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Progress of the Bimillennium Horatianum

A FORMER issue of the NUNTIUS (Vol. VIII. No. 2) carried an announcement of the Bimillennium Horatianum of 1935. Since that time the movement, through the cooperation of 20 or more committees under the general direction of Professor Roy C. Flickinger, has gained headway, and considerable progress has already been made. The Bimillennium is international in scope, and the countries of France, England, Italy, Switzerland, Spain, Belgium, Norway, Germany, Roumania, Sweden, Finland, Poland, South America, and Mexico have signified their willingness to participate in the celebration which commemorates the birth of the poet.

In this country pamphlets containing detailed news of the progress of the Bimillennium as well as suggestions for the celebration are being issued. Classical publications throughout the country are assisting in the work by the publicity they give the movement. In fact, everywhere the interest of the scholar and layman alike is being awakened.

In order that interest in the celebration might be spread contests have been arranged. One is open to pupils of high school rank, and Professor Jessie D. Newby, of Central State Teachers College, Edmond, Oklahoma, is the national chairman in charge.

Of particular interest to active members of Eta Sigma Phi is the translation of Horace contest open to them the regulations of which are the following:

1. Contestants must be bona fide students of a junior college, senior college, a regular four year college or the liberal arts college of a university.
2. Graduate students cannot compete.
3. Contestants must be taking a course or courses in the classical department of a college or university at the time of the contest.
4. Each state entering the contest will work on one poem only. As soon as the committee in charge of the contest for each state determines upon the poem to be translated, the national chairman, Professor Mark E. Hutchinson, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, must be informed. If some other state has previously chosen the same poem, another poem must be chosen.
5. Each state committee will handle the details of the contest in its state and determine upon the prizes to be given.
6. The state committee is authorized to act as jury to select the three best translations.
7. Translations will be made in poetry or prose. The three translations which are judged best by the jury will be sent to the national jury which will select the national winners.
8. Three copies of each translation are to be sent to the state contest chairman or person designated by him.
9. The name and address of the translator should be plainly written on the outside of the envelope but *no name should be written on the translation.*
10. All translations must be in the hands of the state jury by June, 1935, and of the national jury by July 1, 1935. Announcement of the national winners will be made on December 8, 1935, Horace's birth anniversary.

The Eleventh Annual Convention

Lehigh University

Bethlehem Pa.

April 5th and 6th

The National Officers

FOLLOWING the custom of the past, we present to the membership at large the national officers of our society by whom the policy of the organization for this year is directed. Admitting the impossibility of actually getting acquainted with people by this means, we nevertheless try to give some notion of these people.

We strongly suspect Mr. Swindler of having had his eye on the presidency of the organization for some time, for he has been figuring in the activities of the society from the time when he was received into membership in Alpha Xi Chapter. Mr. Swindler began his notable career which resulted in being elected to the presidency by bringing himself into public gaze first at the Ninth National Convention which was held, you will recall, in his native city, St. Louis. There he delighted delegates to the meeting by his enactment of the rôle of Simo in Plautus' *Mostellaria*. The picture here, unfortunately, gives no notion of him in that character, but you should have a mental impression of him greatly increased in girth (false, we were sure). In the meantime, in this campaign for the highest national office of our organization, he was from time to time having his poetry published in the *NUNTIUS*, another more subtle way, we must admit, of getting the public eye. He followed this beginning by appearing last year at the Convention in Iowa City where he acted as a delegate for Alpha Xi Chapter and the end of the session found him the Megas Prytanis for this year. His message to the chapters which appeared in the November issue of the *NUNTIUS* proves, beyond question of a doubt, his sincere interest in the organization and his willingness to work for its welfare. Now for some of the salient features of his career, "up to now." Mr. Swindler was born on October 24, 1913, in St. Louis where he has ever since made his home. He quite immodestly alleges that he was a very cute baby. (Or perhaps his mother is responsible for the statement.) According to his own account, on June 28, 1914, two very important events occurred: he took his first step, and the Sarajevo event occurred. (Shades of history, what *was* the Sarajevo event?) At any rate, in school, Mr. Swindler made the usual rate of speed, being graduated

from the Buder Grammar School in 1927 and from the Grover Cleveland High School in 1931. The following enumeration of activities will show you that all his time in high school was not spent on books: president of National Honor Society, president of *Salutatio* (high school Latin club), treasurer of senior class, member of debating club and chess club, participant in track, tennis, and basketball squads.

Mr. Swindler's activities in college, likewise, have been many and varied. He entered Washington University as a winner of the Buder Grammar School Scholarship and has set June, 1935, as a tentative date of his graduation therefrom. In Alpha Xi Chapter, he served as chryso-phylax; he has written for a literary magazine and for the campus newspaper; he has been publicity manager for the varsity track team, and as a freshman was a member of the tennis and track squads. It almost goes without saying that he holds membership in the Press Club.

Our Megas Prytanis confesses to a weakness of liking to write plays, feature stories, and songs, and admits also a suppressed ambition to become a light opera singer! These are traits that have never before come to light (at least they have never been exposed so boldly), but he cherishes in addition a very decided desire to acquire an M. A. in Latin and has hopes either of continuing his work at Washington University following his graduation or of entering the University of Michigan or the University of Chicago.

The Megas Protohyparchos, Miss Hallie Mae McKeithen, has ambitions for advanced work following her graduation this June from Winthrop College. (We

begin to wonder if this is characteristic of national officers.) Miss McKeithen should not be accused of campaigning for her office, for she was not so frequently on the horizon in Eta Sigma Phi matters as Mr. Swindler was. The Convention last year was the first she had attended, and she came from Rock Hill, South Carolina, for it!

Miss McKeithen is of truly Southern origin, having been born in Morrison, Georgia, having lived in Wilmington, North Carolina, for three years, and having



WILLIAM SWINDLER



HALLIE MAE MCKEITHEN

spent the succeeding years in Florence, South Carolina, where her home now is. As in the case of Mr. Swindler, Miss McKeithen has an impressive array of high school activities: president of the Q. E. D. Club (mathematics), senior representative to the Student Council, circulation manager of *The Florentine* (the school annual), associate editor of *The Floroscope* (the school newspaper), secretary-treasurer of the senior class. In addition, Miss McKeithen participated in English and Latin contests and placed fourth in the South Carolina State Latin Contest; she was graduated from Florence High School as salutatorian of her class. Her scholarship has proved a very decided financial asset to her, for since her matriculation at Winthrop College she has held scholarships there. At the present time she holds the Senior Friedheim Scholarship, given to the one having the highest scholastic average in his class.

At Winthrop College, Miss McKeithen's activities are numerous. She has been a member of the Freshman Cabinet, the Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Forum (or should we say *fora*?) of the Y. W. C. A., and has served on the Finance, Religious Education, and World Fellowship committees. She holds membership in Beta Pi Theta (national honorary French fraternity), the Secondary Educational Club, the Masquers, and the Wade Hampton Literary Society. She is now editor-in-chief of *The Johnsonian*, the weekly newspaper of the college. In connection with her editorial work she is a member of the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Press Association. Miss McKeithen is serving as first president of The Book and Key, a fraternity recently organized consisting of seniors of high scholastic standing. Perhaps the highest honor which she has won is election to Senior Order, an organization composed of twelve outstanding seniors (this year twelve out of a total of three hundred).



ANN NORTHINGTON

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GERTRUDE ULLMAN

The delegates to the Convention last year will recall with pleasure their acquaintance with Miss McKeithen, brief as it was. She showed a lively interest in the business sessions and was anxious to ascertain how "you all of the other chapters" managed Eta Sigma Phi affairs.

In the person of Miss Gertrude Ullman, Megas Deuterohyparchos, we have a much travelled character.

In fact, we would seem to be fortunate in catching Miss Ullman at home this year and having her services in the Executive Council. As you read the brief sketch of her life you will be astonished at the amount she evidently has travelled, both here and abroad.

As we examine the data at hand, we note that, like Mr. Swindler, Miss Ullman has formed the praiseworthy habit of attending Conventions, for she was present at the Ninth and Tenth. At each of these she was interested in the business meetings and was not at all hesitant in telling delegates how Alpha managed its affairs (she was hyparchos last year).

But to return to this "travelling" note with which this sketch began. Miss Ullman was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, May 7, 1914; before she started to school her family moved to Iowa City, and she entered University Elementary School. In 1925 came the first trip abroad. This lasted for a year, and during that time Miss Ullman attended a French convent school. The family returned to America in 1926, and moved to Chicago where Miss Ullman at the present time makes her home. In Chicago she attended, successively (and successfully, too, for she had the distinction of being rated the highest girl of her class), the Kenwood Grammar School, the Hyde Park High School, and the Sherwood Music School.

In the course of her high school career — in her sophomore year, in fact — Miss Ullman was abroad



JAMES NAIDEN



PAULINE LOESCH

again, from June to January, and during this stay she spent a month in a French school in Rome. In her senior year again her family was in Europe (perhaps we should explain that Miss Ullman's father is a professor of Latin at the University of Chicago, and that explains these frequent sojourns abroad), and during this period she took work in Florence at the Institut Francais, a branch of the University of Grenoble.

The following autumn Miss Ullman matriculated at the University of Chicago where she is now a junior. On the campus there she belongs, in addition to her connection with Alpha Chapter, to the French Club and the Racquet Club. Last summer Miss Ullman evidently decided to investigate Canadian schools, for she took work at McGill University in Montreal. The courses offered in the summer consist entirely of French, and all conversations are carried on in that language. As a result of being second highest in her class she was awarded a prize given by the French consul in behalf of the French government.

From Alpha we go to Omega, the chapter which Miss Ann Northington represents in her capacity of Megas Epistolographos. Miss Northington attended her first National Convention last year, journeying from Williamsburg, Virginia, to Iowa City for it, and is looking forward enthusiastically to the one this year.

The Megas Epistolographos began her life nineteen years ago on February 26 at Clifton Forge, Virginia. Two years later her family moved to Richmond, Virginia, and her home has been there ever since.

After making the usual progress through grammar school and junior high school, Miss Northington entered John Marshall High School in the fall of 1928. Three years later she was graduated, ranking fifth in a class of five hundred and eleven. During her high school career she enjoyed most her work as reporter on *The Monocle*, the school paper, and her membership in Quill and Scroll.

"Ever since I was a small child," writes Miss Northington, "I had looked with longing eyes at the College of William and Mary, for it was there I wanted to go to school." In the fall of 1932 her wish was fulfilled, and she entered the College as a freshman. On the campus there she has participated actively in French Club, Y. W. C. A., Kappa Delta Pi, Omega Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi (prytanis this year), Interdenominational Religious Council, Debate Council, and J. Leslie Hall Literary Society. She was on the circulation staff of *The Flat Hat*, college newspaper, and *Acta Diurna*, publication of Omega Chapter.

Miss Northington is greatly interested in religious work, and last summer, in honor of the seventy-fifth anniversary of her church, wrote a short history of the Broad Street Methodist Church of Richmond; her work was the basis of a pageant presented by the church.

Following her graduation this June, Miss Northington plans to work on an M. A. In college she has a major in Latin and minors in English and Education.

Delegates to the Convention in Iowa City last year enjoyed knowing Mrs. Josephine Burrell Miller, Megas Grammateus of this year. Mrs. Miller was active as an official delegate of her chapter and as a hostess to the guests present. We regret that her photograph and "vital statistics" did not reach us before the NUNTIUS went to press.

Mr. James R. Naiden, who guards the pennies of the national organization, transferred from Drake University to the State University of Iowa this fall and caused Epsilon Chapter to get a "corner" on the offices of the national organization. If it were not for the fact that we have implicit faith in Mrs. Miller and Mr. Naiden we should suspect that dealings of a shady hue and strictly *sub rosa* were taking place this year in Iowa City, but there were sufficient evidences last year at the Convention that both possess sterling characters.

The Megas Chrysophylax, it seems, shares honors with Miss Northington in being the youngest of the national officers, having been born February 2, 1915. He acquired his secondary education in schools in Des Moines, Marshalltown, and Adel, all in Iowa. It is worthy to note in his high school career that he studied Vergil and Cicero at the same time. He graduated in 1932, ranking second in a class of one hundred and fifty-one.

As for his college career it has been rather checkered since he seems to have changed schools rather frequently during the three years he has been in school. He has spent two years at Drake University, one summer at Iowa State Teachers College, and anticipates being graduated from the State University of Iowa this June. It was not until his transfer to Iowa City that Mr. Naiden decided to change his major from what had been his chief interest, astronomy, to Latin, previously only a minor. During his two years at Drake University he had worked in the department of astronomy and mathematics as a reader and laboratory assistant. It was also while he was at Drake University that he became a member of Eta Sigma Phi, being affiliated with Rho Chapter there. He was prytanis-elect of the chapter when he changed schools. He was vice-president of the Mathematics Club also at Drake University and an associate member of the Iowa Academy of Science.

In the field of athletics Mr. Naiden's chief interest is in swimming, and he is a member of the life-saving corps of the Red Cross and a life-saving examiner in the Y. M. C. A.

Catullus, Mr. Naiden admits, is his favorite Latin poet, and his version of one of Catullus' poems appeared

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Sappho

(In a Somewhat Lighter Vein)

BY PROFESSOR C. R. HARDING
DAVIDSON COLLEGE (*Alpha Nu*)

(The following is a part of an address delivered by Professor Harding before a school for girls).

AS might be expected of one who lived in the seventh century B. C., the history of Sappho's life is far from complete, and only a portion of this is useful for our purpose here. I can give you no better idea of her birthplace, the island of Lesbos, "Eden of Love's own choice, haunted of Love's own voice," than by quoting from Mr. Symonds in his *Greek Poets*:

Exquisite gardens in which the rose and hyacinths spread perfume; river beds ablaze with the oleander and wild pomegranate; olive groves and fountains where cyclamen and violet flowered with feathery maiden hair; pine-tree shadowed coves where one might bathe in the calm of a tideless sea; fruits such as only a southern sea and a southern sea-wind can mature; nightingales that sang in May; temples dim with dusky gold and bright with ivory; statues and frescoes of heroic forms.

In such a home, amid such scenes, one can readily believe that womanhood had shed around it much of the glamour of the later age of chivalry, and that brilliant opportunities were presented for the cultivation and display of all the graces that adorn the gentler sex. Far different were Sappho's surroundings and privileges from those enjoyed by the women of Athens who led a life marked by almost as little freedom as falls to the inmates of an eastern harem. Athens, though indeed the mother of arts, was not a mother to her sex. No sentence can set forth more clearly the humble position of the Athenian woman than the one so often quoted from Pericles' funeral oration, where, portraying in eloquent words Athens' glorious past, he closes his eulogy upon her sons who had perished on the fields of battle with the following note of admonition to their mothers and widows: "Take care you do not display any faults beyond those common to your sex." The Athenians, says Mr. Collins, laughed to scorn the notion of the ruder but more chivalric Spartan who saluted his wife as his lady, and their great philosopher Aristotle reproached the nation who could use such a term as being no better than woman servers. Hear Hesiod complaining that "One of the grievances of having a wife is her insisting on joining her husband at meals," and again see what terms the Xenophon of classical times puts in the mouth of a young man who in reference to his wife's training speaks of her becoming used to his hand, and tame enough to carry on a conversation. Indeed, one of the Greek

words for wife is δάμαρ, one that is tamed or yoked." The same young gentleman advises his wife to take exercise by folding up and putting away the clothes. Stranger still, shall I say, to modern ideas is it that Sophocles should represent one of his characters as deploring more deeply the loss of a brother or sister than that of a wife, for if the brother or sister dies, the loss is irreparable, but if one's wife dies another can be easily gotten. (Unquestionably true, as shown even in these latter days.) The satirical Hipponax says, "A woman gives two days of happiness to man; her bridal and her burial." Hardly more of a philogynist is Semonides, who among ten classes of women, finds only one class of the good; so with Semonides, it was almost ten to one that a man would be unlucky if he took a wife,—cheerful thought to a Greek bachelor if he attached any weight to Semonides, though he might have appreciated the wisdom of the old bachelor who, when dying, left all his worldly goods to the ladies who had refused his hand, "because," said he, "to them I owe all my earthly happiness." Our poet closes this famous criticism of the sex with the following compliment: "Zeus made this supreme evil — woman; even though they seemed to be of good, when a man has got one she becomes a plague." The old Greek proverb, "There is no getting along with 'em or without 'em," would be an apt comment on a chorus of the woman in Aristophanes' *Thesmophoriazusae*, who are made to say:

They are always abusing the woman
As a terrible plague to men,
They say we are the root of all evil,
And repeat it again and again,
Of wars, and quarrels, and bloodshed,
All mischief be what it may;
And pray then why do you marry us—
If we are all the plagues that you say?

And why do you take such care of us,
And keep us so safe at home,
And are never easy a moment,
If ever we chance to roam.
When you ought to be thanking heaven
That your plague is out of the way,
You all keep fussing and fretting,
"Where is my plague today?"

(Collins translation)

Sappho was a Lesbian, habituated to a life of ease and a world of pleasure, breathing an air laden with perfume of flowers, and sweet with the melody of birds, surrounded by a circle of friends, educated and refined in nature, yet indeed sensuous and keenly alive to all physical enjoyment and delights,—the men brave, gallant, chivalrous, fiery, passionate, the women accomplished, beautiful, graceful in movement, and elegant in manner. And further, whatever inspiration race and country may offer, whatever happiness springs from a gifted mind, whatever perfection nature and art unite to create, — this was Sappho's. Of the several incidents recorded of her life the mention of one or two must suffice. The eternal fitness of things demands that, in the case of a poetess "whose name," Mr. Myers says, "is inscribed in letters of fire over Love's temple door," these incidents should have to do with her lovers. One of these lovers, Alcaeus, her illustrious townsman and fellow poet, enjoys this proud name at a trifling cost. One or two lines have sufficed to mark him hers by conquest. The first reads thus:

Violet crowned, pure sweetly smiling Sappho.

"The freshness of those violets," says Mr. Higginson, "the charm of that smile, the assurance of that purity, all rest upon this one line and rest securely." The second fragment rings with even a clearer note from a lover's song:

I fain would speak, I fain would tell
But shame and fear my utterance quell.

to which sweetly smiling, or, shall we say, cruelly frowning Sappho thus replied:

If aught of good, if aught of fair,
Thy tongue were laboring to declare,
Not shame should dash thy glance, nor fear
Forbid thy suit to reach my ear.

Whatever the exact circumstances of this address and answer, it suits our purpose to suppose that Alcaeus saw with prophetic eye that succeeding generations would name together his and Sappho's verse, and no doubt this version kindled a hope that a blending of hearts might precede this union of names. The sweetness of that thought charmed him, but its audacity appalled and hence his blush in poetry and confusion of face.

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But if Sappho did not give her smiles to Alcaeus, others in turn refused theirs to her, if we accept tradition, and taught her the bitterness of a lover's tears. The comic poets in a later age ridiculed her most unsparingly, and besmirched her name with charges whether true or false, so serious and fatal that her defenders have tried in vain to wipe all stains away and make it fair and fra-

grant. No less than six comedies written by six different poets bore Sappho's name and exhibited her loves, and four other plays are thought to have treated the same subject. These comedies represent her as loving a poet who died before she was born, and two poets who were born after she died. One is reminded in the following modern lines of Sappho's numerous fancies:

A maiden fair with a pensive face,
Bent over a faded rose
That she found by chance in a satin box
With some ribbons, gloves, and bows.

She dreamed of the loves of an earlier day,
And her heart grew cold and numb;
But yet for her life she could not guess,
From which the rose had come.

Poor Sappho illustrates afresh, but in a different sense, the wellworn saw, that after man came woman and she has been after him ever since. It would seem that Sappho kept after him all her days. Some of you will recall the explanation given by one of the speakers in Plato's Symposium as to the origin of the sexes. "Once upon a time," he says, "man had a double nature; besides this he was perfectly round and had four hands and four feet; one head with two faces looking in opposite ways, set on a single neck. The pride and strength of men were such that they made open war upon the gods. Jupiter resented their insolence, but was hardly willing to kill them with thunder bolts, as the gods would then lose their sacrifices; at last he hit upon a plan; 'I will cut them in two,' he said, 'so that they shall walk upon two legs instead of four. They will then be only half as insolent but twice as numerous, and we shall get twice as many sacrifices.' This was done, and the two halves are continually going about looking for one another." Can it be that Sappho, tempest-tossed in soul, wore out her life in a fruitless search for her other half? If so, alas that she did not find it in poor Alcaeus and save her tears.

Thus far we have seen Sappho in a rôle little like to that of principal to a young ladies' school, but you must remember that the lighter side of her history is furnished by the writers of comedy and can not be taken at all seriously. It is true that during the maturer years of her life she gathered around her from different parts of the Greek world young women who came to be instructed in music and art. What besides these two things, and how she taught her pupils, has been a subject for much conjecture. We will suppose the school "Tempered love and books together." At any rate, Sappho taught her girls how to dress, for here is a line for one who had not learned, we may be sure:

What country maiden charms thee,
 However fair her face
 Who knows not how to gather
 Her dress with artless grace.

But in this realm of conjecture as to what Sappho taught, who shall deny that she set the fashion for our modern cooking schools? It has been pointedly said that no young lady "is well bred until she can make good bread," and Sappho may have known and taught the art. A modern writer affirms that on this very island of Lesbos the women make such excellent bread that it has preserved its reputation for 2,000 years. The old Greek poet, Arcestratus, who wrote on the art of cookery, said that if the gods were to eat bread, they would send Hermes to Eresus on this island to buy it. It is stated that the women of Eresus were allowed as a compensation for their bread-making to sit at the meals with their husbands, and this thought may throw light on a point already referred to, why Hesiod should have thought it presumption in a lady to wish to grace her lord's festive board — she did not know how to make good bread, — a condition that would exclude many a goodly matron in our day from her post of honor. And yet, had Sappho's girls taken kindly to cooking, it might have been better for them later in life when they were seeking for that other half that Sappho sought in vain. Saxe has told us:

Though Greek and Latin be the lady's boast,
 They are little valued by her loving mate;
 The kind of tongue that husbands relish most
 Is modern, boiled, and served upon a plate.

No diplomas from Sappho's school come down to us; but if such existed you may be sure the English version would have borne the stamp A. M., whether this would represent Mistress of Arts, or in honor of Sappho—alma mater can not be said. Sappho may have gained from some of her contemporaries the name of a radical supporter of a Woman's Rights movement, and it is beyond question that her purpose was to do something to ameliorate the condition of her sex throughout Greece, to raise women from their humble position of menials, a position to which the age was dooming them, and thus to secure for them the honors which should have been their natural heritage; in a word, she attempted to quicken their intellectual life, broaden their mental horizon, and widen their sphere of influence.

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Maximus Tyrius says that Sappho was small and dark which idea Swineburne embodies in the lines

The small dark body's Lesbian Loveliness
 That held the fire eternal.

But this statement is not beyond question. It seems impossible oftentimes to decide whether the descriptive ad-

jectives refer to the beauty of her person or the beauty of her mind. It may be that we should interpret these lines as in keeping with our saying, "Pretty is that pretty does," and understand "Lovely is that lovely does." Plato said that she was beautiful for the sweetness of her song, and in the Greek Anthology an epigram speaks of her bright eyes showing her wisdom, and compares the beauty of her face to that of Aphrodite.

But if the attractiveness and loveliness of Sappho's person is in question, no cloud obscures the brightness of her literary fame. In her chosen sphere she is unapproached. To the ancients she was known as the Poetess just as Homer was called the Poet. In the Greek Anthology she is called the tenth muse; even Solon the wise is said to have heard one of her songs at a banquet, and to have asked the singer to teach it to him, saying he wished to learn it and die. And old Plutarch is lost in admiration and says when he reads them he sets aside the drinking cup in very shame.

Acquaintance with Sappho was deemed so essential for any claim to culture that a Greek contemporary of Cicero notes as a mark of an uneducated woman her inability to sing a song from Sappho.

Such, then, was her place among the ancients; but for us most of the poems of Sappho have perished, destroyed probably by the misdirected zeal of the Church between the fourth and eleventh century. An eminent critic had said, "The world has suffered no greater literary loss than the loss of Sappho's poetry. So perfect are the smallest fragments preserved—that we muse in a sad rapture of astonishment to think what the complete poems must have been. Of all the poets of the world, of all the illustrious artists of all literatures, Sappho is the one whose every word has a peculiar and unmistakable perfume; a seal of absolute perfection and inimitable grace." Of her it might be said:

The common fate of all things rare,
 One reads in Thee
 How small a part of time they share
 That are so wondrous sweet and fair.

And yet, on the other hand, equally true of her are Shelley's lines,

Odors, when sweet violets sicken,
 Live within the sense they quicken.
 Rose leaves when the rose is dead
 Are heaped for the beloved's bed;
 And so thy thoughts when thou are gone
 Love itself shall slumber on.

It is the fashion, and I suppose a fashion partly based on the soundest judgment, to say that Sappho's poetry in all its perfection of form and beauty of rhythm can not be rendered adequately in English verse, and hence we
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EDITORIALS

The Editorials this time are one exhortation after another, and the subject of this is the National Convention. To anyone who has ever attended one of these gatherings no words of inducement are necessary, but this is directed chiefly to those who have not yet had the opportunity of seeing the organization "in action." The inspiration which one receives himself from such a meeting where people of widely separated geographical distances but of the same interests are assembled is well worth the cost involved. Aside from this purely selfish motive in attending a Convention, there is the inspiration he may carry home to his chapter. And, then, of course, if neither of these is a factor and all that he is seeking is a jolly, good time (not that the student of the classics would be guilty of anything so frivolous!) let him attend a Convention and find it! He will enjoy the discussion of problems (sometimes quite fervent) in the business sessions, the pleasant social functions, the diversion in the way of speeches and plays, and the friendship of thoroughly likable, enthusiastic companions.

With the change in the date this year, April 5 and 6, the Convention is but two months away, and it is not too early to begin considering ways and means of spending that week-end in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

This is not a recapitulation of the progress of the Bimillennium Horatianum as found on page 4 but an exhortation to all members of Eta Sigma Phi to do their part in furthering this celebration. By so doing, each member would in a very real way be renewing the pledge which he took at the time of initiation into the society. In fact, the Bimillennium Horatianum offers to members one of the best chances of recent years for accomplishing the very aims for which the society was founded.

By a perusal of the "Lares and Penates" one can perceive that various chapters have adopted a Horace theme for the year, and in this way are contributing to the Bimillennium. Laudable as this is, there are other ways too in which members may take an active part in the celebration. While participation in the high school translation contest is largely in the hands of teachers, and many of these are alumni of the organization, there is a rôle for every active member of the society. First of all, he may enter the contest for college students himself and submit a translation of an ode or epode of Horace to the

judges, according to the regulations governing the contest. But if he finds that the Muse will not assist, there are other ways in which he may be of service in furthering interest in Horace. By his own enthusiasm he may be instrumental in causing friends to enter either of the contests. Or he may, through a play, a pageant, or a short sketch of an Horatian theme, arouse interest either among high school or college students. (It is interesting to note that Alpha Epsilon Chapter in particular has already been so engaged.)

In addition, the chapter as a whole may render assistance to the project. Any single chapter or group of chapters might sponsor the high school contest or college contest of the state. This sponsorship, in addition to seeking to arouse interest in competition, might include the purchase of the prizes to be awarded the winners in the state.

Other chances for help will doubtless come to members of the organization as the year advances. Let us all see that we take advantage of any opportunities that may arise.

HERE AND THERE

Mr. Urquhart Ansley, chrysothylax of Alpha Sigma Chapter last year, now holds a responsible position in Washington, D. C. He returned for a brief visit to the chapter during the holidays.

Miss Anna Mae Rickard, epistolographos of Gamma Chapter last year and associate editor of the *NUNTIUS*, has a position as private secretary at the Department of Welfare, Point Pleasant, West Virginia.

Professor Lillian Gay Berry, honorary member of Theta Chapter, has recently published *Proficiency Tests and Workbook for Second Year Latin*. This book is designed to supplement any second year Latin text.

Three alumnae of Alpha Iota Chapters have been employed as teachers this year. Miss Roberta Hudson is teaching at Lykesland, South Carolina, Miss Lena Dunlap is at Pendleton, South Carolina, and Miss Sarah Allen Johnston is at the Hand Junior High School in Columbia, South Carolina.

Miss Edna Jane Penney, alumna of Xi Chapter, has just been employed as a teacher in the high school at Coldwater, Kansas. She is teaching Latin, English, and dramatics.

RES GESTAE

Alumna of Alpha Alpha in the Indian Field Service

(Miss Gladys Knight, *Alpha Alpha*, '29, has kindly contributed the article below which tells of the interesting work in which she is now engaged. Miss Knight is shown dressed in a ceremonial costume and standing by the council tepee of Mr. and Mrs. Walking Cloud.)

SINCE March, 1933, I have had many new experiences in a line of work far removed from my chosen profession, that of teaching Latin. I have been an assistant matron in two Indian Girls' Boarding Schools. Each school has been an education in itself.

The first school where I was employed was the Standing Rock Boarding School at Fort Yates, North Dakota. This was a reservation school for both boys and girls, located on the Missouri River, or as the Sioux lovingly called it, "The Big Muddy."



MISS KNIGHT IN INDIAN DRESS

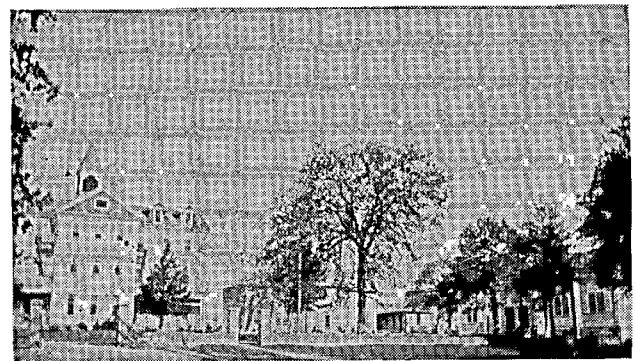
Standing Rock School was in a prairie country, and the nearest railway was twenty-five miles away. However, this was not a great disadvantage, for to the Westerner distance is no insurmountable barrier. Although there were many disadvantages (especially to one who had always lived in the South), such as sandstorms, drouth, few trees except the scant cottonwoods along the river and the coulees; there were many things which fully compensated—the buttes with a purplish haze at their summit, the ever-changing Missouri, and the invigorating air of the wide-open spaces. Never could one forget the rolling prairies verdant with grass and flowers in June nor the glory of a sparkling cold wintery night when the thermometer kept creeping down below the zero point. There is something about the prairie country which fascinates and attracts.

This little Western town appealed to me for many reasons. Here on the "flats of the Missouri" about a half century ago the mighty braves of Sitting Bull settled on their return from Canada whence they had fled after the Custer Massacre. (Custer and his men had been encamped not many miles to the northeast of this section.) At that time there was really a fort with soldiers stationed in the town. Some of the original buildings are still in use. And it was in this same community that Sitting Bull and his followers fought their battles and, finally,

were killed in 1890. His grave, today alone in the prairie and marked with a concrete cover since souvenir-hunters took the original marker, lies just outside the town. The five Indian policemen who perished in the unsuccessful attempt to take the chief have a common grave in the little Catholic cemetery beyond the school. The priest who officiated then is still the same "Father Bernard" who looks after his "Indian Children." Much history is wrapped up in this little Western town. By the hour on long wintery nights I have listened to the reminiscences of Father Bernard Strassmaier and other old-timers who lived at the time the Sioux settled there.

Until a few years ago when the government took over the school, the Catholics had charge of Standing Rock Boarding School. (There is a lovely legend about how the reservation received its name from the rock which resembles a Sioux woman wrapped in her blanket.) At the school the children learn to speak English among the many things an Indian child would necessarily need to know. And, it was surprising how quickly an Indian child learned enough English words to get along with—in fact, much more quickly than I learned the few Sioux words and phrases that I know.

In a boarding school the children learn to be housekeepers. For a stated length of time each girl is given a



CAMPUS AT EUFULA, MAIN BUILDING AT THE LEFT

"detail" for which she is responsible and graded—whether it be some chore in the dormitory, dining-room, kitchen, laundry, bath-room, or sewing-room. Therefore, in a year's time each girl has learned, in addition to her regular school work, many things which will prepare her for

life. Too, she has learned how to live with people and how to play as well as to work.

At this school were enrolled a little more than a hundred Sioux girls and about an equal number of boys, ranging in age from five years to twenty, from the primary through the eighth grade. These children came from the reservation homes to school in September and remained until the end of the school year with the exception of a few days at the Christmas holidays when they were al-

lowed to go home with their parents. However, some of the girls liked their school home and family so well that they preferred to stay rather than go home.

At the close of the 1933-1934 school year, the Standing Rock Boarding School was permanently closed. Provision for the education of the Sioux



MEMBERS OF A "LAUNDRY" CLASS
DISPLAYING THEIR HANDIWORK

children was made by building additional public schools in the various districts of the reservation.

The latter part of November, I received an appointment here in the Eufaula Boarding School for girls which is a Creek school under the jurisdiction of the Five Civilized Tribes Agency. Until 1898, when the federal government assumed supervision, the Creek Council maintained the boarding school. It differs from the Standing Rock School in that it not a reservation school and is not co-educational. Here we have a hundred and fifty-three girls from six years to twenty. Only the first six grades have classes "on the hill,"—the three higher grades attend the junior high school downtown.

The girls are trained in every respect for their life among white people. Their psysical well-being is carefully guarded by the doctor and nurse and directed play after school hours. The Y. W. C. A. — either Sunbeam, Junior Girl Reserve, or Senior Girl Reserve, — attends to the building of higher ideals and more Christian living with all peoples. Each group sponsored by an employee meets each Sunday evening in its appointed room for religious services. On Sunday morning the girls go to the various churches in the town for Sunday School and preaching.

There are various activities — such as, Glee Club; Girl Scouts; Brownie Pack (an organization for those not old enough to be Scouts); literary clubs dealing with cur-

rent events, book reports, and dramatizations — carried on by pupils with some of the employees guiding and directing as they may require.

At the domestic science cottage the girls from the fourth grade up are given training in cooking, sewing, canning, interior decorating, and all household arts that will enable them to care better for their homes, their health, and their bodies. The girls learn by doing in their practical home. As time permits the girls learn the art of making hooked rugs and weaving rugs on looms, ever using Indian designs.

So, you see, that we are a large, happy family doing things that a normal home does. And these Indian children are fast taking their place as useful, helpful citizens of the state and nation.

News of Alumni Members

THROUGH replies to the alumni letters which were sent out as rapidly as names and addresses of the members were obtained, interesting news concerning the activities of these persons was obtained. Only part of it, of course, can be presented here, and for the sake of convenience it is arranged by chapters.

ALPHA

Miss Rosalia M. Schultz, '29, former Megas Epistolographos, writes that she is teaching Latin and history at the Beaver Dam High School, Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, where she has organized a Junior Latin Club as well as one for Seniors in order to accommodate the large enrollment which the Latin classes have. The groups meet bi-monthly, and Miss Schultz models the programs after those she participated in during her undergraduate work at the University of Chicago. Another graduate of the class of 1929, Miss Ruth McNeil, is an instructor in organ and piano in the University of Mississippi, and is now affiliated with Lambda Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi.

BETA

Miss Maude H. Hausmann, '30, is teaching German at the University of Wisconsin this year, after securing her Master's degree there in June, 1933. Following her graduation, Miss Hausmann went abroad and spent two semesters in study at the University of Munich.

The office of admissions of the University of Chicago has in its employ a member of the class of 1931 of Northwestern University, Miss Adelaide Peterson.

Varied news comes concerning some members of the class of 1933. Miss Mildred Barnes is studying music in Newark, New Jersey. She is living and teaching in a

settlement house there. Miss Barnes was a delegate to the National Convention in 1932. Miss Vera Fisher is a secretary in the department of Physics of Northwestern University, her alma mater. Miss Louise Hutchins is teaching Latin and English at the Park Ridge School for Girls, Park Ridge, Illinois. Miss Grace Kropf is teaching the same subjects at Capron, Illinois.

Miss Charis Murley, '34, last year's Megas Protohy-parchos is teaching language in the Oregon High School, Oregon, Illinois. Mr. Charles R. Rudolph, '34, recipient of the Hammond Scholarship in the University of Iowa Law School, is attending the University of Iowa this year.

GAMMA

Mr. Andrew Smithberger, '25, associate professor of English Literature at the University of Notre Dame, is co-author of a volume entitled *On Poetry*. Mr. Smithberger was a charter member of Gamma Chapter.

Miss Ernestene McVeigh, '29, is teaching Latin and English at North Hampton, Ohio.

Miss Kathryn M. Myers, '31, writes that she is enjoying her classes of English and foreign language this year at Buford, Ohio. Miss Myers is working on her Master's degree in French.

DELTA

A son, Gian Battista Gallini, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Emil Gallini on June 5, 1934. Mrs. Gallini was the former Helen Parks, '27. Mr. and Mrs. Gallini make their home in Detroit, Michigan.

EPSILON

Miss Helen Rees Clifford, who received her A. B. at the University of Chicago in 1924 and her M. A. at the State University of Iowa in 1928, is on leave of absence this year from Newcomb College of Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, where she is an instructor in Latin and Greek. Miss Clifford has a fellowship at New York University where she is working for her Doctor's degree.

Miss Edna Behnke, '27, is teaching for her fifth year at Rock Falls, Illinois. In addition to Latin and Spanish she has one class each in algebra and journalism.

Sister Mary Baptist, who obtained her M. A. degree in 1928, is a high school teacher at the St. Joseph High School, Fort Madison, Iowa.

An alumna of 1930, Miss Anna Marie Boll teaches Latin and English at Paullina, Iowa.

Miss Mary Gale Letts, '32, is teaching Latin and history at West Branch, Iowa.

Miss Vera M. Huen, '33, is a teacher of Latin and English and is employed at Pocahontas, Iowa.

Mrs. Mary K. Pine, '34, writes that she is keeping house this year in Atlantic, Iowa. Delegates to the Na-

tional Convention last year will recall with pleasure Mrs. Pine's fine dramatization of the leading rôle in the *Medea*.

ZETA

The work of Miss Helen Laycock, '27, is far removed from the classics. It consists in handling advertising, publicity, and new business promotion for the Oak Park Trust and Savings Bank, Oak Park, Illinois.

Located only a short distance from his alma mater, Mr. Robert Flory, '31, is associated in law practice with his father in Newark, Ohio.

ETA

Mrs. Alma Evans Anderson, '26, reports the birth of a son, Hugh Barry, on April 18, 1934.

Miss Olivia Futch, who received her M. A. from Florida State College for Women in 1927 and her Ph. D. from Bryn Mawr in 1934, has published in the *Journal of Educational Psychology* for November, 1934, an article on "The Reliability and Validity of Photographic Eye-Movement Records in the Reading of Latin."

For the last two years and the present one, Miss Virginia Walling, '28, has been teaching in the Clearwater Junior High School, Clearwater, Florida.

Mrs. John Hardy, '29, is teaching mathematics at Whitworth College, Brookhaven, Mississippi. Mrs. Hardy was the former Margaret Dunkle.

Two of the graduates of 1933 write that they are teaching classes in Latin and English this year. Miss Vivian Craig is at Mt. Dora, Florida, and Miss Barbara Stimmel is at Mt. Pleasant, Florida.

Miss Frances Conn, '34, is teaching Spanish and mathematics in St. Cloud, Florida.

THETA

Miss Julia Trowbridge, '32, is employed at Argos, Indiana, as teacher of Latin, English, and health.

Because of ill health, Miss Beulah Phares, '33, was obliged to resign her position as teacher of Latin and mathematics at Glenwood High School, Glenwood, Indiana, this year, and is at her home near Shelbyville, Indiana. As an undergraduate Miss Phares was prytanis of the chapter and a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

IOTA

From Miss Verna Carrier, '32, comes the news that she was married in June, 1934, to Mr. G. Stanley Flagg. Miss Rosetta Harlow, '32, is now a teacher of commercial subjects in the high school at Concord, Vermont.

LAMBDA

Two graduates of 1934 write of having secured teaching positions. Miss Genevieve Osterman is located in the high school at Laurel, Mississippi, where she has charge of classes in domestic science and athletics. Miss Onice

Walker, an initiate of last year, teaches Latin and English in Shannon, Mississippi.

MU

Miss Rosa E. Straus, '28, teaches Latin, English, and French at the Anderson Township High School, Cincinnati, Ohio. She writes of an interesting trip abroad in 1932.

Miss Helen J. Samuels, '29, has a position in the elementary grades in one of the Cincinnati schools.

Mr. Walter Appler, '30, obtained his M. A. degree from his alma mater in 1934. Mr. Appler has maintained an active interest in Eta Sigma Phi since his undergraduate days.

Miss Olivia Foyes, '32, teaches in the Bloom Junior High School in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Also a teacher in the elementary grades in one of the Cincinnati schools, Miss Ruth Fels, '33, will be remembered as a delegate to the Ninth National Convention at St. Louis.

NU

Miss Louise Johnson, '32, is teaching for her second year at Bronson, Iowa, her home. She has classes in Latin and English. Miss Johnson's younger sister is an active member of Nu Chapter.

XI

Mrs. Lloyd Kagey, the former Elizabeth Dockstader, '28, is living now in Wichita, Kansas, where her husband is associated with a law firm. Mrs. Kagey is the mother of two daughters, Constance and Charlotte.

Miss Josephine Wheeler, '31, is a graduate fellow at the University of Wisconsin where she is working toward the Ph. D. degree in Spanish.

After being a graduate fellow in Latin at the University of Chicago from 1932 to 1934, Mr. Frederick Wirth, '32, is now an instructor of classical languages at the College of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota. Mr. Wirth received both the A. B. and the M. A. degrees from his alma mater in 1932.

OMICRON

Mr. William Cottee, '31, is an instructor in Latin and English at Pennsylvania Military College, Chester, Pennsylvania. Mr. Cottee received his M. S. degree in 1933 from his alma mater.

PI

After securing an A. B. in 1931 and an LL. B. (the latter at the University of Alabama) in 1934, Mr. Robert Clingman is working on the LL. M. at the Harvard Law School.

RHO

Mr. Willard L. Johnson, '30, is Dean of Men at Drake University.

Mr. Fred O. Erbe, '33, is working toward the Master's degree in sociology at the State University of Iowa. Mr. Erbe spent last year at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri. As an undergraduate Mr. Erbe attended the Ninth National Convention at St. Louis in his senior year.

Of the class of 1934, Miss Josephine Burriss is attending the State University of Iowa and working on a Master's degree in French, and Miss Glendene Berry is teaching at Coulter, Iowa.

SIGMA

Since September, 1932, Miss Mary Spieler, '31, has been an instructor in English at Miami University, her alma mater.

Miss Lucinda Hadsel, '32, teaches Latin, French, and English at Maderia, Ohio. Miss Hadsel writes enthusiastically of a trip abroad in 1933 and of work at the University of Grenoble.

Miss Esther Harber, '33, teaches English in the high school at Morrow, Ohio.

TAU

Because of ill health, Miss Eula Shaw, '31, was obliged to resign her position as teacher of Latin at Witherspoon College, Buckhorn, Kentucky, where she had been teaching for the past three years. She is now regaining her health at her home in Crab Orchard, Kentucky.

Miss Sarah L. Jones, '32, is a social worker for the F. E. R. A., and writes that she finds the work very interesting.

Of the graduates of 1934, Miss Dorothy Cleek is principal of a graded school at Mountain Grove, Virginia, and Miss Sally A. Robinson is teaching Latin and French at Bryan Station High School, Lexington, Kentucky.

UPSILON

Miss Edith Caver, '28, writes that she has been teaching Latin at Booneville, Mississippi, since her graduation with the exception of one year when she received her M. A. degree at the George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tennessee.

Miss Mary M. Mitchell, '29, is attending Library School at Emory University, Georgia.

Mrs. G. M. Wallwork, the former Lee H. McElroy, '29, is living in Washington, D. C.

Of the class of 1934, Miss Mary McCool is teaching in the public school in Poplarville, Mississippi, and Miss Julia D. Stewart is working on her M. A. degree in English at St. Louis University. Miss Stewart holds a graduate

fellowship at the University and teaches Latin at Maryville College, a corporate college of St. Louis University.

PHI

Mr. Walter F. Snyder, '31, after receiving the M. A. degree from his alma mater in 1933, is teaching Latin at St. Albans, West Virginia.

Miss Wanda B. Mitchell, '32, has a teaching position in the high school at Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Since her graduation in 1933, Miss Elizabeth Byrd has been teaching Latin and English in the Mark Twain High School at Stotesbury, West Virginia.

CHI

After receiving the Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Michigan in 1934, Mr. Herbert S. Dahlstrom, '28, has been employed in the Library Extension Service of the University of Michigan.

PSI

Mr. Julian E. Showalter, '32, is employed as a social case worker by the F. E. R. A.

Mr. William C. Golden, Jr., '33, writes from Boulder, Colorado, where he holds a fellowship in medieval history that he is working under the direction of Professor J. F. Willard. Mr. Golden was Meags Chrysophylax in 1933 and attended the Ninth National Convention.

ALPHA ALPHA

Mrs. Sara Belser Winecoff, '28, has a position in the library in Sumter, South Carolina. Mrs. Winecoff is the mother of a four-year old son.

Miss Mary Wilburn, '31, is English teacher and dramatic coach in the Patterson-Earl High School, Earl, North Carolina.

Miss Frances Gibbs, '32, is teaching English in the Main Street Grammar School in Union, South Carolina.

Of the class of 1933, Miss Katie Edmunds is teaching English and Latin in Whitmire, South Carolina, and Miss Annie Ruth Nabers has a secretarial position with the Carolina Life Insurance Company in Sumter, South Carolina.

ALPHA BETA

Mrs. Stewart T. Walton, '29, the former Dorothy McDonald, was one of the alumnae of the chapter present this fall at the initiation of new members into the chapter. Mr. C. H. McLaughlin, '29, received the M. A. degree in 1934 and is now in the Law School of Harvard University.

Miss Elizabeth Stovall, '34, former associate editor of the NUNTIUS, is at Smith College this year working toward the M. A. degree.

ALPHA DELTA

Miss Louise McCain, '34, writes that she is teaching

Latin at Due West, South Carolina, and thoroughly enjoying it.

ALPHA EPSILON

Mr. George S. Bowden, '33, is attending the Philadelphia Divinity School this year.

ALPHA ZETA

Miss Miriam W. Willis, '28, is high school librarian and teacher of ancient history and civics in the high school at Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

Miss Helen Shapiro, '33, after substitute work for a year, is teaching French and English in her home high school in Auburn, Maine.

Mr. Samuel A. Goldberg, '34, is a substitute teacher in Jersey City, New Jersey, and is working towards the M. A. degree at New York University.

ALPHA THETA

Miss Sarah Weidenbaum, '30, has a position teaching commercial subjects in the James Monroe High School, Bronx, New York.

ALPHA IOTA

Miss Sara Graham, '34, is enrolled in the Columbia College of Music, Columbia, South Carolina, this year.

ALPHA KAPPA

Mrs. Martha Roberts Sanders, '28, has taught Latin for the past three years in the Roosevelt High School in Gary, Indiana.

Of the graduates of 1929, Miss Dorothy Vose is teaching Latin and French for her third year in Kansas, Illinois, and Miss Louise Hofferbert is teaching Latin and history for her fourth year in Waggoner, Illinois.

Mr. Donald E. Strout, '31, is a professor of Latin and German at Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio. Mr. Strout received his Ph. D. degree from his alma mater in 1933.

Miss Hazel Clifford, '34, is teaching Latin at Elmwood, Illinois, and Miss Edna Wheeler, '34, is tutoring in Latin in Chicago, Illinois.

ALPHA MU

Miss Elizabeth Parkhurst, '29, is teaching Latin and English in Houstonia, Missouri.

Miss Viva Hunt, '30, taught Latin and Spanish in New Mexico for two years following her graduation. Following that she returned to the University of Missouri where she studied law for two years, was admitted to the bar in 1933, and received her LL. B. degree in 1934. At the present time Miss Hunt is doing legal work for the Missouri Relief and Reconstruction Commission.

Of the class of 1931, Miss Mildred Anderson is teaching Latin in Muskogee, Oklahoma, and Miss Ruth Butts in Odessa, Missouri.

Miss Ruth McDaniel, '33, is teaching modern lan-

guages in the Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Missouri.

Miss Daphne Crawford, who received her M. A. degree last year from Missouri University, is teaching Latin and English college extension work in a federal education project in Sullivan County, Missouri.

ALPHA XI

Miss Evelyn G. Patterson, '29, received her M. A. degree in 1930 and is now teaching Latin and mathematics at Festus, Missouri.

Mrs. Rollin W. Gillespie, '32, is living in Nitro, West Virginia, where her husband is employed as a research chemist.

Mr. John Gilchrist, '33, is spending his second year at the Harvard Law School. Mr. Gilchrist was prytanis of Alpha Xi Chapter in his senior year.

ALPHA UPSILON

Miss Marion McKee, '34, is teaching Latin in her home high school in Corsica, Pennsylvania.

Xi Alumnus Honored

Mr. Ray Miller, an alumnus of Xi Chapter, has just been selected from twelve candidates for the Rhodes Scholarship from the district which is comprised of Nebraska, Missouri, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Kansas. He was graduated from the University of Kansas last spring with a major in English. As an undergraduate he was the recipient of many honors, including Phi Beta Kappa, MacDowell fraternity, and Rhadamanthi (honorary poetry society).

Achievements of Alpha Xi Alumni

Miss Josephine Harris, a graduate student and member of the chapter, is preparing for examinations in competition for the fellowship to the American Academy at Athens. Miss Harris expects to receive her Ph. D. degree in June.

Mr. Paul Streich, '34, is attending the Eden Seminary this year.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Evans, a graduate of last year and a member of Phi Beta Kappa, is teaching at Fairview High School, West Walnut Manor District, in St. Louis County.

HERE AND THERE

Mr. William A. Seaman, who received his A. B. degree from the College of Wooster in 1930 and his M. A. from the University of Illinois in 1931, is an instructor in Latin and German in Knoxville College, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Miss Maurine Weinberg, '34, former prytanis of Lambda Chapter, is teaching Latin and Spanish in the high school in Inverness, Mississippi.

Flashes :- Classical

BY SUSAN PATTERSON, Gamma

Since it is always fitting to begin any undertaking with a prayer, we offer the following, taken from an old Monkish Litany:

A cibo biscocto,	From twice-cooked food,
A medico indocto,	From an ignorant doctor,
Ab inimico reconciliato,	From a friendly enemy,
A mala muliere,	From a wicked woman,
Libera, nos, Domine.	Lord, deliver us.

Did you see the original rendering of *Arma virumque cano* as it appeared in *The Reader's Digest* not long ago? It is clever, I think—"I cry for arms and a man."

A new composer has been added to the ranks of famous musicians of ages past! At a recent meeting of a certain classical club, the following announcement was made by the presiding officer: "Miss F. will now play for us a piano solo—*The March of the Ten Thousand* from Xenophon's *Anabasis*."

And speaking of musicians, Walter Damrosch speaking over WEAJ not long ago made this statement: "Polyphonic—that's a long word but you who have started to study Latin will know that *poly* means many—*polyphonic*, many voiced, as against *homophonic*, one-voiced." From this I suppose we might conclude that, like Shakespeare, Mr. Damrosch knows "little Latin and less Greek."

Although we do not make the practice of recommending books and articles in this column, we do think that you would enjoy two things that have come our way recently. The first is an article in the current *Harpers*, "Taking the Hospital out of Hospitality," and the second is a scene in Rose Macaulay's *On Going Abroad* in which the characters—under severe mental strain, you may be sure—endeavor to make themselves understood via the Latin tongue

*Begin to Make Plans Now
for Attendance at the
National Convention
April 5th and 6th*

Ethel M. Templeton

Gamma Chapter

MISS Ethel M. Templeton, who was graduated from Ohio University in 1928, passed away at her home in Woodsfield, Ohio, on November 22, 1934. At the time of her death she was employed as teacher of English in the Woodsfield High School.

Born August 13, 1906, at Round Bottom, Ohio, she had spent most of her life in Woodsfield where she lived with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Templeton and her brother Elmer. Her father preceded her in death,



ETHEL M. TEMPLETON

passing away on August 13, 1934, on her twenty-eighth birthday. Miss Templeton was a graduate of Woodsfield High School in 1924; the next four years of her life were spent at Ohio University where she received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education. During these four years she took part in many activities on the campus. She was a member of Classical Club and Gamma Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi, serving as grammateus of Gamma Chapter in 1927, and participating actively in all its programs. In addition she was secretary of Folklore Club, and a member of Choral Club and of the Y. W. C. A.

Following her graduation from Ohio University Miss Templeton began teaching in Woodsfield in the fall of 1929. Thereafter she took advanced work at the Ohio State University, and won her Master's degree in 1932.

Miss Templeton's pleasant disposition won her many friends who remember her as a quiet, unassuming girl, inclined always to see only the best in her companions. Of somewhat delicate health even in her undergraduate days, she seemingly enjoyed life to the fullest extent. She was interested in reading, and poetry was one of her chief delights. In her character a serious nature was infused with a spirit of gayety, and a lively sense of humor, enhanced by a genuine love for her companions, endeared her friends to her.

These friends, some of whom saw her in June, 1933, when she returned to her alma mater at Commencement

time, feel keenly the loss of this companion of earlier days. To them and to her sorrowing mother and brother Eta Sigma Phi extends expressions of deepest sympathy.

Sappho

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are not surprised to hear Mr. Swineburne who has done so much to make us better acquainted with the thought and spirit of Sappho, saying "To translate the two odes and the remaining fragments of Sappho is the one impossible task." Mr. Swineburne clearly does not estimate himself so highly as Saxe did his honored instructor in the lines:

O 'twas pleasant to hear him make English of Greek,
Till you felt that no tongue was inherently weak;
While Horace in Latin seemed quite understated,
And rejoiced very greatly in being translated.

The following lines from Swineburne's sapphics will serve to show the rhythm of the more common sapphic verse:

All the night sleep came not upon my eyelids,
Shed not dew, nor shook nor unclosed a feather,
Yet with lips shut close, and with eyes of iron
Stood and beheld me.

If Sappho was a poet she must have had a poet's soul, and so one finds that a tender love for flowers and the face of nature is stamped upon her verse. She speaks of "Dark petals of a hyacinth, odorous still, crushed by rude feet on many a windy hill." Again she delights in "The sweet-voiced messenger of spring, the nightingale," or laments the fate of the stricken doves "Whose heart becomes cold, and they drop their wings."

I can find no more beautiful, or more apt words with which to bid Sappho farewell, than those found in a poem by Maurice Thompson, which appeared some years ago in the *New York Independent*, entitled "A Song of the Mocking-bird":

And still, O Sappho, still I turn and sigh
That all but these stray notes of all thy song should die;
That these chance fragments old
Of things more golden than the virgin gold,
To music set beyond all melody,
Have come to me of all thy treasure blown across the sea!
Mad maid of Mytilene,
Song-slave, song-mistress, and song-queen!
Blesséd the nightingale,
Whom thou didst sing and hail
As tender messenger of spring!
Sappho, Oh thou,
Sweet apple on the bough,
Yea, blushing on the top spray of the tree,
Whom all the apple-gatherers fail to see,
Nay, saw but could not reach, and can not now.

The National Officers

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in the November issue of the NUNTIUS. Second to Catullus comes Vergil, in his estimation.

Although the Tenth National Convention was the first that Mr. Naiden had attended, he was keenly interested in the discussions which occurred in the business sessions and in the various amendments that were up for action. This obvious interest in Eta Sigma Phi and his mathematical background which we have just noticed should serve to make him a very efficient guardian of the organization's funds.

The Megalos Pyloros, Miss Pauline Loesch, is so fortunate this year as to be enrolled in Franklin College and to be employed in Columbus, Indiana, too. She has a position there in the office of the principal of the Columbus High School and is also taking work in Franklin College, from which she expects to be graduated in June of this year.

Miss Loesch was born in Columbus, Indiana, on November 5, 1913, and has lived there all her life. After eight years in the Lutheran Parochial School, she spent four years in the Columbus High School. While there she was elected to Sorosis, a girls' debating organization, and was secretary of it in her junior year and president

the following year. In addition she was elected to the National Honor Society and to Quill and Scroll (vice-president). During her senior year she was editor of *The Triangle*, the school newspaper. Miss Loesch maintained an enviable scholastic record, in spite of these numerous activities, and in her senior year was given a silver loving cup because of her high standing. A scholarship to Franklin College was another honor won because of her scholastic attainments.

In Franklin College, Miss Loesch is no less active. For two years she was on the staff of *The Franklin*, the college newspaper. In her sophomore year she was a member of the college orchestra, and it was during that year also that she was elected to membership in Delta Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi. Last year she was grammateus-chrysothylax of the chapter, and this year she is prytanis. Miss Loesch was second highest scholastically in her class last year, and was elected vice-president of the Student Council for this year. She is a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority and has held the offices of librarian, recording secretary, and marshal in that group.

Such are the past achievements and present attainments of our national officers. All have made records of which both they and the national society may well be proud. We are happy, indeed, to place our confidence in such capable members of the organization.

LARES AND PENATES

ALPHA THROUGH NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

University of Chicago

By LOTTIE NANCY STOVALL

As the end of the quarter drew near at Alpha, it became increasingly difficult to urge professors and students to leave their work and share their rich experience and knowledge. However, during this period, Alpha enjoyed two of its most interesting meetings.

At the first of these, the speaker was Miss Constance Gavares, winner of the Ryerson Fellowship in Archaeology. The award provides for study in Athens and timely trips to places of interest. The essential details connected with this award, Alpha had heard from Mr. Lloyd Stow, a former winner of the fellowship. But Miss Gavares added the other touches: the advisability of tipping

the men on a ferry, in case you should ever happen on the same boat again; the beauty of the trail of worshippers filing down the mountain to their homes, newly lighted candles twinkling far off into the night.

The second of these meetings was one of the most informal Alpha has enjoyed. As it was only a few days before final examinations, a very small group was present. However, this very fact produced a spirit so often missing in the more formal type. All gathered around a long table, Professor J. A. O. Larsen, of the department of History, seated at the head. From a little box he took some Greek coins which he had collected from time to time, explained the value of each and its significance; then the group, with the aid of powerful glasses, one by one examined the coins. After a short hour, the members were ready to

agree with Professor Larsen that Greek coin collecting was not only an inexpensive but also a deeply engrossing hobby.

THE GODS VISIT BETA

Northwestern University

By EVELYN GILPATRICK

The last meeting of Beta Chapter was fully in the hands of the pledges. In fact, it has developed into an annual custom to give the pledges complete responsibility for one meeting during the year. This year an original skit was presented. The scene opened disclosing a freshman who was having considerable trouble with his studies, and particularly his Latin. He had some helpful friends, however; the gods came down from Olympus to give him some useful suggestions.

First Mr. Jack Broad as Mercury came dashing in on a scooter and

dressed in a Western Union messenger's cap, a pair of turkey wings, and a pair of shorts. He announced the rest of the gods. Diana, or Miss Marjorie Dreyer, came forward with her bow and arrow hunting a duck, but stopped long enough to advise the freshman not to spend so many hours under the moon. Minerva, Miss Margaret Ostler, gave the student the horse of Troy to use as a "pony," and Mr. Curtis Shanahan as Bacchus dressed as a jolly bartender gave the young lad wine to stimulate his brain. The drink was too potent, and he madly called for water. Neptune disguised in a raincoat came to the rescue with a pail of water.

Then stately Juno, Miss Eleanor Surge, entered, who, as guardian of women, advised the young Romeo not to date too frequently. Since this was a very serious matter, Ceres came in, Miss Helen Fox, commanding him to eat shredded wheat for vim, vigor, and inspiration. Mercury next announced the ruler of the shades; whereupon Pluto, Mr. Robert Wernlie, threatened the student with the tortures of Hades, a place where they have daily Latin tests and stay up day and night conjugating verbs. Mr. David Peck as Apollo advised that rising with the sun would make him healthy, wealthy, and wise. Venus, Miss Mary Louise Lingruber, counseled the freshman to pay less attention to the pretty Northwestern coeds. Jupiter, Mr. Paul Clayton, presided over all with a very austere air. Last of all, Vesta, Miss Annette Lenz, came to ask the freshman to remember home-coming after he had passed all his Latin courses and had become an august alumnus.

Mr. Raymond Young, Miss Josephine Ortale, and Mr. Milton Wishnick had charge of the refreshments.

**GAMMA CELEBRATES
SATURNALLIA**
Ohio University
BY MILDRED FISHER
Gamma Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi

celebrated the Christmas season in a most fitting fashion with the Saturnalia at the home of Professor and Mrs. V. D. Hill, December 12. The early part of the meeting was devoted to the pledging of Miss Rachel Karnes and the installation of three new officers: Miss Beulah Heestand, deuterohyparchos; Miss Helen Gerke, chrysohylax; and Mr. Herbert Alcott, pyloros.

At this point in the evening's program the Queen of the Saturnalia, Miss Beulah Heestand, robed in all the finery of the ancients, appeared before the dazzled eyes of the members. With mock solemnity and authority, the Queen conducted the social program of the evening, provoking a spirit of hilarity from the very beginning. After attempting "Jingle Bells" in Latin, the group began to play games, in which all dignity was cast aside. As a climax of the fun came the opening of presents.

During the Christmas season Gamma Chapter was busily engaged in selling Christmas cards as a means of supplementing the dues.

Several members of Gamma Chapter were honored with election to Kappa Delta Pi, honorary educational fraternity. They are the Misses Virginia Kelly, Josephine McVay, Kathryn Mallett, and Elizabeth Hyre.

**DELTA ALUMNA SPEAKS
ON ROME**

Franklin College
BY PAULINE LOESCH

At the January meeting it was a pleasure to have Miss Kathryn Glick, an alumna of Delta Chapter, now teaching at Wilson College in Pennsylvania, tell of her tour in Italy during the last summer. She dwelt chiefly on her stay in Rome, discussing the many excavations being carried on there. She told in particular of the wide road recently completed from the Capitoline Hill to the Coliseum, and of plans under way to build two more such roads, one from the south and the other from the east. The

meeting was held at the home of Mrs. P. L. Powell, chapter sponsor, with members of the Classical Club and the Latin department as guests.

At the meeting previous to this one, initiation services were held for Miss Esther Johnson and Miss Edith Jackson, sophomores. A dinner followed at which Dr. W. G. Spencer, president of Franklin College and honorary member of Delta Chapter, gave a talk on "Roman Religion."

EPSILON CHAPTER

University of Iowa
BY RUBY HICKMAN

On November 22 an open meeting of Epsilon Chapter was held, to which all students of the Classical department were invited. The special feature of the program was the reading by Mrs. Priscilla Morrison Sellman, a well-known actress and reader of Iowa, of excerpts from the prize-winning play entitled "The Mantuan," written by Mrs. Ruth Moore Stanley, a graduate student in the department of English at the University of Iowa, for the Vergil celebration in 1930. The program was concluded by the singing of Latin songs by the group. Refreshments were served by the committee.

On Sunday evening, December 9, the members of Epsilon Chapter, assisted by other students in the Classical department, broadcast for the fourth consecutive year a program of Christmas carols in Latin over WSUI. Kathryn Marriott as prytanis gave a short introductory speech explaining the nature of the program. In addition, the Christmas story from the Latin New Testament was read by Professor Franklin H. Potter, and portions of the same passage from the Greek New Testament were read by Mrs. Minnie Keys Flickinger. Professor Roy C. Flickinger, who is general chairman of the Bimillennium Horatianum, spoke briefly of interesting developments in the celebration, further details of which appear elsewhere in this issue.

On December 19 at the home of Professor and Mrs. Flickinger the annual Christmas party was held, with youthfulness as the predominant note in the evening's entertainment. The arrival of Santa Claus with a small gift amusingly appropriate to each guest provided much merriment. Refreshments in keeping with the holiday season were served by Mrs. Flickinger. The party was under the direction of Miss Beulah Gorden as chairman of the program committee, assisted by Mrs. Josephine Burrell Miller and Mr. James Naiden.

In connection with the Seventeenth Annual Conference of the Classical Teachers of Iowa, (Friday and Saturday, February, 15-16) Epsilon Chapter will entertain visitors at an informal reception at nine o'clock Friday evening, February 15, in the Classical Library, following lectures given by Professor Marbury B. Ogle, of the University of Minnesota, and by Professor Grant Showerman, of the University of Wisconsin.

ZETA HAS FEAST

Denison University
BY JANET CHATTEN

Zeta Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi has had a very successful year thus far. Professor R. L. Dean gave a most interesting illustrated lecture on "The Travels of Aeneas," with pictures taken on the Vergilian cruise of the Mediterranean. At the next meeting Miss Margaret Huston told of her experiences studying abroad last year.

The annual feast of the Saturnalia was held at the Buxton Tavern in Granville on December 11. After the banquet, the members sang Christmas carols in Latin.

Classical Club has elected its officers. They are Miss Martha Jump, president; Miss Esther G. Smith, vice-president; Miss Nancy Hart, secretary; Miss Virginia Babb, treasurer; and Miss Betty Sears, program chairman.

The first program after Christmas vacation was a business meeting.

ETA CELEBRATES SATURNALIA

Florida State College for Women
BY VIRGINIA EARLE

Eta Chapter held its first program meeting of the year on December 6 at the home of Miss Dorman and Miss West. The topic of discussion was "The Roman Poet Horace." Studies made of different aspects of the first book of Horace's *Odes* were presented at this time. These were "Horace and His Friends," by Miss Lillian Turlington; "Horace and Nature," Miss Mary Frances Smith; "Horace and Government," Miss Marcia Buchanan; and "Horace's Philosophy," Miss Mary Etta Thistlethwaite. There followed a discussion on graduate work and the teaching of Latin by the alumnae who were present. These were Mrs. Irene Brunson Miller, Miss Kathryn Williams, and Mrs. Stephen Sterck.

On December 15 Eta Chapter and Classical Club entertained the members of the Classical department with a Saturnalia celebration at Ruge Hall. A number of interesting talks on the origin and history of the Saturnalia and its survival were given. Latin Christmas carols, "In Excelsis Cantus" and "Adeste Fideles" were sung by a quartette. A Rex Saturnalia was chosen and the celebration took on all the forms of the Roman Saturnalia: A cap of freedom, *pileus*, was given to each guest, and *licentia* reigned. Skits were given in various sections of Rome. All types of feats were performed—juggling, tight-rope-walking, dancing, and fortune telling. *Sportulae* of *fructus*, *liba*, *mulsum*, and *nuces* were served. The climax of the evening was the death of Rex Saturnalia.

THETA CHAPTER

Indiana University
BY CHARLES LESH

Theta Chapter has arranged for pledging and initiation early in the second semester and is offering a medal for the best Horace translation,

as part of its Bimillennium celebration.

Before the Christmas holidays Professor R. H. Coon, honorary member of the chapter, gave a paper on the Roman Saturnalia. Professor Coon has published a book of general interest, *William Warde Fowler*, which has the distinction of being the only biography of that scholar.

IOTA CHAPTER

University of Vermont
BY MARION HERBERG

A meeting of Iota Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi was held at the home of Professor Bassett, head of the Greek department at the University of Vermont, on December 12. After a short business meeting, Professor Prindle, head of the Latin department, gave a very interesting talk on the Roman wall between England and Scotland. Since Professor Prindle had visited this district last year, he had his own photographs and postcards of the wall. Afterwards, Mrs. Bassett served very delicious refreshments.

LAMBDA INITIATES THREE

University of Mississippi
BY COLLIER STEWART

Lambda Chapter has chosen Horace as the subject of the year's program. At the first meeting several translations of Horace's *Odes* were read. Professor A. L. Bondurant discussed the life of Horace and described preparations for the Horatian Bimillennial celebration.

The second meeting was devoted to Greek influences on the poet and to a description of life in Athens when Horace lived there. Professor A. W. Milden led this discussion. After this talk, Miss Janice Colquitt, Miss Margaret Finlay, and Miss Mollie Bedwell were initiated into the fraternity. Miss McGinnis and Miss Aldridge served delicious refreshments. Plans were prepared for getting information about alumni of the chapter.

NU MAPS OUT INTERESTING PROGRAMS

Morningside College

BY MILDRED MOUV

Nu Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi at Morningside College is planning a very interesting program for the rest of the year. Every two weeks they meet at a faculty member's house with her as hostess, or at the dormitory or society halls with girls as hostesses.

The chapter plans to study Cicero for a time, and to read and discuss his essay *De Amicitia*.

Plans are also being made for the actives and alumnae to celebrate the Bimillennium of Horace in the spring. They plan to study the geography of Horace's home, his life, and his works.

Miss Grace Marek is prytanis of the chapter. Miss Lillian E. Dimmitt and Miss Ethel Murray are sponsors.

XI CHAPTER

University of Kansas

BY HELEN GOODE

Xi Chapter has not been very active this year because of its small enrollment. It has had one meeting, at which one of the members gave a talk on ancient Cretan civilization. The chapter expects to hold more meetings later in the year.

Five girls are eligible for membership and will be initiated soon.

OMICRON INITIATES FIFTEEN

University of Pennsylvania

BY CATHERINE C. MILLER

Omicron Chapter held its first meeting the beginning of November. In addition to the eleven active members many alumni were present. The most important business was a discussion and vote upon prospective members. It was decided to bid fifteen men and women whose work in the classical studies was outstanding and who had shown deep interest. December 6 was decided upon for initiation.

The Convention to be held at Le-

high University in the spring was announced and was enthusiastically discussed. Also plans for an all-campus tea were discussed.

After the business meeting Professor Hadzits, of the Latin department at the University and sponsor of the chapter, spoke most interestingly on Africa, which he had recently visited.

RHO CHAPTER

Drake University

BY CHARLES FREDERICK

Early in January Rho Chapter had a banquet honoring in particular Dr. Jack Finnegan, of Ames, Iowa. Dr. Finnegan is an alumnus of Rho Chapter who has distinguished himself as a student of modern and classical languages in the University of Berlin. He spoke on the place of the classics in the present German university curriculum. Miss Frances Dwyer was pledged prior to the banquet.

SIGMA REHEARSES FOR PHORMIO

Miami University

BY LILLIAN M. SMITH

"Mm—what time is it, Jane?"

"Oh—let's see—seven o'clock."

"By Pollux, I've a rehearsal for *Phormio* at seven; guess I'd better snap into it."

This is the scene presented in various dormitories on the Miami campus. The reason is the production of *Phormio* of Terence late in March.

Anyone doubting that the Romans had a sense of humor should drop in on a rehearsal and see the fun one can get from this ancient comedy, which seems so closely related to our modern comedies.

The directors and cast plan to have students from neighboring high schools included in the audience—thus creating a bond of interest between classics in high school and university. Professor Hadsel and Mrs. Hodgkin of the Latin department and the cast are quite confident that this aim will be accomplished.

UPSILON DISCUSSES PROSE OF REPUBLIC

Mississippi State College for Women

BY HELEN PRICE

Upsilon Chapter met for its November meeting with Professor Gladys Martin. The subject of the meeting was "Prose Literature of the Republic." Under the first division, that of history, Miss Betty Fenwick discussed the predecessors of Caesar: Fabius Pictor, Polybius, and Marcus Porcius Cato. Miss Hyacinth McCormick told of Caesar himself; and Miss Maxine Melton talked on Sallust, telling the story of Jugurtha. Miss Mary Fite discussed the histories of Cornelius Nepos, "in three learned books," and Marcus Terentius Varro. The second division of the program was oratory. Marcus Porcius Cato was again commented on, this time as an orator, by Miss Betty Fenwick. Cato's speech against repealing the Appian Law, as it is quoted in Livy, was read. It was received with a great deal of amusement in comparison to modern views on this subject. Miss Josephine Williams and Miss Coralie Croom talked on the oratory of Scipio the Younger and Cicero.

The philosophy of the period, particularly that of Cicero, was briefly summarized and brief selections of Cicero's philosophic essays were read.

After the conclusion of the program, those present were entertained by Professor Martin.

CHI HAS SATURNALIA BANQUET

Coe College

BY HARRIET COOKE

A meeting of Chi Chapter was held in Literary Hall on November 20. Mr. Frederick Pavilis was appointed chairman of the committee in charge of the Saturnalia banquet to be held in December. Miss Marjorie Wright gave a very inspiring talk on "Interesting Corners in Rome." Refreshments were served by the hostess, Miss Helen Jenista.

Chi Chapter celebrated the Satur-

nalía on Tuesday evening, December 18. The members and guests wore Roman togas. Professor Bryant acted as toastmaster, introducing the following speakers: Mr. Greer McCrory, Miss Elizabeth Burianek, and Miss Alice Thompson. Gifts were exchanged.

Miss Henrietta Zezula, an alumna, and Mrs. Bryant were guests at the banquet.

OMEGA TO INITIATE TEN
College of William and Mary

BY ANN NORTHINGTON

The last meeting of Omega Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi was in the form of a Saturnalia party at the home of Professor A. P. Wagener, an honorary member of the chapter. It was certainly one of the best Omega Chapter has ever enjoyed. Even playing anagrams in all languages but English was not bad; and everyone tried to brush up his knowledge of nouns and verbs in short order.

The last number of the *Acta Diurna* came out the first of December, and proved a very successful issue. It included such articles as book reviews, a play, a history of Omega Chapter, "Editor's Uneasy Chair," and a column on "Matters, Amusing, Interesting, and Otherwise." This issue ended the term of office of the present editors, and new editors will be elected at the next meeting.

This fall the following new members were elected to the chapter: the Misses Nancy Reevey, Mable Turner, Carolyn Ridgeway, Norma Coe, Virginia Ann Codell, Helen Connor, Eleanor Martin, Nancy Holland, and Berenice Marston, and Mr. Henry Seymour. These will be initiated at the February meeting.

ALPHA ALPHA HAS
CHRISTMAS PARTY

Winthrop College

BY LILLIAN BENSON

Alpha Alpha Chapter held its second meeting of the school year on

Thursday, December 6, in Johnson Hall. A very interesting program was presented. Miss Martha Tolbert related the myth of Hero and Leander. "On Seeing a Picture of Leander" was read by Miss Rubye Furr, and Miss Linda Rhodes read Richard Halliburton's "On Swimming the Hellespont."

A short business meeting followed during which plans were made for a Christmas party.

On December 15 Alpha Alpha Chapter had a Christmas party at the home of Professor Donnis Martin. One of the highlights of the occasion was the arrival of Santa Claus. He was laden with many packages which, instead of having names on them, had poems descriptive of those for whom they were intended. Refreshments were served late in the evening.

Plans are still in the making as to an Horatian celebration, but it is earnestly hoped that this will be most successful.

ALPHA BETA HOLDS OPEN
MEETING

University of Denver

BY ANNE TURNER

Alpha Beta Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi held its annual open meeting on Thursday evening, December 6, 1934, at the home of Professor E. D. Cressman, head of the Classical department. Business was dispensed with to give place to the program, which consisted of the interpretation, by Mrs. Iris P. Gilmore, of Stephen Phillip's *Ulysses*.

All persons in the Greek literature and Latin classes were invited to the meeting. Thus, one of the aims of the club, which is to spread the love for the classics, was accomplished.

On January 3 the chapter held a joint meeting with the Drama Club at the home of Mrs. Marion Parsons Robinson, director of the Drama Club. At that time Dr. F. J. Miller, professor emeritus of Latin at the University of Chicago, gave a reading of his "Dido, the Phoenician Queen."

Following this, four members of the Drama Club presented a dramatization of the "Bore Satire" of Horace. The translation used was that made by Dr. Miller.

Alpha Beta Chapter hopes to continue the spirit of the Horatian celebration in its activities throughout the year.

ALPHA GAMMA ENTERTAINS
Southern Methodist University

BY MARION PARR

Alpha Gamma Chapter honored its new initiates and new pledges with an open house Sunday, January 6, from three to five P. M. at the home of Professor and Mrs. F. D. Smith. Invitations were extended to a hundred and sixty. The guest list was composed of the faculty members of the language departments, representatives of all the honorary fraternities, and students of the Latin and Greek departments.

The tea table was laid with a lace cloth, and yellow chrysanthemums wrapped with purple cellophane banked each end of a reflector on which yellow tapers were placed. Mrs. John S. McIntosh and Mrs. L. S. Holt presided at the silver coffee and tea services. The refreshments and decorative motifs were carried out in the fraternity's colors of saffron and purple.

Miss Florence Olivia Faulkner who was accompanied by Mr. Hershel Baker gave several violin selections.

Saturday, January 5, formal initiation service was held for Miss Florence Olivia Faulkner and Mr. Bob Naylor at the home of Miss Joie Honea. Also pledge service was held for Messrs. Herschel Baker, Alvin Jett, and Morris Kilgore.

On December 11 an informal meeting was held at the home of Miss Florence Olivia Faulkner of which the pledges had charge. Charades, word contests, and other games were played. Golden apples from the garden of Hesperides were awarded as prizes.

ALPHA DELTA ENTERTAINS HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS

Agnes Scott College

BY ISABEL SHIPLEY

On Wednesday afternoon, November 21, Alpha Delta Chapter gave a program in honor of the two-thousandth anniversary of the birth of Horace. High school students of Atlanta, Decatur, and Marietta were invited. The program was as follows: Miss Eva Constantine, the president, gave the welcoming address and explained the purpose of the entertainment. Miss Willie Florence Eubanks gave an interesting discussion of Sappho's influence on Horace, as an introduction to the Greek dance given by Miss Harriet Haynes and her dancing class. Next, the audience was asked to join in a song "Justum et Tenacem" which was translated from Horace. Miss Margaret Morris gave a brief summary of the plot of "The Bore," the dramatic incident taken from the ninth satire of the first book. Miss Elizabeth Forman took the part of Horace; Miss Martha Allen, the Bore; Miss Eva Poliakoff, the plaintiff; and Miss Amy Underwood, Fuscus, the friend of Horace. The audience joined in singing "O Fons Bandusiae." Miss Mary Elizabeth Squires gave a summary as an introduction to the Latin song which was sung by Mrs. S. G. Stukes and Miss Betty Lou Houck, Mrs. Stukes taking the part of the lover and Miss Houck that of Lesbia.

On December 5 Alpha Delta Chapter and Alpha Sigma Chapter held a joint meeting at the home of Professor E. K. Turner, of Emory University. Miss Mary Elizabeth Squires read a paper on "The Artistry of Sophocles in the *Oedipus Rex* and the *Antigone* as Shown by His Use of the Chorus." Mr. Clifton White played a record on which he had recorded a lecture on Crete in the light of modern archaeological discoveries. Mr. John Alexander gave a talk on "Greek: Ancient and Modern." Both chapters thoroughly enjoyed this joint meeting.

On December 11 the faculty members of the club were hostesses at a Christmas party which was enjoyed very much. Christmas songs were sung in Latin, and a game was played with "scrambled" Latin words. Each received fortunes, either in Latin or in Greek. Delicious refreshments were served. Each girl received an attractive gift from a tiny Christmas tree.

ALPHA EPSILON CHAPTER

Lehigh University

BY JAMES CROUSHORE

Mr. Edgar A. Collins, graduate member of Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi, read a paper on "The Postal System of Rome" at the December meeting. Mr. Collins stated that Augustus was the first to establish the postal system of Rome as an imperial organization. Certainty of delivery rather than speed was the object of the organization. He explained that fifty miles was the average distance covered by a post rider in a day, although there are some instances of much faster rides. Julius Caesar traveled over post roads from Gaul to Rome in eight days at the rate of one hundred miles a day.

ALPHA ZETA SEES EXHIBITION

Washington Square College

BY BEULAH H. SAMPSON

On November 12 Alpha Zeta Chapter conducted a talk and discussion group under the leadership of Professor Catherine E. Smith. The subject, "Getting the Most out of Latin and Greek," was felt to be particularly beneficial to the students because of Professor Smith's valuable and stimulating suggestions for the preparation of translations.

The second discussion group, also under the tutelage of Professor Smith, was held on December 10. The topic this time was "The Money of the Past." Ancient Greek and Roman coins were circulated for inspection and, when several of the members present endeavored to decipher them,

the meeting became quite animated.

The traditional Saturnalia was held on the Wednesday evening before the Christmas recess. The presentation of three lively skits which were based on "take-offs" of historical and literary Roman characters added to the success of the occasion.

An exhibition by the New York Cartographic Study, directed by Professor Kraemer, was held at the Grand Central Art Galleries from December 21, 1934, through January 4, 1935. A number of flat maps and relief maps were shown, together with materials illustrating the technical processes in map-making. In addition to these there were on exhibit Roman life models including a farm after *De Re Rustica* and a series of studio portraits of ancient characters which were photographs from charcoal sketches after authentic originals.

ALPHA IOTA CHAPTER

University of South Carolina

BY MARY HOGAN

Alpha Iota Chapter of Eta Sigma Phi has held only one meeting this year, which was early in January. Initiation is planned to be held in a short time. Since the prytanis of the chapter, Mr. Richard Thompson, will not return for the second semester, the hyparchos has taken over his duties. Alpha Iota Chapter plans to have more meetings in the future.

HORACE IS THEME OF ALPHA MU

University of Missouri

BY LORETTO GILLESPIE

At the first meeting of this year, held at the home of Professor Walter Miller, head of the Classical department, Professor Hanson Harrel gave a talk on "Greek Women Poets." Professor Harrel joined the classical staff this fall and comes to the University of Missouri from the University of Chicago. After his talk, plans were discussed for the present, and it was decided to read a number of selections from Horace, since the next year his

Bimillennium is to be celebrated by classicists all over the world. After the business meeting the members had a very pleasant time renewing old friendships and meeting some of the new students who were guests for the evening.

At the second meeting, held at the home of Professor Eva Johnston, selections were read from the odes and satires of Horace, which had been assigned to the various members by the prytanis, Mr. Elbert Green. Professor Gwatkin gave a brief resumé of Horace's life. Professor Miller gave some amusing parodies of the satires, and Miss Emma Cauthorn read some of the selections in the original Latin.

ALPHA NU DISCUSSES PHILOLOGY

Davidson College

BY ARNOLD B. RHODES

Alpha Nu was called to order in its initial meeting on November 5 by Mr. R. T. Coit, the prytanis. The purpose of the meeting was to attend to business matters. Mr. William Benfield, Jr., was elected pyloros in the place of Mr. Addison Brenizer, who did not return to Davidson this year. Dues to the NUNTIVS were discussed. The next meeting was scheduled for the third Monday night in November. The Messrs. F. M. Toole, William Benfield, and A. B. Rhodes were appointed to plan a program for next meeting.

Alpha Nu had its second meeting on November 17 in Chambers building. The meeting scheduled for November 24 was not held on account of conflicts with other programs. Financial matters were discussed. The chapter decided to have its picture put in the college *Quips and Cranks*. Professor Vowles, of the German department and an honorary member of Alpha Nu, spoke on the general subject of "Philology," with especial emphasis upon specific examples of word relationships. At the beginning of the discourse Professor Vowles gave an opportunity to members of the

chapter to ask questions along philological lines. In answer to a question concerning artificial languages, he said that English would make a much better universal language. The subdivisions of the Indo-European family were briefly discussed. Professor Vowles mentioned such words as to *wit* and *sweet*, showing their relationship in different languages.

ALPHA XI HAS ROMAN BANQUET

Washington University

BY LOUISE MCCLURE

In November Alpha Xi Chapter entertained at tea the members of the Latin and Greek classes of the University. At this time the guests had an opportunity to become acquainted with the purposes of the classical honorary and to know in a better way the students and faculty members of the department. Professor Shipley gave the principal talk. He was followed by Mr. William Swindler, Megas Prytanis, who gave a brief talk and read a modern version of parts of the *Cena Trimalchionis* of Petronius. Mr. Paul Streich provided the musical part of the program with three selections on the piano.

On December 21 the chapter held its annual Roman banquet. The members wore Roman togas and various features of the program carried out the idea of the Saturnalia, which the Romans celebrated about the same time each year. As in ancient days when special indulgence was granted to the slaves, including full license of speech, the students, in keeping with the custom, took advantage of the freedom and, in rhyming lines, spoke their thoughts of the practices and mannerisms of the faculty. Miss Bernice Devine, prytanis, acted as master of ceremonies. Professor Taverner, in an interesting and helpful talk, stressed the value of a knowledge of French and German in graduate work in the classics. At the close the group enjoyed singing together Christmas carols written in Latin.

Alumni members and teachers of Latin in the high schools of St. Louis and the county were among those invited to the banquet. Also present were Professors Ryan, Shipley, Taverner, Duncan, and Mylonas, all members of the faculty, and Mrs. Mylonas, who came dressed in an authentic Greek costume.

ALPHAOMICRON HAS SATURNALIA BANQUET

Lawrence College

BY LAVERNE WETZEL

Alpha Omicron entertained students of the classics at a Saturnalia banquet at Russell Sage Hall December 7. Plans for the banquet were in the hands of Miss Dorothea Wolfe, hyparchos, who carried them out with true Latin spirit. The menu was carefully planned according to the "*de ovo ad malum*" tradition. The after-dinner program consisted of an invocation to the gods with Professor Arthur H. Weston pouring the libation and a candle light ceremony in which the officers of the chapter lit tapers and hailed the Saturnalia. Miss Wolfe gave a brief talk about the purpose and celebration of this ancient holiday. To bring in the true Christmas spirit, Professor Weston read the two Biblical stories of the nativity in Latin, and several Christmas carols were sung in Latin also. Place cards were small scrolls containing the Latin version of the menu and program.

The next meeting was held on January 17 at Harmar House. The meeting was devoted entirely to business. Changes in the constitution were suggested, discussed, and voted upon.

ALPHA PI INITIATES FIRST WOMAN INTO CHAPTER

Gettysburg College

BY MAURICE M. SMEAL

Alpha Pi Chapter has the distinct privilege to announce that Mr. Wayne R. Woods was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Mr. Woods is actively engaged in varsity debating, Y. M. C. A. work, and honorary fraternities.

He is a member of the class of 1935 and is affiliated with the national Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity. His home is in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Alpha Pi, as a chapter, congratulates him upon his accomplishments in Gettysburg College.

Prytanis Raymond Miller and Hyparchos Cleon Prowell gave two interesting reports in the December meeting of the chapter. Mr. Miller presented the life and works of Bacchylides while Mr. Prowell revealed the distinctive features in Pindar's writings.

It has been suggested that Alpha Pi Chapter extend its high school extension work into several counties. That is, the work ought to include several high schools in the counties surrounding Adams County. The chapter accepted this suggestion, and the Eta Sigma Phi high school scholarship medals for Latin will be offered to high schools within the immediate vicinity.

The chapter has initiated Miss Martha J. Larson, who has the distinction of becoming the first woman member of Alpha Pi Chapter. Miss Larson is the teacher of high school Latin in the Gettysburg High School. She is deeply interested in classical work, and will be invaluable to the chapter.

Mr. J. Elmer Leas, Mr. Malcom Shutters, Mr. Clarence W. Miller, and Mr. A. Dunkelberger were also received into the group.

In the future programs topics worthy of note concerning the life and works of Horace will be offered by Miss Larson, Professor Shaffer, instructor of Greek, and Professor Glenn, instructor of Latin.

ALPHA RHO ANTICIPATES SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Muhlenburg College
BY ALBERT URSIN

Six new members were initiated as follows: the Messrs. Geza Bolez, Walter H. Guigley, Julius Kish, Charles H. Kline, Jr., James L. Powers, and Warren C. Schlegel.

Delightful discussions have ensued on such men as Vergil and Aeschylus, their life and works. The topics were presented in a very interesting way by Messrs. Scholl, Schaeffer, and Schlenker. A very elaborate program is being satisfactorily carried through, and the season, the members are sure, will be unusually successful.

ALPHA SIGMA PLANS PLAY Emory University BY C. H. WHITE

Following extensive plans outlined in the October meeting, the members of Alpha Sigma Chapter had as guests at the November meeting the members of the neighboring chapter at Agnes Scott College.

Alpha Sigma is pleased to announce the initiation of Mr. Orson Beecher.

The December meeting of Alpha Sigma Chapter was also attended by some members of Alpha Delta. Talks on Greek literature, Greek archaeology, and Greek language were presented by a member of the Alpha Delta Chapter and two members of Alpha Sigma.

Parts have been assigned for the presentation this spring of Plautus' *Mostellaria* by a joint cast of the two chapters. Discussions and rehearsals relative to this, as well as assigned topics for talks at future meetings this year, were planned.

Alpha Sigma formally recognizes here the kindness of Professor E. K. Turner in allowing the use of his home for its meetings; its convenience and gracious hospitality are appreciated by the entire chapter.

ALPHA UPSILON HEARS PROFESSOR OLDFATHER Wooster College

BY ELINOR WILSON

Two new members were added to the recently organized Alpha Upsilon Chapter at the College of Wooster on November 21, 1934. Miss Ruth Mary Zehner and Miss Isabel Fillies, both undergraduates, were formally

initiated at the home of Professor Frank H. Cowles, honorary member and head of the Classical department at Wooster. After the initiation, there was an informal social gathering.

Professor Oldfather, of the University of Illinois, was the featured speaker at the meeting of the chapter on December 15, which was held at the home of Miss Eva May Newnan, honorary member of the chapter. The meeting was open to all members of the Classical department and faculty in order that all those interested might have the opportunity of hearing Professor Oldfather's paper on "The Decline of Culture in the Roman Empire." The chapter regards it as a distinct privilege to have had the opportunity of bringing Professor Oldfather to the Wooster campus.

NO REPORTS

Kappa, Colorado College.
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Phi, West Virginia University.
Psi, Vanderbilt University.
Alpha Eta, University of Michigan.
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Alpha Kappa, University of Illinois.
Alpha Lambda, University of Oklahoma.
Alpha Tau, The Ohio State University.

*Don't forget the date
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