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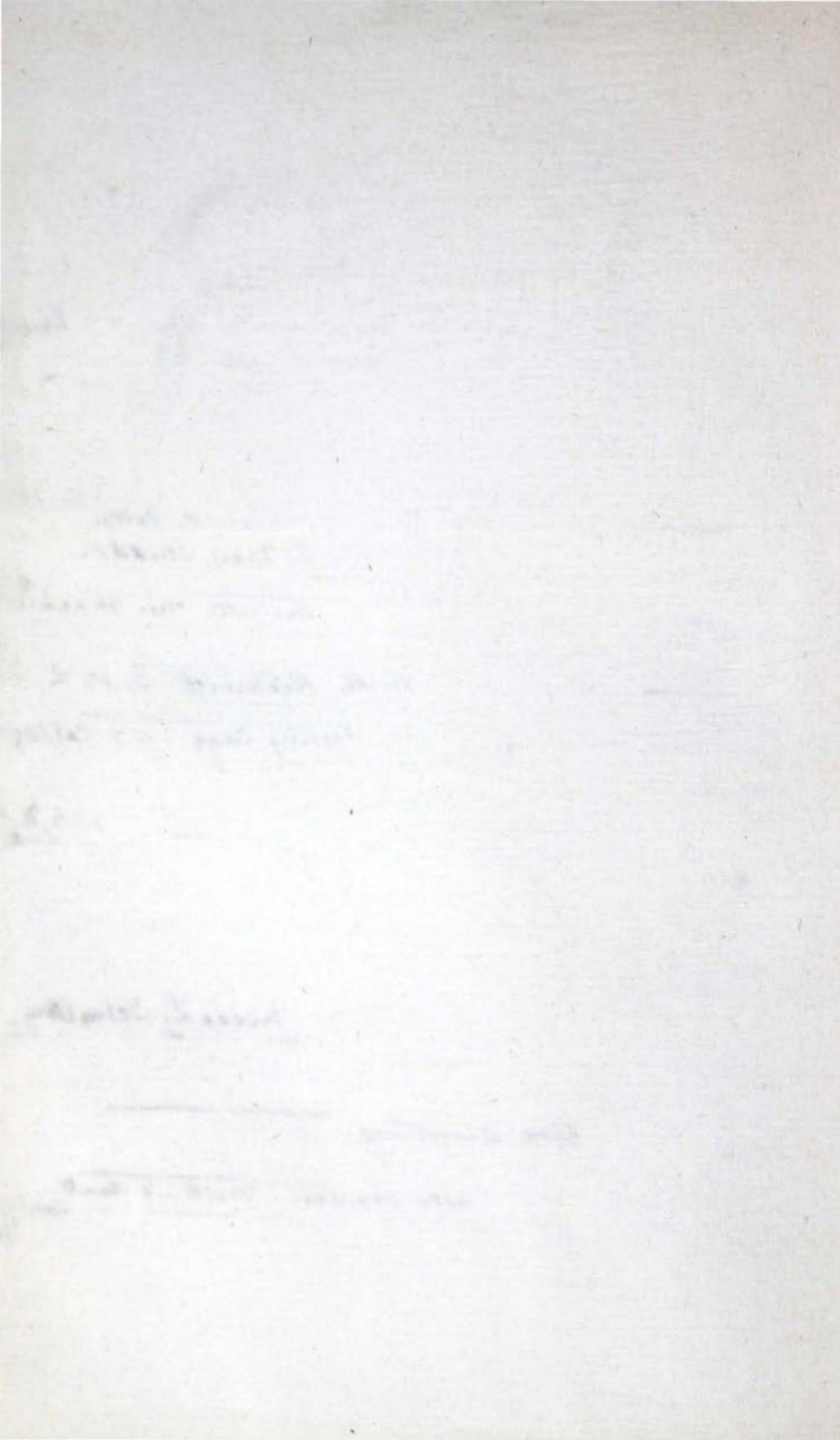
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MUSIC AS A PROFESSION FOR WOMEN.

FROM all we know of woman's character and temperament, it would seem that music must be one of the professions which she would most naturally choose. Her emotional and artistic nature, her love for the beautiful and her quickness of understanding all seem to fit her for it. History has proved that this assertion is not simply theory for there are few professions in which woman has shone so long and so brilliantly as in music. For several centuries the greatest names among musical performers were those of women and, at present, fully as many women as men, have distinguished themselves in the musical world. Nothing further is needed to prove that, as a performer, woman is eminently adapted for the profession of music.

Yet, strange to say, as much as she has achieved as an interpreter of the music of others, she has never shown herself a very successful originator or composer. Those women whose tastes have led them to attempt composition have not been notably successful in it. This fact is a powerful argument for those who would prove that woman has not real musical ability. But I have faith to believe that the ability is there, if it only had the proper education to develop it. Woman's failure to prove herself gifted with the power of composition is due to the false ideas in regard to her mission in the world and lack of encouragement in previous years, rather than to any inherent fault in her mental make-up. I look to the American girl with her new privileges and many advantages for the development of her best powers to prove to the world that women can write music as well as books.

The latter part of this century is indeed demonstrating that fact. There are already several American girls, who have accomplished praiseworthy things in the line of musical composi-

tion and there is also the gifted Frenchwoman, Chaminade, who is celebrated not merely because she, a woman, composes but because her compositions are worthy to be ranked with those of men. There is no reason why woman, who has shown her originality to so marked a degree in literature should not be likewise gifted in music.

I would advise no girl to enter the field of music particularly of composition unless she feels that she has a decided talent for it. She should ascertain as far as it can be determined from a competent judge, whether she has genuine musical ability, before she enters upon such a long, arduous, and unless accompanied by talent, unremunerative study. It is an uncertain profession and no one can predict positively whose will be the successful career. So many things go to make success in music, that it is unwise for a girl, who has to earn her own living to adopt it, unless she has talent and determination. There are many hardships to encounter. Often it is a long time before she advances sufficiently to support herself.

But those who do possess *marked* musical talents, should cultivate them seriously and earnestly, not simply as accomplishments to be used for the amusement and pleasure of their friends but as God-given powers for the improvement of themselves and the world. Few girls study music earnestly. They learn to play or sing but never go deep enough to be able to understand its real meaning and dignity, and after a few years they drop it, as they do tennis or skating. Those who have an inclination for serious study, are apt to have a contempt for music as light and frivolous and not sufficiently intellectual for them, and those who care for it only as an accomplishment naturally do not attempt any really scientific study of it. And so its serious and earnest side is neglected and few women acquire the thorough knowledge of it, which is most necessary for any achievements in the line of composition.

When we see more college girls, who are musically endowed, taking up music as a profession with the enthusiasm, constancy and desire for knowledge, which they bring to the study of mathematics or Greek, then we shall begin to hear of some composers among women.

There are so many superficial musicians already that the igno-

rant observer might conclude there is no solidity or real mental ability required for an understanding of music. It may be the language of the emotions but there are some people contented with regarding it from a standpoint of a b c knowledge, who never try to read it in words of more than one syllable. Begin the study of musical theory and follow it up through harmony, counterpoint, canon, fugue, analysis and orchestration and see if you do not find problems as knotty and as worthy of deep thought as any in calculus or physics. Consider the men, who have achieved the greatest fame in musical composition, such as Wagner, Chopin, Gounod, Verdi, Tschaiakowsky and others. They were not ignorant and uneducated, but men of true intellectuality. When we look at it from this standpoint, we see that music is as worthy of study as any profession and it is only its worthless followers who bring it into disrepute. So those women who adopt it as a profession should study it with the mind as well as the heart and thus help to dignify, no, rather to make apparent the already present dignity of this noble art. This is what a college-bred girl can do, because her habit of earnest and thorough study, acquired in the pursuit of other branches will cause her to make a more systematic and thoughtful study of any subject. Even in the arts the training of her mind will help her to do more intelligent work and will counterbalance her emotional training, thus rounding out her character more completely.

It is best to begin one's musical studies at a very early age, particularly if one desires to be a performer. And this should be done without neglect of other studies. To devote all one's time to it is neither necessary nor advisable. In singing, only two hours of practice a day are necessary even for the advanced singer and with the young, uncultivated voice much less time is required. An hour or two a day of systematic practice upon the piano from the age of five to fifteen will do much toward developing the pianist, and can be done without detriment to other studies, provided the child is not unduly hurried in her education. With this steady and regular preliminary training under a good teacher she is ready to take the work up more completely after her preparation for college is finished. It is unfortunate that there are not more colleges, where musical theory is offered as a regular course so that a student might be progressing in that line, while

still in college. But she can still give some of her time each day to music, if she will be contented to take a longer time for her course.

After graduation from college she may study in this country for a time. Americans are better teachers, on the whole, than Europeans and many pupils make the mistake of going abroad too early, when they might study advantageously at home. But some study abroad is absolutely necessary for one's complete musical education.

I know of no place, where one can get the full advantage of foreign training so well as in Germany. No country has so musical an atmosphere. In no country can one hear good music so cheaply and easily. In no country does music occupy so true a place, as a high and noble art, worthy of the best minds. One's whole idea of music becomes elevated and enlarged. All one's ambition is aroused to know it in its broadest sense and to give one's best powers to its service.

But to profit by such advantages one must work and study unremittingly. There is no study in which constant, unceasing practice is so necessary. Having once begun, there is no turning back, if success is to be gained. Cessation for a few months sometimes means months of hard work, before one can regain one's position. There are many discouragements and one must have indomitable courage and perseverance. But it is worth while, for these things, while they do not always make the successful musician, go a long way toward it, and their effect upon the character is of incalculable value.

After a young woman has gone through this severe training, having in mind always the special line of work, which she has chosen, and taking advantage of every opportunity to help her in that work, she is ready to begin the practice of her profession. Will she be a solo performer? Will she devote herself to composition? Or will she teach? She has these three alternatives.

Perhaps she has started out with the idea that she will be a solo performer. For this she must be gifted in many ways and upon the degree of these gifts will depend the degree of her success. Preëminently must she possess real musical talent. The more thoroughly this has been cultivated, the better her technique, and the greater are her chances for success. She must have emotional

power. That is, perhaps, the musician's most necessary and valuable gift, since the personal magnetism of the player or singer often causes the audience to forget the lack of other things. She must have confidence in her own ability, as that gives her courage before an audience and causes them to recognize her power. Equipped with all these things she awaits her opportunity. It may perhaps come but slowly. She must have patience and not be discouraged, if for a while the world seems to have no place for her. She must leave no stone unturned but take advantage of every opportunity however small, as it may lead to something better. She must always try to do her best, even though the occasion be an apparently unimportant one. The true artist will always be artistic, though no soul appreciates her effort.

It is hard to make a widespread and lasting reputation in music and there are comparatively few, who succeed in winning anything but a local success. It requires a rare combination of talents and circumstances to bring one success in this field and one must make up one's mind not to be daunted by ill fortune but to turn one's talents cheerfully to account in any direction where there is an opening.

In the smaller towns, where there are fewer musical advantages, there are many opportunities for the cultivated musician. The singer, who sings here a few good songs in an artistic manner can give the listeners, a higher idea of music and a better understanding of it. This is one of the best ways in which she can use her powers and this pioneer work should afford her as much real satisfaction as a successful appearance in a large musical centre. If a woman has enthusiasm and the determination to succeed, she can always find some place open to her and I wish there were more good musicians not afraid to take up this less promising work, in which they might win a great deal of happiness and success far beyond their expectations. It is to be doubted whether all who stand at the summit of success find contentment and peace there. I believe there are many lesser heights where the view is quite as charming and the laurels as green. If every girl, who starts out on a musical career, does not win pre-eminent success, her mission may nevertheless be just as useful to the world, if she will only do her best in what comes to hand. Because the nightingale sings so divinely, should the bobolink be silent?

Musical composition requires as long and hard a training and more genuine talent, as does original work in all professions, and success is often slower in coming. So there is the more necessity that a woman should feel a special calling and love for it, before she undertakes it. But the success is greater if it comes. For who would not choose to be a composer, whose work may be the wonder of all the ages rather than the performer, who bequeaths nothing of his greatness except the memory of it. Rubinstein, the marvel of pianists, the envy and delight of his generation, died a disappointed man, because the same superabundant success had not attended his work in composition. Perhaps some day before long woman will prove her right to success in that field, as she has in so many others in this generation. Perhaps some of those women, who have not won success as performers, may yet have before them a glorious career as composers. This was the case with Schumann.

There is another field in which more women can hope to win success in the musical profession. That is as teachers of music. Here extraordinary musical talent tells less and hard work more. There are far too many unscientific, unsystematic, uncultivated and unreliable teachers. What could not a college girl, with her broad general education and systematic habits of thought accomplish in making better-trained and more substantial musicians by taking up this profession? The teaching of music requires the same intellectual and scientific habits of thought, which the teaching of any other subject requires and only by those so endowed can it be well taught.

It is the cultivated, conscientious and hardworking teachers, who are doing most to elevate the musical taste of the whole country. It is a noble and satisfactory work, bringing its own rewards.

The pecuniary success of music as a profession for women depends upon a great many things. If one chooses to be a performer or composer, the rewards are apt to be somewhat uncertain. To make money one must have great, unusual talent. It is only the gifted few, who are able to win fortunes. The majority of those less gifted have to struggle very hard to hold a place and meet all the expenses of their necessarily expensive living. Many have to depend upon some other work like teaching to help them out.

But a good teacher of music may make a pecuniary success. It is generally much more profitable than school-teaching, though the expense of the training is much greater. Young music teachers make the mistake of settling in too great numbers in the large cities, where the field is overcrowded and success is slow in coming. If more of them would be contented to settle in the smaller towns, where good teachers are rare or entirely wanting, they would often find a profitable field, where money is abundant and the desire for good music pathetically eager. The enthusiastic college girl, equipped with a fine musical education might do here a work, which would reward her in money, gratitude and the elevation of musical taste. It is in these smaller fields that the majority of those who adopt music for a profession will find their life-work, and here one may often make a reputation extending over a wide territory. There are few whose names are universally distinguished in the musical world, but there are many who have done an invaluable work for the general musical culture. It is the many less distinguished, whose influence has been the greatest, though they may themselves have drawn their inspiration from the distinguished few.

It is a noble profession for all who love it and there is a work both for the musical genius and for the less bountifully endowed. For women it has not so many hardships as other professions and her natural gifts fit her so eminently for following it, that she will find it a profession full of pleasure and happiness as well as success.

FLORENCE LEE WHITMAN, *Beta Beta*, '82.

THE SORORITY MAGAZINES.

ONCE upon a time long ago, more than a year, the writer was given a problem to solve. The problem was this: given several groups of college girls united by the closest possible ties and representing different sections of the country, and given a magazine produced by each group, will these magazines differ? The writer answered "No," and was sure that she was right. Nevertheless, since this is a scientific age and everything must be proved by experience, she took occasion to read the sorority magazines.

To her surprise they were not exact counterparts of one another. Alike they were, it is true; but their differences were more striking than the resemblances.

All the sororities which possess more than two or three chapters publish magazines. These are *The Kappa Alpha Theta*, *The Alpha Phi Quarterly*, *The Anchora of Delta Gamma*, *The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi*, and *The Trident*, which is the official organ of Delta Delta Delta. These are all somewhat modest in their outward apparel, which indeed seems to be designed for some other purpose than to exhibit the greater possible number of emblems in a given space. Love for the horrible, too, is in abeyance, for there are no skulls, no crossbones, no serpents to bite you, no mailed hands to seize you. Whatever mystery there is in the sororities is by far too mysterious to be shadowed forth on magazine covers. *The Trident*, *Anchora*, and *Kappa Alpha Theta* are content with the name and date set forth in fanciful letters; *The Arrow* adds a scroll pierced with an arrow and resting upon a twig, all three of which are bathed in the light coming from some letters in the back ground; *The Alpha Phi Quarterly* is the gayest of all, for besides the bands of silver leaves above and below the name, there is a generous sprinkling of stars in between.

There is unanimity in the fraternity world as to the object of the fraternity magazine, it is to further the interests of the fraternity. But when it comes to deciding what kind of articles will have that result, and what should be excluded, differences of opinion at once arise. The first place belongs of course to news of the fraternity; other fraternities and colleges elbow each other for second position; while among the sororities the third is usually accorded to what will interest the college woman as such. The fourth place is when the battle comes. Some of the magazines, among which is included *THE KEY*, maintain that anything beyond the third is outside their province. Others hold the opposite opinion and publish stories and sketches which have no relation to fraternities. For several reasons the latter course seems to be a mistake. Once outside the fraternity pale, the fraternity magazine has no reason for existence; a gradual decline and easy death would be preferable to turning it into a school for the literary talent of young collegians. It cannot hope to compete with magazines whose contributors are paid and to depend for support

upon the loyalty of its subscribers, after it has ceased to fill one of their real wants, is unworthy of a self-respecting magazine. Nor does it help matters to go through a story, and label all the characters as fraternity men and women. An imaginary trip to the north pole is no more suited to the *Omega Epsilon News*, because its readers are informed in the first paragraph that the chief explorer is an Omega Epsilon. Nearly all of the sorority magazines offend in this respect either from principle, or from dearth of other material. Let us hope it is from the former reason.

The one department which is found in all the magazines is that of the chapter letters. Who first wrote a chapter letter is not down on the annals, but if heredity counts for anything, he wrote on both sides of the paper. Spencer and Weismann may dispute as long as they like, all editors of fraternity magazines know that acquired traits are transmitted, and not only from father to son but from secretary to secretary. If there is any magazine which has received no double-faced contributions, let it come forth, that its sisters may put it on a pedestal, and then turn to worship its contributors. The quality of the sorority chapter letters varies little. They all incline to put in the things which interest no one but themselves, and leave out all the items which their sisters most want to know. Yet they are an improvement upon those written by the men, and their writers need not be ashamed of them. They would have reason to be proud, if they could in some way show the individuality of the different chapters. As it is, one may begin with the oldest, THE KEY, and read them all down to *The Trident*, which is the sorority magazine baby, without finding any variation from the same dead level of events. *The Trident* is the only one which differs at all, and even here the monotony is broken only by the title. The letters of Delta Delta Delta are called Ocean Breezes.

Besides the chapter letters the interests of the sorority are discussed in the editorials and in the alumnæ departments. Of course every magazine has its editorials. Without these, what would become of the editorial "we?" The alumnæ departments are not so democratic, and confine themselves to *The Arrow*, *The Alpha Phi Quarterly* and THE KEY. Their name might imply that they are for the purpose of informing active members about the brilliant achievements of their predecessors. Never could guess be

farther from the truth. The deeds of the alumnae are chronicled among the personals; here their words are handed down to posterity. In short, whenever the editor-in-chief writes to one of the "old girls" and begs for an article, this is where her production is put.

Most of the magazines print all they can find about other fraternities and about the different colleges of the country. *The Arrow*, *The Trident*, and *The Alpha Phi Quarterly* have a special department for the purpose. All occasionally contain leading articles, often illustrated, describing colleges and the chapters there. *The Arrow* is unique in not possessing an exchange department.

What more is there to say? It would never do to compare this magazine with that; it would be a difficult thing to do, and might bring down upon THE KEY untold wrath. They all are good, they all might be better. There may sometime be an ideal magazine; but now, and it is to be feared, for many years to come, such a blessing must be looked upon as a literary Mrs. Harris. The writer is firmly convinced that there "aint no sich person."

REPORT OF ALPHA PROVINCE CONVENTION.

CERTAINLY no report is necessary for those who were fortunate enough to be present at the Convention of Alpha Province at Canton, but perhaps those who could not be present would enjoy hearing about it.

The first session was not held until Wednesday morning, October 2, but Tuesday evening was devoted to an informal gathering of Kappas at Beta Beta Hall for the purpose of becoming better acquainted. The Beta Betas are admirable hostesses and Kappas are soon known to one another so that it was rather a late hour when the company adjourned to the railroad station to welcome more delegates.

Unfortunately, Phi and Beta Alpha were not represented as their members found it impossible to leave college during term time, but Wednesday morning found the other delegates and Beta Beta chapter assembled for work. Miss Hull of Psi was chosen chairman and the morning was taken up with credentials, chapter

reports and songs, leaving time only for one paper. This was on "The Methods of Rushing" and was presented by Miss Newcomb, Beta Tau's delegate. It was followed by a general discussion of the question, each delegate outlining the methods employed by her own chapter.

In the afternoon, the following papers were read and discussed: "The Selection of Girls" by Miss Dolson of Psi, "The Relation of a Chapter to its College" by Miss Mellick of Beta Epsilon, and "The Relations of the Chapters in Alpha Province" by Miss Miller of Beta Iota. The meeting then adjourned. In the evening, a large reception was given by Beta Beta at the house of Professor Priest, and it was a great pleasure to meet some of the members of the original "Browning Society" as well as the faculty and students of St. Lawrence University.

The next morning, the delegates were again assembled with Beta Beta and papers on "Initiation Rites" and "Shall the Fraternity take up Outside Work" were read by Miss Appleby of Gamma Rho and Miss Robinson of Beta Beta. These were discussed at length and the advisability of entering Denver University was brought up for consideration. This session ended the business of the convention.

In the afternoon the delegates visited the Alpha Tau Omega chapter house and were entertained with a "tea" at the Beta Theta Pi chapter house, while a Kappa banquet in the evening gave a happy ending to a most successful convention. Toasts were given, songs were sung and the evening ended with serenades from the two men's fraternities.

The convention was of great value to the chapters, since each delegate received many suggestions from the others. It certainly should not be the last. Beta Beta has great reason to be proud of its success in making Kappas enthusiastic, and each chapter ought in turn to do its share.

F. M. S., *Gamma Rho.*

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A FRATERNITY MEMBER.

WHEN initiation is over, and the pledged member of Kappa Kappa Gamma has taken her place in the ranks, she assumes together with her new pleasures, certain new responsibilities. The

great sisterhood of which she forms a part has a claim upon her. She holds a new position, one in a peculiar sense representative, for she stands as a type of her fraternity. By the college girl we do not always judge her family, that would be manifest injustice; but we do, and rightly, judge her fraternity. Is she not its choice? and by our choice is it known what we are. If a girl be a negligent student, her fraternity must be lacking in regard for the real object of a college course. Is she careless in appearance and manners, given to slang and too loud laughter? Then her fraternity, and especially the local chapter must be deficient in the refinement that marks the gentlewoman. Perhaps she is narrow in her views, egotistical and exacting in her intercourse with others. At once the discrimination and standard of requirements of her sisterhood are brought into question. O, Kappa girls! let us be just, but let us not falsely represent our fraternity; let us not throw back upon this sisterhood of ours with its scores of noble women, the censure of our own misdoing and misbeing. If our individual womanhood is to be the type of that of our fraternity, let it be the purest, the strongest, the sweetest possible.

But the fraternity girl owes to her society another duty, that based on her personal relations to its members. There is a vow on her lips, of loyalty to her sisters. While time lasts, that which touches their lives, touches hers; their needs, their faults even, are matters of concern to her. She is pledged to all possible helpfulness. In this relation is the very essence of fraternity. Without it the organization is only an organization. A girl has no right to look upon her sisters as "the other members," simply. True, not all of them may be companions, unfortunately there sometimes exists a wide difference in their ideals, but they belong to her nevertheless, and have a peculiar claim upon her love and interest. We are sometimes too jealous for the honor and too ambitious for the position of our organization as an organization. Let us remember that the girl does not exist for the fraternity but the fraternity for the girl. Does she receive her due?

Yet not to her sisterhood alone is the fraternity girl responsible. She is primarily a college girl and bears the same relation to the institution and to the student body as does any other member of that body. The great objection brought against Greek letter

fraternities is that they tend to narrow the views of their members. Too often is this criticism just. It does sometimes happen that the college woman, on becoming a fraternity woman loses her identification with college life in its broader sense. She is no longer a part of the student body—only a Greek ; interested in college enterprises only as her fraternity is represented in those enterprises. That generous and loyal college spirit which is the life of an institution dies out in her, strangled by a narrower love. Yet this is against the object for which the fraternity came into being, for its aim is not to make its members nobler for each other, but nobler for the world. Rightly understood and faithfully followed the fraternity principle is a source of greater loyalty to the university ; of heartier co-operation in its undertakings ; it is the promoter of a more sympathetic and unselfish relation toward other Greeks and toward non-fraternity students ; it is a potent factor in the unification and strengthening of the whole student body.

D. L. DEAN, *Beta Tau.*

Alumnæ Department.

USEFULNESS.

A BRIGHT business girl said to a Kappa this summer, "That's your fraternity pin, isn't it? Oh, tell me something about your fraternity. I'm so interested, you don't know how I envy you college girls. I had a chance to go to college but threw it away, and now it's too late."

There are thousands of girls in this country who look at the college girl with envy. In her they see the impersonation of culture and learning and experienced judgment. To the college, the school looks for its teachers, the church looks for its workers, the world looks for its women. How do college girls meet their demands?

For what do we go to college? Is it because our fathers send us? Sometimes. Is it because of the gaiety it offers, and there

is nothing else to do, and the other girls are going? Often so. And again it is because of a thirst for knowledge and an ambition that the possibilities afforded by a thorough education alone can gratify. However it may be, in becoming a college student a young woman assumes a responsibility that she can never lay down. She has voluntarily taken the tools in her hands. Will she use them? And not only in gaining knowledge and self-satisfaction and praise, but will she use them in giving knowledge and help and encouragement? She is equipped with weapons, and there are many fields to conquer. Some one has said, "the doors are not only open but they are nailed back." Yet it often takes a good many years to find it out, and many never learn it. It is appalling to think that every college girl is one of five hundred to have a college education, and to realize that her advantages are a trust given for use. To her belongs the immense privilege of carrying what she has gained to five hundred young women. How great an incentive!

Fraternity is to us a college family. It is the object to make its influence felt in the developing and strengthening of its members. As the home is the heart of all society, let us make the fraternity the center of our college circle, whence shall emanate the earnestness, nobility, and inspiration, born of perfect ideals, which shall result in a true and useful womanhood.

M. B. G., *Mu*, '94.

TO THE UNDERGRADUATE.

A perusal of the file of any fraternity magazine will show that "How to Interest the Alumnæ" has ever been a fruitful theme for discussion. This lack of interest on the part of the earlier alumnæ is not due to the chapters but to the difference in the conditions of fraternity life.

In our early days having no centralized fraternity, each chapter was for itself, and there was little else for it to know and little else in which to be interested. Then the fraternity was a means to college political preferment, the chapter meeting the place for the members to train for public performances in the literary societies or for the various contests. The members were then

leaders in every department of college life, but when they left college the literary society was left, and with it all to which the chapter was a means. So active interest in the chapter was easily lost.

All these conditions are changed now. In these later years fraternity means much more than in the good old days, yet chapter life in some ways remains the same. Each commencement we have been gaining accessions to the ranks of uninterested *alumnæ*. This is due to the fact that many still consider the chapter a means only. Too many are ready to accept all the advantages of chapter life, but outside of the chapter know little of the fraternity at large.

It is not the best student, not the prize-winner, not the most popular girl, nor yet the best rusher, who makes the most interested alumna. The chapter changes, the college changes, our interests must of necessity change, but if we know Kappa Kappa Gamma, we will never lose our interest and enthusiasm. It will go on increasing as we watch the fraternity grow and strengthen, and each year we will love Kappa Kappa Gamma better because we know her better.

Much as we may regret the lack of fraternity spirit among the older *alumnæ* and may strive to reclaim them, the real solution of the *alumnæ* question lies in the proper education of those who are annually augmenting our ranks. The fact for you to remember is that to each one of you your fraternity will be what you make of it while in college.

Enjoy the chapter while you are in it, and when you leave it to join our forces, appoint yourself a committee of one to see that at least one alumna of your intimate acquaintance shall never need reviving. See that your name is on the KEY'S list of life subscribers and thus will the vexed problem be solved.

By doing so, the flying years shall not add to your age, for the joys of youth will keep your spirit young.

M. R. W., *Iota*, '90.

AN ANSWER.

In regard to the question "When a girl joins Kappa Kappa Gamma, does she join the chapter or the fraternity?" Should the woman honored by an invitation to join the fraternity, con-

sider only that chapter of which she contemplates being a member, or the fraternity at large as well? If the former, why not be designated as "a Delta," "a Mu," "a Phi" or "a Nu," instead of a "Kappa Kappa Gamma!" Are we not each "Sigma in Delta" to every member of our beloved fraternity? Then, as such, let us hasten out of our way to meet and greet every member, and live up to the standard of Kappa Kappa Gamma. "Fraternity" may seem merged into "chapter" while we are in active membership but afterward, the true meaning dawns and widens, and the realization comes to each that she is a Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumna.

AMY GERECKE, *Psi '92.*

PERSONAL NOTES.

PSI.

Laura Stanley Dickey, '92, is teaching science at Newburg, N. Y.

Mary A. Otis, '89, is teaching art in the Drexel Institute, Philadelphia.

Elizabeth Bump, '95, is studying at the Albany Normal School.

Harriet Bisbee, ex-'92, is studying Library Science at Armour Institute, Chicago.

Jennie Grafft Hathway, '93, is now living at Ridley Park, Pa. In February, Mr. and Mrs. Hathway, with their small son Randall, will move to Chicago where Mr. Hathway is to be located in the future.

BETA IOTA.

Frances B. Stevenson, '93, is principal of the West Chester Friends' School.

Mary A. Hayes, '94, is an instructor in Latin in West Chester, Pa.

The engagement of Mary Booth Janvier, '94, and Joseph Meredith Pugh, K. Σ., is announced.

GAMMA RHO.

Miss Minnie A. Barney has resigned her position on *The Chautauquan* and has accepted the editorship of the *Young Ladies' Journal* published in Buffalo.

LAMBDA.

Addie Marion Buchtel is instructor in elocution at The People's College, South Bend, Ind.

Estelle Musson, '93, is studying music in Leipzig.

DELTA.

Ida Fulwider, '95, was married on Thanksgiving Day to Walter E. Hottel, '95, of Salem, Indiana.

Monta Kelso, '95, spent her Thanksgiving vacation with Delta and brought reports of good work done by Delta girls at Anderson.

UPSILON.

Edith Clarke, '90, was married June 19 to Frank Leslie Williams. Their present home is Erie, Pa.

Nettie J. Hunt, '92, was married August 18, to Jerome H. Raymond, B.©.H., '92. Mr. Raymond occupies the Chair of Sociology at the University of Wisconsin.

At the meeting of the American Library Association, held in Denver last August, Grand President, Katharine L. Sharp, was elected to the Council of the A. L. A.

CHI.

Katharine Jewel Everets will study elocution in Boston this winter.

Elizabeth Northup has gone to Colorado Springs for the winter.

Marion Jean Craig is teacher of elocution in the St. Paul High School.

BETA ZETA.

Helen Copeland, '88, who has been teaching in Ogden, Utah, has returned to Iowa State University to study for her master's degree.

Stella Price, '94, is teaching in West Liberty High School.
Camille Mast, '95, is teaching at Oltunna.

SIGMA.

Florence Winger, '95, is teaching in the Lincoln public schools.
Elizabeth Seacrest, '95, proves an able assistant under Professor Wolfe in the psychological laboratory.

Hattie Maine is to study music in Chicago this winter.

Mabel Lindley, '95, is taking graduate work in the University of Nebraska.

The Parthenon.

Now that rushing and initiation no longer engross the attention of the chapters, the question naturally arises, "What shall we do at the meetings which are not needed for business?"

How few are well acquainted with the constitution or even with the by-laws of their own chapter! Would it not be well to review them? The location of the different chapters is another seemingly insurmountable obstacle in the path of many Kappas. Why not become certain of them? It is true, we have an examination on them several times a **Fraternity Study**. year, yet at every examination, most of the girls must learn them again because they merely do "from hand to mouth" study. If, at every meeting, a few minutes could be given to a random quiz, the location of the chapters would soon become so familiar, that at the mention of a college we should at once associate with it the chapter whose home it is.

Certainly, every member of Kappa Kappa Gamma ought to have a pretty good knowledge of her own fraternity and know something of fraternities in general. But, sad to say, not many do. One or two meetings in each term devoted to general fraternity matters, would surely do much good in this direction; for it is hardly to be expected that the average college girl will have time outside of her assigned tasks for such study.

J. M., *Lambda*.

IN the engrossing interests and cares of our chapter life, most of us lose the wider outlook on the general fraternity, which is most essential to a true conception of the meaning of our organization. To be sure, for the great majority of us, the local bond is the only one that has any significance, but golden opportunities come now and then to some of us, through Province Conventions, to test the genuineness of the wider ties and to gain broader views of fraternity life and principles. Those of us in Alpha Province who attended the convention at Canton in October had thrust upon us the provincialism of our fraternity ideas and the weakness of our faith in Kappa's good judgment. We were so

The Province Convention.

pleasantly surprised at finding the other chapters as nice as our own that we could not help confessing to one another our previous fears, even though the confession involved the admission of a certain distrust of fraternity principles. We went to Canton dreading to meet uncongenial strangers; we came away sorry to leave pleasant friends and filled with a new sense of the meaning of Kappa Kappa Gamma. The fact that they are bound together by common ties is, after all, the chief distinction between our chapters and mere local societies, and unless our members realize the existence of these wider bonds, they fail to appreciate the true meaning of the fraternity. The Province Convention is a sure means of fostering such a realization and therefore we cannot have too many of them. At each one are sown seeds of fraternity spirit, which must bear fruit in a more abundant and widespread fraternity interest and enthusiasm, and so bring us nearer to the attainment of our ideal sisterhood.

ANNA C. MELLICK, *Beta Epsilon*.

WE were greatly impressed not long since by a conversation with one of our Kappa girls of '87. She had been separated from her chapter for some time and knew but little of its present life; but the most pleasant recollections of her college days clustered about her fraternity. She had intended purchasing a new key but could not now entertain the idea of giving up her old one. Though it was old-fashioned and somewhat odd when compared with some of our more modern ones, yet there were memories connected with that bit of gold which could never be put aside.

The Key. It seems that any younger Kappa hearing this would certainly be impressed with the fact that the fraternity is not simply for her individual, frivolous enjoyment but that her chapter afforded her opportunities in college which should be appreciated and improved.

M. B. K., *Epsilon*.

IOTA has enjoyed her chapter house so much, and so beautiful and helpful has been the close companionship which the common home has made possible, that some of us have wondered if it

were not practicable to extend this idea, and have a summer cottage, where Kappas from all our chapters might meet, and, while they enjoyed the rest and recreation of a summer outing, become acquainted with one another.

The idea may, at first, appear impracticable to some. To others, unnecessary—not worth while.

It would be presumptuous to assume, that it is necessary to say to a loyal Kappa, whose life has been enriched and glorified by the sweet and full friendships of the girls of her own chapter, that it would be an inestimable privilege for her to know personally, the fine women, who have united themselves to our fraternity in other colleges.

Our national conventions do much towards binding the separate chapters together, and in distributing what we may call, the cumulated inspiration of all to each; but the work of a convention must of necessity be limited. We need more of the feeling of an intelligent and sympathetic union, and, as I now consider the idea of a general fraternity home, the thought of the personal advantage to individual members is not uppermost in my mind, but it is the thought, of the great advantage of such a step to the fraternity as a whole.

Some of us are fortunate enough to be able to go regularly to our own family cottage, perhaps at Newport, Bar Harbor, or it may be to some less widely known, but equally delightful spot, or, we may be going with yearly regularity across the ocean. Because this is so, let us not put aside, as useless, such a plan for the general fraternity home. To such Kappas the idea will not mean a two months', or a one month's stay at the fraternity cottage, but perhaps a few days, or a week, and those few days would, I am sure, prove very precious ones both in experience and memory. But there are many other Kappas. To them, a few weeks at a lovely little cottage, with the opportunity for the best music, bathing, rowing, tennis and lazy indolence all at hand to be enjoyed with the delightful companionship of sympathetic, intelligent women—fraternity sisters—would they not prove a delight?

The financial practicability of the plan must be assured by a canvas of the chapters, before anything is done; a strict business plan be agreed upon and rigidly carried out,—proper and

just estimates made; rooms secured for certain dates and the minute details of all possible contingencies dealt with.

Is the plan not worth examining? Can we not find a place, where we may, if only for a season, know more of each other; where we may row and bathe and play tennis together, and be tanned brown on the same bit of beach, and come in to sing Kappa songs together in the evening?

The people with whom we come in contact in this world, to a great extent, make us what we are. Would it not be worth while, at least to see what our own fraternity could bring to us in this way? The college women of to-day are worth knowing. Think this over, Kappas, and a thousand delightful, charming, helpful features of such a plan, will come thronging before your minds.

E. J. N., *Iota*.

WHAT is the true relationship existing between the active chapter, and its *alumnæ* members? This is a question which has puzzled me for some time, and upon which I would like to hear from other Kappas. The subject was brought to my notice by

one of our *alumnæ* who spoke to me of the very little sorrow expressed by her sister Kappas, as a body, at her withdrawal from active membership. Do the *alumnæ* members express to the chapter *their* regret at such a withdrawal? Then, too, it has been said that no invitation was extended to attend the meetings. Do we ever hear a wish expressed which would make us feel that such an invitation would be welcome? Our experience has taught us to be sparing of our invitations—it is not pleasant to have them disregarded! We would like our girls to feel, though, that a warm welcome always awaits them at any Kappa gathering to which they may care to come.

BETA ALPHA.

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

PHI—BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

Time has sped so rapidly that it seems only a few days since our last chapter letter was sent to THE KEY, but meanwhile many pleasant changes have come to Phi.

In the first place, we are very happily situated, nearer college than last year, and in large, cheerful rooms, whose furnishings afford us the satisfaction which only the sense of proprietorship can give. This new sense of ownership grows more pleasing from day to day. Another thing in which we glory, and which has been of much help to us in our fall meetings, is that we can be so near to Mrs. Charlotte Barrell Ware, whose rooms open into ours. Her enthusiasm for everything Kappa, arouses us more than ever to renewed action.

On October 19, we celebrated Kappa's twenty-fifth birthday, by a little house-warming, given at our rooms, at 14 Ashburton Place. Although the rain came down in torrents, and rivers flowed in the streets, about twenty of our *alumnæ* assembled and spent a very pleasant afternoon. Among those present were our former Grand Presidents, Mrs. Charlotte Barrell Ware and Mrs. Emily Bright Burnham. There was then and there organized an Association of Phi *Alumnæ*, which is to meet every month in our chapter rooms.

Of course, the earlier part of the year has been very busy, and the character of our meetings has been mostly decided for us, but since affairs have become more settled, we have enjoyed a few genuine Kappa meetings.

Our initiation was held on November 23, at Arlington, at the hospitable home of Mrs. Henry Dodge. An unusually large number of *alumnæ* were present and a joyous time was spent in greeting our five new members, Blanche Bagley, '99, Edith Bradbury, '98, Ella Gertrude Jenness, '98, Winnie E. Russell, '97, and Cora L. Templeton, '99.

Many changes have also come upon our college since you last heard from us.

Mr. F. Spencer Baldwin, Ph.D., a graduate of this university, has been appointed to a professorship in sociology and political economy, and another assistant in mathematics has been found necessary, on account of the increasing size of the entrance classes.

Dr. Daniel E. Dorchester, Jr., who for twelve years has held the position of professor of English literature at this university, has accepted the pastorate of Christ Church, Pittsburg, Penn. Mr. Gibbs, of Wesleyan, is to succeed him.

Last, but more interesting still, a woman has for the first time been appointed to the B. U. faculty. Miss Malvina M. Bennet, of Knox College, is now professor in elocution and oratory.

Phi sends heartiest greetings to all Kappas, especially the recent initiates.

BETA EPSILON—BARNARD COLLEGE.

Beta Epsilon's chief energies during the early fall were devoted to the search for some one hour during the week, at which the ten members of the chapter could meet without being obliged to "cut" a recitation. That hour, after many patient and renewed efforts, having at last been found, we turned our attention to the subject of a chapter room, the possession of which has long been one of our most cherished hopes. In this we were destined to be less fortunate than in our other quest, for our acquisition of the room is still in the future; the best arrangement we could make was in a house across the street where, as a great favor, we could obtain a small fourth-story back room for fifty dollars a month! Let those of our sisters who may think we lack the proper amount of Kappa feeling, bear in mind our tribulations.

In spite of these trials, however, we have found time to enjoy the reports of the Alpha Province Convention furnished us by our delegate, and to elect three new members, all from the class of '98, who will have been initiated into the fraternity before this letter reaches the chapters. Beta Epsilon is sure that the fraternity as well as the chapter will take great pleasure in welcoming Miss Berg, Miss Leaycraft, and Miss Myers, as true representatives of Kappa womanhood and ideals. The Song Book, too, has received its share of attention, and Beta Epsilon wishes to thank the chapters for their coöperation in this work.

It has long been one of our purposes to undertake some outside work in connection with the chapter, but until this fall this has seemed impossible on account of the many interests and interruptions to which life in New York is subject. Since the organization of the College Settlement Chapter at Barnard, however, our energies have found an outlet which benefits the chapter, the college, and the Settlement, at the same time. The plan which we hope to carry out is this: every Saturday afternoon two or three girls will go down to the Settlement and from there take a party of children to the park, spending two or three hours with them watching the animals or playing games. The scheme is, you see, very simple, requiring comparatively little time individually, for each girl need go only once in three or four weeks; yet the pleasure and benefit we can thus give so easily to these poor children is inestimable. Nor is the reflex influence insignificant. This kind of work the chapter thinks is especially desirable as it is so closely connected with the chapter's aim of representing the best life of the college. We sincerely wish that other chapters situated where there are College Settlements would adopt some similar plan; or even if there are no regular Settlements there are at least poor children. Would it not be feasible?

PSI CHAPTER—CORNELL.

Psi sends greetings to all her sisters and wishes them a very happy New Year. At the beginning of the fall term we were delighted to welcome back Lillian Balcom, '94, and Ellen Talbot, B. N., and to receive as one of us Flora Love from Delta. This term has been an uneventful one; as our pledge day is not till the seventh of December the rushing has been moderate and pleasant, not taxing unpleasantly the resources of the chapter or the endurance of the freshmen. It has not been marked by any special features; the Hallowe'en party at Mrs. Barr's, on the campus, was the most elaborate; where a farce of John Kendrick Bangs was given beside the ordinary Hallowe'en observances. Our party at Mrs. Hammond's this week was dubbed a "great social success" and certainly was a good test of the entertaining abilities of our girls.

The chapter life is quite different from that of last year, partly

owing to the fact that so many of the girls did not come back, and partly that the headquarters of the chapter are at Dr. Winslow's, with a private family, instead of at the rented chapter house tried last year as an experiment. While this way of living lacks the excitement and freedom of the chapter house it gains a home feeling and intercourse with older people and with society which are pleasant.

Our delegates to the Province Convention came home fired with enthusiasm and loud in their praises of everything connected with Canton. It is a pity that every member can not take advantage of the opportunity to meet the other chapters, it must be worth a great many letters. It is delightful to hear that we are going to have our new Song Books with the new year; we are anxiously waiting to see them.

Little has happened in university matters of general interest. Cornell's valiant struggles in football must be known to everyone in some light or other, perhaps it is better not to devote much space to them here. Our numbers in faculty and students are larger than ever before. Among the new professors are Professor Dyer in Greek, and Professors Pound and Hardon in Law. The Veterinary College is rapidly going up and Sage Annex was ready for the new girls at the beginning of the term. The gymnasium is on the lower floor of the annex and is large and well fitted up, one of the finest in the country.

One of the pleasantest features in university life this fall has been the organ recitals given by Dr. Forman and the chapel organist. The music was fine and exceptionally well played, appealing to the students as few of our pleasures do. Another pleasant innovation is the Greek readings by Professor Dyer of Cambridge. They are metrical translations of Euripides' Tragedies made by Professor Dyer himself, and so perhaps read with more feeling and heard with greater appreciation.

BETA BETA—ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

Beta Beta has had many happy experiences since the last issue of *THE KEY* and is bubbling over with enthusiasm. The effect of the Alpha Province Convention upon us has been altogether delightful. We realized a dream which had haunted us for many

months: and we found even more pleasure in its realization than we had anticipated. We hope to continue our acquaintance with all the chapters of Alpha Province and so to broaden our fraternity life.

A very enjoyable reception and dance was given to Beta Beta, October 25, by Beta Zeta chapter of Beta Theta Pi at their chapter house.

A young ladies literary society of Potsdam Normal School has extended an invitation to Beta Beta to unite with it in giving a musical and literary entertainment.

Our chapter has been increased by the addition of five new members who have already manifested an unusual amount of fraternity spirit. They are: Katharine Stallman, Rochester, N. Y., Harriet Shaw, Rochester, N. Y., Isabel Ellis, Victor, N. Y., Jessie Robertson, Canton, N. Y., Amy Lyon, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The initiation banquet was held at the home of Zoa Rowland, '97, on Saturday evening, November 23. After a bountiful supper the toastmistress, Katharine Moag, '96, gracefully announced several toasts which were responded to by Emma C. Robinson, '96, Antoinette J. Foster, '96, Daisy M. Jones, '97, Marguerite Liotard, '98, and Mrs. Manley. Dr. Heaton was then called upon to speak a few words and she answered in her usual earnest and enthusiastic manner. The initiates rose to the occasion and with remarkable self possession gave impromptu remarks on the various subjects assigned them and were rewarded with much laughter and loud applause.

We are looking forward to our first meeting with our new members, and feel sure that they will bring much interest with them. Our meetings have been more than usually delightful of late, and we find it hard to part after our weekly gathering in the chapter rooms. We often remain until a late hour singing fraternity songs or passing the time with talk and laughter.

On Tuesday, November 26, at half-past twelve Gertrude Ella Pierce, '93 and Leon Hoage, '90, were married at the home of D. Y. Percy. Mr. Hoage is a member of Beta Zeta chapter of Beta Theta Pi and the two chapters joined in decorating the house with fraternity colors and emblems. It was a very gay party that escorted Mr. and Mrs. Hoage to the four o'clock train when they took their departure for their home in Brooklyn.

The fraternity calls were sung again and again and showers of rice followed the happy couple as they entered the car.

BETA TAU—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

We celebrated the anniversary of the founding of Kappa Kappa Gamma by our initiation and are proud to introduce twelve girls who now wear the golden key: Eugenia Baker, Eva Bryan, Elizabeth Conklin, Mary Newcomb, Grace Potter, Clara Rogers, Emma Smith, Frances Sager, Ada Smart, Irma Ryan, Mary Todd and Reba Willard.

Our Province Convention so long thought of and talked about has now passed. Only a few of our girls were able to go but we received much help and many suggestions from their report. How delightful it is to exchange ideas with one another and tell of our different ways of working!

We enjoyed the visit of Miss Appleby and Miss Slater of Gamma Rho chapter, who stopped with us on their return from Canton. We were also glad to become acquainted with Miss Bartlett of Upsilon chapter, who visited Syracuse in October.

The many conventions held at Syracuse this year have made the social life very active. Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Alpha Theta and Delta Kappa Epsilon held their national conventions here. We were glad to receive greetings from our girls in other colleges through the different delegates. Each chapter during convention gave a reception to the students and their friends and in turn were entertained by the women's fraternities. The Y. W. C. A. also held its convention at Syracuse. The meetings were very helpful and were largely attended both by college and city people. It gave us great pleasure to be able to entertain a Kappa at that time.

We are proud to welcome among us a member of Delta chapter, Mrs. Commons, the wife of the new professor of sociology. We find her a very charming and loyal Kappa and appreciate the regret with which Delta must have relinquished her. Delta's loss is indeed our gain.

Several informal gatherings have been held at the chapter house, among them a Hallowe'en party which was quite novel in form.

One of our '97 girls, Maud Sprague was unable to return this term.

When you read this, examinations will be over and we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

BETA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

There is nothing that arouses the sisterly feeling in us so much as to actually see in flesh and blood members of other chapters. Beta Alpha has had such a privilege during the last few weeks. Our visitor was not a mere "private" of Psi, either, but our Editor, Miss Hull.

The other event that has marked the fraternity life of Beta Alpha was the initiation by which two of the University of Pennsylvania's most charming young women were admitted into the secrets of our fraternity. Beta Alpha takes much pleasure in adding the names of Sara Darlington Chambers and Annie Bell Sargent to the roll of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

BETA IOTA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

As September glided in with its crisp autumn air, we Swarthmoreans, were called back to our college. Looking up as we alighted from the train to the stately gray structure which stood out in bold relief against the blue sky beyond, our hearts throbbed to be again at Swarthmore and once more to ramble through those dear old classic galleries for hidden truths.

Fraternity and college spirit were soon thoroughly revived and now the time so quickly speeds toward commencement that we fain would cry "Backward, turn backward, O Time in thy flight," but alas! in vain. The football has excited much enthusiasm and now the practicing for Shakespeare Evening takes the Senior's time. Lovely yet unfortunate Juliet, innocent, sweet Miranda, airy fairy Ariel, and the sad, proud Constance are to be Kappas and they are now diligently rehearsing their parts.

Beta Iota was surprised on the morning of Nov. 15, by a visit from Miss Hull. She was with us but a short time but we were so glad to see her! We had hoped to have her with us at our initiation the following Wednesday but were disappointed.

Nov. 20, M. Gertrude Scott, ex-'96, of Wayne, kindly offered us her home for the initiation of three girls. We, as a chapter, are grateful to her for her assistance in ushering into the Greek world Helen S. Marshall, of Trenton, N. J., Lucretia S. Blankenburg, of Philadelphia Pa., Elizabeth M. Purdy, of Port Chester, N. Y. Arabella E. Moore has also been initiated into the fraternity.

Beta Iota chapter sends greetings to sister Kappas and desires for them a beneficial new year, with renewed strength for everything good.

GAMMA RHO—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Inspirations are few and far between when they are frightened away by serious thoughts of examinations, consequently the news letter becomes a misnomer and is common place and stupid. Would that Aladdin's lamp had been preserved for the use of posterity! How much trouble and care we poor mortals would escape! "Be written, letter" would be the command and after a hypnotic glance at the magic lamp—a letter approved and interesting would spring forth upon the page. Doesn't every one wish for a renaissance in the magic arts?

Gamma Rho has thoroughly enjoyed herself in every way this term; in college, where the girls have all done the best of work; in fraternity, which inspires the best things one is capable of; and socially, for what gathering is complete without the fun-loving Kappas? Then too, Gamma Rho is happy. Even one of the professors made the remark that he wondered if *any* sorority ever had as much fun as we seemed to *all* the time. Besides we got the girls for whom we asked. Only three, but to us they make up for half a dozen others. We hope some one will be interested in their names. Louise Bolard, Georgia Beach, and Margaret Cooper, are the wise virgins.

Our chapter meetings have been much improved by following out the suggestions received at the province convention in regard to a more varied program. So we have had literary, business, constitutional and social meetings in turn, and before very long we hope to have an interesting paper. Our town girls usually invite us to their homes for the literary or social meetings, which we count as one of our "modern improvements" and each girl has an opportunity of exercising her ingenuity in helping us amuse.

We have entertained and have been entertained and are willing to note that college Kappa days are the happiest days of any girl's life. Miss Beach, a former member of Lambda has been visiting her sister in Allegheny. We came in for a share of her visit and thoroughly enjoyed it. Our heartiest greetings to all, and in the heart of every Kappa Kappa Gamma may there be the true spirit of "peace on earth, good will toward men," at this, the gladdest time of all the year.

BETA PROVINCE.

LAMBDA—BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

Lambda greets her sisters by introducing her new members of whom she is justly proud, L. Pearl Barnes, Mae L. Foot, Celia Rosalind Mallison, Ella L. Memmer, Bess McFarlin, and Leona S. Reed.

We take great pleasure, too, in announcing the intention of a number of our alumnæ of forming an associate chapter in this city.

On the 12th of October, Lambda celebrated the birthday by a Kappa rally in the fraternity hall. The enthusiasm was intense and we returned home with our ties strengthened and feeling that it was good to be a Kappa.

Last month the students and faculty of Buchtel were delightfully entertained by the Delta Gammas.

In rushing, Lambda has proceeded very carefully. We gave but one rushing party assembling at the home of Harriet Parsons on Hallowe'en. The reception room was dimly lighted by artistic jack-o'-lanterns. Chestnuts were roasted and apples fastened by strings dangled from the ceiling, while the doughnuts, the pumpkin pies, and the great cake with a ring in it were devoured with relish by the Kappas and their intended victims.

With best wishes and the prayer that each chapter is as happy as Lambda we bid you all an affectionate farewell.

BETA GAMMA—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Beta Gamma greets her sisters with the wish that they may all be as fortunate as she has been and hastens to introduce Gipsy

Taylor, Inez McKee, Emma Rowe, Bess Sanderson, and Jane Glenn as new members in the bonds of Kappa.

The rushing season this year has been more than usually exciting on account of the contract into which we entered with our rival fraternity, Kappa Alpha Theta, agreeing to appoint October sixth as pledge day. The usual amount of rushing parties were given and there was the usual amount of calling and taking the unsuspecting new comers to the various entertainments and the opening lecture. All this bore fruit in good time, in the faithful Kappas first introduced to you.

October thirteenth being Sunday made it impossible for us to celebrate that day; so we decided to make our celebration the affair of the season and combine it with the initiation, finishing the evening's festivities by a banquet at the Archer House.

We held the initiation at the home of the Misses Ihrigs; leaving there at nine o'clock for the Archer House. There we joined the material with the intellectual, in an extensive menu, and toasts in which even Kappa girls surpassed themselves.

Our toastmistress, Alice Cornell, introduced Miss Pennell with her "Welcome."

Then Miss McSweeney gave us a poem which was worthy of the subject, "Our Fraternity."

Miss Lucas next spoke about "Our Contract."

And all contract holders would have deeply sympathized with her as she touched upon the agonies of waiting and the delights of victory.

Inez McKee described the feelings of one who had passed from "Barb. to Greek" and Lucy Ross closed with an account of "Cupid among the Kappas." That little god has been making sad havoc in our ranks and we have another married sister to introduce to you, Silvia Furstone who was married on the fifteenth of October to Mr. Alfred Adams, of Cleveland. The wedding was one of the prettiest Wooster has ever seen.

The evening at the Archer House closed with some beautiful songs by Mrs. McDonald, Wooster's prima donna, and as we went out into the rain to take our journey home, we felt our hearts most deeply touched, and bound afresh with those enduring cords, love for each other, and for our fraternity.

BETA NU—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Thanksgiving with all its pleasures and festivities has once again come and gone and this week finds us all back at work, getting ready for another holiday of somewhat greater length.

Thanksgiving of 1895 will long be remembered with great pleasure by Beta Nu.

On the night of November 30, the Kappas, active and alumnæ, gathered at the home of Florence Corner and there held our first initiation for the season.

Our victims, as they must surely have deemed themselves at the beginning of the evening, although such thoughts were not long entertained, were Minnie Slaughter, Maud Raymond, Nellie Slaughter, Lillian Hoffman and Anna Howard.

It is scarcely necessary to say how proud we are of our new sisters, or what loyal Kappas, they will surely become under our fostering care.

We all had a delightful time. It was so pleasant to have with us again many of our alumnæ, who, though separated from us are still so near to us in spirit, and we to them.

Of course, next to our initiation was the great Thanksgiving football game, which every year draws out larger crowds from the city.

The Kenyon and O. S. U. teams were well matched this year and the victory for O. S. U. was a well deserved one. People went wild with enthusiasm as the game progressed, and when the home team made her winning touch down, pandemonium reigned. Dr. Canfield was to be seen in attendance and offered words of encouragement to our team.

The work of the term now so rapidly drawing to a close has been uninterrupted and thus far satisfactorily accomplished. There has been some little friction in fraternity relations in regard to the control of the Makio, the college annuals, but nothing that has engendered any special feeling or that may not be removed after some little adjustment of fraternity relations in general.

The social calendar of this term has thus far been quite in advance of previous years and promises well for the future. December 6, the ladies of the faculty entertain for the student body; later on a military hop is scheduled; while December 13, Dr. Canfield entertains the athletic association and friends.

The Chi Phis have recently purchased a new chapter house and are now very comfortably domiciled in their new home.

With best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year, to all Kappa sisters, Beta Nu sends greetings.

BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

It is with fear and trembling that B. Δ. takes her pen in hand to write this news letter. She is heartily in sympathy with the criticism of newsletters in the last KEY; she has long felt that the letters were not all that they should be. But if we are not to "greet all dear sisters," and say that our freshmen are the nicest, pray what are we to say? Beta Delta doesn't know. So she will continue in the old way until some more original sister sets her an example.

There is one thing that the corresponding secretary of Beta Delta, at least, feels is worthy of mention and she hopes, and thinks it may, appeal to other secretaries. In June we had a reunion and while over half of the old girls were back an alumnæ association was formed with a resident graduate as its corresponding secretary. By means of this arrangement not only are the chapter and alumnæ kept more in touch, but the secretary of the association lightens greatly the duties of the corresponding secretary of the active chapter by taking charge of all correspondence with alumnæ. It has worked beautifully so far and we anticipate a more even distribution of the work.

Beta Delta has done but little rushing this year, so few went last year that there has been no particular need, however, we are very happy in the three small freshmen that are ours.

XI—ADRIAN COLLEGE.

We feel that fraternity life with Xi is growing broader and richer every year. This fall while there has been no diminution of enthusiasm in the chapter work we believe that we are realizing more and more fully, the true worth of fraternity. We feel that it is not merely a band of congenial women united for the sole purpose of social enjoyment, but a constant inspiration to strive always for the highest in all things. Fraternity life is not all that it should be, if it does not call out all that is purest and

best in us. We began this year's work with a good number of enthusiastic Kappas; and have now added six to our circle. Jennie Gilkey, Maude Metcalf, Belle Chase, Addie Chase, Mary Cole, and Emma Davidson, are this year's victims.

On the thirteenth of October, we, as a chapter, enjoyed a very pleasant visit with Kappa chapter. Together we celebrated the anniversary of the founding of our fraternity. Certainly fraternal spirit was at an enthusiastic height that day. Our sister chapter gave us a delightful welcome, and every moment of the time was thoroughly enjoyed. We only regretted that our stay was necessarily so brief.

We feel that inter-chapter association should be cultivated as much as possible. It is not merely a social pleasure, but more than that, it broadens our horizon, and gives us a better idea of the wonderful scope of fraternity.

It is a matter of great local interest to us, that we have almost entirely refurnished our chapter room this fall. The old room has been transformed by the new furniture; and its cozy appearance endears it all the more to our hearts.

At the beginning of the term, Tri-Delta and Xi chapter gave a reception to the girls of South Hall, and the ladies of the faculty. It was a pleasant occasion, and such as would tend to free fraternity feeling from the narrow limits of individual chapter or fraternity life.

On the evening of November ninth, Tri-Delta entertained the Kappa girls in New England style in their chapter hall. It was most enjoyable and gives evidence that the true fraternal spirit is permeating our chapter lives more and more thoroughly.

We recently enjoyed a very pleasant visit from Helen Baker Thomas, '94, who is now teaching at North Manchester, Indiana.

Lucy Belle Webster, '95, who is teaching at Blissfield, frequently favors us with a visit. We are always so glad to welcome back any of our alumnae to our chapter hall.

KAPPA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

School opened at Hillsdale with seven active members in Kappa. Since then we have initiated four others, two of whom were pledged last year. At the initiation of Irene Sickles, Rose Langworthy and Mae Selden, we had the pleasure of entertaining Xi

chapter, whose presence not only added to the interest of the ceremony but made us all realize the strength of Kappa bonds. Our new members could not help but feel that they were initiated into more than the chapter life—that they had joined the widely separated yet closely united band, who are upholding the principles of Kappa, Kappa Gamma: a fact not often comprehended by the initiate. We believe that the interchange of such visits between neighboring chapters is one of the best means for the development of true and deep fraternity spirit, and consider ourselves extremely fortunate in having such near neighbors. May we see more of our sister chapters. Our good times have been many this term; among them were an afternoon tea given by the Misses Mosher to Kappas and their friends, a candy pull at the home of Mae Selden after the initiation of Bertha Van Atta; and a dinner to which many of our chapter were invited given by Kappa chapter of Delta Tau Delta. But these have not been allowed to interfere with our chapter study and we have gone to work with a will in our study of fraternity subjects and documents. We have been especially pleased with the interest displayed by our new members, who bid fair to outstrip some of the rest of us before next examination.

Hillsdale College has no dormitories, all the students rooming at private houses; and as we are not one of the fortunate chapters who have houses all their own, our meetings are held at each other's homes. We worked hard last year for a hall, but were unsuccessful, and, after all, we find many pleasant things in our present method.

To all the sisters who wear the golden key, Kappa chapter sends the warmest Christmas greetings. May the new year give us new ideals for fraternity life and new zeal to attain them.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

DELTA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

We, of Delta feel that we have reason to rejoice at this time. We are glad to introduce to their new sisters ten worthy Kappas, Antoinette Duncan, Eliza Keyes, Helena Soller, Louise Loughrey, Olivia Pauline Gibson, Grace Marquis, Mame Clugston, Ora

Adele Wickler, and Cora Menaugh. We also rejoice over our new chapter house. It is truly a Kappa home.

The initiation of the new girls took place at the chapter house on Saturday evening, October the 19th. The following Saturday afternoon we entertained the women of the university and city at a reception which was a true "house warming." During the afternoon light refreshments were served, Mrs. Harriet Caspar Rhetts, '91, presiding at the table. In the evening we had our first open meeting at which we entertained the young men of the university.

On November 14th Mrs. B. F. Adams gave a charming afternoon reception to which Kappa was invited.

The Thursday evenings "at home" of President and Mrs. Swain have been largely attended and thoroughly enjoyed by the students.

Goodfellowship has been cultivated between the women's fraternities. Each fraternity has entertained the women of the university at an afternoon reception.

The women of the university have organized a Woman's League whose chief aims are to promote the social interests of the women of the university and to keep in touch with the women of other colleges.

To our sisters far and near Delta sends heartiest Christmas greeting and wishes them a joyous holiday.

IOTA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Iota has strengthened herself by increasing her numbers to twenty this fall and it is with great pride that we present to you five freshmen and two juniors, Mary Mitchell, Orié Cook, Lena Byrd, Stella Hawkins, Mary Marsee, Ada Frank and Mary Linebarger. The anniversary was celebrated by our initiation, and a mock service was a new feature with us. There were about fifteen alumnae members present. Mary Ewing, '97, has come to us from Xi chapter, this year, and we find her a most loyal and enthusiastic Kappa.

Miss Sherwood of Mu chapter has recently come to conduct the classes in physical culture in De Pauw University. Also Miss Kern from Kappa chapter is here this year as a professor in German.

Five Kappas of Delta chapter visited us during the football game between De Pauw and Indiana State Universities.

Nell Brown from Upsilon chapter spent a week with us, in November. These Kappa visitors and the frequent meeting with girls from other chapters during the summer, have instilled into us a deeper interest in Kappa Kappa Gamma.

We have again adopted the plan of having the programs for our weekly meetings arranged by the different classes. The junior program was especially interesting, consisting of a series of pantomimes and poses in Grecian costumes.

After the usual fall parties were past, after quite a long period of college work, into the lull of social gaiety came a reception given by the Kappas at the home of E. Jean Nelson, '93.

MU—BUTLER COLLEGE.

Mu commenced the school year with nine active members. Since that time we have added four new girls, Lura Forsyth, '97, Jessie Sherwood, '97, Mary Deputy, '99, and Bertha Mason, '99. We feel they will prove themselves true and loyal Kappas.

In our meetings we miss our dear girls of '95 very much for they were all earnest workers. We know, however, that we must exert ourselves only the more, since we can no longer look to them for advice and assistance and since we realize that the result of a happy and successful year for our fraternity depends upon us alone.

On the evening of October 13 our chapter gave a party at the home of Retta Barnhill. We spent some very pleasant hours with our friends and some of our alumnæ were there to add to our pleasure.

Wishing our Kappa sisters a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hoping that '97 will prove a happy and helpful year for all our dear girls, we say "Aufwiederschen."

ETA—WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY.

Eta sends greetings to all her sister chapters, and hopes that they were as fortunate as she in their freshmen this fall.

We started rushing with only ten active girls; but all were back when college opened, and by having special meetings fre-

quently we worked so well together that we succeeded in winning the following girls: Jenny Ogilvie, who was pledged last spring, Myrtle Adams, Fern Ryan, Katherine and Helen Pray, Anne Conner, and Bertha Gardner, who has been at Wellesley for two years. Our only regret is that but three of the girls are freshmen in the university, the others having entered as juniors.

The girls were all initiated into the mysteries of Kappahood in time to attend our annual banquet, given on the eighteenth of October. So many were unable to come at the last moment that only forty of us sat down to the tables, but we had a delightful time. We were pleased to have two Upsilon girls with us, and to hear from her through them.

One of our alumnæ, Edith Locke, '93, was married on the seventeenth of October to Mr. Euclid Pascal Worden, '93. We all miss her from among our alumnæ here, but we hope to see her often, as her new home is in Milwaukee. Mr. Worden is an alumnus of the local chapter of Rho Kappa Upsilon.

We very much regretted our inability to accept Chi's kind invitation at the time of the Wisconsin-Minnesota football game. Although we could not visit them, we hope to have some of the Chi girls with us another year if the game is played here.

Omega of Delta Gamma has invited Eta to one of a series of receptions she is giving to her friends, and we ourselves are planning to have a reception in the near future. Eta girls are unusually festive for this time of year, but that is probably accounted for by the fact that there are no examinations before the holidays, as the school year has been divided into two semesters instead of three terms.

Again Eta sends greetings to her sisters and hopes that they will have many pleasant times together the coming year.

UPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

The five new girls who during this term have united their lives with ours are Nellie Brown, '99, Myrtle Dickson, '99, Laura Whitlock, '99, Lorena Sheppard, '98, and Louise Taylor, '98. Upsilon considers her fall campaign a great success in every way, and her friends seem to be of the same opinion.

Although the plan has some advantages, we sometimes regret

here at Northwestern the fact that our professional departments are situated in Chicago, twelve miles distant, while only our College of Liberal Arts and preparatory department are in Evanston. Once a year, however, in the fall, we celebrate University Day, and at that time the members of all departments assemble here, and we have the opportunity of becoming better acquainted. Upon this occasion this year we had the pleasure of listening to an address by Dr. Gunsaulus of Chicago. Then followed a football game in which we were victorious, and in the evening a reception was given to the visitors.

There is another thing which Northwestern claims as peculiarly her own, and that is a sophomore sorority, corresponding to the men's sophomore fraternity, Theta Nu Epsilon. It is called Omega Psi, is composed of members from the different sororities, and numbers eighteen in all. Its appearance here was quite a surprise to the Greek world.

The chapter house plan is increasing in favor and all this term Phi Delta Theta has been pleasantly established in a home by itself.

The event to which we are looking forward with interest at present is the Congdon Prize Contest. Six contestants are appointed by the faculty, and the prize is awarded to the one who excels in declamation. Kappa will be represented by Winifred Gray, '96.

Committees have been appointed and are at work making plans for the Interfraternity Promenade which will occur next term, and which is simply the old Junior Hop under another name.

An interesting article appeared December 1, in the *Chicago Times-Herald*, entitled, "Fraternity Life at Northwestern." It described each fraternity here, giving the names of some of the more prominent members in each. Upsilon Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma is spoken of as "one of the strongest sororities in the university."

We regret losing through illness this term two of our girls, Harriet Morse, '97, and Nellie Brown, '99, but we hope they will be able to return to us later in the year.

We send holiday greetings to all our Kappa sisters.

EPSILON—ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Another year is rapidly drawing to a close. For Epsilon it has been a pleasant, prosperous twelve months.

Epsilon presents to you two new sisters Alma Hamilton and Catharine Marsh who have worn the key since Oct. 29. They were initiated at the home of Idelle Kerrick and later in the evening a reception was held in their honor. The evening was spent in dancing and conversation and the guests departed at a late hour declaring that Kappa girls were charming hostesses.

We observed our chapter anniversary Nov. 23, after the established custom by an "Anniversary Tea." We received in our hall from three to six o'clock and our faculty, their wives, our friends and Kappas of former days were our guests. Each Kappa girl remembered the chapter with a birthday present and in this manner our hall has been greatly improved in appearance. Our library also received several valuable additions, remembrances of Epsilon's friends. We were chaperoned by Mrs. Ferguson, a Xi alumna, whose husband is professor here.

Ethel Hopson, '95, is principal of the Midland City High School. Our chapter is glad to hear of her success.

The Illinois Wesleyan is just closing the most prosperous year in its history. The number of students has been greater and more advantages have been offered to them than at any former time. Valuable additions have been made to the faculty and now we have a most efficient band of instructors. College spirit abounds and we are especially enthusiastic in athletics. The Wesleyan boys won honors for their university at the inter-collegiate meet which was held in Carlinville in October. The outlook for the new year is bright for we think ere its close we shall see erected for us a new Science Hall and a women's dormitory.

Epsilon wishes all a Happy New Year.

DELTA PROVINCE.

CHI—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Chi has added seven new members to her chapter, Elizabeth Baldwin, Georgie Kennedy, Bessie Williams, Gertrude Hale, Julia Gallop and Margaret and Alice Craig.

Other chapters besides Chi have undertaken the responsibility of bringing up new members and the important question arises what and how is the best way to bring them up. These girls lives are too intimately connected and too much a part of our own life to make it a question of slight importance.

The older girls should talk to the initiates and give them some idea of what a fraternity is. It is not as though they were joining a society where they have but one thing in common. It is a fraternity and they have everything in common. The girls should share each others joys and sorrows, honors and misfortunes. Alice Webb, one of our seniors, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and I am sure that the girls were prouder of her than she was of herself. They love to help each other in any little way they can and this last month we girls were only to glad to give our time and work and add to our Chi Loan Fund to help one of our sisters so that she can continue a special line of study this winter.

The girls are loyal to each other in little things,

“The world is wide, these things are small ;
They may be nothing but they are all.”

When a girl enters the fraternity she does not find ready made friends but she has an exceptional opportunity for making them. Each girl by her own efforts must make her own friends and if she wishes a friend she must be one. A girl can not be a true friend if she is continually criticising and looking for the faults of those about her. She hurts herself, for that side of her character develops until she sees nothing good in any one. “We needs must love the highest when we see it” and this is what we should always look for. To win and hold a friend we are compelled to keep ourselves at her ideal point and in turn, our love makes the same appeal to her.

What we do is not as individuals but a member of the fraternity. Our actions and remarks whether good or bad are not attributed to us ourselves but to the fraternity, and so we must be all the more careful of what we do and say. It is not that our individuality is lost but it becomes a part of the fraternity.

If every girl while she is in college does the best she can and works toward the development of that higher life which is certainly the ideal of every true fraternity woman, when she goes out into the larger world, that world will be made a little better for her life.

BETA ZETA—IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

To her sister chapters in Kappa Kappa Gamma, Beta Zeta sends greeting.

Since the middle of October we have had among our number, three new members: Mildred Myers, '98, Julia Padmore, '99, and Winifred Mac Farland, '99.

For the first time in the history of our chapter, a contract was made with the other two fraternities, postponing pledge day until one month after school opened. One or two pleasant receptions were given at the beginning of the term, but there seemed to be nothing of the usual rushing spirit. It was such a relief to think that we could take our time to get acquainted with the new girls and it seemed so much more dignified. Everyone seemed satisfied with the terms of contract and it was carried out to the letter.

On account of not being able to secure satisfactory rooms the girls decided to do without a chapter hall this year, so, besides our regular business meetings which are held every week at the homes of different girls we have instituted the plan of having monthly "At Homes." These take the form of informal receptions where all our friends may feel free to call at any time during the evening. The first one was a decided success. The girls were surprised and delighted at the large number who took advantage of the general invitation.

Yes, Beta Zeta has much for which to be thankful. Though we miss the girls who could not come back and be with us another year, we are expecting to have many happy times together.

We are looking forward with eagerness to the time for the issue of the KEY when we can hear the news from the chapters and learn of the doings of our other Kappa sisters.

THETA—MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.

Theta is rather slender in numbers this year but from the work already accomplished, bids fair to keep up Kappa Kappa Gamma's reputation in Missouri.

The university is more prosperous than ever before in its history. Counting all the departments under its control, our Alma Mater now guides and directs 750 children. Special privileges have been extended to women and their life is exceedingly pleas-

ant at M. S. U. A handsomely furnished parlor has been set aside for their use and no man may enter the sacred precincts. The gymnasium for girls is a new departure and as the physical director, Dr. Cutter is thoroughly competent in his line, excellent results are expected.

Theta has initiated two sisters into the ranks of Kappa Kappa Gamma. The ones thus favored are Elva Armstrong and Bessie Potter, both of St. Joseph, Mo. On the night of October 15, we gave a pleasant dance in their honor in Stone's Hall, the largest dancing hall in the town.

The university has two Glee Clubs this year; one composed of men, the other of women. With one exception, every Kappa is a member of the women's club. The men's club will make a tour during the Christmas vacation while the women's will assist at the home concerts.

Theta sends greeting to her sister chapters with her best wishes for their prosperity.

SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Since September 25, the beginning of school, every one has been on the alert and anxious to know what the outcome would be. For this is the first year that the women's fraternities of Nebraska have tried a pledging day.

All the suspense is now over, and Sigma has settled down after the numerous dinners and receptions ready for hard work and feeling greatly strengthened by the addition of four initiates and one pledging. We are sure they will prove fine women and worthy Kappas.

October 27 at the home of Lottie Wheden we initiated Mabel Richards who was pledged last year. On November 9, Noahmah Lowe and Laura Houtz were initiated and we pinned Sigma's pledge pin on Grace Lemming. And last of all we initiated May Colson, November 23.

We were very glad to try the experiment of "pledge day" but as the feeling of some of the other fraternities is rather against it we suppose it will not be part of the excitement next year.

On November 13, Sigma was very happy to send greetings to Kappa Alpha Theta. It has been five years since her charter was

sent back and in that time the University of Nebraska has grown so much that now we feel that there is room for all of the five women's fraternities that have good chapters here. The friendly rivalry which must always exist wherever there are chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma, will incite our girls to even harder work, in order that Sigma chapter in which we have so much pride and faith may always take the lead.

OMEGA—KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

We have added to the harvests of former years, Mayme Addison, Conie Bear, Burrie Bowersock, Florence Coon, and Mary Riddle. Three of these girls have homes in Lawrence, but the remaining two form part of a crowd of eight jolly Kappas at what is called "The Kappa House." In the parlor of "our house" we hold fraternity meetings every Saturday evening, promptly at seven o'clock. We find this plan far more pleasant and satisfactory than the old way of having them in the afternoon. All are then free from care and ready to enter heartily into either fun or serious business.

Early in October, Don Bowersock entertained the Kappas, old and new, and their friends with a pavilion party at her home.

On Nov. 22, the Physics Building was dedicated. It is one of the best equipped buildings of its kind in the United States. Its plain exterior is more than made up for by its handsome interior appointments.

Owing to the absence of Chancellor Snow in Europe, at the beginning of school, the opening address was postponed until Oct. 4. J. W. Gleed, the first K. U. graduate who was chosen for this honor, delivered an address of great interest to the students.

On Nov. 4 were held the memorial services for ex-Gov. Robinson, Judge Thatcher, and Professor Robinson, Dean of the Chair of Latin. It is to ex-Gov. Robinson that we are indebted for most of the college campus. Professor Robinson and Judge Thatcher had been instructors for many years.

Professor Dyche, whose expedition to the Arctic circles has attracted widespread attention, is a member of the K. U. faculty. He has brought home many rare and valuable skins, which he is

preparing to stuff and mount. He contemplates a trip to the North Pole soon. His plan is to take ten years' provision, leave it at relay stations along the way, and spend two or three years if necessary hunting for the Pole. He thinks it cannot be much farther north than where he was the past summer.

Miss Inez Henshaw was recently married to Mr. Fred Simpson of Oklahoma City.

Our ranks have been broken by the death of Amy Hayes, who joined our fraternity in '87. She had been sick for some time, but her death was unexpected.

Annie L. MacKinnon, '89, has been elected Phi Beta Kappa by the Kansas chapter.

BETA ETA—LELAND STANFORD JR. UNIVERSITY.

May I say just one word about our initiation? Villa Lomas Azules, the home of our sister Ida Webner, is most picturesquely located among the foot-hills of the Coast Range Mountains at the extreme end of the beautiful Santa Clara Valley. Thither Beta Eta's flock journeyed, bag and baggage, one bright day last month, turning themselves loose over the thousand acres of vineyards and orchards and gardens which are nestled and spread and perched among the gently undulating hills. The upper story of the great winery was full of strange sounds and stranger sights that night, and a tired set of girls returned to college the next night. Fearing lest I may break the rule and "gush," I will merely tell you the names of the new Kappas, Alice Cowan, Mary Merritt and Sarah Cory, letting you imagine the rest.

Now that the excitement of football season is over, Beta Eta has settled down to work in dead earnest. As you all know, the Grand Council has assigned to us the task of preparing a new fraternity catalogue. It will be a task indeed, but with the prompt and earnest coöperation of our sister chapters we shall make a success of it.

We consider ourselves particularly fortunate this year in having with us, Evelyn Wight, ex-Grand President of Kappa Kappa Gamma. All of you have reason to envy us as she is an exceptional woman and so full of ardor and enthusiasm that we cannot fail to be inspired by her fraternity spirit. We have been much

interested in learning through her all about the life of the different K. K. Γ. chapters, and we feel better acquainted with you all then ever before. We shall be glad to have her send back to you all reports of us, too, for we fear you do not know the California chapter.

With best wishes for the coming year.

In Memoriam.

AMY HAYES

Of Omega Chapter, September 30, 1895.

LENA HAMMOND BANKS.

WHEREAS, God in his Almighty wisdom has deemed it best to take from us our dear sister in Kappa Kappa Gamma, Lena Hammond Banks, and

WHEREAS, we desire to express our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family and friends, be it

Resolved, 1. That in her death the fraternity has lost an earnest and enthusiastic member, and one who in word and life represented the highest ideal of Kappa womanhood.

Resolved, 2. That to the sorrowing family in their great affliction we extend our love and sympathy.

Resolved, 3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, to THE KEY and to the college papers.

MARY CALDWELL,
MARIE CARY,
FRANCES SAGER.

Beta Tau.

SARAH STAMATS.

There is always a mingled joy and sadness in the beginning of a new year, as we meet our sisters again and look in vain for familiar faces, and with what fond anticipation do we look for-

ward to our reunions, when those who have gone forth to wider fields of labor shall meet with us once more. But to Kappa chapter has come the knowledge that one of its most faithful and loved members has gone from us forever, and the sadness of our first meeting is more strongly felt than the joy. Sarah Stamats, died at her home at Bokes Creek, Ohio, Sept. 11, 1895. She was one of those quiet, unselfish women, whose influence is felt, who are always helping and encouraging some one. To her, many of us came with our confidences, our first feelings of homesickness, our troubles and perplexing little worries, and were always helped and strengthened by her quiet words and wise counsel.

“ What practice howsoe'er expert,
 In fitting aptest words to things,
 Or voice the richest-toned that sings,
 Hath power to give thee as thou wert ?

“ So here shall silence guard thy fame ;
 But somewhere, out of human view,
 What e'er thy hands are set to do
 Is wrought with tumult of acclaim.”

C. H. B., *Kappa*.

CARRIE BELLE HAVILAND.

Again have the ranks of the blue and the blue been invaded by that dread Intruder who comes so quietly but who leaves such sadness and desolation behind and the Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity is sympathizing with the members of Upsilon chapter who mourn the loss of one of their loyal sisters, Carrie Belle Haviland.

In the fall of 1888, at the age of fourteen, she entered the preparatory department of Northwestern University. She was soon pledged to Kappa Kappa Gamma and for three years she worked faithfully and zealously for its welfare. At the expiration of that time, having decided to make music her specialty, she went to Oberlin to study. But after a year and a half in successful work, she was attacked with muscular rheumatism which rendered impossible the completion of her musical course. The quiet resig-

nation with which she relinquished the dearest ambition of her life showed plainly the sweetness and strength of her nature.

For over two years past she has lived quietly, a cheerful joyous life, bringing pleasure wherever she went. But last spring, her old enemy, rheumatism, returned in the form of heart failure and, after two warning attacks, she died suddenly on the evening of August 2, 1895.

Hers was one of those dispositions which trifles do not irritate, one which was invariably equable and serene, a nature which we instinctively admire for its faith that there is good in everything. Her winning ways and her genuine worth opened every heart to her and there are few who can claim as many true friends. As beautiful in person as in character, her dear presence will be sadly missed by every one who had the privilege and blessing of her friendship.

We cannot express a due appreciation of her worth nor our sorrow for her loss. We can only enshrine in our inmost hearts the memory of a noble life, and thank the kind Father who granted to her those twenty-one beautiful years in which to brighten up some corner of this world, and to show forth the glorious possibilities of the human soul.

M. M. S., *Upsilon*.

College and Fraternity Notes.

"The various chapters at Dartmouth have undertaken to lessen the dangers, attending the promiscuous rushing season generally indulged in, by adopting the subsequent commendable regulations :

"HANOVER, N. H., June 13, 1895.

"We, the undersigned fraternities, hereby adopt the following resolutions :

"1. No mention of fraternities or fraternity matters of any kind shall be made by a member of any of these fraternities to any student or prospective student of Dartmouth College, who is not a member of any of these fraternities, before Nov. 20 of each college year.

"2. Any pledge made before Nov. 20 of each college year shall be considered invalid ; and pledges made with the members of the class of '99, or succeeding classes, before the adoption of this agreement shall be considered invalid.

"3. Any fraternity desiring to withdraw from this agreement shall do so only after giving at least six months notice to each of the other fraternities."

This agreement was mutually entered into by Psi Upsilon, Kappa Kappa Kappa, Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Theta Delta Chi, Phi Delta Theta, Beta Theta Pi, and Sigma Chi."

K. A. Journal.

The grand chapter of Delta Gamma has ceased to exist and their council of five members which hitherto had a merely nominal existence has been invested with executive authority.

The McGraw-Fiske mansion, situated near the northern end of Cornell University campus, has been purchased by the Cornell chapter of Chi Psi for use as a chapter house. The consideration was \$45,000 for the house and five acres of ground. The building was erected at a cost of over \$125,000 for the late Jennie McGraw Fiske, but was not completed at the time of her death. By this purchase the chapter secures what is undoubtedly the finest chapter house in this country.

"*The Chicago News*" says that 100 years ago Dartmouth College consisted of a wooden building 150 feet long, 50 feet wide and 36 feet high. English grammar and arithmetic were text books in the sophomore year. Princeton, the greatest Presbyterian college, was a huge stone edifice, its faculty consisting of a president, vice-president, one professor, two masters of languages and seventy students. Harvard University had four brick buildings ; the faculty consisted of a president and six professors, and in its halls thronged one hundred and thirty to one hundred and sixty students. Yale boasted of one brick building and a chapel "with a steeple 125 feet high." The faculty was a president, a professor of divinity and three tutors. The greatest Episcopal college in the United States was William and Mary's. It was under royal and state patronage, and was, therefore, more sub-

stantially favored than most of our American schools. At this time, it is said in a curious old state report, the college was a building of three stories, "like a brick kiln," and had thirty gentlemen students. The students lodged in dormitories, ate at the "commons" and were satisfied with what we would consider prison diet. Breakfast, a small can of coffee, a biscuit, about an ounce of butter. Dinner, one pound of meat, two potatoes and some vegetables. Supper, bread and milk. The only unlimited supply furnished was cider, which was passed in a can from mouth to mouth. The days were spoken of as boil day, roast day, stew day, etc.

With their stirring yells echoing about the rafters of the big auditorium, the gaudy colors of their societies fluttering about their lapels and their enthusiasm sending vociferous outburst in speech and song, three hundred representatives of the Greek letter organizations of the United States gathered yesterday morning at 11 o'clock at the exposition grounds, and after appropriate formal exercises effected the formation of the American Pan-Hellenic Society.

The organization is to be national in its scope and affects the interests of all college fraternity men.

Eloquent addresses were made by Hon. H. H. Cabaniss, Mr. Henderson Hallman, Dr. I. S. Hopkins and Judge Howard Van Epps, all wafting a greeting to the Greeks and encouraging the idea of fraternity extension. After the speeches a business session of great importance was called, which resulted in the formation of a permanent organization, the election of permanent officers and a plan of procedure which assures for the society lasting success.

At the call for election Mr. John Young Garlington was nominated for president.

Mr. Garlington's name was placed before the congress and was unanimously voted upon. For the other officers the committee on organization presented the names of Dr. W. P. Baird, New York, Beta Theta Pi; William J. Price, Danville, Ky., Sigma Nu; H. H. Cabaniss, S. A. E.; Henry W. Grady, Atlanta, Chi Phi; W. W. Davies, Atlanta, Phi Delta Theta; Don D. Donan, Chicago, Beta Theta Pi; Samuel N. Evins, secretary, Phi Delta Theta.

These officers were elected to compose the executive committee and will select the next place for the holding of the Pan-Hellenic congress.

A committee on constitution was appointed to report at the next convention. To this committee will be added the names of representative men of all known Greek societies. Those appointed thus far are Clay W. Holmes, Elmira, N. Y.; E. R. Black, Atlanta; W. B. Palmer, Nashville; J. Shrunski, Chicago; W. A. Clarke, Toledo, O.; William P. Price, Danville, Ky.; Dr. Thaddeus Reamy, Cincinnati, O.; Mr. Linsey Johnson, Rome; Herbert M. Martin, Neapolis, Va.; Mr. Francis Collins Williams and Mr. Lewis C. Ehle, Chicago, Ill. To this committee will be added representatives of all known fraternities.

It was also decided by suggestion of Mr. John Henderson Garney to have the Pan-Hellenic Society represented at the Olympic games to be held in Greece, April next. It is probable that a laurel wreath will be offered by the society.

Yesterday's work marked a new era in college fraternities. It means a broader spirit among college men and will serve to encourage the idea of higher education in an emphatic way."—*Atlanta Constitution*, November 19.

Editorial.

"*Eheu fugaces, Postume, Postume,*" how the years slip away! But the last years have brought much for rejoicing and little for regret in the fraternity lives of the members of Kappa Kappa Gamma. On every side there seems to be a growing devotion to the fraternity and a broader interest in its advancement. Enthusiasm for the fraternity seems gradually to be gaining ascendancy over enthusiasm for the chapter. Members do not love their chapter less, but they love their fraternity more. The earlier conception that the chapter must reinforce the college by making the chapter meeting a training in literary and oratorical excellence tended to the isolation of the chapter. Its disappearance, little by little, has made way for the realization that the chapters have claims upon each other, are all striving for the same ends, upholding the same principles and are only the varied parts of one closely united whole.

It is fortunate that the chapters do not too closely resemble each other. One chapter perhaps is proud of its scholarship and finds its chief incentive to be the hope that each of its members may be adorned by a Phi Beta Kappa or Sigma Xi key ; another regards social leadership as its Mecca in this world, while another considers its highest good to be found in the pursuit of some philanthropic work, but "only mankind combined is the true man" and the diverse elements in these closely allied bodies help to broaden and strengthen the whole fraternity.

Whether the more liberal idea of fraternity life is due to the fraternity study of the past two or three years, or has been induced by the closer contact brought about by the three province conventions which have made the past year significant, or whether it is simply the result of the increasing breadth of view among students, it is difficult to determine. Whatever its cause, it exists and the present outlook must serve to increase the optimism of the most confirmed fraternity optimist.

Changes crowd upon one another in college life. Each class is like a new generation, born into a little world of its own to live a life of four years, and in that time to gain inspiration for the larger life in the world outside, while newer generations are succeeding it in college. Each class brings with it young life and fresh enthusiasm and with its new ideas and new standards plays a part in altering the conditions of its college so that the student of to-day sees life with different eyes from the student of a score of years ago.

Rapid as the transformations are in the general life of the college, they can not keep pace with the changes which have been brought about in the lives of college women. These are particularly striking at institutions which were established primarily for men and where co-education was a later growth, and they are of especial interest to fraternity women since at these colleges some of their strongest chapters are located.

The statement will scarcely be challenged that the life of the earlier women at such colleges was a bed of thorns as compared with her present position. She came, actuated by various motives ; perhaps she was impelled by curiosity, a few certainly were ; perhaps she was in sympathy with the cause of co-educa-

tion and hoped to advance it, some did that; or perhaps she belonged to the larger number who came because they were fitting themselves for teachers and fancied that better training could be obtained at a co-educational institution. However good her motives might be, she met with the difficulties which are always encountered by women pioneers. In many cases she was plainly shown that her presence was unwelcome. Her fellow students regarded her as a necessary but most undesirable evil. Even her instructors looked upon her as an experiment, and her position was of uncertain tenure. While she was in college she was expected to surpass her masculine classmates in scholarship in order to prove that her capabilities were equal to theirs. When she graduated she was expected to prove herself a genius in order to justify her claims to the higher education or failing that to become a faddist in self-defense. Some sort of a career she must have because she had received the same training as her brothers.

But old things have passed away and each year the college woman occupies a better position in her college and enters more fully into its life and activities. Although she has become so numerous that she is now falling prey to the statisticians, her sensations are no longer as of old, a subject for investigation. The public no longer sticks pins into her to see if she feels it and resents it like any ordinary woman. When she graduates she may now keep house or even go into society if she likes, she is not required to be identified with any "movement" unless she wishes, she is allowed to "travel on life's common way in cheerful godliness" with only the responsibility, which belongs to every woman and most of all to her to whom much has been given, of making the people about her stronger, happier and better. She cannot be too grateful for the changes in her position, nor think too often with thankfulness of the women who preceded her and made her way plain.

Rumors are afloat that Kappa Kappa Gamma is to have a new song book. Perhaps the next issue of *THE KEY* will be able to congratulate Beta Epsilon on the faithfulness with which she has performed the task imposed upon her and perhaps the next

chapter letters may be filled with praises of the work of one of the fraternity's younger chapters.

The fraternity is sorely in need of a new song book. The former edition, published by Chi has long since been exhausted and copies have become so rare that the later initiates have never possessed them long enough to learn the songs. Even Chi herself is poorly supplied since she loyally gave of her bounty to provide for the newer chapters when they were admitted. Now comes the new book with the merit of filling a genuine long felt want, a thing which can only happen once or twice during one's life time. When such a book does appear, the demand ought to equal the supply. Every member, active and alumnæ ought to own one. Disinterested alumnæ would become impossible if the alumnæ owned song books and used them. The souvenirs of fraternity life are few and a song book is far the most valuable. Nothing tends so much to good cheer as a song. German students who are world renowned for their good fellowship realize this, and have a song for every occasion and about every event from the time "Noah aus dem Kasten kam" down to the present scientific era of "der Ichthyosaurus." If one sings one must see the world through rose colored glasses.

Let us all sing then, with the spirit and the understanding if we can. If we cannot sing with the understanding, let us sing our fraternity songs with the spirit anyway. We can all do that.

Exchanges.

One of the few things unattainable in America is age. Our society is new, our institutions are new, we ourselves are new. In the college world, the universities of New England take to themselves an air of hoary wisdom ; but, in comparison with their European sisters, they are mere infants playing that they are grown up. In the past we have displayed a great deal of spread-eagle patriotism, and sturdily maintained that ivy-covered walls and venerable traditions had no charms for us. Now we are beginning to realize that for perfect happiness we need a history ; and just at this critical time, Kappa Sigma steps into the breach to keep us from flying to Europe in search of a past. Such a noble

effort to provide for all deficiencies cannot be too highly commended. The following extract is taken from *The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta*:

Chapters of this order [Kappa Sigma] have been established at a number of Northern colleges in the past five years, and for some time we have been familiar with its insignia and chapter roll in such annals as come from colleges where there were K. Σ. chapters. Formerly it was "Kappa Sigma. Founded at the University of Virginia, 1867." Now we read, "Kappa Sigma. Founded, 1400, Italy; 1867, U. S." This data is furnished by the University of Vermont chapter. Note the brevity of the wit. Now the University of Michigan chapter is more explicit. In the *Palladium* it says, "Kappa Sigma. Founded at the University of Bologna, Italy, 1395; established in America at the University of Virginia, 1867." It would seem that it is time for K. Σ.'s to find out where they are at. Some official circular should be issued and an understanding arrived at. Of course K. Σ. is seeking no unjust notoriety in her antiquity. It would seem that 1395 is by all odds the best date to settle on, and we would therefore commend the choice of the Michigan men. Have it 1395 by all means. It is specific; it is euphonious; there is no graduate of the class of 1395, U. of B. (short for University of Bologna), in this country to dispute its origin that year; and finally, being the senior of 1400 by five years, it should be given precedence.

All this nonsense about date of founding has its origin in the alleged fact that the inner workings of the fraternity are those of an ancient order, "Kirjaith Sepher," with which the founders had become acquainted while in Europe.

N. B.—M. Angelo was a K. Σ.

Through a series of mistakes the "Songs of Phi Delta Theta," which should have been reviewed some time ago, have just been received. They appear in a modest little volume containing words only. Most of the songs are intended to be sung to popular airs, but a goodly number of them are set to original music. Like most fraternity songs, they are not to be classed as poetry, but there is often a ring to the lines which gives them the most desirable quality for the purpose for which they are intended. Some of them are among the best of their kind, and several are quoted:

THE SONGS WE LOVE.

AIR—"Maryland, My Maryland"—"Lauriger Horatius."

Come, brothers, let us all unite,
Of Phi Delta singing;
We'll shout the chorus out to-night,
Happy voices ringing;

We'll sing the songs we love so dear,
Of common weal and brother's cheer,
And laud the name we all revere,
Of Phi Delta Theta.

Let music fill the evening air,
Songs of praise be welling ;
There's joy for us, and naught of care,
In our Chapter dwelling.
Then let the chorus gladly ring,
And hearts their joyous offerings bring ;
We'll sing the songs we love to sing
Of Phi Delta Theta.

—Preston Willis Search, Wooster, '76.

A WAY WE HAVE IN OUR CHAPTER.

AIR—"A Way We Have at Old Harvard."

Whene'er Phi Delta calls, sir,
As evening shadows fall, sir,
We gather in our hall, sir,
To drive dull care away.

CHORUS.

|| To drive dull care away, || *Bis.*
|| It's a way we have in our Chapter, || *Ter.*
To drive dull care away.

With song and laughter light, sir,
And many a mystic rite, sir,
We spend a jovial night, sir,
To drive dull care away.

When we a brother meet, sir,
We cordially him greet, sir,
And then we quickly treat, sir,
To drive dull care away.

FINALE.

AIR—"America."

|| So say all royal Phis, || *Bis.*
So say all Phis ;
|| So say all loyal Phis, || *Ter.*
So say all Phis.

—Walter Benjamin Palmer, Vanderbilt, '80.

THE KEY

THE DYING DAY.

AIR—"Juanita."

Slowly declining,
 Sinks to rest the evening sun ;
 Beams soft entwining
 'Round ; its journey done.
 In the day now ending,
 Is there aught will tell of thee,
 Of the time thou'rt spending
 In eternity ?

CHORUS.

Brother, dear brother ! let thy life and labors be.
 Brother, dear brother ! from all evil free.

Let all thy actions,
 Tuned to nature's harmony,
 'Mid all attractions,
 Be in unity.
 When God's mighty fingers
 Sweep the chords with magic spell,
 While its music lingers,
 May thine own chord tell.

The sun in sinking
 Gilds the West with crimson hue,
 Rays bright commingling
 With the azure blue ;
 May thy life in closing
 Sink to rest like setting sun,
 Glory's beams reposing,
 O'er thy course well run.

—Preston Willis Search, *Wooster*, '76.

The *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* opens with an enthusiastic account of the fiftieth anniversary of Xi Chapter. To say that the celebration was a success would be to belittle a great event ; to say that it was a complete success would not be much better. The only adequate description is by a popular mode of expression, which is varied to suit the different societies,—namely, that those present enjoyed themselves as only Dekes can. The poem written for the occasion has several pages and many sections. At one point the writer shows a prophetic instinct which makes his lines worthy of preservation.

For scholarship told in the olden days,
 And leadership came thereby ;
 The head of the class was supposed to be
 The goal for which one would try.

To some that is now an old-fashioned idea,
 A relic of primitive night ;
 The man that plays ball half-back is further ahead,
 And the full-back is way out of sight.

At no distant day, perhaps this year,
 When the President grants the degrees,
 He will change the words of the old-time speech
 To fit the modern A. B.'s.

" Ascendite hic," we shall hear him say ;

The candidates forward file ;

" Accipite hoc pignus, hurrah,"

While the Faculty sweetly smile.

In one of the chapter letters contained in *The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon* there occurs the following statement :

Nearly all of our men, I am glad to say, will lodge and board at our club house, and we shall consider one of the points of eligibility, in taking in new men, whether or not they can live at the house. Nothing, I think, tends more to the unifying of a chapter than having all the men live together.

No comment is needed to show that the chapter house may not be an unmixed blessing. It is true that it is good for a chapter to have its members live together, yet the important thing after all is the *personnel* of the members. If ability to live in a certain house is to be made a point of eligibility, let us discard chapter houses, be they ever so advantageous, and go back to the single room.

In the August number of the *Kappa Alpha Journal* there is an article upon chapter letters which discloses a woeful state of affairs. The writer is pained and grieved to notice that in this art the women surpass the men. Their productions are more interesting, are better written, and indicate more culture. All this and much more does the contributor to the *Journal* admit, but perhaps it is as well to leave the rest in pleasing obscurity. Praise sometimes has a bad effect. After all the merit is purely relative. It is not that the women write such excellent letters, but that the men write worse ones.

The October number of this same *Journal*, which is such a

boon to exchanges, contains an interesting description of William and Mary College. One is inclined to envy the students their historic surroundings. Perhaps the Kappa Sigmas have a chapter there. If they have not, the college is respectfully suggested for their consideration.

A short time ago Theta Delta Chi and Sigma Delta Sigma, a local society of the University of Wisconsin, formed a mutual admiration society. Sigma Delta Sigma began it by saying to Theta Delta Chi, "You are the people." Theta Delta Chi replied: "Yes, my dear, your opinion does you credit, and proves that the same remark might be made about you." Then they embraced, and cried in unison, "We are the people." This is a brief but accurate account of the formation of the new charge of Theta Delta Chi. It is also a review of the last number of *The Shield*. There are pictures and descriptions of everybody and everything connected in any way with the event. Much space is given to all that the brothers said and did, and all that they thought they might sometime do and say. Toward the close of the banquet the jubilation becomes so great, that readers are thankful, for the sake of Theta Delta Chi, that her sons imitate the ancient Egyptians. Did they not continually refer to the grave and kindred topics, their joy would certainly be too much for them.

After reading an account of taking members in a body it is hard to turn to individuals. *Anchora* has an article upon "Friend Freshman," in which the writer describes the manner in which her hero is received in different colleges. The closing paragraph refers especially to fraternities.

The effect of the rushing season upon the freshman must be totally different in different colleges. For instance, where he or she is invited to all kinds of entertainments and fêted and coaxed till he cannot know his own mind, he is obviously more in danger of being spoiled than where he is given a "bid" at once and required to answer finally within twenty-four hours. The plan in one college is to make appointments with the freshmen on his arrival, so that he must go the rounds of the fraternities, meeting all, perhaps in one evening, a half an hour allotted to each. Then the chosen few are invited a second time by some of the fraternities, and a third invitation means a "bid." This is business-like and economizes time. Of course there are objections to all methods, but the last seems more satisfactory than most. It is

doubtful whether a Delta Gamma chapter could be sufficiently prompt in its selections, but would it not be good discipline to be compelled to make up one's mind without delay?

One of the most interesting of the chapter letters in *Kappa Alpha Theta* is that from the Beta Alumnae chapter. Most chapter letters are not quotable; this one is:

To belong to a fraternity brings the responsibility of work, good, hard, conscientious work. Some, we fear, never have understood this as they should and so miss one of the greatest advantages of a fraternity. Work in whatever field it may be brings growth and growth means added strength. This is what we want, what we need in our fraternity, What do we mean by work? This. To so meet the duties of the every-day life that we may always be depended upon for the very best in the class room, in the parlor, or wherever we may be.

The *Alpha Phi Quarterly* comes last upon the list of this month's exchanges; and perhaps the editor might be pardoned if she did not show as much appreciation for this as for those first read. She must confess to an occasional feeling that we are all much alike, and that our magazines are more alike than we are. Fortunately for her this number of the *Quarterly* is one of the few which are different. On the whole it is the best of this month's sorority exchanges. The article upon "The Eleventh Commandment," though rather too extreme, is worth reading. So is the next. But why go into details? They are all good, and it is to be hoped that the members of Alpha Phi will respond to the appeal of the editor-in-chief, and not allow so good a magazine to be diminished in size.