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Description
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Series I: Phi Delta Theta

1.1 War Service Questionnaires

Series II: Professor S.N. Hagen

2.1 Class of 1890
2.2 Class of 1891
2.3 Class of 1892
2.4 Class of 1893
2.5 Class of 1894
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2.8 Class of 1897
2.9 Class of 1898
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2.11 Class of 1900
2.12 Class of 1901
2.13 Class of 1902
2.14 Class of 1903
2.15 Class of 1904
Series III : Correspondence to Professor S.N. Hagen

3.1 Letters, May-June 1919