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THE WORLD AND THE COLLEGE.

MOST college graduates are fated to find upon their return home a gulf of considerable proportions between themselves and their friends of earlier days.

In seeking for the *raison d'être* of this constraint, which cannot be ignored and hardly overcome, we are prone to conclude with swift judgment that the difference in our respective attainments has erected the barrier, that our superior knowledge of Greek and Latin, our proficiency in mathematics and our familiarity with philosophy and science must, in the nature of things, tend to separate us from the unlearned.

Further, we feel ourselves still under the ban of popular disapprobation for having presumed to go to college at all. Going to college is regarded in the average town or city as a sign of reprehensible strong-mindedness tending to disturb the normal social relations and to jeopardize greatly one's chances in the great desideratum for all young women — matrimony. But this narrow condemnation of our elders is much more endurable than the estrangement from those of our own age. Try as we may, we cannot find the community of tastes and interests which existed in former years; to speak plainly, we bore each other intolerably. With this condition of affairs we indulge in longings for our college friends and hunger after past associations and occupations until we might justly be accused of that sin — unpardonable in this busy world — moping.

Happy the woman who upon graduation is free to follow her own inclinations and pursue some congenial work or profession!

Much more difficult is the life of her sister, who endeavors to take up the thread of life where she had laid it down four years before. It is not inspiring to know that our dearest friend of "auld lang syne" is saying:

“How selfish Jane has grown — she is not nearly so nice as before she went away.”

And we overhear or divine the ready response :

“Well, she was queer always or she would never have gone off to college and remained shut up there all this time. I am sure that a year at Madame B.’s finishing school was all that I could endure.”

Is it not right to consider these girls trivial and light-minded? But are we justified in wrapping about us our mantle of higher education, mounting our throne of superiority and despising those who cannot share our more lofty ideas and ambitions?

Are we not short-sighted in failing to perceive that these girls so differently trained and surrounded have excellences of their own as desirable in their way as our own achievements? Are we not in the least guilty that we can find no common ground of meeting and working?

A few concessions, a little effort to comprehend motives and aims, a just tolerance for difference of circumstances, an attempt at inspiration to better things, and above all a manifestation of sympathy and interest in the life about us, will do much toward bettering the most unpromising conditions of seemingly misplaced lives. If we go about it in the right way I am confident that we shall find sympathy and support in our most ambitious schemes and in our worthiest undertakings.

The question will come home to us, too, sooner or later, Are the deficiencies all on one side? Are we not guilty of a few imperfections despite the advantages of college training?

While in college we have been nothing but machines, running according to an excellent system, but with necessary restrictions and limitations, under which it has been impossible to obtain a perfect, all-round development.

As a rule entrance examinations are the outward sign of renunciation of the world and devotion to curriculum work. For four years the college student is engrossed with lectures, recitations and examinations by day and studies by night. Now and then the routine is varied by attendance upon a college social or reception, but genuine relaxation is almost unknown; the students rarely breathe any atmosphere but that of the college.

In the devotion to details, the end and object of all this work is lost sight of. It is only a means to best living when college days shall be a thing of the past. If we are not prepared, in some measure, at least, for that, we had as well remained at home.

That the college graduate may not find this difficulty of readjustment so great, that she may more easily fill any place assigned her by fate, I should like to enter a plea for a broader life while she is yet in college for all possible legitimate recreations.

College life ought not to exclude all other activities and associations. The ties with the outer world should be retained and strengthened as much as is consistent with assumed duties. Collegiate work so heavy that it debars us from the interests of church, society and philanthropy is injurious in its effects. Time given to music and art is well spent and will bring in large returns when the student becomes a member of a larger society; it is a duty to be informed upon recent literature and to have a knowledge of the social and political movements of our day.

According to taste and opportunity, let all college students hear the best music, witness the best acting, see the finest works of art, read what the best authors of our own time are writing, and go into society where they will meet people with interests different from their own.

I urge the wise use of these means of keeping in touch with the world, not their abuse. But I am sure that few Kappas are in danger of falling into an excess of frivolity and dissipation; it is not so evident, however, that some of them are not in danger from the other extreme.

BETA NU.

LIFE AT CORNELL.

PROBABLY in no other University to which women are admitted is there such entire freedom from restraint and noxious rules as there is at Cornell.

In Sage College, the home of the women of the University, there are absolutely no restrictions except those which the ordinary rules of propri-

ety place upon the conduct of a young woman wherever she may be.

The girl who comes to the University is presumably a student and is treated as such. She may rise and retire when she chooses, come and go entirely at her own sweet will, may go out as many evenings in the week as she likes and with whom she chooses, and stay as late as her good judgment directs, provided that she notifies the lady principal of her intentions, thus avoiding the slight inconvenience of being locked out; for at the stroke of ten by the library clock, Sage gas is turned low and Sage bolts are drawn.

All the fair maids are at that hour supposed to be in their rooms, but there is no written law to prevent the burning of midnight oil, either for study or pleasure. Many of the morrow's lessons are looked at for the first time after James has turned down the hall lights, and numberless spreads are indulged in at the witching hour.

The social life of the girls in Sage College is very pleasant. Notwithstanding the existence of secret fraternities which, their enemies insist, destroy the general sisterly feeling which would naturally exist in a large household of women, there is really less clannishness and more of a family spirit than is found in colleges where secret societies are forbidden.

Beside the four sororities, Kappa Alpha Theta, Alpha Thi, Delta Gamma and Kappa Kappa Gamma, there are two class societies, Chi Delta, '92, and the Asteroids, a club recently formed by the '93 girls. Both are secret.

The girls' gymnasium which is connected with Sage College, is a very pleasant place, and three evenings in the week James lights one, sometimes two, gas-burners, and the girls indulge in a short dance. This is a pleasant way of exercising the body and resting the mind between the hard day's work and the perhaps harder evening's task.

The students at Sage College give a reception and hop to the members of the Faculty and their friends among the other students each year. Private parties, formal and informal, are frequently given in the drawing-room or in the gymnasium; so there are abundant opportunities for relaxation from the duties of college life.

The Cornell Cadet Corps give several hops in the Armory each term.

The girls may go there by special invitation from gentlemen or under the chaperonage of the lady principal.

During the past year Mrs. Adams has done much to make life in Sage pleasant, in the way of readings, either by herself or by some talented friend. These are held sometimes in her own parlor, often in Sage College, when the lady friends of the girls are invited and tea is served. There is a Christian Association at Cornell, of which all students in the University are invited to become members. This forms a very pleasant feature of the life.

The girl who comes to Cornell from Vassar, or Smith, or Wellesley College will miss many things that are pleasant and, to her, seemingly indispensable to college life; but in their place will be found just as many delightful things that "grow" nowhere else.

G. F. S.

THE LOTUS BLOSSOM.

[From Heine.]

THE lotus blossom, drooping
 Before the sun's strong light,
 Awaits with folded petals
 And dreams — as she waits for the night.

The moon, that is her lover,
 Awakes her with his light,
 And she unveils in radiance
 Her countenance to sight.

She blooms and glows and glimmers,
 And steadfast stares above,
 Grows fragrant and sighs and quivers,
 For love, and the woe of love.

N. C.

WOMEN AT THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

THE life and work of women at the State University of Iowa closely resemble those of the women at Michigan University. Here as there the students are under no restrictions except those of citizens, and they are expected to conduct themselves accordingly. The wisdom of this plan has been demonstrated over and over again. The temptations to plan and execute midnight escapades and avoid rules are removed, and the students feel the moral obligation to conduct themselves as men and women, and are left free to develop along the lines of deepest manhood and womanhood.

The curriculum is broad and thorough, and the elective system in the Junior and Senior years affords abundant opportunity for the exercise of the individual preference. The professors and instructors are all men of the highest attainments and possessed of the requisite qualifications for the positions which they hold. The greatest respect is shown to the girls in the class-room as elsewhere, and experience has demonstrated the fact that the women are fully equal to the men in the struggle for the collegiate prize. Indeed, in many cases they have surpassed the men.

Notwithstanding the opprobrium which has been hurled against the moral atmosphere of this pretty little city by malicious individuals, the development of the spiritual nature of the students is well cared for. The majority of the Faculty are men of exemplary Christian character, while the remainder are men of the deepest moral convictions,—all talented instructors, standing ready with the deepest interest to assist in the development of well rounded manhood and womanhood. Besides this, fourteen churches minister to the spiritual needs of the students, as well as the Students' Christian Association which this fall opens its new building.

The social problem is one of great importance and one very difficult to be decided in any institution of this size where it is impossible to come into intimate social contact with the Faculty, and where the students are scattered about in different families throughout the town. All classes of

girls are here brought together in the class-room. As was shown in the preparations for State Field Day, which was held here in the spring, they can all pull together most loyally when the reputation of the University is at stake. Yet, nevertheless, at other times there would be a gulf were it not for the fact that the fraternities step in here and bridge it to a great extent. In some one of the different fraternities almost any girl can find congenial society and companionship where she may pass many a happy hour to her own pleasure and profit.

I hope I may not be regarded as a too ardent admirer of Kappa Kappa Gamma when I say that she of the women's fraternities in this University has done the most to solve the college social problem, which is just how far the intellectual and social elements shall predominate. She seeks the happy union of the two, for in her are amicably joined together both classes, each seeming to say, "We have need of each other; let us walk in the same path and try whether by mutual support and mutual helpfulness we may not sooner attain to fullness of our ideals."

L. C. (*Beta Zeta*).

The Parthenon.

THE higher education of women is no longer an experiment in this country. It is rather an accepted fact, whose advantages few indeed can be found to question. But with the practical settlement of this problem, we are met by another, which if not equally important is certainly of vital interest to many. As their attainment of a thorough education has opened to women many positions in the educational and literary world which they have hitherto been incompetent to fill, the demand for opportunities for still more advanced study, than any which this country has to offer, begins to make itself felt.

As our young men have for years sought advantages of deeper research

in the famous German universities, our young women have naturally turned in the same direction. But hitherto the Germans have turned a deaf ear to all their pleas for admission. Occasionally indeed, a professor can be found, more large-minded or more good-natured than his brethren, who will admit a young woman to his classes on sufferance. But the best that he can do for her is to promise not to see her, and if perchance he is kind enough to add that he hopes to see her often, the case is regarded as phenomenal. Under the most favorable circumstances, the position of a young woman in a German University is, and must apparently remain, a very unsatisfactory and uncomfortable one. The students regard her as an intruder, and, supported by the popular sentiment of the whole nation, consider her position one of very doubtful propriety. The Germans do not easily change their opinions, and it seems certain that for some time to come, at any rate, the American woman must look elsewhere for her special training.

The question then naturally arises,—“Where shall she turn?” The obvious answer seems to be — let her go to England. There she will have no hostile public sentiment to encounter,—no struggle to undergo in order to gain admission,—no difficult language to master before she can take a step toward further study. Whether Oxford, with its classic walls under whose shadow one seems almost to breathe in the spirit of learning in the very air,—or Cambridge with its broad lawns and winding river, attract her more,—she is equally free to enter either University. Girton and Newnham have already become famous in this country, through the high attainments of their students, and the other halls and colleges set apart for women are not far behind them in reputation. What more then can the American woman ask, as a fitting conclusion of her college course, than a year or more in one of these great seats of learning, where she may share all the advantages which England can secure for her most favored sons, with surroundings which the whole world cannot rival? Aside from the unsurpassed facilities for study which she would find at her disposal, the advantages to be gained from an intimate knowledge of English life and thought would be of almost incalculable value. A colony of American women at each of the great English Universities, would in time do much,

not only to cure the senseless Anglomania which is making many of our society women ridiculous, but also to cultivate among us a true appreciation of England and her institutions, and so to unite the two countries in that thorough sympathy and good understanding which their common history and interests naturally demand. ETA.

When we girls begin to be the "older girls," do we demand more of our fraternity, or do we love it so well that we can ill endure to see it any-
 One View thing less than our highest ideals for it? Do we love it less in
 of it. the later days when we see its imperfections than when in those
 early days we saw no possibility of evil in it?

However this may be, I have lately often found myself asking "What right has the college fraternity to existence? Has it a mission of good to fulfil and is it fulfilling it?" If so, it has a right to live and flourish.

After no little thought I was forced to admit, though very unwillingly, that in the last analysis the fraternity is very likely to prove selfish. It admits to its ranks a selected few, saying, To these we will be true; these we will aid in all ways, as becomes sisters. True, we are not obliged to neglect all others; but ought we not to be more careful of the rest than we are?

Then by what criterion are they chosen? Tell me not that it is on the basis of scholarship. Sometimes and in some chapters it may be so, but in a great majority of cases it is not. A peculiarity of dress or person is sufficient to debar the brightest student and no effort is made to overcome it. No encouragement is held out to the student striving against terrible odds, to raise himself above the lower ranks of life unless he has those qualities which make him socially popular. It is the student to whom fortune has already given largely of life's graces that enjoys fraternity privileges most commonly.

Yet these are not the ones who need these things most. Fraternity life could do very much more for the earnest, struggling student and receive more in return. If it is the aim of the fraternity to help, here is a neglected opportunity. It requires a membership from both classes to make such an organization just.

Let me not be understood as decrying fraternities. I love my fraternity dearly. It stands for some of the greatest inspirations of my life; but there are certain wrongs growing out of fraternities that no fair-minded person can deny, and I mean to do what I can to correct them.

Fraternities stand in their own light when rivals are so bitterly opposed to each other that each refuses to aid the other in any good work it would undertake; when the success of the other is the bitterness of the one defeated.

If the fraternity will accept its obligations to the college; if it will strive to fulfil its noble mission, long may it live; but let the one that would shirk these duties find an early grave beneath its own selfishness, injustice, and bigotry.

LAMBDA.

✓ To a member of a fraternity the question often arises, What does the fraternity exist for?—the individual?

The logical answer would be, for the individual as far as her good does not affect the welfare of the other members; for the individual as long as possible—then for the chapter. A fraternity, then, should certainly be of aid to each one of its members, not merely rejoicing in their honors, for it is not then that a member needs help from her chapter, but when the world looks at her coldly for a misdemeanor or an indiscretion; then it is that she looks to her sisters for aid.

Now, if she has been faithful throughout to her fraternity, if she has never wronged them by word or deed, shall the chapter prove itself unfaithful to her at the very time when she needs sympathy? Shall she be turned away merely because by keeping her all will have to bear the burden?

Surely, if such were the case one would hesitate about joining a fraternity, as it is supposed to be a support and strength in times of trouble. To protect, and defend, and support—these are among the primary objects of a fraternity.

It should represent home life. To students away at college there is often felt that lack of the genial home atmosphere, of intimate relations, of *friendly* and *well-meant* criticism. All these the model fraternity should represent as far as possible.

Above all should there be loyalty between the members. You would not allow an outsider, under any circumstances, to make unkind remarks about one of your sisters. Is it better, or worse, for you to do it yourselves? Not loyalty to be shown off to the world, as I take it, but among ourselves, true, unswerving and not easily shaken. A fraternity is an inward experience, not an outward show. PSI.

With the opening of college and the influx of new students come the questions of fraternity policy. The mean between too hasty and too conservative is sought. The question, When shall we invite? ever recurs. To preserve our own interests we must be active in cultivating the acquaintance of new students, for the first associations at college are quickly formed and lasting. Upon these associations largely depends the standing of a student both in society and in class work. And if we would have students conform to our standard we should early throw around them our influence.

At the same time, too much eagerness evinced in the case of any may give the impression that upon the decision of this individual depends the future of the chapter. There is a certain dignity which must be maintained. Convey to all the impression that it is more to their interest than to that of the chapter that they join it. Preserve the golden mean between progression and conservatism. XI.

It would be impossible to write all the thoughts that involuntarily arise while reading and re-reading the account of the Pan-Hellenic. We find something new each time, and wonder how fertile the minds present must have been.

In a line with their work and as a continuation of the talk in the last KEY, a few thoughts demand expression. The first is concerning the practice of "lifting." I had no idea that it was at all prevalent, and "Lifting." was surprised to find that it needed attention drawn to it. Of what use to a fraternity can a young woman be who will, for mere temporary advancement or pleasure, separate herself so forcibly from the band of

sisters she has promised to love and help, and who have promised, in turn, by all that is sacred to be indeed sisters to her? What if the second band seem more congenial to her—is she to leave her own and join them? Because we find in another home those nearer our ideals, we do not disown our family and join ourselves to the other. We are bound by ties more sacred than mere liking.

When a college woman joins a fraternity she is supposed to link her life with those of that band by links that cannot be separated. Our fraternity is not simply a means of giving us pleasure; it is meant to give us the help of others and the opportunity to help and strengthen those we love. One's ideas of fraternity must indeed be low if she can indifferently break its vows. I cannot conceive how any fraternity can want a woman or expect to get any good from one who shows so little love for her own. If she is false to the first, why will she not be as false to the second when a greater temptation presents itself?

While we are on this subject, is it not almost as bad for one fraternity to take *pledged* men from another as to try to "lift" them after they are initiated? I know that this is done to a great extent, but I cannot become at all reconciled to it. I should consider a pledge given to a fraternity almost as binding as the initiation vows, and but a step toward them, and should look with distrust upon another fraternity who should try to make me break that pledge. It is a chapter's duty to seek out the best men in college and bid them, but to bid them after they have given their promise to become members of another chapter is to lead them to have only a slight regard for honor.

Preparatory Students. The other point is that of pledging and initiating preparatory students, and I wish the convention had added music students as well. What are fraternities in their very nature? Bands of college-bred men and women. Yes, and how many of our preparatory students can we justly call college men and women?

One great evil in this early initiation, and it is perhaps the greatest, is that many do not stay in college after the freshman year, and often do not enter the college classes at all, but still go forth wearing the pin that is supposed to mark the college man, or woman.

An advantage may be claimed in this early membership — that of a long and useful career to the chapter, but I doubt much whether these younger members do a chapter very much good. Little responsibility rests on them, because they are not old enough to bear it, and if they get used to doing nothing in fraternity work it is hard for them to begin later. The standard of the chapter is certainly lowered by having any number of these young members, and that of the fraternity by having them go out into the world as fraternity members.

Of course the pledging of preparatory students is not so bad as the next step, but really it would be better if this could be abandoned also. In my opinion characters ripen faster and change more in the first year in college than in any other one year in life. We fraternities *must* know whom we are initiating, and it seems that we ought to let this change come before we take the risk of a mistake.

Then comes in the claim that the chapter can have its influence. Why not let it have its influence for good on all alike, those wanted and those not? Each has a soul to be saved. We too often think of our own advancement and not enough of the good to others that our chapter may do and *must* do if it fulfils the ideal of fraternity. Our lives are not thrown as intimately with those not in our circle, but we ought not to shut others out entirely and never try to help them. All should feel the good arising from the existence of a fraternity chapter — its members most of all — but all should feel it.

BETA NU.

It is a plain gold key. Its letters are black, and it has no jewels to dazzle the sight of the beholder. So constantly has it been worn that an uninstructed friend once asked its owner if she were under a vow never to appear without that ornament. Her left hand has a trick of holding it where it fastens her gown at the throat, and her fingers know every little edge and corner, from the pricking point at the head to the squareness at the ward. Sometimes she leaves it at home and then presently with a sudden heart-beat and momentary sense of loss, she puts her hand to the place where the key should be. It is rather like a

Her Key.

familiar friend than a bit of jewelry. But the sweetness of friends who are always with us is sadly often overlooked. And the message of the key, which its little sturdy black letters do their best to tell, is sadly often forgotten.

This is what troubled her one cool fair Sunday in July, the knowledge that she had forgotten the key's message. She sat under a crooked apple-tree, gazing across the sunshiny field, across the dark hollow of the brook valley beyond, to the hills where shadows of great clouds were passing swiftly. She had been writing in her diary what she remembered of a certain sewing-circle to which the farmer's wife had bidden her not long before.

The hostess, a small, eager creature, in a ruffled gown much too short and scant, was considered "queer" by her neighbors in the village. After the company was at last assembled, and chairs were at rest upon the yellow-painted floor, and the hostess had joyfully announced that the circle numbered thirty-two, counting the children, she took the Kappa out into the garden and burdened her with sweet old-fashioned roses, red and white, which were carefully set away in the kitchen for safe-keeping. The Kappa returning to the circle, sat looking on with a little piece of fancy-work in her idle fingers, while jokes flew from one to another of the quick-tongued farmers' wives. The friendly feminine gathering reminded her somehow of chapter meeting, and she fell to meditating upon the fraternal spirit which drew these women together, and wondering if the thoughts were young behind some of the quiet, withered old faces. While tea was served, and the Kappa struggled to maintain the equilibrium of her plate of bread and butter and a saucer of jam, upon a napkin slippery-smooth, and to balance a tea-cup withal, she became aware even amidst her difficulties, of a flaw in the "chapter meeting." These kindly women, some of whom had come chiefly that their hostess might not be disappointed in her hopes of a large "circle," were yet not quite in the spirit of fraternity. For they were exchanging looks of amusement over the fluttering manner of that "queer" little person. Probably she was too busy to know it. Probably the Kappa might not have known it, only that she had heard beforehand of Mrs. Brown's oddities. But how could they

laugh at that pathetic figure in the ugly scant gown, as she trotted about in her hospitable eagerness to please her guests?

This question the Kappa had asked herself that day at the farm-house on the high, bleak hill. She was asking it again on the cool Sunday afternoon, as she touched her key, and thought of chapter meetings at home. When suddenly, as the edge of the gold pressed her fingers, there flashed into her thoughts the meaning of the key's form, and of the three familiar letters.

Here she sat, complacently recording in her diary the unfraternal behavior of other women; and the very day before, had not her tongue uttered untimely sarcasms over the foibles of women with whom she sat at table? They were people who had made the disagreeableness of certain feminine ways look very large to the Kappa: but they had their admirable traits, as she very well knew. And what had the key been saying all the time? At last its voice without sound, had reached her hearing. Then repentance overtook her, there under the crooked apple-tree. The selfishness of her summer life, all the downward slips, known to her own heart only, from what she had meant to be and do,—did not the key-symbol tell of better things? And how had she kept the vow taken once in such earnestness that eyes ached with the pressure of tears unshed?

Perhaps the best way to deal with broken promises may not be to make fresh ones. But that is what she did. She fell to thinking of a Kappa friend whose name is loved by many women; a friend who looks upon women with beautiful, kind eyes, and whose lips are slow to speak of the mistakes of her weaker sisters. And to this absent friend she made a promise, silently. It may suffer the fate of many such, to be broken and mended, and once more broken. But ever since that afternoon the small, plain key with its clear letters has been dearer still, for the faithful warning that it spoke. Still more does it seem like a little live creature, a fairy guide to the life where Kappas will never forget what the key would have them remember.

E. A. T.

Alumnæ Department.

EDITED BY MARY M. KINGSBURY,

AN OPEN LETTER.

My Dear Sisters: — It is in the suburbs of Boston that I am writing, but the east winds refuse to blow and the thermometers are running a race to see which can make the hottest record.

If it weren't for the fact that I have something I want to say very much, I should be inclined to try to beg off for this number and let the Alumnæ Department take a vacation.

I might work up to the point gradually and introduce a few anecdotes and metaphors, but, on the whole, why not come to time at once?

Now, if any one has read so far, please continue. What I want to know is, how am I going to get good, live alumnæ notes? Of course I know some alumnæ personally and I know of others, but this department ought to be the most general of all. It ought to have interesting accounts of alumnæ's experiences when they were in undergraduate life or since they have left college. Because these few pages are not full of color and definiteness, the sense of guilt doesn't overpower me. Is it all *mea culpa*?

Such items as "Anna Smith is teaching in Ohio," are better than nothing, but even they do not come without solicitation. But it would be very interesting if we could tell just what kind of a school Anna Smith had, with perhaps a little account of her life there.

Well, now, the hard-working corresponding secretaries may say "I don't know anything more about Anna Smith than you do. We don't hear from her very often. Why doesn't she write and tell us or you about herself?" There is much sense in this defence. Is Miss Smith's time so full that she cannot fulfil her obligations to the extent of letting her chapter know just what she is doing? Does she for a moment think that her doings are of little interest to the undergraduates? If only she re-

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membered for an instant how glad she was to learn about the older girls when she was in college, she could never doubt but that her alumna life would have the same interest for her successors in the active chapter.

I think there is no doubt that full and live *alumnæ* notes would do more towards increasing the circulation of THE KEY, and hence of keeping alive an active interest in our fraternity, than any other agency we could suggest.

Do we want to have an alumna body, enthusiastic, devoted, and intensely loyal? Then let our chapters vie with each other in getting good *alumnæ* items and sending them to THE KEY.

Where do college graduates look to find out what their old associates are doing? Is it not apt to be in the college paper, rather than in the fraternity magazine? And are not the old associates in whom centred the greatest interest apt to be members of the same fraternity?

The college paper keeps one in touch with one's alma mater; the fraternity magazine keeps one in touch with that element of college life that to so many of us was the strongest and best thing that college life offered.

Next quarter, girls, let us have some news. Will you not send it for Kappa's sake?

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

ALUMNÆ EDITOR.

GENERAL ITEMS.

Our delegation in the Pan-Hellenic Committee on the World's Fair is Upsilon Chapter. Doubtless much assistance can be given the chapter by our Chicago *alumnæ* who are now by no means few in number. Would it not be a good idea if the corresponding secretaries of such chapters as have *alumnæ* in Chicago should send the names and addresses to Upsilon's corresponding secretary?

This department will gladly publish a list of Chicago *alumnæ* if the corresponding secretaries will kindly send the names to the editor. Of course there have been many changes since the publication of our catalogue.

On the whole it might be better if the secretaries would send names and addresses of members who are residing either permanently or transiently in any of the great centers. In this way travelling Kappas can have a chance to see members of other chapters, and, too, a nucleus will be made for large Associations.

This department ought more properly to be called Alumnae and Associate Department, but the former title is supposed to include the latter.

October 13 ought to be a great rallying day for our alumnae. Think what a vast quantity of material can be collected for alumnae notes on that day!

If it is a good and kindly custom to make birthday gifts to our friends, why is not October 13 the best day in the year to make a little offering to our fraternity? A book for the chapter library, a statuette for the chapter hall, or a big tin of Kennedy's crackers to fall back on when the meeting has adjourned and the paper or discussion has given away to that sweetest hour of informality, when all is forgotten but that we are friends and bound together for the highest ends of life.

And if one is far away from the chapter home on that day, how pleasant to send along a substantial reminder of one's affection and goodwill even if it be only a photograph or a bottle of ink.

But best of all is it to meet all the girls on that day. Better than all the presents in the world is the old handclasp and the thrill of a friendship again renewed.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. Kuhns (Mu) has returned east again and is at Greensburg, Pa.

Phi has two engagements to announce: Caroline Stone, of '84, is engaged to Mr. Atherton, an instructor in the Roxbury Latin School. The engagement is just announced of Emily Bright, '90, Grand Secretary, Kappa Kappa Gamma, to Mr. Addison Burnham, of Cambridge.

Harriette Anthony, of Psi, is a successful Boston photographer. Her

office is in the Mason and Hamlin building, 154 Tremont Street. Besides photographing interiors, exteriors and landscapes, and giving lessons in the use of the camera, she makes a specialty of Kodak developing and printing. Her work for amateurs is exquisite.

Cora Rigby, of Phi and Nu, and Azubah Latham, of Phi, start a school in Columbus, Ohio, this month.

Gertrude Small, Phi, whose work on the *Boston Post* has been much admired, has gone to Chicago where she is working on the *Tribune*. The *Boston Traveller* says of her: "One of the youngest newspaper women of Boston is Miss Gertrude Small. Miss Small was born in Maine, and is a graduate from the Boston University, and has lived in Boston for some time. She received her early education at Dean Academy, Franklin, Mass., and is in every way fitted for her work. She began her journalistic work as assistant editor of the *Golden Rule* very soon after leaving college. A year ago she accepted a position on the *Boston Post*, where she is now the only woman employed, doing general reporting, minor book notices, and is exchange editor. A weekly column in the *Commonwealth* signed 'Margaret Fairfax,' is the work of Miss Small, and she is, perhaps, better known through this column than by her general work on the *Post*. Articles from her pen appear from time to time in periodicals, and newspapers, and by their bright and graceful style have won much praise for their author. Miss Small has but just begun her journalistic career, and it is safe to predict a brilliant future for her. In appearance she is of medium height with a slender, girlish figure. Although but twenty-two years of age she looks much younger, and has a most attractive face and charming manner."

Several Boston Kappas were so fortunate recently as to have a flying visit from Rev. Mila Tupper (Psi). Miss Tupper was on her way from the Plymouth Summer School of Applied Ethics, to Grand Rapids, Michigan, where she is the pastor of a growing Unitarian Church. Rev. Anna Shaw in a private letter quoted in the *Woman's Journal* says "Last Sunday was the best and fullest Sunday I ever spent. Rev. Mila F. Tupper, the bright woman who spoke at the Woman's Council, had

a call to Grand Rapids while she was in Washington, and went there the next week. I supposed, of course, that she would attract a large congregation at first, out of curiosity; but I little thought that so much could be done in so short a time. She has things already in good working order, with as many special services and conference meetings, etc., as a well-worked Methodist church, and the people are rallying around her grandly, both men and women. I noticed a larger proportion of fine-looking, intelligent men in the congregation than I ever saw in any other church. There were nearly as many men as women, which is very unusual."

On Monday evening, July 27, Mary Lyon Hinckley (Phi, '90) was married to Mr. John Lincoln Dearing. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father who is a Baptist clergyman of Lynn. Mr. and Mrs. Dearing are now *en route* for Yokohama, Japan, where they are to be engaged for eight years in the mission field.

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In Memoriam.

MABEL MARY TAYLOR.

Born
April 10, 1868.

Initiated
December 7, 1888.

Died
September 2, 1891.

IN the death of MABEL TAYLOR, Phi Chapter has lost a member than whom none could be more faithful, more devoted. Through a long and painful illness, most patiently borne, she kept until the end her loving interest in Kappa friends, her sympathy with fraternity work and pleasure. Even after failing health had compelled her to give up the active college life which had been her delight, she continued until May of this year to manage the business of THE KEY. In sickness and suffering, the will to work for Kappa remained with her, as earnest and strong as in the days of her first great enthusiasm for the purposes of her fraternity.

To her mother, who shared the daughter's love for friends in Kappa, Phi Chapter would offer heartfelt sympathy.

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Chapter Letters.

BETA ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Since the last letter sent by Beta Alpha to THE KEY very little of general interest has occurred in our chapter. The meetings have been held very regularly, and we have endeavored to do good work and to forward the interests of the chapter, and I might say of the fraternity at large.

One of our members, Kathleen R. Carter, has been called to fill the position of assistant to Dr. Gregory, professor of botany at Barnard College, New York City. Although we shall be very sorry to miss her at our meetings, yet we are very glad that she has received an interesting and desirable beginning in her professional career.

Before the summer leave-taking, one of our members, Clara C. Miller, invited the chapter out to spend an evening at her home,—which was heartily enjoyed by all who were able to participate.

At this Commencement, Josephine Ancona, Rose Ancona, Mary Shively and May Bell Garvin, all received certificates for the work done in the course in biology.

Josephine and Rose Ancona intend to return and enter as candidates for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy; Mary Shively will study medicine at the Woman's Medical College of Philadelphia, and will return later to the University for the purpose of taking the degree of Ph.D. May Bell Garvin will probably return to the University to complete her studies, as she is taking the course with the idea of doing the work required for the degree of Bachelor of Science.

As the vacation is now at hand, few of us have much intercourse with each other. There are, however, Mary Shively, Adeline T. Shively and your correspondent at Wood's Holl, doing scientific work at the laboratory here, while I hear from Kathleen Carter that she has good advantages at Blowing Rock, North Carolina, for pursuing her studies in botany, since there are several professional botanists living quite near her home.

BETA BETA — ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter Beta Beta has added one to its list of members. On the evening of June 13, Evelyn Lease, of Montpelier, Vt., was made an honorary member of the chapter.

Miss Lease's initiation was the last of the mystic rites performed in the room which has been the home of the chapter from its foundation, for Beta Beta has outgrown the "the old home nest," and has found more commodious quarters in the rooms formerly occupied by the Alpha Taus. Many fond memories are connected with the room where we were first made Kappas and where we have passed so many pleasant hours; but where Minerva and her owls preside, Kappas are at home.

The annual alumnae reunion and banquet of Beta Beta was held in the Haven House on Tuesday of Commencement week. Thirty-one sisters, "new and old," enjoyed together, as only Kappas can, the dinner, the toasts and songs.

In a few weeks the members will gather again from their homes and summer outings, full of hopes and plans for Kappa. We hope to be well represented at the Province Convention at Syracuse, and there to become better acquainted with our Kappa sisters of other colleges.

To all our sister chapters we send our hearty wishes for a happy and prosperous year.

PERSONALS.

Miss Mary L. Atwood and Mr. Williston Manley were married in the Universalist church June 15.

July 1, Miss Ella Lynch, another member of Beta Beta, was married to Mr. McDonald, of Ogdensburg, N. Y.

Miss Lucia Heaton is spending her vacation at home before entering upon her last year in the Medical College in Brooklyn.

BETA GAMMA — WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter to THE KEY, Beta Gamma has lost from her ranks two of her most earnest workers, Winona Hughes and Ella Culbertson, who were graduated in June.

Commencement brought with it its usual amount of festivities, among which were several parties given by Kappa sisters.

Mrs. Annat entertained by means of an alliteration party. This was something quite unique in that line, and was enjoyed by all.

Alice and Sylvia Firestone gave a very pleasant reception at their home. The hours were most enjoyably spent in meeting the visiting guests.

Florida Parsons invited us to hold our farewell fraternity meeting at her home. It is needless to say how much we enjoyed the evening.

Minnie Deer entertained us by a conundrum party.

Class-day performances were out of the usual line, the class giving a burlesque on the "Siege of Troy."

One of the principal features of Commencement week was the laying of the corner-stones for the wings by the classes of '91 and '93. The stones are very neat and contain mottoes selected by each class.

The University can no longer be called the "bitters bottle," as the wings so long talked about have not only sprouted but are rapidly assuming the required size. It is expected that they will be finished in January.

Florida Parsons expects to sail in September for Germany, where she will remain several years studying music.

Carrie L. Bates, a former member of our chapter, now attending Hillsdale College, is at home spending her vacation.

Among our Commencement visitors were: Della Walker, Laura Kean and Minnie Deer, all of the class of '89. Marie Stambauch, who left school in the spring, paid us a visit of several days. We were also glad to have among us Ola Esterly, who graduated in music last year, Rebe Pence, also of the music department, and Miss Snyder of the class of '82.

DELTA — INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Delta is glad to present two new initiates to the fraternity, Tamar Althaus, New Harmony, and Mary Dunlap, Princeton. The former is a student in the law department. Both donned the key during the spring term of last year.

We lost by graduation Harriet Caspar, Anna Mosemiller, and Mrs.

Hoffman. Miss Caspar was chosen as one of the two speakers for Commencement from a class of sixty-eight.

Delta gave her annual reception to her friends June 12. The banquet was served at the National Hotel and the reception was held at the home of Nellie Showers. From our own experience and from the kind words of others we think it no self-praise to say it was one of the most enjoyable social events of the college year.

Last year was a most prosperous and happy one for us and we look forward to an equally successful one this year. We expect at least seventeen active members at the beginning of the year, and will enter into the work with all our energy.

We shall also have a new college president this year. Dr. Coulter will fill the place which Dr. Jordan resigned in order to take the presidency of the Leland Stanford Jr. University in California. While we shall miss Dr. Jordan greatly, every one seems pleased that so able a man as Dr. Coulter will be his successor.

BETA DELTA — UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Our hearty greetings to our Kappa sisters! Though scattered over two continents, yet we sisters of Beta Delta have carried with us the remembrance of those last joyful weeks together in college. During that time we all tried to see as much of each other as possible, for three of our girls were going out as graduates and three others have left college for at least a year.

We were most ably seconded in our endeavors for a good time by three of the Faculty ladies, at whose homes we spent some delightful evenings. We have been much aided during the year by the suggestions and advice of Mrs. Dewey, of Kappa chapter, and with her we passed a very pleasant evening in the early part of June. Though we were all too busy to do much in a social way, we did succeed in having a little informal company for our three patronesses, and one whom we now claim as a pledged Kappa, Bertha Barney, who is almost a Kappa now by right of her elder sister from Mu chapter.

We feel as though we had much cause for congratulations, for

besides Miss Barney we have another prospective Kappa, Kate Ross, on whom we very proudly pinned the "two blues."

Though we go back to college full of enthusiasm and energy for our "fall campaign," we have pledged ourselves with our other sister Greeks not to do any "rushing" during the first two weeks of college, as it would very seriously interfere with the work of the Women's League, which we all most earnestly desire to see succeed, as so noble an organization should do.

Usually the anticipation is greater than the realization of a thing, but from all accounts the Pan-Hellenic Convention must have fulfilled the expectation of even the most exacting person. Truly, from the glowing account received from our delegate, Alice Damon, it must have been a delightful and inspiring meeting, of which even the report fired us with enthusiasm and pride for Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Greeting you once more, Beta Delta says most earnestly, "*Vive la Kappa!*"

BETA EPSILON — BARNARD COLLEGE.

The last and first letter from Beta Epsilon closed with a promise of a further account of Barnard in the next KEY. This promise may have been forgotten by its readers, but it has recurred as a welcome relief to its maker, who was somewhat startled at finding another chapter letter due, with almost the only event since the last the long four-months vacation.

As we had no class to graduate, we of course captured no senior honors and have no valedictorian to swell the long list of Kappas who have held that position. To be sure we won all the sophomore honors but one, but as every sophomore but one is a Kappa that can hardly be construed as a fraternity event.

But we have done one thing that will be of general interest: we have held our first initiation and invested one initiate with the key. As yet no freshmen have been admitted, for there were only sophomores to receive them, and who can imagine a peaceful society composed of two such opposite forces? Nothing but spontaneous combustion could have resulted from so unnatural an alliance. But as embryo juniors we have begun to

look at the class that enters in October with a vivid interest, and we will surely find good material there, as it bids fair to be the largest yet matriculated.

Barnard is perhaps the only college in the country that admits no special students whatever. Every applicant must take the whole examination, which includes both Latin and Greek, and this fact of course has made the entering classes in the first years much smaller than would otherwise have been the case. The fact that there is a college in New York city with such requirements is just beginning to have its effect on the preparatory schools, and the large increase in this year's applicants is the result. Another peculiarity of Barnard is that it is primarily for the girls of New York and its surrounding cities, and thus far every girl has been in her own home. There is, therefore, no dormitory system needed, and none provided. To girls to whom this seems to constitute the essence of college life, that will undoubtedly seem a deprivation; but to us who have never known anything else it seems very delightful to have the separate home and social life and the college life, too.

It may seem that Beta Epsilon letters are rather Barnard letters, but with our increasing age we will undoubtedly become a more interesting chapter, while the youth of the college would naturally make it an interesting subject to members of older institutions.

BETA ZETA — IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

A larger proportion of our members than usual are at home in Iowa City this summer and we have been able to meet together several times in our beloved "Frat Hall," where we recalled past good times and remembered fondly those who were not with us, especially those who will not return to us again next year.

Susie Paxson was our only graduate this year, but we shall miss her next year almost as much as if she were a half a dozen instead of one. She will spend next year at home resting and recuperating from the effects of her last year's hard study. During the spring term we enjoyed several charming little parties in our Frat Hall at which were present only our own members and one or two invited friends. Early in May we celebrated

the anniversary of the founding of the chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma here by inviting some gentlemen and driving overland to West Liberty, fifteen miles away, where a delightful party was given in our honor by Bertha Nichols, one of our members, at her home there. Our sleepiness the next day occasioned several sarcastic remarks from one of the professors, but we will not soon forget what a pleasant time we had.

Sophia Moore is spending part of her vacation visiting friends in Rock Island.

Alice Calvin is travelling in Europe. She expects to be absent at least one year.

The University expects a large increase in the number of students when work begins in the fall, and will start with new buildings and better accommodations than ever before. Those of us who will be in college next year look forward to hard work and we intend also to work hard for our fraternity and make it, if possible, the leading one here.

ETA — WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY.

Since the last KEY was published Eta has been busy with the chapter-house problem. We claim to be the first chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma to try the experiment, and we are satisfied that a home is essential to the full enjoyment of fraternity life. If Eta's sister chapters could linger awhile at her cheerful fireside and catch a glimpse of the sweet home life there, they would admit that the chapter-house has been a long needed factor in the fraternity.

At first, the undertaking looked formidable enough; but fortune dealt kindly with us and we were victorious. However, we feel that we must have succeeded had we met the expected difficulties, and being in a position to judge of the benefits, we urge our sisters to go and do likewise.

We owe much to our seven seniors for the success of our plans, and we who remain, profiting by our recent experience and the more substantial aid of our alumnæ, have courage to continue in our good work and shall reoccupy the house in the fall. We are fortunate enough to be able to have our delightful chaperon with us again and shall make our house as attractive as possible during the rushing season.

Eta's girls have won a goodly share of honors this year. Blanche Powers was valedictorian of the class of '91.

Laura Barber was one of the victorious contestants in the Lewis Prize Oratorical contest. Julia Armstrong won the Junior exhibition prize.

Harriet Remington, of '88, who has been studying in Germany the past year, has accepted the position of instructor in German in the University for the coming year.

Eta gave a pleasant party at Brown's Hall, June 2.

THETA — MISSOURI UNIVERSITY.

After two months of vacation it seems difficult to write concerning the past college year. Commencement with its happy memories is a thing of the past and Theta begins to turn her attention to the fall campaign. The inauguration of our new president, Dr. Jesse, of Tulane University, New Orleans, gave fresh interest to the Commencement exercises.

The University recently received \$650,000 additional endowment. Many improvements are being made in the buildings and apparatus.

Among the pleasantest memories of June are the annual "hops" of Phi Delta Theta, Beta Theta Pi, and Sigma Nu, also the Pan-Hellenic hop, at all of which Kappa was well represented.

September will find our ranks most sadly thinned. Only four of the girls expect to return, but as they are so loyal and eager we have no fear.

It is rumored, and with good foundation, that a chapter of Pi Beta Phi is to be established here in the fall. Hitherto we have had only a local society to work with and "rush" against. We gladly welcome this addition to our Greek world here. Long life and happiness to the chapter!

Many new professors and several new chairs have been added. Prof. Lidemann who for several years has been a prominent member of the Law Faculty, has resigned to fill a similar position in the law college of New York City.

Gay Hancock, '90, Ulie Denney, '87, will teach in the Slater schools.

Leila Britt, '91, has the chair of National Science in an academy just established at Salisbury.

—Etta Hancock will probably pursue a post-graduate course in the University next winter. Mrs. Professor Shuman, one of Theta's old girls who has been spending some time in Columbia, will be with us for a while in the fall.

IOTA — DEPAUW UNIVERSITY.

Iota's members are heartily enjoying vacation. Although widely separated, we keep well informed as to one another's movements, and interest in Kappa matters is not suffered to decline.

The past college year has been quite a pleasant and, I hope, prosperous one to us all. On the 21st of May Iota gave an afternoon musicale to the ladies of the city, at which it was clearly demonstrated that Kappa Kappa Gamma possesses more than the average musical talent to be found in so small a body of students.

Commencement time was one of unusual festivity and rejoicing. A number of the older girls were back with us and, though the usual entertainments took much of our time, the old and new Kappas managed to get well acquainted with one another. One of the most enjoyable features of Commencement to Kappas was the reunion at which we all met as children of one large family.

The graduating class numbered sixty-four, among whom we counted three of our own girls.

Our outlook for the coming year is very bright. Clara Conklin, of '86, who has spent several years abroad, has been elected to a position in our preparatory school. Ella Adams and Jessie Montgomery, who have been out teaching for a year, are expected in our ranks again.

There is said to be a fine prospect of a large increase in the number of students in our University next year, and we shall doubtless have plenty of good material from which to fill our depleted ranks.

We send best wishes for the prosperity of our sister chapters.

KAPPA — HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Another college year has closed and the members of Kappa have gone each her own way to spend the summer months.

Out of a class of forty which graduated this year, we are happy to say that Kappa claimed none — happy because our circle was not to be broken. Next year there must come a sad parting, for five of the chapter are members of the class of '92.

The last two or three weeks of college were, as usual, very busy weeks; for, besides reviews and examinations, there were picnics to the lake, receptions and anniversaries, in all of which Kappa was well represented.

Since our last report our chapter roll has received one new name, of which we are all exceedingly proud — Mrs. Cora Leggett.

Five of the old girls were back to attend the Commencement exercises — Hattie Rice, Florence Keith, Kate Powell, Winnifred Root and Shirley Smith.

Miss Rice has been spending a few weeks in Hillsdale since Commencement, studying art.

Misses Root and Smith are enjoying a short vacation at Bay View. Nellie Eastman, Celeste Bracket and Alice Lane are spending the summer at Old Orchard, Me.

Edith Andrews, who was in Kansas for her health during the winter, returned shortly before college closed, greatly improved in health.

The vacancy which will be made in the college this coming term by the absence of our lady principal, who is studying in Germany, will be filled by Dora Stamats Smith.

LAMBDA — BUCHEL COLLEGE.

The girls of Lambda look back on the college term which has just closed as one which has been very prosperous and pleasant for our chapter.

Since Commencement the committee on instruction of the Board of Trustees filled the vacancy in the department of art, caused by the resignation of Prof. B. C. Brown, by selecting Minnie Fuller as teacher of painting and drawing. The last two years have been spent by her at the New York Art League. While there she took a high position and was considered one of the most talented members of the League. We are all very glad that she will be with us now as an active member in fraternity work.

The graduating class this year had class representation, and Fannie Disler was one of the seven who were selected. She was the only girl on the programme and did great credit to our chapter. We regret very much to lose her from active membership.

Commencement week we put our colors on Myria Van Deusen.

Next fall we shall initiate Florida C. Beach and Ava Stockman, who were graduated from the Preparatory Department this spring.

To our contract with Delta Gamma, which was renewed this spring, has been added the clause that no students below the senior preparatory class shall be asked by either fraternity.

MU — BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

Mu has just passed one of the most pleasant and profitable years within the history of her organization.

Since our last letter, three lovely girls, Misses Lucas, Brevoort and Reeves, have put on the double blue, increasing our number to twenty.

Grace Murry and Mary Brouse were graduated in the class of '91, and leave our ranks, sadly missed by all the sisters.

India Martz and Catherine B. Hadley were elected speakers for the Butler Day reunion at Bethany Park and acquitted themselves in their usual admirable manner.

Gertrude Johnson and Lona Iden were chosen from the Athenian Society to represent it on the editorial staff of the *Butler Collegian*.

Emma Engle, of '93, will not return to college in the fall, but will fill the honorable position of assistant in the Winchester schools.

On the evening of June 2, at the residence of the bride's parents, at Cumberland, Indiana, Laura Huntington, a former member of Mu, was united in marriage to Mr. Askren, a wealthy and influential gentleman of Marion Co. May Mu's best wishes follow them.

BETA NU — OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Beta Nu has little to relate but can at least send greetings to her sisters after their summer rest. Our spring term was quite free from in-

terruptions, the only thing drawing us from our studies being the Annual State Field Day and its attendant reception to all fraternity men and all visitors. We had invited down the Lambda and Gamma girls, and were hoping to make their visit enjoyable; but, alas! they did not come. Though we had no sisters to entertain, we all enjoyed the day and the meeting with those from other colleges.

At Commencement time there were the usual exercises and receptions. Our annual evening in honor of our seniors was a decided success, and was well attended by college men. Many thanks are due to Miss Merrill, who kindly offered her home, and to whose efforts much of the success was due. Class-day was quite a change from the usual order, and as all of our graduates appeared on the program, we were much interested in its success.

Three weeks after college closed we Kappa girls had our first picnic. Not all in town went, but there were enough to have a jolly time. We took the early morning train and enjoyed ourselves so much that we did not think of coming back till night. It was a perfect success, though we can not make the young gentlemen, who did not get a chance to go, believe it. We were joined at noon by Carrie Wright, who was not in college this last year. She is to be with us again in the fall, however.

Upon joy follows mourning, and it was only a short time after, that we were called upon to sympathize with Miss Slade in the death of her little nephew.

Next year is to be a fortunate one for Beta Nu. Cora Rigby, who has divided herself in the last few years between Phi and us, is to open a school for girls and has engaged Miss Latham, of Phi to work with her. We are glad Miss Latham is coming and hope to see much of her. The school, we are sure, will be a success.

Our University, also, is to have a prosperous year. With the State tax granted us by the last Legislature, we are sure of a more solid foundation to work on, and expect to branch out correspondingly. We have already several new professors and assistants, and at least two new buildings are to go up. The Library and Geological Museum is to be a stone structure, one which we have long needed. A manual training

building is to be erected, and we hope soon to see a gymnasium and drill-hall. Our new Law Department is to be opened in October.

Our summer's rest is preparing us for renewed work in the fall, and we hope to make Beta Nu more than she has been heretofore. With an increase of students we expect an increase of Kappas.

XI — ADRIAN COLLEGE.

The girls of Xi await with much expectancy the 16th of September. On this day they will resume their college work, which is accompanied by the ever welcome pleasures of fraternity life. The prosperity of the past year inspires us with confidence in the attempts of the one to come. The work of the year was pursued with zeal and ended in joy. All rejoiced with Rose Talbott in her good fortune of winning the essay prize in the annual contest.

Alberta Oakley and Enid Ware paid us a visit and revelled with us in the festivities of Commencement week. At our last meeting Miss Oakley entertained us by reciting some of her choice selections.

Through the interest evinced by the students in their efforts to secure means the trustees have been induced to take measures for erecting a gymnasium, and the building will be ready for use the coming year.

A large number of new students is expected, and Xi will claim her part in the universal prosperity.

Greetings and best wishes for success are extended to all sister chapters.

GAMMA RHO — ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Gamma Rho sends greeting to the fraternity and hopes that all have had a pleasant summer.

Commencement week has come and gone, leaving us unusually happy for Gamma Rho had four graduates, one from the Conservatory and three from college. We shall miss them next year, but it consoles us to think that what we have lost in active members we have gained in alumnae members and that is what we need most.

The night before Commencement we held a banquet at the McClintock

house. We had a very enjoyable evening, and what is dear to Kappa Kappa Gamma, a splendid menu.

Phi Kappa Psi beside their annual banquet, gave a party at Saeger town. A number of the Kappa Kappa Gamma maidens attended and enjoyed it very much.

Delta Tau Delta had charge of the Commencement ball, and never was there a nicer one. Every one was delighted and regretted only that the hours were so short.

Again Gamma Rho rejoices. This time over Miss Allis of Beta Tau. Miss Allis has come to work in the Chautauqua *Century Press*, and we hope she may feel at home with us. We have Miss Barney back again also. If all the members of Beta Tau are like Misses Barney and Allis we will gladly welcome them all.

Jessie Smith, '89, expects to attend Medical College this winter.

SIGMA — NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY.

The summer's vacation is passing quickly by and soon all the Kappa sisters will be gathered together once more in the different colleges, eager to enter again upon the fraternity work. How pleasant it will be, when we are all hard at work in the fall, to receive THE KEY, and to hear how each chapter has spent the last few weeks of the college year and the long summer vacation. Sigma will be glad to add what she can to the budget of news.

Many, perhaps, will find it interesting to hear of the changes which have occurred in our University during the last year. A number of appointments to the faculty have been made to fill vacancies occasioned by the resignation of professors to take positions in other institutions. Prof. J. H. Canfield, of the department of history in the University of Kansas, has been elected to the chancellorship and has entered upon his duties. He comes very highly recommended by all who know him, and the University looks forward to a term of great prosperity under his management.

With the fraternities the spring term was an uneventful one, but as Commencement drew near the different chapters seemed to vie with each other in entertaining. The Phi Delta Theta gave a series of delightful

parties at their chapter hall. On May 19 we celebrated our birthday anniversary, as usual, by entertaining the gentlemen's fraternities at the home of Helena Läu. The time was passed in playing cards and dancing, and all went away feeling that they had spent a delightful evening. There then followed in close succession two receptions for all the fraternity members in the city — one given by the three ladies' fraternities at the home of Stella Kirker, a Kappa, the other by the Sigma Chis, at the home of Lizzie and Ida Bonnell.

Commencement this year took from us but one of our number—Ida Bonnell, who graduated from the literary course. With the exception of Miss Bonnell all the girls will be back in college in the fall, and the chapter will start out upon the year's work in good condition.

It is supposed that the attendance at the University will be larger than ever, and we hope a good share of the nice girls will fall to Sigma's lot.

PERSONALS.

Laura M. Roberts, who spent two years in Germany and France a short time ago, has returned to Paris to devote herself to the study of the French language.

Alla Lantz, one of our charter members, has been spending the vacation in Denver. She returns in the fall to resume her work in the public schools.

Rachel E. Manley, who for the past year has been studying art in New York city, will not return home this fall, but intends to continue her work for another year.

Avis Belle Manley was married on June 21 to Mr. Bechtol, a young electrician of the city. Mr. and Mrs. Bechtol are at present in Denver, but expect to return to Lincoln in the winter.

The announcement has been made of the approaching marriage of Allie Russell, a former member of Mu chapter, to Mr. Howard, a prominent druggist of the city.

BETA TAU — SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Now that vacation is here and the girls of Beta Tau are scattered in many directions, we find few items of interest. Commencement week we

met together for the last time at our annual banquet, which, it is needless to say, was a very enjoyable affair. It was with great pleasure that we received our sister, Kate Brown, who has been absent from us during the past year, and as several of our alumnæ were present, we felt that our happiness was complete. The only drawback was the thought that we should not meet again for so long a time.

This year we lost by graduation only one girl, Ida Cooley. Although she has left college, we hope she can be one of us in chapter life.

Beta Tau is eagerly looking forward to the reopening of college, which will bring rushing, and also the Alpha Province Convention. This convention meets with us September 24 and 25. We anticipate much pleasure and benefit from it, and we feel sure that our highest hopes will be more than realized.

Next fall, Syracuse students are to witness several changes in the Faculty. Although we are anxious to make the acquaintance of the new professors, we are extremely sorry to lose Dr. Little and Dr. Underwood. Both have always held a high place in the regard of the students. Dr. Little has accepted a position at Northwestern University, and so what is a great loss to Syracuse is Northwestern's gain.

PERSONAL.

On June 23, Lena Hammond, '90, was married to Dr. Banks. Ellen Bryant, '90, was with her at the time.

UPSILON — NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Commencement week witnessed thirty-nine young people from the College of Liberal Arts go forth from Northwestern walls to try life in earnest. College life is a safe and sheltered life after all. So thinks the one-time student who revisits the scenes of those days when he too trod the leafy campus, or gathered inspiration from the blue lake.

Phi Beta Kappa counts nine new members, one fourth of the class of '91 being admitted for good scholarship.

Many changes will doubtless be made in the University the coming year. Instructors in Italian and Spanish are to be provided, the marking system abolished, and the number of electives increased. A change will

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occur in the Commencement, all the departments of the University receiving their degrees at the same time, at the auditorium in Chicago. The Kirk contest, which constitutes our present Commencement exercises, will in that event take place on the Friday night before. It is also rumored that the senior course will be shortened, so that time may be given to the work for master's degree the same year.

Kappa Kappa Gamma this year graduated six pledglings from Preparatory, who will, it is hoped, all be at Northwestern University ready for the joys of the freshman year and initiation into the active chapter. These "little sisters" are Theo Irvine, Lucy Shuman, Anna Rex, Cora Evans, Carla Sargent and Ora Wakeman. The active chapter, larger than usual, having lost none this year as heretofore by graduation, is full of hope for the coming year. Since the last news-letter was sent to THE KEY, Hattie Osgood, '92, has donned the little gold key which binds her close to her Kappa sisters. No 3

Our fraternity was represented on Preparatory Commencement by Carla Sargent, whose oration on "Liberty Bell" was written and delivered with a spirit which reflected so much honor on our little sister, that we all claimed a part of it ourselves, from the relationship.

These transition times which come at the close of every year, when some do not return, when new faces come into our dear halls, when other voices take up the strains of the tender fraternity songs, and when the old work is performed by new hands, are sad and memorable times; but not one girl who has worn the little badge of Kappa Kappa Gamma will let grow cold the warm place in her heart where lie her dearest college friendships and the remembrance of loving words and acts whose perfume will forever linger in her heart, after college days are only a memory.

PHI — BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

In the time before Commencement, now grown hazy to the August memory, our junior annual, the *Hub*, made its appearance. One of its most marked characteristics was that it dispensed with the time-honored, or, as the editor believed, time-dishonored personal "grinds." Phi was represented on the editorial staff by Alice Sheppard.

Also, in the time before Commencement, Phi celebrated her ninth birthday by the annual banquet.

On Monday evening, June 1, the seniors, according to custom, received their friends in state. During the evening a Kappa senior was heard to remark, in an interval between the arrivals of her guests: "Do you know it surprises me to be congratulated, as if I were escaping from prison or had survived some fearful ordeal. I feel like telling them I'm not a subject for congratulations; I'm so sorry to think my college life is over." Still the '91 Kappas are not usually considered a sentimental portion of our chapter, and they showed their practical sense one day after Commencement. It is the custom just after that day to linger about the college building and see as much as possible of the departing friends. We were assembled here on one such occasion, showing fleur-de-lis presents, talking of Emilie Young's Commencement oration and of the clusters of white and purple fleur-de-lis that filled her hands when she left the stage. We were talking, too, of the approaching separations. Then said some one in '91: "Let's not stay around the college building tomorrow thinking about good-byes. We're getting more and more lugubrious. Let's go out of town somewhere and pretend we are not going to be separated in a few days." Some of the girls had already made their farewells. Elizabeth Morse was on her way towards Europe, and our Speaker's courage failed at the thought of a farewell picnic. But most of us went. We found a sufficiently interesting little pond, with trees upon its shore. There we sat down and the "children" adorned the newly-made alumnae with garlands, and nobody was allowed to talk mournfully. We were all tired after the labors of Commencement week, glad to rest out of doors, to talk whatever nonsense came uppermost, and decline to consider ourselves rational creatures with purposes in life. The only sign of perturbed spirits was the absence of the usual refreshments. Some one had brought a few peanuts, some one else had a bag of cherries, which the ungrateful consumers pronounced sour, and the youngest members were provided with bon-bon boxes pretty well filled. But sentiment had prevailed to the extent of making us forget our appetites for once.

After that day the chapter scattered to summer homes. Several of

the older girls met on the 27th of July, when Mary Hinckley, '90, was married to Mr. John Dearing. She will accompany Mr. Dearing to Japan, where he has been engaged in missionary work.

Margaret Dodge, our editor-in-chief, has spent the summer at her home near Boston, in order to work upon her new magazine, the *Outlook*. It is a pleasure to us in Phi, and we know it must be to our sisters in other chapters, that Kappa girls have had the courage and enterprise to launch a magazine in the interests of the higher education of women. Critics more impartial than Kappa friends have spoken kind words in praise of the *Outlook*, and to Phi the new magazine has been one more source of pride in "our alumnae." The summer working days of the editor have been brightened by the presence in Boston of a congenial Kappa from Cornell—Harriette Anthony. Miss Anthony is a photographer, and the inviting studio where she carries on her business and prints wonderful Kodak pictures for amateur artists is the pleasantest resort of such Kappas as find themselves in town.

Although we are not yet through August, the time begins to seem near when chapel service is the beginning of our days; when we study the new *horarium*, hoping that dinner time will not fall at eleven or at half-past three; when freshmen are with us; "in short," as Mr. Micawber would say, when the fall term has begun. It will begin with a small Phi. For nine girls, alas, took their degrees and departed from us last June. But when the term draws to its close, we hope that our letter will have regained its wonted roundness.

CHI — UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

The red-letter events recorded in Chi's historical roll for the past few months are Commencement and social doings.

Two of our number, Martha Aukeny and Nell Cross, were in the graduating class, each acquitting herself with honor. The former had a Commencement part; also a prominent rôle in the class-day play. The latter was the Class Prophet. Miss Aukeny has already secured a position as assistant teacher in the Minneapolis High School. As a token of our esteem, the chapter presented them each with a slender silver necklace and

a locket shaped *à la* heart, on which Kappa Kappa Gamma was inscribed.

Eta of Madison kindly invited us to spend a few days with her, in the latter part of May, but as Commencement week was drawing near, we were obliged to forego the pleasure of accepting.

Before separating for the summer, we who had been bound together by ties of close association for many months decided we must have Chi's picture taken. The group numbered twenty-three, and one of Chi's largest active chapters. The picture was taken, and it is said that the same lens is still in use by the same photographer.

On June 18, Mrs. Parker, aunt of Marion Craig and friend and well-wisher of Kappa Kappa Gamma gave Chi a picnic at her Minnetonka cottage. Our hostess gave us a most enjoyable day.

Cupid has been using his bow and arrow in our midst with even more than usual success. Within the last three months five have married, one of whom was an active member, Effie Ames, and another, Kate Bird Cross, a former Grand President. There are four more weddings in the near future.

The number of marriage gifts to be bought at first appalled us; but with a little American shrewdness we used the method of wholesale purchasing and procured a number of assorted bon-bon spoons. As each announces her wedding day her spoon is presented.

Since college closed our number has, of course, been scattered.

Elizabeth Northrop, our President's daughter, has gone abroad for her health.

Julia Thompson has returned to Cincinnati, and does not expect to come back.

Nell Cross has gone to Europe for a year. The rest have been summering in or about the Twin Cities.

PSI — CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Not a very great amount of THE KEY's valuable space need be devoted to Psi's news-letter for September.

Since last we met, which I believe was in the March number of THE

KEY, much has happened, but little of importance to the fraternity in general.

Rev. Mila Tupper, one of Psi's honored alumnae, has paid a visit to her alma mater. Miss Tupper's visits to Cornell are enjoyed, not only by the members of her chapter, but by all who were fortunate enough to know her during her college life.

We also received a very pleasant visit from Miss Truman, a special student of '89-'90, now a teacher in the High school at Wellsborough, Pa. A very informal party was given for her by the chapter.

The annual reception to the members of the Faculty and the friends of the students, at Sage College, took place on the first Friday of the spring term. This was considered one of the pleasantest receptions ever given upon the campus.

Prof. Goldwin Smith spent two weeks at Cornell, and the students in English History, as well as any others who desired, enjoyed the unusual treat of listening to this gifted man. He gave an informal talk to the women of the University in Mrs. Adams's parlor, which was highly appreciated by all who were present.

Our Senior Spread, which is given every year, in June, to our departing seniors, was a very unique affair this year. After this came the examination to be wrestled with, and then we all went home, but not until we had obtained the pledge of Miss Katherine French, '93, to wear the key next fall.

OMEGA — KANSAS UNIVERSITY.

The Lawrence Kappas are anxiously awaiting the opening of the school year and the return of their Kappa sisters.

Since our last letter, Omega has to report the marriage of one of her members, Jessie Mabel McBride to Richard H. Short. The ceremony took place April 15, and their present address is 1314 Flora Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

Three of our girls will be teaching in the Lawrence High School this year. Annie McKinnon, '89, will retain her position as instructor in math-

ematics. Laura Lockwood, '91, will teach the sciences and Virginia Spencer, '91, German.

Laura O'Bryon who graduated in Art last year, has been elected to assistant professorship in that department.

Inez Taggart, '90, will teach in the Arkansas City, Kans., High School this year.

Daisy Orton has spent the summer in Lawrence studying music. She will graduate in the Music Department this year. The K. S. U. prospects for the coming year are very flattering. There will probably be a great increase in the number of students over last year.

Two members of our faculty were married August 12, Professor Dunlap of the English Department to Miss March, assistant in music.

The University of Nebraska has chosen for its Chancellor one of our favorite professors, Prof. James H. Canfield. While we deeply regret our loss, we congratulate that University on obtaining one so well qualified for the position.

NOTICE RENEWED.

Notwithstanding the notice which the Corresponding Editor inserted in the March KEY, two of the chapter letters for this issue appeared written on both sides of the paper. This disregard of a request so easily complied with may seem a small matter to the corresponding secretaries who have the letters in charge. But if they will remember that the editor, who has other uses for her time, must herself take the trouble to copy for the printer every letter so sent, they will see that it must become a burden. Since this number of THE KEY is prepared in vacation, when time is not so precious, the letters spoken of above were not returned to their writers to be copied. This will be done, however, with any two-sided epistles sent for the next number; and if the copies in proper form do not arrive before THE KEY must go to press, the corresponding secretaries must bear the blame of leaving their chapters unrepresented.

Once more, sisters in the bonds, we entreat of you, *write on one side of the paper only, because letters written on both sides cannot be sent to the printer.*

SARAH ELIZABETH MORSE,
Corresponding Editor.

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College and Fraternity Notes.

Dr. D. S. Jordan, recently elected to the presidency of the Leland Stanford, Jr., University, is a graduate of Cornell of the class of '72, and a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity.

For conservatism commend us to the much mooted Northern Kappa Alpha. Its Yale chapter, established in 1889, was the first chartered since Cornell was entered in 1868.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

At the last Convention of Kappa Alpha Theta, the report of the proceedings of the Pan-Hellenic Convention, held at Boston, was read, and the clauses severally approved with the exception of the stipulation of certain fixed places of business for the fraternity jewellers. The Convention decided that the patronage of Kappa Alpha Theta should remain with the firms already authorized. Carter & Carrick, a Boston firm, was adopted as a fraternity stationer. The publication of the *Journal* was given into the hands of Lambda chapter—to be conducted solely by the alumnæ. It has been changed from a tri-annual to a quarterly magazine, the numbers to come out in the months of October, January, April and July. The editors are to have full control of the *Journal* and are to be accountable first to their chapter, and, through it, to the fraternity at large. The subscription list is to be increased from two-thirds to the whole number of the active members of each chapter.

Kathleen R. Carter has been called to Barnard College as assistant of Doctor Gregory, in the botanical work at that college. While we all part from her with regret, we are proud that such a good opening is afforded her. She is in the philosophy course at the University, and having spent the year required at said University, she will continue her course of study at Barnard, returning for her degree at the University of Pennsylvania.—*The Outlook*.

Miss Carter is a member of Beta Alpha chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

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Seventy-five thousand dollars has been given to the Women's College of Western Reserve University by Mrs. Samuel Mather, of Cleveland. The college is growing rapidly.

Although I was never favorable to co-education, it is patent that, as it is now carried on in some of the Universities, the objections first raised against it can be greatly modified and, it is not improbable, that it has had a refining influence on college life as a whole, and has stimulated both sexes to excel. . . . Conventions and reunions have become something more than of old, and possibly the perfection of social enjoyment may be attained when the ladies are persuaded to add their kindly favor by joining in our fraternal convivialities. There can be no doubt that the amenities of the table would be elevated in character, the responses to toasts would reach the intellectual height of the power of the speaker, for there can be no greater incentive to human effort than the ambition to gain the approval of the fair sex.—*P. G. Gilbert in Theta Delta Chi Shield.*

For the first time in educational history, the condition of women is to be assigned a place in a University curriculum. It is fitting that "The Status of Woman in the United States" should first be a subject for investigation, from the historical and practical standpoint, in the University of Kansas, in which from the beginning there has been no distinction of sex.

To the young woman eager for a satisfactory education I would say, "Graduate at home; get as broad a foundation as possible; learn something about as many things as possible until you find out in what direction your especial tastes lie, then go abroad and give two or three years' work to your specialty, and concentrate on that all your efforts until you have, to a certain degree, at least, mastered it, for a good education certainly should consist neither in knowing a little about everything, nor everything about one thing, but should judiciously combine the two."—*Mary Noyes Colvin in the July Outlook.*

The unique course in domestic economy, offered as an elective this past year to Wellesley seniors, has proved itself both valuable and popular.

That there was a demand for such a course in the college curriculum is only another sign of these times of industrial education. The new education is beyond everything practical: and its tendency is toward the scientific methods of experimental investigation. The special knowledge gained of scientific housekeeping is balanced by the special training it encourages in the application of the most advanced progressive theories of house-building and home-making to the inevitable every-day home and social problems which every woman has to meet in some form.

There is a tendency at the University of Wisconsin, as perhaps at many institutions where there is almost absolute freedom, towards too much social life. It is, however, only in the last term of the year, when drives, boating, and picnics are added to the usual evening companies, that the work of the University is to any extent interfered with. Although less elaborate and formal than others, perhaps no social gatherings are more thoroughly enjoyed than the four class parties that are held during the year. These are given in Library Hall, and dancing usually occupies the evening, the floor of the building being very good. As a rule, no refreshments are served. The Greek letter fraternities entertain their friends frequently, their companies varying from small, informal candy-pulls to large Germans and receptions.

The plan of putting into the hands of the students the power of self-government is comparatively a new one, and it is meeting its fairest test at Bryn Mawr. The students feel that with them lies the working out of an experiment, which, if successful, will offer conclusive proof that the way to induce a life of absolute fitness and decorum in a community of young women, old enough to assume the responsibilities and make good use of the privileges of a college course, is to give them a freedom as absolute as that of men. It does not take a month to imbue the average freshman with a sense of her personal responsibility in the matter, and if she is inclined to "kick over the traces" in any way whatsoever, if it be only in matters of her own personal concern, irregular ways of study, sitting up to unearthly hours, etc., she has to expect outspoken censure and advice, not from the authorities, but from her older college-mates.—*The Outlook*.

Editorial.

PUT YOURSELF IN HER PLACE.

“PUT yourself in her place” is an admirable maxim for campaign time. Recall your own freshman days; keep in mind your first impressions and predilections; consider carefully the influences that decided you in favor of the fraternity to which you now belong.

It is hard, without doubt, to rid yourself of the acquired prejudices of even one year; but unless you realize that they are acquired, and that even the A B C's of fraternity are unknown to the average freshman, you simply invite failure.

Above all, address yourself to the whole man, not entirely to the heart nor entirely to the head, appealing most to the one or the other according to the individual in question, but remembering always that with the new-comer love is more potent than logic.

Later in the year, maybe, when the freshman has outgrown her first pangs of *heimweh*, and has adjusted herself to college customs and personalities, she may be interested in, even influenced by, arguments and statistics. But, at the beginning, the hearty welcome, the ready goodcomradeship, the well-timed suggestions as to lessons and college etiquette, immeasurably outweigh the most incontestable statistics of social and intellectual superiority.

All this and more, however, you can read from your own experience. Only, look to it that you conduct your campaign along the lines of this experience, attribute to the freshman no greater knowledge or insight than you yourself possessed at a like period, and you are on the road to success.

“Put yourself in her place,” and trust to it that sooner or later she will come over to your side.

A WORD IN PARTING.

With the present issue the editor of THE KEY resigns. For many reasons she regrets the necessity of this step. There are improvements

that she has promised and not performed; there are subjects on which she would free her mind, there are endless details that she would institute or alter; but professional journalism demands her best work, and she would be ill content to give her second best to her fraternity.

Besides, to be frank, she fears becoming an old story. Already her paragraphs have acquired a reminiscent tinge, a flavor of last year's banquets and merrymakings appropriate to *alumnæ memorabilia*, but not to the editorials of a progressive magazine. New ideas, new personalities, alive with the latest developments in fraternity life and literature, are needed by THE KEY, and these she can with all confidence promise to THE KEY's readers.

In parting she has to offer her hearty thanks to the members of Kappa Kappa Gamma — thanks for the appreciation they have manifested in her own work, for their ready response to personal appeals, for their increasingly intelligent coöperation with her own plans.

Three years ago THE KEY's subscribers practically ignored its existence. They paid their dollars of subscription money, they contributed chapter letters of varying merit at varying intervals; occasionally they favored the editor with their views on "Tariff Reform," or "Greek Tragedy." But of live fraternity discussions, biographies and reminiscences, the supply was next to nothing. The editor was forced either to make up the magazine from such scanty, unsuitable material as was provided, or to fill it with a disproportionate number of articles begged from her own chapter, or, — unwholesome expedient, to court neuralgia and dyspepsia by devoting her nights to literary composition.

Today none of these courses is necessary. It is true that many of the articles received are utterly unsuitable, that reminiscences and biographies are often forthcoming only after repeated solicitation. But each quarter the number of desirable articles has increased, until now it is possible for the editor, not only to make out her number without padding, but even to keep at hand a reserve store, thus arriving at one mark, at least, of the professional journalist. Indeed, the whole trend of THE KEY's progress has been away from amateur and toward professional journalism; its mission as a symbol to "represent and bind" is more clearly recognized

and more nearly realized today than its most sanguine editors imagined, three years ago.

For this recognition and realization the editor extends her heartfelt thanks, not only to her immediate associates, but also to her helpers and well-wishers throughout the fraternity. May the good work continue.
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THE CONVENTION OF ALPHA PROVINCE.

The Convention of Alpha Province of Kappa Kappa Gamma will be held in Syracuse with Beta Tau Chapter, September 23, 24 and 25, 1891. A cordial invitation is extended by the chapter to all Kappas to be present at this Convention. The calendar is as follows:

Wednesday—Arrival of delegates. Informal reception.

Thursday, the 24th.—Business session at 2 P. M. Reception at 8.

Friday, the 25th.—Business session at 2 P. M. Banquet at 7.

Saturday will be devoted to sight-seeing, with an informal reception and private theatricals for the evening.

Through the chapter letter from Eta we learn with much pleasure of the establishment there of a chapter-house. It would surely be of great advantage to the other chapters if the next number of THE KEY might contain a more detailed account of that inviting home in Wisconsin, how it was obtained, how it is managed. Heartiest congratulations to our sisters in Wisconsin University!

Exchanges.

Some of the fraternity journals have from time to time called for new questions of interest, besides the old ones which have caused discussion for so long. The *Shield* of Theta Delta Chi furnishes the "Lady Question." This topic has become one of great interest to the Theta Delta Chi men. Shall the graduates invite ladies to their reunions? We think not, but do not presume to give any advice on the matter, simply quoting what one of their undergraduates says in the *Shield*:

"Admitting the incalculable benefit of ladies' society, who honestly thinks a banquet board the place for his wife or sister? With 'banquet' we have been taught to associate the ideas of new friendships formed between graduate and undergraduate, old ones renewed, stories of college days past and present. Should we give up all thoughts of reunions and let them develop into formal dinners?"

Why, indeed, should ladies be invited to reunions to listen to reminiscences of times of which they know nothing? It would be equally ridiculous if the women's fraternities should summon gentlemen to their banquets. We congratulate the fraternity on the establishment of the Theta Delta Chi Club in New York. The editor speaks in answer to Delta Kappa Epsilon's expressed fear that fraternity journals may reveal some of the sacredness of fraternity life; he thinks there is not so much danger in journalism as in Pan-Hellenism.

"Pan-Hellenism was really the 'dangerous tendency.' While the idea, in the abstract, was very beautiful, it contained in the folds of its outer garment a stiletto which would have penetrated the heart of the 'truly mystical,' and accomplished the revolution that the correspondent feared."

The *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta gives an account of their banquet in San Francisco, which was honored by the attendance of President Harrison, a member of the Phi Delta Theta.

Mephistopheles once gave to Faust a bit of advice that we often see followed: "Have confidence in yourself and the world will have confidence in you." For instance, the *Shield*, of Phi Kappa Psi, contains the following paragraph:

"Wherever Phi Kappa Psi has established a chapter, other fraternities have hastened to enter. Our entering a college seems to be considered by our rivals as a merit card awarded to that institution. Our principles of conservatism are so well known to the Greek world, that any institution we favor by entering is immediately considered among the best. Thus our rivals come, and then the question is, How shall we stand toward them? Shall we make an alliance with them to send forth light in the regions of barbarism and darkness, or shall we stand back, considering them invaders of preëmpted rights?"

There is something from Phi Kappa Psi that every fraternity man and woman should read. When is the happy time coming when fraternity in college politics shall be disregarded? Truly it is a shame that ever a person should be elected to fill a class or college position simply on fraternity lines. The fraternity is entirely separate from the college, so far as politics are concerned.

“When fraternities will let the best men, whoever they may be, fill the positions of trust—not by questionable politics elect men because they belong to a certain organization—then will that fraternity be respected. If it has the proper man for the position he will be chosen. When the fraternities will unite in doing what is best for the institution to which they belong, they will find that in the long run they will only be doing what is best for themselves. Then and then only will their relations become closer. Then will they realize that they are not factors necessary to their institution unless they make themselves so. Then will determined effort succeed intrigue and politics, and chapters will be rewarded by their potential strength becoming their most powerful and pushing energy.

“Let some concessions of our pride and arrogance be made by us all. Let us never sacrifice merit. Such principles may not win at first, but if by our actions we show such to be our aims and intentions, a deserved support must follow. Our rivals will be compelled to fall in line and assist in the great work of revolutionizing college politics. The arrogance and pride of many chapters, which allows them to withdraw within their own circle, to the seclusions of college world, is both narrow in its purposes and achievements, and does the college, the chapter and the students the greatest injury.”

The next journal that we have is the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*. It opens most pleasantly with an account of “Fraternity Day at Wesleyan,” and the writer causes us to feel a twinge of envy as he describes the pleasant chapter-houses. The editorial of most interest to us is that on “Extension and Centralization.”

“Very many of the Greek-letter fraternities are much exercised over the question of extension. A few are very conservative, but the general trend seems to be toward a very large expansion. This tendency is natural and to a certain degree inevitable. New institutions of genuine merit are appearing in the educational world, while old ones are strengthening their foundations, enlarging their endowments and broadening their curricula. The fraternity that is alive and in touch with the present age must extend. Along with this extension, however, there should go a very clearly defined and very firmly executed policy of centralization. The new chapters should not be allowed like Topsy to run wild; they should not even be allowed to get their ideas of fraternity usage and policy solely from some near-by chapter. Every fraternity should have some central authority, and that authority should be so constituted as to be able to give a judicious supervision not only to the new members of the brotherhood, but to the old ones as well. Sometimes customs not at all in harmony with the general practice of the fraternity take root in a chapter and not infrequently work mischief. All such abnormal tendencies should be checked in time, and the fraternity as such be held in the bond of a common unity and universal custom. It is not at all intended by what has been said, that the autonomy of the chapter is to be destroyed or that certain local colorings are to be blotted out, but simply that

by the exercise of a wise supervision the chapters shall be held closely to each other and to the central authority by certain enduring customs, practices and emblems; and that above all there shall be cultivated a certain *esprit de corps*, that will make itself felt wherever the fraternity exists."

The *Kappa Alpha Theta Journal* comes out for the first time under the management of the chapter at Burlington, Vermont. It has discarded the pretty cover that it had for a while and has one similar to the old one. This is a special convention number and contains an account of their proceedings at Burlington. The following items are of interest :

"The report of the proceeding of the Pan-Hellenic Convention held at Boston, was read, and the clauses severally approved, with the exception of the stipulation of certain fixed places of business for the fraternity jewellers.

"The publication of the *Journal* was given into the hands of Lambda Chapter—to be conducted solely by the alumnæ. It has been changed from a tri-annual to a quarterly. The editors are to have full control of the *Journal*, and are to be accountable first to their chapter, and, through it, to the fraternity at large. The subscription list is to be increased from two-thirds to the whole number of the active members of each chapter.

"The inefficiency of our Grand Chapter was considered, and the deliberations resulted in the abolishing of the Grand Chapter, as such, and substituting for it a different form of government, which places both the legislative and judiciary power in the hands of one body—the Grand Council."

There is an interesting contribution, "The Ideal Theta," who, the writer says, is "neither a purely intellectual, nor a merely social girl, but both in one."

We have the May and June numbers of the *Kappa Alpha Journal*, which next claim our attention. The first of these numbers announces the existence of a new chapter. Alas! it is at present *sub rosa*, and we fear that we cannot sincerely congratulate the fraternity on such an acquisition. We hope that the new chapter may not always dwell in darkness. Coming after this announcement is an editorial which says:

"A chapter cannot develop in secret as it can openly. A secret fraternity should not carry with it, more than is necessary, the secrecy which so often brings reproach. Its meetings are, of course, private, its teachings secret; its existence, however, should be known and recognized, in order to accomplish the greatest good, and to battle successfully with prejudice."

Something more on the question of "women wage-workers." The startling paragraph that we once quoted, appears again. Were it a question of sentiment, perhaps "divine eyes" and "graceful motions" would be sufficient; but since it is a question of how to earn one's daily bread as well as how to fulfil one's destiny, the above named qualities would, we fear, scarcely suffice.

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