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A CAMPAIGN.

New girl,
Old tale ;
Rush, whirl,
Wholesale.

Spreads, teas,
By score ;
Calls, drives,
Lots more.

New girl
Colors wears ;
Rival frat
Vengeance swears.

HARRIET A. SINCLAIR, (*Upsilon*).

OUR CONVENTION.

"The Thirteenth National Convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma is adjourned." These were the words of Miss Bartlett, the Marshal of Convention, at the close of the final business session on Tuesday morning, September first. If you were present at that time you know with what a feeling of regret we heard these words which told us that the week so full of delight was almost over. How we regretted to think that in a few hours many of those whom we had met, perhaps for the first time, but who had grown to be our friends and who had found a place in our lives and thoughts, would be speeding in all directions and to all parts of the country from California to Massachusetts. It is indeed useless to attempt to describe adequately to those of you who were not so fortunate as to attend Convention, the joy and enthusiasm of that week. You have thought and talked and dreamed

of it perhaps, but to us, the favored few, it was a bright and living reality and is now a cherished and delightful memory. It is wonderfully encouraging thus to meet a large number of women, many of whom you have never seen before but who are bound to you and to each other by the ties of common aims and interest. If our fraternity meant nothing more than the bringing together thus once in two years a large number of women who come from all over our country and yet have a common interest, it would have an all sufficient reason for its existence, for it would certainly broaden and deepen their lives. How much more the fraternity does mean to us, we know better than ever since this last Convention.

The place of this Convention, as you all know, was Evanston. Evanston is about twelve miles north of Chicago and it is on the shore of Lake Michigan. It is a beautiful city, as all of us who saw it, will certainly agree. Its streets are broad and straight, its sidewalks very clean, and its lawns beautifully green and well kept. The trees which line many of its streets are large and very fine. The campus of Northwestern University is situated in the best and loveliest possible place, right on the lake shore, and affording a view over the broad surface of the lake which stretches away beyond the horizon. The university buildings are quite numerous and very handsome.

The Upsilon girls—but really it is quite impossible to tell you about the Upsilon girls and all they did to make us welcome when we came and comfortable and happy during our stay. There surely never were more cordial hostesses. They seemed always near at hand when anyone needed them, always ready to help us and indeed made us feel as if we were taken care of delightfully.

The Grand Council and their deputies and a few of the delegates arrived in Evanston before Tuesday, but the greater part of the delegates and visitors arrived on Tuesday. They came on every train, by ones, by twos, and even by fives and tens. Everywhere you went that day, you saw the little golden key which told you that here was a new friend for you to learn to know. Tuesday evening an informal reception was given at the house of one of the pledglings of the Upsilon chapter. Here the delegates and visitors met all together for the

first time, and to make conversation easier, and introductions unnecessary each girl was given a card on which was written her name and the chapter from which she came; this she was asked to pin on her dress in a conspicuous place so that all might know her name and her fraternity home, at a glance. Most of us used for this purpose the pretty convention pins which the Upsilon girls had prepared for us. This convention pin is a circle of light blue upon which is displayed a dark blue fleur-de-lis bearing the letters K.K.F. This reception was a great success and when it was over we all felt at least acquainted with each other.

Wednesday morning the real business of the Convention commenced. This and all the other business sessions were held in Lunt Library, one of the University buildings. There the Council, the delegates and the visitors met, in number nearly one hundred and twenty-five. Wednesday afternoon and evening were devoted to committee work, as was also Thursday morning. Thursday afternoon the Convention met again in business session.

Thursday evening the Model Initiation was held in the Woman's Building. At the close of the initiation ceremony, the girls entertained themselves by dancing, and were entertained by recitations and songs. By this time the girls had become very well acquainted with each other, and if any outsider could have looked in upon us, as of course no outsider was permitted to do, I am sure he would have thought us all old friends, so soon do the wearers of the golden key learn to know and love each other when they are thus brought together.

Friday morning came another business session after which we were given the early part of the afternoon in which to rest. After this respite, we resumed our programme about four o'clock, and took the special cars which were awaiting us to Lincoln Park where the Upsilon girls served a picnic supper for us. This park is very beautiful indeed. It lies along the shore of Lake Michigan and extends over a very large area. Its lawns and flowerbeds are kept most beautifully, indeed it is noted for its wonderfully arranged designs of bedding plants. An interesting feature of the park is a sanitarium for sick babies on the lake shore. Here the poor mothers of the city can come and leave their little sick babies for the day, knowing that they will have the best of

care and needed food and medicine. This sanitarium is supported by the *Daily News*, a Chicago paper, and by voluntary contributions from all who wish to help it.

Saturday morning, Convention met again in business session. From three to six in the afternoon a tea was given us in the reception room of Lunt Library, where some of the faculty of Northwestern University and representatives of the men's fraternities and the other women's fraternities were invited to meet us. This we all declared was a wonderfully delightful tea. The remaining part of the day and evening we were left to our own devices.

The delegates and visitors to Convention were invited to attend the Emmanuel Methodist Episcopal Church on Sunday morning. The pastor of this church, Rev. Nacey Magee Waters had kindly consented to preach a sermon specially suited to the occasion. This invitation was gladly accepted by a large number.

Another business session came on Monday forenoon, followed by still another on Monday afternoon. Then we were given a delightful rest in the shape of a drive about Evanston. In omnibuses, landaus and private carriages we were driven all around this lovely place, and more than ever we appreciated its beauties and more than ever we felt how kind and thoughtful our hostesses had been and how delightfully they had planned everything to entertain and please us. It was then, too, perhaps that we began to realize that the time of our stay in Evanston was drawing to its close and the hour of parting from Upsilon and from each other was drawing slowly but surely near. And perhaps this very feeling made the enjoyment of Monday evening even greater. Certain it is that Monday evening was pronounced the most delightful social occasion of all the Convention. On this evening, another of Upsilon's pledglings gave a party for all present at the Convention. Here music and dancing and conversation and games were offered for our entertainment and most thoroughly enjoyed by all those present.

Tuesday morning came the closing business session and at the end the Thirteenth National Convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma was declared adjourned.

This then, with exception of our farewell luncheon, completes our programme of Convention week. But such a bare outline

as this can give you no adequate idea of all we did and all we enjoyed. Much of this we shall have to leave to your imaginations and the accounts which your chapter delegates have given you, and which will surely bring it more vividly before your minds.

One thing, we all greatly regretted during this Convention week and that was that our Grand President, Miss Katharine Sharp, was able to be present with us at so few of our business sessions and so few of our social gatherings. Miss Sharp, as you doubtless all know, was just then recovering from a severe illness and was far from strong. But, although we saw so little of her, yet in that little time she won all our hearts by her dignity and sweetness.

Not one of the least of the delights of Convention to us who were so fortunate as to be in the same house with her, was the chance afforded us to become acquainted with our first Grand President, Mrs. Tade Hartsuff Kuhns. We delighted to spend all the time that we could in talking with her and learning from her about the beginnings of our fraternity, its growth and progress, and the many Conventions which she has attended. And among all those assembled at Convention no one could be found more enthusiastic and interested than is she.

You must picture to yourselves in addition to all that has been described, the delightful talks we had together in our leisure moments, when we compared our chapter lives and talked of everything, especially of fraternity in all its aspects and of all that it means; and then of the spreads which often lasted into the wee sma' hours, when everything, no matter what it was, tasted so good, and when everyone seemed so witty and amusing. These as well as the more important events of the Convention, we shall never forget, that is, we who were permitted to have a share in them.

Tuesday afternoon came the farewell luncheon at the Auditorium in Chicago. At this luncheon there were one hundred and one Kappas present. During luncheon we were entertained by delightful music. When lunch itself was over, our editor-in-chief Mary J. Hull, who acted as toastmistress, rose and after a brief introduction announced the toasts and songs. The toasts were as follows:

- Our Noble Selves, Theresa Peet, Beta Zeta.
 "We feel that we are greater than we know."
- Our Esteemed Contemporaries, May C. Whiting, Sigma.
 "Think not I love him though I ask for him."
- Kappa Kappa Gamma in Song, Louise B. Dunn, Beta Epsilon.
 "Here be Ballad and Song,
 The fruits of our leisure,
 Some short and some long,
 May they all give you pleasure."
- Reminiscences, Tade Hartsuff Kuhns, Mu.
 "When time, which steals our years away
 Shall steal our pleasures too,
 The memory of the past will stay
 And half our joy renew."
- Afterwhiles, Cornelia B. Officer, Chi.
 "The spirit of deep prophecy she hath
 What's past and what's to come she can descry."
- Our New Council, Esther M. Miller, Upsilon.
 "Unwritten history
 Unfathomed mystery."

A novel feature of this luncheon were the unique and ingenious yells which were given from time to time as an appropriate occasion was offered. Among them were these.

For our retiring Grand President :—

"Who has kept us all in order?
 Katharine Sharp—let's all applaud her."

For our new Grand President :—

"Richmond, Richmond
 On to Richmond."

And also :

"Bertha Richmond as you see
 Is the President of K. K. G."

For our Grand Treasurer, Miss Collins :

"Sixteen to one, sixteen to one—
 That's not the way our treasury's run."

For our Grand Registrar :—

"Mignon Talbot, always the same
 She's the one who fits her name."

For our Editor-in-Chief :—

"Mary Hull, she makes the KEY,
 That's the pride of K. K. G."

For our new Grand Secretary :—

"Carla Sargent—she's a dear,
 How we wish that she were here."

For Miss Austin of Chi :—

“ All ye Kappa sisters know
Mabel Austin's all the go.”

Besides these, there were many chapter yells given by the representatives of the chapters.

When we had sung our songs, and the toasts had all been responded to, and all the yells given, then we all sang our parting song :

“ Good night, my sisters, ere we part
Let every one within her heart
Pledge now herself to all anew
To stand by each her whole life through.”

Then came the sad and hard part of this happy afternoon, the parting from our new found, week-old friends, for though we hoped and prayed we should all meet again, we knew that all of us would never come together again in this world. And thus the Thirteenth National Convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma came to an end, and we separated, going back each to her own chapter to tell of the work accomplished and to show them the higher meaning of our fraternity, its aims and aspirations, which she had learned during this week. May the chapters learn this lesson of greater enthusiasm and closer loyalty, so that the women, who shall make up the Convention of 1898 may be even more enthusiastic and have even higher ideals for our fraternity than did these who formed the Convention of 1896.

A. H. W. (*Phi*).

One of the many pleasures for the visitors at Convention was the glimpse they caught of Upsilon's five pledglings who showed themselves as enthusiastic in working for the welfare and happiness of the fraternity as the members themselves. They are so thoroughly imbued with the spirit of hospitality which animates Upsilon chapter that there will be no danger of its ever dying out. By the law of compensation they must soon find in the wearing of the key of Kappa Kappa Gamma a reward for the pleasure they gave.

Sigma is particularly to be congratulated upon her delegation. The devotion which could bring seven girls such a distance to attend business sessions indicates an amount of enthusiasm which

argues well for the future success of the chapter and proves that other things beside free silver still have an interest in Nebraska.

Sigma's cordial invitation to the fraternity to hold its next convention in Lincoln, met with a delighted acceptance and it might be well to recommend to Sigma's marshal that she read the poem contributed by Upsilon, at frequent intervals during the next two years and fortify herself against pleasures to come. But that's another story !

Straws show which way the wind blows, and several trivial incidents outside of the business session showed the feeling dominant throughout the fraternity. It was amusing to hear a delegate from the far west say to an eastern sister who had been giving her a burlesque on grand opera as she had seen it in New York, "Now I'll give you wild west show if I can find a tent." Yet there have been conventions within the memory of woman where this incident would have been impossible. It was the happiest and best thing about the last Convention that an honest feeling of unity pervaded it. The chapters were one at heart and the eastern girl admired the western girl as cordially as if there were not three thousand miles stretching between them. Every girl seemed to realize that all the chapters had the same interests, cherished the same ideals and were working for a common aim, and that true nobility of character was the first requirement for a Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Too much praise is as dangerous as too many sweets. It is likely to induce that state of profound self-satisfaction which leads to mental indigestion. A little fault finding may justly be mingled with the admiration expressed for the work of Convention, for this Convention possessed the fault inherent in Conventions. It was unable to keep its hands off from the constitution. At every Convention, time is lost in changing the wording of the Constitution and what does it all amount to? The Constitution works admirably as it is. Experience has taught us that it is an excellent document by which to live. Then, why change it? Even to change its form lessens one's respect for it. It is one of those cases where the old is better. Continual tinkering with it can not be too strongly discouraged.

The following poem contributed by Upsilon is not published for its literary merit but because the truths set forth in it will at once call up in the minds of every visitor at Evanston a vision of the bright girls whose pleasant greetings were their first introduction to Evanston and to whose ability to answer everybody's questions much of the success of Convention was due.

Oh, the weeping, oh, the wailing,
Oh, the drip of briny tears!
Oh, the sobbing! Oh, the moaning,
Through the endless change of years.

'Tis the voices of those Marshals
Who have long since gone their ways
From the toils that oft oppressed them,
In those old Convention days.

In those days when all their duties
Lay in meeting delegates,
Piloting perplexed maidens
Guided to them by the fates.

Maidens who knew they'd lost their baggage,
Knew their trunks had gone astray,
"Was there not some way to find them?"
"Was there not some place to stay?"

"Where would be the place of meeting?"
"Was there a laundry in the town?"
"Was the Council *sure* to be there?"
"Would they need a party gown?"

These, the questions that perplexed her
Made the Marshal's hair turn gray,
Made her think the world a desert,
Made her long to flee away

To some quiet spot and lonely
Where janitors had naught to say,
Where announcements ceased to vex her,
Where there were no bills to pay.

But these woes are soon forgotten,
 Memories only will remain,
 Of the love grown ever stronger,
 Firm and constant, still the same.

And, as swift the years pass onward,
 Dear and dearer still shall be,
 Memories of Convention sessions
 And the girls of K. K. G.

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 VENTION.**

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CATALOGUE NOTICE.

Some months ago it was suggested through the columns of THE KEY that the catalogue committee of Beta Eta chapter prepare a list of members of Kappa Kappa Gamma, whose addresses are not known, for publication in THE KEY, a suggestion for which the committee is grateful. Such a course appears to be the easiest and simplest means of obtaining information concerning

those Kappas whose movements about the world their chapters have been unable to follow.

A letter of instructions was sent to each chapter by Beta Eta in December, and answers to this letter, comprising data of chapters and of members, have been received from all chapters with the exception of three. These chapter rolls have been searched for names of members whose addresses are not known, and accordingly the following list is submitted for publication. In explanation it may be said that the figures in parentheses following the name are intended to fix the time limits of the college life of the member.

Beta Beta—Annette J. Waltz, '78, minister.

Beta Gamma—Lillie M. Nichols, (ca. 1883); Mame Chamberlain (1888-90), married Elden O. Sawhill, minister.

Delta—Laura Ward, (1877-78); Elizabeth Hewson, '93; Laura Larimer, (1891-); Margaret Vansickle (1891-93).

Epsilon—Rose Caswell (1874) m. P. A. Jackson, teacher; Ella V. Diehl, (1878); Eva Baker (1878), m. G. O. Smith, merchant; Flora E. Meadows (1878) m. Theodore Lourcing; Lora Price (1882) m. Dr. Sanford; Olive Edwards, (1886) m. L. P. Hanna.

Beta Zeta—Lucia Goodwin (1881-84); Sarah Loring 1881-85); Adele Rose, 1882-83).

Theta—Addie Peters, Nellie Gould, Ida Aldrich, Laura Johnston, Mary Hartison, charter members; Hannah Smith, '78, Fronia Brayles, (ca. 1880), Georgia Winne, (ca. 1880), Jennie Clayton, '82, Kate Keiser, '82, Nellie Smith.

Iota—Carrie H. Bodkin, (1873-78) m. D. B. Johnson; Alice Bodkin, (1874-76) m. W. H. Breen; Hattie Bodkin, (1875-78) m. J. H. Johnson; Laura Edith Beazell, (1890-93).

Kappa—Harriet Laura Reynolds, '84 A.B.; Lena Mae Woodward, (1882-84); Nora L. Masters, (1889-90).

Mu—Letitia Laughlin, charter member; Anna Tarleton, (1879-81)—California; Agne Lowe, (1879) m. M. E. Jackson; Martha Collins (ca. 1880); Vesta Hobbs, (1886-87)—Montana, m. T. D. Long.

Xi—Annie P. Tabor, (1884-85); Marie L. Tallmadge, (1888-89); Mrs. Emma Cooley, (1889-90).

Beta Tau—Grace E. Townsend, (1886) m. F. S. Heubner—California; Helen Richards (1894-95).

Upsilon—Mary Edwards; (ca. 1890); Edna Kinsey, (ca. 1892).

Beta Epsilon—Laura Landon.

Eta—Carrie Hobart, (1872-76); Fannie Walbridge, (1872-76); Carrie Carpenter, (1873-77); Mattie Mann, (1873-79); Mary Dunwiddie, (1874-80); H. M. Hover, (1875-77); Florence Mitchell, (1875-77); Mary F. Hall, (1875-78); Ida Hoyt, (1876-79); Annie Dean, (ca. 1876); m. L. D. Huntley, physician; Maria Dean, (1876-80); Lizzie Scholfield, (1879-81); Louise R. Castle, (1878-80); Florence Bascom, (ca. 1878). Frances E. Phelps, (1878-82); Adelaide Dean, (1880-81); Alice J. Sanborn, m. G. I. Brown, editor; Clara Jones, (1884-85); Phoebe Wood, (1886-87); Helen Starrett, (1888-89); Georgie Kendall, (1889-93).

Lambda—Lillian T. Acamb, '85, m. L. L. Hunter, merchant; Laura Garver, (1883-84); Dorothea Ray, (1884-85).

It is possible that names appear in this list that do not belong there. In apology for errors of this sort I need only suggest the difficulties accompanying the compilation of a chapter record, and especially the difficulties to be met with in the handling of these chapter manuscripts.

Information concerning any one of these members will contribute toward that thoroughness and accuracy which alone can make the catalogue a success.

ANNA A. MARTIN, *Beta Eta*.

MORE STATISTICS.

A quotation from an article in the June *Beta Theta Pi*, entitled, "The Geographical Distribution of Chapters," appears in another part of this issue of THE KEY. In the author's calculations, the "ladies, professionals and local societies" were purposely omitted. It may interest THE KEY'S readers to supplement these statistics by glancing over the following lists which show the distribution of the chapters of the women's national fraternities:

NEW ENGLAND.—*Vermont*, K.A.Θ., 1; Π.B.Φ., 1; Δ.Δ.Δ., 1. *Massachusetts*, K.K.Γ., 1; Γ.Φ.B., 1; A.Φ., 1; Π.B.Φ., 1; Δ.Δ.Δ., 1. *Connecticut*, Δ.Δ.Δ., 1.

THE MIDDLE STATES.—*New York*, K.K.Γ., 4; K.A.Θ., 2; A.Φ., 2; Γ.Φ.B., 1; Δ.Γ., 1; Π.B.Φ., 1; Δ.Δ.Δ., 1. *Pennsylvania*, K.K.Γ., 3; K.A.Θ., 2; Π.B.Φ., 2.

THE CENTRAL WESTERN STATES.—*Ohio*, K.K.Γ., 3; K.A.Θ., 2; Δ.Γ., 2; Π.B.Φ., 2; Δ.Δ.Δ., 2. *Michigan*, K.K.Γ., 3; K.A.Θ., 2; Δ.Γ., 2; Π.B.Φ., 2; Δ.Δ.Δ., 2; Γ.Φ.B., 1; A.Φ., 1. *Indiana*, K.A.Θ., 3; K.K.Γ., 3; Π.B.Φ., 2; A.Φ., 1. *Illinois*, Π.B.Φ., 4; K.A.Θ., 2; Δ.Δ.Δ., 2; K.K.Γ., 2; Γ.Φ.B., 1; A.Φ., 1; Δ.Γ., 1. *Wisconsin*, K.K.Γ., 1; K.A.Θ., 1; Γ.Φ.B., 1; Δ.Γ., 1; Π.B.Φ., 1.

THE REMAINING WESTERN STATES.—*Minnesota*, K.K.Γ., 1; K.A.Θ., 1; A.Φ., 1; Δ.Γ., 1; Δ.Δ.Δ., 1; Π.B.Φ., 1. *Iowa*, Π.B.Φ., 3; K.K.Γ., 1; Δ.Γ., 1; Δ.Δ.Δ., 1. *Missouri*, K.K.Γ., 1. *Nebraska*, K.A.Θ., 1; K.K.Γ., 1; Π.B.Φ., 1; Δ.Γ., 1; Δ.Δ.Δ., 1. *Kansas*, K.K.Γ., 1; Δ.Δ.Δ., 1; K.A.Θ., 1; Π.B.Φ., 1. *Colorado*, Δ.Γ., 1; Π.B.Φ., 2. *California*, K.A.Θ., 2; Γ.Φ.B., 1; K.K.Γ., 1; Δ.Γ., 1; Π.B.Φ., 1.

THE SOUTHERN STATES.—*Maryland*, Γ.Φ.B., 1; Δ.Γ., 1; A.Φ., 1. *District of Columbia*.—Π.B.Φ., 1. *Louisiana*, Π.B.Φ., 1.

From the above figures one discovers that Π.B.Φ. has the longest chapter roll, comprising 27 chapters, while Γ.Φ.B. has the shortest list, with seven chapters. Between them comes K.K.Γ. with 26 chapters, K.A.Θ. with 20, Δ.Δ.Δ. with 14, Δ.Γ. with 13, and A.Φ. with 8.

In New England Δ.Δ.Δ. has the largest number of chapters, 13. In the middle states seven is the largest number and is claimed by K.K.Γ. In the central western states also, K.K.Γ. claims precedence with her 12 chapters. In the further western states Π.B.Φ. holds sway with 10 chapters. In the southern states Π.B.Φ. also has the largest number, two, and she is the pioneer in Louisiana.

There are 9 chapters in New England, 19 in the middle states, 51 in the central western states, 31 in the remaining western states, and 5 in the south. So there are 117 chapters in the north and 5 in the south, a fact easily accounted for since coeducation has not yet become general in southern colleges.

Regarding the Atlantic slope, in the sense in which it is ordinarily used as "the east," we find that K.A.Θ., K.K.Γ., Π.B.Φ. and Δ.Γ., fraternities which originated in the middle west, have their larger proportion of chapters in the west: K.A.Θ., west 15, east 5; K.K.Γ., west 18, east 8; Π.B.Φ., west 20, east 7; Δ.Γ.,

west 11, east 2. On the other hand, A.Φ., Γ.Φ.Β. and Δ.Δ.Δ. fraternities of eastern origin, show the following distribution of chapters: A.Φ., west 4, east 4; Γ.Φ.Β., west 4, east 3; Δ.Δ.Δ., west 10, east 4.

All the women's fraternities are represented at some of the state universities, which are so great a factor in the educational development of the west. K.K.Γ. has chapters at 10 state universities, K.A.Θ. at 10, Δ.Γ. at 6, A.Φ. at 2, Π.Β.Φ. at 10, Γ.Φ.Β. at 2, Δ.Δ.Δ. at 5. As a rule the chapters at state institutions are exceedingly prosperous and take a prominent part in the social life of their universities.

A list of the colleges where K.K.Γ. is not represented, but where other women's fraternities apparently flourish, may be of value. They are Albion, Baltimore, Bucknell, Baker, Columbian, Franklin, Hanover, Illinois State, Iowa Wesleyan, Knox, Lombard, Middlebury, Ohio, Simpson, Tulane, University of Cincinnati, University of California, University of Colorado, University of Southern California, Denver, University of Vermont and Wesleyan at Middletown, Ct.

At Simpson, Franklin, Knox and the University of California, K.K.Γ. formerly had chapters whose charters were withdrawn and have never been regrantd. Nearly every one of the remaining colleges has at some time petitioned for a K.K.Γ. charter. Some of them even, like Father William, in the song, have "done it again and again." If any members of the fraternity are interested in the reasons for their non-success they may find the records of petitions in the Grand President's reports which are in the possession of every chapter. The conservative policy of the later K.K.Γ. is so well known that it is unnecessary to enlarge upon it here.

THE KEY FILES.

With this number THE KEY completes its thirteenth year. In the thirteen years, the magazine has met with so many vicissitudes that it is sometimes hard to trace the numbers. The fraternity requires every chapter to keep a file of the magazine and this file should be bound to form a nucleus for the chapter library. Many of the chapter files are still incomplete. If a list of the

missing numbers be sent to THE KEY, most of them can be supplied from the extra copies now on hand.

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Alumnæ Department.

A WORD TO THE WISE.

What is the most frequent cause of discord in college life among the student body? The one answer that comes oft-recurring in my mind is—wire-pulling, in political parlance. Think it over, honestly and seriously, and see if you do not come to the same conclusion. At any rate, it was so in my time, and judging from reports and the fact that human nature probably has not changed since that time, it must be so still.

Possibly the term wire-pulling, may need some explanation. A very familiar example will suffice. A certain class is about to elect officers. Comes Mr. A.—“one of the nicest boys in college”—to Miss B. and says, “The other faction have a slate all ready for the election, and we (faction No. 2) are depending upon your help to frustrate their plans, etc., etc.” What need to say more? We all know what Miss B's. answer is likely to be, and moreover, which faction the deciding vote will favor. We foresee, too, the stormy class meeting when the scheming comes into evidence.

Fraternities are peculiarly liable to become either manipulators or victims of “wire-pulling,”—chiefly because they usually act in unity; and, I believe, women's fraternities are most liable of all to be the victims, because—let us leave that subject untouched, lest I bring upon myself a volley of remonstrances.

It is true that wire-pulling in college politics is very innocent compared with the scheming in municipal affairs. But is not the principle underlying both the same?

Now it is always our wish that Kappa Kappa Gamma shall be foremost in any good work in colleges. Shall she not be the leader in a crusade against this promoter of college quarrels, a quiet, tactful crusade, worthy of our beloved fraternity?

“A word to the wise is sufficient.”

Beta Nu Alumna.

PERSONAL NOTES.

PHI.

Mary M. Kingsbury, '90, will spend the coming year at Barnard College.

Helen Wadsworth Graves, '91, has changed her address from Tufts College, Medford, Mass., to Wyoming. Professor Graves was recently made president of Wyoming State University.

PSI.

Elizabeth Bump, '94, is teaching history and English in the High School at Norwich, N. Y.

Bernice Haviland, '96, is teaching at East Williston, Long Island.

Lillian Lynn Balcom, '94, is teaching mathematics and science in the High School at South Orange.

Grace Fleming Swearingen, '93, is taking graduate work in English at the University of California.

Annie Cameron, '93, was married August 3rd, to Mr. George Robertson. Her future home will be Mansfield, Pa,

BETA TAU.

Jennette Morton, '95, will teach at Monticello, N. Y., the coming year.

Harriet Doan, '96, medical, has a position in the Hospital at Worcester, Mass.

Mary Caldwell, '96, teaches language at Hamilton Academy, Hamilton, N. Y.

Alice Weston, ex-'96, will spend this year in Berlin, Germany, studying art.

Emily Newcomb, '97, was married August 25, 1896 to Mr. Henry Jakeway.

Helen Potter, ex-'97, was married August 18, 1896, to Mr. Robert Burns.

Elizabeth B. Ruland, ex-'91, was married June 30, 1896, to Mr. Charles Ryan.

BETA GAMMA.

Nettie Louise Childs was married June 20, to Dr. George Smith. They will reside in Wooster where Dr. Smith has opened an office.

Mary Cornell, '92, was married in June to Mr. Huston of Portland, Ohio.

BETA DELTA.

Europe is the place above all others for the study of music. Certain it is that Americans are never happy until they reach it—the goal of all their expectations; the place where, after years of study in their own country, they go to perfect and polish themselves, surrounded by all that is interesting and advancing to the lovers of any profession. What may be called “American” music has been demonstrated to have the power to interest and to charm the English people by four young women who went there a short time ago to study. Possibly it is the manner of the presentation that has led to the great exhibition of interest which they have created. A foreigner’s idea of our music has been usually associated with burnt-cork minstrelsy, and here we have four American girls of gentle birth and refined manners who are doing much to redeem our national reputation by giving a representation of what might be called the “home” music in America, and the history of their success is extremely interesting.

Mrs. Katharine Fisk is a woman of wide reputation both in England and America. She has a beautiful contralto voice, and is a charming woman personally. Before her marriage she was a Miss Tanner of Wisconsin, and six months after graduating from Rockford College she married Mr. Frank Fisk, of Chicago. She began her musical studies in that city under the direction of Mrs. S. H. Eddy, who predicted a marked success for the wonderful voice. Mrs. Fisk then went to London, and studied French and German songs under Mr. Henschel and Mr. Blume, and her oratorios with Signor Randeger. From her first appearance in London her success has been most noteworthy and deserving.

On returning from a recent visit to America, Mrs. Fisk took with her, for the purpose of vocal study, three young girls—Miss Nona Williams and Miss Winifred Nightingale from Chicago,

and Miss Belle Brewster from Bay City, Michigan. They went first to Paris for a six weeks' stay, and there met Miss Rita Lorton, who was studying singing. She joined Mrs. Fisk and her party, and went to London with them. Since then they have all been living together in a charming home of their own, surrounded by the best musical people in London. Miss Williams plays with great spirit on the banjo, and Miss Nightingale most delightfully on the guitar. They had been accustomed to spend their evenings playing and practising home ballads and plantation songs. Their voices blended so beautifully that Mrs. Fisk persuaded them to sing at one of her receptions. From that day their reputation was made, and it is with difficulty now that they can fulfil their engagements. Their success has been social as well as professional; they have been welcomed at the houses of people of rank, and have dined with the Prince of Wales.—*Harper's Bazar*.

Miss Belle Brewster is a member of Beta Delta.

DELTA.

Monta Kelso, '95, will teach mathematics in the Mishawaka, Ind., High School this year.

Mary Morgan, '95, will teach in the Indianapolis schools.

Of Delta's four graduates this year—Georgetta Bowman will teach in the High School at Rockville, Ind.; Marie Dunlop will teach history in the High School at Lebanon, Ind.; Fanny Jones will teach at Anderson, Ind., and Josephine Hunter is at her home at Bloomington, Ind.

Anna Lane, '95, was granted the degree of A. M. in June and has been in the University of Chicago a part of the summer, working toward the degree of Ph. D. She will return to her work in the Tipton High School this year.

Olivia Pauline Gibson, '97, and Oscar M. Pittenger, '96, Phi Kappa Psi, were married in June. They will reside at Anderson, Indiana, where Mr. Pittenger has a position in the schools.

Flora Love, '95, last year with Psi, will be at Anderson, Ind., where she will teach English in the High School.

ETA.

September 22, Agnes Campbell Butler, '84, was married to Mr.

Benjamin Warner Snow. Mr. Snow is Professor of Physics at the University of Wisconsin.

CHI.

Carrie Mitchell, ex, '96, has returned to complete her senior year at Smith College.

Florence Powell, ex. '97, has returned to enter the junior class at Vassar.

Katharine Everts, '94, has accepted a position as teacher of elocution in Winona Normal School.

Marian Craig, '94, is teaching elocution in Milwaukee Normal School.

Hope McDonald, '94, is assistant instructor at the University of Minnesota.

Nellie Cross Knaspen is instructor in physical culture at the University of Minnesota.

Alice Dyer was married to Dr. D. Edmund Smith, September 23, 1896.

OMEGA.

Annie L. MacKinnon, '89, is teaching mathematics at Wells College, Aurora, N. Y.

Laura Lockwood, '91, holds a fellowship in English at Yale this year.

BETA ETA.

Elizabeth Chapman, '95, is taking graduate work at the University of California.

The Parthenon.

Already the fraternity girls are eagerly thinking of the rushing and looking forward with much joy to the entrance of new members. With this, however, comes a burden of deep thought and responsibility. To rush well and wisely one must give of her time and patience. Each girl's judgment must be free from prejudice and no one must be rushed whose case is not of interest to every member of the chapter. Before rushing a girl, an agreement of interest on the chapter's part presages the right of its members to work with a definite aim. Surely this chapter discussion should first be held in order that no wretched misunderstanding might occur, which would be ruinous both to the chapter and to the girl. Many a college girl has had her course spoiled by the promiscuous rushing system of which we see so much. Be careful that your entire chapter approve of your choice before any noticeable rushing is entered upon.

Above all, let your good will prompt you to be kind to every one of the new girls, then you have a background for development when the time comes for superlative energy. Beware of marked and adhesive rushing, for it becomes a bore to the proper style of girl. A quiet but womanly friendship counts more than the hasty emotion which lasts only till the glare is faded and leaves the poor victim wishing release. Real earnestness and a sincere heart are the instruments most effective on those whom Kappa Kappa Gamma wants, and it is these qualities we wish to give them and hope to teach them to give to those who come after.

Obligation of any sort must be avoided in the rushing. Let the girl be indebted to you for yourself alone rather than your purse. Show the true Kappa qualities which will first command respect from the stranger, and she will surely learn to love you as the friend. Then you will win victory for your chapter and for Kappa Kappa Gamma.

B. P. M., *Phi*, '96.

So much has been written of the alumnae and their relation to the chapter, that it seems a threadbare subject. Yet we should

like to put in a little plea for our alumnæ. We do not fully realize how much our alumnæ think of us, and often sit down and wait thinking that they must do all the giving and we all the receiving.

They welcome us into Kappa bonds, into their homes and their hearts, and we return their welcome with neglect. Is not this too often the truth, sad though it be? They invite us to their homes for our meetings, and we all know how pleasant such meetings are and how much we enjoy ourselves. Later we pass them in the street with merely a nod. We forget, or are too busy to call on them unless something is offered by way of inducement. This is entirely too one-sided. The bonds that bind us to them are but little less sacred than those which bind us to the girls in the active chapter. Would we think for a moment of passing one of them with a set smile? Surely not. Would we allow one of the girls in the active chapter to live in our own town for months without calling on her? No, indeed. Then let us bring to the alumnæ some of the joy and gladness of our chapter life, which she knows so well and sorely misses. Let us show her that we are glad to see her and that she is still a part of us.

M. E., *Iota*.

What a world of scenes the subject calls to mind,—scenes of planning, of "making up slates," of electioneering, of heated arguments, of excited voting, and of final bursts of applause for success—or mayhap, chagrin over a defeated

Fraternity In Class
Politics. leader.

Is this a phase of college life into which fraternity may with impunity be brought? Can the high standard of Greek societies enter this field and come out unsullied? Does glory thus gained pay?

How apt we are to forget in our zeal for our order and our champion, that there are those who have not our privileges who are able in many ways and worthy of these honors: who may by force of circumstances be obliged to remain out of the ranks. Shall they be shown no consideration?

We forget in our ardor that we are parts of an educational institution which is bound to regard the best interests of every one of its

members, and whose well being we in turn bind ourselves to remember, and by means of which we were led to the Greek sisterhood so dear to us. We forget these bonds in zeal for self.

Then, too, with intensity of feeling and increasing excitement come greater sacrifices to gain our ends. Sacrifices in the fraternity's name, of dignity, of unselfishness, of straight-forward action, of friendly relations, of courtesy and sometimes,—“tell it not in Gath,” of honesty.

And all for what? For the paltry honor of a class president; an honor to be disregarded and forgotten in a few months, an honor which is a living reproach for the price paid for its attainment, which is only a symbol of a struggle unworthy of fraternity men and women.

ISABEL HOWE, *Gamma Rho*.

An article in *THE KEY* not long ago compared fraternity life to Hawthorne's description of a cathedral—the beauty of which could only be comprehended from within and was forever beyond the conception of those without.

It was a beautiful idea, but it seems to me that it has a sister thought.

From the Outside.

Although the one on the outside may not in the glory of an outside sunlight see the beauty from within; when the world grows darker, if the lamps within are lighted, there comes through the great stained glass windows a glorious radiance, which displays all the soft coloring of the window and hints of other beauties within. A light so beautiful that it cheers and comforts all who come within its circle.

This is the other side of the simile. Although others cannot see fraternity life as we do, cannot derive from it the good, the blessing, the life long happiness which we derive yet from this very joy can radiate a cheerfulness which will be a help to those without.

Our fraternity makes us better and the very fact of our being better makes others so, it widens our love, until we can include others within it, and teaches us to live for the good of others as well as ourselves. These are a few of the rays of light we can

send from our windows, and this light should be an important factor in fraternity life, for no one denies that a fraternity is a benefit to its members and their only criticism is selfishness.

So when we think of the beauty of our cathedral let us give our thought to the light that shines out.

J. L. S., *Chi.*

I remember when as a pledged member, I for the first time heard the Kappas sing one of their fraternity songs together, and it was then that all the beauty and sweetness of fraternity life first and most strongly impressed me. The song was the one familiar now, which begins, "Far in the distance." It seemed to me that I had cause to be one of the happiest girls in the world, for was I not about to share in this bond of love and friendship which tied these girls so closely together. Then I made a little prayer in my heart that Kappa should always be the happy circle of faithful members which it then was, and I resolved that I should always do all the little that lay in my power to keep it so. And so I have come to think that the power of song is great and that it does much to keep up the feeling of love and true loyalty to the fraternity which is its basis. Some of my dearest memories of the girls and fraternity life, when I am away from them, are the memories of the times when we all stood about the piano and sang, with our hearts in our voices, the Kappa songs. So let us sing, for music has the power to stir within us all that is noble and most good.

How many of you, dear Kappa girls, are familiar with our fraternity song book? How many can sing from beginning to end, a half dozen of these songs? With the coming of the new song book is this not the very time to form good resolutions and learn the words and melodies, so that when the song book is not at hand you can still sing the praise of Kappa, and our light and dark blue? With many of the songs you have barely a speaking acquaintance. Every enthusiastic Kappa has music in her soul, and though perhaps not a vocalist, if imbued by the spirit of fraternity, can give voice to the Kappa songs. What matter if the singing lacks absolute pitch or quality of tone, the

music is in our hearts and we are strengthening our loyalty to Kappa by our vocal attempts. Beta Delta would suggest forming the chapter into an old time singing school, appoint a conductor, and line off the words, line for line. Would this not be an effectual method of memorizing the Kappa melodies? Convince the new members that a knowledge of our song book is quite as necessary as a complete understanding of our constitution. Well sung fraternity songs will do much towards waking up ambition and making our freshmen girls good, conscientious workers. We gladly welcome the new song book and wait impatiently to take a peep within its covers.

Beta Delta.

For some years the questions of a college settlement and of a scholarship have been before Kappa Kappa Gamma, and these have now been settled by Convention, so that the question of admitting students of fine arts to our fraternity is at present of the most importance. The arguments for and against this measure are many, and although our chapter has not this question with which to contend, as none of these departments exist at Missouri State University, still the writer begs to advance a few arguments in favor of admitting such students to our fraternity provided they carry a certain amount of collegiate work.

Many contend that the study of music and painting does not require the amount of solid work that the study of Greek and Latin does. We believe that a conscientious study of these requires as much labor as any work in college. The study of the fine arts inculcates patience and concentration, and, if one is ambitious, arouses in them a desire for knowledge not only in their own line of work but in all others, for she who becomes a vocalist and hopes to move and sway hearts by her voice is far nearer realizing her aim if she is a good linguist and has patiently studied the languages.

We have in mind one student who wished to complete her course in college, but at the same time was anxious to develop her voice. Her professor in music encouraged her in this, telling her that a college education broadened the mind and intellect and the more complete and general the education of the singer the greater her influence. If this young woman should desire while in col-

lege to give some attention to her beloved art and pursue it along with her other studies, should she be considered a fine arts student and therefore not eligible to the fraternity?

If we wish to have the names of women upon our roll who are distinguished artists, or musicians, we must not object if while taking college work they desire to devote a certain number of hours to whichever one of the fine arts they may choose.

Fine Art Students.

Nothing is more to be deplored than an ignorant artist, or musician, but nothing can surpass an educated one. There seems to be no great danger of our fraternity becoming too largely composed of fine arts students so long as we have so many universities and colleges upon our roll that have none of these departments.

MARY B. POTTER, *Theta*.

The last Convention is to be congratulated upon the satisfactory manner in which it made arrangements for the continuance of those chapters taking in music and art students. The question is not settled by any means but it was feared that some hasty action might take place, whereas, now that it has been discussed, the question may be carefully considered and if possible a decision reached satisfactory to all.

When we stand lost in admiration before a beautiful piece of art or listen to a finely executed selection of music it seems that the persons accomplishing these results would be worthy members of Kappa Kappa Gamma—especially if possible honor is looked for in a new member.

LEONA MILLER, *Epsilon*.

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

PHI--BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

We are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the arrival of Miss Wales, our delegate to Convention. We anticipate many a long talk about the doings and sayings of our sisters from far off chapters. The days following Convention are always very welcome because they bring us so much nearer to our sister chapters.

When the October KEY shall have reached its destination, Phi will be fairly settled for a hard winter's work. All summer long we have been anticipating the coming year in college and fraternity life. We feel that the year must bring to us individually the strength which comes from honest study, and the tenderness and sympathy which spring from a true feeling of friendliness. As a chapter we would develop toward that higher life which is the ideal of every high principled fraternity so that we may become a power for good in our little college world.

We understand as we never did before that development is only the result of earnest, individual effort.

Phi sends best wishes to all for a happy, helpful year.

BETA EPSILON--BARNARD COLLEGE.

There is one very trying thing about the time appointed for the Convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma. The delegate—if she happens to be Corresponding Secretary as well—must sit down the instant Convention is over and turn her mind upside down for the KEY letter. Now the time between a closing luncheon on September first and the date when the letter is due is a very short one in which to adjust ones ideas of a past Convention. The perspective is mixed, small things appear in the foreground, and points that are really important perhaps do not stand out until later.

Two things loom up before Beta Epsilon just at this moment. Strangely enough neither is connected with the legislation of Convention although that made a due impression.

The first point is that so many representatives from other chapters might have been chosen by Beta Epsilon herself if they had happened to look up to the same Alma Mater. This acknowledgement is not a small one, for Beta Epsilon comes into contact so little with the fraternity at large that before Convention she thought quite differently. She was provincial in her ideas on the outside fraternity—outside of Beta Epsilon, that is. And provincialism of this sort is apt to be very strong on Manhattan Island.

The second impressive thing was closely related to the first, the general friendliness at Convention. Kappa bonds made almost painfully familiar by work on the Song Book became real and delightful ties. It was very pleasant to make friends in a few days instead of a few years, and especially so to feel that some friendships would last beyond Convention week.

The spreads and rushes, luncheon and toasts were exciting at the time and pleasant to remember afterwards. But Beta Epsilon looks back with the warmest feeling at her heart to the kindness of other people and the friends she trusts to keep.

PSI—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Psi sends greeting to her sister chapters, and hopes that the college year has opened as pleasantly for them all as it has for her.

This fall should be an unusually delightful one, for Convention has just passed, and has left behind it a quickened interest and deeper devotion to the fraternity spirit.

Those privileged members who met at Evanston will always look back on that week as one of the jolliest and most beneficial of their college days.

For those who were unable to go—well, it is difficult to give all the details of that crowded week, but surely everyone who went is doing her best to describe its charms.

Are reminiscences out of place? It is to be hoped they are not; for Psi's delegates might reveal many interesting facts concerning that brief but important week.

Perhaps the first and one of the most lasting impressions was the trip through the lakes. The girls who went that way will

feel a peculiar interest at mention of it. This trip with its charming little stop at Mackinac Isle, its long days steaming over the beautiful lakes, and finally the arrival at smoke stained Chicago, just at sunset, the only hour when the smoke could be picturesque—all this was preliminary to the memorable week in Evanston. Of course Kappa had arranged a most perfect moon. Nothing could have been more lovely than the moon-lit streets, with the great over-arching trees breaking here and there the pale golden light which rested over all. The jolly teas, dances, picnics and drives, and the serious business sessions when all frivolity was laid aside, all these rush back to one's mind at the mere mention of "Convention".

Perhaps it is taking an unfair advantage of the Grand Council for it was always after "business hours"—but Psi would like to mention here that they are not the formidable grand officers they are wont to pose as, before the Kappa public.

In fact, if Psi's failing memory speaks truly, visions of a large double bed made into a grand stand for the "Grand" Council comes before her eyes. Likewise figures of devoted deputies and delegates prancing around and performing for the pleasure of these said dignitaries. There is also a dim recollection of a tap at the door and a stern order-loving landlady—but hush! Kappa secrets are Kappa secrets and the curtain falls on that scene.

How can the fraternity duly thank Upsilon for her hospitality and the charming time she gave all her visitors? The fact that every girl felt a sincere regret at parting is the highest compliment that can be paid and surely this can be truly said of every girl who partook of the pleasures of Convention week.

BETA BETA—ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

The last of September has come and with it the beginning of a new college year. The return to St. Lawrence and the renewing of friendships are always looked forward to with pleasurable anticipation. Last year the attention of all Beta Beta girls was turned toward making ready for the Province Convention, so that we were fairly launched before we realized it, but this year we have had plenty of time to regret the loss of the girls of '96 and we dread to think of the time when we too will be "old girls" and out of the excitement of active fraternity life.

This year opens very propitiously apparently for St. Lawrence. The students are fully started upon their work under the able guidance of the new president, Dr. John Clarence Lee, '73, while the much needed gymnasium is in progress of erection and will be completed about the middle of November. A new instructor, Prof. F. C. Foster, has been procured to fill the chair of Greek and History.

The freshman class has 32 members, of which 9 are girls. The rushing season at St. Lawrence has been unusually busy this year, but as all the undergraduate Kappas, with the exception of one, returned to college, we have taken but a very small part in it. Though it may be selfish, we dislike to break our circle, even to admit new members.

We sincerely hope that all our sister chapters may have as happy and profitable a year as we anticipate.

BETA TAU—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

As we lost but two of our girls by graduation nearly all of us return to our college work and pleasure.

With Commencement came our annual banquet, and we were glad to welcome back many of our sisters, who had not been with us for some time. Later Beta Tau again enjoyed the pleasure of camp life. The day after graduation, about half of our chapter started for Sylvan Beach. We took with us Miss Ross, one of our "old girls" whom we had not seen for several years. It was indeed a Kappa camp, and we all felt that we knew and loved each other better for our two weeks thus spent together.

Since our return the city girls have met and talked over our chapter life and interests, and we feel more enthusiastic and eager to make this year the best our chapter has seen.

We have met with a sad loss in the death of Leroy Vernon, Dean of the College of Fine Arts. It is almost impossible to realize our great loss. He was widely known and greatly respected.

Three of our freshmen are unable to return to us this fall. Two of them expect to study at other colleges.

BETA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Now that our vacation is drawing to its end and the autumn days are close upon us, the members of Beta Alpha look forward again to their winter's work.

We are anxious to hear our delegate's report of the Convention and hope to receive fresh impulse towards furthering our fraternity interests.

We extend hearty greetings to our sister chapters wishing them all success in the year that is opening before us.

BETA IOTA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

Perhaps of all the letters for *THE KEY* the one for the October number is the most difficult to write. Our girls have been widely scattered, so there is no college work to speak of. It is no use to bewail the '96's who will not return to their work with the rest of the chapter, for although we shall miss them sorely and are already depressed by the thought, so do we miss the dear companions who leave each year. They will still be our friends but our intercourse can never again be quite the same as in the care-less college days when each had little to worry her outside of her lessons and visiting was a part of the day's program. So, also, is it useless to speak of the hopes and plans for the fall campaign, for the theme is an old one and besides the results will be more interesting than any prophecy.

But although there are so many things of which we do not care to speak, there are also some about which we should like to tell you. Beta Iota has kept a circulating letter going the rounds this summer, which has not only been interesting but much more convenient than the old form. Instead of writing in note-books and thus making a heavy package, we have written on note-paper and each girl has taken out her old letter and put in a new when the budget came back to her. Thus it seemed more like getting an individual letter from each girl and the large official-looking envelope was received with great pleasure.

In August there was a Friends' Conference held in Swarthmore which a number of the Beta Iota girls attended. It seemed strange to see a tent large enough to seat 2700 people on the west side of the campus, with various smaller tents in the grove back of the

college, and several thousand people wandering about the grounds. A novel sight, indeed for quiet Swarthmore. And much of the enjoyment of the conference was not at the meetings, either—at least for the young people.

In regard to the 13th national convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma we scarcely know what to say. It was such a great success in every way that one can feel it better than express it. Every one who was there will certainly agree with us in this, and will declare that there could not have been a better place for holding it than Evanston, or better hostesses than the Upsilon girls. And so our wishes for our sister-chapters are kindlier and warmer than ever, for we feel that we know them better than ever before.

GAMMA RHO—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

At first thought it seemed a trifle difficult to write a news letter before college had opened, the new people had arrived, or the rushing had begun, but there is so much fraternity interest already in the air that we can at least foretell to a slight extent some of the exciting scenes of the coming weeks. Still we would not dare even to hint all we hope to achieve, for we almost fear sometimes that "the gods will not permit to mortals such prosperity."

The effects of the convention are already making themselves felt and the enthusiasm of the three fortunate enough to attend, is rapidly spreading among the others, while all are anxious to put into effect some of the reforms there suggested. With keenest anticipation Gamma Rho is looking forward to the first initiation which will have some of the charm of novelty even to the older members, because of the altered ritual and happy suggestions gained in Evanston.

We are also delighted by the improvements which have done much to transform old Allegheny during the summer months. Nor are we satisfied by mere improvements. A new gymnasium is becoming a reality. Gamma Rho has pledged \$50 towards its furnishing. As no other woman's fraternity promised anything, we are willing to work doubly hard in order not to be daunted by what does look like a formidable sum.

To the sisters so busy in the whirl of rushing, Gamma Rho sends best wishes and earnest hopes of success.

*THE KEY**BETA PROVINCE.*

LAMBDA—BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

Greetings to sister chapters of Kappa Gamma.

At the threshold of the new year of study and development, we stop for a moment and cast a backward glance at the careless, happy vacation days. The close of last year was signalized by a reunion of Buchtel's old students, and thus many of Lambda's alumnæ found their way back—some who had not been here for years—and we enjoyed immensely their reminiscences and took advantage of their experience. At the reception held in their honor, we felt the presence and heard the voices of those whose pictured faces we had only seen looking down upon us from the walls of our chapter hall, and upon whose bygone fashion of hair and dress we had often commented.

Lambda also held a picnic this summer in honor of Bess Whitehead, formerly of Lambda, but now of Beta Delta. We had a jolly time, as we always do.

From one of our delegates to the Convention come the report, "All the girls at the Convention were fine girls. We may all be proud to wear the Key. I never realized it so fully before." The chapter is waiting as patiently as it must for the official report.

Although we sadly feel the loss of our senior girls, yet the prospects are bright for the coming year, and we hope to be able to do something to add to the honor and advancement of our beloved fraternity.

BETA GAMMA—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY

Beta Gamma has been quite scattered during these summer months; some of us, however, were so fortunate as to be able to go to the Convention, and have come back more enthusiastic than ever, with our ideals strengthened from our contact with the general fraternity.

We are looking forward with hope to our coming campaign and feel that those of us who had the privilege of attending the Convention will be of great help, and will give us the benefit of their wider knowledge so pleasantly obtained.

During the first two months of vacation there were quite a number of us in town so we continued our chapter meetings and they were very much enjoyed. We met at the homes of the different girls instead of the fraternity room and made a little festivity of the occasion. We had very quiet, happy times together, becoming better acquainted as the warm days offered so few other distractions, and time to know each other.

We trust that the rest of our sisters far and near have had as happy and profitable a summer as Beta Gamma and that the next few weeks will bring good success to all.

BETA NU—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Only a few weeks ago our four lucky members, Mignon Talbot, Lucy Allen, Florence Corner, and May Cole, greeted your delegates at Convention, and proud as we are of such representation for Beta Nu, and sure as we are that they tried to tell you everything about us, yet there is still much to tell.

Our eventful summer began with a house party at Kappa Dell, twelve miles north of Columbus, where a roomy farm house sheltered ten or fifteen Kappas for a week in June. Bathing, tramps in the woods, and "just a song at twilight," made ideal recreation and many were the visitors that partook of our cheer, among them President Canfield's wife and daughter. This was our first taste of living together night and day and what a proof it was of the power of Kappa unity.

August came and what glorious reports our visitors brought home to us! Verily Upsilon has won her reward and can congratulate herself that the Convention of '96 was the finest one ever held, in point of numbers, enthusiasm, and good results. Beta Nu feels encouraged to find herself in harmony on so many points with the great body of Kappas, and begins her work this year with fresh inspiration.

Not a little of this year's courage finds its source in a flying visit from our Grand President. The chapter and alumnæ met her first at Maud Raymond's, on the afternoon of the 11th. The good work of getting acquainted went on at Florence Corner's in the evening, where our song-singing propensities fortunately appealed to our musical guest in the right way. A lunch at one of

the parks, a Sunday evening after Dr. Gladden's talk and we had to bid her goodbye. Truly Beta Nu rejoices at the Convention's choice of Grand President.

The new year—we really must have some space for that.

Our first meeting was held on the 15th. A "progressive luncheon" comes off on the 19th and the new girls will be inspected with kindly scrutiny.

O. S. U. is still growing. We are now building a new power house, a Science hall, improving the library and chapel, and best of all erecting a gymnasium.

BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

We of Beta Delta who are in Ann Arbor this summer are looking forward with much pleasure to a visit from our delegate to Convention on her return trip from Evanston to her home at Au Sable. Several of our members, both active and alumnæ reside in Ann Arbor and all are making great preparations for the welcoming of Miss Duncan.

Although we have all spent a very pleasant vacation, none, I think, will regret that we are soon to meet again, this time under the roof of our fraternity house. Beta Delta has secured for the coming year a large furnished house and expects to have twelve of her girls under its roof. We are to have with us Mrs. McIntyre, the mother of one of our sophomore members and we look forward to a most pleasant and beneficial year. We shall also have with us several alumnæ members and one who left two years ago at the end of her second year but now hopes to complete her course.

I am sure that all of our Kappa sisters will join us in congratulations for May Van Horn, who is to be married this month. For the last year Miss Van Horn has been teaching and we were surprised to hear of her happiness.

Beta Delta will be glad to welcome all Kappas to her new home and hopes that she may see many of them during the coming year.

XI—ADRIAN COLLEGE.

Xi sends greeting and best wishes for a prosperous year to all her sister chapters.

College does not open until September 13, but the prospects for the coming year are very encouraging. We have ten girls who will return, of our active chapter.

Chapter hall is being extensively remodelled and will be dedicated in November.

Xi lost several good workers by graduation last June, but others are coming to the front to fill the ranks.

The Inter Society contest prize for the best essay last year, was won by one of our members, Anna Owens, and the English literature prize for the best class recitation and thesis, was won by another, Bess Milne.

We are very anxious for college to open to see all our sisters and to hear the report of our delegate to the national Convention. We only wish we might all be there.

KAPPA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

To all sisters in Kappa Kappa Gamma, Kappa chapter sends greeting.

As time has brought us around to the beginning of another college year, it seems late to report commencement festivities, but we do want you to know of the part we played in them. Three of us graduated, Claire Sands, Bertha Van Atta and Zoe Smith, but Claire will still be with us this year, and Zoe will be in college continuing her studies, both musical and literary. Bertha teaches near her home in Lansing, and Cora Twichell also teaches this year, so we will miss her in our circle. We wish you might have heard Zoe in her graduating recital, and Claire in her prophecy on class day, but you have met both the girls in Conventions and know them already.

The *Collegian* speaks very highly of Mae Selden's work in the junior elocution recital.

Bessie Mosher and Grace Dewey appeared on the anniversary program of the Ladies' Literary Union, and in the appointment of the *Collegian* staff Grace received the place of assistant editor-in-chief.

In the inter-collegiate field day, Zoe Smith and Winnifred Hill entered for tennis and carried off all the honors. They won the doubles and Zoe won the singles, and we feel proud of their skill in the game.

Alice Dewey is principal of the high school in Yankton, South Dakota, this year. Mae Steele teaches at her home in Wisconsin, and Shirly Smith will spend the year in the University studying medicine, in preparation for work as a medical missionary. Alfrieda Mosher will enter college again this fall and finish her course this year.

Our loyal, enthusiastic Cora Bailey will again be with us, and Julia Turner, a girl who wore the two blues last year, will don the key at an early date.

We start in with eleven active girls and plan to do careful, persistent work this term, as the rest of the year is always so full of other things that fraternity study is apt to be neglected. Kappa wishes both for the united fraternity and the individual members a very successful year.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

DELTA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Commencement week, with its partings and farewells, was an interesting time for Delta. Four of our sisters graduated and took upon themselves the title of *alumnæ*. Many Kappas were back, whom we were, of course, delighted to see.

For the summer, the chapter members have been widely distributed and have enjoyed themselves in different ways. A number of the girls were at home, others visiting, and in all a happy good will for Kappa.

Although Delta was not represented by visiting girls at Convention, the girls have visited each other and kept up the fraternity enthusiasm. A number of the girls spent a pleasant week with four of our members at Remington, Ind., and a number visited Mary Morgan and Gertrude Munhall at Crawfordsville, Indiana.

The girls at Bloomington and those in the University for the summer, held fraternity meetings at the chapter house.

We shall lose a number of members this year, besides those who graduated. Several of the girls will remain out of school and return next year. Those of us who do return are looking

forward with great expectancy and enthusiasm toward the coming year.

The University opens September 22. Such an increase of students is expected as will give us an enrollment of one thousand at the end of the year.

Delta looks forward to a pleasant and prosperous year, and to all sister chapters we extend our best wishes.

IOTA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

It is with poorly concealed eagerness that Iota awaits the opening of the fall term in anticipation of the new home now ready for her. The chapter house will be farther from the college than before, but the quiet and seclusion afforded by four or five blocks separation will more than compensate for the necessary walk to and from recitations. We intend to furnish our parlors according to our own ideas, and in every way it promises to be a delightful Kappa home.

But while rejoicing over our pleasant prospects for the coming season, we would not exclude you from participation in our past pleasures, and must tell of our reunion on June 8. It was not an occasion when some shy freshman peeped coyly around some protecting junior at a distinguished alumna and timidly asked, "Who is she?" but a time when every heart seemed overflowing with love and good will. Alumnæ, seniors, juniors, sophomores and freshmen were seated about the festive board and the toasts and responses were full of vigor and enthusiasm. Often, however, "there wasn't a dry eye in our heads," as some sister told of her longings, or some senior spoke a few words of farewell, for we realized that we must soon bid our two seniors a last good-bye.

But it is not only by graduation that we lose our girls. Soon after our joyous reunion the ranks of Iota were broken by the death of Lulu Ward Spencer. The sweetest tribute that we can pay to her memory is that she was one with us in heart, deed and truth.

MU—BUTLER COLLEGE.

We have lived so long in anticipation of that happy event, the Convention, that it is hard to realize that it has come and gone.

The pleasure of meeting so many Kappas from so many places is indeed great, and the memory of the Evanston Convention will long remain fresh in our minds. It will strengthen, if possible, our enthusiasm as only a Kappa Convention can.

Mu Kappas have been scattered far and wide this vacation, some having attended the Geneva summer school, others here and there, and one at home in North Carolina, so that we shall hail the school year with gladness, for then we can again assemble at fraternity meetings and enjoy the good times we have. We will feel, too, that we know our sister chapters better.

We take this opportunity to express to Upsilon our appreciation of her generosity and successful effort to make everything thoroughly enjoyable.

ETA—WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY.

Since Eta last wrote to *THE KEY* she has received visits from many of her alumnæ. Commencement week she had fourteen of the old girls back, among them two of her charter members. An informal reception was given us at the home of Annie Pitman, where the active girls had a delightful opportunity of meeting and visiting with their older sisters.

This summer a number of Kappas here in Madison have met once a week at the homes of the different girls, where we would take our work and visit, the chief topic of conversation being the Convention, where a number of our girls hope to meet many of their sisters. We have been most fortunate in having Miss Sharp with us in Madison this summer, and she very kindly came to a number of our meetings. Eta sends greetings and best wishes to all Kappas.

UPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

The long-looked for time has come and gone. Convention is over. For so long has it been first in our thoughts, so long have we anticipated its pleasures and—we must confess it—so long dreaded the duties, which we found later were but pleasures, that just yet we can hardly realize that it is over.

During the week when we have said to outside friends, "We don't see how we ever can let these girls go," they have asked in

surprise how such strong friendship could be formed in so short a time.

"O, but," we say, "they are Kappas, you know," as if this explained everything. And it does, for how else could we have formed such friendships that will prove dear, delightful memories lasting "not for time but for eternity?"

For her part, Upsilon feels that she can never justly measure the good that she has received from the associations of Convention week; the subtle influences of those happy days spent together have made us nobler women and stronger Kappas.

We wish to thank all the girls for uniting so heartily with us in making the Convention the success that it could never have been without their efforts.

Of chapter news we need say nothing, as you have so lately heard directly from us, so, wishing that all of you received as much real benefit from Convention, and that all feel the increased love and pride in Kappa that is felt by every member of Upsilon, we bid you Auf Wiedersehen.

EPSILON—ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Very few of our girls spent the summer at home. Katharine Marsh visited in Sioux City, Ia.; Gertrude Shreve in Kentucky; Idelle Kerrick and Leona Miller were at Elkhart Lake, Wis.; Louella Van Leer in Decatur; Clara Burke and Clara DeMotte were with a camping party; Charlotte Probasco in Milwaukee; Nell Parritt in Chicago; and Virginia Sinclair at northern resorts.

We all met at Evanston and considered our chapter well represented. In fact we were so numerous that one of the girls remarked that no matter where she went there was always an Epsilon sister to greet her. Our yell was well known before the week was over: "True, true, blue and blue! Rah, rah, rhee, the golden key! K. K. G.—Epsilon!" Four former members of our chapter from Chicago attended Convention, Grace Clark, Carrie Crane, Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Vincent. The last two, better known as Helen and Ruth Cyrus, entertained us in a charming manner at their home, the Wednesday afternoon following. One of our honorary members, Mrs. Sue M. D. Fry, was present.

Several Kappas who had moved away have visited here this summer. Among them are Mrs. A. P. McCormick, *née* Nellie Pollock, of Waco, Texas, Mrs. Wesley Britton, *née* Kate Burns, and little daughter, from Deland, also her sister Mrs. Benson Billinghamurst, from the O. W. U., Delaware, O.; Mrs. Kate Graves, a charter member, of Denver, Col.; and Mrs. J. H. Scott, *née* Belle Sterling, of Toulon, Ill.

Dr. Mary E. Bradford, medical missionary to Tabriz, Persia, has returned for a vacation to her home near Bloomington. We hope to see her often the coming year.

Wihla Young was married in August to Dr. Campbell of Pomona, California. She will be much missed, especially in musical circles.

We were delighted to meet Laura Houtz and Stella Kirker, of Lincoln, Nebraska, here this summer.

Katharine Marsh, '99, will attend school at Kenwood, near Chicago. With this exception most of the girls will re-enter College, Oct. 15th.

Epsilon was generally pleased with the work and results of Convention and particularly with the Grand Council.

DELTA PROVINCE.

CHI—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

The Convention which we have all been looking forward to with such interest, is past and now lives only in our memory as a pleasant memory—a helpful experience. A pleasant memory, for never before has so much fun and enjoyment been crowded into one short week. There were picnics, parties and receptions galore, and then after each of these we would gather at a rather late hour in our next door neighbor's room and have such fine talks and glorious spreads. Each one naturally thought her chapter was the model chapter, but none seemed to take offence if you failed to agree with her. And it seemed so good to have Eta, Phi, Theta, Psi and all the others take some definite form in your mind and no longer be simply a name in that seemingly endless chapter directory.

A helpful experience for so many reasons. First, because we

gained a broader and loftier idea of the true meaning of fraternity than we could possibly gain in any other way. It seemed to mean more and we never realized before that we knew so many people who were so near and dear to us. Then, also, the chapter became subordinated to the fraternity, as it should be. The idea that we were Phi, Chi, Beta Tau or Epsilon girls was partly lost in the greater glory of being a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, and our own selfish aims for our own chapter were lost in the desire to do for the good of the fraternity. And then what an example was set before us as to the proper method of conducting our business meetings. Chi could surely have profited by the unusual state of peace and order at the sessions. Only one talked at a time, and each one arose and addressed the chair - surely something quite remarkable, at least it would be in our chapter meetings. But the climax of the entire week was reached when a hundred strong we gathered at the banquet table and ate and made merry, and we all felt justified for the pride we had always had in the fraternity. And why shouldn't the spirit of Kappa be proud? It surely has every reason to be.

Now that we have said our good-byes, let us not forget the good times we had, but let us work ever harder and harder to keep ourselves worthy of our calling to be members of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

BETA ZETA—IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Amid pleasant thoughts of Convention so happily consummated, the dutiful scribe of Beta Zeta sits down to write the much dreaded chapter letter, with somewhat less of distaste than usual. With a wider and deeper acquaintance with Kappa girls and through them with their various chapters, the regaling of stale news for their benefit becomes far less wearisome. To me one of the best things gained from Convention is the deeper personal interest one there learned to feel in the scattered chapters of our order. They are characters full of meaning now. Beta Alpha, Beta Beta, Beta Gamma and all the rest, each well defined and distinct.

But to hark away back to commencement time in the hazy past of three months since. We would first speak of the new feature of commencement at the State University of Iowa. The first

annual Phi Beta Kappa address was delivered by Prof. Benjamin Terry of the chair of History, of Chicago University. He spoke on the subject of Education giving a most finished and scholarly address. Iowa Alpha chapter of Phi Beta Kappa was established at S. U. I. in Sept., '95, and Beta Zeta has been honored by the election of four of its members, Laura Clark Rockwood, '92, Theresa Peet, '95, Helen Currier, '96, and Mary Barrett, '96. Beside the two girls last named this year we lost Helen Stewart who graduated in Science.

Alumni Day is becoming more and more one of the great attractions of Commencement at S. U. I. This year among the numbers who gathered to various reunions were many former members of B. Z. so that we too had a happy reunion. Tuesday morning we held an informal reception in the Mac Farland sisters' pleasant study and the next morning some thirty of us were photographed. One of the visitors whom we were happy to welcome was Hattie Maines formerly of Sigma.

Shortly before commencement we added one more name to our chapter roll. Mary Lytle, '98, who had been a pledgeling several months was to our great joy initiated with due solemnity and we are happy to introduce her to you as one with us.

During the summer months Beta Zeta was scattered but carried on a brisk correspondence over vexatious problems of fraternity interest until Convention which nine of our chapter were so fortunate as to attend. As for the particular doings of these nine Beta Zeta girls in Evanston let them for the present remain unchronicled. Suffice it to say that for a week they were an integral part of that wonderful Convention which scarcely caused a ripple of curiosity in the outside world but which was of such vast moment and deep influence to the Kappa girls there assembled.

THETA - MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.

Since the closing of college the life of Theta chapter has been composed merely of the various doings of its different members, some of these have been spending their vacation in visiting, others have been at home, and the most fortunate was she who had the privilege of attending Convention at Evanston. This far exceeded our expectations in every particular, certainly one has

to be present at such a gathering in order to fully appreciate the deeper and more beautiful side of fraternity. It is then we realize that the lives of the chapters we have so often heard of and read of are as real as that of the one to which we belong.

Evanston is beautiful, the lake afforded us more pleasure than could the most beautiful marine view ever put upon canvas and the Upsilon girls—ah, well we can only extend our sympathy to those who were not so fortunate as to be able to make their acquaintance.

There was only one thing during this delightful week that could cause any regret; and that was Miss Sharp's inability to enjoy everything with us. We hope her recovery from her illness may be a complete and speedy one.

From the memories of Convention many will now have to turn to thoughts of college and rushing. For the first time the "Missouri Kappas" will have a national fraternity as a rival yet our prospects for next year are most encouraging. Best wishes for a successful college year are sent to all.

SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Since Convention, it is hard to confine the news letter to chapter life, for the affairs of whole sisterhood force themselves to mind, and about all ye scribe of Sigma can think of is the inspiring enthusiasm experienced at Evanston. It is needless to say, however, that the experience of that Convention and the prospect of the next one in our own home fills Sigma with a vim and vigor in the work hitherto unfelt. Just now we build large air castles, and our hands fairly ache to fashion them into material realizations. We say, "If we can only succeed so well as the Upsilon girls did, then Convention of '98 will be a success. Already we feel that it will help in the opening campaign of the year.

There is really not much to communicate to THE KEY of our chapter life until that has fairly begun. Our last letter was necessarily too early to tell of commencement, and now all that seems old. The three who graduated, expect to be with us again with their loyal enthusiasm, and by no means the least addition to our strength will be the active work of our newest member, Grace Lenning, who was initiated last June.

As we do not have a contract with other fraternities, we do not expect such a social whirl as last year though it is too early to know just what this issue of the KEY will find us doing. One thing we may feel certain of, however, and that is an unavoidable existence of that 'necessary evil of fraternity life'—rushing. As we expect success ourselves, so we wish success and prosperity to all our sisters for the opening season.

In Memoriam.

LULU WARD SPENCER.

Born March 7, 1868—Died June 4, 1896.

Again Iota mourns the loss of a noble sister in the death of Lulu Ward Spencer.

Lulu Ward entered the Art School of De Pauw University in the autumn of 1887, and early joined the ranks of Kappa Kappa Gamma. She was an ardent fraternity girl, greatly beloved by her friends and highly esteemed by all the professors and the students generally.

She was graduated from the Art School in June 1890. August 9, 1894 she was married to Prof. E. T. Spencer of Denver University.

On her first visit home in May she contracted a severe cold and died after a short illness, June 4, 1896. Her strong Christian character was always apparent and in her native town Veray, Ind., she was beloved by all classes. In her death her sisters in Iota lose a dear friend, the Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity an ardent member, and the world a noble woman.

MINNIE ROYSE-WALKER, *Iota*, '90.

College and Fraternity Notes.

At its last meeting the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin adopted a most interesting plan of giving university instruction by correspondence to students who are unable to come to the University itself. The work done in this manner is regularly credited by the University when satisfactory examinations have been passed. Although no degrees are granted by the University for work done entirely by correspondence still a student may complete under the correspondence plan one-half the work required for the Bachelor's or Master's degree and one-third of the work required for the Doctor's degree; the remainder of the work required for a degree must be done in residence.

—*Wisconsin University Bulletin.*

A recent rescript issued by the Minister of Public Instruction in Germany admits women to all the lectures in all the departments of the University of Bonn, provided that they are found by the rector to have pursued the necessary preparatory studies, and that they obtain the consent of the professor or docent whose lectures they wish to attend.

—*The Nation.*

A slight stir was caused last week by the organization of a chapter of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. Although this chapter starts upon its career with the disadvantage of being No. 13 among the Greek letter societies of Brown, its prospects are in other respects apparently good. Twelve men were initiated at the first meeting.

—*Brown University Correspondent of New York Tribune.*

The largest institution in the world is the University of Berlin, with an enrollment of 8,343 students.

The total donations by gift or will, to colleges and universities in this country, since January 1, 1896, amounts to \$4,075,750.

Owing to the fact that the Leland Stanford estate will not be settled for a number of years, the trustees of the university of

that name have been compelled to restrict the enrollment of students to eleven hundred, the number in attendance last year.

The *Chicago Record* gives a list of this country's great benefactors of educational institutions, and the Universities and Colleges which have received their munificent gifts. Stephen Girard heads the list with \$8,000,000 to Girard College, Philadelphia; John D. Rockefeller has already given \$7,000,000 to the University of Chicago. George Peabody gave \$6,000,000 to found the Peabody Institute in Baltimore, to Harvard and Southern institutions. The Leland Stanford estate has brought \$5,000,000 to the University of California. Johns Hopkins bequeathed \$3,500,000 to the Johns Hopkins University, Maryland; Asa Packer \$3,500,000 to the Lehigh University, Pennsylvania, and Paul Tulane to the Tulane University, Louisiana, \$2,500,000. Among other gifts ranging between \$2,000,000 and \$1,000,000 are those of Isaac Rich to the Boston University; Jonas Clark to the Clark University; James Lick to the University of California; John C. Green to Princeton College; A. J. Drexel to the Drexel Industrial School, Philadelphia; Peter Cooper to Cooper Union; Ezra Cornell and Henry W. Sage to Cornell University.

The attention of the chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma is again called to the fact that Mr. William Raymond Baird proposes to issue a new edition of his "American College Fraternities" if he can secure eight hundred subscribers for it. Six copies ordered at one time to be sent to one address will be furnished for ten dollars, the regular price for five copies.

In two respects the fire at Mount Holyoke College will be a gain. It has brought out the fact that the college has a host of friends and well-wishers all over the country, and it will give the trustees an opportunity to make use of new and improved ideas in the erection of the new building. The insurance on the burned building was less than \$200,000, a sum not large enough for a building to accommodate the 400 students who now are thrown out of their dormitories. The friends of the college, therefore, now have a fine opportunity to help it. The chapel and gymnasium will also have to be rebuilt. Dr. D. K. Pearsons, of Chicago, who has been generous to the college in the past, has

just informed the Building Committee that he has placed \$40,000 at its command.

—*New York Tribune.*

From an interesting address delivered before the Synod of Michigan by Professor Francis W. Kelsey, it appears that the University of Michigan is attended by a larger number of Presbyterian students than any other college in America except Princeton. The actual number is at least four hundred and seventy-five or one-sixth of the total enrollment at the University.

On the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its foundation on October 22, the College of New Jersey will change its official title to that of Princeton University. In the interim all official business of the institution is being conducted under its new name. An endowment of \$600,000 has been received for the University's new library. The name of the donor will be made public on the day of the anniversary.

—*The Critic.*

In the proffered use of another half million dollars worth of property the University of Chicago is now in the way to possess the most splendid inland lake biological station in the world. This magnificent supplement to the Hull gift of \$100,000 for biological laboratories is due to Mrs. Edward Roby, E. A. Shedd and C. B. Shedd, owners of the property. It makes it possible for the University to control all the land and water it desires of the three thousand acres around Wolf Lake and the channel connecting it with Lake Michigan. Not only this but Mrs. Roby offers to the University an unrivalled water course for a varsity crew. Most of the necessary buildings for dormitories for biological students and for boats will also be given by Mrs. Roby and the Shedd's if their offer is accepted and the vast area of water and land near Roby, Ind., and of easy access to the city bids fair to become a site to which the scientific and aquatic interests of the whole world may in a few years turn. Acceptance of this offer depends upon the results of investigations into the adaptability of the site for experimental research in biology, but present impressions are that it is desirable for such an enormous undertaking. To secure such a station Professor Whitman, head professor of zöology, has labored ever since he came to the University.

—*Chicago Times Herald, Sept. 14.*

The Critic says that this gift will probably come to nothing.

Editorials.

Again Kappa Kappa Gamma has convened, deliberated and adjourned, the delegates going east and west to their respective chapters, each one taking with her newer and higher ideas of the value of the fraternity.

The Convention of 1896 was much like previous conventions, only a little better. Everything contributed to make it a success. The loyalty and enthusiasm seemed undiminished since the Convention of 1894. Even the weather entered into the conspiracy. The skies smiled upon the proceedings, Evanston looked its prettiest, and the cordiality of Upsilon's welcome put every one in the best of humor with herself and everybody else.

The business sessions passed off without much excitement. A record of what was done has already reached the chapters through the authorized channels of communication. No pronounced changes were made in government or methods. The chapter reports showed the chapters to be in excellent condition. The internal machinery of the fraternity is in good order and running so smoothly that in time it may become automatic. The Grand Treasury has not been in such good condition in the history of the fraternity. The publications are making progress. The editing of the long-looked for Song Book has been completed by Beta Epsilon and it is now put in the hands of the Grand Council for publication. The catalogue is well under way and arrangements have been made for Beta Eta to continue the work.

On the whole, the coming year promises to be a very prosperous one for Kappa Kappa Gamma. It now lies with the chapters to make that promise good.

One conspicuous feature of Convention was the large number of Alumnae present at both business sessions and social gatherings. At some of the business sessions, Alumnae were in the majority and the interest which they showed in every measure and the influence which their advice exerted upon the undergraduates proved plainly that the Alumnae influence will be strong in future Conventions whether Alumnae chapters are rep-

resented by a delegate, or individual Alumnae come to advocate special measures.

It is a great satisfaction in this material age to find that women of mature years will go far for the pleasure of renewing their fraternity experiences, reviving old friendships and forming new ties. Nothing serves for such an inspiration to the active members as meeting Alumnae from her own and others chapters. It gives her a sense of the permanence of the fraternity and a respect for its traditions which she can not otherwise attain. She may have heard all her chapter life that "Mary Smith was a delightful girl" and have given her a place in her heart and a sort of allegiance in consequence, but when she meets Mary Smith and finds in her a personal and much admired friend, her enthusiasm for the fraternity and the chapter is redoubled. To have fine women among the Alumnae is as essential to a chapter's self-respect as honest ancestry is to that of an individual.

Nor is the benefit of an acquaintance between Alumnae and chapters one-sided. As one grows older and the thought of the brown and yellow leaf gradually becomes more familiar, one finds her heart warmed by meeting the college girls and renewing college interests, and one is happier for knowing that the same ideals which she cherished in her salad days and which have become a part of her life are just as warmly cherished by the girls who have come after her and are now members of her old chapter. There are few Alumnae who can deny that the fraternity has made them happier and better, and it is that which gives it so large a place in our hearts.

It is recommended that every chapter give careful study to the Grand President's Report and the Minutes of Convention. Every member should thoroughly consider the policy of the last administration, which was outlined at Convention, and should definitely understand what Kappa Kappa Gamma has been doing.

That the same policy will continue seems probable from the reelection of the entire Grand Council with the exception of the Grand President, Miss Sharp, who declined renomination on account of her ill health and many other duties. The new member of the Council, however, as Miss Sharp's deputy has already had

much experience in general fraternity work, and the spirit of the Council remains the same.

With all respect and reverence for the honorary members of Kappa Kappa Gamma who have long been our pride, it is certain that the Convention of 1896 did a sensible thing in abolishing honorary membership. Practically the honorary membership clause has for some time been a dead letter. Last year's experience showed that the sentiment of the fraternity was decidedly against the election of more honorary members. It is wise that the clause should be stricken out, since it has outlived its usefulness.

The election of those who perhaps have never attended college and know nothing of active Fraternity life or who, while at college, preferred to remain outside of the fraternity circle, is wholly at variance with the spirit of our constitution. We ought not to look to such sources for our honors. The fraternity is still too young to possess many distinguished members, but what honorary members we may boast should have developed within the fraternity and not have been grafted on from without.

Those Kappas who are interested in the history of fraternities will find it worth while to take an outline map and mark upon it the locations of the chapters of the women's fraternities. It is astonishing to see how systematically these fraternities have chosen the north eastern portion of the United States for themselves. By far the greater proportion of the chapters are east of the Mississippi and north of Mason and Dixon's line. The same rule applies to all fraternities both men's and women's with the exception of those known as "southern fraternities."

The average member of a fraternity has no conception of the work involved in the making of a Song Book or a Catalogue. It means much self-sacrifice and much unrequited labor on the part of the chapters who are devoted enough to undertake these tasks. The members of Beta Epsilon and Beta Eta who have had charge of these publications have been forced to give a large part of their summer vacations to the work. The fraternity should bear

this in mind and give due appreciation to the faithfulness of two of our youngest chapters.

The Song Book is so nearly completed that it is too late to ask the chapters to be more diligent in aiding Beta Epsilon, but Beta Eta's difficulties have just begun and every Kappa is requested to look over the list of names missing from the catalogue rolls and see if she cannot help Beta Eta in tracing some of them.

At Convention some one asserted that the Kappa Kappa Gamma grip was well known outside of the fraternity. If true, this is not surprising. Most fraternity grips are known among outsiders. Individuals have been found who prided themselves upon possessing a collection of fraternity grips just as some chapter houses boast of having a collection of the constitutions of different fraternities. *Chacun à son gout!*

We do not believe that any girl has deliberately been a traitor to her fraternity and disclosed our grip but we want to remind every Kappa who regards the fraternity's secrets lightly, that whatever may be her personal attitude toward them, the secrets of the fraternity are not her own property. They belong to her but they belong to every other girl in the fraternity as well, and she has no right to betray the secrets of others.

Criticism is not always pleasant to take but it is wholesome and in the end one is apt to be thankful for it. It has been a matter of surprise to the editor of THE KEY that in the past two years she has had no criticism and no suggestions from the chapters in regard to the magazine. The only criticism which has come to the sanctum was from the Exchanges and that was gratefully received. THE KEY is not a personal organ and the editor's only aim in regard to it is to make it better, of more service to the chapters and more truly representative of the fraternity. If any of the chapters have questions to ask or improvements to suggest she will be glad to hear from them.

At Convention time, Lambda requested that THE KEY be illustrated but the question was not discussed. The question of illustration in the editor's mind resolves itself into a question of what is best worth while. As everyone knows who has read THE KEY report, the magazine has done well financially in the past

two years and bids fair to do as well in the future. Is it best to expend THE KEY's earnings in illustrations or to apply them to some object which will be of more value to the fraternity? If more money is to be spent upon THE KEY is it not better to use it to enlarge the magazine rather than to disfigure its pages with cheap illustrations? For if it is illustrated at all, the illustrations must be of the cheapest kind.

We see no advantage in illustrations. The only appropriate pictures for a fraternity journal are the cuts of colleges or of members of the various chapters. The college cuts are easily found elsewhere if any one desires to see them and the cuts of chapters which appear in the fraternity journals are not usually attractive enough to deepen one's loyalty to the fraternity. Chapter groups are proverbially unsatisfactory. We think that illustrations would lessen the value of the magazine.

Still if the fraternity desires that the magazine be illustrated, the editor will lay aside her prejudice, take time and try to gain experience and a knowledge of illustrations so that she may put them in practice for the benefit of THE KEY.

The KEY has always regretted that it could in no way repay its contributors for the time and thought spent in its behalf. They have been compelled to find their reward in the gratitude of the Editor and the approval of their own consciences. In this regard, there is no prospect of change until the millenium of fraternity journals arrives, but for the encouragement of its contributors THE KEY has decided to try the experiment of offering prizes for the best manuscript and chapter letter received during the coming year.

The prizes will take the form of a jeweled Kappa Kappa Gamma pin for the best manuscript and a jeweled chapter head for the best chapter letter. The contest is open to all members of the fraternity and the two prizes will be awarded by vote of the Grand Council. The only restrictions are that contributions shall be written upon one side of the paper only and shall pertain to college or fraternity matters.

The KEY hopes that the number of contributions will be so much increased by the new plan that the magazine may be greatly improved during the next administration.

It would be well for the Corresponding Secretaries, who have the matter in charge to make a mental note of the fact that Simons Bro. & Co. of Philadelphia has been added to the list of fraternity jewelers and that R. A. Heggie and C. D. Peacock have been withdrawn from it. That Simons is anxious for the patronage of the fraternity members goes without saying.

The good news has come to THE KEY that Helen M. Armstrong and Amy H. Wales of Phi are compiling a Kappa Kappa Gamma calendar for 1897. This will be the fourth calendar issued by members of the fraternity, the idea having originated with Phi and been later adopted by Beta Nu, Psi and Omega. We can assure members of the fraternity who have never seen one of the calendars that they were a source of much enjoyment to those who were fortunate enough to possess them, while those who have owned them in the past realize that another pleasure is in store for them.

As far as we know no other fraternity has this custom, so that the calendar is a peculiarly characteristic souvenir of Kappa Kappa Gamma, and we would urge every member to possess one on which to mark off the happy days of the coming year.

The calendar will be ready for distribution by the first of January. Any Kappas who have quotations which they wish inserted will please send them to Miss Amy H. Wales, Randolph, Mass., and orders should be sent to Miss Helen M. Armstrong, Hyland Ave., Winchester, Mass.

The Convention photograph is a decided success. The faces are remarkably clear and each girl is at least recognizable. The only thing to be regretted is that many of the visitors do not appear in it.

Every chapter should have one to decorate its chapter room walls or to put away among its archives. Delegates who have neglected to order them are reminded that they can be obtained at Smith's Studio, Evanston. The price is seventy-five cents.

Exchanges.

In the current number of *The Anchora*, there are two articles which seem to supplement each other. All ye who would be good students but not "digs" and "grinds," read these words of wisdom :

"Before I became a member of Delta Gamma some friends tried to impress me with the purposelessness of fraternity life, and especially with the waste of time that a fraternity meeting involved. It was then with a most ardent desire for a regular program such as offered in literary societies that I entered on my first year of both university and fraternity work. And now after three years of experience I think the idea wholly false.

"In the university world, when regular work is taken, life is a rush, with an occasional whirlwind or tornado of extra papers and essays. We owe our best efforts to our fraternity, and these, when directed along the line of good, hard study in the university, bring the best results and greatest honor to Delta Gamma. In fact, scholarship is one of the chief aims of Delta Gamma, and it seems not only hard-hearted but inconsistent to ask for an extra essay, review or carefully prepared piece of music.

"Have you learned to read? Have books become your friends during your college course, or do they merely represent 'lessons' to you? Sometimes it seems as if the students in our universities defeat, by a too great zeal for the accomplishment of the daily tasks, the very end for which they entered college. There are so many whose records show 'high marks,' and so few who manifest the signs of scholarly tastes and habits. It is not necessary to be a book-worm and a recluse in order to enjoy and appreciate good literature, but no one who has not personal associations with the best that has been written can lay claim to being well-educated, no matter how many letters of the alphabet follow her name.

"Perhaps you say that you have not time for reading? Would it not be more truthful to say that you have not the taste for reading? There is always time to do the pleasant things, and if reading comes not under your present category of the agreeable, hasten to make it an indispensable part of your life. Cultivate the taste for books and the time to read them will not be wanting.

"Of course the college girls are busy, but that should not prevent them from keeping a few good books always within reach. They must learn that acquaintance with books is not a desirable thing; it is an indispensable one. There are two classes of people, one with whom reading is a passion, and the other with

whom it is an acquired characteristic. If you do not belong to the first class, register your name for the second, and soon a new pleasure will be yours, one constant and increasing. But do not wait to enter into this enjoyment until you have more time. That day will never come, but begin to read and the time will not be wanting."

We quote the following from *The Shield* :

"The subject of chapter archives is one that is growing in importance with each year, and they cannot be too carefully kept. It may seem to the secretary who records some transaction that because he and all the other active members understand the most trifling details, only the barest outline is necessary for the record, forgetting that in a short time the membership of the chapter will have changed entirely, and what might have been a bit of interesting and valuable chapter history will be nothing but dry bones, a skeleton—and as poor reading as skeletons in general are poor company. The writing of such a history is not unworthy the best work of the most brilliant writers in the chapter. It need not be rhetorical, but if it is so written as to give something of the atmosphere in which the boys live and work, we venture to say that many a visiting alumnus in after years would find it more interesting than any other entertainment which could be offered him. If this seems to impose too great a burden upon the secretary, why not try the keeping of a 'log book,' something which is successfully done in some families, and let every member make such entries as he pleases? In this way many matters of interest would be preserved which would not be recorded in a formal history written up at stated intervals as a matter of duty."

The June *Beta Theta Pi* has some carefully compiled statistics concerning the geographical distribution of the fraternities. Some of the deductions may be of interest :

" $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has 68 chapters, the greatest number ; $K A$ has 6, the smallest number. Next after $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ rank $B \Theta \Pi$, 62 ; $\Sigma A E$, 54 ; ΣX , 46 ; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 43 ; $A T \Omega$, 42 ; $K \Sigma$, 39 ; $\Phi K \Psi$, 38. $\Delta T \Delta$ and $K A$, southern, 37 ; $\Delta K E$ and ΣN , 35 ; ΔY , 31 ; $\Theta \Delta X$, 23 ; $Z \Psi$ and $A \Delta \Phi$, 22 ; ΨY , 21 ; $X \Phi$, 20 ; $X \Psi$, 18 ; $\Delta \Theta$ and $\Phi K \Sigma$, 12 ; $\Delta \Psi$ and $\Sigma \Phi$, 8.

In New England $\Delta K E$ has the largest number of chapters, viz., 11. In the Middle States 14 is the largest number, and is held by $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ and $\Phi K \Psi$ both. In the whole North, $B \Theta \Pi$ has the largest, viz., 51, and in the South, $K A$ is equally prominent with 32.

There are 107 chapters in New England, 174 in the Middle States, 161 in the Central Western States, 75 in the remaining

Western States, and 216 in the South. So there are 517 in the North, or if we count the 5 chapters in Canada with these, there are 522 in the North and 216 in the South, and a total of 738."

The last two numbers of *The University Magazine* are unusually interesting. The series of articles on "College Customs" deals with Colgate and New York University. As a rule such descriptions tell us little of the real life of the students. Instead they name the buildings, give the courses of instruction, and serve as a convenient summary of the catalogue. Entirely different are the articles in question. After reading them one feels that one has had a little glimpse of the distinctive inner part of the college, the part which means more, perhaps, than any of the others.

An instance of the different ways in which colleges are described recurs in *The Arrow*. Evidently the chapter secretaries had been asked to tell something about the life at their institutions, and nearly all did so. Some gave a list of the receptions which their girls had attended; others stated the number of the professors; while two or three wrote descriptions which vie in excellence with those in *The University Magazine*.

The editorial column of *The Arrow* adds a word to the ever-recurring discussion concerning chapter houses, and we give it entire.

"While the chapter house is receiving much attention from the practical and the social points of view, there is one phase of the question which, though important, is frequently overlooked, we refer to the opportunity which chapter house life affords for character-study. The importance of the study of character cannot be denied; much of woman's littleness comes from ignorance, more of her failures from the same cause—ignorance of other minds and hearts,—of the other point of view in short,—and from lack of appreciation of others. While the fraternity itself offers a fine opportunity for character study, the chapter house, with its still closer relations, is the golden means. One cannot live in a chapter house for a year with say ten or twelve college girls without learning to appreciate their virtues and to make allowance for their faults. The frank interchange of ideas brought about by the free intercourse of chapter house life leads to broader views. One sees whence selfishness and thoughtlessness arise, and grows more tolerant of these disagreeable qualities in others, while reaping the full benefit of their unpleasantness. Even if the life of the chapter house offered no other advantage than this

of broadening our views and teaching us to understand natures different from our own, it would still be of great value."

À propos of the rushing season *The Alpha Phi Quarterly* tells its readers what are the essential qualities in the "desirable" girl. If we had more space, we would devote some of it to praise of the article. Instead we quote a portion of it, and so give it a higher compliment than floods of ink could evolve.

"Four characteristics should be regarded, and the girl who does not combine these in unusual degree should be excluded. First, she must have character; by this I mean that "she must be honest, fearless, unselfish, essentially Christian. She can be righteously indignant when occasion demands, and she can take and hold a stand for justice whenever such stand is demanded of her. Frequently character is confounded with priggishness, many persons contending that only those "goody-goody" individuals, one occasionally meets, have genuine character. A wise fraternity, however, makes no such mistake. I do not know of any college fraternity founded as an essentially religious organization; Christian they all are so far as I know them, but religion must not be confounded with Christianity, for the two are often widely separated. The girl of true character recognizes this distinction, and she accepts the policy of the fraternity instead of trying to make a policy from her own ideas, which may be very provincial.

Second, the young woman has address; she knows how to meet people, and her frank, sincere nature expresses itself in her entire freedom from exaggeration and affectation. She is, moreover, a well-bred girl, "to the manner born," and when she finds herself making mistakes or forming careless habits about little things, she seeks correction from those older and more experienced than herself.

The third essential quality in the new girl is social spirit. She must show this from the beginning; she must enjoy being "rushed." A wise chapter avoids the Freshman who cannot spend time from her books to go to the "rushing" parties. If she hasn't time to be social before initiation she is not likely to have time after initiation, and lack of social spirit in a fraternity woman is a sad defect.

The fourth qualification in the truly desirable girl is scholarship. Of course she is not a grind, no girl possessing true womanliness could become such a curiosity; but she is original,—she thinks clearly, and is never idle; she knows her lessons in her individual way, which is in no sense parrot-like, but shows that she has mastered the salient points. Her brain and hands are as busy as bees from morning till night, and she can do a

great many things at the same time and do each thing well. A wise chapter does not choose a girl for her character and scholarship, if these be her only qualifications; neither does such a chapter regard personality or social qualities when the others are lacking; rather all four elements must combine in the young woman who is initiated into the circle of a self-sustaining, self-perpetuating fraternity."

The Caduceus of Kappa Sigma is particularly strong in illustrations. There are views of Illinois and Columbian Universities which would be creditable to any magazine.

The *June Scroll* is largely given up to a history of itself, which embraces an account of the changes in the magazine and the principal articles published. So carefully prepared a history must be of great value to Phi Delta Thetas,—and it is a matter for surprise that there have not been more attempts along the same line.

From *The Trident* we quote the following account of the Association of Collegiate Alumnæ.

"College women were quick to recognize the fact that organized effort can accomplish more than the separate endeavors of individuals, however earnest and persevering they may be. To gain the benefit which comes from organization, the Association of Collegiate Alumnæ was formed. The association, which now numbers nearly two thousand, has branches in Washington, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, Detroit, Duluth, Pittsburg, Kansas City, St. Louis, and Los Angeles; also in the eastern, central and western parts of New York state, in Ohio, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Indiana, Minnesota, and California.

Naturally such an organization concerns itself first of all with the advancement of higher education for women. It supports fellowships, both in this country and abroad. Holders of the association fellowships have, in some cases, been instrumental in breaking down the barriers to women's higher education in the German universities. The association has also interested itself in the public schools of the country, paying especial attention to the sanitary condition of the buildings, and to the appointment of suitable school trustees. Another line of activity has been the study of the development of children. Surely collegebred mothers ought to be the best of all mothers. Another steady effort of the Alumnæ association has been to raise the standard of collegiate education in existing institutions."

The Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly is one of the best of this quarter's exchanges. There are several good articles, among

which may be mentioned "The College Men in Politics" and "When I'm an Alumnus." From the latter the following paragraphs are chosen :

"At the first, let me prophesy. Just after graduation your interest in the chapter will be as strong, perhaps stronger, than when you were active members. You will keep in touch with the boys by letter, by reading the college papers and your fraternity journal, and of course, by going back at commencement. You are interested in every scrap of news about the chapter. If the boys have downed the Thetas, are they not the same Thetas against whom you fought? An account of a fraternity hop is full of familiar names, and the letter accompanying it tells who took whom and how the college widows are bearing their bereavement. But after two or three years pass you find few familiar names amid the college gossip. You see few familiar faces when you visit the chapter. The new men are fine fellows, you can see that, and you persuade yourself that you love the chapter as much as ever—but it is not the same chapter. Gradually, imperceptibly, the change comes. When you were in college you felt that your love for dear old Alpha would last as long as life. After the first lustrum of alumni existence, you reluctantly admit that your love, while as warm as ever, is for the old boys who were in the fraternity in your day. You are still loyal to the chapter, of course, but it is not the same chapter, and your feeling towards it is not, cannot be, quite the same.

Side by side with this comes a curious change in your point of view. In your college days other chapters, unless very near, were very little more than Greek letters. If you attended a convention you met some outsiders, but the impression was transitory. When you thought of the fraternity you thought, and rightly, of your own chapter; if other chapters came into consideration it was somewhat as a metropolitan divine might give an occasional thought to a mission church in Paraguay. But now you know well men from a dozen other chapters, perhaps better than you know the active members of your own. At alumni banquets, at the graduate club, in traveling about the country you meet these men, and by degrees you lose your primitive conception of the parent chapter as the center of the whole fraternity system. In a word, the alumnus, at the same time that he is growing away from his chapter, is becoming more and more a member of the fraternity at large."