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Being a Short Narrative of Kappa Sigma's Career  
at Bucknell University, together with an  
Account of the said Institution

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TO THE MEMORY OF

**Bro. Herton Roscoe Collins, '97**

Scholar, Athlete and Prince of Good Fellows, whose  
brilliant and promising career was brought to  
an untimely end at Williamsport, Pa.,  
November 6, 1898, these sketches  
are affectionately and re-  
spectfully dedicated  
by the Author.



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## FOREWORD

REFLECTING not long ago that this year would mark the fifteenth anniversary of the establishment of Alpha-Phi Chapter of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity, I began to recall the history of the Chapter during this time. While it is a comparatively short period of time and Alpha-Phi yet remains the youngest national Fraternity at Bucknell, yet so much has transpired in the history of the Chapter and of the Institution itself in that brief decade and a half that I was constrained to write out for my own entertainment and instruction a few of the more salient features. I found and recalled so much of interest and so many things in which the Chapter may take a pardonable pride, and which by reason of no record being kept was in danger of becoming lost, that the idea occurred to me of publishing the brief sketches I had written, on the occasion of this, our fifteenth anniversary. I, therefore, offer these slight sketches, written with no pretense of literary style, setting forth a few of the more striking features of Alpha-Phi's progress. I do not offer them as a complete history but rather as data from which at some future time and by more capable hands a better History may be compiled.

There are two facts I wish to state in connection with this History. Firstly, that this is not an "author-

ized version," but the following sketches were prepared by me and are published by me entirely upon my own responsibility and that, therefore, any statements or mis-statements appearing therein, I, alone, am answerable for. And secondly, that I am publishing this History entirely at my own expense, that it may not be thought that I have accepted any money from the Chapter to carry out an entirely private and unauthorized enterprise. If these sketches shall give any pleasure to the Alumni of Alpha-Phi or serve in any degree to cement a firmer bond of union between the Alumni and the active Chapter, or to instill in the active Chapter a sense of pride in the achievements of the Chapter to which they belong, I shall feel many times repaid for whatever of time or means may have been expended by me upon this work.

As to the cuts which appear in this book. The cut of Bucknell University was made from the very excellent painting by the New York artist, Richard Rummell, in 1907. The cut of the Phi Epsilon society for the school year 1895-6 is the nearest approach to being a picture of the Charter Members of Alpha-Phi Chapter that exists. No picture of the Charter Members as such was ever taken. In the cut referred to appears a picture of one who never became a Kappa Sigma, although he was one of its most enthusiastic and influential supporters while in College. I refer to George Tilden Ritter, a member of the Class of '98, who entered Bucknell from Lafayette College, where he had been initiated into

the Chi Phi Fraternity. As no Chapter of Chi Phi existed at Bucknell he identified himself with the local society, Phi Epsilon, for which he hoped to secure a Charter from Chi Phi. The opportunity presented itself, however, of getting a Charter from the Kappa Sigma Fraternity without further delay and he withdrew from the membership when the new Chapter was founded. He was of very great assistance to Alpha-Phi in her early years and is now a successful physician in Williamsport, Pa. The cut of the school year 1898-9, shows the smallest Chapter Alpha-Phi ever had. The cuts for the years 1903-4, 1907-8 and 1908-9 show three of its most representative Chapters, the last cut also showing the Loving Cup won by the Chapter at the Denver Conclave. The final cut shows the present Chapter.

I acknowledge my indebtedness to all the brothers who assisted me in any manner in the preparation of this History. I wish to acknowledge my special indebtedness to Bro. Allan Gerald Ritter, '09, who was untiring in procuring information for me relative to various members and who has ever been one of the most loyal and enthusiastic members of Alpha-Phi Chapter and of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. I am also very grateful to that greatest of all Fraternity workers—Bro. Herbert M. Martin, Worthy Grand Scribe of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity, for his kindly suggestions and criticism of the work.

OLIVER JOHN DECKER, '99.

*Williamsport, Pa., December 11, 1911.*



## BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

**I**N the year 1845 the Baptist Association of Northumberland, Pennsylvania, resolved that "it is highly desirable that a literary institution should be established in Central Pennsylvania, embracing a high school for male pupils, another for females, a college, and a theological institution." Prof. Stephen W. Taylor, late of Madison University, was appointed General Agent, and in accordance with an Act passed by the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and approved by Governor Francis R. Shunk on the fifth day of February, 1846, the University at Lewisburg, as it was called in the Charter, was incorporated with full university privileges.

School was opened on the fifth day of October of the same year in the basement of the First Baptist Church of Lewisburg. Two years later the Academy Building, the first to be erected, was completed. After heroic effort on the part of the founders the one hundred thousand dollars required by the Charter was raised in 1849. Thomas U. Walter, LL.D., the architect of the Capitol at Washington, aided the enterprise by selecting a site for and planning the Main College Building, which was erected the following year.

Dr. Taylor then resigned and Howard Malcolm, D.D., LL.D., who had been the President of Georgetown College, in Kentucky, was made the first

official President in 1851. In the same year, upon the motion of Hon. James Buchanan, LL.D., afterward President of the United States, and at that time a member of the Board, degrees were conferred upon the first class presented for graduation, seven in number. This first Commencement was held August 20, 1851. About 1856 Commencement was changed to the third week of July and the twentieth Commencement in 1870 was finally changed to the last week of June, since which time it has always been held in the latter part of June. The Euepia and Theta Alpha Literary Societies were also established in the year 1851.

In 1854 a Theological Department was added, of which the Rev. Thomas F. Curtis, A.M., was called to be Principal. This continued in a prosperous condition until 1868, when it was removed to Upland, Pennsylvania, where it is now the well known Crozer Theological Seminary. The most friendly relations exist between it and the University.

Dr. Malcolm resigned in 1857 and the Rev. Justin R. Loomis, Ph.D., LL.D., of Brown University, became President and held that office for twenty-one years. Through his efforts in 1857 seventy-five thousand dollars was raised for buildings, and in 1864, although the times were hard, one hundred thousand dollars more was added to the endowment. Not only did Dr. Loomis render a great service to the institution by establishing it on a firm financial basis, but when in 1863 Lee was pushing toward Gettysburg,

thinking that patriotism could better be taught by example than by precept, in the capacity of Chaplain he accompanied a band of students, among whom was Dr. Harris, now President of the University, to defend his native State. This company was mustered out after about six weeks service, July 27, 1863. They arrived home upon Commencement Day, and marching straight from the ferry to Commencement Hall, without taking time to wash or change clothing, but travel-stained and clad in soldiers' garb, ascended the stage, where the Seniors among their number took part in the exercises and received their diplomas.

In 1878 Dr. Loomis resigned and the following year Hon. David Jayne Hill, LL.D., late Ambassador to Germany, was selected to fill the vacancy. William Bucknell now became interested in the success of the University and contributed fifty thousand dollars, which was soon increased to one hundred thousand dollars through the liberality of other friends. The management of the institution was entrusted to a Board of Trustees, not exceeding twenty-five in number. These Trustees, thinking that the name of the institution was not explicit enough, in 1886 changed it to Bucknell University in honor of the man who gave upwards of three hundred thousand dollars to it.

In 1888 Dr. Hill resigned and in May of the following year Dr. John Howard Harris, Ph.D., LL.D., was chosen to succeed him. During the twenty-two years that he has been at the head of the University, which is the longest period that any man has held

the Presidency, it has made rapid progress in every line. He is loved and honored by all, and it is to be hoped that he may be able to continue many years more in that capacity.

Bucknell University at the present time consists of a College, an Academy for Boys, an Institute for Ladies and a School of Music. The students in the various departments number over seven hundred, of whom five hundred and twenty-seven are in the College department. There are forty-eight Professors and Instructors, many of whom are famous throughout the College world, not only as teachers but as authors and for services in public capacities as well.

The property of the University consists of a beautiful campus of twenty-six acres and sixteen buildings as follows: (1) The Main College Building, which is built of brick and in the Grecian style. It has a facade of three hundred and twenty feet. The central portion, containing recitation rooms, the halls of the literary societies, and the Museum of Natural History, is eighty feet square. The wings on either side are one hundred and twenty feet in length and four stories high and are used for students' rooms. (2) The West College, a brick building, trimmed with brownstone, and four stories in height, erected in 1900. It contains the hall of the Y. M. C. A. and the rest of the building is devoted to a Dormitory for the students. (3) The East College, constructed in a similar manner to West College and aside from an Electrical Laboratory used as a Dormitory building. (4) Bucknell Hall, the Chapel of



the University. (5) Bucknell Observatory, erected in 1887 and equipped with all the latest improvements. (6) The Bucknell Chemical Laboratory, erected in 1890 and one of the finest buildings for its purpose in the State. (7) The Physical Laboratory, erected in 1902, a brick structure, trimmed with brownstone. (8) The Tustin Gymnasium, erected in 1890 and finely equipped. (9) The Carnegie Library, a handsome building given by Andrew Carnegie in 1905. It is built of pressed brick, trimmed with brownstone, and will accommodate one hundred and fifty thousand volumes. It contains at present over thirty thousand volumes. (10, 11) The Academy Buildings, consisting of the main building and the Bucknell Cottage for young men. (12, 13, 14 and 15) Four Institute Buildings. (16) The President's House.

The fixed and working capital of the University is considerably in excess of one million dollars. It has the largest endowment fund of any denominational school in Pennsylvania. In excellence of instruction Bucknell ranks among the foremost colleges in the country. Her classical course is second to none. The courses offered are a Classical Course, a Latin or Greek Philosophical Course, a General Science Course, Courses in Biology and Chemistry, and Courses in Civil, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering. Electives begin with the first term of the Sophomore year and continue during the remainder of the course. Considerably more than one hundred electives are offered the last three years and numerous honor studies throughout nearly the entire course.

The institution is co-educational. There are, however, less than one hundred women in the College Department. The first woman graduate of Bucknell University was Miss Chella Scott of the Class of 1885.

In athletics Bucknell has always maintained a prominent position. The fame of her athletes has spread across the continent. In foot-ball she has produced such stars as Wolf, Jennings, Cober, Sweet, Jenkinson, Catterall, Matthewson, McCormick, Johnson, Cockill, O'Brien and scores of others. In base-ball she has probably been represented by more men who afterwards won fame in the big leagues than any other College in the country. In this list may be mentioned: Matthewson and McCormick, of the New York Nationals; Daniels and Blair, of the New York Americans; Doolin, Captain of the Philadelphia Nationals; Sebring, late of the Pittsburg Nationals; Barclay, formerly of the St. Louis Nationals; Smith, formerly of the Washington Americans; Nattress and Weidensaul, of the Eastern League; Cockill, formerly of the Detroit Americans and the past season Captain of the champion Reading Tri-State team; Northrup, premier pitcher of the Tri-State the past season and now of the Chicago Nationals; and the two Clarks, of Altoona and Johnstown, respectively, of the Tri-State League, the former now of the St. Louis Nationals. In basket-ball she has always had victorious teams, having several times defeated Cornell and the University of Pennsylvania, as well as most of the other Colleges she has met. In track athletics her

relay teams have repeatedly won the cup in the annual relay races on Franklin Field held under the auspices of the University of Pennsylvania.

There are five general Fraternities at Bucknell for men which, naming them in the order their Chapters were established, are Phi Kappa Psi (1855), Sigma Chi (1864), Phi Gamma Delta (1882), Sigma Alpha Epsilon (1893), and Kappa Sigma (1896), and two general Fraternities for women, Pi Beta Phi (1895), and Delta Delta Delta (1904). There is also one class Fraternity, Theta Delta Tau (1895) and several local Fraternities.

*The Orange and Blue* is the periodical published weekly by the students to chronicle the news of the University. A paper called the *Commencement News* is published daily during Commencement Week. *The Bucknell Mirror* was a literary monthly published for several years but it has recently ceased publication. *L'Agenda* is the annual published by the Junior Class.

There are numerous other organizations, such as the Law, Medical, Press, Engineering, and Musical Clubs.

In nearly every vocation Bucknell has sons who have won honor for themselves and their Alma Mater. In official life she has the Hon. David Jayne Hill, LL.D., late Ambassador to Germany, and Brigadier-General Tasker H. Bliss, of the United States Army. In the pulpit, she has the Rev. T. A. K. Gessler, D.D., and Frank M. Goodchild, D.D., of New York City, and the Rev. John Humpstone, D.D., of

Brooklyn; T. A. Gill, D.D., who has long been Chaplain of the United States Navy; A. J. Rowland, LL.D., Secretary of the American Baptist Publication Society; and the late Rev. Robert Lowry, D.D., the renowned writer of Christian songs. At the bar are to be found such men as the late Hon. John I. Mitchell, formerly United States Senator from Pennsylvania; the Hon. George P. Wilson, formerly Attorney-General of the State of Minnesota; the late Chauncey B. Ripley and Alfred Taylor, of the New York Bar; Hon. Ernest L. Tustin, of Philadelphia; Hon. Freeman G. Teed, of Los Angeles, Cal.; ex-Congressmen Amerman, Shallenberger, Wolverton, Stahlnecker and Focht; and on the Bench the late Hon. Martin Bell, Hon. Harold M. McClure, Hon. Voris Auten, the Hon. Thomas J. Baldrige, the Hon. Albert W. Johnson, the Hon. L. S. Walter, the Hon. W. A. Hindman, and the Hon. A. M. Freas.

## THE FRATERNITIES AT BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

PHI KAPPA PSI was the first Fraternity to enter Bucknell University, establishing her Pennsylvania Gamma Chapter in 1855. It was one of the first Chapters of the Fraternity, as it received the fifth Charter granted. For some years its existence was kept secret for fear of opposition from the Faculty. It prospered, however, until 1871 when it requested of the general Fraternity that its Charter be placed in the hands of the Alumni owing to the oppression of the Faculty, which had learned of its existence as well as that of the Chapters of Sigma Chi and Theta Delta Chi which in the meantime had entered the institution. The Faculty required that every student upon entering College sign a pledge that he had not and would not join a Fraternity. In 1879, with the advent of a new President, a more liberal policy was pursued toward the Fraternities and in the following year the Charter of Phi Kappa Psi was again entrusted to the active Chapter, since which time this Fraternity has occupied a prominent position in the Greek world at Bucknell.

Sigma Chi established her Kappa Chapter at Bucknell March 4, 1864. It was the outgrowth of a local secret society called Iota, which was founded in 1861 by seven students, among whom was the Rev. T. A. K. Gessler, D.D., who several years

later initiated Grover Cleveland into the Sigma Chi Fraternity. In 1865 there were a number of theological students in the Chapter, who believed that the continual state of opposition to the College authorities, in which the Chapter existed, was out of keeping with their profession. They argued that the only way to settle the trouble was to abolish the Chapter. A resolution to that effect was offered by them but was lost. Then followed fourteen long years of faculty persecution. Every effort was made to root out all the Fraternities at Bucknell. During the first few years of faculty oppression the existence of Kappa as well as that of the other Fraternities was precarious, but after 1869 there was always a brave and faithful band about her altar. The Philadelphia Convention in 1870 was attended by Kappa in a body. The Chapter returned to Lewisburg with enthusiasm sufficient for every obstacle and bravely held their own until the beginning of the new regime, since which time Kappa Chapter has been in a prosperous condition.

Theta Delta Chi established a Chapter in 1866, two years after the founding of the Chapter of Sigma Chi, but it could not withstand the Faculty persecution of that time and died in 1871, the same year in which Phi Kappa Psi gave up her Charter to her Alumni. This is the only Fraternity that ever established a Chapter at Bucknell that has not survived to the present time.

Phi Gamma Delta established her Delta Chapter January 28, 1882, after the days of Fraternity per-

secution at Bucknell were past. She, therefore, did not have the struggle in her early days that were the lot of her predecessors. She soon entered upon a successful career in which she has ever continued.

No Fraternity then entered Bucknell for a period of more than eleven years, when on June 14, 1893, Sigma Alpha Epsilon established her Pennsylvania Zeta Chapter. This Fraternity has also had a successful career.

The first Fraternity for women in the University was Pi Beta Phi, who established her Pennsylvania Beta Chapter in 1895.

Kappa Sigma established her Alpha Phi Chapter December 11, 1896, a detailed record of which is found in a succeeding chapter.

The second Fraternity for women to enter Bucknell was Delta Delta Delta, which established its Tau Chapter in 1904. It grew out of a local women's society, called Theta Delta Psi, which had been in existence since March 10, 1897.

The only national Class Fraternity at Bucknell is Theta Delta Tau, a Sophomore Fraternity, whose Delta Chapter was established in 1895.

Since 1899 a number of local Fraternities have been formed as follows: The Demosthenians (1899); Delta Theta Upsilon (1903); Sigma Tau (1908); Kappa Delta Phi (1900—reorganized 1909); Alpha Sigma (1909); The Forum (1910). Two local class organizations have also been formed since that time: Phi Delta Sigma, an upper class

fraternity (1904), and The Corpuscles, a Senior society (1909).

There are two Sororities in Bucknell Institute: Pi Phi, established October 9, 1888, and Delta Phi, established in 1902. Beta Delta Pi, established September 15, 1887, after a long existence became extinct.

In the Spring of 1898 the Faculty passed a regulation to the effect that thereafter no student should be eligible to join a Fraternity until he should have completed, if a Freshman, his first year's work, or if a member of any other class or a special student, the equivalent of one year's work. This regulation has continued in effect to the present time to the mutual benefit of the Fraternities and the University.

The various Chapters existing at Bucknell are all in a very prosperous condition and are a credit to the University and to the Fraternities of which they form a part.



## ALPHA-PHI CHAPTER OF THE KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY.

THE Alpha-Phi Chapter of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity was the outgrowth of a local Fraternity called Phi Epsilon, which was organized January 15, 1895. The purpose of the Phi Epsilon society was well expressed in the Preamble to its Constitution in the following language: "We, the undersigned, realizing that man attains his broadest development when brought into close fellowship with his companions, do band ourselves together in a Fraternity for the purpose of extending to each other that brotherly love and sympathy which every man so much craves, and of helping each other so far as it may lay in our power, to reach the highest standard of manhood, socially, intellectually and morally. It is our further purpose to seek affiliation with some general College Fraternity."

Phi Epsilon during the less than two years of its existence had a membership of twenty-two men and was very prominently represented in every form of student activity. A petition was presented by them to the Kappa Sigma Fraternity and on December 11, 1896 the Alpha-Phi Chapter of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity was established at Bucknell University with the following Charter members: William Theodore Paullin, Jr., John Warren Davis, Albert William

Johnson, Merton Roscoe Collins, George Albert Jennings, Simon Ward Gilpin, Oliver John Decker, Benjamin Williams Griffith, George Edward Jenkinson, Jr., William Robert Morris, Saner Cook Bell and Arthur Dougherty Rees. The work of the installation was entrusted by the Supreme Executive Committee to Prof. G. Harold Powell, then W. G. M. C., of Cornell University, and J. Harry Covington, Esq., of Easton, Maryland, at that time Editor of the Caduceus and now a member of Congress from his native State. They were assisted by the Alpha-Delta Chapter of Pennsylvania State College. Having started the installation ceremonies at an early hour, the work was concluded by eleven o'clock and the members of the new Chapter, as well as the visiting brothers, wended their way to the Cameron House to partake of a very enjoyable banquet. Bro. J. Harry Covington presided and impromptu toasts were responded to by nearly every brother present. In the early hours of the morning this most delightful affair came to a close and a new Fraternity had entered the Greek world at Bucknell that was destined to thereafter play a very prominent part. No Fraternity ever started out at Bucknell with a more representative or enthusiastic body of men than did Alpha-Phi and nobly has she kept that proud position during the fifteen years of her existence. She embraced in those original twelve men four Commencement speakers, the winners of four prizes for scholarship, one foot-ball captain and five members of the Varsity team, two base-ball managers and two



PHI EPSILON SOCIETY, 1895-6

Top Row, from left—Brown, Johnson, Jennings, Ritter, G. T., Decker, Jenkinson, Griffith, Gilpin, Morris  
Bottom Row—Firth, Davis, J. W., Collins



members of the team; the founder and first editor-in-chief of the *Orange and Blue*, the first business manager of the *Orange and Blue*, and an editor-in-chief of the *Bucknell Mirror*; and last but not least two of the present members of the Faculty of Bucknell University. This is a record that would certainly be hard to duplicate by the men who compose a Chapter at any one time in any institution.

The men were all enthusiastic and hard workers for the upbuilding of Alpha-Phi, but there are two men to whose unbounded enthusiasm and unremitting efforts in those early days is due much of the success of the Chapter. I refer to Bros. John Warren Davis and Merton Roscoe Collins.

Bro. John Warren Davis was one of the most enthusiastic and hardest workers Alpha-Phi ever had. He no sooner became a Fraternity man than he made himself thoroughly familiar with the history of every fraternity in the Greek world and studied their various problems, especially as they applied to his own Chapter. No effort was spared by him to advance the interests of any member of the Chapter or of the Chapter as a whole in the Institution. His remarkable enthusiasm and his ability as an organizer seemed to have impressed the Fraternity at large no less than the members of his own Chapter, for only two years after becoming a wearer of the Star and Crescent, at the Thirteenth Biennial National Conclave of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity, held at Chattanooga, Tennessee, on December 28, 29 and 30,

1898, he was elected Worthy Grand Master of Ceremonies of the National Fraternity, a position which he filled with singular credit. He was Professor of Hebrew at the Crozer Theological Seminary for several years after graduation, after which he studied abroad, then finally returned and entered the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania, and is to-day a prominent member of the bar of both the States of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Bro. Merton Roscoe Collins was a very close second in enthusiasm and as a worker for his Chapter to Bro. Davis. He was one of the ablest and most popular men that Alpha-Phi ever had, and one of the most brilliant and promising men ever graduated from Bucknell University. He was a great student, a great athlete, and above all else a prince of good fellows. During his entire course he was one of the stars on the foot-ball team. He was Manager of the base-ball team. He was the founder and first Editor-in-Chief of the *Orange and Blue*. On January 22, 1897, he represented Bucknell in an Inter-collegiate Debate with Franklin and Marshall College and won the same for his College. At graduation in 1898 he was a Commencement speaker and the winner of the first Psychology Prize. After graduation he entered the Law Offices of the Hon. Henry Clay McCormick, formerly Attorney-General of Pennsylvania, at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, as a student. He had been there but a few months before the accident occurred on November 6, 1898, which cost him his life. It was on the occasion of

the annual foot-ball game between Bucknell and her old rival, Pennsylvania State College, and the game was played at Williamsport. After the game, as the train was leaving the station, Collins was on the same bidding good-bye to his host of friends, and was delayed so long in getting off by the crowded condition of the coaches that the train had gotten under a good degree of speed when he leaped for the platform but was thrown beneath the wheels and run over and died shortly thereafter at the Williamsport Hospital, without ever having regained consciousness. He was the first member of Alpha-Phi Chapter to enter the City of the Dead.

There is one other to whom, although not a member of the Fraternity and in fact one of the most enthusiastic and prominent members of one of Alpha-Phi's chief rivals, the Chapter during its early days is much indebted. I refer to William Christian Gretzinger, then Registrar of Bucknell University and Editor of the Phi Kappa Psi *Shield*. It is a sincere pleasure to pay tribute to the interest and the good will which one of the leaders of a rival Chapter ever manifested in Alpha-Phi Chapter and especially in her early days, when it was doubly appreciated and of great value. William Christian Gretzinger was the first Registrar of Bucknell University and although he held that most difficult and responsible position for a period of twenty years, from 1889 to the date of his death, February 18, 1909, there was no student who attended the institution during this long period who did not call him his friend. This was

during the period of the greatest growth of Bucknell University and to his efforts no less than to Bucknell's great President, Dr. Harris, must be attributed her remarkable growth and success. The memory of William Christian Gretzinger is no less revered by the members of Alpha-Phi Chapter in its early days than it is by the members of the Fraternity in which he always took so much interest and pride, Phi Kappa Psi.

The first quarters occupied by the Chapter were located in the Harrison Building, at the corner of Third and Market streets. They continued to occupy these rooms until September, 1901, when they went into their present suite of rooms in an adjacent building on Market street, directly opposite the Post Office. These rooms are very tastefully furnished and will probably continue to be occupied by them for some time, as the College authorities have never encouraged the Chapter House idea at Bucknell. As a consequence nearly all the Chapters simply maintain a nicely furnished suite of rooms down town, and room in the various College Dormitories.

Basket-ball was introduced at Bucknell by a member of Alpha-Phi Chapter—Bro. Charles Firth. He was foot-ball manager at the time, and introduced the game principally to keep the foot-ball men in good physical condition during the winter when the weather would not permit outdoor practice. As before stated, the *Orange and Blue* was also founded by a Kappa Sigma, Bro. Collins starting it and be-



ing its first Editor-in-Chief, with Bro. Gilpin as its first Business Manager.

Alpha-Phi claims to a certain extent to be the sponsor of one of the best Chapters of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity—that of Beta-Alpha, at Brown University. This Chapter was established February 22, 1898, by Bros. John Warren Davis and George Edward Schilling, under the direction of the Supreme Executive Committee. So that Alpha-Phi has always taken a special interest in the achievements of Beta-Alpha. Bro. Morris also became one of the founders of Beta-Mu Chapter at a later date at the University of Minnesota.

The Bucknell Chapter also brought itself prominently before the Fraternity at large on the occasion of the Eighteenth Biennial National Conclave, held at Denver, Colorado, in 1908, when they received the silver loving cup offered to the Chapter having the best representation at the Conclave, taking into account both the number of its representatives and the distance travelled by them to reach the Conclave. Alpha-Phi was represented by Bros. Baldwin, W. S., Spang, Hogsett, Harris, J. C., Way, Beemer and Iseman.

A symposium has been held annually on the Tuesday evening of Commencement Week, which has always been well attended by the Alumni. This custom has been followed ever since the Chapter has been in existence. It formerly was held out of town but in some town near Lewisburg, having been held

several times in Milton, Sunbury and Williamsport. Owing to the disinclination of the Alumni to leave Lewisburg again immediately after they have come back for Commencement, it has been regularly held in recent years at the New Cameron House. These annual reunions about the festive board have always been very delightful occasions for both the Alumni and the active Chapter.

The Chapter up to the present time has had one hundred and eighteen initiates and three affiliates. It has not been the aim of Alpha-Phi to have either a large or a small Chapter, but to preserve what might be called a golden mean for Bucknell, of from twelve to fifteen men. The smallest Chapter she ever had was during the school year 1898-9. That fall but three men returned—Bros. Griffith, Schilling and the writer. Two more men were shortly added to the list, Bros. Meschter and Hottenstein, and at the end of the year, which was the first under the one-year residence rule, Bro. Harvey was also taken into the Chapter. Lack of numbers, whenever it has occurred and it occurs at times in the history of every Chapter, has always been made up in Alpha-Phi by the enthusiasm and determination of those remaining in the active Chapter and the loyal support of her Alumni.

There is no form of student activity in which Alpha-Phi Chapter during the fifteen years of her existence has not always had her representatives. Because of her remarkable record in so short a time it



ALPHA-PHI CHAPTER OF KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY, 1898-9

Left to Right—Albert F. Meschter, George E. Schilling, Benjamin W. Griffith, Oliver J. Decker, Louis V. Hottenstein



may be of interest as well as of profit to briefly review the same. From the standpoint of scholarship, she has had during this time eight Commencement speakers (Davis, J. W., Brown, Johnson, Collins, Lindemann, Decker, Davis, J., and Bostwick). She has four times taken the Tustin Psychology Prize (Brown, Collins, Lindemann and Bostwick); three times taken the Class of '71 Prize (Lindemann, Decker and Davis, J.); twice taken the Freshman Essay Prize (Lindemann and Decker); three times taken the Freshman Declamation Prize (Lindemann, Shrum and Velte); once taken the Hollopeter Chemistry Prize (Koons); furnished three representatives in Intercollegiate Debate (Collins, Bostwick and Velte); and lastly has furnished four members of the Faculty of Bucknell University (Brown, Johnson, Lindemann and Griffith.) Bro. Brown is no longer a member of the Faculty but is now practicing medicine at Franklin, Pennsylvania, of which City he has served one term as Mayor.

In the field of College Journalism she has twice had the Editor-in-Chief of the *Bucknell Mirror* (Lindemann and Decker); twice that of *L'Agenda* (McGiffin and Bostwick); besides always having representatives on both Boards as assistant editors or artists. Bro. Collins, as before stated, was also the founder and first Editor-in-Chief of the *Orange and Blue*, and Bro. Gilpin the first Business Manager and later also an Editor-in-Chief of the same.

In Athletics, Alpha-Phi has always played a large part. In foot-ball she has furnished three Captains

(Jenkinson, Cockill and O'Brien); five Managers (Cregar, Firth, Kech, Velte and McAnulty), and a large number of members of the Varsity (among whom were Firth, Davis, Collins, Jennings, Griffith, Jenkinson, Catterall, Morris, Senn, Binns, Cockill, Sheppard, Neill, Winbigler, Baldwin, C. H., O'Brien, Shoop, Beemer, Frampton, Wickham, Croop, Harris, B. T., McDonough, Tyson and Kerstetter). In base-ball she has furnished five Captains (Cregar, Catterall, Milligan, Cockill and O'Leary); three Managers (Collins, Caruthers and Haggerty), and a large number of players (among whom were Cregar, Griffith, Jenkinson, Catterall, Milligan, Cockill, Taylor, C. H., Blair, Townsend and O'Leary). In basket-ball she has four times had the Captaincy (Cockill, O'Brien twice, and Harris, J. C.); had two Managers (Griffith and Bittenbender), and a large number of players (Morris, Catterall, Cockill, Harris, J. C., Butcher, Croop, Townsend, O'Brien and Reber). She has also had numerous representatives on and Managers of the track athletic teams, as well as on the Tennis teams.

Alpha-Phi Chapter has not aimed to get scholars or athletes or any other particular class of students. She has rather chosen to follow the advice of Bayard Taylor to a certain Fraternity, "Get a scholar if you can, get a gentleman always, but whomever you get, get good fellows."

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