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Thanks to Alpha Xi

It becomes difficult adequately to express one's appreciation for a thoroughly enjoyable time such as visitors and delegates to the Seventeenth National Convention experienced in St. Louis. So many factors go to make up a successful meeting: graciousness of the entertaining chapter, affability of the guests, keen interest in the business items and the discussions, and pleasant social diversions. Judged by these criteria the Convention was undoubtedly successful, and appreciation should be extended, first, to the members of Alpha Xi, active and honorary, who were responsible for the formulation of the plans for the meeting and for the execution of these plans.

In the second place, to the chapters who sent delegates to share in the activities of the Convention thanks are also due, and to the National Officers and visiting faculty members likewise words of appreciation should go for their cooperation and assistance.

Our New Chapters

The petitions of four schools were accepted at the National Convention, and new chapters are being installed at the University of Tennessee, Brooklyn College, St. Louis University, and Westminster College. The national organization welcomes these four new groups into the society, confident that they will aid in sponsoring the aims and ideals of Eta Sigma Phi.

The new Beta Delta Chapter, at the University of Tennessee, was promoted by a group of students on the campus at Knoxville and is sponsored by the members of the classical faculty, who are members of Eta Sigma Phi themselves, Professor A. H. Moser and Professor Albert Rapp. Professor Moser is a member of Psi Chapter (Vanderbilt University), and Professor Rapp belongs

to the Alpha Kappa Chapter (University of Illinois).

One of the faculty sponsors at the new Beta Epsilon Chapter (Brooklyn College) is likewise a member of Eta Sigma Phi, Miss Alice E. Kober, assistant professor in the department. Miss Kober is a member of Alpha Theta Chapter (Hunter College), and has maintained contacts with that group. The Classical Club already in existence at the College is very active, meeting every other week for discussions on some classical subject. Other activities include an annual Greek dinner, a *Lanx Saturata* during which dramatic sketches adapted from the ancient Classics are presented, and a trip to the School of Dramatic Arts at Millbrook, New York, to see a Greek drama in the Greek theater there.

An extremely active Classical Club will also form the nucleus of the new chapter, Beta Zeta, to be installed at St. Louis University. During the current year the Club, in its twelfth year of existence, has sponsored a program dealing with "Classical Drama and Latin Parallels." At each meeting some phase of this general subject is presented. The faculty sponsor of the group is Professor William C. Korfmacher. Another member of the faculty, Father Heithaus, is known to delegates and visitors to the National Convention by reason of the interesting illustrated lecture he delivered at one of the sessions.

The fourth petition accepted came from another school in Missouri, Westminster College, at Fulton. The classical group here will form the Beta Eta Chapter and will be under the direction of Professor Jonah W. D. Skiles.

The faculty leadership and the interest manifested by the students in each instance augurs well for four active chapters which will play their part and assume their responsibilities in carrying out the purposes of the national organization.

The Seventeenth National Convention

From the time when delegates and visitors to the Seventeenth National Convention of Eta Sigma Phi assembled informally on Thursday evening, April 24, in the lounge of the Hotel Chase until the meeting was brought to a close on Saturday evening, Alpha Xi Chapter played very successfully the role of host to twenty-five official delegates and national officers and twenty visitors. A well-balanced program devoted both to business and pleasure had been planned, and that it was executed flawlessly is a tribute to the local group and particularly to the prytanis of Alpha Xi, Miss Marietta Elsner.

The first business session convened at 9:30 on Friday, under the direction of Mr. Edward A. Scallet, Megas Prytanis, following an earlier meeting of the Executive Council. The Megas Grammateus, Mr. Carl Miller, called the roll of chapters, and the delegates introduced themselves and gave a brief account of the activities of their respective chapters. A total of sixteen chapters was represented. Following the roll call the minutes of the last Convention were read and approved as corrected.

Reports of officers followed, with Miss Cochran presenting the financial status of the organization (see page 7), Miss Brokaw reporting in connection with her duties as Executive Secretary, Editor of the NUNTIUS, and Registrar of the Eta Sigma Phi Medal. A financial statement of the Medal account was given, but since a complete statement is impossible now, the fall issue of the NUNTIUS will carry the financial report.

Professor Roy C. Flickinger, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, presented a report of the activities of the Board this year (see page 6).

The afternoon business session was held on the Washington University campus. The following committees were appointed by the Megas Prytanis, and

time was given to them at once for meeting. (The one named first is chairman in each instance):

CREDENTIALS—Miss Pfothenauer, Miss May, Miss Hennon.

CONSTITUTION—Mr. Thompson, Miss Lott, Miss Walser, Mr. Solberg.

NOMINATING—Miss Elsner, Miss Corey, Miss Fealy.

RESOLUTIONS—Mr. Key, Miss Mangiaracina, Miss Dooley.

ESSAY CONTEST—Miss Haynes, Miss Melick, Miss Morland.

CONVENTION—Miss McKenzie, Miss Ivy, Mr. Murland.

AUDITING—Miss Stanhagen, Miss Riegle, Mr. Rosenblum.

Following the close of this session, Father Heithaus, of St. Louis University, gave an illustrated lecture, showing colored slides of classical sites. The beauty of the ancient places was remarkably reproduced in the pictures which Father Heithaus had taken himself.

Further pleasure was in store for the delegates and visitors to the Convention, for they were then entertained at tea at Chancellor Throop's home. Dinner at Women's Building on the campus, followed by "Judgment Day," presented by members of Thyrsus (dramatic organization on the campus) brought the first day of a busy but pleasant Convention to a close.

The final day of the Convention proved also to be a busy one. The morning business session opened with the acceptance of petitions from four schools, the University of Tennessee, Brooklyn College, St. Louis University, and Westminster College.

The remainder of the business, except for intermissions for committee meetings, consisted of reports of the chairmen of these committees and discussion of some of the issues. The reports of

the committees on Credentials, Auditing, and Resolutions were given and accepted with little discussion. The report of the Essay Contest Committee provoked lively discussion. (Details of this contest will be found on page 9). At length the Convention voted to recommend to the members of the Board of Trustees, who are sponsoring the contest, that the contest be opened to all students who are taking courses in Latin (or Greek), rather than limiting it only to those of Junior and Senior rank.

The Convention Committee found it necessary to make some geographical distribution of chapters in order that the general scheme of rotation might be more closely followed. The result was that the following areas were set up:

SECTION 1 —

Ohio University, Denison University, University of Pennsylvania, Miami University, Lehigh University, Hunter College, Gettysburg College, Muhlenberg College, The Ohio State University, Wooster College, Washington and Jefferson College, Franklin College, Indiana University.

SECTION 2 —

The State University of Iowa, Morningside College, Drake University, Washington University, Lawrence College, University of Missouri, University of South Dakota, University of Illinois, Northwestern University.

SECTION 3 —

University of Mississippi, Birmingham Southern College, Mississippi State College for Women, Vanderbilt University, Southern Methodist University, University of Oklahoma, Millsaps College, H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College, Louisiana State University.

SECTION 4 —

College of William and Mary, Winthrop College, Davidson College, Emory University, Furman University, Westhampton College, Agnes Scott

College, Florida State College for Women.

According to the rotating scheme already in effect, the Convention would be due to be held at some chapter located either in Section 1 or 4. The very gracious invitation extended by Beta Alpha (University of South Dakota) had necessarily to be refused on those grounds. Final action on the place for next year's meeting was left to the discretion of the Executive Council.

The Constitution Committee presented an amendment to Article X, Section 1 of the Constitution that was tentatively adopted at the 1940 Convention, the amended section to read as follows:

A local chapter is a body of students interested in classical study, organized under and by virtue of this Constitution and chartered at any liberal arts college or university, which has been on the accredited list of the Association of American Universities or another recognized accrediting agency for five years.

This amendment was passed, and final ratification of the Constitution made.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers:

Megas Prytanis — Shelton Key (Pi)
Megas Grammateus—J. Victor Murtland (Alpha Psi)

Megas Chrysophylax—Veronica Pfothenhauer (Alpha Lambda)

The slate was accepted. The Committee also recommended that Miss Brokaw be continued in office as Executive Secretary and that Professor Stow, whose term of office on the Board of Trustees would expire with the end of the current year, be appointed for a three-year term.

The business of the Convention came to an end with the adoption of a motion that National Officers each year be presented with an Eta Sigma Phi key in recognition of their services during the year.

Although the business of the Convention had officially come to an end, Alpha Xi Chapter had a pleasant after-

noon in store for its guests. The activities began with a picnic lunch in Forest Park. Then came a tour of the Park, the Zoo and the Art Museum attracting the greatest share of attention.

In traditional manner, Saturday evening was devoted to the model initiation, the installation of new officers, and the annual banquet. Dean F. W. Shipley was the chief speaker, and the occasion was a memorable one in that it marked the close of a teaching career of forty years. Dean Shipley spoke in entertaining style of his early teaching days. The Alpha Xi Chapter presented him with a gift as a token of their esteem, and all the guests were glad that they had been present to participate in doing honor to one so long actively engaged in teaching the Classics and so thoroughly interested in Eta Sigma Phi.

It was with a genuine feeling of regret that delegates and visitors left the banquet hall when the Megas Prytanis brought the evening to a close, and on all sides people were lingering, reluctant to leave, and reiterating to members of Alpha Xi their thanks for a highly successful Convention and very enjoyable time.

Official Delegates to the Convention

BETA (Northwestern University):

Betty Haynes, Lillian Walser

GAMMA (Ohio University):

Mary Lott, Mary Stanhagen, Mary K. Brokaw (Executive Secretary)

EPSILON (The State University of Iowa):

Marion MacKenzie, Rowena Mitchell, Professor Roy C. Flickinger (Chairman of the Board of Trustees)

ZETA (Denison University):

Faye Melick

THETA (Indiana University):

Myra Jean Hennon

LAMBDA (University of Mississippi):
Lillian Dooley

PI (Birmingham Southern College):
Ethel Morland, Shelton Key

UPSILON (Mississippi State College for Women):
Evelyn Ivy

ALPHA DELTA (Agnes Scott College):
Harriette Cochran (Megas Chrysophylax)

ALPHA LAMBDA (University of Oklahoma):
Veronica Pfothenhauer

ALPHA XI (Washington University):
Patricia May, Stanley Rosenblum, Edward A. Scallet (Megas Prytanis)

ALPHA TAU (The Ohio State University):
Nona Rhea Riegler

ALPHA PHI (Millsaps College):
Carl Miller (Megas Grammateus)

ALPHA CHI (H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College):
Anna Marie Mangiaracina

ALPHA PSI (Washington and Jefferson College):
J. Victor Murtland

BETA ALPHA (University of South Dakota):
Alfred Thompson, Winton Solberg

Visitors to the Convention

GAMMA: LeNore Corey

EPSILON: Professor H. R. Butts

PI: Grace Fealy, Professor D. M. Key

RHO: Professor James R. Naiden

ALPHA XI: Loraine Elsner, Dorothy Koessel, Marie Gonzales, John White, Mary Coates, Emma Jean Freund, Charles Hensley, Marion Grimm, Mary Jane Farrell, Marietta Elsner, Miss Inez Hollingsworth, Professor Eugene Tavener, Professor Walter Miller, Dean F. W. Shipley

BETA ALPHA: Professor Grace L. Beede

Report of the Board of Trustees

By PROFESSOR ROY C. FLICKINGER, Chairman

The Board of Trustees is required by the new constitution to submit a written report annually. For personal reasons which need not be entered into here, the Board was somewhat slow in getting organized and beginning to operate. At the end of the summer, as chairman of the Board, I received from Mrs. Dunkel, the retiring Executive Secretary, from the Medal Fund \$357.34 and from Mr. Miller, the retiring National Treasurer, \$1000. The Constitution of the fraternity requires that "the members of the Board are not to invest the funds in any doubtful enterprise or securities of a speculative nature that involve a possible loss of the funds." This is a most drastic provision which is practically impossible of fulfillment, and made it doubly difficult for the Board to decide what to do with this money. However, it was finally deposited at the Iowa State Bank and Trust Company in Iowa City on a certificate of deposit, drawing interest at 2% per annum. This certificate expired on April 10, 1941, having drawn interest of \$13.57. Three members of the Board met at Indianapolis on April 11 and I inquired of them what should now be done with the money. They authorized me to secure another certificate of deposit for \$1370.91 including accrued interest.

From Mrs. Dunkel in January, 1941, I received \$2404.10 representing invested funds which had been on deposit in the First National Bank at Chicago where it drew 1% interest per annum. The Board authorized me also to get a certificate of deposit for this amount at the bank above mentioned. The aggregate of the two funds, therefore, is \$3775.01. This is secured under the Federal Insurance Corporation, which operates in all banks on every account to an aggregate of \$5000.

The Constitution provides that "if funds are to be used for a project, or to be given to another organization, or used for running expenses for Eta Sigma Phi fraternity, action must be taken at the National Convention." The members of the Board are of the opinion that some project should be entered upon and, after much correspondence, unite in recommending that this Convention authorize the annual expenditure for a trial period of three years of \$300 for a national essay contest. The details have nearly all been worked out, and we will be able to proceed rapidly if the project receives the approval of this Convention. The Board feels that educational ideals including the study of Classics are likely to be put to a severe strain in the immediate future and that something should be done to engage the sympathetic support of all friends of the Classics.

Early in October the Chairman of the Board sent a circular letter which was intended to be one of sympathy and encouragement to the president and secretary of every chapter and to the head of the classical department in schools where a chapter was established. I received sympathetic replies from several. The members of the Board also have taken steps to encourage their colleagues in other institutions to apply for Eta Sigma Phi charters. These efforts have already borne some fruit and will continue to do so next year.

Finally we arranged an Eta Sigma Phi breakfast in connection with the meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South at Indianapolis on April 11, and this was attended by thirty-one members and much enthusiasm shown. It resulted in many inquiries as to how people could become members or charters be secured. A similar meeting has been arranged for the

Classical Association of the Atlantic States meeting this week-end in Washington, D. C. Doubtless they will be equally successful. It is obvious that such breakfasts should be made an annual event at these Associations.

The Board wishes to thank the Executive Secretary for her efficient and cordial cooperation in her dealings with the Trustees.

Report of the Megas Chrysohylax

By HARRIETTE COCHRAN

Herewith is an incomplete financial statement of Eta Sigma Phi for the current year 1940-41 as of April 18, 1941:

RECEIPTS	
Balance brought forward	\$188.78
Dues for year 1939-40	42.00
Dues for year 1940-41	488.00
Separate NUNTIUS subscriptions	22.00
Wright and Street commission	44.95
	<u>\$785.73</u>

EXPENDITURES	
NUNTIUS expenses:	
First issue	\$101.72
Second issue	61.00
Third issue	79.50
Miscellaneous	56.79
	<u>\$299.01</u>
Membership cards	29.00
Bonding of treasurer	2.50
Refund for over-payment of fees	5.00
Stationery	34.77
Miscellaneous	9.16
	<u>\$379.44</u>
Balance on hand	406.29
	<u>\$785.73</u>

In order to allow the treasurer of the various chapters to check my figures, I am listing the payment of fees by the chapters for the current year.

Beta	\$20	Alpha Alpha	\$12
Gamma	14	Alpha Delta	33
Delta	4	Alpha Epsilon	16
Epsilon	34	Alpha Theta	3
Zeta	6	Alpha Kappa	23
Eta	9	Alpha Pi	26
Theta	14	Alpha Rho	37
Lambda	18	Alpha Sigma	4
Nu	18	Alpha Upsilon	17
Omicron	24	Alpha Phi	29
Pi	18	Alpha Chi	24
Rho	20	Alpha Omega	9
Sigma	20	Beta Alpha	6
Upsilon	7	Beta Gamma	18

The following is an itemized account of the payments for the year 1939-40 made by some chapters during the current fiscal year:

Omicron	\$ 4	A-Omicron	\$28
Alpha Nu	4	Alpha Pi	6

The following chapters have paid no fees for the current year: Psi, Omega, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Omicron, Alpha Nu, Alpha Xi, Alpha Tau, Alpha Psi, Beta Beta.

Summary of Report of the Executive Secretary

By MARY K. BROKAW

The report of the activities of the offices of Executive Secretary, Editor of the NUNTIUS, and Registrar of the Eta Sigma Phi Medal, as given at the National Convention is too long and detailed to be given in its entirety here; nor does it seem pertinent. However, a brief resume of this report may not be out of place.

In addition to the necessary correspondence which the office of Executive Secretary entails, the work has been mostly of three kinds: the mailing of membership cards, the sending of a questionnaire to the local chapters, and the securing of data for the membership file. As of April 15, the time when the report was compiled, 192 cards for the current year had gone out, and 40 for the year 1938-1939.

Early in the current semester a questionnaire was sent to the chapters and information was requested on these items: membership—numbers of active, associate, honorary, and initiates; requirements for membership; meetings; dues; high school contacts. Thirty answers were received, and they showed a total of 438 active members, 81 associate, 91 honorary, and 270 newly initiated members.

Correspondence this year has indicated an interest on the part of the chapters in the other items of the questionnaire, and an analysis of the answers is given here in the hope that the ideas suggested may prove of benefit to the chapters.

LOCAL REQUIREMENTS

25 chapters: B average; 11: advanced work completed; 3: 9 hours college Latin or Greek; 2: 12 hours college Latin or Greek; 1: 14 hours college Latin or Greek; 1: 15 hours college Latin or Greek; 3: must be Classics majors or minors; 2: consent of professor; 2: socially acceptable to chapter; 2: A in Classics; 1: 1 year of both Greek and Latin; 3: B in all subjects; 1: same as national; 3: must intend to take two more semesters of Classics; 1: must intend to take 18 more hours of Classics.

Rank required —

7: no rank specified; 3: second-semester freshman; 16: sophomores; 4: juniors.

MEETINGS

Frequency —

1: meets twice a semester; 1: meets six times a year; 23: meet monthly; 5: meet twice monthly.

Type of meetings —

10: outside or faculty speakers; 5: student papers; 3: largely social; 7: anything with a classical theme; 5: read reports followed by discussions.

Also, one has a book review related to Classics, several have annual banquets, a few have regular luncheon or

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dinner meetings. Most begin the program with business meetings and end with refreshments.

Fines for non-attendance —

1 — 50c; 4 — 25c.

Dropped for non-attendance —

1: after 2 absences; 2: after 3 absences; 1: after 4 absences.

(One member to whom the notion of non-attendance at meetings is a new and startling idea writes, "We have no fines, for our members just come!" That is very probably quite generally the case.)

DUES

Amount of local dues —

13 — \$1 a year; 8 — \$2 a year; 3 — \$3 a year; 1 — \$6 a year (including national fees); 2 — 50c a year; 1 — \$3 at initiation; 1 — none.

Means of raising additional funds —

1: assessments to cover cost of sending delegates to National Convention; 1: assessments when needed; 1: occasionally presents a classical play; 1: receives small amount from college fund; 3: have sales of various kinds; many have initiation fees varying from \$1 to \$5.

HIGH SCHOOL CONTACTS

Means of establishing high school contacts —

1 demonstrates models of a Roman house, the forum, and battles to high school students; 2 urge high school seniors, in letters, to continue study of Classics; 2 cooperate in annual state contests; 10 invite high school students to teas, meetings, open house, or plays; 1 holds a rally; 1 helps plan programs for high school Latin Club.

Awarding of prizes to high school students —

14 award Eta Sigma Phi Medals, or have awarded them in the past; 16 do not award Eta Sigma Phi Medals; 1 gives books related to the Classics; 1 makes other awards: plaques, etc.

The third task of the year, the compilation of data for the membership file, is far from ended. Letters have been

sent to the chapters asking for names and addresses of members who have been graduated since 1935 (the year at which our information ends). As rapidly as the data are received cards are made for each person and filed. Our hope is that we may acquire a reasonably complete record of all members of Eta Sigma Phi. At the present time the records are sadly incomplete. The task is one that requires considerable time on the part of members of the local chapters, and it may be that sufficient time has not yet been given for this work. In any case, the cooperation of all chapters in this undertaking is earnestly solicited.

Little need be said about the work of editing the NUNTIUS. The appearance of the four issues this year is the first responsibility of the Editor and Associate Editors. But it is the cooperation of the chapters that makes possible the printing of the journal at all, and this cooperation has been splendid this year. The chapters have assumed an interest in the journal and a feeling of responsibility that have meant much in making the task lighter.

In connection with the sale of the Eta Sigma Phi Medal, the greatest departure from the policy of the past has come about through additional advertising. *The Classical Journal* very generously, as in the past, contributed space in its pages for the Medal ad. In addition, publicity has been given also in the *Classical Outlook*, and an ad will appear in *Classical Weekly* before the year closes. The national organization feels grateful to all three magazines for the publicity which they have so generously given to our Medal.

It has been a pleasure to work with student and faculty members of Eta Sigma Phi this year, and my most sincere thanks go out to you for your cooperation and assistance. With this same spirit of cooperative endeavor I see no reason why Eta Sigma Phi should not play an increasingly effective role in the future.

The Eta Sigma Phi Essay Contest

One of the most ambitious plans to be undertaken by Eta Sigma Phi in years is that of the Essay Contest, sanctioned by the delegates to the Seventeenth Annual Convention.

The idea of an essay contest was conceived by the Board of Trustees and details of management were worked out by them, dependent on the approval of the organization as expressed at the National Convention. This approval was forthcoming, with a minor change, as noted elsewhere.

The contest is being undertaken for a trial period of three years and carries three prizes, a first of \$100, a second of \$50, and a third of \$25. Each year a topic will be selected on which contestants are to write a 1500-2000 word essay. For next year the subject is to be "The Influence of the *Aeneid* on *Paradise Lost*."

This contest is open to any college student taking courses in Latin or Greek, and is not limited to schools in which chapters of Eta Sigma Phi are located.

Each contestant is requested to send three copies of his manuscript, without marks of identification, to the Executive Secretary, together with his name and address on a separate paper and a certificate from the head of the Department of Classical Languages of his school showing that he is qualified to compete in the contest.

The Executive Secretary will enter upon each essay submitted an identifying number and will retain the name and address of the sender. Three members of the Board of Trustees will serve as judges, reserving the right to award no prizes if the essays do not seem worthy. All essays are to be submitted not later than March 1, 1942.

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From Horace

By LOIS IONS NICHOLS, *Alpha Delta*

EHEU FUGACES (Ode II, 14)

The hastening years, Posthumus, glide away,
Nor can devotion stay them as they flee,
Nor stay the furrows and senility,
And last surrender to death's awful sway.

Not if you slew three hundred bulls each day
For tearless Pluto, who with iron will
Beneath the Stygian wave represses still
The conquered strong, could you one hour delay.

That river must be crossed by everyone
Who feeds upon the bounty of the earth.
It must be sailed by those of noble birth
As well as wretched slaves, when life is done.

In vain we shun the blood-streak'd battlefield,
In vain the raucous surges of the sea,
In vain the deadly autumn wind we flee,
In vain our shrinking bodies feebly shield.

The dark stream of Cocytos glides along
With sullen flow—its depths we all must face—
Beside whose banks the wicked Danaian race
And Sisiphus atone in vain for wrong.

You'll leave this earth, your home, and pleasant wife,
The groves you loved, and all your cherished trees,
And then, attended by but one of these—
The hated cypress—you will leave this life.

A worthier heir will drain the jars you hoard,
Now locked with keys behind a hundred doors,
And in his lavishness will stain the floors
With prouder wines than grace a pontiff's board.

HERE AND THERE

Lest Darkness Fall (Henry Holt) by L. Sprague de Camp, historical novel just published and highly praised by critics, is laid in the Roman Empire of the sixth century and employs the same literary device that Mark Twain did in his famous *A Connecticut Yankee*. The "Yankee" in this instance is a young archaeologist "with an unusual knowledge of Low Latin and late Roman history, but no other special information; he finds himself in Rome just before its

final fall; and, starting from scratch and working fast, he averts the barbarian invasion, gets the printing press going (the practical difficulties in that are greater than you might think), and starts a branch of history in which there is no Fall of Rome and no Dark Ages." The quotation comes from Basil Davenport's review of the book (*The Saturday Review of Literature* of March 8); and the entire review suggests a book as interesting and entertaining as Twain's.

Translations from Catullus

By FERN J. CORNELISON, *Alpha Xi*

XCVI

Dear Calvus, can the tomb so still and dark,
Mute with rememb'ring days of life that's past,
Your grief, and long-enduring sorrow mark
And still in dreams find solace, rest at last?

And your soul, too, burned out with love too great,

Within your wearied body leaden lies,
When you renew old passions, mourn her fate,

And think of lasting love that never dies.
Recall not now the days that used to be,
When she so happy dwelt within your love.

Take heart again, as happy now is she
As when to her you might your passion prove.

Why mourn her, then, who knew your love so well?

Your love e'en now must reach her lonely cell.

XXXI

Sweet gem of islands or of almost-isles,
Which either Neptune, god of endless miles

Of salty sea, or he of quiet lakes,
With trident bears and ever steady makes,

How gladly do I greet thee, Sirmio,
Scarce knowing yet that I did really go
From Thynia, tasks unpleasant leaving there,

And coming home to find thee safe and fair.

How sweet it is to cast off cares once more,

When wearied we return from foreign shore,

From labors strange and lands unkind at best,

And go in peace to quiet, slumb'rous rest.
This moment singly, fully compensates
For arduous labors and the tasks one hates.

Hail then, my lovely, charming Sirmio!
Rejoice with me, your master's coming know!

Rejoice ye also, lake and Lydian mere!
Ring out, my house, with merry laughter clear!

A Prose Translation of Horace

By JANET FULLINWIDER, *Alpha Omicron*

Book I, Ode XXIV

What shame or limit canst there be
to heartfelt yearning for one so dear?
Inspire thou me, Melpomene, with
mournful strain, thou to whom the
father hath bequeathed the fluid tongue
with the harp.

And so eternal slumber now enfolds
Quintilius? When may Modesty or the
sisters of Justice, upright Faith, or simple
Truth discover any like unto him?

His death, a cause for tears is, among
good men and many: but none more
tearful than art thou, O Vergil. Thou,
in fruitless piety, dost plead in vain the
gods' return of Quintilius, not thus
entrusted.

What wouldst thou? If like Thracian
Orpheus thou shouldst more sweetly
stroke thy lute heard by the trees, would
life's blood restore the pale wraith when
once, with dreaded wand implacable,

Mercury hath closed his lifeless flock
within the fated gates unop'ed in spite
of prayerful pleas? 'Tis cruel. But by
patience, lighter to endure is anything
which 'tis wrong to amend.

HERE AND THERE

"A dozen historical scenes and personalities are recreated, often with emphasis on the incalculable element of chance that so often upsets the best laid schemes of soldiers and politicians" is the description of *The Tide of Fortune* by Stefan Zweig (Viking Press, \$2.75) in the *Saturday Review of Literature* of November 23, 1940. The reviewer notes that the best in the series is the account of the last months of Cicero and says further, "The drama and pathos of Cicero's death as the most illustrious of the thousands of victims of the proscription decreed by Caesar's heirs, the *triumvirs*, Octavius, Antony, and Lepidus, are heightened by the obvious analogies with modern times, although the author does not labor these analogies." The reviewer continues with more or less surprise at the relative modernity of Cicero, as portrayed in this book.

HERE AND THERE

Miss Mary Weinland, of Theta Chapter, tells how Mrs. Botley, a former Latin teacher now living in a large industrial city in England, conducts a class in New Testament Greek which meets every Monday evening at her home. Of this class she writes that "fifteen to eighteen people of all sorts, sizes, ages, sexes, trades, and professions come through the blackout, some of them one and one-half hours each way."

She continues, "I feel that we have to be kept off the old hard-headed materialistic lines as far as possible, and the opportunity is now when everybody is feeling that the old ways have let us down. If we don't, all of us, Americans and British, see to it that the world is a better place, we shall deserve another war in twenty years. Which God forbid!"

AMONG THE CHAPTERS

Beta Gamma To Present Medal

Beta Gamma Chapter is sponsoring an active high school expansion program this year, and is offering the Eta Sigma Phi Medal as an award to the girl student in the Richmond high schools who has attained the highest average in Latin during her four years. The Medal will be awarded at the graduation exercises.

On May 11 the Chapter entertained all the girl students of the city schools who are taking fourth-year Latin. The entertainment was in the form of a tea held at Dean Keller's home. Members of the Chapter explained the aims and purpose of Eta Sigma Phi to the guests.

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Omicron Has Annual Dinner

The March meeting of Omicron Chapter was the "big event" of the year, a dinner meeting held on March 12. The main speaker of the evening was Professor Ethel Brewster, of the faculty of Swarthmore College, who spoke on "Poster Politics." In her talk Professor Brewster stressed the political significance of the inscriptions found on Roman walls.

For the February meeting the Chapter enjoyed a talk by Professor Lamont, of the University of Pennsylvania. Professor Lamont spoke on "Prester John and His Influence."

Alpha Kappa Initiates Five

On April 1 at 5:30 in the new Illini Union building, Alpha Kappa Chapter initiated the following students: Miss Helen Jane Hooker, Miss Helen Ford, Miss Joan Parrish, Miss Alice Van Dyke, and Mr. Leo Kaiser. The officers and master of ceremonies, Mr. Nathan Dane, Jr., wore Roman togas, while the neophytes wore Roman slave garments. The initiation ceremony was quite impressive.

The festival was begun with the singing of *Gaudeamus Igitur*. Then followed the dinner, the guests seated about a U-shaped dining table. After the main course, Mr. Dane led the group in singing *Integer Vitae* and *Meum Propositum Est*.

Before the main speaker was heard, Miss Virginia Whitley, prytanis, presented the neophytes and extended a welcome to them. Miss Lora Palovic, hyparchos, added a short humorous talk on Socrates. Mr. Dane presented the speaker, Dean M. T. McClure, of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, who spoke on "The Idea of Progress."

The singing of Latin songs brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

Alpha Phi Holds Initiation

Alpha Phi had its May meeting on Monday evening, May 5, with Mr. Carl Miller, local prytanis and Megas Grammateus for this year, presiding. After a discussion of business relating to finances and election of next year's officers, impressive initiation ceremonies were held for the following new members: Mr. William B. Frazierly, Miss Marion McGough, Miss Catherine Richardson, Mr. David Watts, and Miss Sara Weissinger. Mr. Clem Crook was elected prytanis for next year.

Mr. Miller gave a brief statement of the main items of business transacted at the recent National Convention,

mentioning a national essay contest and the possibility of instituting chapters in colleges with strong Classical departments not now on the accredited list of the Association of American Universities. Alpha Phi approved of this action, believing that it will greatly extend the influence of Eta Sigma Phi.

Initiation at Alpha Omicron

On Tuesday, April 22, Alpha Omicron Chapter held election and installation of officers, and initiation of new members, in Miss Edna Weigand's attractive parlor at Russell Sage Dormitory. The following new officers were elected: prytanis, Miss Janet Fullinwider; hyparchos, Miss Marian Groninger; epistolographos-grammateus, Mr. Bill Diver; chrysothylax, Miss Jeanne Foote; and NUNTIUS correspondent, Miss Marjorie Harkins. The following new members were inducted: the Misses Marjorie Harkins, Mildred Mylin, Marjorie Olsen, Beatrice Paul, and Betsy Ross. After the installation of the officers, refreshments were served and informal conversation was held.

Medals Presented by Alpha Delta

As part of their high school expansion program, Alpha Delta Chapter has presented Eta Sigma Phi Medals to Druid Hills High School, Decatur Girls High School, North Fulton High School, North Avenue Presbyterian School, and Atlanta Girls High School, the Medals to be awarded to outstanding students at the commencement exercises.

Alpha Pi Has Greek Banquet

On March 13, 1941, Alpha Pi held one of its most interesting meetings of the year. Professor Ridington, of the classical faculty of the University of Maryland, gave an illustrated lecture on Greece and Italy. Professor Ridington has traveled in Greece, Italy, and

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the Holy Land. His lecture proved to be both interesting and educational.

Alpha Pi held its annual Greek banquet on April 30 in the Chi Omega room of the women's Main Dorm. The program committee, in charge of Mr. Harry Berkebile, provided very interesting entertainment. Election and installation of officers for the coming year were held.

Tau Chapter of Phi Sigma Iota joined Alpha Pi at its annual picnic which was held on Thursday afternoon, May 8.

Alpha Sigma Chapter

Alpha Sigma Chapter is pleased to announce that its faculty adviser, Professor Edward K. Turner, has been chosen president of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South for the coming year. Professor Turner has always been interested in Eta Sigma Phi and has served as sponsor of the Chapter at Emory University from the time of its installation in 1933.

Election of Officers at Alpha Omega

Alpha Omega Chapter was obliged to hold its election of officers in March this year, for its prytanis, Miss Marjorie Moffitt, accepted a teaching position in the Baton Rouge High School in February. Mr. J. W. Lynn, Jr., was installed as the new prytanis to complete Miss Moffitt's term and to serve as prytanis for the coming year. The annual banquet followed the installation ceremonies.

Five students were pledged to the Chapter on May 7, and a pleasant social hour was enjoyed.

At the last meeting of the year, Miss Lucy Austin, faculty adviser, gave an illustrated lecture depicting the ruins of Rome and life in a Roman home.

Latin Valentines at Delta

At the February meeting of the Chapter the members of Delta enjoyed Latin Valentines, reputedly sent by Roman heroes. In keeping with the spirit of the meeting, too, was the account of the story of Cupid and Psyche, as related by Miss Jane McAnally.

The April meeting was held at the home of the faculty adviser, Mrs. P. L. Powell. *Lysistrata*, last of the series of Greek comedies studied by the group, was discussed by Miss Jane McAnally. Following an explanation of the Parilia, celebrated on the birthday of Rome, small corsages of spring flowers were given by Miss Edna Agnew to the members in remembrance of the old Roman festival. The rest of the evening was spent in solving punning riddles, playing "Vici" (Bingo), and the singing of Latin songs.

The Chapter is planning to give a tea at Commencement time at which its alumni members will be guests.

Gamma Has Banquet

At a recent meeting of Gamma Chapter, Professor H. R. Jolliffe, of the classical faculty, gave an interesting paper on "Semantics."

The last meeting of the year was the annual banquet. Election of officers and initiation of six pledges preceded the dinner. Featured at the banquet were short talks by members and reports of the National Convention by delegates to it. The formal installation of the officers for next year brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

Following its usual practice of honoring its graduating seniors, Gamma this year will present awards to those high school seniors having the highest records in Latin in the high schools from which the seniors came.

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