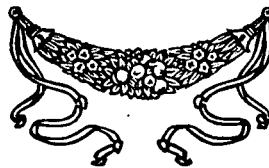


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Editorials

CONVENTION

Mu Chapter of Cincinnati extends to you a most cordial invitation to attend the seventh annual convention of Eta Sigma Phi. Since Cincinnati is centrally located, every chapter should be represented by at least one delegate, if it is impossible to send the two delegates to which it is entitled. According to the latest report from Mu Chapter, preparations are under way to make this convention the greatest in the history of Eta Sigma Phi.

You owe it to Mu Chapter to give your heartiest cooperation to make the convention a success. The Constitution requires that each chapter send a delegate or delegates at least every three years, but, of course, it is understood that any chapter may be represented more often if it so desires. Twenty-five chapters were represented at the National Convention in 1929 and sixteen in 1930. Only eleven of the thirty-nine chapters were represented both times. In 1931 will there be thirty-nine represented? Attendance at a meeting of this nature should not be considered as a duty but a golden opportunity.

The business transacted may seem cold facts to the reader, but it is of vital importance to every member of Eta Sigma

Phi. Then, too, there are the good times to be considered—new friends, new sights, inspiration. Are not these worthwhile?

MEDALS

Now with graduation near at hand we should turn our attention again to the Eta Sigma Phi medal which is awarded to high school students who have done excellent work in fourth-year Latin (Vergil).

The medal project is considered one of the greatest achievements of Eta Sigma Phi, because it brings about a contact and close relationship between the students and Eta Sigma Phi. This spirit of fellowship existing between the two is invaluable to both.

Every chapter should strive to make the medal project a living thing which will stimulate the interest of high school students and instill in them a love of the classics. For from these students will come the future members of Eta Sigma Phi, and it will be the Vergil students of today who will tomorrow bear aloft the torch of the classics.

Since the Eta Sigma Phi medal is comparatively new, perhaps there are many people who are not acquainted with its history and do not know its significance. A brief history of the medal, which was prepared by Dr. Roy C. Flickinger, is given in this issue.

OFFICIAL JEWELRY

Perhaps by this time many of the members have purchased the new Eta Sigma Phi key. If you have not, it is time that you were considering it. Some time ago order blanks were mailed to each chapter, and if your supply is exhausted the Chapter Secretary or Treasurer should write to Wright and Street, official jewelers.

ANNOUNCEMENT

At former conventions of Eta Sigma Phi, the delegates have expressed a desire to purchase fraternity banners and pennants. Alpha Alpha at Winthrop College makes pennants in two sizes: A blanket pennant 36 inches by 18 inches for \$2.50 and a banner pennant 28 inches by 14 inches for \$1.75. The pennants are of purple felt with gold felt border and Greek letters Eta Sigma Phi. They will be able to fill orders by May 1.

Each chapter is asked to take up this matter and if interested write to Grace Tucker, Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C.

The next issue of the Nuntius will contain the minutes of the National Convention.

Minerva's Section

A COLONIAL CUSTOM REVIVED AT THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY

By *A. Pelsor Wagener, Ph. D.*
(*Honorary member, Omega Chapter*)

In our valiant efforts to modernize the teaching of the Classics and to prove their eternal interest and importance by emphasizing etymological values and treating the literature as a storehouse of information upon institutions, economics and social problems, and many other questions, we have been rather prone to minimize what, to my mind, should be one of the strongest incentives to the study of Greek and Latin. I refer to the traditional place which the study of the humanities has occupied continuously in the training and thought of the cultured people of America. This is a fact which has been noted time and again by leaders in varied spheres of professional and business life, who have argued for the retention of the Classics in our modern educational system. Even today, many of our colleges, among which William and Mary is happy to be classed, believe that training in the Classics is a heritage not only of which they are proud, but which they refuse to discard in favor of the claims of more highly vocational subjects. Why then should not the imagination of our student bodies be stirred by the preservation or renewal of those old institutional traditions in which this Classical heritage plays a major part?

It is in this spirit that on last November fifth at the College of William and Mary was revived a custom going back to the very earliest days of the college's history. Virginia as a state is fortunate in her Classical heritage, of which Mrs. P. W. Hiden has written so interestingly. On a wall of the church at Jamestown, the birthplace of the nation, by the side of the John Rolfe tablet, hangs the one dedicated to George Sandys, placed there in the fall of 1929 by the Virginia Classical Association. The inscription, composed in classic Latin by Professor Frank J. Miller, records how George Sandys, colonial treasurer of the Virginia Company and member of the Council of the colony, in the publication of his translation of the *Metamorphoses* of Ovid, produced the first work of Classical scholarship in America. In the old main building of the College of William and Mary (the Wren Building), the oldest collegiate structure in America, now being restored by Mr. John D. Rockefeller, we shall be able to see the hall, authentically furnished, used for the grammar school, where the boys learned their forms and read their Latin texts.

In English law, it was customary when making a grant to require as a formality payment of some sort to be made regularly as quit-rent. An example of such a provision is the annual payment of a deer made to the governor of Virginia by the Pamunkey Indians of King William County. In the

charter granted in 1693 by King William and Queen Mary to the college, by which twenty thousand acres of land were conveyed to the college, the following requirement for payment of quit-rent to them or their successors was incorporated. "On every fifth day of November, two copies of Latin verses yearly at the house of our governor or lieutenant governor of Virginia, for the time being, for ever, in full discharge, acquaintance, and satisfaction of all quit-rents, services, customs, dues and burdens whatsoever, due or to be due to us, or our successors, for the said twenty thousand acres of land, by the laws or customs of England or Virginia."

The existence of this provision in the charter of the college was of course known and it was further known that the provision had been complied with in Colonial times. In the *William and Mary Quarterly, Historical Magazine* (First Series, Vol. VII, No. 1 (July, 1898), pages 30-37 a reprint is published from the *Maryland Gazette* of Tuesday, June 17 and Tuesday, June 24, 1729 of the "Ultra Montane Expedition" in classic lines turned into English by Rev. George Seagood. This is a translation of the Latin verses presented to Alexander Spotswood, Governor of Virginia 1710-1722, by the College of William and Mary in compliance with the provisions of the charter. The presentation took place in November, 1716, two months after the return of the expedition carried out by Governor Spotswood and his companions across the Appalachian mountains. The expedition is the one made so famous by the gift to each member of the party of a small golden horseshoe with the motto, "Sic iuvat transcendere montes," causing the expedition to go down in history as that of the "Knights of the Golden Horseshoe." For his verses of that year, James Blair, president of the college, chose the subject, "The Suppression of the Late Rebellion," referring evidently to the Jacobite uprising of 1715. I wonder how many of our present college presidents could pay the college debt in such coin. Mr. Arthur Blackmore, the professor of Humanity or master of the grammar school, proved to be more happy, we are told, by his choice of the "Ultra Montane Expedition," as his subject.

Unfortunately we do not possess the original verses. From the translation, however, we see that Mr. Blackmore in a lengthy narrative poem treated the expedition of the "Knights of the Golden Horseshoe" in heroic style. The poem, after the usual address to the Muse, recounts the adventures of the party with wild beasts, snakes, and other natural perils of the wilderness. We find the "Rapidanna" compared to the Tiber as described by Horace, *Odes*, I, 2, 13-16. Graceful al-

lusions to Olympus, Ceres, Bacchus, Pomona, the Elysian Fields, the pursuit of Daphne by Apollo, and the Pillars of Hercules lend a Classic flavor.

It may be imagined, therefore, how delighted the authorities of the college were to receive word last year that in the George Chalmers Papers relating to Virginia, Vol. 3, now in the manuscript division of the New York Public Library, were verses which had actually been presented. Photostatic copies were at once made and the complete text, edited by E. M. Counsell, has been published in the William and Mary College Quarterly, Historical Magazine, Second Series, Vol. X, No. 3 (July, 1930), pages 269-274.

There are four distinct sets of verses, representing the years 1771, 1772, 1773, and 1774. All were presented to the Earl of Dunmore, governor of Virginia 1771-1775 and bear the superscription, "To His Excellency, the Right Honourable John, Earl of Dunmore, His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor General, Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia and Vice Admiral of the same." In view of the hatred felt for Lord Dunmore, the adulatory spirit manifested in general is rather remarkable, unless it be conceded to poetic license. However, that a royalist spirit must have existed in the faculty of the college is proved by a resolve of April 3, 1776 (recorded in the same series of papers, Vol. 4) of "a meeting of the President and Professors of William and Mary College" asking Lord Dunmore to "continue to act as a Visitor and Governor of the College and to afford Protection to the President and Professors as far as they shall appear to him to deserve his Countenance."

For the year 1771, there are two groups of verses, both written in Dactylic Hexameter metre. To the second group is prefixed the strophe "Serus in caelum redcas," etc. of Horace (odes, 1, 2, 45-48), which gives the theme. At the end is the endorsement, "Latin verses spoke by two Young Gentlemen of the College of William and Mary." For the year 1772, we have only one set of verses, the metre chosen being the Elegiac Couplet, the title, "Aude, hospes, contemnere opes." The presentation for 1773 starts with twelve elegiac couplets to which for theme are prefixed the lines from Ovid (*Epistulae ex Ponto*, 1, 3, 35-36), "Nescio qua natale solum dulcedine cunctos Ducit; et immemores non sinit esse cui." There follows what appears to be an interpolation of two pages in memory of their majesties William (died 1702) and Mary (died 1694) eulogizing them for the founding of the college. This is also in Elegiac metre. At the end is a leaf headed "Non Domi" introducing a paraphrase in Phalaecean metre of Epigram V, 22 of Martial. The verses for the year 1774 are entitled "Solis Invocatio" and consists of seventy-one Dactylic Hexameter lines.

Although of no high merit as poetry, filled as they are with obvious allusions, quotations, and adaptations from Latin poetry commonly read, the collection at least affords us some idea of what college students (or teachers) of the day were capable of doing in Latin verse composition. Furthermore, their discovery and publication have stimulated us of the present generation at William and Mary to revive the old custom; not only as carrying on an interesting tradition, but as giving to our modern students an idea of what the Classics really meant to the old college and the men of Colonial times. We hope

that thereby the incentive may be given our modern students to attempt similar original compositions.

On November fifth, therefore, a committee from the college consisting of the President of the College, Dr. J. A. C. Chandler; the Dean of the College, Dr. K. J. Hoke; the College Librarian, Dr. E. G. Swem; the Head of the Department of Ancient Languages, Dr. A. P. Wagener; and two representatives of the Senior Class, Messrs. W. L. Scott and J. W. Shoemaker called officially upon Governor John Garland Pollard of Virginia and, after being introduced by Colonel J. W. Williams, Chief of Staff, presented to the governor the prescribed copies of Latin verses. The verses, quoted below, had been composed by E. M. Counsell, a graduate of Oxford University and a member of the faculty in Ancient Languages during the year 1929-1930. The presentation took place very appropriately in the old hall of the House of Burgesses in the Capitol, which has been restored recently to its Colonial form. Already the verses for presentation on November 5, 1931 are being written by a graduate student and instructor now enrolled in the college. The honor will undoubtedly eventually become one to be keenly striven for.

LATIN VERSES PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA NOVEMBER 5, 1930

Viro Honestissimo Ioanni Garland Pollard

Praefecto Rei Publicae Virginiae

praeses, professores, discipulique Collegii Regis et Reginae Gulielmi et Mariae in Virginia, ex praescripto diplomatis antiqui collegii D. D. D.

Nonis Novembribus, Anno Domini MDCCCXXX

O felix, talem quae sis dignata saluti,

Virginia, ipsa tuae praeposuisse virum!

Qualem non regalis honos, non saeva cupido

imperii a patriae dulcis amore vocat.

Civis enim est, civisque iugo te temperat aequo

civibus et iusto iura dat ore suis.

Tullius alter adest; non inscius his quoque legum.

Hunc quoque custodem respicis, alma parens.

At tu, nostra salus, praeclarum imitare prioris

temporis exemplar, sis patriaeque pater.

Ne tamen haec quaecumque iuvent; maiora sequaris

et veterum certes exsuperare decus.

Te duce per populum redeant Saturnia regna,

mox redeat virtus religioque patrum;

Pax iterum laetam lustret cum Virgine terram

et teneant clausas Martia templa fores.

Tradidit ipse tibi clavum qui rexit in oras

communem optatas per vada caeca ratem.

Hic tibi monstret iter, doceat quae flabra minentur,

qua lateant scopuli, quaeque pericla maris.

Dique deaeque tibi faveant aurisque secundis

ad Musas revehant Aoniumque nemus.

Namque tui desiderio correpta caterva

doctorum reditus Pieridumque dolet.

Haec quae prasidibus patres sub rege dederunt

munera, nunc eadem dantur, honeste, tibi;

non tamen ut gens serva usum renovamus avorum,

regis at externi nescia ferre iugum,

Accipe dein nostri quam parva haec pignora amoris

et studium populi spernere parce tui.

The payment of the college's debt, long allowed to lapse, has been renewed at a particularly auspicious time, when the governor's chair is occupied by Dr. John Garland Pollard, who from 1922 until he entered upon his present office was Dean of the Marshall-Wythe School of Government and Citizenship at the college. The lines upon which Professor Counsell's poem is composed are of the eulogistic type. The references are easily understood by those familiar with the recent history of Virginia and with the characters concerned. The metre is the Elegiac Couplet, the most natural to employ. The allusions and figures are not strained. Governor H. F. Byrd, governor of Virginia 1926-1930 is of course referred to in the verses, "Tradidit ipse tibi" ff., as being Governor Pollard's predecessor in office and the man whose policies he has continued.

William and Mary is certainly not unique, at least among the old, historic institutions of learning in America, in having as an inheritance such a custom. I have devoted this article to its description in the hope that our action may lead to the revival of many more of the academic practices which show the vital part played by the Humanities in the everyday life of the college student in what is actually not a very distant past. Let us not bewail the fact that we have not been reared in the English conception of Classical training; but use the tools which our forefathers have actually left us as a heritage from the humanistic education which they enjoyed.

A ROMAN STREET SCENE

By *Horace W. Wright*

(*Honorary Member, Alpha Epsilon Chapter*)

Emerging at sunrise from a three-story frame lodging-house the client Flaccus, wrapped in a toga fairly white, but worn almost thread-bare, hurries in the direction of his patron's home to pay the usual morning call. Even in front of his own door, the street, which is no more than sixteen feet in width, is crowded with a throng of other clients, slaves in coarse cloaks and muddy shoes, women of the middle and lower classes, pedlers of sulphur-matches, old clothes, and what not, sellers of hot sausages and cakes of the kind that had appealed to school boys a little earlier, (for at sunrise the school-day had already begun), huge-framed Germans, Parthians, Cilicians, Cappadocians, Egyptians, Nubians, Dacians, and Alani, here and there a long-bearded philosopher in tattered robe, or Jewish boy sent out by his mother to beg. Flaccus himself, as are all the men of his station or higher, is clean-shaven and bare-headed in the warm October air.

The crowd even a few doors from home is so thick, that it is with difficulty that he crosses the muddy street sadly soiling his leather shoes in the transit. But worse discomfort follows, for scarcely has he turned a corner than a burly German, with whom he has nearly collided, throws him out of the way with such violence, that had not a good-natured Greek caught him, he might have broken his head against the wall.

In this case might makes right, for not only is the German too large an adversary to assail, but he is the foremost of a host of slaves and clients preceding the *sella* or sedan-chair, of a wealthy senator. The crowd scatters to right and left, making a path for the great man and his followers. Among the clients trudging in the rear with miry shoes and soiled, dripping toga, Flaccus recognizes an old friend, with whom he exchanges greetings.

As he reaches more and more the center of the city, the streets become almost impassible. He is now among a variety of shops, where, to add to the confusion, barbers and others are plying their trade on the sidewalk. In front of the taverns are posts to which huge flagons are chained by way of advertisement, and also to the increased annoyance of the passerby.

Pedlers, beggars and mountebanks of every description as well as pickpockets and cut-purses, abound, with here a ship-wrecked person carrying a bit of the wreck as he supplicates alms, there a juggler with trained goat and monkey, or a snake-charmer, striving to perform in the crowd. Up the street come a band of Egyptian priests of Isis with tonsured heads, bearing the goddess's image along with them. Across the way can be distinguished several tattooed Britons and beside them the swarthy features of a gigantic Ethiopian slave.

Once more the crowd gives way, this time before the hexaphoron or litter borne by six slaves, of a noble matron. The curtains are drawn, and the lady is doubtless napping while thus carried to her morning calls, on the broad shoulders of her Nubian in red mantles, other slaves following before and after. Litters and sedans are multiplying, many of them with curtains wide apart, their noble occupants enjoying the scene and adding color to it by the purple borders of their togas, or in many cases the varied hue of the lacerna, a shorter mantle thrown over the toga. Nor are litters the privilege solely of the well-born, for time and again appear those of nouveau-riche gorgeously decked in many-hued lacernae and loaded with bracelets and rings.

As the Flavian Amphitheatre is reached, the crowd, now grown to proportions almost inconceivable to a modern, unless he pictures the throngs at the rush hours in the New York subways, falls back with such precipitation as actually to kill some three or four persons, both children and adults. The occasion of this sudden commotion is the approach of the emperor's German guards in gleaming armor, followed by several Moorish slaves leading elephants from the imperial stables.

Flaccus is much relieved to turn into a slightly less crowded side-street, but as he reaches the summit of a hill and, though short of breath, hurries to pass out of the way of some carts loaded with marble for a new temple under construction, he is deluged by a pail of water from a second-story window above him. He is glad enough at last to reach the vestibule of his patron's house on the Esquiline.

Muses' Section

HORACE, ODES, I, 9

*By Dr. C. G. Brouzas
(Phi Chapter)*

Behold, how high Soracte stands
And glistens white with sparkling snows;
The trees in trouble bend their heads,
And rivers stilled in icy throes!

Away with cold! In plenty pile
The logs upon the glowing hearth,
And take, O Thaliarchus, wine
That's pure and comes from mother earth!

Let gods take care of other things,
Who in a nod make winds subside
Though ne'er so mad; and mountain-ash
And cypress, by their moods abide.

Avoid to ask what days will bring
Dame Fortune, and as gain,
My friend, consider what is sent,
Nor lose thy love in vain!

So long as crabbed age is far,
Enjoy thy green and youthful whirls,—
The gentle murmurs through the eve,
And trysting hours with loving girls.

Now let the merry laughter peal,
That shows your love, though hiding well,
And snatch a bracelet or a ring
From finger that would scarce rebel.

HORACE, ODES, I, XXIII

*By Florence Bailey
(Beta Chapter)*

You shun me, Chloe, like a fawn,
Trembling, afraid, in mountain lair,
Hating the breeze that blows upon
Her tender skin; and, woebegone,
Searching for mama everywhere.

And though the verdant spring be there
Stirring the oak-tree with its thrill,
The little fawn is unaware
Of beauty in the branches fair.
From knees to heart, she shudders still.

And yet I seek not, fragile thing,
To hold you in a lion's grip;
No tiger's savage soul I bring :—
Come, leave your mother's apron-string
For love,—and man's companionship!

TO SOPHOCLES

*By Dr. C. G. Brouzas
(Phi Chapter)*

O Colonean Bard, the glory of the stage!
A bard and seer and artist of immortal gifts!
I marvel at thy beauteous phrase and lofty thoughts
And harmonies of haunting beauty and of form
So faultless, so imperishable, true and sweet.

Unwritten laws divine, and the immortal change
From mortal, and the human heart in love and hate
And sacrifice—thou sawst them deeply and with gaze
Assured and steady, seeing all, and all complete,
Believing in the goodness of the World and God.
Sad Ajax, Philoctetes' lonely life, the pyre
Of mighty Hercules, the Maiden's piteous wail,
The Youth's triumphing honor over falsehood's ways
And Oedipus, the tragic and his birth and death—
A thousand life's immortal strings and subtle shades
Thou hast for ever crystallized with thy supreme
And stately art and ever-varied, ever-changing hues,
Enshrined in thy melodious verse and thoughts
Divine, sublime, immortal, ever-true and strong.

Mycenae, Thebes, Aegean, Troy-land, and the ward
Of stern Minerva, ring with glorious paeans thou
Hast sung for them every age and soil and clime
With glorious odes, magnificent with rolling waves
Of ever-varied melody that fits the ears of God.

O Sophocles, the noblest tragic muse of all the world,
The peerless artist and the seer of human heart,
Inimitable pattern of the tragic stage!

CATULLUS 46

*By Dr. C. G. Brouzas
(Phi Chapter)*

Now spring with gentle breezes blows,
The balmy Zephyr drowns
The fury of the wintry sky;
Now leave, Catullus, Phrygia's plains
And then Nicaea's sultry field
That richly yield the golden grain,
And soon to Asia fly,
Where famous cities rear their crowns

My spirit longs with joy to roam;
My feet with gladsome zeal
Are all aflutter for my home
Its boundless joys to feel.
O noble group of comrades dear,
That came with me the selfsame way,
But will not go with me this year,
I bid you all adieu today.

Lares' and Penates' Section

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETA SIGMA PHI MEDAL

The Committee on Eta Sigma Phi Medal begs to submit the following report:

From March 1, 1929, when the medals first became available, until December 31, 1929, there were sold 482 medals. The financial situation as of the latter date is given herewith:

Postage	\$ 24.06
Exchange on Checks.....	2.67
500 Medals	628.80
Checks Returned (others having been issued)	3.09
Order Blanks	4.50
	\$663.12
Total	\$663.12
Cash on Hand, December 31, 1929....	\$ 79.13

The Committee has had this account audited by Professor Frederick Lazell of the University of Iowa faculty, who acts as auditor also for the Classical Journal advertising. His report is inclosed herewith and pronounces Miss Saltzman's report as Registrar to be correct.

It should be remembered that a year ago we started without a single medal to sell, without an order blank, a postage stamp, of any money with which to purchase any of these things. On January 1, 1930, therefore, we had arisen to the position of having 16 medals on hand, a supply of stamps, order blanks, and \$79.13. It should be remembered also that for most of this period the medal was sold at the old price of \$1.50, which allowed a very narrow margin of profit after transportation of the medals from New York to Iowa City and postage on the individual orders and correspondence in connection therewith were paid.

Under the old price if the customer desired to have his medal insured, he added the cost of the insurance to his order. However, a school in Vermont ordered two medals without insurance, which the principal claimed were never delivered, and the school refused payment until delivery was obtained. This will explain the discrepancy of two medals in the report as already itemized, and raised the question with the Committee as to how such a situation should be dealt with. It seemed best to raise the price of the medals so as to include insurance in every case and at the same time to raise the price so as to increase a little the margin of profit. The Committee finally decided upon the new figure of \$1.65 per medal. Since the medals cost \$1.25 each in New York City, this allows 40 cents instead of the old margin of 25 cents, out of which to pay all incidental charges now including insurance.

The big sale of medals of course comes in the spring of the year with a smaller sale just before the midyear gradua-

tion. From January 1, 1920, to date Miss Saltzman has received orders for 269 medals and of course we expect her to sell several hundred more during the next two or three months. It is impossible to present an up-to-date financial statement at this moment for the reason that the medals are often purchased by school boards who do not pay until after their orders have been filled. But of course there will be an enlarged profit on this business under the new price, and a full statement will be supplied in due time.

It is almost necessary that Miss Saltzman maintain a cash balance which will never sink below \$150 net and of course it has taken her almost up to the present to reach this figure. The need of this cash balance is due to the fact that we order medals in 100 lots and the manufacturer likes to be paid for our orders promptly and not have to wait until we have sold the medals. Over and above this figure the Committee recognizes that accrued profits belong to the national treasury of Eta Sigma Phi and we shall be in a position within the next few months of beginning to make payments on this account.

In connection with the foregoing, however, the Committee wishes to raise another question with the consent of Epsilon Chapter. The idea of the medal originated with Mr. Flickinger, who presented it at the Iowa City Convention through the Epsilon Chapter in the spring of 1928. He was made chairman of a committee with authority to carry through the project, which was recognized, however, as being the activity of Epsilon Chapter, and the Committee was authorized to appoint a registrar from this chapter to conduct the sale of the medals. The Committee has estimated that 250 medals would be sold the first year and 500 the second, figures which were considered utterly fantastic by most people who heard them. But as a matter of fact, the sale of the medals for the first year was nearly double the estimate and the sale of medals for the second will certainly exceed the estimate. It goes without saying that the carrying on of such an enterprise involves a great deal of work. It would be quite impossible for any undergraduate student to spare the time. It has only been possible for Miss Saltzman to carry on in this way because she was employed by the University as Mr. Flickinger's secretary and allowed to use some of her free time in that capacity for this work and in addition has given generously of her own leisure time, for which of course she has received no compensation either from the University or from Eta Sigma Phi. The Committee is of the opinion that some allowance might well be made to Miss Saltzman in this connection from the profits of the enterprise to date, but leaves this subject to the discretion of the National Convention.

However, the work is becoming too large to be handled even by a person situated like Miss Saltzman. There has been some suggestion of Eta Sigma Phi employing a national officer on a part-time or full-time basis. The Committee there-

fore recommends that if this should prove feasible, the sale of the medals be transferred from Epsilon to the new national officer. This recommendation is made with the knowledge and acquiescence of Epsilon Chapter.

In conclusion, the Committee wishes to thank the various chapters and the Classical Journal for assisting in the sale and the distribution of the medals, and it recommends that at the

very least the Convention adopt a vote of thanks to Miss Saltzman for her labors in connection with the sale of the medals.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy C. Flickinger, *Chairman*
Clark Kuebler
Linn Mathews

CHAPTER REPORTS

GAMMA, OHIO UNIVERSITY

Gamma Chapter has held its regular meetings throughout the first semester. The annual celebration of the Saturnalia was a feature of the pre-Christmas meeting.

The Christmas card sale which was sponsored by the chapter was a decided success. This sale will probably be made an annual drive for replenishing the treasury of the chapter.

On February 25 three new members were initiated into our chapter. They are Mrs. Katherine Schmidt, a junior, and Dorothy Carney and Evelyn Underwood, seniors.

All chapters of Eta Sigma Phi in Ohio were interested in a movement through which a fund was raised by contributions from Latin students in the state to erect a bust of Vergil in the niche on the approach to his tomb at Naples. This bust was set up as a part of the program in commemoration of the two thousandth birthday anniversary of Vergil.

DELTA, FRANKLIN COLLEGE

Delta chapter held very impressive initiation services for two candidates at the November meeting, making the total membership ten.

Eta Sigma Phi joined with the Classical Club in giving a Christmas party. Christmas carols were sung in Latin, and Latin games were played. Following this a social hour was spent and gifts were exchanged. Plans are now under way for a joint Spring Banquet for the two clubs. An extensive program is being formulated. The chapter delights in promoting joint activities with the hope that it may foster good feeling in prospective members.

At present the thing uppermost in our plans is the National Convention. It is our aim not only to send an official delegate, but also a large number of the organization to the University of Cincinnati. We are looking forward with great pleasure to visiting our neighbor chapter.

Our chapter has definitely decided to present a medal to the outstanding Latin student graduating from the local High School.

EPSILON, UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Epsilon Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi at the State University of Iowa began the program of the new semester with the initiation of five new members. Four new members had previously been taken into our group at the meeting held in October.

When the American Philological Association and the Archaeological Institute of America, along with the Conference of Iowa Latin Teachers, convened in Iowa City during the Christmas holidays, Epsilon Chapter took charge of the registration and helped entertain the delegates.

The Xi Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi invited the Epsilon Chapter to a dinner at Coe College on March 4. Plans were made for a joint banquet with the Classical Club of the University on the twelfth of March.

We shall, as has been done the past two years, continue to award Eta Sigma Phi medals for scholastic excellence in Latin to high school seniors in the vicinity, but this year we plan to award two medals to the Iowa City High School, whereas previously we have given but one.

ZETA, DENISON UNIVERSITY

We initiated nine new members on January twentieth. We have been enjoying programs dealing with different phases of Vergil's life and works, during the first semester. Papers were read by several members of the club. This semester we are going to turn our attention to a study of Greek life and literature.

Dr. R. S. Conway, of Manchester, England, gave a very interesting lecture here, February third, on *Vergil's Vision of the World*. Following the lecture, the chapter entertained the faculty and student members of Phi Beta Kappa at a reception in his honor.

ETA, FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

The program of Eta Chapter planned for this year was based on an intensive study of the satire. Regular reports on the Classical Journal have been given at meetings. During the February meeting Miss Edith West, Eta sponsor, gave an interesting account of her trip to Italy, which she made this past summer in company with Miss Olivia Dorman.

The extension work with the alumnae and classic teachers throughout the state has been carried on successfully. We are fortunate to have with us this year as an associate member Miss Frances Theleman, a new member of the faculty. Miss Theleman is a Phi Beta Kappa and has studied in Rome.

We are planning to celebrate Founders' Day with a banquet, and at the same time we are planning an exhibit of things relating to Eta Sigma Phi in order to make better known on the campus the purpose and objectives of the honorary.

Several honors have come to members of Eta Chapter this year. Margaret Scott and Martha Brodmerkle were initiated into the Educational Honorary, Kappa Delta Phi. Lillian Kocker and Betty Owens were given bids to the Spanish Honorary, Phi Beta Sigma. Lillian also made French Honorary, Beta Phi Theta.

Eta has been working hard on financial plans for sending a delegate to the convention. The chapter is looking forward to meeting other members of Eta Sigma Phi from other colleges and universities.

THETA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Theta Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi at Indiana University, is planning on taking an active part in the Classical Convention of the Mid-West and South, which is to be held on the university campus during April 2, 3, and 4. It is also assisting in the plans for the State Latin Contest, the finals of which are to be held at Bloomington.

At present, the chapter has an active membership of seventeen, and approximately twelve new members will be initiated sometime in the near future.

KAPPA, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

Kappa Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi and the Colorado College Classical Club held a joint meeting at the home of President and Mrs. Mierow on Friday evening, January 16. The main feature of the program was an interesting account of the Vergilean Cruise by Mrs. Archer Butler Hulbert (nee Dorothy Printup), who is a charter member of Kappa Chapter.

Mrs. Hulbert was before her marriage a member of the Department of Classics at Colorado College. She is a graduate of Oberlin, holds the Master of Arts degree from Radcliffe, and has studied in the Graduate School of the University of Chicago.

The choice of officers for the present academic year was left to a Nominating Committee who are to report back at a later meeting.

MU, UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

Mu Chapter is making extensive plans for the seventh annual Convention. We hope to make it the largest in the history of Eta Sigma Phi and have 100% representation.

NU, MORNINGSIDE COLLEGE

The Nu Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi has enjoyed an interesting year. Four new members have joined our ranks. We also have three probationary pledges who will become active members at the meeting of March 9, since they now have fulfilled the requirements. This is the first year that this plan has been used in our chapter, and we find it very satisfactory.

We are offering two medals to high school students for meritorious work in Latin. A tea will be given for these high school students on the twenty-third of March, in order to interest them further in the Classics.

As a result of Professor Flickinger's suggestion published in the Classical Journal, our Greek Drama class is putting on a play in a very simple fashion. The name of the play is "*Iphigenia among the Taurians*" and is to be presented at a meeting of our chapter.

RHO, DRAKE UNIVERSITY

Rho Chapter held its January meeting at the home of the president, Miss Marjorie Eisenbeis. Mr. Howard Steele gave an interesting talk on the evolution of the alphabet.

On February 17, we were happy to initiate the Misses Winifred Byrnes and Wilma Stringfellow, both of Des Moines. Instead of having a formal banquet after our initiation as we formerly have, we had an informal spread. Miss Minnie Keyes, assistant professor of Latin, told us something about Greek Drama with emphasis on *Antigone*. We all enjoyed it very much.

Rho Chapter is still hoping and planning to send a delegate to the Convention at Cincinnati.

SIGMA, MIAMI UNIVERSITY

Sigma Chapter has been continuing to celebrate Vergil's birth by devoting a part of our regular meetings to a Vergil program.

At this time we are preparing for the initiation of new members. This year we had over twenty people eligible for membership from the Latin and the Greek departments. We are planning to hold our initiation some time in March, but as yet arrangements have not been completed.

Since we are not far from Cincinnati where the National Convention will be held this spring, we hope to take advantage of the opportunity of attending the convention.

TAU, UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Tau Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi is quite pleased and gratified by the rapid progress that its Classical Club is accomplishing of late. The Classical Club was inaugurated at the University for the purpose of stimulating and encouraging the study of Ancient Languages. In the past few weeks its membership has more than doubled, and roll call has found the attendance unusually good.

We are looking forward with great enthusiasm to the National Convention soon to be held in Cincinnati. We expect to be well represented and to derive much benefit therefrom.

UPSILON, MISSISSIPPI STATE COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

Upsilon Chapter, at Mississippi State College for Women, has continued its study of Latin literature as a whole, according to schedule. At its last meeting, a program was presented on the authors of the Augustan Age, including elegists, historians as represented by Livy, didactic poets, writers of tragedy as represented by Seneca, and certain minor Augustan men of letters.

CHI, COE COLLEGE

Chi Chapter sends greetings to all the chapters of Eta Sigma Phi and hopes that they will have had a successful a winter as we.

At the close of the first semester we presented bronze medals to the students of each high school having the highest scholastic average in Latin.

We had an interesting dinner early in March. Our chapter entertained the Iowa University chapter at a dinner at the Hotel Montrose. This was the first time the two chapters had done a thing of that sort. Among the speakers were Professor Flickinger, head of the University Latin department and a founder of Eta Sigma Phi, and Professor Miller, professor emeritus of Latin, of the University of Chicago. It was a very successful function, and we hope to repeat the experiment again.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at convention.

PSI, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Psi Chapter was very fortunate at its last meeting in having Dr. Charles Little of Peabody College talk on his Vergilian travels. Dr. Little was in Mantua on the birthday, October 15. Although he did not go on the Vergilian tour, he followed the scene of the last six books of the Aeneid. His talk, however, centered around Mantua.

This year we have abandoned our custom of entertaining all the students studying the classics. We are awaiting until our election of new members, and then plan to entertain the new members.

OMEGA, COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY

Omega Chapter in December held initiation services at the home of Dr. A. P. Wagener, Head of the Department of Ancient Languages, and fifteen persons were admitted into Eta Sigma Phi. After the initiation the Saturnalia was celebrated. Martial's epigrams which named some gift were distributed before the meeting, and each person brought the corresponding article. Red liberty caps lent color and merriment to the occasion. Refreshments consisted of food true to Roman taste.

In January Miss Elizabeth Saunders of Newport News gave an interesting lecture illustrated by slides on Rome and other places of interest in Italy.

ALPHA EPSILON, LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

Due to the withdrawal of President Leslie M. Cohn from school, the Vice-President, Edgar A. Collins, automatically succeeds to the Presidency. Sidney Lancit was elected to the Vice-Presidency for the remainder of the scholastic year.

Alpha Epsilon entertained as guest speaker on February 3, Professor Charles Knapp of Columbia University and Barnard College, a noted Latin scholar and authority. He selected for his topic, "*Cicero as a Man of Letters.*"

Immediately after Easter we had a second guest speaker from New York University, Professor E. G. Sibley. He spoke on "*Greek Culture Throughout the Ages.*"

ALPHA IOTA, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Alpha Iota Chapter has had a very successful year. Three new members were initiated at the beginning of the second semester. The Chapter is planning to entertain for the fifteen high school Latin students that will come to the campus for the finals of the State Latin Contest. Two members of our Classical Department attended the Southern Classical Association Meet, April 24, 25, at Athens, Ga.

ALPHA MU, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Since the beginning of the school year, Alpha Mu has initiated eight new members and is now planning to have an Eta Sigma Phi dinner in March.

In recognition of his establishment of the Beird Classical Prize at the University of Missouri, Mr. Charles Beird has been elected to honorary membership by Alpha Mu.

The chapter also initiated sixteen new members.

ALPHA OMICRON, LAWRENCE COLLEGE

At the beginning of this term Alpha Omicron Chapter gave a reception for all Classical students at Lawrence College. In November six new members were initiated at a formal dinner.

One of the most interesting meetings of the year was the Saturnalian Banquet which was given in December with the cooperation of the Classical Club. All the members wore togas and were served a Roman dinner in typical Roman manner by the slaves, a group of Freshmen.

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