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## F O R E W O R D

Songs of Sigma Alpha Epsilon is intended to take the place of previous editions of our national song books, Songs of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, which were published in 1807 and 1815. The entire edition of the earlier books is now exhausted and this volume, which is an amended and revised copy, will now be distributed to the chapters for the general purposes of fraternity song. The advent of The Songs of Sigma Alpha Epsilon a dozen years ago was followed by a revival of S. A. E. singing in the chapters throughout the country. Chapter singing is now almost universal. The custom of singing at the table has become general in the fraternity. The chapter which does not sing is the exception and its isolation is an unhappy one. In this volume are several new and capital songs, which appear for the first time. But few selections which appeared in the first book have been omitted and those which have are left out for necessary reasons.

The work of Walter Squire, who gave of his talent and ability in editing the music in the first edition of The Songs of Alpha Epsilon, will be apparent in the large volume of material from that book retained in this. We said of him in our introduction to that work and we repeat it here: "He has brought a musical education of the first order to the work and with his knowledge has united careful and critical judgment. Many similar publications are practically useless, due to the difficulty of the key signatures and accompaniments, but he has avoided this fault by keeping within the more familiar keys and simplifying somewhat the piano parts. Knowing that songs of this character are usually sung in unison, he has placed the melody in the compass common to most male voices, centering middle 'e' and the octave below. The wise rule of having the melody appear in the first tenor part and to be played by the right hand when piano accompaniments are used, was also adopted. In a few instances where the music is distinctly in quartette style the melody is taken by the baritone." This issue has been generously enriched by the new songs of a number of the brothers, and particularly by the contributions of O. K. Quivey, whose musical gifts to Sigma Alpha Epsilon will live through the years.

This book is sent out to our chapters with the earnest wish that they may make the best possible use of its riches of S. A. E. Song. I urge that they be not content with mastering a half dozen of the selections, but that they make excursions into the unknown and untried wealth of material it possesses, and I venture they will find their quest amply rewarded.

WILLIAM C. LEVERE, Editor.