. So far no definite plans for program have been made.

Last year we spent a pleasant season dramatizing scenes from the "Iliad."

LAMBDA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

The Lambda Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi closed a successful season at its last meeting of the year by initiating ten active members and Miss Edith Brown, honorary member.

We were delighted the Fifth National Convention of Eta Sigma Phi was held at our sister institution, M.S.C.W. A number of our members were able to be present. One of our delegates, Mr. McDonald Horne, was elected National Doorkeeper.

Those members of Lambda Chapter who were in residence at the University during the summer session assisted the Latin Club in presenting a Roman Wedding. Full and official costuming, and pipe organ music made the spectacle a most impressive one. Although the ceremony was said in Latin, the audience which filled the University Chapel acclaimed the pageant a complete success.

As we enter upon the fourth year of existence we have set among other goals the presentation of a Greek play.

NU, MORNINGSIDE COLLEGE

Nu Chapter of the Eta Sigma Phi on October 7, held initiation of six neophytes. A business meeting and tea followed the ceremony.

The society will enter a float in the Homecoming Day Parade, October 19. The float will represent the Goddess of

Harvest, with the Horn of Plenty, in a throne surrounded by Greek maidens. The decorations will be in white and gold.

In April the Chapter will present *Dido*, a play based on Vergil's *Aeneid*.

XI, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Xi Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi has very interesting plans for the first semester of the 1929-30 school year. The subjects of three of the meetings will be: Latin manuscripts, the Scientific Study of Language, and Historical Novels. We recently have initiated several faculty members and are counting on them to aid with our programs.

OMICRON, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Beside the regular program of treating a single large subject at separate meetings, Omicron is making preparations for the grandest and most glorious national convention in the history of Eta Sigma Phi.

TAU CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

The fall of 1929 finds us back at school again with nine active members in our chapter. Recently five new candidates were pledged at the home of our president, Rebecca Long, and in a few more weeks five new Eta Sigma Phi pins will be seen on the Kentucky campus.

UPSILON, MISS STATE COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

Our chapter of Eta Sigma Phi has decided that this year we shall study Greek and Roman archeology. We also plan to offer a medal to the pupil making the highest grade in Latin in the Columbus City School. Our members have promised to write to the teachers of Latin in their respective home towns, and try to interest them in the medal plan.

CHI, COE COLLEGE

Chi chapter has elected seventeen new members, who will be initiated in November. We were entertained at a dinner October 16th, by Professor Bryant, at which we had an interesting program and played Latin games.

We are holding our meetings in the evening now instead of in the afternoon. We feel that in this way more will be able to attend.

We are going to try to interest the High Schools in the Eta Sigma Phi medals, which we plan to award this year.

ALPHA ALPHA, WINTHROP COLLEGE

At our first meeting, twenty-three neophytes, from junior and senior classes, were initiated. This gives us a total membership of fifty-two. Our yearly program includes the selling of Christmas cards, the making of Eta Sigma Phi banners and pennants for sale, and definite plans for the promotion of the classics in high schools. We have just organized a Latin Club in the Winthrop Training School and its programs will be directed by members of our chapter.

ALPHA GAMMA, SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIV.

During the summer there was great consternation among members of Alpha Gamma Chapter because a local high school sorority had organized under the name of Eta Sigma

Phi. However, since all fraternities have been banished from Dallas High Schools, we believe our name is safe.

The first meeting of the year was held October 7. Although our membership is now small, we have prospects of many new pledges. It was decided that a social meeting be held once a month at the homes of the different members. Plans are being made for the annual tea given in honor of the classical department.

ALPHA DELTA CHAPTER

Alpha Delta has twenty-nine active members and will have almost twice that many when the eligible students have been taken in. We mean to have interesting programs and activities through out the ensuing year, as we are well organized.

One of our plans is to have a tea for high school students to try to interest them in classics and classical organizations.

ALPHA ZETA, WASHINGTON SQUARE COLLEGE

Alpha Zeta Chapter has an unusually interesting program this year. A production of the *Prometheus Bound* of Aeschylus will take place at the Booth Theatre, in New York City, on Sunday evening, December 15. The production is sponsored by the Alpha Zeta chapter of Eta Sigma Phi. Professional actors have volunteered their services, the sets are being done by a well-known New York artist, and the chorus has already been recruited from the student body of Washington Square College. This is probably the first time that the *Prometheus* has been produced in an English version in America. The dramatic critics of all the metropolitan dailies have shown great interest in the forthcoming production. It is hoped, it will be of inestimable advantage to Eta Sigma Phi. Subscription blanks are being mailed to various chapters and everyone is urged to support a program which is, without a doubt, one of the greatest enterprises which has ever been undertaken by Eta Sigma Phi.

THETA CHAPTER, HUNTER COLLEGE

The Hunter Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi is at present engaged in reading and selecting from outstanding classical writers, such as Livy, Vergil, and Plutarch, anecdotes illustrative of the Roman virtues. The work is being prepared for the Teachers' Service Bureau at Teacher's College Columbia University. When the selecting of these anecdotes shall be completed, it is planned that they be published in the form of pamphlets.

ALPHA IOTA, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

The Alpha Iota Chapter at its last initiation service, May 8, 1929, took in four new members.

The chapter has planned to organize Classical Clubs in the high schools of the state and a medal is to be given by the chapter to the high school pupil writing the best essay on a classical subject.

The Nuntius is published here.

ALPHA LAMBDA, UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

The new officers of Eta Sigma Phi, University of Oklahoma, are: Lorraine Ketchum, president; Mary Stith, vice-

president; Joan Clover, secretary; Leora Austin, corresponding secretary; Dean Pine, treasurer.

A tea in honor of all classical students will be held early in the fall. The programs planned for meetings include lectures, a Roman dinner, and a classical play.

The principal work outlined for the year consists of organizing Latin clubs in various high schools, and offering a medal for the best work in classical subjects.

ALPHA MU, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

The Alpha Mu Chapter was invited to various Columbia homes for the 1928-29 monthly meetings. Programs consisted of readings from Virgil's "Eclogues" and "Georgics" with talks by members of the faculty as introductions to the study.

At the first meeting this year Professor Frank Justice Miller, one of the directors of the Bimillennium Virgilianum gave an inspiring talk on "The Virgilian Year." At the second meeting Dean Walter Miller read "An Appreciation of Virgil's Georgics," and talked about the "Virgilian Cruise" of which he is to be one of the directors. The work will continue with contributions by the students in the study and reading of the Georgics.

ALPHA NU, DAVIDSON

Alpha Nu Chapter has started on another year with a very promising outlook. It now has thirteen active members with initiations to be held soon. Arrangements have been made for regular meetings every two weeks.

Very interesting programs were presented at the first two meetings. At the opening meeting an excellent paper of Sappho was given, and at the second meeting a discussion of the Conspiracy against Nero.

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 RHO, DRAKE UNIVERSITY
 SIGMA, MIAMI UNIVERSITY
 PHI, UNIVERSITY OF WEST VA.
 PSI, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY
 OMEGA, COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY
 ALPHA BETA, UNIVERSITY OF DENVER
 ALPHA EPSILON, LEHIGH UNIVERSITY
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