

- Assistant Surgeon Edgar L. Woods, *Virginia*, '04.
 Assistant Surgeon William H. Ulsh, *Gettysburg*, '90; *Pennsylvania*,
 '93.
 Assistant Surgeon Thurlow W. Reed, *Cornell*, '02.
 Passed Assistant Surgeon James R. Dykes, *Emory*, '94.
Annapolis Cadets.
 John J. London, *North Carolina*, '02.
 Howard K. Lewis, *Idaho*, '07.
 Thomas J. Doyle, *Nebraska*, '13.

JOINT CONVENTION OF GAMMA AND ETA PROVINCES.

For the first time Gamma and Eta Provinces convened jointly on March 25 at Birmingham, Ala., the great coal, iron and steel center, and the headquarters of Eta Province. The usual balmy weather that characterizes the South in the spring-time made the occasion most pleasant as it gave larger opportunities for outdoor entertainments and sightseeing. Though primarily a business meeting held from necessity in the last week of Lent, the Birmingham Alumni Club made things hum and with the assistance of some of the most beautiful of the women of the South made the social side of the convention one that will long be remembered.

All the delegates arrived on early trains Friday the 25th, a delegation from the Birmingham Alumni Club meeting all trains to escort the visitors to the convention headquarters. The active chapter of the University of Alabama arrived during the day with many visitors from Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama. The city of Birmingham tendered the use of the large and handsomely furnished council chamber of the City Hall Building for the use of the convention, and, though built to accommodate a meeting of several hundred, the ten delegates and the Birmingham Alumni Club with their guests were not at all lost. The delegates were seated at desks arranged in a semi circle before the rostrum.

The meeting was called to order at eleven o'clock Friday morning by Monro B. Lanier, president of Eta Province, it having been decided that the two province presidents, W. R. Manier, Jr. of Gamma Province and M. B. Lanier, of Eta Province should alternate at the meetings as president and reporter. After the committee on credentials had reported the opening ceremony was performed with due solemnity.

Brother Hunter Smith, *Alabama*, '02, president of the Bir-



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irmingham Alumni Club welcomed the visitors on behalf of the state, the city and the club, after which Brother Lanier, from the chair, made a short address, regretting that Brother Fred Coxe who has endeared himself to all the Southern Phis was unable to attend and Brother Ruick whose coming had been anticipated with much pleasure was unavoidably detained. At that moment a telegram from Brother Henderson, chapter house commissioner, arrived to say that he too was detained so the bi-province convention was launched without the aid of the guiding hand of those "higher up."

The first session was taken up entirely with detailed reports of chapters and charges from the chair to each delegate after reporting, giving advice and suggestions to him for his chapter. Now and then an alumnus would arise and for a few moments break the steady routine of business by remarks "in retrospect," sprinkled with humor and advice and glowing with enthusiasm. All present will remember the beautiful and inspiring talk of Brother Bankhead, *Alabama*, '93, one of the characteristic Southern gentlemen and loyal Phis who make fraternal associations, in the land of sunshine, flowers and hookworms (?), the delight that it is. Brother Carl A. Brown, *Alabama*, '02, an eloquent speaker of many a Phi banquet, gave all a treat in his talk on plans for the 1914 national convention.

After all committees had been appointed and correspondence read the closing ceremony was performed and the meeting adjourned to the Empire Café where the alumni club joined the convention at luncheon.

Brother R. C. Munger, Jr., of Virginia Beta and others took the visitors in automobiles to see the Chicago "Cubs" and Birmingham in the opening preliminary baseball games of the season. The rest of the club followed and joined the delegates at the ball park. After the game all were driven over the beautiful boulevards of the South Highlands, through the handsomest residence section of the city, which now ranks with any in the United States in splendor and architectural beauty.

At 8:30 P. M., all assembled at the Southern Club where seventy-five plates were laid for the alumni club banquet in honor of the delegates. The toastmaster of the occasion was Brother Frank White, *Alabama*, '98. His stories and quick sallies kept the banquet hall in an uproar. He introduced most gracefully and delightfully the following speakers: Rev.

Marvin T. Heflin, *Alabama*, '93, Phi Delta Theta Memories; Hinds Peavy, *Auburn*, '96, The Phi Delta Theta Goat; Hunter M. Smith, *Auburn*, '02, The Alumni Club; George L. Watkins, *Sewanee*, '05, Good Fellowship; Carl A. Brown, *Alabama*, '02, The 1914 Convention; Judge Dan Green,



EXTREMES MEET AT GAMMA-ETA PROVINCE CONVENTION.
W. R. Manier, Jr., *Vanderbilt*, '03 and Steele Andrews, *Central*, '08.

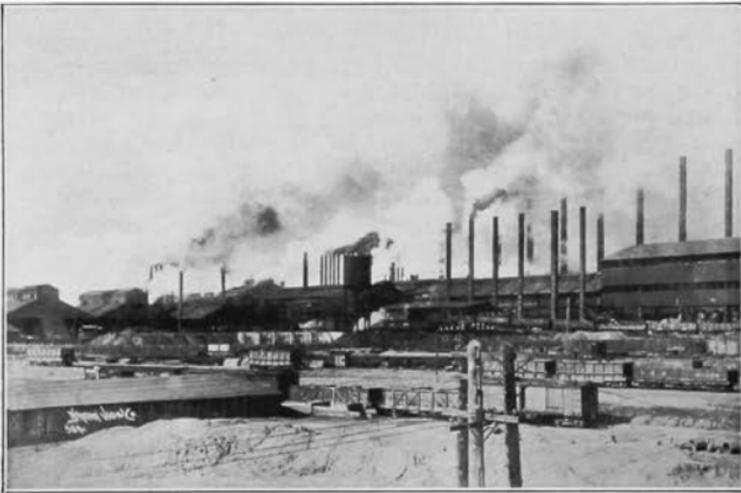
Emory, '85, Phi Delta Theta on the Bench; Dr. L. F. Luckey, *Alabama*, '98, The Ladies; W. J. Conniff, *Alabama*, '02, Plans for the National Convention for Birmingham in 1914; M. B. Lanier, *Alabama*, '07, Eta Province; M. Porter Walker, *Alabama*, '96, "At Random"; W. R. Manier, Jr., *Vanderbilt*, '05, president Gamma Province.

The speeches were excellent. Rev. Marvin Heflin's stories were filled with humor dealing particularly with his experiences in the active chapter at the University of Alabama. George Watkins for years a star in every branch of athletics at Sewanee, captain of the '06 eleven, gave a splendid discourse on good fellowship, and to the surprise of all touched it up here and there with bursts of poetry. The tribute to the ladies by Dr. L. F. Luckey was one of the most beautiful and eloquent speeches that has been heard in Birmingham. Carl A. Brown, with his characteristic force, made a strong speech on the national convention and the South, urging that all get together to bring the 1914 convention to Birmingham. His points were clearly defined and the great applause which followed his talk showed plainly the approval of the gathering. Brother W. J. Conniff, who with Brothers Brown and Hunter Smith, president of the alumni club, will represent the club at the Niagara Falls convention to extend the invitation to bring the 1914 convention to this city, outlined the plans for that great meeting showing how easily the body of some two hundred alumni of the Birmingham district could pull off the greatest convention ever held by the Fraternity. At the close of the banquet all arose, joined hands and circled slowly around the hall singing Phi songs.

At the meeting Saturday morning the reports of committees were heard, many practical ideas were brought out and suggestions made. These reports will appear in the next issue of *The Palladium* with the minutes of the convention.

Among the main points of interest were the discussion of the policy of conservative expansion which was adopted unanimously by the convention and heartily approved by the alumni present. Brother M. B. Adams of Tennessee Alpha prepared a resolution to the effect that the 1914 national convention should be held in Birmingham, Ala., the logical place for the meeting on account of the facilities of the place to take care of a large convention, the geographical location in the South and the fact that it is due the South to have the convention by that time. It was further decided that each delegate to the national convention from the two provinces would make a request at the Niagara Falls convention that Birmingham be selected as the place for the meeting in 1914. The subscription plan for THE SCROLL as outlined in the February *Palladium* was heartily endorsed and the two provinces will recommend to the general council that this plan be put in force.

At noon a photograph was taken of the delegates and visitors with a few of the alumni who could remain. Brother Manier, president of Gamma Province, the tallest man at the convention, and Brother Steele ("Billiken") Andrews, sometimes known as "Babe" had their photograph taken together, Brother Manier is six feet four and Brother Andrews just four feet in height. Brother Andrews is one of the most enthusiastic working members of the Birmingham Alumni Club, and will deliver his famous address before the 1910 national



STEEL MILLS, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
Visited by Gamma-Eta Province Convention.

convention at Niagara Falls on "Oh You Hookworm." A table will be provided on which Brother Andrews will stand when making his speech.

Brothers Carl Brown, Wm. H. Weller and others conducted the delegates and visitors through one of the great steel mills. It was of great interest to all to see the steel rails evolving from the same ore, stone and coal which they saw mined within sight of the mill.

The festivities ended with a cotillion at the Hillman which proved to be a veritable blaze of splendor, seventy-five couples being present besides a great number of "stags." It would be a

hard matter to assemble a more brilliant gathering, made doubly so by the presence of so many of the South's most beautiful women. The cotillion was led in a masterly manner by Brother W. J. Conniff, assisted by Miss Bessie May Thompson, the sponsor of the convention and her maids, the Misses Estelle Nabb, Mary Campbell, Maybelle Roden and May Collins.

The next convention will probably be held Thanksgiving week at Nashville.

MONRO B. LANIER, President Eta Province.

THETA PROVINCE CONVENTION.

The biennial convention of Theta Province was held in New Orleans during Mardi Gras and a better time for the convention could not have been chosen. All the delegates arrived on Sunday morning and found the carnival which is characteristic of New Orleans in full swing. Of the artistic side of the affair we cannot speak too highly. All the parades were full of interest and amusement. The carnival displayed on Tuesday morning was unquestionably the best day parade ever seen in New Orleans. Comus, as usual, wound up the carnival with its magnificent pictures, so characteristic of the oldest of our carnival organizations.

Sunday evening we divided our time between the automobile championship races and the Paulhan aeroplane exhibition. At the aeroplane exhibition Brother Penn of Texas Beta got into a little controversy with Corporal Killroy (pronounced "Kill-joy") which resulted in our leaving the exhibition long before we had expected. Brother John Upton, our assistant city attorney, heard of the matter and promptly adjusted it to our satisfaction.

Monday we had breakfast in French style at Begue's. This breakfast took the place of the convention banquet. Brother Charles Duval, *Pennsylvania*, '03, presided as toastmaster. Many interesting and witty toasts were made. Brother Green, president of the province, started with a few lively remarks on "Theta Province in General." He was followed by Brother Ansley, ex-president of the province, who spoke on "Each Chapter in Particular." Brother Price, of Mississippi Alpha then made a few eloquent remarks on "Here's to the Co-Phis." Brother James Fortier was called upon to make a few remarks in French, but he declined and instead spoke on "The Phi-Frenchman." Then came speeches, toasts and orations from all directions. In conclusion Brother George Upton spoke on