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NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT'S LETTER

With our next National Convention immediately ahead, it is now a good time to review the advances since our last Convention in our plans for reactivation of Eta Sigma Phi.

At our National Convention of April, 1947, at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, the office of National Vice-President was revived by the Grand Executive Council pro tempore. As the newly elected National Vice-President, I became head of the Committee on Reactivation and Expansion.

In order to secure ample geographic distribution of Committee membership, four members were appointed from regions other than the northeast, where the National Vice-President's college is located. The Committee thus includes: Isabelle R. Schwerdtmann, Washington University, Saint Louis, Missouri; Margaret Yancy, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia; Helen Condylis, Westhampton College, University of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia; Jack Scott, Franklin College, Franklin, Indiana.

We sent letters to all Chapters of Eta Sigma Phi, except those represented at the Williamsburg Convention, with hopes of reviving their interest in the Fraternity. Besides giving a brief report of the Convention, the letters told of the provision made for the reactivation of Chapters which had become delinquent in the payment of their dues. Rather than impose upon them the fine provided by the Constitution, the Convention resolved that the mere payment of present dues would reinstate a delinquent Chapter.

We have been very much pleased with the increase in the number of currently active Chapters, now numbering forty, according to the January number of The Nuntius.

Our duty includes also the reception of requests from colleges desiring the formation of Eta Sigma Phi Chapters. We have been in communication with interested groups at: Sam Houston State Teachers College, Texas; The College of Saint Catherine, Minnesota; The College of Notre Dame of Maryland; Marymount College, Kansas; Illinois State Normal University, Illinois.

In each case the group has been sent a copy of the Constitution, as well as instructions to submit a petition for membership to the Executive Secretary if they can fulfill the admission requirements imposed by the Constitution.

This Committee on Reactivation and Expansion feels that, if we have but revived interest in Eta Sigma Phi, we have made an important step towards a more active future.

As we realize the advances towards reactivation which our Fraternity has made in this past

NATIONAL SECRETARY'S LETTER

We are well advanced beyond the portals of another year, a year that has looked more promising for Eta Sigma Phi than did the several previous ones when the Fraternity was without National Officers and a majority of the Chapters had become inactive as a result of the war years. Since the National Convention of last April, many dormant Chapters have been goaded out of their lethargy by the admirable work of the National Vice-President and his associates; and the Officers and Board of Trustees have been cooperatively working toward rebuilding the organization. The Fraternity has a splendid pre-war reputation, and we are attempting to raise it to the same heights, so that others may build a record even more enviable. With the renewed publication of The Nuntius and the forthcoming restitution of the Annual Essay Contest, we are well on the way to reviving our past traditions.

The National Convention will be held in Saint Louis this year, and we are hoping that it will be even more successful than the one held last year. Saint Louis will be especially convenient for the mid-western Chapters, but we expect all parts of the country to be represented. The delegates at the Convention are the policy makers of the Fraternity; and only if the National Convention is supported may we hope for existence as an organization.

My best wishes go out to all of you for an interesting and productive year in Eta Sigma Phi. May we all strive to promote a love of the classical heritage and thus to make stronger the flame of classical learning.

C. Robert Held,
Gettysburg College.

FROM THE NATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT

National Treasurer Richard Wilcox, Ohio University, in a comprehensive report dated February 18, 1948, pointed out that only ten of the forty active Chapters had at that date remitted national dues to his office.

Top honors here went to Omega Chapter, College of William and Mary, which reported one honorary member, nineteen active members, and twenty-six initiates, and sent its check for \$71.00.

It is to be hoped that since February 18 the National Treasurer will have heard from numerous additional Chapters, so that his Convention Report may be more encouraging.

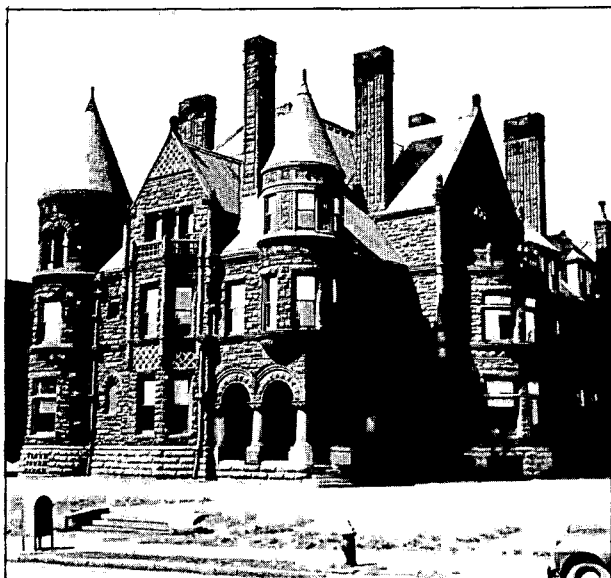
year, we become confident of continual growth in the future, as well as sure of a successful Convention this April.

Let the spirit of earnest endeavor, good will, and friendship pervade the body of Eta Sigma Phi and bind us all together.

Frank C. Tatem, Jr., Lehigh University

PROGRAM OF THE TWENTIETH NATIONAL CONVENTION

Washington University (Alpha Xi) and Saint Louis University and Affiliated Colleges (Beta Zeta), Saint Louis, will be joint hosts at the Twentieth National Convention of Eta Sigma Phi, on



Chouteau House, Saint Louis University

April 5 and 6. Housing will be at Hotel Melbourne, Grand and Lindell Boulevards. A letter to all Chapters dated March 13 included directions for hotel reservations and a listing of rates.

The Local Committee on Arrangements is made up of the following persons: Travis Ussury, Washington University, and Ray Hutchison, Saint Louis University, Co-Chairmen; Mary Esther Finnegan and Gene Hogan, Saint Louis University; Ann Kelly and George Sneed, Washington University.

A final program will be available at the Convention. Meantime, the following preliminary draft is presented:

Monday, April 5, at Saint Louis University:

9:00 A.M. Registration, Chouteau House.

10:30 A.M. General Meeting, Chouteau House.

11:30 A.M. Complimentary Luncheon, Des Peres Hall.

12:30 P.M. Meeting of the Grand Executive Council, Sodality Hall.

1:15 P.M. General Meeting, Chouteau House.

3:00 P.M. Complimentary Lecture and Tea, Chouteau House.

5:30 P.M. Dinner, Des Peres Hall.

8:00 P.M. General Meeting, Alumnae Room of Maryville College of Saint Louis University; followed by a Complimentary Informal Dance, under the auspices of The Saint Louis University Classical Club, in the Lounge.

Tuesday, April 6, at Washington University:

9:15 A.M. Meeting of the newly elected Grand Executive Council, Faculty Room of Lee Hall.

9:30 A.M. General Meeting, Faculty Room of Lee Hall.

12:30 P.M. Complimentary Luncheon, Macmillan Hall.

1:30 P.M. General Meeting, room to be assigned; followed by a program of entertainment under the auspices of Alpha Xi Chapter, Washington University.

4:00 P.M. Tea, at the Home of Chancellor Arthur H. Compton of Washington University.

There will be a registration fee of three dollars, to be paid by each delegate. Rail, bus, and air travel facilities are unusually convenient. As a result, delegates should in most cases be able to make hotel reservations for Monday night only, and to check out on Tuesday morning, so as to reduce their expenses for the trip.

One-half the expenses of National Officers for attending the National Convention is defrayed by the Fraternity. Expenses of delegates from local Chapters are, of course, not provided for by the Fraternity itself. In some instances, local Chapters may be able to finance this item, or funds may possibly be made available through student governing bodies of the institutions concerned.

Delegates should bring official credentials from their Chapter officers. Chapters unable to be represented are urged to send a written report to the National Convention, embodying recommendations and proposals for consideration at the General Meetings.



Brookings Hall, Washington University

EDITOR LECTORI

WITHOUT YOU, NOTHING!

"You" in the sense of this slight editorial notice means each individual member of Eta Sigma Phi. "You" were sufficiently interested in this organization to accept the invitation to membership, after first having exhibited the rather high attainments that membership implies. "You" did at the time of your induction into your own Chapter voluntarily assume the duties, as well as the privileges, of membership.

Without "you" the Fraternity can be and do nothing. "You" are ultimately the weaver of its destinies, the arbiter of its success or failure. With "you" depends the ultimate outcome of the present resurgence of activities, the reactivation of old Chapters, the acceptance of new Chapters, the actualizing of the Fraternity's projects.

There is again this year an Essay Contest: are "you" planning to participate? Immediately ahead is the Twentieth National Convention: if not yourself a delegate, are "you" interesting yourself in the choice of delegates from your own Chapter, sponsoring discussion of proposals to be made, concerning yourself with ideas for the new National Officers to be elected?

Trustees and National Officers have their place, to be sure, but they are meaningless without "you"--colonels without a regiment, leaders without a following. But if "you" are really interested and active, there is hope for Eta Sigma Phi today and tomorrow.

"ARCHAEOLOGY"--A NEW STAR

Dated March, 1948, the first number of Archaeology, a popular journal devoted to antiquity in various phases of archaeological investigation, has made its appearance as a welcome addition to publications dealing in whole or in part with classical civilization.

Its editor is Professor Jotham Johnson, of Washington Square College, New York University; its sponsor is the Archaeological Institute of America. Archaeology's more learned elder sister is the American Journal of Archaeology; either publication may now be received by annual members of the Institute as part of their membership privileges; sustaining members receive both magazines. There are also non-member subscriptions.

With abundant illustrations, clearly and popularly written articles, and the happy editorial direction of Professor Johnson, Archaeology is getting off to an excellent start. Undergraduates in the throes of term papers for Greek or Latin or history courses will find it invaluable; and the general reader will soon be convinced by it that archaeology is both a live and a lively field.

The Nuntius salutes Archaeology on its first appearance, with a sincere "ad multos annos!"

EDITOR--ET SECRETARIUS ADMINISTRATIVUS

TO SHARE THE GREAT TRADITION

We of Eta Sigma Phi are convinced of the importance of Greek and Latin studies, of the abiding values the achievements of classical antiquity have for the world of today, of the permanent good that can accrue from those achievements. In a word, "the great tradition" is to us a rallying cry and a watchword.

Too often we are quiescent and listless in these convictions--apathetic, perhaps, in the confidence of our own intellectual riches, while others, with wares less valuable and disciplines less worthy, noisily and busily announce them as the best in educational tools.

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We need to be sensibly aggressive, reasonably vocal. "Latin Week", scheduled for April 18 through 25, offers a chance for good classical "advertising". Every Chapter should have a program, and this program should, in turn, be reported to the National Office. Chapters within the territory of The Classical Association of the Middle West and South should make a report also to Miss Essie Hill, 2311 Ringo Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas, general Chairman for "Latin Week" in the CAMWS.

Perhaps there are high schools in your vicinity planning to celebrate "Latin Week". Members of Eta Sigma Phi should make themselves available to the Latin faculty in case they are needed. Then, too, when high school seniors begin talking of college entrance and college courses, a word from a collegian in favor of Latin or Greek may turn the tide. Who but members of the Fraternity are in a better position to say that word?

Then, too, members should have the new membership card. This, along with a personal "shingle", is available for twenty-five cents from the office of the Executive Secretary. The membership card, pictured above, is in green. "Shingles" require the signatures of the National President and National Secretary and so take a bit longer to reach their destination. Hence the National office should be allowed sufficient time.

"A LOOK AT THE PAST"

In cooperation with the department of classical languages, the Radio Production Unit at Saint Louis University has recently begun a series of programs called "A Look at the Past". These are fifteen minute dramatizations of scenes from classical history and the classical literatures, and they are broadcast over the University Radio Station W-E-W (770), on Mondays at 2:30 P.M., and over W-E-W/F-M (95.1) on Mondays at 7:15 P.M. They are intended for schools and the general radio audience.

The following programs have thus far been given: January 26, "The Death of a City", story of the fall of Troy; February 2, "Displaced Persons, B.C.", story of the wanderings of Aeneas; February 9, "The Olympic Games", story of the national games of Greece; February 16, "Ghandi of the Greeks", story of the death of Socrates; February 23, "The Rest of a Hero", story of the death of Hector; March 1, "The Kingdom of the Birds", adaptation of Aristophanes' masterpiece of the same name; March 8, "Escapist's Paradise", story of the land of the lotus-eaters; March 15, "Render to Caesar", story of the Antigone of Sophocles.

It is planned to continue the programs for some months. The script is written by Miss Jean Fahey and direction is by Mr. Syl Binkin.

"LISTS AND NAMES, PLEASE!"

Miss Betty Convy, capable assistant to the Executive Secretary, says in a moment of slight desperation: "Please, please ask those Chapters which have not done so to send their Chapter lists--exact names of all officers and members, with the school and home address of each person --and with an indication of membership status (whether active, associate, or honorary)!" Please, therefore, if the invitation applies, send the information in.

THE NUNTIVS, VOLUME 1, NUMBER 1

As far as we are aware, the only complete file of The Nuntivs is in the office of the Executive Secretary. Any one else having a file could perform a beneficent deed by giving it to the Fraternity. A glance at the first issue shows a mimeographed, four-page journal, dated at Chicago, in November, 1926, and bound in a purple folder with gold lettering. The roll-call of Chapters lists nine as active, and three additional as admitted at the Second National Convention but not yet installed. An article on "How Eta Sigma Phi Began" traces the Fraternity to a group of students at the University of Chicago in 1911 with an organization known as "Phi Sigma" and remarks that "at first only students of Greek were admitted. Later, however, Latin students were included".

MEETINGS OF CLASSICAL INTEREST

Quite a number of meetings in various parts of the country are being scheduled by classical groups or groups including classical teachers. Members of Eta Sigma Phi may wish to volunteer their services, as registrars, ushers, and aides. A partial list of such meetings for the second semester of the current school year follows:

February 12-14: The Eighth Annual Meeting of the Illinois Classical Conference was held in Belleville, under the Presidency of Professor Charles J. Adamec of Knox College. On the first evening the Conference met jointly with The Classical Club of Saint Louis in Saint Louis.

April 1-3: Forty-fourth Annual Meeting of The Classical Association of the Middle West and South, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Professor Dorrance S. White of the State University of Iowa is President.

April 2-3: Forty-second Annual Meeting of The Classical Association of New England, at Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts: Professor Van L. Johnson of Tufts College is Secretary-Treasurer.

April 5-6: Twentieth National Convention of Eta Sigma Phi, at Washington and Saint Louis Universities, Saint Louis, Missouri; Mr. Herbert Tucker of The College of William and Mary is National President.

April 22-24: Foreign Language Conference at the University of Kentucky; Professor Jonah W. D. Skiles is Director of the Conference.

April 23-24: Annual Meeting of The Classical Association of the Atlantic States at the University of Pittsburgh; Professor Franklin B. Krauss of Pennsylvania State College is Secretary-Treasurer.

April 30-May 1: Fifth Classical Conference at Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa; Professor Mark E. Hutchison is Director of the Conference.

May 7-8: Third Foreign Language Conference at Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, Louisiana; Director, Professor G. Waldo Dunnington.

June 17-19: Gala Latin Institute of the American Classical League at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio; Professor Henry C. Montgomery of Miami University is Secretary-Treasurer.

"THE LATIN YOU SPEAK TODAY"

As was announced in the January 15 number of The Nuntivs, Professor Murley's pamphlet, the 1948 Latin Week Bulletin, is available at the office of the Executive Secretary: ten cents each, for one to twenty-four copies; seven cents each, for twenty-five to ninety-nine copies; five cents each, for one hundred copies or more. "The Latin You Speak Today" deals genially with derivatives, and it is being very enthusiastically received.

AMONG THE CHAPTERSPI, BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN COLLEGE

Beginning its activities for the year with an initiation of two new members and a buffet supper on October 29, 1947, Pi Chapter has been carrying on a program dealing with the ancient theatre, under the direction of William Johnson, Program Chairman. There are monthly meetings, with discussions of the ancient theatre and of the works of the Greek and Roman playwrights. The programs are so arranged that all members are able to participate in them at each meeting. The following are the officers: Prytanis, Herbert H. Harper, Jr.; Hyparchos, William Johnson; Grammateus, Charles Q. Butler; Chrysophylax, Richard Allison. Professor H.R. Butts is Faculty Adviser.

SIGMA, MIAMI UNIVERSITY, OXFORD

Elizabeth Denham, Grammateus, writes on February 23 that "Sigma Chapter is now well re-established. We are holding two meetings each month, which are devoted to the discussion of historical biography. Thus far we have discussed Herodotus, Thucydides, Polybius, and Sallust". On February 9 the Chapter sponsored a lecture on "General Problems of Roman Imperial Art" as an offering to the whole campus. The speaker was Dr. Erwin W. Palm, Professor of Archaeology, History of Art, and Aesthetics, at the University of Santo Domingo, who is on a lecture tour sponsored by the College Art Association.

UPSILON, MISSISSIPPI STATE COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

A letter from Professor Gladys Martin dated March 1, 1948, reports five active members in Upsilon, with Mary Troy Morgan as Prytanis. Meetings are held jointly with the Classical Club, which has thirty-two members. The program for the year has been around the Roman festivals. In December Sigma was host to the North Mississippi Classical Association, which met on its campus.

ALPHA XI, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

The program of motion pictures and lectures being presented by the Classical Association of Washington University, under the auspices of University College and Alpha Xi Chapter, is progressing with great success. The original announcement set forth eight offerings, beginning on December 12, 1947, and concluding on May 7, 1948.

ALPHA PI, GETTYSBURG COLLEGE

Sending his last report as Grammateus of Alpha Pi, Clifford R. Miller, Jr., wrote in on February 26. On the evening of that day, the Chapter was initiating five new members and electing and installing its new officers. These officers are: Prytanis, C. Robert Held; Hyparchos, Theodore Lindquist, Jr.; Grammateus, Marie C. Bretschneider; Chrysophylax, Alvin C. Rudisill; Pylorus, Ruth Fortenbaugh. Plans called for an address at the March meeting by Dr. Sawyer M. Mosser, an alumnus of Alpha Pi.

ALPHA RHO, MUHLENBERG COLLEGE

George J. Zebian, Jr., in a letter of February 2, 1948, lists the names of eight men lately accepted by the Chapter, after due investigation of their academic standing and approval by the faculty in classical languages.

BETA ZETA, SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

Ray Hutchison, Prytanis of the Chapter, reports upon the two annual contests sponsored by the organization. The Latin Freshman Essay Contest, open to freshman Latin students at the University and affiliated colleges, was held on March 13, the topic announced in advance being "Importance of the Study of Latin in the Liberal Arts College"; at the Contest itself, this topic was narrowed to "For Literature". On March 20, the Annual Contest for High Schools will be held; this is a translation at sight from a passage in classical Latin. Beta Zeta is planning initiations on the evening of April 18, at the home of the Faculty Adviser.

THE NATIONAL OFFICERS--AVETE ATQUE VALETE!

Herbert Tucker of the College of William and Mary as Megas Prytanis, Frank Tatem of Lehigh University as Megas Hyparchos, C. Robert Held of Gettysburg College as Megas Grammateus, and Richard Wilcox of Ohio University as Megas Chrysophylax--what a quartet of unusually excellent National Officers these men have been! They have worked conscientiously and intelligently in their respective offices and intend to go right on doing that same kind of work until their terms close. Their cooperation with the Executive Secretary's office has been ideal, and in them the Fraternity has chosen wisely.

To them, and to the Chairman and members of the Board of Trustees, the Fraternity as a whole, and the Executive Secretary especially, are very deeply indebted. To Trustee Professor H. Lloyd Stow, who has been handling the Medal Fund, and who has sent invaluable advice to the National Office, special thanks are due, particularly as Professor Stow's membership on the Board expires this year. Professor Wagener and Professor Wright have likewise shared the benefits of their long experience as Trustees, and Professor Schaffer has been in the fullest measure cooperative and interested.

Nor should we forget the unselfish and generous work of the Chapter Officers and Chapter Faculty Advisers. The year just now moving to its close has been a trying one. Yet with such guides, and with the sort of Chapter membership that has been secured, the sanguine confidence of those who gathered at Williamsburg last year has been justified.

If Eta Sigma Phi may look forward to the same kind of kindly and wise administration and cooperation in the years immediately ahead, something of the past glories of the Fraternity may be restored.

CURRENTLY ACTIVE CHAPTERS

Gamma: Ohio University, Athens, Ohio
Prytanis: Richard Wilcox

Delta: Franklin College, Franklin, Indiana
Adviser: Dean Margaret Powell

Epsilon: State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa
Prytanis: Robert L. Kringle

Eta: Florida State College for Women, Tallahassee, Florida

Theta: Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana
Adviser: Professor Verne B. Schuman

Lambda: University of Mississippi, University, Mississippi
Prytanis: Carl A. Megehee

Pi: Birmingham-Southern College, Birmingham, Alabama
Prytanis: Hubert H. Harper

Rho: Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa
Adviser: Mrs. C. C. Bartlett

Sigma: Miami University, Oxford, Ohio
Prytanis: Harry Martin

Upsilon: Mississippi State College for Women, Columbus, Mississippi
Prytanis: Mary Troy Morgan

Psi: Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee
Adviser: Professor Clyde Pharr

Omega: College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia
Prytanis: Joseph Buchanan

Alpha Alpha: Winthrop College, Rock Hill, South Carolina
Adviser: Doctor Donnis Martin

Alpha Gamma: Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas

Alpha Delta: Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia
Adviser: Professor Kathryn Glick

Alpha Epsilon: Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
Prytanis: David J. Sweet

Alpha Theta: Hunter College, New York City, New York
Prytanis: Rita Wickman

Alpha Kappa: University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois
Member: Jo Ann Ator

Alpha Lambda: University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma
Adviser: Professor H. Lloyd Stow

Alpha Nu: Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina
Adviser: Professor John C. Bailey

Alpha Xi: Washington University, Saint Louis, Missouri
Prytanis: Virginia Hodgman

Alpha Omicron: Lawrence College, Appleton, Wisconsin

Prytanis: Jane Straub

Alpha Pi: Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Prytanis: C. Robert Held

Alpha Rho: Muhlenburg College, Allentown, Pennsylvania

Prytanis: L. Samuel Krause

Alpha Sigma: Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia
Adviser: Professor C. E. Boyd

Alpha Tau: Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
Adviser: Professor J. B. Titchener

Alpha Upsilon: Wooster College, Wooster, Ohio
Prytanis: Doris Crew

Alpha Phi: Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi
Chrysophylax: Marilyn Sanderson

Alpha Chi: Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana

Grammateus: Roy G. Huss

Alpha Psi: Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pennsylvania
Prytanis: Howard F. Jack

Alpha Omega: Louisiana State University, University, Louisiana
Adviser: Professor Lucy Austin

Beta Alpha: University of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota
Prytanis: Robert McBride

Beta Beta: Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina

Beta Gamma: Westhampton College, University of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia
Adviser: Professor Pauline Turnbull

Beta Delta: University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee (now reported inactive)
Adviser: Professor A. J. Moser

Beta Epsilon: Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, New York (now reported inactive)
Adviser: Professor Alice E. Kober

Beta Zeta: Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, Missouri
Prytanis: Ray Hutchison

Beta Eta: Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri
Adviser: Professor Robert Hoeber

Beta Theta: Hampden Sidney College, Hampden-Sidney, Virginia
Adviser: Doctor G. H. Thompson

Beta Iota: Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, North Carolina
Adviser: Professor C. B. Earp