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a branch of which was established
in said Emporium where he
could crib roses when the
rest of us were at "the cheerful
round of daily Toil."

Wilson ^{himself} was in the last
year of High School in '78. Hulic
was still in the employ of his
uncle - who was not a pawnbroker
but a crockery merchant, ^{and} Whitman
as I think small was still following
a stern chase after Wisdom in the
a later High School class.

I can not readily place Jeneon
or Moulton in memory.

Not having in those days kept
"a dairy" - I could not at that
time have even milked a
cow successfully, which
was a later proud accomplish-
ment - I have no means of
refreshing my fainting recollection
of dates and details - only I
remember we used to think

Dear Mrs. Fitch -

I am in receipt of your
recent note inquiring about
certain items of Phi Sigma's
"prehistoric history" and it is
on such occasions that I
realize the inconvenience of
lacking the facilities of an
Chicago lawyer who is
said to have advertised his
ability to furnish witnesses
to prove anything whatever.

Personally I can not
clearly separate the history

of those early days from
the recollections of measles,
whooping cough stick candy
and other of childhood's expe-
riences, although reason
tells me that the periods
were many years apart.
— and if a nose and black
cap were the alternative I
could not have told the
date of my initiation into
what was then a segregated
brotherhood of sophomore
wisdom seekers.

In regard to Mr. Mabbs —
or Mabbs, as he then was —
I think the name John was
included in his inventory,
but when, whence, or why

he disappeared I do not
remember.

"If my memory serves me"
— and that is its only utility
the club did not originate as
a fungus growth in the dark
recesses of scholastic
cloisters, to wit Chicago
Central High School, but
sprang up Minerva like panoply
from the stationery ~~about~~
emporium of the Messrs.

Beard Bros. — My impression
is more clear in this respect
because I know that Gerald
Beard used to quote more
poetry than could be
obtained anywhere outside
of Cobbs Circulating Library

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that we had some good times
and were making ordinary
walking or limping speed
along Wisconsin highway.

I don't know that I
shall be able to attend the
suggested quarter-centennial
- and in my absence I
presume the other Fellows
will tell a lot of things
that are not so about the
Early Days of the Phi
Sigma Fraternal age.

Thanking you for your
kind suggestions with my
regards to yourself and Dr. Fitch,
Sincerely
Chicago
February 20, 1903.
(ours) Carlos D. Sawyer

P.S. - which is not an abbreviation of
^{The Sigma}
Stulin is I think interested
in the Thread Wood Finishing
Co. 259 Elston Ave. Chicago

Whitman is interested in
the Wholesale Lumber
House of Shepard Farmer & Co.
2 Kilby St. Boston, Mass.

Small is I think preaching
at Springfield, Ohio