DELTA ALPHA of SIGMA NU

Case School of Applied Science Cleveland, Ohio 1910

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By Way of Introduction.

We wish to introduce to our brothers in Sigma Nu this, our first publication and alumni news-letter. We have started a custom which, we hope, will show that the active element is always present in Delta Alpha chapter. Perhaps our deeds are incited by the presence of our charter members, whose perseverance and self-sacrifice have placed the chapter on the high plane it now occupies at Case. If the slightest benefit is derived from the contents, our object has been attained and your pleasure will be ample recompence for our efforts. That the ever incentive spirit of Delta Alpha be with all brothers who have departed from her roof, is the wish of her present members. Don C. ORWIG.

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Sometime, when college days are over and only fond memories connect us with our active fraternal life, our thoughts will wander back over the old familiar scenes, finding there the lights and shadows of our early brotherhood. And if it can be said of this little booklet that it has aided in keeping fresh those memories, it will have served its purpose well. To such an end we have therefore assembled these pages of retrospection and have dedicated them to the Life of Love, the Way of Honor, and the Light of Truth, of Sigma Nu. * * *

A Short History of Delta Alpha Chapter.

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Probably when the first Sigma Nu drifted into Cleveland to locate permanently the wish sometimes crossed his mind that it would be pleasant to have a Collegiate Chapter in the city. And as more Sigs settled here and fraternity matters were the occasional topic of conversation that same wish was expressed, but as yet with no idea of its fulfillment. Cleveland could at first boast a university, well endowed and with good prospects, and its progress from 1882 was a matter of pride to all Clevelanders interested in school matters. Other fraternities had recognized the possibilities of the school and the quality of the students and had crowded in as fast as the available fraternity material would permit. Six Chapters were in the school at the time of its removal to Cleveland, and only one has since entered. The entrance of fraternities tended to attract more desirable men and so the tendencies went on without involving Sigma Nu in the least.

In 1880, a scientific school was founded in Cleveland by the endowments from the estate of Leonard Case, whose name it still bears. It was well endowed and was entering a field of education which had unlimited opportunity for development and at a time when the practical use of the sciences was just beginning to advance at an ever increasing rate. Zeta Psi had confidence in the school and early entered it, but not until the late 90's did Case attract much attention among National fraternities. But from that time until 1907 installations were common at Case, Sigma Nu making a total of 8 chapters. The alumni had much to base their dreams on but as they debated, wondering whether there was opportunity for another chapter in either of the schools, chapters were being installed at Case. After each installation the question arose whether the limit had been reached or whether there would always be room for one more in this enterprising young school.

1905 found two exceptionally enegetic Sigma Nus attending Western Reserve Law School. George Waddle, a man of vigor and courage who knew no such word as failure, and to whom nothing was impossible. He asked only "Is the end desirable," and never stopped to question whether the attainment was possible.

The other, C. T. Kirkbride, was in many respects Waddle's opposite. He was a quiet, sincere and steadfast, but above all a cautious worker. He wanted to be certain of his ground before proceeding.

They made a team not easily beaten, and with all their opposites, each had the good of Sigma Nu at heart and the desire to see a chapter established in Cleveland.

They may have favored Western Reserve at first, since it was their own school, but as the schools were both of a desirable quality the personnel of the charter membership would have to be the governing feature. There was at the time a local fraternity at Case, but the Cleveland Sigs eviPage seven

dently thought the quality might be improved upon. In the fall of 1906, "Hop" Woods, a Sig from Beta Iota, entered Case as a Freshman. That was an opening wedge and the signal for active work. Woods soon made the acquaint-

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Our Present Location.

ance of one or two good men and each seemed to have other friends of the same quality, and before long seven men were gathered together who were willing to await the pleasure of the next Grand Chapter of Sigma Nu in the hopes of becoming charter members of a new chapter at Case School. Once before the Alumni in Cleveland had tried to obtain the consent of the High Council for a chapter at Case and so be in position to ask a vote from the chapters. In fact they went so far as to send Brother W. E. Myers all the way to Indianapolis to present the matter before a meeting of the High Council, and when one adverse vote was cast Brother Myers came back heart broken. After his return it was decided that the proper procedure was to rush it through on the floor of a convention where the High Council would have only four votes.

With efforts not to be denied the Cleveland Sigs finally succeeded in gaining the consent of the Division. Trafford B. Talmadge aided greatly in this work. The seven boys were then ready to formally petition the coming Grand Chapter which was the 13th. During the campaign within the division some eminent Sigs were won to our support as Walter J. Sears and Clarence E. Woods, and these were a tower of strength to us at the final skirmish.

Much objection was raised to granting a chapter at that convention. The reason given by the opposition was that they were standing on principle and had no enmity toward the Case petitioners. They claimed that a petition should be considered at leisure in the chapters and voted on there rather than at a Grand Chapter, where sufficient time could not be given it. But without questioning further their motives nor considering the merits of the two methods of granting charters, let it suffice to say that with the aid of the tireless Cleveland Sigs and our influential friends the charter was granted.

The day of installation was set for February 22nd, that day being picked for the reason that Sigs from out of town would find it easier to attend on a holiday.

In a retrospect of the fight for a charter, one question

persists in presenting itself. How could the Cleveland Sigs have had enough nerve to ask a charter for four Freshmen and three Sophomores who had never had any organization and had simply been rounded up for the express purpose of receiving the charter which the Cleveland Alumni were intending to secure? Of course there are two sides to this question. In absorbing a local a National often has to accept, along with the strong men, some whom it would not consider fraternity material. Some of the charter members had been bid by the strongest fraternities at Case but had chosen to cast their lot with the petitioners to Sigma Nu. Our sponsors had confidence in the men they had picked and the Grand Chapter had faith in the Cleveland Alumni, and so the charter was granted to the little band of undergraduates, and the Sigs in Cleveland were placed in charge and the responsibility kindly shifted to their shoulders.

The night set for the "Horse Play" was February 21st, and they all traveled the burning sands together that night. "Hop" Woods helped in the fiendish work, for he had once been one of the victims at Beta Iota. The doings of that night were matters of great moment at the time, but their enumeration here while interesting would take too long.

On the afternoon of February 22nd, six quaking neophytes encased in uncomfortable and unaccustomed evening dress took the vows of Sigma Nu in parlors O and P of the Hollenden Hotel, and started the Chapter of Delta Alpha. Teams from Bethany, Mt. Union and Ohio State gave the ritual work, under the direction of the installing officer, Walter J. Sears.

After the installation came the banquet. The air was pervaded by the good fellowship, the love of brotherhood, the spirit of Sigma Nu. It was all too big, too great for the seven underclassmen to comprehend, but they strove to gain some idea of the fraternal spirit which comes easily



The Music Room,

to most men with proper environment. They had had no life as units of an organization and they were just beginPage nine

ning the organized life which usually precedes petition. The eloquence which they heard that night went straight to their hearts, and Bro. Leggett, little Freshman though he was, responded with better sentiment than rhetoric, with

Our Sitting Room

assurances of success and realization of responsibilities assumed.

The dawning of the day following must have been a memorable one for the seven young men. It was their first day as brothers in the fraternity of Sigma Nu. A new chapter had been born. Delta Alpha, the 71st chapter in

order of founding. Upon the six, with Bro. Woods (who entered as an affiliate from Beta Iota), rested the responsibilities of placing Sigma Nu on the par with the fraternities already established at Case. Upon them rested the question as to whether or no Delta Alpha should bring credit, honor and glory to the mother fraterrity. Their progress would be watched with deep interest by the alumni, because it was their chapter, and by the fraternity because of the departure which had been made from the usual custom in granting charters to petitioners. For this same reason they would receive bitter opposition from the other fraternities at Case. Upon our chapter walls hangs Delta Alpha's charter, bearing their names: C. W. Francy, R. E. Beveridge, W. R. Dunman, D. W. Leggett, T. E. Bloxham, C. W. Cleveland and H. H. Woods. L. L. Hopkins was pledged at the same time as the six above mentioned. but parental objections prevented him from being initiated with the others.

The new chapter deemed it unadvisable to try to secure a house at the start. Brothers Berridge, Dunman and Woods boarded together at one place; Francy, Cleveland and Bloxham roomed alone, while Leggett and L. L. Hopkins, the pledge, roomed together. The first meetings were held in Wood's room. At that time plans were talked of for securing a house, but nothing definite was done.

The first trouble with our rival fraternities came in the spring of 1907, at the time of publishing of the school annual. Without going into detail further, it may be said that Sigma Nu demonstrated to the other Greeks that it was perfectly able to take care of itself and that it had come to Case School to stay.

Toward the end of that year, Bro. Dunman's parents moved to Cleveland and he went to live with them. Some

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of the other brothers also changed their location. At the beginning of the next school year, in the fall of 1907, the "bunch" decided to locate with Brother Dunman and his parents at Carnegie Ave. There was one vacancy in the roll, however, Bro. Berridge having chosen Oberlin, instead of Case, as his college for that year.

It was at this house that Delta Alpha's first pledge man put on the button. J. W. Cleveland, brother of Charlie Cleveland, was the first. He was followed by C. E. White and W. A. Buell. These three were duly initiated, and with the six charter members remaining, brought the chapter roll up to nine. The most important event of Delta Alpha's second year was a banquet on February 22nd, celebrating the first anniversary of the founding of the chapter, and being also the eighth annual banquet of the Cleveland Alumni Chapter.

Near the end of that school year, the chapter deemed it advisable to secure a house nearer the school. Accordingly a house on Cornell Place was rented, and Brothers Francy, Leggett, Woods, C. W. Cleveland and J. W. Cleveland, with "Father" Kirckbride, an alumnus, took possession. This house was retained during the summer, in order to provide better facilities for rushing in the fall following.

The opening of school found eight of the old men back, Bro. C. W. Cleaveland alone deciding not to return. The aforementioned eight wasted no time in getting into the fall rushing. In a short time six men were pledged, S. G. Hibben, D. A. Gilbert, Carl Jacobsen, D. C. Orwig, M. L. Burchfield, Jr., and R. H. Atkinson. Of these, Burchfield, Aktinson and Gilbert entered Case as Juniors, coming from Western Reserve University; Hibben was a Junior, Jacobsen a Senior, and Orwig entered as a Sophomore, coming from Wooster University. Our chapter roll was also increased by the addition of Bro. F. J. Schaeffer, an affiliate from Beta Nu. The six pledges were initiated



A Sunday Afternoon at Home. in November, bringing the membership up to fifteen. Our numbers were now large enough to warrant the Page eleven

starting of a table. An Arabian chef was engaged, whom we retained the entire year. Although our first experience it proved a success, socially as well as financially. It was customary for the whole chapter to assemble around the

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Main Building at Case.

table at noon, and so we began to reach the stage of the ideal fraternity. In school affairs, we were by no means inactive, having a strong representation on the musical clubs, and the student senate, in addition to representatives in many other lines of activity. For social functions, the most important was the installation of Delta Zeta chapter at Western Reserve University, Feburary 22nd. In the way of minor functions, we gave two dances, and a Sigma Nu picnic in June. In the spring, we pledged and initiated F. E. Snell, a Freshman.

At commencement, late in May, three of our number, Brothers Buell, Jacobsen and Bloxham, were graduated. Brother J. W. Cleaveland had left school a short time previously, thus making four on our alumni list. Of the eleven left, ten remained during the month of June for the regular practice term. During this time, the question arose as to whether or not our present house be kept during the summer. It had previously been decided that the old house would not be adequate for our needs, and that a new one must be secured for the year following. After much discussing and planning we decided to store our goods during the summer, and take our chance of securing a suitable house in the fall. Our risks were not unjustified. A few of the old members came back early, and when school opened we were well settled in our new home. The house, situated on Cornell Rd., had been completely refinished inside, and with the addition of several pieces of new furniture, it gave us a home presenting as good an appearance as any other fraternity in the institution. Here our rushing went on in earnest, and in a short time we had pledged six fine Freshmen: J. A. Moffet, E. N. Francy, G. H. Bales, C. R. Howells, L. W. Callender and C. F. Hulien. We still had L. L. Hopkins as a pledge and later pledged M. C. Goddard, a Freshman. All but Moffet and Goddard were initiated in October; they were initiated at the beginning of the second semester. Brother Berridge, a charter member, had re-entered Case after two years' absence, and Brother Schaeffer had returned to Ohio State. In his

place we secured as an affiliate Bro. Maline, also of O. S. U., and this brought our chapter roll up to twenty-one.

The present writing finds us in the busiest part of the school year. So far as the fraternity itself is concerned, everything is going smoothly. We have ten men in the house; an excellent matron and cook, and all indications point toward a solid foundation for the next year's chapter. In school activities, at present, we are more than holding our own, having eight men on the musical clubs, including the Mandolin Club's leader, four men on the Student Senate, one of whom, D. W. Leggett, being president, and representatives in several other organizations.



Berridge (at dinner)—"The D. Z.'s are up to the snuff, fellows; they just got an English bull pup." Woods—"Well, we have King!" The chief social event was the Fourth Division Convention, held in Cleveland, Feb. 21st and 22nd, at which time we had the pleasure of meeting many and entertaining some of the visiting brothers.

And now a word regarding our prospects for next year. Ten Seniors will graduate in May, leaving eleven men to be on hand the following fall. But as things now stand, there is no reason to doubt that if these eleven show the same spirit of loyalty and brotherhood that they now show, with the aid and backing of every alumnus of the chapter, Sigma Nu at Case will be raised to a higher place than ever before.

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Burchfield—"Fellows, let's get some pennants of some of the colleges in the West,—say West Point for instance."

Burch must not always consider the dictionary meaning of "west." There's a term "go South" too, you know.

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Francy, E. N.—"I love that girl." Hulien, alias Hooligan—"I second the emotion."

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Bales—"Say, Orwig, how about a baseball team to teat D Z Chapter this spring?"

Crwig-"All O. K., and I think your experience in catching 'highballs' will justify you in holding center."

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(Left to right.) C. W. Francy L. W. Callender M. L. Burchfield L. L. Hopkins Fage fourteen E. R. Howells

M. L. Burchfield L. L. Hopkins E. R. Howells D. C. Orwig C. F. Hulien Second Row R. H. Atkinson E. N. Francy R. E. Berridge M. C. Goddard D. A. Gilbert S. G. Hibben Third Row D. W. Leggett J. A. Moffet C. E. White W. R. Denman G. H. Bales Fourth Row H. H. Woods F. E. Snell J. F. Maline, B N

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A Few Moments with Case.

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Case School of Applied Science was founded in 1880 according to a deed left by Lenard Case. The school was first located on Rockwell street and continued there until 1885. In September, 1885, it was moved to the present location on Euclid avenue, opposite Wade Park.

For some time the main building was sufficiently large for all recitation rooms and such laboratories as were needed, but as time went on the attendance rapidly increased and the demand for more room led to wonderful growth. At the present time there are six large buildings on the campus.

The laboratories for the departments of Physics and Chemistry were inaugurated in 1881 where instruction was begun in the old Case homestead on Rockwell street. These departments, together with the Department of Civil Engineering, were especially provided for in the new Main Building, erected on the present site in 1885. This building and its contents were destroyed by fire on October 17, 1886. A temporary building was constructed for the chemical laboratory while the other work of the school was carried on in Adelbert Hall for two years. In 1888 the school again occupied the partially reconstructed Main Building, which had rooms especially arranged for the physical laboratory. In 1890 this building had been completed and a mechanical laboratory was established in the basement. Buildings especially designed for the departments of Chemistry and Mechanical Engineering were completed in 1892. An electrical laboratory was established in the Main Building in 1892, and in the same year a metallurgical laboratory was provided for, with work rooms in the Chemical



Chemistry Building.

Building and with furnace rooms in the Mechanical Building. The Electrical Building was completed in 1896. Geological and Natural History laboratories were established in 1891 and a Mineralogical laboratory was added in 1897. These laboratories are in the Main Building.

Through the generosity of John D. Rockefeller, two

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new buildings, one for the department of Physics and one for the department of Mining Engineering, were built and equipped in 1906.

The laboratories and shops in these several buildings are generously supplied with apparatus and machinery and afford ample accommodation for practical work in all departments.

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There are at present eight National Fraternities at Case, in order of establishment: Zeta Psi, Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Beta Theta



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Another View of Campus. Showing Observatory and Mechanical Building,

Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Nu, Sigma Chi.

Besides these there are a number of honorary and professional fraternities.

Case has always taken a prominent stand in athletics. Our football team has been defeated by only two Ohio teams in the last three years and last fall we held Michigan to a score of 3 to 0. This year we won the football "cup" contested for, since 1901, against such institutions as Ohio



State, Oberlin, Kenyon, Reserve, Wooster, and Ohio Wes-leyan.

The baseball team held the Ohio championship in 1907 and 1908 and made the other teams hustle in 1909.

Ice hockey was begun this spring and a series of games is being played with Western Reserve. The scores thus tar have been: Case-Reserve—2-0, 1-2, 2-3, 4-0, 1-0, 0-0.

Carnegie Tech came to Cleveland during the season and defeated Case by a score of 5-2, and Reserve 9-0.

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"THE SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST."

(A three act drama introducing the well-known members of the table committee.)

SYNOPSIS.

Act I.

Time-7:45 a. m. Place-dining room of Sigma Nu House at 2171 Cornell Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

The lower classmen arrive, eat and depart hastily. The test-laden Seniors arrive, eat and mutter. The telephone rings. All depart.

Properties-Breakfast food, milk, table, toothpicks, etc.

Act II.

Time—12 M. Place—same. All arrive, except White and Denman. The mob rushes—man vs. man. Pandemonium reigns. The cry rises,—"To eat, to live or die." The survival of the fittest. White arrives, coughing violently—spitting blood. A general rush is made for the lower end of table. Waiters' Union overwhelmed. Howells departs to buy food. Denman is found unconscious at the telephone. The brave weep. All depart silently.

Properties—Same as Act I, with meat instead of breakfast food.

Act III.

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Time—6 P. M. Place—Same. The weakest arrive, eat all, and torment the hungry mob. The strongest rush. Victory for brute force—no justice here. Men cannot live by bread alone. The weak ones sing, led by Hulien, overcoming the strong. Grand triumph of justice.

Properties-Same as Act II, with pie added.

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

- C. W. Francy-A prime mover.
- S. G. Hibben-Chief howler.
- H. H. Woods-Strong man; wants to fight.
- R. E. Berridge-A round house bum; talks much.
- C. E. White-The man with the tombstone front.
- G. H. Bales-Head of Waiters' Union.
- D. W. Leggett—"The Ashtabula Wonder;" claims to hail from Mexico.
- D. C. Orwig—Whose El Cabbagio de Ropa cigars have caused him to live on a diet.
- D. A. Gilbert-Mahoning scum has made him "strong."
- L. L. Hopkins-A "splinter" off the old block.
- C. F. Hulien-Watch dog; out all night.
- W. R. Denman-A dead one, got married.
- M. L. Burchfield-Can't catch his own breath.
- Atkinson-Chief talker for mob.
- F. E. Snell—A Rounder. (Around her).

- J. F. Maline-Who has seen service at Columbus.
- E. N. Francy—Who owns a stogie factory and a shingle mill.
- L. W. Calendar, M. C. Goddard, Howells, J. A. Moffet-Quartette for weak.



Sewer Committee Discharging its Duties. Showing D. A. Gilbert as Chairman.

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At lunch, Bales to Francy—"What'll you have to drink?"

King Alcohol-"Oh, mix me up a good one."

A Word from Inspector Waddle.

March 12, 1910.

Delta Alpha Chapter,

Cornell Road, City.

Fellows :—I have just learned that you are proposing to issue a chapter letter which will be the first of a line of annual letters, the last of which I hope will never be written. My fond desire is that each succeeding one shall tell of a growth as rapid in the matter of material wealth and, in what is far more important, wealth of strong manhood, as this first letter should show for the infant days of which we are all so proud.

To keep up such a pace,—and we ought to go even faster,—requires the spirit of sacrifice in the chapter and in the alumni as they grapple with the world.

The man who reads this, his chapter's letter to himself, and does not see, as he sits in his room, or club, or home, the boys about the fireplace—the pipes lighted—the orchestra in full swing, and the spirit of good fellowship over all, should have a post-mortem examination held to ascertain the cause of his fraternal death.

The boys are doing their part and it is decidedly up to the Alumni to support their hands in the good work, to write often and keep alive and strong the old bond, that binds their hearts to the hearth-stone of Delta Alpha.

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE A. WADDLE.

Letters from Dur Alumni.

Faribault, Minn., March 5, 1910.

Dear Brothers :---

Your letter finally reached me at this place and I am always glad to hear from the old bunch.

I have been working for H. M. Byllesby & Co., Managers and Engineers, for the last fourteen months. This is a Chicago firm and they manage and own Gas, Electric and Street Railway Systems all over the country. I am in the department that makes the inventory and evaluation reports, and spend my time going from one plant to another so that I am seeing a great deal of the United States. Since going with the Company I have worked in Alabama, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Iowa, Wisconsin and this State and expect to be out on the Pacific Coast during the coming summer.

Had a long letter from Brother Buell a few days ago and he told me how well you fellows are getting along. Iam aways glad to hear good news from Delta Alpha and hope to be in your part of the world some day and get to see the fellows in their new home.

Hoping this letter reaches you in time to be of use, and with best regards to all the Chapter and best wishes for its future prosperity, I remain,

> Fraternally yours, C. W. Cleaveland, X X X

> > Chicago, Ill., March 8, 1910.

Dear Brothers :---

It has been a little over a year since I left your midst, and not without longing do I look back on the good times Page nineteen

we used to have in the old Chapter house on Cornell Place.

From what I have been able to learn, you fellows have made more progress than I have in the year since I left you.

A couple of years ago I had an opportunity of going through your present house, and know that you have a house splendidly adapted for the home of a Sigma Nu Chapter.

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For my own part I have done nothing phenomenal or even interesting to tell you about. I am working for a very good company, in fact one of the best engineering firms in the country. I have been with H. M. Byllesby & Co. only about four months, so can report no advancement as yet.

I would have liked very much to have been in Cleveland for the 4th Division Convention, as I know it was a howling success and that everybody had a good time.

Hoping to see a part of the old bunch in Chicago in the near future, I remain, Fraternally yours,

JIM CLEAVELAND.

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Brooklyn, N. Y., March 5, 1910.

Dear Brothers :----

Your letter received asking information in regard to my experience and happenings since I left Cleveland. Except for the daily routine, my experiences have been few and far between.

I came to New York the second week in June of last year and began working for the New York & New Jersey Telephone Co., taking the student course. This course is quite different from other student courses in that practically no work is done during the beginning of the course. I was sent out with the gangs of the different departments and told to watch the different classes of construction work and make a report each week. On account of the small number of men in the engineering department I was not allowed to finish the course, but was sent right to the Engineering Department. However, though my time was shorter than usual, I was given good opportunities to see pole line construction, subway construction, underground and aerial cable placing and splicing, and maintenance work in general.

Since I began, the New York Telephone Co. absorbed the N. Y. & N. J. Co., so that now I am in the engineering department of the N. Y. Telephone Co.

The engineering department plans and maintains all of the construction and apparatus required for telephone service between the station and the central office, the former being under station equipment and the latter under central office equipment. The work is very interesting and fascinating and the prospects for the future very good.

Since coming to New York, I have been impressed with the benefits of being a fraternity man and especially a member of a fraternity with a reputation like that of Sigma Nu, and as for Delta Alpha I have heard nothing but the best reports since I left.

I hope to be able to spend my vacation in Cleveland at a time when all the brothers are in the city.

333 State St.

• Yours fraternally, T. E. BLOXHAM.

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New York City, March 5, 1910.

My dear Brothers :---

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I undertake to compose my contribution to the first publication by Delta Alpha Chapter. If every chapter of at least five years' growth would send a newsy magazine to its Alumni at least once a year, the dead ones would be a little less numerous. In spite of a reasonably faithful correspondence, I find many important items in the Delta concerning Cleveland's doings which are new to me. This publication will naturally contain Chapter news in more detail and so be more valuable to the Chapter alumni. I hope the custom may become permanent.

For the month of June, 1909, I enjoyed a delightful



The historical ride of Hulien and Callender in which Hulien gave a pound of flesh back to Mother Earth. vacation, under pay from the school, as companion to Prof. Eddy, et al, with the Sophomore Civils at Bass Lake.

Just at the end of practice term I heard of two possible openings in New York City and as there was no sign of work in Cleveland, I started for New York, after twentyfour hours at home.

Neither of these positions were to be filled immediately, I learned, and I could not afford to wait, so I spent two weeks visiting engineering offices. At the end of that time I dropped in to see Brother Chewning, Assistant Superintendent of the Gas Company in Newark. He surprised me by offering me a job as sub-foreman on a pipe laying gang at two dollars a day. Though this was not exactly in my line, I hastened to accept. For two weeks I held this and I think Bro. Chewning will bear me out when I say I made good.

A friend of Brother Bloxham had three weeks previous referred me to the engineer of the New York & Nassau Construction Co. at Flushing, Long Island. I had talked with the engineer and later kept him acquainted with my oft changing address, and at the end of July I left the gas company to accept a position with this company.

I was hired as draftsman, but have since been rodman, chainman, leveler, transitman, chief field engineer and assistant engineer. That sounds impressive, but when it is known that the whole engineering force consists of six men it seems less remarkable.

My work gives me a chance to gain experience in every department of surface street railway work. During my seven months' connection with the company I have received two unsolicited raises in salary, which shows that they are disposed towards fair treatment. Indeed I have found that the "Crool, Crool World" is a very comfortable place

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for a man of education and ambition.

My membership in Sigma Nu has perhaps had a great deal to do with my success so far, besides contributing to my comfort and entertainment here in the East. Both of my jobs came directly or indirectly through Sigs and I am now rooming at the home of Brother Rice, B. I., and I find it a home indeed. When I came to New York there were two homes at which I felt welcome, but at the end of a week these were both closed to me by the departure of these friends for the summer. During my second week in New York I stayed at the Gamma Delta House in Hoboken. Brothers Bloxham and Wilson were the only ones in the city whom I had ever seen outside of New York, but I found that I had a host of friends to whom the fivearmed star was a letter of introduction.

I have written this to the 1910 men rather than to the Alumni, and just two more things let me add: Take what is offered while you wait for what you want, and keep in touch with Sigma Nu.

All success to Delta Alpha and her scattering brothers. W. A. BUELL.

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Cleveland, Ohio, March 15, 1910.

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My dear Brothers:---

It hardly seems ten months since I left your circle, yet it is so for I have just consulted the calendar. Time seems to pass quite as quickly when a fellow is after that dollar as when he is after a good time and some book learning.

I have been quite fortunate in finding positions since I left school. My positions have sought merather than I them. Professor Neff secured my first position in Warren, Ohio, with the Hydro Electric and Gas Co. as assistant to their engineer. I was with this company for about two months when I was attacked with a longing to return to Cleveland. I returned home about August 1st and at noon of the next day my present position found me.

I am now with the Carey Construction Co. of this city and am doing well, being assistant to the engineer and doing most of the designing and estimating. I



White (singing?)—"Beautiful Eyes!" Woods—(eating)—"They'll be black ones if you don't cut the racket."

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have gathered a store of experience which is worth almost more than the salary, which is very satisfactory though and which has a periodical increase. Altogether I have been quite fortunate and successful.

This letter is addressed more to Delta Alpha's alumni than to you fellows at the house as I have kept in close touch with you during the year. My report of the new men and new house may be recorded as very satisfactory. Offering you my assistance and wishing you all success, I remain,

Fraternally.

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Carl Jacobsen.

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A Doggerel Sonnet.

O, ye most hairy pups!

Who lie and slumber on the cellar stairs, Why lift ye up your glee-clubonian voices, E'en to the extreme disturbance of all students? Woulds't chew a bone? Perchance use lacteal fluid, Or is it but that base insane desire, To chew up and dijest my only cleaning eraser? Your canine supplications and entreaties Reach even to the utmost cold and breezy limits

Of the Roof Garden! Too well I know your inate cussedness, Stinkativeness, flee-carrying power and stealth. Dids't not you two voracious little cusses Led on by a perverted appetite, Enter my closet and eat up my only pair of slippers? Woulds't that I could chastise, with vim and glee, The junction points of e'en thy caudal appendages! Oh, pups! Ye do not know the multiplicity Of hairs ye shed, the tracks ye make;—yea, Lacking all canine morals, even enter in To erstwhile clean and sanitary precincts

Of our potato bin! And yet, with all thy faults, we love thee still Ye playful pups! —

-Hibben.

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