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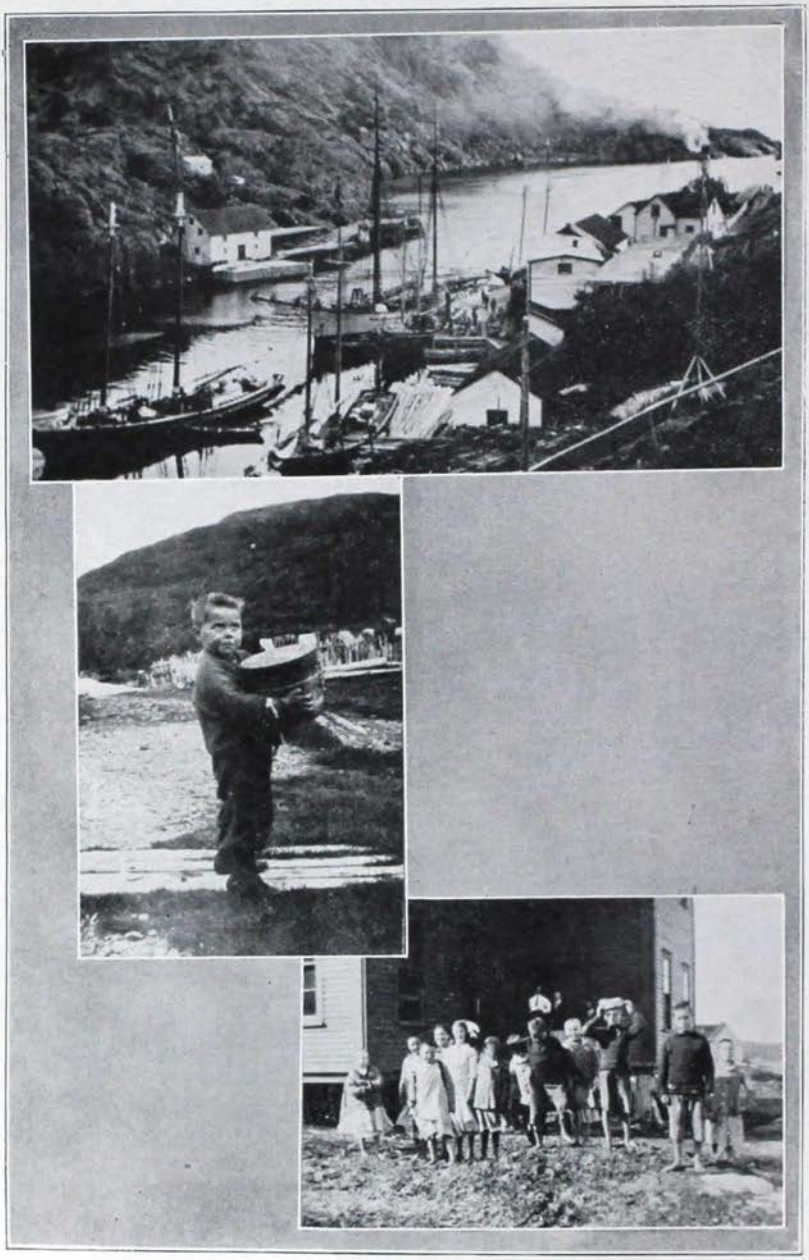

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Waiting for Their Books.

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NORTH NORTHEAST

MARIAN CUTTER, *Beta Sigma*

Up into Labrador went Marian Cutter a Brooklyn librarian, last summer, to organize and catalogue a library for Dr. Grenfell. She took five hundred children's books with her. She tells this story of the bleak north northeast, and of Dr. Grenfell's splendid work for the people there. She modestly underestimates her own work. Read this interesting tale about a land of which we hear little; and an adventurous Kappa.

The sea dotted with fishing skiffs with sails of yellow, red and brown, and the mist hanging low like thin clouds against the rugged coast line—this was our first glimpse of the north. To be sure it was only Newfoundland, but as we passed through, a few hours later, the narrow entrance of St. Johns harbor, between two gigantic cliffs, we felt the isolation of this country guarded from the sea by its bulwark of rock.

The purpose of the trip was to take to the children of northern Newfoundland and Labrador reading matter which would broaden their interests and arouse their ambition. Through the contributions of several publishers and the interest of friends, five hundred of the best juvenile books were brought together and sufficient equipment purchased to begin a systematic keeping of records.

St. Johns is the center of all Newfoundland's activity. Built on the side of a steep hill which rises from the L-shaped harbor, and shut off from the rest of the world, it is struggling with problems of sanitation and education which we faced fifty years ago.

It is here that Dr. Grenfell has placed his Seamen's Institute, a building conspicuous for its modern equipment and management. Much to its praise is its success as an able rival of the little inns

and saloons that used to reap their harvest in the spring of the year when St. Johns is crowded with men fitting out for either the sealing expeditions or the fishing season, and again during the fall months, when as many as can afford it come to St. Johns to buy their winter supplies. The Institute offers billiards, bowling, swimming, splendid reading rooms and a restaurant. Above these are three stories of sleeping rooms at twenty cents a night. The fifth floor has been converted into a girls' department, and during a pleasant stay there I enjoyed the novel experience of entering the lobby in the evening and using the telephone of this twenty cent lodging house with less embarrassment than one would feel in the lobby of a hotel.

I continued my trip along the coast on the little mail steamer which stopped every few hours at the small outports. As we went farther north the settlements became perceptibly poorer and the people less comfortable.

We passed several icebergs each day, but the fourth morning showed us a white band below the horizon, and I confess that I was startled as we drew nearer to a vast expanse of floating ice. The boat picked its way for two hours through these ice pans, starting the engines when a little clearing appeared, and running by headway and with careful piloting when the openings were small. Toward noon we rounded a point, and despite the ice and a strong head wind, we entered the almost landlocked harbor of St. Anthony, Labrador.

St. Anthony is Dr. Grenfell's headquarters. The largest hospital is here, the orphanage, the schoolhouse, Dr. Grenfell's own home and the homes of other permanent workers. It is from here that Dr. Grenfell goes out in summer on his hospital ship the Strathcona, visiting the little settlements along the coast, around the Straits and on the Labrador. While I was there he found at one place a child who had so injured his eye that total blindness would follow in a few months unless it received expert care, but the parents were not willing that the boy should leave them and go to the hospital at St. Anthony. When Dr. Grenfell's hospital ship appears the people flock about it in little boats to receive medical treatment, dental service, and to ask for reading matter. The five hundred childrens' books taken up were distributed along the coast in less than ten days, and also another

hundred from among the miscellaneous assortment of books previously sent to Dr. Grenfell by friends from time to time.

The mental poverty of the people is most distressing. It is not so much that they cannot make a living as it is that they do not know how to live, and like many of our own isolated country folk, being slaves of habit, they do not like to be taught. Dr. Grenfell's idea is to teach them by example, demonstrating in every detail proper living, eating, and sanitation.

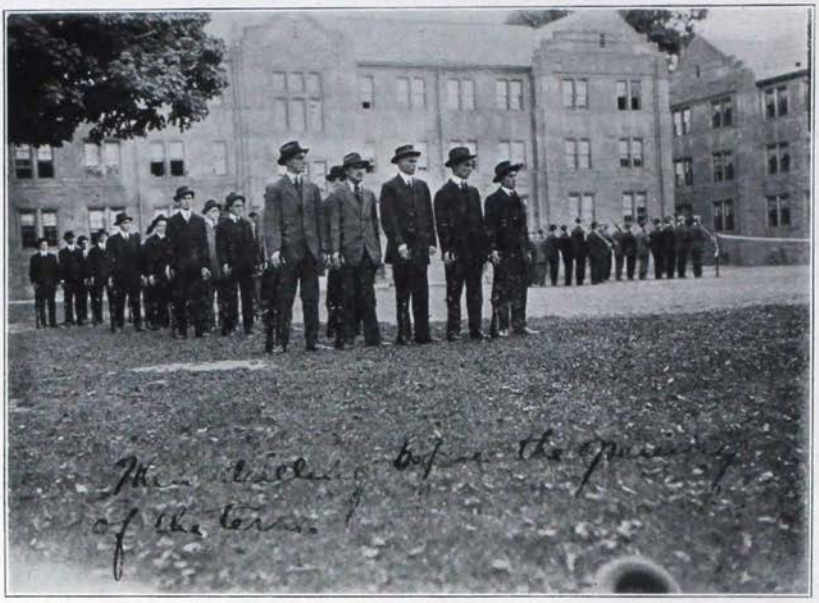
A labor union has found its way to the north. It has helped the fishermen to buy motors for their boats which save much time and energy, although the men are still somewhat afraid of the machinery. The union has also won the confidence of the people along the coast and has been able to persuade many of them either to invest their savings or to place them in a savings bank. Heretofore families have been known to starve with gold sewed in the mattress of the bed, and during my stay news was brought by someone travelling along the Labrador of a man too weak to walk, who had forty dollars in his pocket but was twenty miles from food.

When the winter "sets down", aside from the day's routine little can be accomplished. During the long evenings those who can read often read aloud to those who cannot, and any book is welcome. This gives the opportunity of providing the very best in literature to these people who are so ready to receive it.

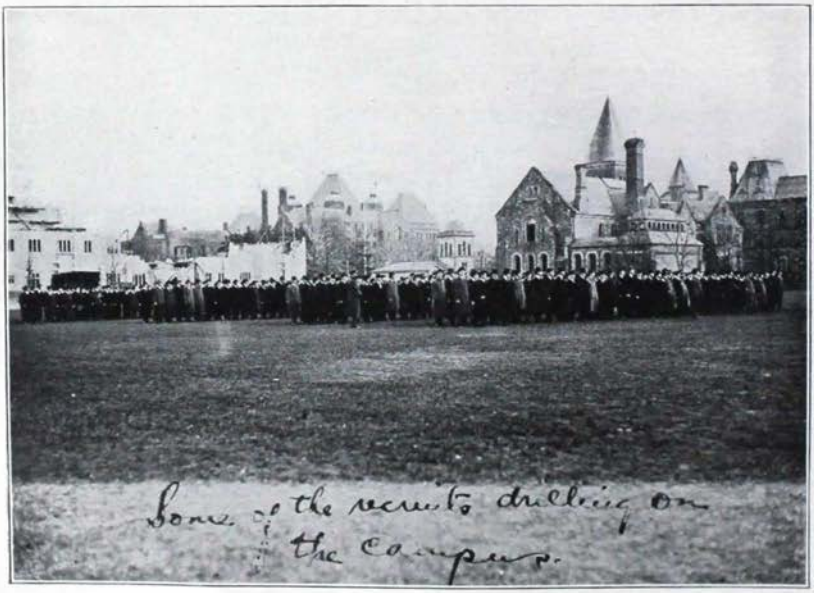
When I returned on the mail steamer I met an Episcopal school teacher who was soon to start out on his district of twenty miles along the Labrador. His intention was to hold school for about three weeks in each outport and so cover the ground. He had just three schoolbooks—one reader, one speller and one arithmetic! I sent him fifty elementary schoolbooks from the supply at St. Anthony.

As for the Library, the books were divided into lots of fifty, in a proportion of one half juveniles and the balance adult fiction, religion, and education. These were sent out in boxes on the travelling library basis. Should any reader of this brief paper possess suitable books which could be spared for these people who need them so much, we should be glad to send for them at our expense if a list by author, title and date of publication is first sent to men in care of the Grenfell Association, 156 Fifth Ave., New York City.

TORONTO STUDENTS DRILLING ON CAMPUS



RIFLE SQUAD



STUDENT BRIGADE, COLLEGE BUILDINGS IN THE BACKGROUND

COLLEGE PATRIOTS

ELEANOR DAVIS, *Beta Psi*

As in the days of '61, when our grandfathers formed squads on their college grounds, and left to fight for the North or for the South, so the students at the University of Toronto today are in training. Some of them have already left for the front. Eleanor Davis, Beta Psi, and loyal subject of the British Empire, has taken time from her knitting and sewing and "first aid" drills—woman's part in the war—to write this narrative of patriotism and sacrifice.

It was under a heavy cloud that the students of the University of Toronto returned to their work late in September. Our Empire was at war. Over thirty thousand Canadians were then in training at the military camp at Valcartier, preparing to go wherever and whenever their country needed them, and among them were over one thousand university men, chiefly graduates. There were few Canadians who had not either relatives or friends among those who have since crossed the sea, and are now in England ready to go directly to the firing line.

This war is a clash between two ideals of life, and one or the other must go. It must be a fight to the finish. If we lose, then all that we stand for disappears—the right of the individual, weak or strong, to develop his God-given powers; the right of nations, however small, to enjoy their own democracy; the conviction that justice is enthroned above brute force. Realizing that, and strong in the conviction of the righteousness of our cause, it was clear from the outset that the universities of Canada must prepare to do their part in the maintenance of those ideals. The universities have not been found wanting, and I am going to tell something of what has been done in the University of Toronto.

Early in September it was rumored that compulsory military training would be instituted in the university for all men students. No definite plans were made, but before the term opened, a number of enterprising city students, and a few members of the faculty, completed the forty drills necessary to try the examina-

tion for noncommissioned officers. Those who succeeded have served as such during the past term.

It was soon decided that compulsory training was altogether undesirable, and when the recruiting began immediately after college opened, it was wholly voluntary. The Rifle Association was used as the first machinery for recruiting, but the organization for something foreign to the original purpose of the association was naturally unsuitable. On October 21, however, news came from the Department of Militia at Ottawa that a Canadian Officers' Training Corps had been authorized, subject to the condition that arms and equipment could not be provided until after the despatch of the second contingent.

Training Corps Takes Precedence Over Usual Studies

The president at once called a meeting of the men students and staff in Convocation Hall. He explained that the purpose of the O. T. C. was to give them a training sufficient to enable them to be accepted for service whether as officers, noncommissioned officers, or privates, if the call should come. He said that the university authorities were doing all in their power to make an adequate training possible. Academic work would be considered secondary to the military training, and all lecture and laboratory work would cease after four o'clock, in order that none would be prevented from drilling on that account.

The immediate result of those announcements was a large increase in the number of recruits, and over eighteen hundred men have been drilling four afternoons a week during the Michaelmas term. The sound of the bugle on the campus has become familiar, and is a frequent reminder of the vital part we may have to play in the great European struggle.

Sham Battles, Heavy Guns and War Songs

Besides the regular drilling, successful field days with skirmishing practice have been held. Several hundred men, starting at nine o'clock Saturday morning, would march into the country for several hours, and after lunch engage in sham battle. One contingent would take a stand upon one side of a ravine and try to maintain its position, while the rest would make an attack. Learning the exact position of the enemy by the signals of their scouts, the advancing army would courageously rush upon them, firing

their Ross Rifles devoid of shot or shell, and madly calling to different ones of the enemy to fall down, for they were dead men. Tired and weary, but singing "Tipperary" to keep up their spirits, with their rifles a greater burden than in the early morning, they would return about six o'clock, feeling that they had experienced some of the rigor of actual warfare.

Officers' Examinations

Most of the men completed the forty drills necessary for efficiency before Christmas, and forty of the students and faculty tried the commissioned officers' examinations. The preparation for that examination required six hours' lecture work a week for six weeks besides the regular drilling, and the mastery of several prescribed military books. The fact that men in heavy courses have given up so much of their time to this work is an evidence of their earnestness and willing sacrifice, for it was voluntary.

Just before Christmas all the recruits were given the opportunity of signing the Service Roll by which they volunteer for three years' service if the country needs them. At the end of each year, upon the payment of five dollars, they can be released from their promise. The great majority signed.

During the Easter term, lectures will be given on military subjects, and most of those who drilled before Christmas will try the noncommissioned officers' examination, while many will try the examination qualifying them to accept commissions in any regiment to which they might become attached.

At the beginning of the fall term, when the drilling was carried on under the auspices of the Rifle Association, some practice was given in shooting; but the number of rifles was inadequate, and the ammunition soon gave out. During the Easter term all will have an opportunity to practice in the shooting-galleries just completed in the new Hart Hall now in course of construction. Hart Hall, which will be the finest university building on the continent, is a students' building containing a complete theatre, gymnasium, swimming tanks, and recreation rooms. Part of it is shown in the background of one of the accompanying illustrations.

Teachers and Pupils in Uniform

As the second contingent will leave very soon, it is probable that the students will receive their uniforms shortly after the opening of the Easter term. The university will then seem truly military, when many of the faculty are delivering lectures in soldiers' uniform, and when most of the men students are wearing it. They look very smart too, in their natty khaki suits, caps and great coats.

It is expected that the university will close a month earlier than usual this year, in order that those who are ready and willing may go with the contingent that leaves in the spring. This will entail a tremendous amount of readjustment in connection with the academic work, but faculty and students have from the beginning shown a willingness to conform to any changes that are necessary and fitting.

The Women's Red Cross Work

In October the women students formed a Red Cross Society, and opened a fund for voluntary subscriptions. The first money was used for buying wool and other materials necessary for Red Cross articles, and almost every woman in the university has been knitting or sewing in her leisure moments. Many of the customary social functions have been dispensed with this year, while the surplus funds of those that have been held as usual have been given to the Patriotic Fund or the Red Cross Society.

The men's fraternities are maintaining a drill sergeant from the permanent force whose services are proving very useful. The women's fraternities are dispensing with the usual page for the coat of arms preceding the chapter roll in *Torontonensis*, our university yearbook, and are giving the money usually expended for that purpose to the Red Cross Society.

Toronto President's Call for Sacrifice

In his opening address at the beginning of the term our president said: "The world is in agony. Let this agony reach the depths of our nature also, so that it may purge our selfishness. If we shall not be called to die or be wounded in the flesh, I hope that we may carry into the revived life of our nation when it issues from the struggle, the healed wounds of the spirit that

the right to call ourselves freemen in a real democracy." During the past term we have been preparing for the thick of the battle, and we have been doing our best to help our cause as only those who remain at home can do. Our sacrifices so far have been slight in comparison with what we may yet have to make, and deplorable as it would be to give up our dearest, it would be still more deplorable not to be able to hand down to our offspring the liberty and democracy which was our own birthright, and which has become vital to the Canadian people. To maintain that freedom, we will fight to a finish.

SOME GOLDEN KEYS

FRANCES HALL, *Phi*

In lighter vein, Frances Hall, Phi, chats about the interesting people she met in London when the war broke out. About Kappas, other fraternity women—and real princesses. What Mrs. Herbert Hoover does on the American Relief Committee. A Pan-Hellenic party on shipboard, when six fraternities were represented—and the tea was bad.

Last summer I happened to drop in on London quite unexpectedly. I guess you have heard how a dozen or so of us Americans, who were supposed to be on the Continent studying German or French or Art or Something-or-other to improve our minds, all of a sudden conceived an invincible desire to see London again, or for the first time, whichever it was. We reached there the very next day if we were fortunate enough to catch a train and a boat; and if we had enough coin of the realm to pay for our ticket. I landed there August second, direct from Germany. That was the week we businesslike Americans got together, three thousand strong, and at the very first meeting appointed committees on finance, transportation and anything else that was needed, with headquarters at the Savoy.

One day as I sauntered into the big ballroom (no dancing allowed) my eye spied a key. It was the first one I had seen all summer.

"How do you do? I have one too. Here it is. My name is Frances Hall, Phi chapter."

"I am glad to see you. My name is de Grassi. My husband is just over there. I want him to meet you because he says I am the only one that wears that foolish key, and I want him to see yours."

Hereupon I was presented to Signor de Grassi, while his wife, fairly bubbling over with triumph, pointed to my key.

Mme. de Grassi was Winifred J. Morgan of Beta Eta. She married Signor Antonio de Grassi, a violinist of some note, and now lives in London. They were on one of the committees to help stranded Americans, and did most effective work. Signor

de Grassi is a pupil of Ysaye, and he and his wife have spent considerable time in Belgium with Ysaye. I was interested to know that they had lived very near the villa of Signor Toselli, the pianist who married ex-Crown Princess Louise, that unfortunate Hapsburger, after her divorce from the present King of Saxony. They frequently saw the poor Princess.

Meets Daughter of Franz Josef

The mention of this royalty leads me to another. While I was talking to Signor de Grassi, a beautiful, stately woman stepped up, and in the usual informal way of those early war days, joined in our conversation. She said she noticed that those who were most in need of help themselves were the ones who were doing the most to help others. She said she loved the Americans, that she would like to live with them the rest of her days. After she left us I asked Signor de Grassi who she was. He said her name was Countess Landi and that she was the daughter of Emperor Franz Josef of Austria. "And of Empress Elizabeth too?" I asked. "Yes, but she has quite a story. I don't remember exactly how it goes. Ask my wife."

Isn't that just like a man to forget things that you are just dying to hear?

A few days later I saw Mme. de Grassi again and went straight at it. This is the story she told me.

Before Countess Landi was born, the Empress secured a promise from Franz Josef that if her child should be a girl, she might bring her up away from the court. She wanted her to enjoy her childhood and girlhood in a natural way, unhampered by the court etiquette which Elizabeth herself found so distasteful. To the Empress's great joy the child was a girl, whom she gave into the keeping of a trusted family of high birth. Every year the mother spent several months with her beloved daughter, until the time came to prepare her for presentation at court, which, according to the agreement, was to take place when she became eighteen years of age. Suddenly, in September 1898, the beautiful Empress fell by the hand of an anarchist, and all preparations for the presentation of the Princess ceased, never to be resumed. The power that has always surrounded and controlled her father refused to allow the recognition and presentation of his daughter.

Franz Josef although willing enough to carry out his agreement had not sufficient force to override their decision.

Countess Landi has written a book on her life which is to come out this winter. When the Austrian authorities first heard of it they offered her hundreds of thousands of dollars to suppress it, but she refused and consequently was exiled from Austria. She is now living in England with her husband and two children.

Mrs. Hoover's Meetings

My subject I believe was something about golden keys. It might just as well have been golden stairs. But does a preacher always stick to his text?

However, to come back to keys—on Thursday, August 13, all college women and teachers were invited to tea at Mrs. Hoover's in Kensington. Mrs. Herbert C. Hoover used to be Lou Henry of Beta Eta. Mr. Hoover is chairman of the American Relief Committee.

It was a beautiful day, not too hot and not too cool, and it didn't rain a bit. (This was in England, remember.) To our delight we were ushered to a charming English garden, and there on the lawn we drank our tea and ate dainty sandwiches and cakes. Mrs. Hoover was not in evidence. Mme. de Grassi and Mrs. Frederick Palmer (she that was Florence E. Mason of Pi) were doing the honors. I asked for Mrs. Hoover, and learned that she had just 'phoned to say that it was impossible for her to get away from the committee rooms at the Savoy, so many cases needed attention. She was at the head of the committee to help American women who were in need.

Sight-Seeing Under Difficulties

Mrs. Page, the Ambassador's wife, was present at this tea, also David Starr Jordan and his wife. In due time we were called to order by Mrs. Palmer who stated that it had seemed advisable to band together in order to help one another in the way of amusement and sight-seeing during our enforced stay in London. Mrs. Jordan was then elected chairman of the committee and Mrs. Palmer, secretary. Mrs. Palmer was prepared to give us information on the most important places of interest to which we might obtain access. For instance, we could visit the National Gallery,

providing we had an American passport and a signed statement saying that we had never been imprisoned for being a suffragette, that we solemnly promised not to throw things at the pictures, no matter how bad they were, that we had nothing concealed about our persons in the way of stilettos, revolvers, field-guns and Zeppelins. On a certain day we were to present ourselves armed with these documents at the S. E. corner of the Gallery and we should be personally conducted through the sacred building.

The second tea was held in the Grotto room, so called because (in order to get to it) one must pass through a pretty little grotto, that appears to be underground, with stones and ferns and fountains. We received word from Mrs. Page that she would be at home to us any day between four and six as long as we were in London. Mrs. Palmer invited us to her home for the next meeting, to be held the following week.

I forgot to mention that our hostess, Mrs. Hoover, almost attended her second meeting. She appeared at about six o'clock, after we had adjourned and were scattered over the grounds, but she sent for the Kappas whom she had not met posthaste, and gave us the grip in most hearty fashion.

Shipboard Pan-Hellenics

I am sorry that I cannot give an account of Mrs. Palmer's meeting, but when that took place I was on the *St. Paul* being tossed up and down between those beautiful blues that we Kappas sing about—when we are on dry land. For almost a week we were so overcome with these blues that we would not talk even to our most intimate friends. Finally on Friday, August 28, a couple of Pi Beta Phis got up energy enough to post a notice to the effect that a Pan-Hellenic meeting would be held that afternoon at four o'clock in the Social Hall. Tea would be served.

It is surprising how many that notice brought to life. About twenty-five of us got together, or was it two hundred and fifty? I poured the tea and I am sure I poured more than twenty-five cups. The sugar gave out too, and it took a long time for the steward to bring us some more. I can't bear to think of that tea. I am rather English in some respects. I drink tea even for breakfast, and I have a fair notion of what it ought to be like. That *St. Paul* brew was not it. I hope no one held me accountable. They were all very nice about it and didn't say a word.

My list of those who attended this Pan-Hellenic is not complete. I can only say that among those present were: *Pi Beta Phis,* Norma M. Nevin, Ednah H. Pugh, Ethel Watkins; *Kappa Alpha Thetas,* Gretchen Frantz, Minna Matern; *Kappa Kappa Gammas,* Mabel M. Allis, Beta Tau, Frances E. Hall, Phi, Alice M. Lane, Kappa, M. Alinda Lathrop, Psi, Edna S. Pratt, Beta Nu, Catherine S. Vance, Beta Gamma, Lucile Woodruff, Beta Upsilon; *Alpha Phi,* Anne M. Anderson; *Delta Delta Delta,* Dazey M. Porter; *Phi Kappa Psi,* Mr. F. S. Monnett. There were a couple of other men too and they were not a bit scared.

We had a very enjoyable afternoon together, and we forgot that we were poor refugees, some of us without baggage, and more of us without money.

As the last of us moved away from the corner that we had monopolized for the afternoon, a lady touched me on the arm and asked me if I could point out Miss Esther Cleveland. I was sorry but I could not.

"You know," the lady continued, "we heard that Miss Cleveland was on board, and when we saw you girls together we thought you were giving her a reception."

And that poor lady and her friend had been speculating all the afternoon as to which one of us was Miss Cleveland.

THE MORAL IS:

This tale ought to have a moral. I don't know what it is, unless it is that whenever you girls go for a trip of any distance you should always remember to wear your key. Wherever I go I meet Kappas, and these chance meetings form some of my most pleasant recollections. So wear your key and see what will happen.

FRANCES E. HALL, *Phi.*

PARTHENON

Our New Pledges

An idea which has been among the cobwebs in the back of my head, has just cropped out with the coming of the December KEY, and although not a subject for a sermon or moral dissertation, may be, perhaps, something you too have thought about. Now personally, I am a very curious person—and especially so about my Kappa sisters whom I have never seen, and perhaps never shall, and I can't help feeling that every Kappa feels the same way.

I just love the "chapter letters" but I do wish we could know more about the new pledges than just their names. I might quote "What's in a name?" etc., but I shall refrain—but a girl really is a whole lot more than a name, and far more interesting, you will admit. Just a little tiny bit about each girl would make us feel as if we really knew her. Just to see if you agree with me, see if a sample of my idea pleases you. I have eleven brand-new Kappas to tell you about—and I am not going to be too complimentary either, but will tell you what they really are like:

Florence and Minnie, our two sunny-haired Titians, are always jolly and full of fun. Florence is dignified, but Minnie is always making breaks and putting us in an uproar. Pauline is eternally making filet lace for towels, pillowcases, etc., and writing letters to "Charles" but even in her engrossing position of being engaged, she never misses any fun. Helen, our new junior, got head over heels into everything in college from the very start, and is just brimming over with energy. Katherine is our "A" shark, but she doesn't have to overwork to do it, and Marion is our comical tom-boy—always doing and saying the unexpected. Marie is a quiet, sweet little Kappa, very winsome and clever, and Frances is quiet too, the kind whom everyone likes and says nice things about. Elizabeth is rather a delicate girl, but just the most enthusiastic and attractive you ever could want. Grace is full of fun, and the social light, but the best cook and dressmaker ever. Caroline or "Sis" is an all-round "peach." She does everything.

Now if you don't like this kind of an introduction to our new Kappas, don't do it, but if you do, please do.

EVELYN G. GUTHRIE, *Upsilon.*

Canadian Women and the War

When the war cloud loomed up over the continent of Europe early in August, we, this side of the water, hardly imagined what a gigantic and sanguinary struggle it was to be, and what a series of heart-rending results were to follow in its wake. As the days wore on into weeks, as we saw our young men training in preparation for active service, we gradually began to realize in part what this war meant to Canada and to Canadian women.

We were not permitted to answer the call of our country for active service, but we could answer the call for optimism, for courage of heart, for faith and for material aid. Busy, busy have been the fingers of Canadian women, knitting socks, mufflers, belts, wristlets, and making the many things which go to provide a soldier with as much comfort as is possible under the circumstances. Anyone expert in the art of knitting was the admired of admirers, and oh! how those needles clicked as the sock grew almost visibly from nothing into reality! Many are the anxious and painstaking pupils eager to learn and to do their part, and many are the hours spent in "two plain and two purl" until they could have continued it in their dreams. The men have taken to drilling and the women to sewing, and the university students have not been slow to follow in both departments.

A very marked result of the struggle which may be seen daily has been the destruction of social barriers. Women are more than ever before on an equal footing. The charwoman who busies herself with her needles in spare moments is esteemed as much as yes, or even more, than she who goes in her limousine to do patriotic shopping. The widowed and fatherless of Europe are not remnants of nations of another world, but they are our very own people, and in the name of humanity we must aid them in supplying the things necessary for life. The war has brought us to a simpler life and to a knowledge of how to put first things first. Society no longer thinks of so many elaborate functions each week—there is something higher and better occupying its mind. The woman of fashion is wearing her last season's suit and hat, using her surplus money to feed the hungry or to equip a hospital. Truly, this terrible war will develop in us a sadder but a saner and a nobler womanhood.

MARY HOLMES, *Beta Psi.*

The Little Things

The real foundation of true Kappa character lies in the art of doing the little things well. Too often the most commonplace and least difficult incidents of our daily living serve as the most blatant earmarks against us. Either our vision is defective or our sense of proportion not properly balanced, or it may be our extreme youth. In any case it bespeaks a humiliating scantness of real character, and by so living we forfeit our claims to the privileges Kappa offers. Why be Kappas at all unless we can live our appreciation of the meaning and responsibility of fraternity?

The little things—to remember to return the borrowed article, or better yet to arrange so as not to be obliged to borrow; little kindnesses; little thoughtfulnesses; little courtesies; little elegances; absolute dependableness in all things, in the unimportant as well as with affairs of greater moment; a constant good spirit—so many opportunities packed into each short day—to refuse to endure petty differences and misunderstandings round about us, for our broad-mindedness and tolerance demand that we recognize that the rights and privileges of every individual with whom we come in contact are just as sacred as our own, and Kappa insists on such fair treatment from our hands. Always to keep in mind the realization that greater responsibilities can only come as a result of efficience and thoroughness in these simple everyday duties, and because, as Kappas we are fired with enthusiastic ambition for living a life worth while. Come, Kappa sisters let us do the little things now!

MARTHA J. REED, *Beta Tau*.

Philanthropy in the Fraternity

No broader subject could be introduced into the fraternity than that of philanthropy. It means that in one particular direction *our* fraternity in itself is to be subordinated to a greater universal brotherhood and sisterhood of men and women. They, like ourselves, enjoy the little luxuries, the necessities even, of life. Aren't we as a group that stands for the good and the beautiful in life, willing to sacrifice a little toward some vital cause? With a great many of us this would not even spell sacrifice, it would mean only a little more unselfish use of our time and thoughts. Such a philanthropic movement has been

proposed, even nationally. Cannot we as individual chapters promote it still further?

"But just what do you fraternity people *do*?" many an intelligent observer has asked. Rushing? Yes. Promotion of congeniality? Yes. And so we might run through the list of really good things our fraternity achieves for us. But there is a greater fellowship than that of fifteen or thirty or so, and that is the fellowship of man. The best in us calls for something nobler than good friends, good times. We ourselves appreciate the value of our fraternity, but we would like to prove its deepest worth to observers. A philanthropic movement on our part permits of this. But more than a desire to show our worth to other people is to convincee ourselves of that worth.

This new movement, instigated by us, is the opportunity. It may comprise a fund for settlement work, for playground amusements, in short anything indicative of social or economic progress. We have not only the material good of the thing to consider; there is the spirit of it as well. It symbolizes our feeling for others as "that most beautiful flower of the human soul, love." There are then two aspects to the movement as far as the fraternity is concerned, the material and, in a certain sense, the spiritual. What this prompts us to do for others will lead us to think twofold that we are indeed "receiving the beautiful and the good."

RUTH CRONK, *Beta Phi.*

Our Motive What Is It?

As the sound of anti-fraternity arguments are being heard in the land, fraternity women, we who take pride in being broad-minded and fair, are beginning to hearken and to bethink ourselves of ways and means by which we can justify our position and the positions of our respective fraternities. As a result, a general movement has occurred throughout the colleges and universities to make less evident the bonds which have held us each in our own little group, so closely together, by becoming better acquainted with our non-fraternity friends, and by joining with them in student activities of all sorts. With the new spirit of womanhood springing into life, we are beginning to realize that after all, we are all striving for fundamentally the same thing.

In the attempt to justify our position, activities of a charitable or philanthropic nature as part of the fraternity organization have come into existence. There is the Settlement School work at Little Pigeon, Tennessee, undertaken by Pi Beta Phi, and the local philanthropic activities of Chi Omega. Kappa too, as we have all heard by now, is contemplating such a move and it is about this that I want to say a word.

It is the actuating force, not the work itself, that counts in real achievements. We must consider fairly the motive which prompts our action. If we are taking this step, seemingly very commendable, for the purpose of justifying our existence only, for erecting a line of defense behind which we can seek shelter from the anti-fraternity onslaught, then it seems to me that the thing is entirely wrong. But if, on the other hand, realizing that a highly organized body, such as ours, is afforded an unusual opportunity for doing good, we are moved to charitable deeds, then I believe we are living up to the high ideals of womanhood which we are all learning to cherish—ideals which Kappa is so capable of inspiring.

Surely we should consider conscientiously which of these two motives is behind our contemplated undertaking. Better by far it seems to be that Kappa should be the first to disorganize than to deceive herself into an unrighteous existence. Do not misunderstand me. I believe that our motives are truly good; but certainly we should all be aware that these two motives do exist, and in carrying out our work, just which one is at the bottom of our every act.

If we are only erecting a defense, we can look for destruction in the end; if we are taking advantage of our unusually fine opportunity, the attainment of much that is good is possible.

LAURA STEVICK, *Beta Eta.*

The "Get Together" Spirit

Meadville, as you all probably *don't* know, is one of those so-called "college towns" where almost all of the people at one time or another attend Allegheny. It is but natural, therefore, that we should have a large number of alumnae residing here now, and one of our foremost desires has been to have them retain a keen interest in the active chapter. Engrossed

as we are in affairs of such an entirely different nature, it is inevitable, of course, that we should drift apart in a degree, but, in our case, we can triumphantly agree that it is in a very slight degree, indeed.

To prevent the formation of any breach, to beat down that intangible, indefinable something which so often creeps in between the active student and the alumnae, and which we felt we could not bear to have appear in our own chapter, we have instituted the plan of having a "get-together" luncheon at least four times a year, at which all Kappa members are welcome. On these days we forget whether we are in school or out, married or single, in the younger or older set, sing our songs, and give ourselves over to being Kappas together. One thing that contributed to the success of the move is that, within the last two years, our town alumnae—actuated doubtless by a motive corresponding to our own—have organized an Alumnae Association, and are only too glad to give us aid in anything that seems to be for the good of the fraternity.

Probably many of you have thought of the same thing and I sincerely hope that it has been carried out with as great an amount of success.

ELIZABETH BEST, *Gamma Rho.*

The All-Round Fraternity

The ideal of the *all-round college girl* is a goal we all strive for, and few hope to attain. She is an ideal placed glitteringly before our eyes in our freshman year; one that shimmers in the distance and seems to float always beyond our grasp as we climb the ladder towards graduation.

When eager and vigorous, the freshman enters college, filled with enthusiasm of just being there; to be the all-round college girl does not seem so difficult; but as the press of studies settles down, the impossibility of one person embodying a Phi Beta Kappa and an active member of the Athletic Association, interested alike in dramatics, the Women's League and the Y. W. C. A., and filled with the fascination of class activities and social life of the university, fills the ardent freshman with despair. She does one of two things: she spends her time in a hopeless

dabble in a number of them, or she concentrates on the one that appeals to her the most.

The all-round fraternity is not so impossible or difficult of attainment, and it is equally to be desired. Through its individual parts, it may be interested in every line of university life. One of the girls may be president of Women's League, another may have the leading part in the college opera, another may play center on the basketball team, and still another may win the coveted honors of Phi Beta Kappa. Through the efforts of each of its members it may merit the truly worthy ambition of being the all-round fraternity.

Nothing so broadens the fraternity, and makes it a sympathetic, encouraging factor in the college life than this multiple interest. By its tie, each member is kept in touch with the other activities. She learns the viewpoint of the girl who is full of enthusiasm for her chosen field, and gets a broader idea of the whole than if she were playing at the game herself.

It should be the aim of the upperclassmen to guide the freshman's footsteps until some congenial college work has been found. She should be urged to affiliate herself with some definite work for her university, her fraternity and herself. If every freshman has some particular interest, the group is sure to be a progressive one, ever stretching forward for new aims and new ideals. Then the fraternity becomes an integral part of the university life and its influence is sure to continue.

RUTH THOMPSON, *Beta Pi.*

Dr. Harriet M. Doane, Beta Tau

KAPPAS KNOWN TO FAME

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DOCTOR HARRIET LLOYD DOANE, BETA TAU

After climbing Oneida Street hill or, as it is often called, "Doctors' Row" one finds at the top a plain green house. On one corner of this house hangs a little sign "Doctor Doane." Inside of the house are the usual waiting room and office which characterize the medical profession, but along with the pills and powders there is the keen mind and sympathetic understanding of a true physician. It is the second point more than the first which has created for Doctor Doane one of the largest and most successful practices in the central part of New York State.

The doctor was born in Pulaski, New York, receiving her education there, in the Academy. In 1892 she entered Syracuse University. It was there she became a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, and also of Zeta Phi, a fraternity of medical women. She was graduated, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, in 1895. At that time she received the appointment of House Officer in the Memorial Hospital, Worcester, Massachusetts. Upon the completion of her work in Worcester, she was made assistant physician in the Medfield Insane Hospital.

At the end of two years of institutional life the doctor decided that the work of a general practitioner, while more difficult in some respects, yet offered a much wider opportunity for study and service. In 1899 therefore she came to Fulton, New York, and started her work which, from the beginning, has met with the greatest success and appreciation.

During the year 1901, she devoted her time to the study of children's diseases, doing a part of the work in Vienna, and the other part in London. She has also done postgraduate work in the Women's College of Philadelphia and the hospitals of New York and Boston.

She is a member of the Oswego County, and of the New York State Medical Societies, the New York State Women's Society, and the American Medical Association. The Fifth District Branch of the New York State Medical Society elected her vice-president at its meeting in October, 1914.

Mrs. James Van Allen Shields, Beta Epsilon

Doctor Doane is attending physician at the Albert Lindley Lee Memorial Hospital, and also a member of the Board of Governors. She has further interested herself in the sanitary conditions of the city as a member of the Board of Health.

MRS. JAMES VAN ALLEN SHIELDS, BETA EPSILON

Mrs. James Van Allen Shields (Roselle Lathrop) was born in Bridgeport, Conn., of New England ancestry. She studied at Barnard College, and has the degree of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts from Columbia University, where classical languages and archaeology were her major subjects. After a year of teaching, she was married in London, in 1900, and thereafter studied archaeology in London University. Traveling extensively in Italy and Greece, Germany and France, she became familiar with the Continental languages and literatures.

Her acquaintance with Mr. and Mrs. William Sharp led to her doing considerable reading and research work for Mr. Sharp, and after his death she assisted Mrs. Sharp in the preparation of some publications of "Fiona MacLeod."

Since 1911, Mrs. Shields has been Directress of the American Art Students Club in Paris. Her work in the development and expansion of the club has been both creative and executive. An infirmary has been built, the library enlarged, and a large new wing added, which includes many studios and an exhibition room where any American woman may exhibit works of art. Courses of lectures given by men eminent in letters, music and art have added to the value and prestige of the club, and the influence of Mrs. Shields's high ideals for student life has been felt throughout the Quartier.

Persian, Arabic and Chinese have been the studies with which she has filled spare hours in the last few years, and in her contact with students of all nationalities who come and go, in Paris, all her linguistic accomplishments find encouragement and are put into use.

Since August the peaceful and artistic atmosphere of the club has vanished, and Mrs. Shields has been occupied in installing a hospital in the club buildings which have been given over to the French Red Cross Society. SUSAN MYERS, *Beta Epsilon.*

The photograph of Mrs. Shields is from a chalk drawing done by Miss Kate Edwards, a student at the club in Paris.—Editor.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

OUR GRAND SECRETARY'S WEDDING

The best wishes of Kappa Kappa Gamma are extended to our Grand Secretary, Mary McEachin Rodes, whose marriage to Mr. Charles William Leaphart took place at the home of her mother, Mrs. Joseph Waller Rodes, Forest Park, Lexington, Ky., on Tuesday evening, December 29, the Rev. Cary Moore officiating. Mrs. Leaphart was first elected Grand Secretary at the Evanston convention in 1912, and reëlected to office in Denver in August, 1914. She will be missed by her own chapter, Beta Chi, and she will be welcomed in turn by Beta Phi, for Mr. and Mrs. Leaphart are to live at Missoula, Montana, where Mr. Leaphart is professor of law at the University of Montana.

PROVINCE PRESIDENTS

At the last convention a change in our form of government was instituted. The chapters were redivided into provinces, and it was voted that the Grand Council appoint a president for each province, chosen from nominees made by the chapters. The following young women were chosen, each singularly well qualified for her duties as a province president on account of her recognized work for the fraternity. Their term of office is two years.

ALPHA PROVINCE—Bertha Chapman Catlin (Mrs. R. W. Catlin), *Beta Sigma,* '06, 316 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

BETA PROVINCE—Alexandrina Denne, *Beta Psi,* '09, Victoria College, Toronto, Ontario.

ZETA PROVINCE—Laurestine Marquis, *Epsilon,* '08, 611 East Chestnut St., Bloomington, Ill.

ETA PROVINCE—Louise Pound, *Sigma,* '92, 1632 L St., Lincoln, Neb.

THETA PROVINCE—Helen Devine, *Beta Xi,* '03, 128 Howard St., San Antonio, Texas.

GAMMA PROVINCE—Mrs. Parke R. Kolbe, *Lambda,* '03, 250 East Buchtel Ave., Akron, Ohio.

DELTA PROVINCE—Elizabeth Bogart, *Mu,* '09, 2625 East Washington St., Indianapolis, Ind.

EPSILON PROVINCE—Elmie Warner Mallory (Mrs. H. S. Mallory), *Lambda, '97*, Ann Arbor, Mich.

IOTA PROVINCE—Ellen Howe, *Beta Pi, '11*, 22 West Highland Drive, Seattle, Wash.

KAPPA PROVINCE—Florence Wendling, *Beta Eta, '12*, 996 Haight St., San Francisco, Cal.

TO CHAPTER CORRESPONDENTS

You want your KEY to be out on time? Then save the Editor as much time as possible in reading copy. Follow these rules:

1. Use official paper. But if it should happen that the supply is gone just when you need some for your letter, procure some paper as near as possible to the official size. Do not use note paper—writing on the first page, then the fourth, then sideways on the second, then in another direction on the third. When you do this the editor has to rewrite almost the whole letter.

2. No not use "very," "quite," "grand," "eats."

3. Double-space your typewriting. This is important. Few of you do it, and it makes the marking of the copy much easier.

3. Do not mail your letter *on* the first of January, April, September and November. Mail it *a week before* the first. Pacific coast letters take five or six days to reach New York. A special delivery stamp will not help much if you are late in mailing your letter from a distance. It simply means that the editor gets out of bed to receive it at six o'clock in the morning, instead of getting it with the regular mail at eight.

4. Let the chapter letter department be one hundred per cent in "attendance." The December KEY letters were seventy-six per cent. This number is eighty-five per cent. If we were a member of an active chapter, we should feel much agrieved if our chapter was not represented by a letter in THE KEY.

THE WAR AND ITS EFFECT ON THE KEY

Perhaps some of our readers will say that we are using too much "war stuff" in THE KEY. In the last number we had the account of Dr. Mary Crawford who is doing important surgical work at the American Hospital, Paris, and a tale of her experiences as a refugee by Florence Boole. This month we have the highly interesting description of the drilling of Canadian

college students at University of Toronto, perhaps a little less neutral than Americans are asked by President Wilson to be; but properly and appropriately patriotic on the English side as it was written by Eleanor Davis of Toronto University. Besides this we have the story of her meetings with fraternity people in London in war time by Frances Hall, *Phi*. All these articles are war stories from such different angles that we feel they will not tire you. Besides what subject can be more interesting than this world's war? We are living the most thrilling history the world has ever known; why not read about it as we go along, and thank our lucky stars that we are permitted to get our thrills from the printed word, rather than from forty-two centimeter guns?

The Portland Pan-Hellenic Association will have headquarters in the Portland Hotel during the time of the San Francisco Fair, so that visitors will be able to locate their fraternity friends. Beta Omega chapter wishes all Kappas to know of this.

THE EDITORS OBTRUSIVE—AND AN APOLOGY

At the risk of being considered unduly boastful and conceited, the editor and the business manager of this magazine, whose names appear on the title page (see title page immediately), beg to announce that they were elected to serve on the staff of the KEY at the convention last summer in Colorado. It was unfortunate that Mrs. Jackson could not continue her work as editor-in-chief, but, as she could not, it would be a great convenience all around if the contributors would stop sending chapter letters, Parthenon articles and subscriptions to her, and send them, instead, to the present editor and business manager (see title page immediately). Of course we realize it takes a long time for news to travel. Send all matter for publication in the KEY to the editor-in-chief (see title page immediately). Send all checks or money for subscriptions to the business manager (see title page immediately). Make out checks to the business manager—not to the editor or the former editor.

If anyone chances to read this epitome of egotism, will she kindly ask the chapter correspondent, the Parthenon writer and the treasurer of her chapter to see title page immediately. We apologize for being obtrusive.

Beta Epsilon's Vale

An institution of learning without fraternities, student government, dramatics and athletics, would be no college. Just "gettin' edication" is not college life.

If any of these cultural activities are to be suspended by some near-sighted powers that be, it surely ought not be that very one which has the most broadening and sweetening effect on the individual collegiette. And yet it is the fraternity that is ruled out by the ruthless hand of these unsympathetic and callous members of the faculty.

I need not go into an exhausted account here of the benefits which a fraternity confers; but I ask your consideration of a dying chapter, so that, by contrast, you living chapters may realize how happy you are.

It was not so bad when there were two classes, or even one, above us, with Kappas in them; but now, with no older sisters in college, and no younger sisters, we feel rather isolated. The realization that our friends in the lower classes can not wear the golden key and through its potency learn to know each other better, and to know the dear "Old Grads," is a sad one. We turn to the alumnae exclusively, for all our fraternity inspiration and fun. They are wonders, and come back to everything; but of course no amount of visiting is like having them on the spot all day and every day.

Indeed, the lot of the dying chapter is to pitied—yet surely, even that is better than no chapter, no fraternity.

LOUISE WALKER, *Beta Epsilon.*

CHAPTER LETTERS

No chapter letters received from:

Beta Epsilon
Iota
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Beta Lambda
Beta Omicron
Beta Eta

Next letter due April 1.

ALPHA PROVINCE

Phi, Boston University

The Christmas holidays are here and the girls have gone to their homes for vacation, but as usual much time will be devoted to writing the numerous papers and doing the outside reading due before the semester ends. Next week will find us back at college, and with plenty of work to be accomplished in the two weeks before mid-year examinations.

Our last rushing party—a conflict party—was held at Miss Avery's in Newton. We went there direct from college classes, had dinner served to us while we sat cosily grouped about on the floor, and then enjoyed stunts, games, and music. The following Monday we were very happy to pledge six new girls: Marjorie Colton, Corinne Côté, Mildred Freeman, Julia Holteen, Anna Roberts, and Elsie Woodland. Initiation, this year, does not come until the second semester.

We had our annual Christmas party at the rooms, Monday evening before Christmas. As usual, each girl received a "slam," much to the amusement of everyone. We were glad to have many of our alumnae with us. The fraternity rooms received several welcome Christmas presents. Double boilers, pans, dish towels, etc., were received with much enthusiasm.

Phi extends the old, old wish of happiness and prosperity for the new year to every chapter.

Grace L. Converse.

Beta Sigma, Adelphi College

Since I wrote you last, three important things have happened to Beta Sigma. One was the rushing banquet at Grace Corey's; it was just about the nicest rushing banquet we have ever had. After the supper, Winifred Marshall sang Shakespeare ballads and Irish folk songs in costume; Clara Mohrmann and Hester Flynn did their famous Jabberwock duet; a new drama called *Skittish Kitty*, the latest authentic source of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* was produced; and the "Howling Sports" quartette concluded a pleasant evening.

Bids went out December 15, and the following Friday we pledged Rosalie Geer, Marian Richards, Elizabeth Stanton, and Ella Taylor.

The third important red-letter day came December 30. Emilie Botsford, Beta Sigma, and Elsie Botsford, Psi, entertained us at their home in Rutherford. It was a real old-fashioned Christmas party with a

wonderful luncheon, a jolly Santa Claus, and a basket of gifts. Queenie Nagle played the Santa Claus, and the gifts were witty "knocks". We were delighted at the number of alumnae who came—we wish they came more often. Everybody had a "scrumptuous time".

Dorothea Brommer has announced her engagement to Mr. Loyd Bliss of Jamaica.

We are pleased that Mrs. Bertha Chapman Catlin, one of our alumnae, was elected president of Alpha Province.

SUSAN M. DEPEYSTER.

BETA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Uppermost in our minds now is the matter of rushing. Our freshmen were entertained at a delightful party during Thanksgiving vacation, which was exclusively a youngsters' affair, particularly as to clothing. Among those who came were charming kiddies both in character and dress, the latter of which gave evidence of raiding done to the wardrobes of small brothers. Games that always please the youthful formed the entertainment. Among these, London Bridge, Drop the Handkerchief, and its like proved popular. When it came to the "eats" we were just in our element. The fantastic and weird shapes taken by some of the napkins were a particularly pleasing feature to us all. The refreshments themselves were just as fearfully and wonderfully creamy and delectable as we used to picture them in days gone by.

Another party where we assume dignity once more is to be at the home of Evelyn Why on January 2. Now that we know the girls better a very hearty good time is in view for us all.

Our vaudeville show and dance proved to be successful. From the returns of this occasion and private donations, it was made possible for us to give Christmas cheer to some less fortunate people than we. Our attention was directed to a very needy family of six living in the equivalent of about two rooms. These were very sparsely furnished, but clean. Of the family, the mother and a boy of seven are in the hospital with tuberculosis. Another member of the household is weak-minded, and it seemed as though our help could find no gladder or worthier welcome than here. Upon discovering that food had been lacking for two days, a large supply of groceries together with much clothing and toys for the little girl were sent. It is our intention to keep them under our wing all year, giving help as it is needed.

Two great stockings filled with many needful things were given to two other motherless children. This completed our Christmas gifts.

Now that the holiday season is over we are asking our guests at the teas to sew for charity while spending a social afternoon with us. With the help of our alumnae we hope to accomplish more than we otherwise might.

An addition to the appearance of our room and to the enjoyment of all is a piano, which was very kindly donated to us by one of the alumnae.

Our latchstring is always out for each and every Kappa. May some visitors find it convenient to give it a pull in the near future.

ESTHER G. MILLER.

BETA IOTA, SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

Swarthmore is so full of the Christmas spirit just now that one hardly has time to think of anything else, and Beta Iota is as busy as the rest of the college. Many of the girls are dressing dolls for the college settlement; others are making Christmas presents, but the majority are preparing for the parties on Wednesday and Thursday nights.

We always have a chapter Christmas party on the last Wednesday before vacation. This year we are going to have a tree in the chapter room as usual, and each girl is to make a present to put under it. We draw lots to see what package we are to get. This makes it very exciting for no one knows who will get her contribution, or who made the one she got. Besides this we are going to buy a picture for the chapter room with our Christmas present fund.

On Thursday night there will be a big party in the dining room followed by a college dance. This is a yearly custom. Each table is decorated with a Christmas tree and place cards. The girls prepare "hits" for the boys and vice versa. Before dinner is over the dining room is always a tangle of paper streamers and confetti.

The first of our chapter dances was held at the Woman's Club in the village on December 5. The room looked pretty, decorated with fir branches and red and green streamers, with a big fire in the chimney. Everyone had a fine time.

The engagement of Marian Pyle to Harrison Fehr of Allentown, Pa., has recently been announced. We are sorry to lose one of our freshmen so soon.

HELEN N. SPILLER.

BETA PROVINCE

PSI, CORNELL UNIVERSITY

As we look back over the two months elapsing since the last letter to THE KEY, it seems to have been a time of anticipating and realizing holidays. Pledging, Thanksgiving, initiation, the anticipation of Christmas, and then Christmas itself,—it makes one wonder where we could have found nooks and crannies for university work.

Initiation on December 9 was one of the nicest Psi has had. The whole event seemed to be permeated with a kind of Kappa spirit which was a new inspiration and a stimulating reminder of what is the real meaning of fraternity. With its six new members Psi is very happy.

Eva Haigh, Psi, '14, is trying to form a New York Psi Alumnae Club. All the active girls and the recent alumnae who live near New York are going to meet on December 29 and talk over, among other things, the feasibility of the plan—or better, I suppose, the inevitability of the plan.

On December 5, in the afternoon and evening, the Y. W. C. A. held its annual Christmas bazaar in the play room in Prudence Risley Hall. The bazaar consisted of a sale of fancy articles, Japanese goods sold on a commission, ice cream, cake and homemade candy, and Red Cross stamps. The sale lasted from three in the afternoon until nine-thirty at night, and we cleared over one hundred and forty dollars. Elsie Botsford, '16, was chairman.

On December 15 the University orchestra, assisted by Lucy Marsh, gave a concert for the benefit of the Belgian Relief Fund.

In place of the Suffrage Club which used to exist among the women here, there has been formed a Debating Club. The Suffrage Club seemed to lack vitality, and it is hoped that the pugilistic nature of the new organization will tend to imbue any subject coming within its jurisdiction with vitality enough to warrant discussion of it. We hope that through this club the girls may become acquainted with and informed of those things which ought to be interesting to women as well as to men.

Instead of sending our student government president and our junior representative to the Eastern Student Government Conference, as is our custom, this year Cornell joined the Middle Western Conference which met at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. Because so many of the other institutions represented were coeducational and had problems similar to our own, the Cornell Women's Student Government Association has derived great benefit from the conference. According to the reports of our delegates, the middle-westerners are very cordial, hospitable, and profitable people to know. Cornell women are anticipating learning increasingly more, as time goes on, from the Middle Western Conference.

The Cornell Y. W. C. A. will send two undergraduates, one a Kappa, and the general secretary, to the Student Conference for the purpose of discussing the proposed new basis, at Lake Forest, Ill., from January 1 to 3.

Under the direction of the president, Marian Sturges, '15, the women's dramatic club will present on January 16 Madeleine Lucette Ryley's play. "Mice and Men." There will be an afternoon and evening performance, and the play will be given in the playroom in the Prudence Risley dormitory.

One of the very nicest things about the Christmas season here has been the singing of Christmas carols. We have sung and heard them so much that the place seems really to have imbibed their spirit. From the choir of our Old English dining hall, the girls sang them around a Christmas tree as we ate supper below, the Sunday evening before Christmas. They sang them again, in the English fashion, under the window of our first president, Andrew D. White. And the day on which we were all to leave for home for the holidays, we were wakened by the same girls singing them through the corridors early in the morning.

A Happy New Year to you all!

WINIFRED KIRK.

Beta Tau, Syracuse University

Christmas vacation, I find, is almost as bad a time as the middle of summer to write a Key letter. But yes, a good box of chocolates does help.

Beta Tau has been doing the usual round of college things, but the social side seems to have predominated during the last month or two. The first event was a tea, early in November, for our new chaperon, Mrs. McRae.

Then followed the big reception given by the alumnae and active chapter to celebrate the opening of our new house. From seven till eleven on Wednesday, November 18, we smiled our prettiest for the college students, the faculty, and our city friends. The house, too, was looking its best, and the blue dining room, with its blue and blue decorations particularly pleased us.

Our house manager, Maud Losee, made Thanksgiving dinner sound so attractive that not a single girl went home. Instead, several fathers and mothers came to visit, and we had Dr. and Mrs. Wallace with us. After the football game with Notre Dame, thirty-four sat down to a real Kappa turkey dinner.

The annual Christmas fair on December 5 brought us total receipts of sixty dollars towards our house fund. The most fun of the day came late in the evening when Martha Reed began a clever auctioneering of the few things that were left.

Instead of our customary Christmas tree party with gifts and verses for everyone, we decided to give some poor children a bit of Santa Claus. About half-past four on December 14 the girls came walking in with twenty little girls and boys, collected, with the aid of the Associated Charities, from all parts of the city. Such a good time as they had, admiring the tree and the fireplace and playing with themselves and our Kappa kitten. At six o'clock we served supper and afterwards Santa Claus brought them all presents. We started them home about half-past seven, thinking to ourselves that our party had been a greater success than ever.

Mrs. Katharine Tobin Mullin, Editor of The Key, who has been staying in Syracuse, has visited us in our new house.

Happy 1915, Kappa sisters!

Marian Pyle.

Beta Psi, Toronto University

Beta Psi is still in the midst of military preparations. Endless numbers of scarfs are being knitted by the girls for the soldiers, and other necessary articles that only women can make. Part of our time is also devoted to Red Cross work. Dr. Copp lectured on First Aid to the Injured and now we have to be prepared at any time to act as a wounded soldier in order to give practice to any girls wishing to demonstrate their efficiency in bandaging.

Our chapter is devoting every other meeting to sewing for the poor and at the same time we are being instructed on the war. The book we are reading is Bernhardi's *Germany and the Next War.*

We held our initiation this year at Muriel Wallace's. We are all delighted with our eight new sisters: Edith Patrick, Agnes Jenner, Von McConnell, Winnie Mason, Alice Hamill, Ronata Knechtel, Beatrice Winters, Marguerite Kempthorne.

Toronto University rugby team won the intercollegiate championship this year. Needless to say, excitement ran very high at the final game, which was played in Toronto.

Beta Psi is proud to announce their first baby, the daughter of Grace Lailey (Grace Grange).

Helen Paul was married to Mr. Abbs, and we are very glad she is to remain in Toronto.

Greetings to all Kappa sisters.

GERTRUDE MEREDITH.

GAMMA PROVINCE

GAMMA RHO, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

By far the most important event in the activities of Gamma Rho during the last few months was bidding day, December 5, when we bid seven girls and pledged every one: Helen Downing, Esther Emery, Helen Easterwood, Marion Klingler, Marion Miller, Dorothy Mason, and Louisa Smith. The girls were pledged at six o'clock, and immediately afterward they were ushered to the fraternity rooms where we had our annual pledge dinner. We sang the Kappa songs and did our best to entertain the freshmen and give them a good time.

For a number of years it has been our custom to give a progressive dinner every autumn. Last year a dinner party at the Saegertown Inn was given instead, but this year the old custom was resumed and on November 12 we entertained some of the college men at a progressive dinner which was held at four of the girls' homes. It proved a success and I think that all of us will vote for one next year, too.

We had a Christmas party on Saturday night, December 12. Our rooms looked festive with all the gay trimmings and the Christmas tree standing in one corner in all its glory. Beneath its branches were piled the presents, jokes of course, accompanied by appropriate verses. We had a great deal of laughter and fun when the packages were opened and the poetic efforts read aloud.

I am sure that every one of us gladly welcomed the Christmas vacation this year which began December 18. Three weeks without any lessons ought to revive us sufficiently to go back and start the new year with redoubled vigor.

ELEANORE GILL.

BETA UPSILON, UNIVERSITY OF WEST VIRGINIA

Louise Stealy, '13, of Clarksburg entertained Katherine Kumler, Louise Kumler, and Anna Mary Marshall at a house party during the week of the Marietta-West Virginia football game November 21. Pauline

Musgrave, '13, entertained for them with a delightful card party during their visit.

After the Thanksgiving game at Fairmont, Ethel Hoult gave a supper for all the Kappas who attended the game. Once more we had to witness our rivals West Virginia Wesleyan carry away the victory. We are living until next Thanksgiving for revenge.

Mrs. C. Edmond Neil entertained Helen Tavener and Harriet Perkins in her pretty home during the Thanksgiving vacation.

We have been honored this semester by having two of our girls, Myra Nefflen and Anne Elliott, invited into English Club.

Louise Kumler, '14, of Norwalk, Ohio, has been elected to fill a vacancy in the Morgantown schools. We are all delighted to have her with us again.

At last, Freddie—Mrs. George Vieweg, our new bride—is in her attractive new home in South Park.

Acting-President and Mrs. Trotter gave a reception to the students Tuesday evening, December 15. Nelle Steele, '10, Mrs. Trotter's niece, assisted.

Semester examinations loom up before us and invitations are to be sent out for our dance in February; yet, Beta Upsilon girls have time to wish all a most happy and prosperous New Year.

ANNA MARY MARSHALL.

LAMBDA, MUNICIPAL UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

Lambda has had a successful rushing season this year. We were allowed only one party, and that was a house party at Jo Joy's home. Friday night we had dinner at the Portage Country Club, then went back to Jo's, where we entertained the rushees with a vaudeville show, much of which was probably borrowed from convention. Saturday we drove to Cleveland in machines to see the play, "Seven Keys to Baldpate." We had dinner Saturday night at Jo's, after which we sang a while, and then danced until time to go home. Tuesday afternoon, November 17, we pledged five splendid girls, Charlene Fiebeger, Arminta Henne, Dorothy Hunter, Ruth Theiss, and Frances Whigam. After the pledge service we had a spread and sang Kappa songs.

Following the Reserve game the active chapter and some of the alumnae were invited to Helen Farst's for supper, and Thanksgiving morning our alumnae gave us a breakfast in the fraternity rooms.

The Thursday before vacation we had our Christmas spread. Several out of town Kappas were there and gave most liberally to our house fund. One of the pleasant features of the meeting was a letter from Catherine Blanchard announcing her engagement to Mr. A. J. Joy of Akron. Catherine was called home a short time ago on account of the illness of her mother, but we hope to have her back again after the holidays.

Lambda is very proud of her scholarship this year, for last month all relative grades of all the organizations at the university were pub-

lished in the *Buchtelite,* and Kappa headed the list with the lowest percentage of failures. We are now working hard to keep this record, for the spirit of rivalry is abroad, and it will not be easy to hold our own.

Catherine Blanchard is president of the Dramatic Club, and Anne Allen is secretary of the junior class.

Juliette Allen entertained at an afternoon party during the holidays.

The chapter sends best wishes for a Happy New Year to all Kappas.

JULIA HARDIE.

BETA NU, OHIO STATE UNIVERSTY

The last two months have proved an uneventful period for Kappas at Ohio, and with the exception of our annual Christmas party, we have done nothing of importance. On the day before Christmas we gathered together twenty-five or more poor children, and took them to the Woman's Union for a party. The girls had previously trimmed several trees, one for each family represented, and collected clothes, provisions and toys for the children. They were all poor and ragged, and most of them dirty. Although it meant not a little time and work to prepare a happy Christmas for them, we were amply repaid in their happiness and pleasure.

At Thanksgiving time, a carnival was held at Ohio in commemoration of the founding of the University. All fraternities and other organizations in school took some part in the carnival. Kappa did her share by taking charge of a booth, and raised a larger sum of money than any of the other participating organizations.

During the holiday vacation we had a number of out-of-town Kappas as visitors and were glad to welcome back many of the alumnae who had been away during the fall.

Beta Nu always holds meeting every other Saturday night and after adjournment a spread is held. We extend a hearty invitation to any visiting Kappas to attend these meetings.

EDNA M. ROGERS.

BETA RHO, UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

It was a great disappointment not to have our December letter arrive in time to be put in THE KEY, but I will try to tell in this one the most important things which have happened.

During the first part of the year, we held our meetings on Friday afternoon, instead of Saturday, because of the football games. But since Thanksgiving, they have been on Saturday and we have been busy planning our winter's work. Elections were held recently and the same officers were elected as before, with the exception of the treasurer.

In order to become better acquainted with the girls of other fraternities, each fraternity takes a turn entertaining the rest. Delta Delta Delta gave the first tea in October, Kappa Delta in November, Kappa Alpha Theta in December, and we intend to have ours in January.

According to Pan-Hellenic ruling each fraternity is allowed three rush parties, time to be set by Pan-Hellenic and expenses to be limited. Our first party fell on the day of the freshman-sophomore contests and football game, so we postponed this, or rather did not have it at all, in order that the freshman girls might attend. Our next one was held on November 28, at Louise Devou's. The house was decorated with pink rosebuds, and looked charming. About fifty were present and we all had a very enjoyable time. We played cards, then a luncheon was served. After that we all sang Kappa songs. Our next party is in January and after that we expect to have a number of new Kappas.

On December 28, we gave our annual dinner dance, and on New Year's Day we have open house, which our local sorority has had for some time, and which Kappa is to continue. It is for the men's fraternities and the friends of the girls.

Last October the alumnae entertained the active chapter with a tea at Mrs. Hawley's. There we met many of the older ones we did not know before and became better acquainted with all.

During November some of our girls went up to Columbus to visit one of our members. While there they met some of their Kappa sisters and had a lovely time. They returned very enthusiastic over their visit.

Beta Rho sends sincere greetings and best wishes to all the chapters.

IRENE M. TAYLOR.

DELTA PROVINCE

MU, BUTLER COLLEGE

On December 12, we had our term party at Ruth Brayton's. On account of a faculty ruling, our freshmen were not permitted to attend, so we decided just to have a little house dance with only the chapter girls present. We had as a guest, Mary Tucker of Iota chapter. We had such a lovely time that we wanted to dance on until morning, but—we couldn't!

The next afternoon we all went over to the room—and I must say something about it before I go any farther. We have rented a lovely big room at Mrs. Graham's, at 5432 University Avenue, where we may go at any time and make ourselves at home. Well, on that afternoon, Mrs. Graham let us have the use of the entire first floor and we had a very informal "open house."

Of course, the last week of school was just full of all sorts of social events. Mrs. Payne entertained the active chapter and pledges on Thursday afternoon, at her home on Audubon Road in honor of her daughter, Mrs. Rolland Perkins of Omega chapter, Lawrence, Kansas. We were asked to bring any sewing we had to do and of course, we were glad to have an opportunity to work on our Christmas presents or on the dolls we had to dress for the Christamore Settlement. This we did very industriously, while Mrs. Perkins played and sang to us Kappa songs and Mrs. Payne read us a charming Christmas story.

On December 18 our pledges entertained us with a "kettle-drum." We had as our guests that evening Mrs. Rolland Perkins and Mrs. Graham and her two little sons. Each of us came bringing a present from the 5 & 10 cent store, with an original limerick about it. These gifts were numbered and we drew our "lot." We had a fine time but had to leave early to go over to the college chapel to an entertainment given by the I. T. S., a dramatic club of Butler. Mary Merker took the leading rôle in the playlet entitled "A Tale of a Dog," and Minnabel Morris Hunt was also in the musical program.

Saturday afternoon the Butler chapter were guests at the Christmas party of the Kappa Alumnae Club, at Mrs. Joe Rand Beckett's on Washington Boulevard. We all enjoyed ourselves immensely, as we always do at this annual affair.

We have all had a fine vacation but—"the worst is yet to come," for we are looking forward with great pleasure(?) to "exams." So don't expect to hear from Mu again till they are over!

LOUISE HUGHEL.

DELTA, INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Matriculation day at Indiana on September 29 brought strenuous rushing and by noon eleven brilliant pledges. We had our spike breakfast later and pinned on the blue and blue of which we are all so proud. We are pleased to introduce our new freshmen—Kathalen Stanley, Estella Rouse, Myla Thornburgh, Lucy Shattuck, Ruth Decker, Janet Miller, Dorothy Bell, Margaret Kanine, Helen Young, and Eunice Chamberlin. Kappa Open House was held October 17.

The Woman's League, which is a university organization, has received good support from Kappa and other sororities tending to promote democracy and good feeling between members of different sororities and unorganized girls. Parties and afternoon dances have been given which were successful. A friendship week was held for the girls of the university. A reception was given the first day, and several women sent out by the Y. W. C. A. lectured every evening.

Two Kappas were elected to English Club; six to French Club; and one to Writers' Club. Alieda Van Vessen was chosen to be a member of Phi Beta Kappa, of which fact we are very proud.

The Union, a university organization for men, was able to include in its series of entertainments Maude Adams in "The Legend of Leonora" which was a treat to the students.

Of course, you must hear about *Spec*, Delta's term paper which affords everyone a chance to tell a good joke on some sister. We usually have our Christmas party and *Spec* the last week before examinations, but this year in place of having a tree and distributing gifts, we gave the amount of money that we usually spend, to the Red Cross Fund for the purpose of helping feed and clothe Belgian soldiers. Final examinations

found every girl digging hard and we hope to have a higher scholarship standing this term.

I know every one has had a happy Christmas and I only hope that the new year will bring a new joy into every Kappa's heart.

JUNE VIRGINIA FRY.

BETA CHI, UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Beta Chi on November 1, pledged seven girls, and the result was pleasant to everybody concerned.

Another event of importance to us was the marriage of one of our charter members, the Grand Secretary, Mary Rodes to Mr. William Leaphart of Missoula, Montana, on December 29. The wedding was at Forest Park, the bride's home, with Elizabeth Rhodes as maid of honor, and other Kappas as bridesmaids.

After the holidays the girls in the chapter all came back with many things to tell of good times they had enjoyed. We were a little sorry to return to work, but soon became interested again. Our chief undertaking is the effort to get a fraternity house. This has been our wish for several years, but so far we have not met with success.

Our examinations are to take place the last of January and at that time we will need the good wishes of all our Kappa sisters.

MARTHA WILLIS.

EPSILON PROVINCE

BETA DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

All that we can think or talk now, of course, is vacation. It is the end and aim of all our hopes. Things have happened in the meantime, but they fade into insignificance beside this all-important fact.

Our house party for the freshmen was a success. We gave them a "stunt" party one might, and the next day they had a very clever take-off on the girls in the house. So for once we saw ourselves as others see us.

On the night of November 20 we gave our formal freshman dance. We were certainly proud of our freshmen that night and glad to introduce them to "society." The day following was initiation, and now our number includes Christina Stringer, Henrietta Rowe and Carmen Graves.

The next event of interest, of course, was Thanksgiving vacation. Some of the girls that live near went home but there were a good many left, and we had the best of Thanksgiving dinners here at the house.

Sunday, December 6, we started asking members of the faculty to dine with us. Professor and Mrs. Winter of the Greek department were the guests that day.

This year, as always, we had a Christmas party, but instead of buying presents, we wrote the verses, and gave the money to the house. We did this because we want to have tea Sunday afternoons; and to have tea, we must have cups and several things that we don't possess at present. Miss

Hills, our chaperon, helped us in this by starting a set. She gave us half a dozen cups and saucers. Mrs. Bouche also presented us with two cut glass dishes. A short time ago Mrs. Cornwall, who was visiting Miss Hills gave us a lovely mahogany and glass tray.

Besides presents for ourselves, there was a little sewing done for the children of Ann Arbor, and for those in Europe who are suffering at this time.

ELIZABETH PLATT.

KAPPA, HILLSDALE COLLEGE

So much has happened since my last letter that I hardly know what to write about first.

Of course, our progressive dinner was a big success. After the first course at Bess Goodrich's a picture was taken, and we went to Gladys Hayes's, where huge chrysanthemums on the tables made most effective decorations. In striking contrast to this was the color scheme at Marion Willoughby's where bitter-sweet and autumn leaves decked the house. Tiny owls were perched upon the tumblers and with the lights turned low we sang several songs to our Kappa bird. After the last course at Doris Mauck's, we finished a most enjoyable evening with singing.

The Saturday before Thanksgiving we pledged five new girls. Helen Crum, Frances Mauck, Winifred Smith, Rachel Rosenthal, and Narcia Lawton. We felt that we surely had a great deal to be thankful for.

We were just as pleased to add Mary McConnel to the other pledges the week after vacation.

In an account of the Hillsdale College Alumni Association banquet at Washington, we were proud to read that Edna Smith gave a brilliant toast to her own class of '14.

We entertained the alumnae patronesses and mothers a few weeks ago at an informal reception to meet our pledges. Mrs. Harvey, who has recently returned from China, gave us an exquisite tray which she had brought home with her.

Although five dollars was but little, we were glad to add our tiny share toward the Christmas ship.

Grace Van Aiken recently gave us a long hoped for decoration for our room—a beautiful Kappa leather.

Eight or ten of the girls who were in town during Christmas vacation entertained at supper in the fraternity rooms.

Kappa chapter joined the "Good Fellow" movement here, and took great pleasure in filling several boxes and baskets to make a happy Christmas for some of the poor children in town.

HELEN GOODRICH.

ZETA PROVINCE

CHI, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Chi chapter has spent a gay and busy autumn. The worries of entertaining in a small house, the intense excitement of rushing and pledge day, together with the problems of keeping up in our work and still

follow along with the proper and necessary festivities, has made it doubly hard.

Our tea, after the Minnesota-Wisconsin football game was a great success, if one can judge by the number of people who called. To add to our pleasures of the Wisconsin week-end, we entertained eight girls from the Eta chapter, who came down for the game. Needless to say, we fell in love with all of them, so taking it altogether, the Minnesota-Wisconsin game this year brought us much pride (of course we were victorious) and a great deal of pleasure.

This year, due to the sad death of the Pan-Hellenic, it was decided that but one rushing party would be given. Of course, we put our best efforts into this one party, and I think it was voted a huge success by everyone. Mrs. Earle Luce, one of our alumnae, took almost entire charge of it. We rode from four o'clock in the afternoon till eight o'clock in the evening on the Luce electric train. We had a wonderful afternoon, and at six o'clock a course dinner was served us. When we landed again in Minneapolis, we were taken to another kind alumna's home, Frances Andrews, and here we danced until eleven o'clock. A few days after this party "silence week" began and lasted over Thanksgiving vacation.

December 1 was pledge day and we are doubly satisfied with our efforts of the whole fall. We pledged eight girls: Helen Strong, Marian Webster, Claire Shenehon, Ruth Landers, Helen Garrigues, of Minneapolis, Dorothy Seymour of St. Paul, Eleanor Widell of Mankato, and Josephine Catherwood of Austin, Minnesota. Since then we have pledged Edith Pope, a Minneapolis girl.

There has been, unfortunately, a lack of interfraternity friendship at Minnesota, especially among the girls, and an effort is now being made to overcome this. Thursday night has been set aside as visiting night for the different sororities. On this night two girls from each sorority are entertained at another house at dinner and for the evening. In this way we are gradually going to become better acquainted with those outside our own sorority. So far, every one of our girls has spent very enjoyable evenings at other houses, and we hope our visitors have had as good a time at ours.

Just now we are making great preparations for our big reception and dance on New Year's day. Whether it will be as successful as in previous years remains to be said, and I shall tell you about it in my next letter to you all.

LILLIAN M. SEYFRIED.

ETA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Christmas and two weeks of vacation are before us! Snow and cold weather have given us all lots of Christmas spirit, so that for the past week we have all been fairly bubbling over.

Early this morning we had our Christmas tree. About six o'clock we were awakened by sounds of Christmas carols floating in upon us. At

first they seemed dim and far away, but as we gradually became mindful of where we were, the singing grew nearer and more clear. Then we suddenly realized that this was the morning for the Kappa Christmas tree, and we lost no time in scrambling out of bed, and getting ready to go downstairs. Four of the girls had arisen very early and gently awakened the whole house by going through the halls singing these lovely old Christmas carols. After we were all assembled in the downstairs hall, the doors of the chapter room were thrown open and before us we saw a brilliant Christmas tree reaching almost to the ceiling. We rushed in and gathered around the tree. Then suddenly one of the windows was raised; we heard the tinkle of a bell; and a head appeared! In a moment old Santa Claus came climbing in through the window carrying two packs of presents. Each girl received a joke present in one form or another, together with some little verse particularly fitting. After the mock presents had been delivered and we all had read our verses, we had a kitchen shower for Janet Vinje, '13, whose engagement to Arthur Taylor, '12, a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon, is announced, and whose wedding is to take place during the holidays. By this time breakfast was almost ready, so we all went upstairs to collect ourselves preparatory for breakfast and eight o'clock classes. The chapter received a wonderful plum pudding from Mrs. Lamb, one of the Madison alumnae.

Last Saturday afternoon, December 12, the freshmen gave their annual stunt. It was a short play, "Alice in Kappa Land," in three acts, and was most cleverly and aptly carried out. Several good Kappa songs were introduced.

On Friday evening, December 4, we gave our faculty reception.

We have another new pledge to introduce to the Kappas, Genette Pixley of St. Joseph, Michigan, who is a freshman in the University.

Last week-end Florence Buckstaff and Carolyn Allen, '13, came up to the freshman stunt.

Eta sincerely wishes all the Kappas a most happy, prosperous New Year.

IRENE JENNINGS.

UPSILON, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

The University Circus is the largest college event that has happened recently. It was under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. and was a splendid success. It was held in the Patten Gymnasium. The most popular part of it was the sorority relay race in which four men represented each sorority. If cheering could have won the race, we surely would have come out ahead, but Alpha Gamma Delta carried off the loving cup.

As a result of a series of Pan-Hellenic meetings, sophomore pledge day has had to retire in favor of a late spring pledge day. March 13 has been set for this year. We were opposed to the change, and were sorry that sophomore pledging could not have been given a longer trial.

The North Shore Alumnae Association and the Chicago Alumnae Association are happy in being able to meet together once a month in the Chicago College clubrooms in the Stevens Building. The last Wednesday in every month is Kappa Day in Chicago, and this will afford a splendid opportunity for the active chapter and alumnae chapters to become better acquainted.

Bishop Henderson of Chattanooga, Tennessee, held a series of meetings at Northwestern last week, and we feel that we were fortunate to be able to hear him. Miss Bruner held special meetings for the women at the same time, and we were very glad to know her, not only because of her charming personality, but because of the stimulating and very much needed advice she gave us. It is through the efforts of these two people that many Northwestern students have decided to "put Christ in the center of their lives."

The freshmen enjoyed a dance at the home of Minnie Anderson last week.

The alumnae entertained the active chapter at the home of Mrs. William Hoyt Schaeffer (née Helen McCarrell), on the evening of December 17, at a buffet supper. Afterwards the active chapter played Santa Claus, distributing something pretty to everyone present from a Christmas tree. We then all sat around a big grate fire and sang Kappa songs. It was our last gathering before the Christmas vacation and we were very sorry when it had to be broken up.

IRENE JENNINGS.

EPSILON, ILLINOIS WESLEYAN

We begin the new year with the help of nine freshmen of whom we are justly proud. We held initiation December 12 at the home of Nelle Beggs. Initiation was followed by a banquet at the Bloomington Club. There were fifty-six present. Our alumnae always turn out in strength at all our affairs and enter into our active spirit with wonderful enthusiasm. We all had a lovely time as we always do at initiation banquet.

The Friday before school closed we held our Christmas party. Instead of giving one another presents we all "chip in" and present our hall with something. This year it was electric lights. But we had a lovely Christmas tree for the "babies" and toys for all of us, and, I mustn't forget to add, a good supper.

Christmas brought us another pleasant surprise in the announcement of the engagement of Margaret Hunter and Len Jones. Mr. Jones is a Phi Gamma Delta. It is the culmination of one of those college romances in which we all are so intensely interested.

Plans have been started for a student council at Wesleyan. We are all backing this movement, and Lucile Hostetter is ably representing us. We hope it will go through.

Epsilon extends best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

NELLE BEGGS.

ETA PROVINCE

Beta Zeta, Iowa State University

Beta Zeta is enjoying her new home very much this year. This is our first year of sophomore pledging and it has proved strenuous, as we can never entertain more than five freshmen at the same time. We have had numerous parties, and at Christmas they were especially pretty. There were spreads and afterwards we had our tree. On December 2 we initiated Katharyn Kennedy, Margaret Kennedy, Beatrice Beim, Frances Brown and Irene Roseberry. Our alumnae gave us an initiation spread at the home of Dorothy Musser, after which we all went to hear Katharine Jewell Everetts read "The Blue Bird."

Our open house was on Sunday afternoon, December 6.

Beta Zeta extends to each of her Kappa sisters the wish for a very happy new year.

Hazel Kent.

Theta, University of Missouri

Greetings from Theta to all her sister chapters. Vacation came just in time this year; it always does, and Theta broke up for the holidays after a jolly Christmas tree at the house. Instead of giving one another individual presents we clubbed together to buy something for the house and our communistic present will probably be a new set of table silver. Owning our own domicile has made us a thrifty lot, and we are all saving together to fit it out in "more than oriental splendor," as Kipling says.

January 4 finds us back in classes, chasing the academic harder than ever before. January is a trying month—most of us are tried and found wanting. Mid-semesters loom in the offing, and what seemed to be "snap" courses in October turn out "trap" courses in February. Theta means to lift her academic standing this year, not that it was low before, but in one thing Kappa is pro-German; she believes in being "über alles." We are all toiling to that end. Upperclassmen help the freshmen and one another, and while we have a good average of talent this year, coöperation is doing wonders for us.

When the semester ends in February, we shall feel the loss of Marion Saunders, most efficient president of Pan-Hellenic, holder of offices too numerous to mention, and general pillar of the state. Her graduation will leave a mournful vacancy in the chapter.

May 1915 be a red-letter year for all of us. Hands across the railroad tracks!

Katharine Smith.

Omega, Kansas University

Omega has been as busy as usual this fall but we've managed to have plenty of good times also. One Monday night after fraternity meeting, the committee announced a general stunt night, and such a procession of

weird looking characters as were present! We had Buster Brown, Mary Jane, and a circus rider who turned cartwheels, not to mention a little boy in bloomers who was only five feet ten inches tall! We at least discovered much latent dramatic talent which we didn't know the chapter possessed.

November 14 three of our girls, Evelyn Strong, Madeline Nachtmann, and Virginia Lucas, had a very enjoyable visit with the girls of Sigma. They were so hospitable that they fell in love with the whole chapter.

November 21 we in turn were glad to welcome the girls from Theta who came for the Kansas-Missouri game: Frances Maxwell, Jeanette Maxwell, and Katherine Wells.

December 10 we held initiation for the following pledges: Bessie Stewart, Louise Bierer, Ruth Horton, Katherine Fogarty, Marjorie Rickard, Beulah Ayres, and Clelia Gillette. A banquet followed with toasts from the alumnae and actives.

Just before we went home for vacation we had our annual Christmas dinner. This included not only the dinner, but a real Christmas tree with bells and tinsel, pop corn, fruit and candy, and lots of presents for the girls and for the house itself. Last but not least, we were entertained by a clever farce given by the freshmen.

Omega wishes all chapters a happy and prosperous New Year.

VIRGINIA W. LUCAS.

SIGMA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Our Christmas dance was held December 5, and we are still elated over its great success. There were fifteen rushees at the house, and the prospects for next year are favorable.

We had a big surprise on the night of our Christmas tree, when the out of town alumnae sent us a splendid new library table, and the resident Kappas brought us loads of good things to eat. We have varied our usual Christmas giving by having a big box in which each of us puts a present which is drawn out by number. It is no end of fun and practical, as well.

The engagements of Ruth Baker to Jack Clark, Phi Kappa Psi, and Irene Bailey to Walter Lauback, Sigma Chi, have been recently announced.

During the Kansas game we were glad to have three of the Omega girls with us, Virginia Lucas, Evelyn Strong and Madeline Nachtman. Several of our girls attended the Iowa game, and came back with enthusiastic reports of the chapter at Iowa City.

The university removal question has been settled during this session of the legislature, and it is to remain on the present site, with an extended campus. It will be necessary to clear several blocks to give sufficient room, and the Kappa Alpha Theta house has to be removed. Fortunately we are out of the danger zone, in our new house.

The girls are all back after the holidays, cramming for the finals which are due in a week.

Sigma wishes a most successful year to Kappas, near and far.

DOROTHY STEPHENS.

BETA MU, COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

Beta Mu has been studying hard this year. The trustees are raising the standard of the University, and the students are all finding it harder than ever before.

On November 20 the dramatic club gave "The Importance of Being Earnest," in which Edith Culver took one of the leading parts. On the twenty-first we had a dance at the house. We did not have any refreshments at the dance, but gave the money which would be used for that to the Belgian relief fund of the University. The Σ A Es in their usual clever way, took pity on the men at the dance, and sent down a basket of sandwiches, fruit, and cigarettes. We had a bank at the house for the Belgian fund also, besides making warm dresses and petticoats for the Belgian children.

The alumnae and those of the active chapter who were in Denver gave a Christmas party for some poor children. They had a famous time, and each received a gift.

Orion Henry entertained all the freshmen at a luncheon in her lovely home.

We had our annual Christmas tree on the Thursday before vacation. Every girl received a present and a none too complimentary verse. The freshmen had to write long poems and recite them. They were all dressed as babies, and I might say, although this is entirely confidential, you understand, that some of their poems were quite good—for freshmen.

We have initiation on February 20.

Best wishes for the New Year. EDITH N. BREWSTER.

THETA PROVINCE

BETA THETA, UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Since our last letter, Beta Theta has been honored by several social functions, welcoming her into the Greek world of the Oklahoma University. One of the most delightful of these was a reception given in her honor by the Woman's Local Pan-Hellenic Association. In the receiving line, stood first the members of the Pan-Hellenic Council and then the active members of Beta Theta and her pledges. Refreshments were served to the callers by the pledges of the other sororities.

The Sigma Chi fraternity entertained for us with a very enjoyable house dance, chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Dwight.

Mrs. Dwight, Beta Mu, entertained the chapter and pledges at her home one Monday night after our regular meeting. The evening was delightfully spent in singing our Kappa songs that "dearer grow each day."

OKLAHOMA GIRLS INITIATED AT DENVER CONVENTION

Top row, left to right—Perrill Munch, Mary Aline Pelphrey, Floy Elliott
Middle row, left to right—Lillian Ethel White, Nellie Jane McFerron
Bottom row, left to right—Florence Nellie Van Buskirk, Avis Caroline Barbour, Stella Ostenberg

On Saturday, December 7, Mrs. Monnet, Beta Zeta, entertained the chapter with an informal six o'clock supper. We were happy to have with us that night four of our "old" Sigma Tau members: Beulah Hurst and Katherine Shutts, both alumnae members of Beta Theta now; Vera Gorton, who is wearing the Kappa pledge pin, but whom we have not yet had opportunity to initiate; and Winnie Robey, who left school before we became Kappas.

Beta Theta has enjoyed during the last two months, visits from several of our out-of-town friends and relatives. Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Snedeker, Mrs. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Boylan, little Margy Lois Boylan, Mrs. Pelphrey, and Ruth Pelphrey have all paid us brief visits. Our chaperon of last year, Mrs. Totten, also spent an evening with us.

One Saturday evening, we entertained the Sigma Chi fraternity at cards. We enjoyed singing together our college and fraternity songs. We also entertained our friends of the Sigma Nu and Beta fraternities, Sunday from five-thirty to seven-thirty, with an informal buffet supper.

Beta Theta is very proud of her two new pledges, Ruth Lowe of Shawnee and Maude Walker of Norman. They fit in so nicely in our little Kappa family.

We have initiated Annie Laurie Robey, Alma Clark, and Miss Charlie Nickel, our chaperon.

The pledges of Kappa Alpha Theta entertained the Theta active chapter with a dance, to which they invited two representatives from each sorority. Dorothy Snedeker represented our pledges and Aline Pelphrey, the active chapter.

The Woman's Local Pan-Hellenic Association called an open meeting to discuss mutual problems of rushing and scholarship. Miss Church, Dean of Women, addressed the meeting, her subject being "The duties of fraternity women toward the school and the care of the pledges." The pledges of the different sororities, under the direction of Aline Pelphrey, furnished the entertainment. This consisted of (1) A Scene in the University Library, (2) The Aftermath of Pledge Court, and (3) An Original Drama entitled "On the Shores of Italy." Although not much was gained in the solution of our problems, we had a jolly good time together. All were asked to change seats between stunts and no two of the same sorority were allowed to sit together.

During the holidays a number of Beta Theta members and pledges enjoyed the pleasures of a house party given by Aline Pelphrey at her home in Shawnee. There the vacation passed with parties, dances, and dinners.

Santa Claus certainly remembered Beta Theta. We received a sorority decolog, beautifully mounted and framed, from Katherine Shutts, and four hand-embroidered pin cushions of the two blues from a Kappa sister, Ruth Pelphrey. Instead of exchanging gifts, the members of the active chapter all contributed towards a Kappa house gift. You can't imagine how proud we are of our new table linen and silverware.

Christmas vacation ends January 5 and then it is only four weeks until finals. These four weeks will be full of study and exhortations to our freshmen.

ALINE PELPHREY.

BETA XI, TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

So far this session has been pleasant but quiet for Beta Xi. After rushing season we settled down to the studious life.

In order to keep our pledges together and bring them closer to the fraternity, we encouraged them to organize. They meet every two weeks, and direct their efforts toward helping and improving the chapter.

During the Thanksgiving days we left our studies to help entertain the visiting alumnae. One of our pledges, Francis McQueen, led the Thanksgiving German.

We gave a tea Friday in honor of the visiting Kappas and our chaperon. That night we had an informal dance.

Francis McQueen is the first member of our chapter to be in the law department. She was recently honored by that body in being elected vice-president of the department.

Mary Batts, B A, '13, of Austin, is to be married January 14 to S. R. Aldridge, K A, of Dallas. We shall certainly miss her in Austin but she will be a strong addition to our body of Dallas alumnae.

Just before Christmas holidays we took the Santa Claus letters of the children of the Orphans' Home and played the part of Old Santy to these little waifs, and then helped toward making Christmas happy for the destitute children near the University. This is the first work of the kind that we have ever done, and the girls are much interested. We think that it is only the beginning.

For our own Christmas we gave new furnishings to the house instead of making presents to one another.

MARY FENET.

IOTA PROVINCE

BETA OMEGA, UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Beta Omega chapter initiated three of the new girls who were upperclassmen on November 13, 1914. These were: Pearl Reigard, Helen Carrett, and Ethel Loucks. Following the initiation a banquet was held in the chapter house. Very inspiring talks were given; among those was one by Mrs. Hamilton from Theta chapter, and one by Mrs. Eric Allen from Eta chapter. Caroline Dunstan, a Eugene alumna, who has since married Raymond Kerr of the United States Navy, and through whose efforts we are partly indebted for this chapter, gave us a history of our chapter from the beginning of the local organization up to the present.

You should have been here to see the surprised lot of girls who went into the dining room the other evening, and found a table beautifully decorated with red hearts and cupids, and discovered on the back of

their place cards the names Colton Meek and Rose Sieler. Has one of your girls ever thoroughly surprised you in this way? Colton Meek was graduated with the class of '13 and was a member of the local chapter of Phi Gamma Delta.

We have made arrangements to give a big dance on December 28 at the Multnomah Hotel in Portland. The alumnae in Portland have encouraged us and given us every possible aid so that we cannot help but feel that the dance will be a success. This is our first formal party in Portland and we are anxious that it shall be up to Kappa standard.

Before we left for the holidays we had a big Christmas tree, and Santa gave each two gifts with appropriate poetry. It was amusing and we surely enjoyed the evening together.

We Kappas in the far west wish each and all of you a very Happy New Year with success along every line.

MARION REED.

BETA PI, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Soon after the opening of the second semester will come pledge day. For the first time at the University of Washington, semester pledging has been given a real trial, and the nervous strain has told on both the sororities and the rushees. It will be a happy day when everything is settled, and the usual routine of college work can be taken up again. Each sorority has been allowed five dates with a freshman girl and in this day when individuality is the keynote of the hour, each one has tried to make its dates "different".

Pan-Hellenic at first decided to send all the bids to a lawyer, who in turn was to notify the rushees who received invitations. They would return a preferential list of the sororities, and he would send them the one invitation of the chapter that came highest on their list. In this way it was hoped to eliminate the factor of one girl claiming bids from a number of different sororities. This vote later was reconsidered, and it is probable that now the invitations will be sent through some neutral member of the faculty.

Saturday evening, November 14, Beta Pi gave an informal dancing party at the house. Though the high cost of living kept the expenses down very low, it did not in any way impair the good time we had. A few of us left in Seattle over the vacation gave an informal dance the Saturday night after college closed.

Thursday evening, December 17, when the freshmen were already worrying over their packing, and the older girls were making plans to burn the midnight oil over notebooks due before vacation, we gave a rushing party It was a formal Christmas dinner, from oysters to plum pudding, and later we had a Christmas tree Beta Pi sends best New Year's greetings to all the Kappas everywhere.

RUTH THOMPSON.

Beta Phi, University of Montana

For the first time our faculty has this year consented to allow the girls' fraternities to live in chapter houses so Beta Phi chapter is in its new home at 418 Daly Avenue. We were fortunate in finding a home so convenient to the University and so admirably suited to our needs, and since all of the girls are so congenial, we are enjoying this year more than ever. Our first social affair of the year was a "housewarming" tea at which over two hundred guests called. Then for rushing stunts: we have had an auto ride and a spread afterwards at Mrs. Weisel's, a dinner dance thirty miles up the Bitter Root at the Inn, and a progressive dinner served to seventy girls—active and alumnae Kappas—and freshmen whom we are rushing. The courses were served at four of our Kappa homes, and after the last course which was served at Dorothy Sterling's, a "take off" on a street carnival was cleverly enacted by some of the girls. The billiard rooms and attic were filled with booths and everything was represented, from the Minstrel Show to the Chamber of Horrors.

We were able to have our annual Christmas tree and spread here in our own home this year, and it was especially enjoyed for that reason. The beautiful leather davenport and chandelier, our Christmas presents, are much enjoyed.

Pledge day for the freshmen does not take place until the end of the first semester but we were able to pledge and initiate Edith Featherman, who came with sophomore credits from Northwestern, in October.

We are looking forward to the arrival of Mary McEachin Rodes, with a great deal of pleasure. Miss Rodes and Professor Charles Leaphart of the law department are to be married soon after Christmas.

Grace Mathewson, one of our juniors, has been elected to membership in Penetralia, a junior and senior honorary society.

On October 1 occurred the marriage of Cecile Johnson, ex-'15, to Mr. Roy Campbell, at the home of the bride. The rooms were most artistically decorated for the occasion, the color scheme carried out being green and white. Among her bridesmaids were Dorothy Sterling, Ann Rector, and Grace Rankin Kinney, and the other Kappas present made a long aisle through which the bridal party passed on its way to the bower where the ceremony was performed. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell left immediately for a trip through the West and are now at home at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Another marriage of especial interest to us was that of Abbie Lucy, ex-'12, to Mr. Allen Swift. The ceremony was witnessed only by the immediate families. Mr. and Mrs. Swift are making their home in Butte. The announcement party, given by Mrs. Lucy and Mrs. Thane to the active and alumnae members of Beta Phi chapter, was one of the prettiest and most enjoyable parties we have had this year.

Our girls, as usual, are proving themselves active in general University affairs. We are especially proud of Virginia Dixon, who had one of the leading parts in the University play for this semester, "The Silver Box."

Jessie Railsback.

KAPPA PROVINCE

Pi, University of California

This has been a very busy semester for Pi chapter, since it is no easy task to select new Kappas from the large number of girls who attend the University of California. The usual size of our chapter forbids the acquisition of many members from the freshman class who might prove desirable. Nevertheless eleven girls were pledged and were initiated October seventeenth. Many alumnae attended the initiation, among whom was our Grand President, Eva Powell.

After the ceremony a banquet was held in the Kappa house. Autumn foliage and flowers ornamented the long tables and toasts and songs were given by our own members and by the visitors. We were very glad to welcome various suggestions for the upbuilding and strengthening and beautifying of "our house" which typified the ideal structure of our fraternity.

On October twenty-ninth our eleven new members were formally introduced to the University community and other friends at a reception at the chapter house. Again we were privileged in having Miss Powell assist us in receiving. Since she resides in Berkeley it is possible to have her with us frequently to give us her excellent advice, and to help us in living up to the ideals for which we are all striving.

We were all delighted when Miss Powell brought Miss Broadhurst home with her after convention for a short visit. We followed with interest the accounts of the week at Estes Park, and from the inspiring talks which were given by the alumnae on their return we drew the enthusiasm which sends us forth to do all in our power to perpetuate the name and fame of Kappa.

We are proud of the honor conferred on Marian Hook, who was recently voted into Prytanean.

With best wishes from Pi chapter,

Sarah E. Gatch.

DIRECTORY OF MEETINGS

CHAPTERS

Any member of Kappa Kappa Gamma is cordially invited to attend meetings of the active chapters.

PHI

meets every Thursday afternoon at five o'clock at the chapter rooms, 236 Newberry Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

BETA ALPHA

meets Wednesday evenings at half-past seven at the Kappa room, 306 Women's Dormitory, University of Pennsylvania, 122 S. 24th Street, Philadelphia.

BETA IOTA

meets at seven-thirty on Wednesday evenings in a room set aside as a chapter room, in the girls' dormitories, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

PSI

meets in room 330 of Prudence Risley Hall, Ithaca, New York, every Saturday evening at eight o'clock.

BETA TAU

meets every Friday evening at seven-thirty o'clock in the chapter house at 907 Walnut Avenue, Syracuse, New York.

BETA PSI

meets every second Saturday at eight o'clock at the homes of the girls in the city. Definite information may be had by telephoning Miss Helen Scott, Hillcrest 227.

GAMMA RHO

meets every Saturday night at eight o'clock in the chapter rooms on the fourth floor of Hulings Hall, Meadville, Pennsylvania.

BETA UPSILON

meets each Tuesday evening at 6:45 at Peabody Hotel, Morgantown, West Virginia.

LAMBDA

meets every Thursday afternoon at three o'clock on the third floor of Curtice Cottage, girls' dormitory, on the campus of Akron University, Akron, Ohio.

BETA NU

meets at the homes of the different members in Columbus, Ohio, every other Saturday night.

BETA RHO

meets every other Saturday afternoon, at the homes of the girls.

IOTA

meets every Saturday night at seven o'clock at the chapter house on the corner of Bloomington and Anderson Streets, Greencastle, Indiana.

MU

meets every Tuesday afternoon at 2:15 at the homes of the Irvington girls. By calling Elsie Fult, Irvington 906, the place may be learned.

DELTA

meets every Monday evening at the chapter house in Forest Place, Bloomington, Indiana.

BETA CHI

meets on Thursday afternoon at four o'clock at the fraternity house on Maxwell Street, Lexington, Kentucky.

BETA DELTA

meets in the chapter house, on the corner of Church Street, 1204 Hill Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

XI

meets at half after seven o'clock on Saturday evenings, in the chapter rooms, in South Hall, Adrian College, Adrian, Michigan.

KAPPA

meets every Saturday night at seven-thirty in the chapter rooms at the college, Hillsdale, Michigan. Communicate through Marion Willoughby, 225 West Street. Telephone 171R.

CHI

meets every Monday at 5 p. m., at the chapter house, 1728 4th Street, S. E., Minneapolis, Minnesota. It may be reached from downtown district in about twenty minutes by the Oak and Harriet street car. Supper is served after meeting.

ETA

meets every Monday evening at seven p. m., at the chapter house, 425 Park Street, Madison, Wisconsin.

UPSILON

meets on Monday afternoon from five to six o'clock in Room 62, Willard Hall, Evanston.

EPSILON

meets on Monday afternoons at four-thirty in the Kappa Hall in the main building of the university. The last Saturday evening in each month Epsilon has a dinner at the Woman's Exchange at five-thirty for all Kappas.

BETA LAMBDA

meets every Monday evening in the chapter house, 502 Chalmers Avenue, Champaign, Illinois.

BETA ZETA

holds fraternity meetings at seven o'clock every Monday evening in the chapter house, 431 East Jefferson Street, Iowa City.

THETA

meets Monday evening at seven at the chapter house, 600 Rollins Street, Columbia Mission.

OMEGA

meets every Monday evening at seven o'clock at the chapter house, 1602 Louisiana Street, Lawrence, Kansas.

SIGMA

meets on Monday evening at seven-thirty o'clock at the fraternity house, 330 North 14th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

BETA MU

meets in the Kappa house, 1221 University Avenue, Boulder, Colorado, at seven on Monday evenings during the college year.

BETA THETA

meets Monday evenings at seven-thirty.

BETA XI

meets on Saturday at two o'clock in the chapter house at 2308 Rio Grande Street, Austin, Texas.

BETA OMICRON

meets every Friday afternoon at four o'clock.

BETA PHI

meets every Monday at four-thirty o'clock at the chapter house, 418 Daly Avenue, Missoula, Montana.

BETA PI

meets every Monday from four to six, at the chapter house, 4504 18th Avenue, North East, Seattle, Washington.

BETA OMEGA

meets every Monday evening at seven o'clock in the chapter house.

PI

meets every Monday evening, at seven-thirty, in the chapter room of the Kappa house, 2725 Channing Way.

BETA ETA

meets in the chapter house at Stanford University every Monday evening at seven-thirty.

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATIONS

Boston Association

meets the first Saturday of each month during the college year. For places of meeting address Miss Florence McArdle, 284 Park Street, Dorchester Center, Massachusetts.

New York Association

meets the third Saturdays of October, November, January, February, March and April at 1:00 o'clock at the homes of the members. Luncheon is served. For places of meeting address Mrs. Walter Wolf, 214 Park Place, Brooklyn, New York.

Philadelphia Association

meets once a month except in July and August, alternating Saturday afternoons and Tuesday evenings. For exact dates and places of meeting address Miss Sophia E. Foell, 5711 Kingsessing Avenue, West Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Phone, Woodland 4074L.

Beta Iota Association

meets in January, March, May and October, on the second Saturday in the month. For dates and places of meeting address Miss Susanne Willets, 219 Greenwood Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey.

Syracuse Association

meets once a month. For dates and places of meeting address Miss Georgia A. Wells, 10 The Cronin, Syracuse, New York.

Western New York Club

meets in January, March, May, June, September and November. For dates and places of meeting address Mrs. Byron A. Johnson, 511 Woodbine Avenue, Rochester, New York.

Columbus Association

meets monthly at "The Sign of the Samovar." For further particulars address Miss Josephine Neff, 162 W. 8th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

Pittsburgh Club

meets the second Saturday of October, December, February and April at 2:30 at McCreery's in the Tea Room.

Lambda Club

meets for luncheon the first Saturday of each month at one o'clock at the Portage Hotel. Miss Ruth Harter, 544 E. Market Street, Akron, Ohio, Secretary.

Franklin Nu Association

Mrs. Jessie Grubb Coons, 404 E. Pearl Street, Lebanon, Indiana.

Indianapolis Association

meets the third Saturday of each month. For places of meeting address Mrs. L. H. Millikan, 414 E. 17th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, ASSOCIATION

meets the first Monday of each month at the homes of the members. For places, address Miss Leafy Davis, 513 E. 8th Street, Bloomington, Indiana.

FALLS CITIES CLUB

meets the second Saturday in January, March, May, September and November. For places of meeting address Miss Alice Cary Williams, 1387 South Second Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

ADRIAN CLUB

meets once a month at the homes of the members. For places and dates address Miss Florence Louise Reynolds, 7 Broad Street, Adrian, Michigan.

CHICAGO ASSOCIATION

meets the last Wednesday of each month from November to March, in Room A, at the Chicago College Club, Stevens Building, 16 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago. The room will be open from 3 until 6 to all Kappas.

MILWAUKEE ASSOCIATION

meets the third Friday of each month from September to June at the homes of the members. For places of meeeting address Mrs. Nathan Wilkinson, 301 37th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, ASSOCIATION

meets twice a month from September to June. For places and dates address Mrs. Frank W. Phillips, 408 E. Monroe Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

MINNESOTA CLUB

meets the third Friday of each month. For places of meeting address Miss Mary Knight, 3220 Chicago Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

ST. LOUIS ASSOCIATION

meets for luncheon at one o'clock on the third Saturday of each month from October through June at the homes of the members. For places of meeting address Mrs. Robert G. Miller, 6041 Waterman Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

KANSAS CITY ASSOCIATION

meets the first Saturday of each month. For places of meeting address Miss Mira Luce, 327 N. Indiana Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

DENVER ASSOCIATION

meets the last Saturday of each month from September to June. For places of meeting, address Mrs. Kate Moore, 741 Elizabeth Street, Denver, Colorado.

IOWA CITY CLUB

meets the second Friday of each month at the homes of the members. Address Mrs. Willis Mercer, Iowa City, Iowa, for particulars.

LINCOLN CLUB

meets for luncheon at the Lincoln Hotel at 12:30 the second Saturday of each month.

OMAHA CLUB

meets the first Saturday of every month at the different homes. Call Miss Mary Alice Duval, 4902 Underwood Avenue, Dundee, Omaha, Nebraska, for definite place.

SEATTLE CLUB

meets the first Saturday of each month at the homes of the members. For places, address Miss Lois Bronson, 239 29th Avenue, N., Seattle, Washington.

PI ASSOCIATION

meets the first week of every second month beginning with January at a place and time varying according to the convenience of the members; also on the third Monday of each month from four to six, when tea is served, in the alumnae room of the Kappa house, 2725 Channing Way. For further particulars address Miss Helen Powell, 2703 Dwight Way, Berkeley, California.

LOS ANGELES ASSOCIATION

meets October 16, November 21, December 12, January 23, February 22, March 24, April 18, May 24, closing with a moonlight picnic some time in June. These meetings will be held at the homes of the members. For places address Mrs. Arthur M. Hadley, 325 South Westlake Avenue, Los Angeles, California. Telephone 51186.

SOUTH BEND ASSOCIATION

meets the third Monday in October, December, March, and May. For places of meeting, address Mrs. Eli F. Seebirt, 507 N. Saint Joseph Street, South Bend, Indiana.

NORTH SHORE ASSOCIATION

meets the first Wednesday of every month at the homes of the members. For places, address Mrs. C. E. Cromer, 1219 Oak Avenue, Evanston, Illinois.

THE ALUMNAE

SARAH B. HARRIS, ALUMNAE EDITOR

This department will be headed, hereafter, and beginning with this number, with a short message from some prominent alumna, who will endeavor to give to our alumnae readers a practical suggestion for strengthening the bond between the college girls and the alumnae. The first article is by Mrs. Harriet Blakeslee Wallace, the "Mother" of Beta Tau chapter, and known to Kappa nationally as first chairman of the scholarship committee and a faithful Kappa since 1884 when she was graduated from Syracuse University. Her suggestion is valuable because it is practical and because it has been found successful when tested.

A HINT TO FRATERNITY WOMEN

HARRIET BLAKESLEE WALLACE, *Beta Tau*

Fraternity stands for training, companionship and right development of character. How may intercourse between chapter and alumnae be made to materially contribute to these things?

In this era when everyone is crowded with work and social life, each has the great problem of apportioning her time so as to accomplish the most necessary things. We must therefore decide whether this matter of association between the older and younger Kappas is worthy of our time, for we can assuredly do nothing unless we put ourselves into it.

Girls in college are comparatively inexperienced, and will do far better when having the friendship and influence of older women. Deprived of the companionship of their mothers, there is nothing more to be desired than intimate contact with older sisters whose judgment and character must have strong influence. On the other hand, the older girls need the life and freshness of the younger to keep them young and in touch with the ever-changing viewpoint of college life.

To promote these friendships, let me offer a suggestion for serious consideration. Its adoption will involve some time and planning but will repay a thousand-fold. Let each alumna residing in the vicinity of a chapter invite the active girls, one or more at a time, to join her family at lunch or tea. Let it be done with absolute informality, and with no change from the

usual routine, giving the guest a one-of-the-family feeling. If both are busy let the visit be short, and it will be a burden to neither. If there are a number of alumnae who can do this, let them take a list of chapter members and divide the names so that every college Kappa is transplanted into a home at stated intervals during the college year. Then let the chapter who has a house or rooms appoint a committee who shall see that the alumnae are invited in return. Let the entertainment be most simple but accompanied by a "welcome home" spirit, and let it occur at such intervals as to be a burden to no one. The most delightful friendships will result.

Then let each alumna take one or more active girls as her especial charge, to look after her health, her finances, her scholarship or any especial need, and the alumna will by this means soon be fitted to act as the intimate friend and adviser of her charge. It is impossible to measure the help and benefit that may result to both.

To the chapter there is no other opportunity offered during college life that may be of more real value. To the alumna there are few pleasures in life that are so inspiring and satisfying.

No letters were received from the following Associations:

New York Association, Columbus Association, Franklin Nu Association, Boston Association. Pi Association.

Or from the following Clubs:

Iota Club, Western New York Club, Cleveland Club, Pittsburgh Club, Beta Gamma Club, Iowa City Club, Falls Cities Club, Adrian Club.

Beta Alpha Alumnae Association

The regular monthly meeting of Beta Alpha Alumnae Association on November 7 at the home of Mrs. Hay, in Bala, was followed on November 20 by the annual banquet of Philadelphia Kappas at the Colonnade Hotel. Seven chapters were represented by the forty Kappas who were present, and an added interest and pleasure was the presence of Miss Martha Willets, Grand Treasurer, who, among others, responded very ably to a toast.

The December meeting of B. A. Alumnae Association was held at the chapter room on the eighth of the month, and there was discussed again the desire that appears frequently from one point of view or another, a desire that is doubtless shared by other alumnae associations and other chapters,—that is, to make the fraternity an effective factor, an unquestionably advantageous factor, in college life and in the community at large.

Beta Alpha extends to all cordial good wishes for the year of 1915.

Beta Iota Alumnae Association

When a postal card, a friendly warning, was received carefully stating, "News Letters and Personals are due December 20 for the February number of The Key", I knew at once only jottings under the latter heading could go this time from Beta Iota Alumnae Association. For since the last letter, we have had no association meetings or festive gatherings about which to report in a "news letter".

Grace Stevenson Chapman (Mrs. A. Wright Chapman), ex-'97, who has been living since her marriage in an apartment in Brooklyn, has moved to an attractive home at 160 Hicks Street, Brooklyn. The house is the old home of Mr. Chapman and they have taken much pleasure in remodeling and refurnishing it.

Helen Marshall Potter (Mrs. Wm. Potter), ex-'99, whose husband is a marine artist, has been spending two years in England, where Mr. Potter has been painting. But both have this fall returned to New York.

In September, 1914, a daughter was born to Adelaide Halkutt Kershaw (Mrs. Wm. F. Kershaw), ex-'06, of Ridley Park, Pa., whose name is Margaret.

Katherine Kessler Corbett (Mrs. M. Quay Corbett), ex-'10, and Mr. Corbett, who have been living in Baltimore, Md., are taking an extended trip in the West and will probably make their home in one of the western states.

Helen R. Parker, '11, has issued invitations for a bridge party December 28, in honor of the three fall Beta Iota brides, Mrs. John Wood, '11 (Elizabeth Cadwallader), Mrs. Clifford Hunt (Edith H. Baker, '11), and Mrs. Raymond Storb (Loraine Fitch, '12). I am sorry I cannot tell you all about the party—who was there, what we had to eat, etc.—but this letter must be sent off before the festive day arrives.

November 14 was an important day for A. Loraine Fitch, '14, as it was the date fixed upon for her marriage to Raymond Storb, Swarthmore '12, Phi Psi. Dorthea Fitch was maid-of-honor, while five of the bridesmaids were Kappas; they were Helen R. Parker, '11, Elisabeth H. Bartlett, '12, Anne S. Haines, '12, Phebe Lubens, '12, Marguerite Reeves, '14. It was a typical Phi Psi affair, for the best man and most of the ushers were Phi Psis, the bride and her attendants carried sweet-peas, and the color scheme was lavender and pink. The bride and groom, having returned from a pleasant trip to Florida and Cuba, are living in their apartment at Pottstown, Pa.

Two cards, edged in pink, have been received, the larger one bearing the names of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Cadwallader (née Laura Parry), ex-'11, and the smaller with the name Thomas Sidney Cadwallader 2nd, and the date November 19, 1914.

Here endeth the bits of news for this year. May the New Year hold much happiness and success for all Kappas—both active and alumnae.

Susanne Yardley Willets.

Syracuse Alumnae Association

Greetings! On November 18 at our new chapter house occurred our reception and house warming. The house was open both afternoon and evening. About six hundred invitations were sent out to the faculty, alumnae and friends.

Saturday evening, December 5, was held the monthly meeting of the alumnae at the chapter house. At this time the active girls had their annual Christmas sale of fancy goods.

Jessie Peck, '88, of Chicago, is still in Munich, Germany, where she has been for several years studying music.

On Tuesday, December 29, will occur our annual Christmas meeting, at which time the active girls who are in the city will be our guests.

Georgia A. Wells.

Kansas City Alumnae Association

The Kansas City Alumnae Association devoted its December meeting to an effort to help Mercy Hospital, an institution for the care of children who could not otherwise be given the treatment of which they are in need. Fruit, clothing, and foodstuff of all kinds were given, and about twenty-five dollars, which it was voted to spend for blankets. A thorough investigation was made, and this seemed the most worthy object we could find for which we could try to furnish a little of true Christmas joy.

We have gained several new members this fall, and the coming year under an enthusiastic new administration promises to be a good one. May it be a very pleasant and prosperous one for all the members of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Our President of last year, Margaret Elston, became Mrs. Donald S. Witter in June.

Myra Hayes Luce.

Cincinnati Alumnae Association

On November 28 Miss Edna Baum was the charming hostess of the alumnae chapter. Mrs. C. L. Horten led a very interesting discussion on "Household Arts", which enlightened many of us as to just what is meant by "household arts", and what progress the University of Cincinnati and other institutions are making along this line.

Our last meeting was with the active chapter on December 12. We heard discussed the plans for the Christmas dance, the open house, and the next rush party, but what interested us most was the idea of having a Pan-Hellenic cup to be presented to the fraternity having the highest scholastic standing for two successive years. The alumnae were in favor of this plan, and our Pan-Hellenic representative was instructed to urge its adoption. After the closing of the meeting, Kappa songs were enthusiastically sung, and stories told of "when we were in college".

Alice V. Stephens.

South Bend Association

Our President, Mrs. Homer J. Miller, who has been forced to take a rest cure, has sufficiently recovered so that she was able to have the December meeting of the South Bend Kappa Kappa Gamma Association at her home.

As a surprise to the members Mrs. Miller had arranged a very clever and original entertainment, the nature of which was an intercollegiate track meet. The events were open to members from five Universities. Mrs. William Happ carried off most of the honors and received a lovely silver loving cup, marked with K K Γ.

Altogether it was a most enjoyable afternoon. We had present on that day a new member in our association, Mrs. William G. McGlothlin, Iota. Mrs. McGlothlin's coming into our association makes our number, ten. Even though our association is small, we are all very enthusiastic and hope to be able to do something worth while, both for Kappa Kappa Gamma and our fellow men. Each member naturally feels enthusiastic and loyal. And this enthusiasm and loyalty is increased by the wonderful ability of our President, Mrs. Miller, for we all realize that it was through her efforts that our organization became what it is.

It has been decided that a luncheon will be given in March. The arrangements for this luncheon are not yet completed, but we hope to have with us at this affair, any Kappas from neighboring cities who care to join us.

The citizens of South Bend have felt the need and desire to do charitable work this year on a larger scale than usual. Several new organizations and ventures have been made and all have met with success. The larger organizations have been combined into a federation of charities in order that more accurate work may be accomplished. Each Kappa in South Bend is connected with some one of these charities and has done her share in making the federation a success. Several are working for the Visiting Nurse Association, several for the Anti-Tuberculosis League, and several for the Municipal Christmas Tree, which we are to have in South Bend for the first time, this year. Mrs. Miller has charge of the decorating of the tree.

The South Bend Association wishes to send the season's greetings to all Kappas.

Edith Gunn Seebirt.

Chicago Alumnae Association

The Chicago Alumnae Association has undergone a revolution this year. The luncheons which have been held at Field's for several years have been discontinued, and a tea and dinner at the Chicago College Club have been inaugurated. We rent a room from the College Club which is open to all Kappas from three o'clock till six the last Wednesday in each month. Tea is served at four o'clock, and for those who cannot come for tea, six o'clock dinner is served in one of the Club dining rooms.

We wish to acknowledge that our Kappa Day at the College Club would have been impossible without the support of Miss Harris, Grand Vice-president, and the coöperation and financial assistance of the North Shore Association and the active chapter at Northwestern University.

The first meeting under the new plan in November was an enthusiastic success. Nearly fifty Kappas were present in the afternoon and twenty stayed for dinner. During the tea hour, Miss Sarah B. Harris, Grand Vice-president, talked on the 1914 Convention. Dr. Sarah Hobson poured at a table decorated with blue and blue ribbons and owl candlesticks. Some of us had not seen the colors for—well, never mind how many years.

Irma Hutzel, Beta Delta, and Esther Wheeler, Sigma, are living at the Young Women's Christian Association.

We have four brides who have come to Chicago this fall: Mrs. M. C. Martin (Clara L. Trueblood, Beta Delta), 5428 Woodlawn Avenue; Mrs. E. C. Taylor (Betty R. Ince, Beta Delta), 5404 Woodlawn Avenue; Mrs. D. P. Green (Ella K. Porter), 1128 E. 54th Place; and Mrs. A. E. Walker, Gamma Rho, 1318 Granville Avenue.

Our new card catalog shows 275 Kappas living in Chicago and its suburbs.

Dr. Sarah M. Hobson, Phi, is editor of the *Journal of the American Institute of Homeopathy.*

Mrs. B. B. Howard (Lucille Jones, Beta Lambda), of Paris, may be addressed at 5316 Woodlawn Avenue until the war is over.

Miss Ada D. Steele, 5716 Dorchester Avenue, is District Superintendent for the United Charities in South Chicago.

Miss Marion Casterline, Eta, 4603 N. Paulina Street, is a student at the Chicago Normal School.

Mrs. C. S. Pillsbury (Eleanor Beardsley, Beta Lambda), has recently come to Chicago. Her address is 7135 Yale Avenue.

ELIZABETH TROWBRIDGE MARSTON.

NORTH SHORE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Mrs. V. E. Ellstrom (Eva Roberts), assisted by Mrs. C. E. Cromer (Ethel V. Hard) and Miss Dorothy Sage, entertained the North Shore Alumnae Association at its December meeting. After luncheon the program committee had arranged the following entertaining program:

Songs, by Mrs. Carl Odell ("Fritzie" Steever).

Reading, by Mrs. J. B. Wescott (Mary Hotchkiss).

Book Review, by Miss Dorothy Sage. "Secrets of the German War Office" by Dr. Armgaard Karl Graves was the book which Miss Sage reviewed in a most interesting way.

Current Events. Mrs. Pattee discussed the effect of the war on the status of women.

Report from the first "Kappa Day" at the Chicago College Club, by Miss Margaret Raymond.

We are glad to welcome Frances Steever Odell back to our Association after several months in her Florida home.

The engagement of Lois Williams to George Nelson, Sigma Chi, is announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Jamieson Handy announce the birth of a son.

Our Association is suffering a great loss in the moving of Florence Speck Ferry to Kansas City, where Mr. Ferry's business is now located.

Ella Bradley Foster and family are spending the holidays in California with Edith Bradley Lamb.

Clara Harris is in the Presbyterian Hospital Training School for Nurses in Chicago.

Marion Burnette, 1911, was married to Mr. David Linton Vail, Beta Theta Pi, 1912, on December 9, in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Miss Sarah Harris, our Grand Vice-president, was maid-of-honor. Mr. and Mrs. Vail will live in Milnor, North Dakota.

Miss Leita Murdock has returned from Berlin, where she has been studying violin, accompanied by her sister, Miss Mora Murdock, who had been abroad for further piano instruction.

Miss Dorothy Sage has also returned from the war zone and is an active member of our Association.

Helen McCarrell Schaeffer opened her home to the active chapter for their annual Christmas party, at which several of the alumnae furnished and served the supper. The active girls rewarded them with very handsome gifts from the tree.

Miss Sarah Harris, Grand Vice-president, is in the Dean's office at Northwestern University. Margaret Raymond has been helping in the same office during the holiday rush.

Edith Foster is connected with the Juvenile Protective Association in Milwaukee, and Miss Margaret Clark is interested in the same line of work in Des Moines, Iowa.

Hazel Sue Markley is in the Philippines teaching this year.

Mrs. Frances Bowdle Douglas is the mother of a fine boy, born last August, in Cleveland.

Ethel Templeton Morrow, whose home has been in Oakmont, Pa., since her marriage, returned to Chicago for the holidays.

Carrie Marshall and Mr. Claude Alling were married last October.

Mary Hotchkiss Wescott is the alumnae delegate to Pan-Hellenic, and reports the loss of sophomore pledge day in favor of a late spring one.

The North Shore Alumnae Association gave a good Christmas dinner to a deserving family this year, and added some warm clothes to the basket, which brought joy and comfort to six children.

Best wishes to all Kappas for the New Year.

MARY HOTCHKISS WESCOTT.

INDIANAPOLIS ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Delta Day was observed November 21, at the home of Mrs. C. C. Clark. A feature of the afternoon was the presentation of a photo-play written

by Mrs. Myron Green, née, Ruth Harris. The members of the cast were, Mrs. Franklin Ellis Hunter (Tyla Keyes), Mrs. Scott Edwards (Kathaleen Stilwell), Mrs. Gould (Mary Baker), Mrs. Myron Green, and Mrs. C. C. Clark, (Ella Brewer). The girls from Indiana University were extremely clever in their performance of the play and they received several encores. Mrs. Green assisted Mrs. Clark.

Mrs. Joe Rand Beckett, assisted by Miss Helen Van Camp and Mrs. F. H. Millikan, entertained the Association on December 19 at Mrs. Beckett's beautiful new home on Washington Boulevard. It was the annual Christmas party, Mrs. Beckett (Mary Ann Baker), dressed as Mrs. Santa Claus, announced in rhyme that she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma and had brought gifts to all her Kappa sisters. Mrs. Millikan (Mabel Warner), then appeared as a living Christmas tree from whom each guest selected a beautiful shining ball bearing the number of the gift exchange.

The Indianapolis Association is doing philanthropic work as much as is possible this winter. Miss Helen Van Camp, Delta, a teacher in one of our West Indianapolis schools, told the Association of the suffering of her pupils. A purse was given Miss Van Camp to purchase food and clothing for the little ones. Baskets of food and clothing have been sent to their homes by several of the Kappas. Our only regret is that we cannot do more to relieve this dreadful distress among the children.

Some of the members of the Indianapolis Association have received the announcement of the marriage of Miss Samuella Norman, Delta, '13, of Louisville, Kentucky, to Mr. Oscar Harmond, which took place on November 26th, 1914.

Mrs. A. G. Ruddell, (Clementine Tucker), Beta Eta, is enjoying a three months' visit in California. Mrs. Ruddell left Indianapolis January 3 for Redlands, Los Angeles, and San Diego. In March Mrs. Ruddell will visit her sister in San Francisco and also go to Stanford. She will return to Indianapolis in May.

Mrs. G. C. Forrey (Lucia Hurst), has returned from an extensive eastern trip. Mr. and Mrs. Forrey spent a few days in Philadelphia where Mr. Forrey attended the national convention of the Investment Bankers' Association. Other places of interest they visited were Washington, D. C., New York, and Williamstown, Mass., the latter place being Mr. Forrey's college town.

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Bishop, mother of Miss Jean Bishop, Iota, who died in Tokio, Japan, in November. Miss Bishop reached her mother's bedside a month before her death.

Miss Nellie Finch has recently moved to Indianapolis and is living at 617 E. 20th St.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor (Susan Davis), have come to live in Indianapolis. Mr. Taylor is consulting engineer to the Public Utility Commission of Indianapolis.

The Indianapolis Association sends greetings to all.

MABEL WARNER MILLIKAN.

St. Louis Alumnae Association

The Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumnae Association of St. Louis gave a Pan-Hellenic tea at Lenox Hall, November 21, to all members of women's fraternities in the National Pan-Hellenic Council, about 225 in all. This is the only effort that has ever been made here to bring the women together. During the afternoon, representatives gave five minute talks on subjects of interest to all fraternity women. The idea of having a permanent informal Pan-Hellenic organization was enthusiastically received. They voted to have each association elect two members to represent it on the executive board, a board that shall transact all necessary business and arrange for a Pan-Hellenic gathering once a year. The following were represented: Kappa Alpha Theta, Pi Beta Phi, Alpha Phi, Delta Gamma, Alpha Omicron Pi, Chi Omega, Gamma Phi Beta, Alpha Chi Omega, Delta Delta Delta, and Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Gertrude McLanis is to be married in June to Dr. G. Edgar Stewart of the Barnes Hospital. They are both graduates of the University of Missouri.

Verna Burd, Beta Zeta, spent Christmas here.

A daughter, Katherine, was born to Mr. and Mrs. G. Horton Blackman in November. Mrs. Blackman was Ada Lefevre of Columbia, Missouri.

Mrs. H. Theodore Westermann for so long an active member of our Association has moved to New York. She is expected in St. Louis in January for a visit.

We have two new members, Mrs. C. C. Maxwell, and Miss Elizabeth Walher of Lenox Hall.

Mrs. George McClure Hearne (Clara Thompson, Omega) and infant son, Frank, of Poplar Bluffs, Mo., have been visiting in St. Louis.

Mrs. N. L. R. Taylor (Miller Gordan, Omega) was called to Jefferson City in November because of the death of her mother.

Mrs. Robert G. Miller (Anne Stratton, Beta Xi) has been in Texas for a month's visit.

The Association meeting for December was a luncheon, December 28, at the home of Anne Thuener for the Kappas spending the Christmas holidays in St. Louis, especially the active girls from Theta chapter. The guests were: Nora Jamieson, Katherine Teasdale, Ruth Timberlake, Adelaide Simons, Florence Smith, Ruth Eversole, Geneva Compbell, Gladys Udell, Grace Reeves.

Mrs. C. E. Witter (Katherine Janes) and Mrs. Ralph Miller (Emma L. Parks, Beta Upsilon) have been selected Kappa's representatives on the local Pan-Hellenic Board.

Mrs. Charles Collins.

The Mu Alumnae Club

Greetings to all Kappas:

On November 7, the Mu Alumnae Club was entertained at the home of Mrs. John Scott, assisted by Pearl Forsythe. After a short business meeting, an open discussion of the "High School Sorority Question" took place.

On December 5, Mrs. Earl Hunt (Minnabel Morris), a bride of October 17, entertained the Mu Club in her new home, "The Stratford". The attendance was large. Our special guest, was Mrs. Robert McKay (Mary Montgomery, Mu) of San Francisco. It was at Mrs. Hunt's home, who so willingly offered it to the active girls that our five fine pledges put on the colors just two weeks before. Many of the alumnae were present that day to share their joy with the active girls.

Many of the Mu girls, active and alumnae, attended the Christmas party of the Indianapolis Alumnae Association which was held at the home of Mrs. Joe Beckett (Iota), December 19.

Our next meeting will be with Mrs. Fowler, to which we have invited the active girls and Miss Griffith (Delta) to be our guests. "The High School Sorority Question" debate will be continued at this meeting.

In February, we are planning to entertain the active girls and pledges with a spread and entertainment. Several of the alumnae are planning to attend the big term dance of the active chapter, February 13.

On November 25, Miss Martha Brown and Stanley Smith were married at the home of the bride. Miss Katherine Brown (Mu) a sister, was one of the attendants, and Mrs. Peterson (Helen Brown, Mu) of Chicago came for the occasion.

The marriage of Miss Lucile Scott (Mu) and A. N. Brayton (Phi Delta Theta) was solemnized October 14, at the home of the bride's aunt. Mr. and Mrs. Brayton are living in Indianapolis.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. David Hutchcraft (Gertrude Pruitt), a son, David Brent, September 6.

Born to Professor and Mrs. C. B. Coleman (Juliet Brown), a daughter, December 19

Wishing all Kappas a bright and prosperous New Year.

Edith L. Huggins.

Omaha Club

The Omaha Association recently met at the home of our president Alice Duval, to discuss plans for the Pan-Hellenic luncheon which is to be given Saturday, January 2. It is to be a Cabaret luncheon, and each sorority provides a stunt. This is different from any other Pan-Hellenic affair held, and we think it is going to be novel and entertaining.

As for Kappa plans for the new year—we are going to have luncheons at the various homes, the second Saturday of every month. The mem-

bers are divided into groups of four. Each group is to have charge of one luncheon.

An Omaha paper, in a recent article on successful Omaha women, contained the following lines concerning Edith Locke, Sigma. "Miss Edith Locke, another former Omaha newspaper woman and member of *The Omaha Daily News* staff, has grappled successfully with the big question of professional advertising in New York City. She is handling this department in women's wear for the Macey stores."

At a charity benefit play, *The College Hero,* given early in December, at Brander's Theatre, Alice Duval, Beta, Zeta '14, took the leading rôle. Her beautiful voice and stage manner, caused her to be the recipient of much praise. Agnes Russell, Beta Zeta '13, also took part in this play.

Among the Sigma active girls who visited in Omaha during the Christmas vacation were Helen Shepard, Bertha Rathke, Isadore Sheldon, Pauline Ensign and Lulu Mitchell.

The Omaha Club sends best wishes for a very happy and prosperous New Year to every Kappa.

L. HARTE.

LOS ANGELES ASSOCIATION

In November the alumnae gave an Art Tea in the College Women's Club, presided over by Mrs. R. B. Peters (Florence Walker, Beta Delta) who is chairman of the art section of the club. The Panama-Pacific Exposition was discussed,—an all-absorbing topic in these parts.

At the home of our president, Mrs. Arthur M. Hadley our Christmas party was held,—a "Kappa Kafeteria", following by the distributing of the presents on the Christmas tree. About thirty Kappas were there, representing almost as many chapters.

On our serious side, we are assisting at the Maternity Hospital, watching for and supplying their needs in our small way, guided in our work by Mrs. Ida Metcalf (Upsilon).

Mary K. James is "Parole Officer" for girls who are dismissed from the State School, her duty being to get positions for them and keep their past lives unknown to new companions and employers.

Mary Bayliss, of Anaheim, Cal., spent the holidays here.

Margaret Craig, Chi, is now in Los Angeles, having moved from Pasadena.

Margaret Sartoris, Beta Zeta, is attending the University of Southern California.

Sarah Gatch, Pi, and newest of our Kappas is at home from Berkeley for the holidays.

Of course you are all coming to the coast this year and we want to know about it when you come. With that end in view, and to give all an opportunity to find "old college chums", a directory of local and visiting

Kappas is to be kept in the rooms of the College Women's Club, Trinity Building. We invite you all to come.

Greetings to all for the New Year from sunny southern California.

I. MARIE LUDSLEY.

MILWAUKEE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

The Milwaukee Kappas send greetings to all sisters everywhere, and best wishes for a prosperous New Year.

Our President, Mrs. Slocum, is planning a most delightful luncheon for all Kappas in and around Milwaukee during the holidays, to be held at the home of her mother, Mrs. Smith, on Highland Boulevard, and she hopes to greet about forty at that time.

We are glad to welcome Mrs. Ray Campbell, née Cecil Johnson, to our membership. Mrs. Campbell is from Montana University and recently came to Milwaukee as a bride.

We are also happy to receive Mrs. McClain (Louise Barnes), Epsilon, into our midst.

Mr. and Mrs. McGee (Lucille Cheever, Eta), are back in Milwaukee after spending some time in Evansville, Indiana, and we are all hoping that they will decide to stay here permanently.

Mrs. Marion Bell Chamberlain, Eta, is also in Milwaukee for the holidays after living for a time in British Columbia.

Miss Amy Allen, after being ill a number of months, is meeting with us now, and it surely seems good to see her.

We in Milwaukee realize, with so many other alumnae associations, the need of something *definite to do* to keep alive as an organization. So we have decided to sew for Eta chapter at first and then for some charitable organization. There is surely a wealth of things to do for the poor this winter.

HELEN S. WILKINSON.

BLOOMINGTON (ILLINOIS) ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

One of the most interesting meetings we have had was the one on November 26 at the home of Mrs. Funk. Mrs. Funk gave a stereopticon lecture on "Catherine de Medici and her Times". Miss Cash also gave a report of Convention at the same meeting.

Initiation was held December 12 and a good many of the "old" girls were back: Maude Ayars Ziegler, Maude Kilgore Vacy, Edith Elliott, Myra Jarnett Westervelt, and Mae Stover Dameron; also May Johnson Dameron. The banquet was held at the Woman's Exchange and was a splendid affair.

The Kappas helped again this year in the sale of Red Cross stamps, and a large sale was reported.

Mrs. M. Sinclair (Mary McIntosh) spent Christmas at her home here.

Bernice Welch returned from Smith College to spend her holidays.

Sallie Reeder has taken a position just out of Chicago as teacher in the home for convalescent crippled children. This home is kept up by the wives of the Chicago millionaires.

Best wishes for all during this year.

RUTH MCINTOSH PHILLIPS.

CHI ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

The energies of the Chi Kappas have been principally directed during the last few months toward our annual holiday fair. The receipts from this go to our permanent house fund, and every dollar added to this fund is a source of delight to all of us, as it means a Kappa home all paid for in the very near future. Last year we cleared $385. We held our sale this year, as we did last year, at the Hampshire Arms, Mrs. Earle Luce, one of the Kappas, very kindly allowing us the use of the drawing room there. We added a new feature this year in the form of a refreshment booth where various kinds of fruit sundaes and homemade cake were served. As compared with the receipts of last year, those of this year might have been a disappointment if we had not considered the great changes in all financial conditions since last year. We cleared about $260. This is rather a pleasing sum for us to add to our house fund.

We have recently suffered a very great loss in the death of Mrs. Asa Wilcox (Alice Hurd), which occurred on Wednesday, December 9. Mrs. Wilcox was in the class of 1886, and so was a member of Chi chapter in its very earliest years. During all of these years there have been few Kappas who have taken as active an interest in the active chapter and in the alumnae as she has taken. Although Mrs. Wilcox was ill for a long time, her death came as no less of a shock to us. I think that none of us will ever forget the annual Kappa outings for both the active chapter and the Alumnae which always took place at the Wilcox's summer home at Lake Minnetonka each summer. This was always a most delightful occasion. By her sound judgment and very great tact Mrs. Wilcox was always most helpful when important decisions were to be made or plans to be formed.

MARY KNIGHT.

BLOOMINGTON (INDIANA) ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Carrol Beck of Cincinnati has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bollenbacher, Sr.

Announcements have been received of the wedding of Mr. Albert Lane Capp to Mrs. Luella Amos Crumpacker. They will reside in Rushville, Ind.

Mrs. Judge Reinhardt, who spent the summer abroad, has returned to Bloomington. She will spend the winter here with her daughter, Mrs. Theodore Louden.

Mrs. Ethel Hobbs spent the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smith, North Fess Ave. She has a position in the Department of Music at National Park Seminary.

Mrs. George Bollenbacher, Sr. and Mrs. Theodore Lowden entertained in honor of Mrs. Carrol Beck and Mrs. Reinhardt.

Announcements have been received of the wedding of Miss Samuella Norman to Mr. William Harmon, on Thanksgiving Day.

The Bloomington Association is very proud of the chapter home for active girls. We are the first Sorority at I. U. to own our own home. This fall we have redecorated the interior—walls, draperies, rugs and electric fixtures—and feel that we have a beautiful home for our chapter.

LEAFY DAVIS.

DENVER ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

The November meeting of Denver Alumnae Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma was held at the home of Mrs. W. L. Hayden.

The enthusiasm and interest in the work planned made itself felt even before luncheon,—the sewing machine just hummed, getting work ready for hand finishing; a bolt of outing flannel had been cut into babies' night gowns. At the close of the afternoon, twenty little gowns were neatly and attractively finished, ready to be sent to the Florence Crittenden Home; some of the energetic members took a gown home to make, and the remainder will be finished at the January meeting.

The attendance was large, the afternoon enjoyable and most profitable; the latter part was spent in discussion of plans for the Christmas "party".

The December meeting of Denver Alumnae Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma was turned into a regular "Christmas party", held in the ball room at the home of Miss Gladys Allen. Beta Mu girls assisted D. A. A. in entertaining forty little girls, members of a sewing class from the Epworth Mission. At one o'clock the children met at the Mission, and, after a short auto ride through the park, were brought to the party. Formalities were soon forgotten, and the children spent a couple of hours playing games, listening to stories and otherwise amusing themselves. The large Christmas tree was heavily laden with candy, stockings of fruit and simple, appropriate gifts, which seemed to give the keenest pleasure to the girls. Refreshments were served, and the afternoon was almost gone,—the children were taken to their homes.

The usual Christmas party, where the members exchanged simple gifts after the luncheon, was replaced by this party for needy children. We hope they enjoyed it as much as we did.

KATE TODD MOORE.

BETA XI ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

The active chapter entertained the day after Thanksgiving with a delightful tea for the Austin alumnae and visiting Kappas. Rowena Barnett, 1913, Lucile Baby, Lucile Law, Marie Jordt, Flora and Pauline

Thornton, Nell Morris, Annette Hardwicke, were back for the holidays. In addition to them, there were several very welcome Kappas from other chapters.

Geils Adone, '08, was married December 2, to Mr. Henry Bowers Thomson, Kappa Sigma. They stopped in Austin for a few days visit to the groom's family, before returning to their home in Dallas.

Lucille Law, ex-'11, was married December 22 to Mr. Richard Jones at Belton, Texas. They will make their home in Columbus, Ohio, where Mr. Jones is teaching English in the Ohio State University.

Loretta Borden, ex-'11, was married January 9, 1914, to Mr. Paul McDermott, Sigma Chi, at Corpus Christi, Texas. They will make their home in Dallas.

Mary Batts, '13, was married January 14, 1915, to Mr. Lawnie R. Aldridge, Kappa Alpha, at Austin, Texas. They will also make their home in Dallas.

The Dallas branch of the Alumnae Association has gained a third new member in Mrs. A. H. Davidson, who has recently moved there from Minden, Louisiana. Mrs. Davidson was Clifford Drake of Beta Omicron chapter.

Annette Hardwicke, ex-'13, was the guest of Austin Kappas for several weeks during November.

Katherine Searcy, '06, who has been in the State Library at Springfield, Illinois, has resigned her position on account of her mother's death, and returned to her home in Brenham, Texas.

A son was born to Mrs. S. W. Fisher (Lucile Wathen), in November.

Dora and Pauline Thornton entertained the Austin Alumnae most delightfully during the Christmas holidays. MARY BATTS.

SEATTLE CLUB

Our opening meeting for the year was a Thé Dansant given at Katherine and Ellen Howe's and was a great success. About fifty Kappas were there and many of them proved to be efficient as "gentlemen". Since then we have held our regular meetings every month, each taking a different form. Once we had a spread at the active chapter's house and heard the report of the convention delegate who had so much to tell and so many questions to answer that she lost her voice completely. Our next meeting was a musicale, and our last one was a sewing party.

The Association of Collegiate Alumnae has admitted graduates of the University of Washington to its membership. This fact is encouraging as only the leading colleges are represented. A Women's University Club has recently been organized, and a most attractive little clubhouse has been built right next door to the Men's College Club. We are privileged to hold meetings there at any time, and one Saturday a month has been set aside when all Kappas, whether visiting or resident, may have luncheon in the club dining room. The amazingly small sum of

thirty-five cents is charged for the meal and, if you don't want salad or soup, you may have it for twenty-five cents.

Miss Edna Brown, Eta, '08, is spending the winter in Seattle.

Hazel Fitz Randolph, '14, and Leila Parker, '14, were the only Beta Pi Alumnae to attend convention.

Geraldine Goodheart, ex-'15, and John Nichols Donovan, '13, Alpha Tau Omega, Wooster, were married in Bellingham and are living in Alger, Washington.

Lucille Thompson, '13, and William Henry Horsley, '13, Phi Gamma Delta, were married in Tacoma on September 8, and are living in Seattle.

Beatrice Tozer, ex-'14, and Stanley Eddy, Yale, were married in June and are living in Everett.

Prudence Wyman, ex-'09, and Dr. Jasper Howard were married in the early summer and are living at Mare Island.

Mrs. Stanley Griffiths, née Elsa Churchill, ex-'07, has a daughter born in December.

Mrs. Lawrence Clayton, née Alice Shelton, '12, has a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, born in May.

Best wishes for the coming year to you all.

LOIS BRONSON.

AKRON ALUMNAE CLUB

The Alumnae Association and the active chapter of Akron held an afternoon party at Mrs. Robinson's on October 29. There were Halloween stunts and games. This was the first of the four alumnae parties to be given this year.

The monthly luncheons held the first Saturday of each month at the Portage Hotel are still a success.

Alumnae graduates of 1913 and 1914 gave the active chapter a Thanksgiving breakfast in the fraternity rooms.

Martha Ford of Milledgville, Ohio, has announced her engagement to Mr. Hall, of Girard, Pa.

Blanch Olin is home for the holidays from her work in the West.

A committee is now at work planning for a large alumnae rally directly after the holidays.

The usual Christmas "spread" to which a number of the alumnae are invited will take place Thursday evening, December 18.

RUTH HARTER.

EXCHANGES

ROSE AFFOLTER

Kindly send exchange magazines to Miss Eva Powell, 2703 Dwight Way, Berkeley, Cal.; Mrs. Howard B. Mullin, 62 Van Buren Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Miss Rose Affolter, Riverside, California.

We have received:

AUGUST: *Delta Chi Quarterly.*

SEPTEMBER: *The Angelos* of Kappa Delta, *Garnet and White* of Alpha Chi Rho, *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma, *Sigma Kappa Triangle, To Dragma* of Alpha Omicron Pi, *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta, *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

OCTOBER: *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi, Chi Zeta Chi *Medical Record.*

NOVEMBER: *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta, *The Mask* of Kappa Psi, *Aglaia* of Phi Mu, *Anchora* of Delta Gamma. *Garnet and White* of Alpha Chi Rho, *The Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega, *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta, *To Dragma* of Alpha Omicron Pi. *Delta Zeta Lamp.*

DECEMBER: *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi, *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi, *Phi Gamma Delta,* Chi Zeta Chi *Medical Record.*

Never has there been so much of the spirit of sweet charity—of helpfulness toward suffering humankind, sent forth from the various groups of college girls the country over. Here we have the report of a chapter sewing for the Red Cross, there the story of generous aid brought to a destitute family. An exchange from Colorado tells how the girls of a college dormitory had sacrificed that time honored "institution"—chicken for Sunday dinner, to devote the money saved to a fund for the Belgians. No doubt there are many other acts as truly altruistic that have not come to light. We have heard nothing of what the men are doing along this line. Perhaps they modestly refrain from mentioning similar noble deeds of self-sacrifice. To be sure we can scarcely conjure up the picture of a fraternity sitting around *en chapter* knitting socks for their British cousins in the field, or

"wielding" their needles in behalf of destitute Belgian. Apropos of the work being done by the different sororities in the realm of philanthropy there is the excellent article from the *Independent* by Sarah Gertrude Pomeroy.

THE SERVICE OF THE WOMEN'S FRATERNITIES

By Sarah Gertrude Pomeroy
Editor of *The Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi.

Gatlinburg, Tennessee, in a lonely mountain hamlet sixteen miles from a railroad and infinitely removed from the comfortable chapter houses of American college fraternity girls. But on the hillside is a settlement school and well-fitted cottage where the four teachers live who try to make it a model mountain home and who give their help freely to the sick and afflicted throughout the rugged country. They are there as the accredited representatives of a national woman's fraternity, supported by its alumnae under the care of a general committee. The fraternity women who attended the dedication of the new modern school building last July and saw the eager throng of American highlanders who had walked five, seven and even ten miles to be present on that occasion felt that this effort of their organization had been truly worth while, and when the proposed hospital is a reality the plant will be a still more striking evidence of the spirit of the Greek-letter societies.

It is largely from scattered alumnae of Pi Beta Phi that the contributions come for this settlement, for those who are grouped in local clubs are, in common with most fraternity alumnae, busy with their own local service.

Definitely organized philanthropic work is a part of the program of most of these fraternity associations. Several help in flower missions or have furnished and maintained rooms in hospitals, free kindergartens and "homes" of various descriptions. Instances of civic work include the founding and maintaining of libraries in small towns, the conduct of working girls' clubs and, in suffrage states, organized efforts to influence legislation.

Chi Omega is foremost among the fraternities laying stress on civic work and the activities of her alumnae in public service have been recognized in various cities. For some years this fraternity has had a department in its quarterly journal devoted to Education and Social and Civic Service. It has also legislated that each of its chapters offer annually a prize to the women of the college where it is represented for the best essay, article or thesis on the subject related to social service work. The upperclassmen of each chapter are required to be identified with some form of civic or social work.

Realizing that the choice of a life work is becoming a more and more complex problem for the college girl who is preparing to earn her own

living, the fraternities are all endeavoring to aid her in its solution. Delta Delta Delta has an employment bureau and a department in charge of a competent woman of broad experience for the express purpose of advising them how to "train for service." The secretary of the Tenement House Committee in New York City is a member of Alpha Phi and she with other specially trained members stands ever ready to launch young college women in the vital movements of the day. For the past five years, the majority of the fraternity magazines have been issuing vocational numbers devoted to articles written by experienced women. The avowed purpose of this editorial policy is "to show the younger girls possibilities other than teaching after leaving college."

There are numerous instances where local scholarships or money prizes are furnished by individual chapters for the benefit of all the women in the college where they are located. Alpha Xi Delta and Sigma Kappa in particular have offered money prizes for scholarship in two colleges where the recipients are chosen by the faculty, irrespective of fraternity affiliation. Special incentives also are offered for graduate study. Pi Beta Phi for three years maintained from its national funds two undergraduates and one graduate scholarship, but for the past five years has substituted a graduate fellowship with a value of $500. This is open to any Pi Phi who has received her bachelor's degree and may be used at any university either in this country or in Europe. Kappa Alpha Theta has a fund designed for a traveling fellowship which will soon be available and the Pan-Hellenic Congress, realizing the value of the Collegiate Bureaus of Occupations, which aim to help college girls to find their places in the economic world, has been giving financial support to the Chicago Bureau during its pioneer period. And, by the way, the popular fallacy that fraternity membership is possible only to the girl in prosperous circumstances is dispelled by the fact that fully half of the organizations composing the Pan-Hellenic Congress have found it necessary to establish student aid funds. These funds are available to those members who need special loans to help them finish their college course.

Unique among the scholarships offered by the national organizations is the Alpha Chi Omega Studio in the artists' colony at Peterborough, New Hampshire, where, under the rules and regulations of the Mac Dowell Memorial Association, the fraternity furnishes free a workroom for an artist in ideal surorundings for creative work.

"There are colleges," the Cleveland *Plain Dealer* declares, "where fraternities are adroitly used as a spur to scholarship and right living," but "it all depends on the attitude and tact of the faculty."

Simply stated, it is this: The fraternity idea today spells opportunity. The combination of Greek letters on her symbolic pin is a constant reminder to the fraternity woman of social privilege, broadly defined. She recognizes in the fraternity a power in her own development which

she can make influential in the lives of the present and coming generations of college women, and through which she may apply her own energy in the upbuilding of the community.—From the *Independent.*

The article has brought forth this comment in *The Scroll:*

This is a remarkable record of achievement by the sororities, and all of this is the result of only a few years of effort. It is unfortunate that in such praiseworthy efforts the fraternities compare so very poorly with the sororities. If Φ Δ Θ should adopt some programme for the benefit of needy persons, whether members or not, it would redound to the credit of the Fraternity. In *The Scroll* for last January is suggested

SOME NEW THINGS ON FRATERNITIES

Phi Phi Phi

The organization of a new national fraternity is hereby announced. The new band of Greeks is unique in the fraternity world, and although it has pledged itself to a policy of expansion, its growth is expected to be slow, owing to the peculiar requirements for membership.

Thus far, only three men have supplied the necessary credentials, which are that to become a member one must have been initiated into each of the three fraternities, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Delta Theta, and Phi Delta Phi, and in witness of this fact, the name of the new Greek baby is Phi Phi Phi, the first Phi representing the great scholarship fraternity, the second Phi, the great fraternal fraternity, and the third Phi, the great legal fraternity.

The "Tri Phis" so far discovered and inducted into the order are: Charles M. Rose of Pueblo, Colorado, and Henry W. Coil of Denver, Colorado, both of Colorado Beta of Phi Beta Kappa, Colorado Beta of Phi Delta Theta, and Brewer Chapter of Phi Delta Phi, and C. M. Clay Buntain of Kankakee, Illinois of Illinois Alpha of Phi Beta Kappa, Illinois Alpha of Phi Delta Theta, and Booth Chapter of Phi Delta Phi.

New members are initiated *in absentia,* and those fulfilling the requirements are requested to write the Keeper of the Golden Book, Henry W. Coil, 529 Equitable Building, Denver, Colorado.—In *The Aglaia* of Phi Mu.

By way of complete defiance of local and western college traditions in general, a fraternity has been organized at the University of California, not with the idea of petitioning for a charter in some fraternity with headquarters located in the East, as has been the custom, but with the whole-hearted purpose of establishing a national fraternity with headquarters in the West. The name of the new fraternity is Alpha Kappa Lambda. The organization was incorporated in the State of California on April 22, 1914.—*Banta's Greek Exchange.*

Two national law sororities, Φ Δ Δ and K B Φ, are in existence. The latter was founded at Chicago-Kent and the former has its Alpha chapter at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles. Φ Δ Δ has three chapters—Alpha at Los Angeles, Beta at Washington College of Law, Washington, D. C., and Gamma at Chicago-Kent College of Law.—*Delta Chi Quarterly.*—In *Anchora* of Delta Gamma.

O N is the only national honorary fraternity for women in the country and was established at Michigan Agricultural College, April 16, 1912.

The name of this fraternity is taken from the Greek, meaning "to manage a household," and the object is to further home economics and scholarship among students. The basis of the constitution is the same as those of Σ Ξ and Φ B K.

The need of such a society is evident from the rapidity with which it is being accepted. Scholarship and high standing in home economics work demand recognition as well as in the arts and sciences.—*Angelos* of K Δ. Through *The Palm.*

And some others not so new but polished up a bit. The following is from *Delta Zeta Lamp*:

Much has been and is still being said about "Sane Rushing." One chapter has had the moral stamina to try it. The following report of the experiment is printed in *Kappa Alpha Theta*

"During rushing season just finished at Toronto, I have been forced by circumstances, to take almost an outsider's place, and it is from this point of view that I wish to speak of Sigma's rush.

"Last spring at the senior's party, Sigma and her alumnae had much to say of rushing. Pan-Hellenic had refused Sophomore Pledge Day, and had decided on a very short season—just five week-ends. Sigma declared, that evening, that she would undertake in the autumn what she declared would be a model rushing season. We all knew how many undignified, expensive scrambles had been undertaken in former rushing seasons, because we felt we must equal the elaborate parties others were giving. However, in the calmness of Spring, Sigma determined to keep her head, to have as few, and as natural parties as possible, and to have no parties with men, for we felt it was unfair to ask men who knew what was on foot to meet freshies who are being rushed. The chapter said it was unwilling to lose girls who could not understand their mode of rushing. The alumnae heard, approved heartily, but wondered.

"Rushing is over. Sigma has truly carried out her good resolves, and has adhered to her self-imposed rules. She has given a few simple parties which were the very jolliest sort. . . . . Freshmen, who seemed ineligible were dropped as soon as possible. Asking day came, and one invitation of the five extended, was refused, but I, as an alumna, can be

proud of the little sisters who carried out their sane resolves. As a junior remarked to me: 'I feel for the first time at the end of rushing that I can look a lady in the face.'—From *The Arrow.*

CITY PAN-HELLENIC

The report on City Pan-Hellenics at the recent Congress showed an increase of fifteen of these organizations established during the past year in various sections of the country. These are all composed of college fraternity alumnae and their organized civic and philanthropic efforts have called forth well-merited praise from city authorities but their main object is to enlighten each community in regard to the real aims and purposes of the Greek-letter societies which are so misrepresented. A recent movement is the organization for the same purpose of collegiate Pan-Hellenic associations in colleges where fraternities do not exist so that the undergraduates may understand what the Greek-letter women of their own age in other institutions are accomplishing.

Sigma Nu is the first fraternity to enter Nevada University. Preliminary to the granting of this charter there was a good deal of opposition to further expansion, among the eastern chapters to which the editor of the *Delta* made this strong reply quoted from *Garnet and White:*

We sympathize, of course, with the demand for intensive internal development and we put our record of labors for that sort of development against the record of any man in the Fraternity. But, we shall have to be careful even in regard to such development. If, by intensive development, you mean raising up false standards of social achievements, if you mean that every group of men must be housed in a palatial home, and led into effeminate lives of luxury and self-centered gratification; if you mean that one community of American college men is to become so provincial as to look upon another community of American college men in a spirit of aloofness and condescension, then, in our opinion, that sort of intensive development is intensively wrong and wicked, and will, if allowed free play, bring our Fraternity into the condemnation of all good men. If, on the other hand, you mean by intensive development, the rearing of broad-minded, cultured, sympathetic, incorruptible, democratic men; if you mean that the genuine spirit of brotherhood, which is the spirit of love and service, shall grip the hearts of these men and send them out in the world, big-hearted and big-fisted men, fighting for every uplifting cause, and against every degrading one; putting their strong arms under the burden of the world's wrong and misery; young men and old men, wide enough between the eyes to recognize all human worth, despite the fictions of pedigree and wealth; men of character and honor, whose word is better

than a roll of beribboned bonds, then we are for that sort of intensive development and shall labor for it and commend it in Indiana or Ohio, or any other section where it may find a sincere expression.

And from this it isn't such a far cry to the following extract from *The Rainbow*. Every idea is applicable to sororities as well.

Fraternity is the death of selfishness, and vice versa. A selfish man has no place in true fellowship. You cannot get anything for nothing in fraternity life. You must leave some of yourself in it. The sponge, the man who only absorbs and never gives or shares is the one who will get the least good in such a relationship. If he gives nothing, nothing will he receive. All the effort, all the sacrifice and love you can put into the fraternity will earn you uncounted dividends in the love, friendship and sacrifice from your fellows; not in this transitory period alone, but in after years when the conflict of a cold world makes life seem hard. That is where the affection of your fraternity counts most. It is one of the happiest things of my life that I can come back here at any time, to visit the scenes of my most enjoyable years, and find here a welcome from youth in such generous measure. It pays me a thousand fold for all the effort I ever made or put forth for this Fraternity. Those who have gone out and left nothing of themselves here, find nothing on returning. The more you do as an individual to make your Fraternity a success; the more you live up to its ideals; the better you play your part, the more you will love it, and the greater will be your capacity for love and sacrifice for good among the people in the larger field of activities in the future. These things make for character, which after all is the thing that carries you farthest along the road of life.

—*The Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

A chapter correspondent in *The Shield* remarks in his letter, "so far this fall three of the brothers have answered 'Yes' to the 'love, cherish and obey' rule and are now enrolled with the benedicts." Their marriage service must have suffered suffragette reform.

The Delta Zeta *Lamp* reflects this from Ohio *Lantern*. Rather good.

Declaration of Independence

I am a free and independent girl, and loyal to my University.

I like to go to the games, but I do not want to depend on being taken by a man, when I know he would rather be up in the student bleachers with the crowd. (I would rather have him take me to the theater.)

I intend, therefore, to get my season ticket and wear the pin, just as the men do; to sit with the girls' bunch in the section they have reserved; to yell all I want to, and have a good time just as we used to do at high school.

(Signed) THE OHIO STATE GIRL.

This has been copied in a number of college papers throughout the country, with suggestions for local use. A section is reserved for the girls where they have their cheers and can be just as enthusiastic as they wish without embarrassing escorts. And think of it too! Three or four hundred girls cheering for some man on the field. Any chap could play better ball under these conditions. There would be so many who wanted to play that the coach would have to cut down the size of the squad. It is said it also has the effect of making the men cheer louder and so it is a twofold good.

Seriously, the men would rather be together and not feel the restraint occasioned by the girls' company. Yet the girls should go to the games and this new plan seems to meet this need.

SCHOLARSHIP CUPS

Announcement has been made this fall that the interfraternity scholarship cup, offered for the first time last year at Brown University, was won by Rhode Island Alpha. The cup is the gift of Mr. Charles Bates Dana, of the class of 1899, and was given by him as an incentive to raise the scholarship among fraternity men at Brown. The names of the winners, with the year, are engraved on the cup. The cup will become the permanent property of the fraternity that wins it three times, or two consecutive years.—*The Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi.

The University of Nebraska has a scholarship cup presented to Delta Tau Delta some years ago by Mr. E. J. Haney, when that fraternity stood at the head in scholarship. It is to be given to the fraternity each year which stands highest in scholarship. Last year it was won by Phi Kappa Psi and was presented to them at University Convocation by Chancellor Avery. The name of the winning fraternity is to be engraved on the cup and that fraternity will keep it as long as it stands at the head.

Practically every fraternity journal that comes to our desk contains leading articles and prominent editorials upon the problem of improving the scholarship of Greek-letter undergraduates. Delta Upsilon and several other fraternities are busily engaged in collecting records and publishing "batting averages" and awarding silver cups. And Sigma Nu and Alpha Sigma Phi have dedicated excellent recent issues of their respective journals to "The Record of Intellectual Achievements among our College Men" and to "Honor Men." Verily, the fraternities are sincerely

beginning to coöperate with college deans, presidents, and professors; and it little behooves Alpha Chi Rho in this respect to be behind the rest. —*Garnet and White* of Alpha Chi Rho.

The Alumni of Phi Gamma Delta of Michigan have also presented the chapter with a loving cup—The Freshmen Scholarship Trophy. On this the freshman who gets the highest scholarship each year, is to have his name engraved.

LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING

Wanted—A Medica Student

The Era Club of New Orleans has distributed circulars broadcast through Louisiana, Mississippi and adjoining states advertising for a young woman who will knock for admission at the doors of the medical department of Tulane University and, upon being refused permission to take the course and receive a diploma, will allow the Era Club to take her case into the courts and contest the legality of the university's right thus to discriminate against women. When Paul Tulane gave the money for founding a university, he expressly stated that it was for the education of young "persons." Women have been admitted there to the study of law and to the first two years of the medical course. But no woman has been allowed to complete a medical education at Tulane. The Era Club, one of the most influential women's organizations in the country, wants to know why.—*The Angelos* of K Δ.

A Custom at the University of Southern California

Among the senior customs is the "dog-on-button" which has been handed down from class to class and is worn by that senior who can make a professor laugh out loud at an original joke, in the presence of another senior. There is a lively rivalry among all the members of the class for the honor of wearing this button.—*The Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega. Quoted by Delta Zeta *Lamp*.

"You have heard the renown of that Memphian town
In the siege of the knights of old
When their spirits went up and the spirits went down
In a glory of crimson and gold.
In the past's hallowed dust you can harbor your trust,
So be wise and catch time on the wing,
And the cry 'On to 'Frisco in 'fifteen or bust!'
Will be quite the Conventional thing."

The Lyre.

At its convention in Ithaca, N. Y., June 11-13, 1914, Tau Beta Pi adopted a resolution prohibiting "Rough House" initiations and further defined the term as "anything bordering on physical violence, offense to dignity or decency, or any public exercises calculated to make the candidates ridiculous."—*The Rainbow.*

The question of wines at fraternity banquets has been constantly discussed not only in the general but in the fraternity press. At the recent conventions of Σ X, Δ T Δ, Φ Δ Θ, and B Θ Π, resolutions were passed prohibiting wines and liquors in any form at any official function on the convention programme. And yet these conventions are reported as most successful in every particular. Drunkenness and debauchery are states belonging to a different age than this, and are relegated to the background with many other customs of the past. If ordinary laymen insist upon this restriction, how much more should a man with a trained intellect? A gentleman is one who has always the power of the control of all his faculties. Let the convention be one of educated gentlemen.

—Φ Σ K *Signet.*

Φ Γ Δ is raising a memorial fund of $100,000 to be used in employing a field secretary, to aid chapters in building houses and to finance any necessary plan for meeting adverse conditions of chapter or fraternity as a whole.—*Banta's Greek Exchange.*

FRATERNITY ALUMNI CLUBS IN NEW YORK CITY

A member of Δ T Δ, B Θ Π, Φ Γ Δ or Λ Δ Φ landed, a stranger in New York, need not feel friendless and forlorn. The alumni of these four fraternities all maintain clubs which are open to members. The clubs are run on the principle of regular city clubs, with dining rooms, billiard rooms, reading rooms, committee rooms and private apartments on the respective floors. Each of these alumni clubs has a membership of about a thousand.—*Banta's Greek Exchange.*

Today in New York the following fraternities each occupy an entire building: Λ Δ Φ has its own ten-story handsome clubhouse; B Θ Π occupies a good house at Gramercy Park; Δ Ψ has recently purchased an elegant five-story residence; Φ Γ Δ has a large building adjoining the Yale Club on Fourty-fourth Street; Δ Φ occupies for the time its handsome chapter house near Columbia; Δ T Δ has just moved from a small house to a larger house near the Cornell Club on Murray Hill, and several others occupy houses or rooms. The above list does not refer to the local chapter houses at Columbia or the University of New York, but only to clubs for graduate or national headquarters.—Δ K E *Quarterly.*

Λ Δ Φ took this step more than twenty years ago. She opened an alumni clubhouse in New York, beginning in a small way, and now she

has a national home in the metropolis costing over $300,000, with a membership of a thousand or so.—Δ Τ *Quarterly.—The Scroll.*

We have just received word that the Δ Τ Δ Fraternity has established a chapter at the University of Pittsburgh. They began operations with the initiation of seventy-five men.—*The Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi.

Κ Σ has established at Massachusetts Institute of Technology its eightieth active chapter and its tenth in New England.—*The Scroll.*

The total number of national fraternities at the University of California has been brought to an even thirty by the installation of chapters of Σ Φ and Σ Π. Besides these there are eighteen national sororities and twenty-eight local fraternities and home clubs.—*Phi Gamma Delta.*

Delta Delta Delta announces the establishment of Alpha Zeta chapter at Hollins College, Hollins, Virginia, October 26; Delta Mu chapter at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, November 3; and Delta Nu chapter at Mt. Union College, Alliance, Ohio, December 5.

Do not lose sight of the fact that you are members of a *national organization.* Keep the broader ideals of Kappa constantly before you. All your acts and words are representative of, not a local social club, but an American organization founded upon high ideals. Make them worthy of the name of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

PAN-HELLENIC SURVEY

By their chapter letters you shall know them.

Our chapters may find suggestions in this department, that will be helpful. These are quotations from the chapter letters of the woman's fraternity magazines,—glimpses of their chapter life.

DELTA GAMMA

The chapter house has been kept open all summer. During the six weeks of summer school it was rented to a woman representing the German department; only students of German were admitted and only German was spoken. The chapter considered this a good joke as we have the strongest of "Irish contingents." After summer school, Lucia Fox stayed in town and rented rooms to stray southerners and other unwary persons who were quartered in Madison temporarily.—*Wisconsin.*

Last year there was much discussion over whether or not the new dances should be given a place in university functions. To "step" or not to "step" was the all important question. While the "walk" and others did attain much popularity, it was much to the disapproval of Miss Austin, Dean of Women; and, toward the end of the year they were ruled out by Pan-Hellenic. This year the Dean has given her consent to their acceptance, urging the freshmen to imitate the dancing of the college women, which, she says, does not bring so much disapproval as does that of the high school girls.—*Washington University.*

In June the Kappa Alpha Theta's were at home to the girls of the University at two afternoon teas. Our near neighbors, the Kappa Kappa Gamma's entertained us most delightfully one Sunday night, at supper.—*Michigan.*

May 14. During the senior carnival the Delta Gamma house was transformed by a Hawaiian setting, and the students danced to the strains of Hawaiian music.—*Leland Stanford.*

It is especially pleasant now to see the good feeling that exists between the sororities this year, in contrast to last fall. We are near neighbors of Kappa Kappa Gamma this year, just across the street, so we hope to see more of them.—*Iowa.*

Rushing in time of war is very different from rushing in time of peace. The freshmen this year will be given a very warm but very quiet reception. In the face of the anxiety present in our homes, and in consideration of

the crying want at our doors and of the urgent needs of the Patriotic War Fund, rushing at Varsity is to be as quiet and as inexpensive as possible. A meeting of Pan-Hellenic, to be held next week will deal with the changes made necessary by the war. The freshie, methinks, who can knit best will be more popular this season than she who can dance best.—*University of Toronto.*

The Pan-Hellenic rules for 1914-15 have some new features:

1. Each sorority shall be allowed only one rushing party. Said party may last from 4 p. m. on Friday to midnight of following Saturday night.

2. The bids of the sorority shall be given to the Dean of Women and each girl shall only receive one bid, being asked by the Dean her choice of the sororities.

3. On November 17, a Pan-Hellenic tea will be held. This year the Phi Mu Sorority will be chief hostess but each sorority invites the girls whom they have rushed at their individual house parties. Eta's period for rushing is from November 13 to 15. We have the last party this year and hope to live up to the old motto, "Last's the best of all the game."—*Akron Municipal University.*

PI BETA PHI

We tried a new method of rushing this year. Wishing to know each girl for her own true self, and feeling that a fraternity pin tends to give to the freshman an opportunity to line up the Greeks and Independents, we decided not to wear our arrows for the first few weeks of rushing. The results were satisfactory, even beyond our expectations for we learned to know the girls when they were not yet aware that we were fraternity people. This method, too, we feel, did away with a degree of the secret resentment of non-fraternity girls when, at the Y. W. C. A., watermelon feed, the literary societies and other student affairs, they found there was not the usual line of demarcation. Every one got acquainted on an equal basis, for the Kappas, too, went without their keys. Pi Phis in small colleges will appreciate this situation and understand what our aim has been in this.—*Hillsdale College.*

Mrs. Temple (Florence Clum, '12) recently filled us with glee over what we consider a wonderful idea—this is the import of it. She and her husband have offered to give to the Settlement School, in the name of the the chapter, twenty dollars or more, provided we girls double the amount! No query is necessary to find out whether we have accepted the proposition or not. At present we are exercising our grey matter to provide means for earning the money. We expect to hold a Settlement School tea in the near future which we will invite our alumnae and patronesses to attend, provided they come with a slight remuneration.—*Bucknell, Pa.*

Possibly our parties were responsible in some degree. Pan-Hellenic allows only two real parties and fifty dollars must cover rushing expenses of each organization. We had a Japanese luncheon which the alumnae took charge of—you can imagine how grateful we were!—and a dance. Both affairs were quite attractive, and, whether the rushees did or not, the active girls enjoyed them both immensely.—*James Milliken University, Ill.*

Δ Γ has installed a new chapter here since our last letter to *The Arrow*. We have three nationals at Washington now: Π Β Φ, Κ Α Θ, and Δ Γ. We were all very glad when the local was granted its charter.—*Washington University, Mo.*

Rushing rules remain the same as last year, though the penalties for the breaking of the rules are more stringent than before. At the last regular meeting a new plan was adopted which, it is believed, will promote friendly interfraternity relations and extend Pan-Hellenic interests. Each chapter will entertain two girls from another fraternity at dinner every Thursday evening, commencing the first Thursday after pledge day, December 5.—*Minnesota.*

Δ Δ Δ entertained Π Β Φ and Κ Α Θ at a husking-bee last week. We were all very grateful to the Tri Delta girls for giving us such a jolly good time.—*Vermont.*

Tomorrow night we are going to have our first Fathers' and Mothers' dinner. Although we have a Mother's club, we have felt that we would like to have our fathers know us better and become interested in fraternity life. We do not expect to limit these informal dinners to fathers and mothers but to have other relatives also occasionally.—*California.*

DELTA ZETA

Besides the usual social affairs given in the usual ways, Iota chapter is giving a series of Pre-Holiday Kensingtons and teas entertaining forty different girls, the majority of whom are to be non-sorority girls, each afternoon. The guests are invited to bring their Holiday sewing and the affairs are to be very informal. As a special feature for each occasion the Delta Zeta girls will introduce some friend, brought in for the occasion, who is especially capable to read, sing, or talk briefly on some theme of thorough interest to college women.—*Iowa.*

PHI MU

The Brenau girls are helping in the Southern "buy-a-bale-of-cotton" movement by agreeing to wear only cotton hose this year. The college has already bought sixty bales of cotton and our Dr. Pearce was the first to

announce that Brenau would accept warehouse receipts for cotton, on a basis of ten cents per pound, from those girls who depend upon cotton for their school money.—*Gainesville, Ga.*

In May of last year Alpha Phi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta was installed at Newcomb College, taking over the former Phi Mu Gamma chapter. Several of the national officers were present, and many pleasant social events marked their visit, one of the most delightful being a tea in the rooms of the local chapter of Pi Beta Phi, to which the faculty and the various fraternities were invited. We are glad to welcome a fraternity as well-known nationally as is Kappa Alpha Theta, and we feel that the new chapter is indeed an addition to fraternity circles, although of course the members were known to us before as Greeks.—*Newcomb.*

This last Sunday we had our first open house for this year. You know we have open house the first Sunday afternoon of each month. We had a hundred and fifty guests, and spent a very delightful afternoon.—*Missouri.*

ALPHA OMICRON PI

As a chapter and as individuals, we are interested in the Settlement House among the German-Russian people of Lincoln. At one of our meetings we made scrapbooks and rag dolls for the kindergarten. The director of the house is Helen Gregory, a Lincoln Delta Gamma.—*Alumnae at Lincoln, Neb.*

ALPHA CHI OMEGA

Senior women have raised the ban from progressive dancing at college functions, so here the one-steps, hesitations, three-steps and tangoes will reign supreme as successors to the two-step and waltz.—*California.*

Local Pan-Hellenic has inaugurated a new system of bidding. The rushees are asked to send to a certain faculty member a list of their preferences of the four sororities. All bids are sent to this faculty member. If the rushee receives an invitation from the sorority which is placed first on her list, that invitation is then forwarded to her; if not, her second choice is sent, etc. Where this plan has been tried it has been found successful and we feel it will be here also.—*Milliken, Ill.*

NEWS OF THE COLLEGES

REGINA A. H. NAGLE

In his annual report, President Hadley of Yale University very frankly states that our universities have lagged behind in organizing "intellectual interest in things most worth while." He is positive that "we want a more intellectual atmosphere among our students." In this he disclosese the most pressing need of all American universitie asnd voices the judgment of those who have not carefully studied the present tendencies of American college life.

Good fortune has favored Wellesley.

The sum of $2,430,000 was obtained for Wellesley College in the fourteen months just ended according to a statement given out by the treasurer, Lewis K. Morse. Of this amount $430,000, including a conditional pledge of $200,000 from the General Educational Board, was raised before the fire of March 17, when College Hall was burned. The remaining $2,000,000 includes a pledge from the Rockefeller Foundation of $750,000.

"Since last August," says the statement, "only three gifts of over $10,000 have been received. One of these was made but ten days ago and was the very generous gift from Mr. Carnegie of $95,000 for the enlargement of the library." —New York *Times.*

Red Cross urges college men and women to aid suffering Europe.

The Red Cross has issued an appeal to college students. Already college men are giving part of the receipts of football games and have turned in large sums.

In the appeal the students are told that funds are needed for surgeons and nurses, and that the armies are made up mainly of young men of about college student age.

Yale has sent two motor ambulances, costing $650 each, and Princeton is to support a trained nurse as long as the war lasts. Students in women's colleges, it is suggested, can make hospital and other garments.

The Red Cross also gave out yesterday a copy of a letter from Dr. Henry van Dyke, the American Minister to the Netherlands, acknowledging $10,000 for relief of Belgians. Dr. Van Dyke says:

"Like fugitives from a forest fire, the poor refugees, terror-stricken and helpless, pour across the border into the still peaceful regions of Holland. The women and children and old men form the principal part of the exodus. It is a great task to provide them with shelter, clothing, and food. Therefore the gift of the American Red Cross is most welcome,

and I am sure that the people of Holland will appreciate this proof of friendship of the United States very warmly.—New York *Times*.

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, recently stated that he considers the university of today to be an institution embodying the ambitions, the ideals and the hopes of the age in which we live, just as the cathedrals of the Middle Ages dominated the minds of men of that period.

The ever-recurring topic of athletics and health.

There is a conviction, and it is not diminishing, that strenuous training, and violent exertion on the track, on the crew or on the gridiron, permanently injures a good many young fellows every year. Dr. Charles R. Bardeen of the University of Wisconsin calls attention to the increasing amount of heart disease reported by the life insurance companies and urges physicians to make themselves acquainted with the causes leading up to this condition so as to be able to protect their patients. The *Journal* of the American Medical Association, commenting on Dr. Bardeen's statement, says that from five per cent to ten per cent of the freshmen entering Wisconsin have enlarged hearts, due to athletic sports. It has been frequently stated, and with some apparent basis of truth, that young men who have been in severe athletic training in college, leaving college to engage, as most college graduates do, in sedentary occupations, are frequent victims of disease because of this sudden change of activity.—Syracuse *Post-Standard*.

Louis B. Reed, ninety-four years old, the last man of the class of 1843, New York University, has given up the complete records of his class to the university. Mr. Reed is the only living alumnus of N. Y. U. representing a class as for back as 1843.

A substitute for college athletics is suggested here.

Something akin to Oxford's Officers Training Corps is suggested for American colleges in a proposal to bring the entire student body under physical training, and also provide for national defense. It is urged by *Puck* (New York) that our colleges and universities be turned into training-camps. Secondary schools would be unlikely to lag far behind. We read:

"The average young man entering college is quite as much in need of physical development and training as of mental. The country, too, is in need of disciplined, trained men; and this double need can be met—can be met for less money than is expended on a single season's football

team. A system of military drill, under the supervision of experts in military discipline and hygiene, with the coöperation of the athletic associations of the colleges, and under the auspices of the United States Government, would prove of inestimable value to every student in the college, and would furnish to the nation a groundwork upon which a magnificent, national service could be established.—*Literary Digest.*

Attendance at Yale may be limited. The dean of the college has reported cramped conditions that demand consideration of the future policy of the college. If the attendance be not limited, some dormitories and a building for educational purposes are needed.

Students must be of a higher type. Good fellowship is to count in awarding scholarships for New York University.

Announcement was made by Archibald L. Bouton, dean of the College of Arts, that at a recent meeting of the New York University Council revisions were made in the method of offering prize scholarships, and henceforth, so far as possible, those students whose character and attainments conform more to the type of man who is commonly selected by the rules of the Rhodes scholarships will receive the prizes. The bestowal of these prizes will be made upon rank, general conduct, high standing among his classmates and promise of winning honors in college.—New York *Herald.*

Endowment gifts are the chief aim of the Rockefeller Fund.

The second installment of the report of the General Education Board, founded by John D. Rockefeller, was made public recently. It sets forth that the three main features of the policy of the board in making gifts to colleges and universities are:—

Reference for centers of wealth and population as the pivots of the system.

Systematic and helpful coöperation with religious denominations.

Concentration of gifts in the form of endowment.—New York *Herald.*

Dr. Butler urges physical test for student entries.

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler advises sweeping changes in the methods of education, qualifications of applications for tuition and the undertaking of work that shall teach interdependence and friendship among nations.

Of most immediate importance to the institution is the suggestion that only persons who are physically sound be admitted for tuition. Dr. Butler proposes that all admissions to the university be placed in one committee

and that a physical test similar to that exacted at the United States Miliary Academy or the United States Naval Academy be required of all applicants.

Another important change suggested by Dr. Butler is that the senior year in the university be devoted largely to equipping the student for commercial life. He states that this suggestion comes from the fact that many students who intend to follow a professional career devote their senior year to qualifying for that profession.

If the students who have no profession in sight are equipped in their final college year for a business career he believes that this will overcome the frequent objection that colleges do not train their students for the commercial things in life. He would have the senior class study economics, business law, finance, accounting and allied branches.

The two sons of Chancellor MacCracken of New York University have achieved college presidencies unusually early. John Henry MacCracken was elected president of Lafayette College, at Eaton, Pa., and his younger brother, Henry Noble MacCracken, was made president of Vassar College.

Dear Kappa Kaps,
I'll die from mental strain,
I'll bet my boots!
If you wont send
Some jokes or sweet refrain
For this here "Hoots"

You know I never was a comic fowl
So come across in April, Yours,

The Owl.

FRESHMAN TOAST

Enter Freshmen large and small
Enter Freshmen short and tall,
Enter Freshmen one and all
Into Kappa life.
Enter Freshmen new and green,
Enter Freshmen worst we've seen,
Enter Freshmen fat or lean
Into Kappa life.
But what care Kappas how we look
Or how we learn from out a book
For Kappa miracles will perform
On Freshies happy or forlorn.
So we, the Freshmen, pledge to thee
Kappa love, faith, loyalty
And our devotion to the key
Will last throughout eternity.

BESSIE STEWART.

THAT'S RIGHT, GIRLS, HANG THE ALUMNAE

"Our chapter is the proud possessor of a lovely plum pudding given by one of our alumnæ on the Christmas tree.—*Chapter Letter.*

SOME SENIORS ARE QUEER

Notice in hall of chapter house: "Lost.—A small table belonging to a senior with straight oak legs and a wicker top."

OUR CHAPTERS

We've got a fine chapter named Phi,
(But "got" 's not a nice word, O my!)
For the girls up in Mass.
All the others surpass
In the President's English, Eh Phi?

I must hurry to write you a rhyme,
O sorrow, O tears! It's a crime!
We're to lose Beta Ep
Those girls with the "pep",
We won't find such stars ev'ry time.

B. Sigma is thriving, you know,
Where churches and rubber-plants grow.
And when at Convention,
Attracted attention,
By dressing up best for the show.

A sweet and demure Quaker maid,—
Beta Alpha,—she's gay, yet she's staid.
Knows how to have fun
But when playtime is done
She's working for charity's aid.

Beta Iota has fame,
But the latest of honors that came
Is that one in her ranks
Is in charge of our banks,—
M. Willets' the Treasurer's name.

(To be continued—Help Wanted)
Beta Province next.

Hist! The first contribution! From Kansas, Hurrah for Bessie!

HEARD AT A PAN-HELLENIC MEETING

"The first three girls I met were a couple of Kappas."

Aunty climax again: "We have had good luck this year,—we have gained eight fine freshmen, we are the highest in scholarship, and we have been presented with a coffee percolator."

Advice to chapter correspondents and contributors to Hoots: *Always be on the Key Vive!*

"Little of the White Meat, Please"

On Sunday, December 20, we started having faculty for dinner."

Chapter Letter.