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WOMEN IN GOETTINGEN UNIVERSITY.

Whatever the final value of the beginnings of an educational movement, they have an interest for those whose times are such as to bring forth the movement and who feel themselves a part of the conditions. The action of Göttingen University in its present admission of women, is only one exhibition of the presence in Germany of the modern feeling toward woman's education ; and as such, I believe, it will be of interest to the American women who have given attention to our own woman's educational movement. The signs of this new era in woman's education, which appear here and there throughout Germany, are not the result of a general organized effort, nor of the exercise of any central power ; thus, although Göttingen University affairs fall under the jurisdiction of the Prussian Minister of Education, the action of the University in this matter is quite independent of that of other Prussian or German universities. I speak of Göttingen University in particular, not as superior or inferior to other Prussian or German universities in its attitude toward the admission of women, but only as exhibiting the real existence in one educational center of Germany, of a movement in behalf of woman's education—a movement which has already elicited attention in America, and one with which I am personally familiar. It is a quiet movement, of which very little is known in Germany outside of the borders of the town of Göttingen ; and even here not many know much of its real nature. No effort has been made to give it any publicity in Germany ; its best friends wish it a slow growth. It is the story of this movement which I wish to tell you ; to the women students, who know the chief actors and the local coloring and character of the scenes, it has a real charm, not only on account of personal interests and benefits, but also on account of the broader significance of the story.

Three or four years ago a representative of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae asked for permission to hear lectures in Göttingen University. No one was then willing to push the case forward and put it to a test. The decisions which have come later had not been made then. Later another Collegiate Alumna interested herself in the matter, and in the summer of 1893, upon hearing of the willingness on the part of Professor Klein of Göttingen to make a trial application, she furnished funds to an American woman, a promising student of mathematics, who bravely and gladly agreed to act as Göttingen's first woman student, if the opportunity could be gained for her. Before the decision had been reached on the first application, admission was asked also for two other women, one a Girton College mathematical student, and the other a former instructor in physics in Wellesley College. The applications of these three women were made for them by the professors with whom work was desired, and made to the Prussian Minister of Education; each application being accompanied by a detailed account of the character and extent of work done, and by letters of reference and the recommendation of the professor making the application. The outcome of these first applications was, of course, doubtful; and the arrival of a favorable reply was the occasion of great rejoicing among the three applicants. The cause of the woman student was championed by prominent men in the University faculty; and the movement was favored in having most suitable women to introduce it, and in being first introduced into the departments of mathematics and physics.

The winter semester of 1894, finds fifteen women students hearing lectures in Göttingen University; of these, seven are students of mathematics, astronomy and physics. Also lectures in chemistry, philosophy, history and political economy are heard by women students. Three of the women are English, one German and eleven American.

Before going further, we shall state definitely the relation which the women students bear to the University, and the conditions under which they are permitted to hear the University lectures. Each candidate for admission must make application to the Prussian Ministry of Education, through the Curator of Göttingen University, who stands to the University as the representative of

the Minister of Education. This application must be accompanied by testimonials and a recommendation from a member of the University faculty, who has examined the testimonials and the extent and nature of the candidate's previous study. The application being deemed worthy of a favorable reply, the Curator sends his instructions* to the Pro-rector (president of the general University faculty). This much accomplished, the woman candidate may now seek to register in the University as a hearer (*Hospitant*)—not as a matriculated student. The candidate is expected, according to the usual ruling for the registration of a hearer, to report to the Pro-rector and obtain an official permit from him, and then to report to the separate instructors from whom lectures are desired, and obtain from them permission to hear particular courses of lectures.

The recommendation of candidates is entirely at the option of individual professors; and the admission of women to lectures, even after the official permit has been obtained from the Pro-rector, is also entirely at the disposal of each individual lecturer. The opening of lectures to women thus lies at present almost entirely with the individual professors. There are professors who willingly admit suitable women to their lecture rooms; there are professors who utterly refuse to have a woman in their lecture rooms; and there are also professors who do not oppose the general tendency and tolerate women hearers. When once admitted to desired lectures the woman student has all the privileges of the regular matriculated student, without the official recognition; she has all library, seminary and reading-room privileges. She pays the usual University lecture fees.

The following is a translation of the ruling of the University faculty concerning the granting of degrees to women: "The faculty does not refuse to women, as such, permission to take the doctor's examination, but reserves to itself the right of presenting or of refusing to present to the Minister any particular request for such permission." Before the end of the present collegiate year, three women will probably ask to be considered candidates for the doctor's degree; we shall then have definite applications of the faculty's decision.

*The instructions in a recent case were that "aside from the special examination of all usual requirements and the obtaining of the consent of the instructors concerned, no considerations are to enter on account of sex."

The care and cautiousness exhibited in all these arrangements with regard to women students arise out of the fact that the whole question of the admission of women is regarded by many as a debatable one, and yet as one which should be given a fair trial, and such a trial as can be given without necessitating any radical changes in the general University regulations or any steps that can not easily be retraced later, if such should seem to be wisdom's demand. On this account, the women students are not matriculated; the University is not ready to put the matter on so fixed a basis as matriculation would imply. Göttingen University is in the experimental stage in this matter, and wishes to be very cautious.

We can not but admire the cautiousness, and we who are the subjects of the experiment wish only that an equal cautiousness may be exhibited upon our side—both in our action under this inspection and in the offering of experimental material in the future. It is plainly understood that no woman student is desired who is not well prepared and has not a definite aim and motive in her study; no one is desired who comes out of curiosity or merely for amusement. Serious students, of any nationality, who present the proper qualifications, will be received by those professors who are favorable to the admission of women to the University lectures. If this year instead of fifteen women there had come one hundred, we would have had cause to tremble for the outcome of the experiment; the mass would have been too large and too heterogeneous. It would be deplorable for it to become within a few years the mode, the fad, for American women students to study at Göttingen University; the University would not desire it; it would overtax the present limits of its hospitality; it would thwart the success of the experiment and the purpose of the cause. To seek such study would be also undesirable in itself to many American women, aside from the interests of the Göttingen University experiment; it is more desirable and more profitable that our women first seek special study in our own universities before they attempt to combat with the disadvantages of a strange language, new methods, and the strangeness of the restrictions of a university life which has not yet become accustomed to the woman student. So long as Göttingen University lectures are open to women, especially while they are open in this experimental

way, it is to be hoped that only those American women will come who can get more good here than elsewhere, and at the same time can be helpful in furthering the cause of the higher education of women in Germany.

While I speak strongly concerning those who should not at present seek study in a German university and in Göttingen University, I do not wish to be understood to be saying a word of discouragement to those who are fitted to come or to be expressing any discontent on the part of those who are already here; the present Göttingen women students can tell of great inspiration and benefit in their work, and also of kindly welcomes and of most considerate politeness and kindness.

The opening of German university lectures to women must often mean much to an English or American woman studying in special lines. While it means much to such a student, it signifies much more in the general cause of the higher education of German women. We may have the benefits of special study under special instructors; but the greater and more far-reaching benefit of the success of the present experiment concerns the German women. The recent establishment of a few German *gymnasias* for girls insures the university preparation to a large number of German girls and makes the question of the admission of women to a German university a more important one, and makes an American woman all the more desirous for the success of the present experiment.

May I venture to remind you, as I must often remind myself, that the conditions of German life are very different from those of our American life. I hesitate to speak of German life because of my limited acquaintance with it; and I hesitate to make general statements with regard to American life, because of the variety which it presents within our wide borders. Yet I may say that there is here a greater conservatism, a greater distrust of the new and untried; customs are older and stronger; institutions are older. German university life has also its strong customs, its traditions, and the authority of age. The higher education of women is newer here and generally less readily received; and the opening of German university lectures to women has a deeper and a different significance than we Americans would, perhaps, give it at first thought. We can not expect that here

the women can at first fall under the same ruling as do the men students. The opening of Göttingen lectures, as they are opened, signifies much, and much more than a similar opening of Harvard or Johns Hopkins University at the present day would signify, for the German women have no woman's university and no German university is completely open to women.

There is another woman's educational experiment carried on at present by the Göttingen University professors.* This consists of the giving of lectures for women teachers, who are preparing themselves for the higher teaching in the ordinary German girl's school for the higher classes. These teachers have not had university preparation and thus can not fall under the class of women students already discussed. These teachers' courses (*Lehrerin kurse*) have been given for two years; over twenty teachers are now in attendance upon them. This arrangement furnishes a Göttingen University Normal Annex and is another interesting connection of the German University with the education of women. The lectures are open not only to teachers, but also to any women who wish to be hearers only; they are, though not so called, a sort of University Extension lectures.

Göttingen University is not the first to admit women to its lectures, nor perhaps does Göttingen's attitude toward the matter differ from that of other German universities. Its position is, on these accounts, none the less interesting as furnishing a study in the development of woman's education in Germany; since this development has reached in Göttingen as high a stage as it has reached elsewhere.

The individual members of the little band of women students here at present, have the success of the Göttingen experiment much at heart; we value the privileges that are given us and have hope of their continued bestowal upon others in the future.

ANNIE L. MACKINNON, (*Omega*, '89.)

Göttingen, Dec. 27, 1894.

*Similar work is carried on in Berlin by Gymnasium teachers.

AFTER GRADUATION—WHAT?

A gentleman of experience was asked what was needful to fit the inquirer for a librarian's position, and whether the profession was remunerative. He replied as follows :

“ My dear young friend, if you want all the conceit, natural and acquired, taken out of you, by all means adopt the librarian's profession. As for requirements for librarianship, the following desiderata may be of use to you : You will find that in addition to whatever store of knowledge you possess, you must know not only all that you ought to know, but what everybody else ought to know besides. You will find it convenient to be able to tell any one whatever he wants to know on any given subject, and where to find all important references to it. You will need to have the bibliography of every subject at your tongue's end ; to know what books have been published in any country from the time of Caxton down to the present day ; to know what books are to be published, and when ; to know what books are out of print and what not. You will have to be familiar with the name of every writer and every noted character in all ages. Furthermore, you will have to be such an acute mind-reader that you can infallibly distinguish the right person under the wrong name ; to know, for example, that when one asks for Silliman's ' Travels in South America,' he means Schlieman's ' Ilios ' or ' Troja.' Moreover, you must be able to tell the authorship of any extract, prose or poetry, in any language, and where to find it ; to know the author of any poem, the correct rendering of any phrase and by whom first used, and, if in a foreign language, the meaning in addition ; to know definitely all about history, genealogy, and heraldry.

In short, you must be a combined edition of the encyclopædia, the dictionary, the dictionary of phrase and fable, the universal history, the bibliographer's manual, and general biography.

Then, my dear young friend, when you know all this thoroughly, you stand a pretty good chance of being able to answer correctly one question a day out of several hundred ! ”

This ought to appeal to the budding ambition of a college senior. Here is a new world to conquer, a new profession to enter. It appeals to legal, medical, domestic, and above all to philanthropic instincts. It is a true profession and so recognized,

It is a profession in which there is not only room at the top, but all along the ladder. It appeals especially to women and to college women. May it appeal to Kappas who are now asking "what shall I do after commencement?"

Only two Kappas have ever taken a thorough course in Library economy and they were granted the degree of Bachelor of Library Science from the University of the State of New York in 1892. This degree represents as much professional work as a doctor's or a lawyer's degree, covering two years of technical instruction beyond college work. It is raising instead of lowering the value of degrees and we are far from the danger predicted by a New York State Senator that "the University would next be turning out Bachelors of Hemstitching."

The New York State Senator was only one of the great majority who wonder what there is to *study* in library work, who think it so easy just to hand the books out over the counter, and who envy the fortunate librarian who can read all the new books.

Alas! for the fortunate librarian. Tradition has already decreed that "the librarian who reads is lost," and most library trustees have further guarded her by ruling that no new books shall be loaned to the library staff.

Conditions in library work are rapidly changing. The old style librarian knew his books but sometimes begrudged them to others. The over-praised "modern librarian" knows his methods but often misses the goal through his zeal in administering them. The day has passed when a fugitive from justice can take refuge in a library reading room without fear of detection. The library is a laboratory, a work shop, a school, a university of the people, from which the students are never graduated.

It is the library as a neglected factor in education which appeals to the college woman. Her peculiar fitness has been comprehensively stated by the Faculty of the New York State Library School, who say: "We greatly prefer college-bred women in selecting new librarians.

1. Because they are a picked class selected from the best material throughout the country.

2. Because the college training has given them a wider culture and broader view with a considerable fund of information, all of which will be valuable working material in a library as almost nowhere else.

3. Because a four years' course successfully completed is the strongest voucher for persistent purpose and mental and physical capacity for protracted intellectual work.

4. Chiefly because we find that the training of the course enables the mind to work with a quick precision and steady application rarely found in one who has not had this thorough college drill. Therefore, we find it pays to give higher salaries for college women."

But much energy will be misdirected if the college woman enters the work without special training. The college studies of most direct use to her are history, literature, and the languages, and it must be confessed that most college graduates are deficient in a familiarity with general literature.

Until 1887, candidates for library positions had to obtain training in one of three ways, either (1) By writing to experienced librarians for answers to their questions. (2) By serving an apprenticeship in a large library. (3) By securing the services of some neighboring librarian for a limited period.

The first method is still used as a cheap substitute for training as busy librarians know to their sorrow. It is not uncommon to receive a letter asking "Can I learn the Decimal classification by correspondence?" or "I have just been appointed librarian of this small town and find many difficulties. What methods would I better adopt? Any information will be thankfully received." Their innocent authors would not have presumed to ask similar advice from a doctor or a lawyer without considering it a matter of business. But the librarian is a true missionary and the instances are few where he has not given his leisure time to answer such letters. These answers have formed the basis for some existing library manuals.

An apprenticeship in a large library is very difficult to secure and at best gives a training limited to the methods of one library.

The third method, of securing the temporary services of some neighboring librarian is equally limited.

Neither of these ways would satisfy the thorough college woman.

In 1887, systematic library instruction was first given at Columbia College, New York, and later transferred to the State library at Albany. This school has been followed by others at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, Drexel Institute, Philadelphia, Armour Insti-

tute, Chicago, Los Angeles public library, Cal., Denver public library, Col., and Maine State College, Orono, Me.

Limited bibliographic instruction also is now given in many colleges and should be extended and made compulsory in the freshman year, that students might learn to use their college libraries.

But you ask,—what is there to *study*? Consider the technical side first. There is the accession department, with its details of ordering, importing, and buying from regular book-stores, second hand stores, and auctions, of duplicates, exchanges, gifts, and acknowledgments.

There is cataloging, with bewildering rules from Panizzi to Cutter and Dewey, and a wealth of mechanical accessories to become familiar with.

There is classification,—more correctly speaking, there are classifications, and therein lies the trouble. Shall we learn Dewey Decimal or Cutter Expansive? One is enough for one mortal librarian to have with her night and day, but both are required, and of course one must be also familiar with the systems of Schwartz, Edmands, and Lloyd Smith. At this stage the poor library student classifies everything which she eats, drinks, wears, or otherwise possesses.

There are loan systems in great number to be studied comparatively, and illustrated by samples.

There is binding, with samples, practical work, and visits to binderies.

There is the shelf department with shelf lists of various kinds, book supports and dummies, the care and preservation of pamphlets, maps, clippings, etc., and stock-taking.

Library architecture includes location arrangement, plans, lighting, heating and furniture.

Government and service is studied with reference to relations between trustees and librarian, librarian and staff, hours, vacations and salaries.

Regulations for readers bring up questions of hours of opening, holiday and Sunday opening, and special privileges.

Still the greatest work has not been touched, that is reference work. This cannot be taught. It is a growth, the development of an instinct, which can only be directed.

The library must be brought in touch with the schools, with factories, with clubs, with University extension, with the *people*, without respect to age, race, color, sex, or previous condition of servitude.

It was not a trained librarian who put up the notice "children prohibited" and gave as an excuse that the children used the books so much that they wore them out.

It is not the trained librarian who keeps her crochet work in the library because she has so much spare time.

Nor is it the trained librarian who tells the club ladies to look up their own references because she is busy.

The trained librarian welcomes the child as cordially as the adult, and counts it her greatest joy when she has been the means of bringing the right book to the right person.

The library is what the librarian makes it and she can easily become a potent force in her community.

Her profession possesses all the pleasures of teaching without its attendant nervous strain. Instead of spending her days with young people dependent upon her and her ideas, she is constantly quickened by contact with vigorous minds and kept from a rut by the scope of her work.

A young teacher must specialize to win great success. This necessitates her reading in one line. A librarian must generalize and cover many subjects even at the risk of being superficial.

Educated trustees are needed as much as librarians. Here is a distinct field for college women. A Director cannot direct until she knows how the work should be done.

Voicing these sentiments, Mr. W. E. Foster of Providence, R. I., says: "In what other occupation or profession are the necessary and inherent disadvantages attended by so many and so signal compensations? In what other line of work or study are there such opportunities for depth of culture, side by side with breadth of culture? In what other is the motive so strong to make one's self thoroughly master of some one line of research, while, side by side with it, is an imperative pressure to carry one's attention in other directions? The librarian would not be an idle or unscholarly man if he could. He could not be an embodiment of intellectual narrowness and one-sidedness if he would. The two tendencies—happiest of all ideal conditions—

the two tendencies correct each other. Who would not be a librarian?"

There is no course more permanently valuable if not put into practical use, than that of Library Science. There is no system of culture more broad. There is no work more absorbing and its followers feel that it is second only to the Church in its possibilities for good.

KATHARINE L. SHARP, (*Upsilon*, '85.)

THE CONVENTION OF GAMMA PROVINCE.

Whether or not a province convention be practicable and profitable is a question which has been before Gamma Province for some years, but an adequate answer has come only with the recent convention held with Eta, at Madison, Wis., Feb. 15-16. The earliest letters from the Grand President asking for an expression of willingness to try the experiment met with immediate and cordial response which resulted in preparations for the first convention of Gamma Province. In considering the problem of how the convention might be made most helpful to chapters, to the province, and therefore indirectly to the whole fraternity, not a few misgivings were entertained on account of the novelty of the plan adopted, and also from the realization that the fate of Gamma Province assemblies depended on this first effort; but these fears were later proved to be groundless.

Twelve visitors, among them Grand President, Katharine L. Sharp, together with the large active chapter and the Eta alumnae association at Madison, combined to make the attendance on sessions and social events unusually large for a province gathering. However, the truth was brought home to one with great force, that the ideal condition would have been a full attendance of the active membership of the province; since the real advantages to be gained from the innumerable suggestions and practical hints, cannot be formulated, and no delegate could take to her chapter more than a tithe of what individuals could have gained for themselves.

Since the promotion of good fellowship offered us a prime object of meeting, the means of securing it were not neglected, and

evenings were spent in promoting acquaintance by means of festivities. Thursday evening a reception was given the delegates by Mrs. Willett S. Main, and the second oldest woman's fraternity did not seem so absolutely young and entirely without history or traditions, when through the bonds of the golden key, college women could greet those whose enthusiasm had not expired with thirteen, fifteen or twenty years membership in Kappa Kappa Gamma. Friday evening, the convention banqueted at Kappa Lodge, and made merry over toasts and Kappa songs. Miss Edna Chynoweth, Eta, acted as toastmistress and the following responses were given :

"Old Girls,"	Grand President Katharine L. Sharp
"A Toast Without a Subject,"	Miss Bassett, Eta
"Our Song-book,"	Miss Palmer, Eta
"Relation of Chapters of Gamma Province,"	Miss Sargent, Upsilon
"The Goat,"	Miss Schuman, Eta
Impromptu,	Miss Remington, Eta

Snatches of conversation and a visit to the armory and gymnasium under the guidance of Professor Snow, of the University of Wisconsin, completed the life of convention outside of sessions.

Yet it was perhaps during the sessions Friday and Saturday that the feeling of Kappa fellowship was most apparent for the meetings took the form of round table discussions open to all present, and led by delegates with papers which they had previously prepared. This secured not only the careful thought of the leaders, but suggestions from all standpoints by both active and alumnæ members. The second session on Friday was especially favored in an address from Miss Sharp. The following program represents the topics considered :

Chapter reports,	
Methods and Principles of Rushing,	Carrie R. Howe, Mu
Interfraternity Relations	Miss Hopson, Epsilon
Relation of Chapter and Alumnæ	Miss Patton, Delta
The Ideal Chapter	Miss Mahan, Iota
Business Principles Applied to Fraternity Government,	Miss Sharp
Relation of Grand Council to Chapters,	Miss Gray, Upsilon
Relation of Chapters of Gamma Province,	Miss McFetridge, Eta

Chapter reports were informal—pictures of chapter life, with an outline of the policy and methods of government. The dis-

cussion was free and informal throughout and replete with practical hints. The advisability of a fraternity pledge-pin was discussed, and samples of the K.K.T. monogram and of the signature in gold were exhibited. The opinion was general that a move towards the adoption of a pin to be used by all the chapters in pledging would be wholesome in promoting a feeling of unity, and would be inexpensive should each chapter own a small number.

Of one thing there could be no doubt—the experiment had been successful. It was apparent that each chapter probably excelled the others in some particular; and in the few days together each became acquainted with the strength of the others in a degree that would be impossible at a National Convention. Steps were therefore taken to make conventions of the province biennial, and since the conditions demanding such gatherings are always present, the custom may undoubtedly be considered as established. For it is not until each chapter shall have absorbed into its life the strong features of every other, not until individual chapters shall have embodied what is now the aggregate virtue of the province, and not until the province itself is perfectly homogeneous that we shall be able to dispense with the province convention.

ANNA KATHERINE FLINT, Secretary.
CARLA FERN SARGENT, Chairman.

Alumnæ Department.

ELLA A. TITUS.

WHEN the writer of this sketch was asked to embody her knowledge of Miss Titus in the form of an article for *THE KEY*, her thoughts irresistibly went back to the first time she saw the then editor of our "official organ."

It was in the corner of a big, barren sort of room, dignified in

college parlance by the name of "the chapel." To the rather curious and lonely freshman looking on, it was evident that some very particular attraction was at the center of the group of girls in that corner; for intervals of absorbed silence were succeeded by bursts of hilarity, which made even the girls who wore no golden keys look up and smile in sympathy.

It was at that time that the freshman was wearing a fleur-de-lis, and so perhaps it was not surprising that the charmed circle opened to her, and let her see,—an extremely erect and slim little person, black gowned, and wearing at her belt two yellow daffodils, as slim and straight and dainty as her own trim figure. She was talking, in a quiet but animated sort of way, and the freshman noticed that her words were apt to come with a little rush, and then to pause sedately while the thought was "gathering."

Somehow, that first glimpse of our dear Ella Titus has always seemed to the writer a most characteristic one, and she always thinks of her former "chief" in just that way, daffodils and all!

Indeed, it was characteristic, for, to Phi's girls, no sight was more familiar in Miss Titus' college days than a group of Kappas surrounding her and laughing over her remarks which were always bright, clear and pregnant, and always what the talker herself would call "some funny."

From the time when she delivered the valedictory at her preparatory school until the last Kappa banquet, this same Ella Titus has been made to "speechify" on every occasion where it was possible to indulge in speechifying. And to none has she so readily given the enjoyment of her gift of irresistible drollery as to her own girls of Phi.

Like very many of Phi's members, past and present, she is a Boston girl born and bred; born in Charleston in 1868, and bred in Somerville, hard by.

She entered Boston University in '88, and almost immediately after her initiation into Kappa Kappa Gamma, she went on the staff of THE KEY under Margaret B. Dodge, who was then editor-in-chief of the magazine, and then, as now, a warm personal friend of Miss Titus. Upon Miss Dodge's withdrawal, Miss Titus, who, as assistant editor, had learned much about all the departments, took the vacant place. From that time until the last number issued by Phi Chapter, she has given THE KEY faithful service and most valuable thought.

Indeed, so completely has THE KEY engrossed her attention that she sometimes forgets that there are other kinds of keys, namely, golden ones.

Perhaps you have heard her little story, told on herself? It was when our late Grand President, Emily Bright Burnham, was planning for the initiation of one of our baby chapters.

She came to Miss Titus, after a series of visits to alumnae from whom she had begged pins for the new Kappas, and said, "I've just been sending off some old keys for the girls at Swarthmore."

"Well," said Miss Titus with round eyes, "what in the world do those girls want of back numbers of THE KEY?"

The victim of this little tale tells it with great glee as a proof positive of her absorbed interest in THE KEY.

To those who have worked with her, Ella Titus has been the most delightful of editors, unsparing of her own labors, and indulgent only toward others. Her enthusiasm for THE KEY and its welfare has been contagious, and many a time has prodded on a poor, weak sister who found the advice and criticism of our chapter correspondents a little distracting.

As you know, no marked changes have been made in THE KEY during Miss Titus' administration. It has been her plan to develop, rather than to change the scheme mapped out by her predecessor.

What THE KEY owes to her, it is not for Phi to tell you, but what Phi's girls think of her perhaps this little sketch of her personality will let you guess.

She always says that nothing ever happened to her; it was a little for that reason, but more because she wished you to see with her eyes, that the writer chose to ramble on as she has done, rather than to write a biographical sketch which would give the readers of THE KEY no real acquaintance with its recent editor, Ella A. Titus.

SARA CONE BRYANT, (*Phi*, '95.)

THE SECOND DEGREE.

To the Editor of THE KEY :

So much has been said of late in regard to the Second Degree, that a few simple words on the subject may not be out of order at this time, if you can kindly grant the space for a plain, explanatory letter. In the first place, it is clear to all that no members are eligible to the Second Degree who are not thoroughly acquainted with both the spirit *and the technique* of our fraternity.

But it is not to be supposed for a moment that any one of equal attainments outside of the Second Degree is to be regarded with less esteem and consideration than those who aspire to its duties and privileges. The Second Degree is not a caste. It distinctly does not set itself up as of superior mould or finer clay in any way than the first degree. There need be no fear felt that it will prove in any way subversive of the free spirit that now animates our Constitution, and in whose combination of authority and liberty the whole fraternity has reason to be justly proud. If there were any element of control in the Second Degree that looked toward self aggrandizement or localization of power, it would be justly condemned. Just the opposite is its aim and purpose. Its secrecy is certainly not out of keeping with the construction of a Greek letter society, and it neither supersedes nor disregards Convention or Council but aims to be of practical assistance to the fraternity whose servant the Second Degree is, in a deep and significant way.

It wants the intelligence, enthusiasm and devotion of the fraternity to enter its ranks, but it asks and expects this on no other grounds than that on which our order is founded—and higher grounds it would indeed be difficult to find.

Faithfully yours in K. K. Γ.,

MARY M. KINGSBURY (*Phi*, '87.)

A SECOND TO A SUGGESTION.

THERE lies before me a charming little note from the corresponding secretary of the old chapter, asking for the contribution of a manuscript to THE KEY.

I suppose every alumna has been or some day will be called upon for proof of her loyalty in this direction, but some way or

other, I had thought that I never should be mustered into the service. Now the call comes, a surprise indeed ; therefore, I will endeavor to answer it as a true and loyal Kappa.

How many are the memories this little message from the chapter brings to mind ; the weekly meetings and the old familiar faces, the "rushes" and the initiations, the spreads, and the parties—and best and dearest of all—the deeper, truer side of fraternity life, the kindly fellowship and helpful love of one woman to another, of sister to sister. With these recollections comes the thought than an alumna, separated by many miles from the home chapter, is very apt to lose the enthusiasm that the "blue and blue" once awakened in her. A return to former scenes where new faces meet one, and strange Kappas wear the golden key, revives but a little spark of the old glow, and such a visit, made only during holidays or vacation time, brings small reward to one seeking to renew old friendships and to meet the new sisters.

Surely, there is some remedy warranted to restore the old enthusiasm and to prevent our falling into a state—not of disloyalty nor even of disinterestedness—but a state of carelessness regarding fraternity affairs. To be sure, the Biennial Convention affords opportunity of meeting and greeting old and new Kappas, and of keeping alive fraternity spirit. But so long as only three short days are given to this convention, and as it is not always convenient to get away for those three days, the summer conclave does not offer the best remedy. We need something more lasting than the three convention days.

I, for one, most heartily add my approval to the delightful air castle built by a clever Kappa and advocated in a late number of THE KEY.

A summer home where Kappas old and Kappas new might meet at any time during the vacation days, would keep alive the interest and enthusiasm of our alumnæ, would make them feel that there is still something for them to enjoy of fraternity love and fellowship. It would be a benefit to our active chapters in that it would unite them more closely in sympathetic effort and friendship and after a time spent in close association with sister Kappas, the return to active work would be followed by more vigorous labor for the chapter and by greater and more earnest striving for its good.

BETA NU ALUMNA.

PERSONAL NOTES.

PSI.

Grace F. Swearingen, '93, is teaching English and mathematics in the State Normal School at Cheney, Washington.

Josephine Spencer, '92, was married to Mr. George L. Slawson, Wednesday, March 20, at Waverly, N. Y.

Laura Stanley Dickey, '92, is teaching science in Houghton Seminary, Clinton, N. Y.

J. Nita Angell, '93, is teaching German in the High School at West Bay City, Mich.

Anna Van Benschoten, '93, is teacher of mathematics in the High School at Binghamton, N. Y.

BETA TAU.

January 31, Ella Pierson, '93, was married to Rev. William Carter, at Waterloo, N. Y.

BETA GAMMA.

Minnie Lucile Carrothers, special '92, instructor in vocal music at Wooster University, was married on January 30, 1895, to Mr. C. A. McDonald of Wooster.

October 4, 1894, May Wing of Wooster was married to Robert Campbell, Beta Theta Pi.

December 20, 1894, Elizabeth Lindley, '88, of Fredericktown, Ohio, was married to Mr. Frank M. McMurray. They are now at home at 370 Hudson street, Buffalo.

Elizabeth Pressley, special '90, of Pittsburgh visited Wooster in January prior to making an extended tour abroad.

BETA NU.

The last number of "*The Philosophical Review*" contains an article, "The Doctrine of Conscious Elements," written by Ellen B. Talbot, '90.

BETA DELTA.

Katharine Alvord, '93, is teaching mathematics in Milwaukee.

XI.

Mrs. Emil Ware Foster, A. B., LL. B., class of '87, a member of the firm of Foster and Foster, is practicing law in Toledo, Ohio, in partnership with her husband. She holds an enviable position as a lawyer.

Mildred Graham, '92, was married, December 25, to Leigh Layman, a Σ. A. E. of '91 and '92.

IOTA.

Mrs. Ella Adams Moore, '90, is studying at Chicago University and has been giving lectures in literature in La Porte, Ind.

E. Jean Nelson, the Interstate orator of '92, is the founder and president of a Musical Aid Guild established in New York City.

Elizabeth Rose, '91, is attending the Woman's College at Baltimore.

The Parthenon.

WE wonder how many chapters follow out the monthly program for literary exercises in fraternity meeting. When we receive the program with its weekly topics for discussion, by common consent, we lay it aside feeling that none of us have the time to spare from our college work in studying and preparing for these exercises. But, at the same time, we lay it aside with a feeling that we are missing something which would be interesting and profitable if we only knew how to carry it out successfully.

Our Literary program. We feel that we must be greatly lacking in appreciation of such study, when our sister chapters, composed of college girls like ourselves, find time for this work, outside of their college duties—while our literary meetings have always been such sad failures. The girls who have them in charge slight their college work during the week in striving to obtain something which will be of interest to the others;—while however carefully the program may have been prepared it invariably seems like a prolongation of the late after-

noon class in Shakespeare seminary or literary criticism, and there is always a very discouraging sigh of relief when these exercises are closed, and we can "talk" again. Five evenings of the week we are obliged to study,—the sixth seems to us should be one of recreation, an evening when we can all be together for good times, when we can forget college and our studies, and go away rested,—at least mentally. We know that the following of the program is entirely optional with each chapter, but if there is the benefit which many of the chapters seem to derive from these literary meetings we should like to know in what manner they are conducted, so that we also may be benefited.

BETA DELTA.

As a fraternity we surely have felt, at one time or another, the need of a pledge pin which might be called exclusively our own; one which would leave in the mind of the beholder no doubt that the wearer was a Kappa-elect.

Some of the chapters have decided the question for themselves by using pretty pins of the monogram K.K.Γ., while others use the chapter heads attached to their keys. Another very pretty pin now in existence is our signature made in gold.

A Pledge Pin.

Both the monogram and signature pins are very appropriate for this purpose, and, of course, the fleur-de-lis in any shape is always dear to us. We might well be proud to point to any one of them as our pledge pin if it were universally adopted throughout the chapters.

HARRIET SINCLAIR, (*Upsilon.*)

"Does the personality of a chapter endure? Does it remain individual through its rapid alterations and renewals?" We were asking one of our alumnæ some such questions the other day; she is one of the older women, a "Browning girl" in the days when women's fraternities were but beginning to be.

Since leaving the university she has been busy in her work and only lately has she returned where she may observe the chapter she has known since its birth in '81. Therefore she is

enabled to decide whether the adult of to-day is the sturdy infant of earlier years or only a relative bearing a family resemblance to the Beta of the first Convention.

At first she begged the question and we were much alarmed because our reverence and admiration for the "Brownings" who pluckily won a charter in the face of all con-
As We Grow Older. servatism, not to add parental opposition, are very great. Then she said: "Fraternity life, like university life and woman's career is changing. Only the aims for which we work remain as they were when I was a charter member. Your methods are not ours, your chapter as well as the fraternity at large, has broadened greatly in fifteen years. And yet I think you lack the enthusiasm of a new cause and the ardor which comes in fighting for your principles against the phalanx of a determined foe. We old girls were a few in the van of a new movement and we had to prove ourselves worthy to join the great fraternity world. They were mooted questions then, you know, co-education and "secret societies," and settling them kept us too busy to even dream of the ambitions you cherish now. We were women of one idea and such unity of purpose cemented friendships which years haven't weakened. Then it was solidarity and similarity; now it is specialties and the division of labor. The fight is won, and you may choose your labor of peace without encountering even a raised eyebrow whether you select biology or the Bible. In the old days we had scant time for the social side of college life, indeed, there was no social plank in our platform. We were too strenuous for that. Now I find you are going into this very essential phase of your careers and that your influence is increasing in a direct ratio. Or rather, some of you are, while others don't care for it in the least. Such a division would have once been impossible. United we stood, for there was no hope if a dozen girls in those troublous times scattered their forces. But smiling Victory perches on your banners, and a chapter declining to increase its membership beyond twenty-five, although girls clamor at the gates, is strong enough to go its twenty-five individual ways toward the goal we as a fraternity have set. Yes, and truly, girls, I'm sure the fraternity idea is as dear to you as it was to us, even though you need not fight to uphold and preserve it. You find it as natural and mat-

ter of course to enter a Greek letter society as your brothers do, while I thought of it with fear and trembling. My friends considered it strong minded and contrary to the established, and therefore correct order of events. Your people regret it if you are not initiated in your freshman year. And that is a compliment to the old girls, isn't it?

I've talked too long, and I've bragged. I used to brag on principle but now I note that other people sound the loud timbrels in your honor. Before I efface myself, however, while you discuss fraternity polity as to conservatism and liberalism let us say just this: K. K. Γ. is all its pioneers hoped it would be and the women whose names were not known in pioneering days but now are heard, are proud of the growing child. Its health and beauty prove the soundness of its constitution."

The alumna ceased discreetly, and one disrespectful girl moved that any person taking such liberty with our collective dignity should be fined ten cents for her first pun and one dollar for each subsequent offense.

BETA BETA.

WE know that what a chapter shall be, depends upon each individual member; that it is in the power of each one to make her chapter what she will, to **Our Responsibility.** strengthen it, or to weaken it, to lead it forward, or to drag it back. An ideal chapter then, must be composed of ideal women, each one possessing the noblest qualifications of her sex, and being strong, broad-minded, loyal, and enthusiastic in fraternity work.

To become such a chapter should be our aim, and though perfection is beyond our reach, yet with all its members working in perfect harmony, and each one keeping before her mind the highest ideals of true womanhood, a chapter may hope to approach very near to the desired goal.

A. M. O. (Xi.)

Viewed from a chapter's standpoint we would say that if friendly relations do not exist between the chapter and its alumnae the chapter is at fault, as much if not more than the alumnae.

Frequently the alumnae feel a delicacy about coming to meetings, fearing lest they may interrupt the regular work. Now it is the duty of the chapter to show them that they are wanted, that their advice is sought and valued.

The Chapter at Fault.

If we invite them and make them think they are wanted they will surely come and if they do come their old college enthusiasm will be awakened, and their interest in the chapter assured. We would say, then, that if the proper relations do not exist between the chapter and its alumnae, it is primarily the fault of the chapter and the chapter should take the first step to right the wrong. Let us show our interest in our alumnae and they will return it by showing their interest in us.

DELTA.

THE writer of Upsilon's article in the Parthenon, of the October KEY spoke of the comparatively small intercourse that existed between the alumnae and the active chapter, and of how little the active members seemed to realize that their sister graduates could help them. Although Beta Iota is such a young chapter and the number of her alumnae is necessarily still quite small, yet she feels that she has derived great benefit from their good suggestions and sound advice. Of course, there are certain points that the chapter must decide for itself, and in which even our alumnae, much as they are interested in our welfare, would be unable to help us. In many cases, however, the experience of women, who have not only completed a college course, but have also for several years come in contact with outside influences, is of inestimable value.

When the alumnae live at a great distance from the chapter and from each other it may be hard for them to keep up their interest, and to try to overcome this, we have adopted the plan of having a circulating letter between the alumnae and the active chapter. One girl of the chapter is appointed to write a letter to our sister graduates, telling them of all our work, hopes and plans; and this is sent to each of the alumnae, and each, in turn, adds the account of her own doings. When it has gone the rounds, it comes back to the chapter again, and after it has been read is sent again on its journey. In this way we keep in touch with our alumnae sisters, and almost feel as though they were with us.

If the alumnæ are reluctant to give advice for fear of intruding, ought not the chapter to insist so strongly that the old girls will see that their counsel is not only a pleasure, but a necessity? Let the chapter girls show the alumnæ that their help is essential to the success of the chapter, and surely the desired result will be obtained.

EDITH FLINT KENDEL DINE, (*Beta Iota.*)

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

PHI—BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

Phi sends heartiest greetings to all Kappas at home and abroad and especially to those who are deprived of active chapter life.

It seems as if only those who have experienced it can thoroughly understand what fraternity life in a city college means and how fond the girls are of the chapter room, for it is there that most of our happiest hours are spent.

Now at the very height of our college work, we find chapter life still dearer because of the greater effort necessary to fulfil our duties toward it.

Many a stormy and bleak afternoon, fond mothers have anxiously awaited our home coming fearing that frightful colds would be the results of our carelessness but, for the most part, they rejoice with their daughters in the pleasure which fraternity gives.

For a few years past at Christmas time, we have had what we call a "Christmas box," when each of us and occasionally some of our alumnæ present the chapter with some useful articles. Our intention had been to make this last "Christmas box" an opportunity for books alone to be offered, in order to increase our library but many other useful presents found their way under the mysterious looking cover and were received with great applause. If

there are any chapters who have not tried this plan, they will find it a very jolly and exceedingly fruitful experience.

There has long been felt an especial need for some means of promoting a more kindly feeling among the students of our college; that is, something which should bring them all together more frequently in a purely social way. For this purpose, Phi chapter has inaugurated a series of "at homes," the first of which was held at our rooms, Feb. 9, from four to seven. The rooms were very prettily decorated with palms, while two tea-tables of pink and green, lighted by candelabra and provided with the dainties that all young people enjoy, occupied prominent places. Mrs. E. Ray Speare, whose wedding we announced in the last KEY, acted as matron. To say that the afternoon was a success is inadequate to express the pleasure which we enjoyed.

Tuesday, February 12, our dear baby Kappas entertained the chapter with a book party and an informal tea. We were pleased to have with us at the time Miss Nellie Isabel Simpson, a graduate in the class of '94, who is now taking a post-graduate course at Radcliffe College.

February 21st was the Klatsch, the grand college social event of the year, when many of our alumnae were present, among them Miss Alice Cary Weeks, our commencement speaker of last year.

Many other delightful things have engrossed our minds during the past term, besides the regular routine of college duties, but pervading the life of each of our members we find that true loyalty which is fully tested by its willingness to work for the object of its affections.

BETA EPSILON—BARNARD COLLEGE.

Beta Epsilon's last letter was sent off just before the initiation of our new members, which took place on the afternoon of December 7, at the residence of Miss Whited. There were six initiates, Miss Mullick and Miss Van Riper, '96, and Miss Dunn, Miss Osborne, Miss Roe and Miss Wilcox, '97. The whole chapter was present, and we were joined, after the ceremony, by two of our alumnae members, which made the affair even more pleasant than usual. The only drawback was that one which is ever

present with us, the necessity of running for trains before we are ready to go.

Since the initiation, our meetings have been rather interrupted, first by the holidays, and then by a very different factor in our college life—examinations. The latter are over now, and we have settled down into our routine again, and have our meetings every week as usual. At our last social meeting, held at the residence of Miss Osborne, a new feature was introduced ; instead of entertaining ourselves with literature or the drama, we had a written examination on matters connected with the fraternity. It can easily be imagined with what anxiety the report of the examiners was awaited, and with what pride those who were adjudged an *A* bore themselves during the remainder of the afternoon.

With regard to the song book it is to be regretted that we have nothing more definite to report. We are at present at a standstill, awaiting the decision of the Grand Council in regard to the appropriation.

I must close my letter by referring to the loss which the chapter has sustained in the death of Miss Crocker. It is the first gap in our circle, and is a blow both severe and unexpected. She was a true Kappa ; and her example will not soon fade from our minds.

PSI—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Psi wishes that *THE KEY* were a magic carpet on which each corresponding secretary might ride to the college of each other corresponding secretary, and in person review her chapter affairs. Shall we imagine it to be so ?

Miss Katherine Lucas from Beta Gamma has just arrived ; with unerring skill she steered the carpet to 69 Huestis St. and mounted the steps of the little brown house "where the Kappas dwell," just as our mighty President called the meeting to order. Imagine the sensation Miss Lucas creates ! She has met most of the members on former occasions but the new ones impress her with other charms than those of novelty. First there is Addie Spencer. She is from the sunny South and is chemically inclined, being a grave post-graduate, and haunting the laboratories from nine to six. Christabel Fiske is the next, whose home is under

the shadow of the library-tower, so to speak, since she lives down in the town, and from a tender age has recognized Kappa as one of the chief elements of college life. Emily Dunning is the member from New York ; she is going to be a doctor sometime, and now devotes her attention to vivisection. Edith Read is a gentle little Puritan maiden, a most loyal K.K.F., and Elizabeth Rhodes is the "clever woman of the family."

Miss Lucas was sorry not to see Ellen Talbot and Isabel Kittinger who have left college because of illness but expect to return next year. However it was a pleasant surprise to see Lillian Balcom, '94, who, much to our delight, found herself unable to exist apart from Cornell.

On this particular evening, after the business meeting in which we struggled long and loud over our opinions of lifting, rushing and dismissal, for the new platform, we amused our guest and ourselves with a mock trial. The question was, "Shall the Kappas be forced to return to Sage," and it was contended eloquently by the different members in the characters of the people supposed to be most interested in such an event. Owing to the talent of Frances Pearson in cross-examining, the case was won for the Kappas.

While the jury was considering, one of the witnesses made chocolate over the grate-fire, and when the decision had been given the chapter was regaled with goodies given by Neal Dolson, master of ceremonies for the evening.

Next day we took Miss Lucas up on the campus to see our chapter baby, Donald Von Utassey Hammond. He is about two months old and a great addition to the community. The campus looked prettier than ever with the lake below and hills around and the snow was still upon the evergreens in the gorges.

We told her about the Christmas tree we had for the freshmen, and the sleigh-ride ; and about our afternoon teas, which we consider a fine idea. The girls in the house have been receiving every Saturday afternoon, the girls of the other fraternities and any independents and other friends they have among the faculty or in the town. The teas have been cosy and informal, and we all feel much better acquainted because of them.

We were sorry to have Miss Lucas go but on Monday she went to Beta Alpha, and now we are looking forward to the next visit with anticipation.

BETA BETA—ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

Beta Beta after a prosperous winter is looking forward to a happy spring. The past three months have been full of work and pleasure. We have been obliged to miss two or three of our chapter meetings on account of the severe storms which have occurred this winter, otherwise our work has gone on without interruption since the Christmas vacation.

On Thursday evening, Feb. 21, we gave a German in College Hall for the entertainment of our friends. Members from Delta Delta Delta, Beta Theta Pi, and Alpha Tau Omega, were among our guests. The evening was spent most delightfully and we were loath to have it come to an end.

Recently we have enjoyed an unusual privilege in making the acquaintance of Mrs. Ella Boole and Miss Esterly, alumnae of Beta Gamma chapter. They lunched with us at 1:30 P. M. on Saturday, March 2, at the home of Miss Marie Liotard. A number of our alumnae were present and the occasion was one of great interest to all. Mrs. Boole has been lecturing at the W. C. T. U. Convention in Canton. She is First Vice-President of that organization in New York State and is a brilliant and accomplished speaker. Being a charter member of Beta Gamma, she told us many anecdotes of the early days of that chapter. Miss Esterly is Instructor in Physical Culture and Elocution in the Potsdam Normal School. Our guests, though from the same college, had never met before, and we were very glad to give them such an opportunity.

BETA TAU—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Syracuse has been unusually gay this winter and Beta Tau has had her share of the gaieties. Early in the term, we gave a formal reception at which a large number of students were present. We were especially favored in having with us some of our sisters from out of town, and, of course, the occasion was one of great pleasure.

Twice the members of Beta Tau have been "at home" at their pleasant chapter house, to their mothers, the alumnae, the women of the University, and the wives of the professors. We hoped in this way to enlarge our circle of acquaintances and our plan was

quite successful. We have also participated in the other social events which break into the routine of study.

This year, athletic sports have received more attention than ever, and through the efforts of our Chancellor, a new field has been laid out and a large grand stand is now nearing completion.

On February 12, some of the students gave a farce, "A Home-spun Heroine," in Crouse College Hall for the benefit of the Athletic Association.

A new and delightful feature of our college work this term has been a series of lectures on the Bible. Dr. Benjamin W. Bacon of Oswego delivered six lectures on the origin of the Bible, and Dr. Rogers of Drew Theological Seminary delivered two lectures on the re-discoveries of the Assyrians.

Through the kindness of the New York Central Branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae we were enabled to hear Miss Anna Peck give three lectures on Athens, illustrating them with stereopticon views.

At an early date we expect to have a Woman's Edition of the "University News," the proceeds going to the Athletic Association.

BETA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The usually uneventful career of Beta Alpha has been interrupted twice by gala days. The first was the chapter reception held at the home of one of our members early in December. Many members of the University faculties and personal friends of the chapter were present to make it one of the pleasantest social events of which Beta Alpha can boast. The reception rooms were decorated with palms and ferns, presenting an unusually attractive appearance.

Ere long the chapter gathered to attend the wedding of Miss Faxon to Mr. Knapp of Connecticut. The bride looked so handsome and everything was so gay that Beta Alpha quite forgot the loss she was sustaining and could only congratulate Mrs. Knapp and send her on her European trip with the good wishes of the chapter.

BETA IOTA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

During the winter months when all was bleak and cold, Beta Iota was busily striving for Kappa's interest and planning for Kappa's good.

With the return of spring comes a renewed interest and enthusiastic as we are, we feel that like the little buds we must burst forth and do all we can to further the progress of our fraternity.

Sisters, we have initiated into the realms of Kappa Kappa Gamma three others, who, we trust, will join us in the loyalty and love which has characterized our short sisterhood.

Edna Marion Nicholl, Ada Virginia Gillespie and Mabel Clare Gillespie now wear the golden key.

At the home of Lydia Biddle, January 26th, two of these girls were initiated and at this reunion of the alumnæ and active members of our chapter, our spirits ran high. Kappa songs were sung, intermingled with loud praises of the hospitality of our hostess.

Beta Alpha and Beta Iota anticipate holding a joint meeting to which we look forward with the greatest interest. Mrs. Jennie Grafft Hathway (Psi), the originator of the plan, has kindly offered us her house in Philadelphia for such a meeting, and we believe that by this intercourse we shall not only be much interested but greatly benefited.

Eight of the thirteen girls of our chapter were elected to offices in the class organizations and literary society.

The class of Ninety-five received the class of Ninety-seven January 16th, and the College Reception was held February 16th. Beta Iota was represented on both committees.

In our course of lectures this year, we were especially entertained by Professor Hjalmar Hjorth Boyesen, Dr. Hudson Shaw and Howard Horace Furness.

The social event of the season for Swarthmore students was the dance given in the "New Century Drawing Rooms," Philadelphia, February 21st. All of our chapter except the freshmen enjoyed the evening thoroughly.

Our chapter, too, has been especially fortunate in receiving visits from Miss Hull, Mrs. Jennie Grafft Hathway and Miss Melotte of Psi and Miss Reid of Beta Tau. It is needless to say that we are always greatly encouraged by such visits and after them, feel more enthusiastic than ever over the light and dark blue.

Beta Iota only adds, that she sends cordial greeting to all sister chapters.

GAMMA RHO—ALLEGHANY COLLEGE.

It is too bad that the new corresponding secretary can not in some way distinguish herself at the outset by recording something startling for her chapter ; either an unprecedented initiation or some great honor heaped upon one of its members,—anything sensational—but Fate is inexorable and a quieter term cannot be recorded anywhere, than the one so nearly over at Alleghany. We were all assembled, however, at one spread where we drank chocolate in honor of Jessie King, a newly pledged member, who proudly wears the colors of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

The most brilliant social event of the season was the reception given by the Alpha Province of $\Delta. T. \Delta.$ to the visiting members of their eastern province. There were about forty men here from "down East" and their hosts entertained them royally.

We remember, too, the old adage about "all work and no play." and so have been well represented at the various little parties and hops that have been given this winter. We are indebted to Phi Kappa Psi for some delightful times in their chapter rooms. Phi Gamma Delta has entertained with one or two parties, as has also Phi Delta Theta.

Will a little burst of pride be pardoned in the mentioning of a new chair for the chapter rooms? A dainty white maple chair with pale yellow tapestry seat fills up an empty corner and makes us think very often of the two Kappa sisters whose gift it was.

Then, too, this winter we have had some very interesting visits from a few of the old girls. Their tales of fraternity life are always inspiring and sometimes through them an old and helpful idea is revived.

As for the college itself, work has been the predominant feature. Some very interesting lectures have been delivered in the courses which are provided for by the college, and we heard Carl Fæltton from the New England Conservatory of Music under the patronage of our own Conservatory.

Many things are planned for the spring term—Dr. Crawford has secured Gov. McKinley of Ohio for the commencement oration, with Hjalmar Hjorth Boyensen, and as it is the eightieth anniversary of the college a regular ovation will be made. The

inter-collegiate Field Day for the colleges of Western Pennsylvania is to be held here early in June, when an opportunity will be given to us to display lots of college enthusiasm.

The victories which our base ball team will win, are only in *the future* but we are sure our confidence in them is not misplaced.

We want to say how very much we enjoyed all the letters in the last KEY, and how bright and "collegy" we thought each one was. Then, too, THE KEY'S new dress is most attractive. It quite reminds one of the recent Napoleonic revival.

BETA PROVINCE.

BETA GAMMA—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Beta Gamma neglected to tell of her success last fall. Perhaps it was because we knew that anticipation is often more pleasant than the reality, and wished you to have that pleasure a little longer. Still in this case, the reality is far from unpleasant, as we have some bonnie lasses to introduce to you.

We opened the college year with thirteen members, but our number did not seem to bring us the proverbial ill-luck, for we now number nineteen.

On Oct. 13, four girls became the proud wearers of the golden key : Minnie Elliott, '98, pledged last year, Caroline Agerter, '98, Lucy Ross, '98, and Alice Smith, '98, while Mary Marshall, '98, Ethel Axtell and Ella Reed were pledged. But this was not the only way we celebrated our anniversary for after the goat had right merrily disported himself, we banqueted the newly made Kappas. Many of our alumnæ were with us, so that about thirty of us partook of the good things, and afterwards listened to the toasts.

Cora Altman acted as toast-mistress, and very gracefully she introduced the following toasts : Welcome, Alice Cornell ; Rushing, Annette Thackwell ; The Key, Fannie Dysert ; Goats, Alice Firestone ; Class of '89, Grace Ihrig ; The Owl, Caroline Agerter.

On Jan. 26, we initiated Ethel Axtell, and pledged Nellie Arbaugh.

We were sorry to lose two of our girls ; Ella Reed, who left at the end of the fall term to attend the Conservatory of Music at

Cincinnati, and Ollie Allmandinger, '95, who has been compelled to leave school for the year on account of ill health.

Shortly after our initiation, the active chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma were surprised by receiving "at home" cards from Mildred Packer and Elizabeth Bissman of Kappa Alpha Theta, and Cora Altman and Edna Pennell of Kappa Kappa Gamma, who received us jointly. This was a new departure in Wooster, but was most successful, and we parted, having made new friendships and strengthened old ones.

Another pleasant evening was spent with the ladies of the Faculty at the home of the President, when all the women students of every department were entertained in a most delightful manner. This reception is always considered one of the events of the year, but all unite in declaring that the reception this year has been the most successful of all.

Wooster has not been exempted from the football rage. Intercollegiate athletics are not allowed, but interclass sports are encouraged, so that class feeling runs high. The sophomores are now the champions of the University, and on January 28, great was the enthusiasm of this most enthusiastic of classes, as they unveiled the marble tablet commemorating their victories.

Our college seems to be in a very prosperous condition. We will celebrate our twenty-fifth anniversary in June, while the year is to be still further signalized by the erection of a cottage for the girls. We have needed a cottage for a long time, and are waiting expectantly for the time when this long-talked-of wonder will assume tangible shape.

Some important changes have been made in the curriculum especially increasing the requirements for admission, while others are still under consideration.

Professor Work, instructor in Biblical Instruction and Apologetics, has accepted a call to a Dayton church. Professor Work is one of our most popular teachers, and one whom we are very sorry to lose.

The girls' literary society, Willard, has just made some additions to the furnishings of her hall, which greatly improve its appearance. This society and the two mens' societies are now preparing to give "Midsummer Night's Dream." Mendelssohn's music is being prepared under the direction of Professor Oliver,

head of the Musical Department, while Professor Bennett is drilling those who have taken parts.

On Jan. 18, Frances Glenn entertained our chapter in honor of her sister. We were entertained most charmingly, and the hours flew, beguiled by music and the trip of dancing feet.

Feb. 14, was not allowed to pass unnoticed, for while Kappa Alpha Theta received her numerous friends, Kappa Kappa Gamma was enjoying herself too. Nellie Ihrig's father drove a merry load of us out to the home of Frances Glenn. After a most novel and mirth-provoking program had been carried out and we had refreshed ourselves after our unusual exertions, we were once more driven back to town, each declaring that it was impossible to spend a more enjoyable evening. But our pleasure was almost forgotten next morning, for then an event happened that was even more novel. For, as all the classes except '95 were seated in Chapel, awaiting the monthly lecture, the grave and reverend seniors entered, clad in cap and gown. Great was the excitement of the other classes, especially of the hostile sophomores, at the innovation, for '95 is but the second class in the history of the University, that has appeared in this costume.

Wooster's representative, Roland Woodward, Phi Gamma Delta, took second place in the State Oratorical Contest at Columbus. Mr. Woodward was the favorite of the audience, but the judges favored Dennison. Several of our girls attended the contest, and brought back glowing reports of the Columbus Kappas, who did much to make their visit an exceedingly pleasant one.

BETA NU—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Of course the first thing that Beta Nu must do is to introduce to the rest of their Kappa sisters her two little girls, Gwendolen Ingram and Mabel Rice, who first made their bow to Kappa on the fifteenth of January. No doubt, if you asked them, they would tell you all about that wonderful initiation; how we all piled on a great sleigh and were pulled two miles out into the country where a great hospitable house received our merry crowd, how the goat pranced until he and they were quite worn out, how good the spread was that came as a reward for their bravery and fortitude, and how a heavy snow-storm came to increase the fun

on the way home. All this and more too, I am sure they would tell you if you but gave them the opportunity. But there are some other things that we all could tell about besides the initiation. The Junior Hop of the fifteenth of February was quite a social event, and the Kappas had their due share of invitations. B. @. II. entertained on the first of March, and Kappas were there too, to help enjoy the fun. The Pan-Hellenic reception is coming off on the eighth of this month and is being looked forward to eagerly, but since it is a future event we will have to tell about it at another time.

The State Oratorical Contest was held here on the twenty-first of February. Mr. Baldwin of Dennison took first place. Columbus was full of students from other colleges of the state. II. B. Φ. entertained on the afternoon and evening of the twenty-second for some of her girls who visited them. Alice Cornell of B. Γ. was here. We were all glad to meet her and she left us quite enthusiastic over the idea of province conventions. We are going to advocate it vigorously and hope our plans may materialize.

Governor Campbell has been appointed trustee of our University.

Fanny Fern Howard, who has been out of college a year, is back. It is pleasant to have her with us again.

Ellen Talbot is home from Cornell on account of trouble with her eyes. She expects to return in the spring term.

BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

You will expect to hear of the Junior Hop, for this is the season of the college year when that annual event is the subject of so much interest; and this year has been no exception to the rule. The booths were hospitable reception rooms, prettily decorated with rugs and luxurious chairs, while the bright party cloaks carelessly thrown about added to the artistic effect. Here the pleasant smiles of kind patronesses lent their usual charm. A canopied booth in the center of the hall was the seat of the chaperones of the evening, who welcomed each coming guest.

Nothing was lacking to the success of that magnificent ball. The music, furnished by two orchestras which played alternately, was inspiring; the maidens in their pretty gowns were bewitch-

ing ; the men were admirable hosts, and the success of the evening did them credit.

On the ninth of this month we entertain the Woman's League. The amusement for that evening is the topic of the hour.

Max Heinrich gave us a delightful song recital very recently. With each succeeding visit to Ann Arbor the enthusiasm of his hearers increases.

Faust will be rendered at the May Festival by the Choral Union, and Max Heinrich will sing the part of Mephistopheles. Another great favorite of the Ann Arbor audiences—of what audience is she not a favorite either here or "on the other side?"—will sing the part of Marguerite, and that is Nordica.

XI—ADRIAN COLLEGE.

Since we last greeted our sisters through *THE KEY*, we have admitted two more worthy women to the mysteries of Kappa Kappa Gamma. We take great pleasure in presenting to you Lora Perry and Bessie Fickus, who, we are sure, will prove loyal members of the fraternity of which they are now a part.

But while we are rejoicing over our latest initiates, we are grieved to have parted with two of our sisters, Adelene Rodgers Wilson and Milred Moore, both of whom have been compelled to leave college on account of ill-health. They are sadly missed from our number, but we hope to have them with us again next year.

On the evening of the sixteenth of February, Delta Delta Delta gave a charming reception to Xi chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma, the ladies of the faculty, and the young women of South Hall. We were delightfully entertained, and went away feeling that an interchange of such courtesies could not occur too often, as it brings the fraternities into more friendly relations, and serves to destroy any barriers that may exist between them.

We are glad the question of province conventions is being agitated, and we are very eager for Beta Province to hold a convention in the near future, as it will afford such excellent means for strengthening chapter enthusiasm in general fraternity interests. Chapter work is apt to become so engrossing that we lose interest, in some degree, in the broader work of the fraternity.

We know that it is impossible to realize fully all that fraternity means, without coming into close contact with the workings of others chapters than our own. By means of a province convention, we are brought into closer sympathy with each other, and our own ideals of fraternity life become higher and nobler.

The literary programs provided by the chapters appointed for that purpose have proved very interesting. We think they are especially commendable, from the fact that they treat of topics of the day, which are far more interesting than subjects which, though excellent, have become old and worn with so much discussion.

Our college Glee Club is giving a series of entertainments, which are meeting with great success.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon hold their anniversary Saturday evening, March 9. The invitations are out, and we are anticipating a most enjoyable time.

KAPPA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Time flies so fast for busy students that we can hardly realize that a year of happy companionship and earnest work is so far spent. The beginning of the winter term brought with it a number of new students, two of whom were quickly decided upon as desirable for Kappa, and we proudly present to you Emily Sage, our new bearer of the key, and Sadie Proctor, who, as a pledged member, wears the two blues.

The first snow-fall was gladly welcomed by our girls, for we could see sleigh-rides in the near future. We were not disappointed, for the first real storm was hardly over, before we received an invitation to a "dumpling supper" at the home of Celeste Brackett Newcomer, Jonesville, Mich. It was a bitter cold night, but that mattered little to the ten girls, so warmly wrapped in cloaks and shawls that they looked more like some ancient mummies than modern beings, while only two refused to brave the elements, and went by train.

The Students' Athletic Association has this winter converted the level drill grounds into a skating park, which every pleasant afternoon and evening is thronged with skaters.

Hillsdale sustains a severe loss in the resignation of Prof. D. J. Churchill, instructor in voice culture. He goes to Plattsville,

Wis., where he holds the same position. We trust his place will soon be filled. The Hillsdale College Glee Club, which has been under his training, has been deservedly popular this year. They appeared on our lecture course Jan. 23, and had an enthusiastic reception.

Washington's Birthday was as usual observed as a holiday here. The evening before, the Y. W. C. A. gave a reception, at which the first President and his Cabinet, with their wives, were represented in costume. The evening of the 22nd, our Lady Principal, gave her annual party to the students of the German department. The company was entertained by two German plays.

Next spring occurs the quinquennial reunion of Hillsdale, and preparations are already being made for the event. Kappa is especially anxious for the time when we shall meet so many of our sisters who have left the college walls for other fields of work.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

DELTA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

At the close of our busiest term, Delta sends greetings to all her sisters. We have one new sister to introduce to you, Mary Kolb, of Princeton, Ind., who was initiated January 19, and who was pledged last term.

While the term has been filled with college work, we have found time to enjoy several social events. January 25 was the gala day of the whole college year. It was the anniversary of the foundation of the college. "Kirkwood Hall," a fine stone building was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies. Gov. Matthews, the committees from the General Assembly, and about two hundred and fifty guests came down on a special train from Indianapolis. Besides these many former students were here. Exercises were held in the college chapel both in the afternoon and evening. The principal addresses were made by the Governor, and President Angell of the University of Michigan.

Socially, the week was a gala week for the Greeks. The $\Delta.T.\Delta.$'s, the $\Phi.T.\Delta.$'s, and the $\Phi.K.\Psi.$'s, gave brilliant receptions to their friends. On Saturday evening at our fraternity meeting, when we were about to say we were too tired for anything

further, we were surprised by some of the girls bringing in a delightful little spread. In the face of this how could we be tired? We forgot our fatigue, and enjoyed it as much as if we had not had the other entertainments. We were happy to have Martha Dorsey and Ida Louden Coblentz with us as visitors.

Twice our house was opened to our friends; once to the resident Kappas, the ladies of the faculty, and our friends, again to the other fraternity girls. We felt that both the receptions were quite successful. Early in the term Pi Beta Phi gave a pleasant reception to the other sororities.

We have just received the glad news that our General Assembly has passed the University Tax Bill which gives us our annual income of \$75,000 a year, besides the original endowment.

The term will soon be over, and then will come the busy season of the spring term. We wish you all abundant success and happiness.

IOTA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

The second semester of our year's work opened February 8, after a few days' vacation. During that month the ranks of K. K. Γ. were strengthened by receiving three new girls, Lillian Smith, Nellie Wood and Harriet Harding. We find them all enthusiastic members who will help us to realize our ideal. We all agree that these were the prettiest and most impressive initiations we have ever had, except, of course, our own.

With the opening of the semester, we cordially welcomed back two of our sisters, Ina Rosger and Bertha Lanus, both of whom were with us last year.

Elizabeth Mahan gave us an interesting report of the Gamma Province Convention and her pleasant visit with Eta.

On Washington's Birthday we were glad to have with us five of our Delta sisters, who came to witness the debate between the State and DePauw Universities. We hope that they may repeat their visit soon. It is sufficient to say that we were proud of our contestants, but deference to Delta forbids our saying who were successful.

Two Kappas were elected on the '97 Mirage board for next year.

Our seniors have distinguished themselves in the plays recently

given by the German and French clubs. Our under-class-women, on the other hand, as yet content themselves by presenting original tragedies after fraternity meetings.

We send cordial greetings to all.

MU—BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

Mu has been very busy this winter, but not too busy to look with a lively interest upon all matters pertaining to her relations to her sister chapters and to the fraternity. We feel that these relations are much closer since the convention of Gamma Province from which our delegate returned only a week ago.

We knew that she was loyal before she went, but now she has aroused anew in the chapter that spirit of enthusiasm upon which the strength and the well-being of our fraternity depends. We feel that the convention was a success, and one which we should be glad to see repeated every year. We are not so isolated as some of the western chapters yet the infrequency of our meetings with Kappas from other chapters, even those in our own state, warns us that we must make every effort to keep in touch with one another.

During the latter part of the term interest has centered largely around the convention. Early in the winter, however, a new excitement came to us in the appearance in chapel one morning of ten girls, upon whose dark dresses were pinned knots of scarlet and black ribbon. This was our first introduction to Alpha Phi Psi, a local fraternity. To show them our sincere good-will we entertained them one evening at the home of Miss Retta Barnhill and if they enjoyed the party as much as we enjoyed giving it, they must have had a good time. We hope that in time Alpha Phi Psi will become a useful rival to Kappa Kappa Gamma, which for the last two years, at least, has known none of the exhilaration of a rushing season. "But to want her was to have her," has been Mu's experience.

We have been honored in the last fortnight by the many demands made by friends on the members of our chapter. On the twenty-second of February, Misses Mary and Georgia Galvin and Nell Brevoort were asked to assist in a church entertainment at Plainfield, and at a concert given a short time ago at Greenwood.

Songs and instrumental music by Misses Georgia Galvin and May Reeves, and recitations by Mary Galvin formed an interesting part of the programme. We are turning our attention now to the possibility of undeveloped dramatic talent in the chapter and are looking forward to the presentation of a farce.

The alumnæ who do not flag in their interest, and who, in turn, never fail to be of interest to us have a pleasant event to chronicle, namely, the marriage of Miss Iona Louise Iden, '93, to Mr. Frank Lacey, Phi Delta Theta, '91. The wedding which was very quiet took place on the twenty-first, at the home of Miss Iden's parents in Irvington. All joy be with them in their far-away Arkansas home!

We say adieu to Kappas, at the same time presenting to them our pledgeling, Miss Anna Williams of Wabash, Indiana, whom Commencement will behold a loyal wearer of the key.

ETA—WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY.

Since our last news letter, Eta has had a very great pleasure—that of entertaining the delegates and visitors of Gamma Province during the convention; and it will be with a new interest—a really personal interest—that she will read their contributions to *THE KEY*. For, after all, there is nothing like personal contact with other Kappas to arouse fraternity spirit and enthusiasm, and we feel that our province convention has more than fulfilled its mission.

Apart from this event, which will be long remembered by the Eta girls, Kappa life has flowed on smoothly, with little to interrupt the even tenor of its way.

We are glad to announce that Grace Merrill, after a very interesting, if somewhat trying interview with "sweet Billy," has exchanged her pledge pin for the key itself and is now a full fledged Kappa.

Two of our active members, Mabel McCoy and Georgie McFetridge, have been obliged, on account of ill health, to give up their college work for the remainder of the term. We hope, however, to have them back with us in the spring.

Our music lovers were delighted, February 5th, by hearing the Oratorio of the Creation, presented by the University Choral Club, assisted by some of the leading soloists of Chicago.

Our immense gymnasium was filled to overflowing, February 20th, with the most enthusiastic body of students ever gathered within its walls. The legislators were making a tour of the University, and we hoped that the sight of so large and brilliant array of students would soften their hard hearts and cause them to make a generous appropriation for the needs of the U. of W.

February 21st the gym. was again the scene of interest, it being the occasion of the mid-winter athletic meet.

But the great social event of the year, the long anticipated Junior Promenade, took place the night of Washington's Birthday, and was probably the most brilliant affair of the kind ever given by the University. We hardly recognized the great, bare hall of the gymnasium, so transformed was it with banners, pennants, and palms. The music was fine, every one was in a gay and festive mood, and voted the Junior Promenade the greatest success of the year.

BETA THETA—CHICAGO ASSOCIATE CHAPTER.

I wonder whether the active members of Kappa take as much interest in chapter letters as do the members of the Associate Chapter. So many different colleges are represented in Beta Theta, that we feel personally acquainted with many active chapters, and we always enjoy reading the latest reports from them.

It is always pleasant for us to receive the names of Kappas living in Chicago, for it is difficult to learn of new arrivals unless information is sent from outside sources.

We have had many enjoyable gatherings at the houses of our members during this long cold winter, but the busy lives which many of the members lead sometimes prevent them from attending the meetings as regularly as they wish.

UPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Thus far the year 1895 has been a very pleasant and a very busy one for Upsilon, and although there are but thirteen of us in the chapter this term, we have come to the conclusion that it is anything but an unlucky number; however, we miss our three absent sisters, Theodora Irvine, '96, who was called home by the death of her sister in November, Emma Alling, '97, and Irena Hill, '98, who are unable to return on account of ill health.

The cold weather has provided much merriment here this winter in the line of sleighing, while Athletic Park has been flooded for the benefit of skaters, and as our campus is situated on the shore of Lake Michigan, that body of water in a frozen condition has allured many who are fond of skating to try its charms.

On the 12th of February, Lincoln's Birthday, which in this state is a legal holiday, Northwestern was visited by the far-famed Germania Maennerchor of Chicago, accompanied by Mrs. Theodore Brentano, as soloist, and a most delightful evening of song they gave us.

A few nights later followed the entertainment given by the sophomores for the benefit of the Tennis Association, and not long afterward occurred one of the leading social events of the year, the Inter-fraternity Promenade, formerly known as the Junior Hop, at which Kappa was well represented.

The annual concert of our Glee, Mandolin and Banjo Clubs, to which we always look forward with great interest, proved a very decided success in every way this year.

Very recently Pi Beta Phi, the last society established here, gave a very delightful reception to representatives from all the fraternities in the University.

The Junior class is hard at work getting ready to publish the college annual, the *Syllabus*, which promises to be better than ever this year.

Much excitement has been aroused over the subject of "cribbing" here, and has at last resulted in the adoption of the "honor system," and the election of a student's court consisting of four seniors, three juniors, two sophomores and one freshman to try all cases which may arise, and to make recommendations to the faculty as to what is to be done in such cases. By this means we hope the evil will be abolished.

Upsilon's enthusiasm over the province convention has not yet died away, and reports of happenings at Madison as well as tales of Eta's charming hospitality are still of the greatest interest to us.

EPSILON—ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

To all sister chapters Epsilon sends cordial greetings.

We have had a busy but a most pleasant and prosperous quarter.

Epsilon was favored by a visit from our Grand President, Miss

Sharp, the first week of December. On Friday evening of Miss Sharp's stay, Miss Josephine Van Leer gave a reception in honor of our guest. Besides our active members, many Kappas of former days were with us and the company dispersed voting it the most pleasant evening of the term.

The Illinois Wesleyan is flourishing, having at present more students enrolled than ever before. A new observatory has just been completed and now the students have the privilege of scanning the heavens through one of the ten largest telescopes of the United States.

The Wesleyan College of Art has begun the erection of a building this spring. The new edifice is to be a three story brick structure with school rooms, dormitories and parlors.

Misses Hopson, Shreve, Marsh, Miller and Loudon represented Epsilon at Gamma Province Convention, held Feb. 15 and 16 with Eta chapter. They returned warm in their praises of Madison and the entertaining chapter. Epsilon feels that the chapter has derived much good as well as pleasure from the convention.

The class of '95 have taken a step that has been agitated by several preceding classes, and at last caps and gowns are a reality at the I. W. U.

Miss Ethel Hopson, '95, has been chosen as a member of the editorial board of the college annual.

Cards are out announcing the double wedding of the Misses Hattie and Lillian Allen. The happy event is to occur March 5 at their home. Lillian is a loyal Kappa and Hattie was pledged but was compelled to leave school on account of illness.

The Kappas were tendered a reception by Phi Delta Theta in December. The reception was given in their handsome rooms and was very enjoyable.

On March 2, Phi Gamma Delta entertained their friends at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Houser Hall. Epsilon was largely represented and all report a most pleasant evening.

The announcement of the marriage of Clara May, a former member of Epsilon, to Mr. Henry, has been received.

DELTA PROVINCE.

CHI—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

The life of Chi girls has been very uneventful these last few months, "a little work, a little play, to keep us going."

It would be like solving a Chinese puzzle to try and determine where the work leaves off and the pleasure begins, we always succeed so thoroughly in mixing the two. There are a few instances, however, which stand out labeled pleasure, pure and simple.

A generous freshman spread at Thanksgiving time, a dancing party the twenty-eighth of January, a little drama, "When Angry Count One Hundred," acted before an appreciative Kappa audience—these are the special items on the record of our Kappa calendar.

The University world in general, and some of us girls in particular, tell of the delights of a Sophomore Cotillion and a Junior Ball, and we all hailed with shouts of joy the formal debut of our new library building.

There has been but one thing to trouble our otherwise blissful calm, and that was the sudden disappearance of one of our freshmen. Nell Huston went home on a vacation and she did not come back. We live in the hope that she will repent and retrace her steps.

BETA ZETA—IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

One Saturday afternoon, a few weeks ago, the Kappas had duly assembled in the cozy chapter room and were having a little preliminary conversation, when the decree was suddenly issued by one of the freshmen girls that the fraternity should immediately bundle up in its hoods and mittens and adjourn, as there was a new order of business for that day. The command was obeyed with dutiful alacrity, and the next thing the Kappas knew, they were comfortably bestowed in a capacious bob-sled that *happened* to be waiting at the door and were jingling countryward over the snowy roads, regaling themselves meanwhile with the delectable contents of certain paper bags that also chanced to be there. That is the way our seven new Kappas treat their

older sisters ; now shouldn't you say they were nice, prettily behaved children ? We are inclined toward that opinion, anyway.

Two of these new Kappas you have never met, but the introduction shall not be delayed a moment longer ; one is Maud St. John, '98, the other, Alice B. Chase, special, and we are glad and proud to see them wear the key.

Festivities there have been, manifold and various, at S. U. I. during the delightful reign of jolly old King Winter. Two social events, especially, brought faculty, friends and students together ; the first was a reception and ball given by the Davenport students at the University, at which a large number of people from Davenport were present to help their Iowa City friends have a good time ; and following it, not far off, came the Military Hop, given by the University Battalion.

Another thing treasured up in the cerebral department labeled "Pleasant Memories," is a recital given by the "Klavier Quartette," three members of which are Kappa sisters. Miss Chase was our hostess on this occasion, and when you know her you will understand what real pleasure is implied in that little statement.

The Kappas have had a wedding, too, that is one of them has ; early in the year the dainty, white missives brought to us the announcement of the marriage of Mae Lomas to Charles Burgess, at Cresco, Iowa ; and so our "dearest Mae" has brought another brother-in-law to swell the ranks of the Annex.

And now, to give variety to our news, we will tell you that "the Junior Annual is out." If this bit of information is as interesting to you as it is to us, enthusiastic indeed will be the reception thereof ; great expectations have now become no less great realizations, for "Hawkeye, No. V" reflects great credit on its illustrious editors, and to tell the truth, the earth has hardly been of sufficient size to contain these same people since the advent of this embodiment of the wit and wisdom of '96.

Beta Zeta would like to linger and chatter about things and people *ad infinitum*, but she has a haunting presentiment that such a proceeding would not be according to the fitness of things, at least it would be more altruistic to give some one else a turn, and so she makes her little bow and says "farewell, farewell."

THETA—MISSOURI UNIVERSITY.

The holidays have come and gone, and Theta girls have all settled down to work once more with renewed vigor and enthusiasm.

Since our last letter, Theta has initiated another sister and Mary Jones now wears the golden key. Socially, little has happened, for work has been the watchword since Christmas. However, we have had a few breaks in the monotony of school life, the most exciting of which was the visit of the Legislature. The entire morning was spent in listening to addresses made by our distinguished visitors. In the afternoon they inspected the new buildings and at four, a dress parade took place on the campus.

In the evening a reception was tendered them by the faculty, and when they left us it was with renewed interest in Columbia and the State University.

The Board of Curators has asked the Legislature for \$600,000 for maintenance and new buildings. We need a new medical building, a dormitory, a new conservatory, and a gymnasium.

Another delightful affair was the annual faculty reception given to the students. After spending several pleasant hours in conversation, the Sigma Nus threw open their beautiful hall and invited a few friends to an impromptu dance which we all enjoyed immensely.

We must not forget to mention the delightful candy pull given by the U. B. Club to the University girls. They sent a sleigh around for the young women, and after the candy was pulled, we danced till midnight.

Last Monday, we gave an informal party in honor of two of our "old girls," Mary Brokenbrough and Millie Gordon.

The Y. M. C. A. State Convention met here last week and much good was accomplished in many ways. At the close of the convention, money was raised for a new building for the Association of the University. The fraternities vied with each other in giving to the worthy cause.

The class of '96 has decided to publish an annual this year. The name to be the "Savior."

We deeply mourn the death of the Dean of the Agricultural College, Dr. Edward D. Porter, father of a former Chi member,

Lillie C. Porter. We sympathize with the family in their deep affliction, which is also a great loss to the University.

The day of the burning of the University, Jan. 15, has been set aside as Memorial Day by the faculty, as it marked the rising of the new University of Missouri.

Lieutenant Smoke has been removed to Alabama and Lieutenant Thurston from Florida Post has taken his place.

Before closing, we wish to comment upon the new dress of THE KEY. At first we hardly recognized our old friend, but soon became aware that it was the same dear old magazine in new and charming attire. We think it decidedly artistic.

SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Spring has come and to the Sigma girls the most welcome herald has been the Junior Promenade, which is a yearly occurrence at our University. This year it was held at Hotel Lincoln, February 14. The Kappa girls were not only well represented in numbers but one of the large panels at the end of the hall flaunted the two blues, while in the center of the panel the K. K. T. seal surrounded by fleur-de-lis was to be seen. This event and that which is known as "Company B's Hop" have been the crowning events since the holidays while memories of violets, roses and music still linger in many girls thoughts.

Two new fraternities have been established here since our last letter, Δ. Δ. Δ. and Π. Β. Φ. Each has nine charter members and they threaten a formidable rivalry when the rushing season begins.

December 8, we initiated Hattie Mayne. In honor of the occasion a spread was held at the home of Ena Rickets.

The University experienced one of the greatest struggles in its history in the contest between the fraternity and independent elements, January 12. The occasion was the election of officers for the Oratorical Association; about five hundred votes were cast and the fraternity ticket was elected by sixty majority.

New Year's day Sigma received nearly one hundred of her friends at the home of Lottie Wheedon. Florence Winger had a dancing party shortly before the holidays. All of her Kappa sisters were present and all report a most enjoyable time.

Instead of the usual meeting Saturday afternoon, March 2, we

held an open meeting which was addressed by Chancellor Canfield upon the subject, "Fraternities." All of the woman's fraternities and alumnae members were invited and about seventy were present. Chancellor Canfield spoke briefly of what fraternities were capable of doing and of the influence a woman's fraternity could exert. As a result, there are many thoughtful fraternity women at Nebraska University to-day.

The Sigma girls were very much pleased by the new cover for THE KEY.

Alice Maitland left with her father for Denver, February 28, where she will make her home in the future.

OMEGA—KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

Omega's allotted space in THE KEY cannot be filled with comments on receptions, initiations, or box party as it was in the last number, but she could fill twice the space in praises of her girls' success in last term's work.

We have had with us for several days Nerva Duff, one of last year's members, and Grace Chandler, sister of one of our girls. We miss Madge Fisher, who did not return after the Christmas holidays.

We are richer by the addition of a brother-in-law, Mr. Charles Daniels, whom Minnie Henshaw presented to us. They are now living at Danville, Ill.

Not long ago we had an open meeting when Virginia Spencer, '91, told us something of her European travels of last year. We enjoyed the account very much.

We are trying the plan of having our fraternity meetings Saturday evening and believe that we shall enjoy it more than having them in the afternoon.

Some time ago, the Pi Beta Phis were "at home" at Chancellor Snow's residence to the Thetas and Kappas. The reception was very pleasant and we all enjoyed ourselves very much. The Women's League and the Y. W. C. A. have entertained the young women of the University.

The girls were much pleased with the new cover of THE KEY although they had never thought of the old cover in the light of a "Chinese laundry sign" as a former business manager called it.

Before the next KEY will have been published, five of our girls will be numbered among the alumnae of the State University, Annie Banks, Daisy Orton, Lillie Freeman, Abby Noyes and Maggie Sweeney.

Omega with her twenty-two active members sends greeting to her sister chapters and wishes them much success in their fraternity and university work.

BETA ETA—LELAND STANFORD JR. UNIVERSITY.

From this land of sunshine we send greetings to our far distant sisters and wish you could all be transported from the blizzard and thermometer below zero to the green hills and wild flowers of California.

Since we were last having a chat with you, we have all enjoyed the holidays and '95 finds our poor seniors with down-cast eyes and hearts filled with forebodings of what is in the near future for them. We are confident that '95 is going to be a most prosperous year. We have begun our new leaf with the names of three lovely girls, which it gives us great pleasure to introduce to our Kappa sisters. Emma Martin of the class of '96, Florence Gray who entered the sophomore class from Smith, where she was last year, and Ida Wehner who is of the class of '98.

The semi-annual reports have been read with pleasure and Beta Eta sends her congratulations on the success of the past year. Notwithstanding the wail which is constantly heard about the heavy work, all seem to find time to enjoy the round of gayeties which has been ushered in with '95. Miss Stadtmüller, a Kappa Alpha Theta, gave a most enjoyable cotillion at her home in San Francisco, at which a number of Kappas were present. A round of teas, card parties and receptions follows in close succession, and at Stanford, as elsewhere, the different classes are striving to surpass each other, '96 being an ingenious class, gave a most striking and unique vaudeville on February the 16th, for the benefit of their Annual. All pronounced it a great success. They are also to give Pinafore in a few weeks. The chorus is made up of a large number of students from the different classes. The event of the season in the eyes of all loyal '97's is the sophomore cotillion which comes off February the 22d.

The University has been favored by the Rev. Dr. Haweis of London with two of his famous lectures ; " Music and Morals " and " Tennyson."

Professor and Mrs. Comstock of Cornell are again with us and are as great favorites as ever.

Bessie Penniman and Matie Holsclaw although not with us this year make us frequent visits.

A New Year's letter from Mrs. Stark *née* Harriet Buck from Johannesburg, Africa, tells us of her delightful home and all the beauties of that far distant land.

We were very sorry to loose Florence Gray a few weeks ago, who was obliged to return to her home in New Hampshire on account of illness.

Beta Zeta, we have had much pleasure in welcoming Agnes Holbrook to our number this semester.

ON BEING MODEST.

" I beg you'll pay attention
 For I want in brief to mention
 All the untold good and virtues that from Kappa I have gained.
 How I now am scarcely human
 I am such a wondrous woman
 That I want to join the angels ere my sprouting wings are stained.

" In our chapter we don't jangle,
 Never bicker, never wrangle,
 There is always peace and concord and no ugly thought of self.
 And we love each sister dearly."
 Then her listener laughed out clearly
 And he said *with point* " Oh, bother, I'm a II. X. man, myself."

BETA EPSILON.

*In Memoriam.**HELEN BRIGHAM CROCKER.*

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in His providence to take from us our beloved sister, Helen Brigham Crocker, B. E., '94;

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 ideals of Kappa womanhood.

Resolved, 2. That these resolutions be inscribed in the minutes of Beta Epsilon chapter, and be published in the next issue of THE KEY.

Resolved, 3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family.

CAROLINE G. BROMBACHER,
LOUISE DUNN, *Committee.*

HARRIETTE ANTHONY.

Harriette, only daughter of William Arnold and Eliza G. Anthony was born October, 27, 1869, in Yellow Springs, Ohio, her father being at that time a professor in Antioch College. A little later her family removed to Iowa, thence to Ithaca, New York, where the greater part of her childhood and young girlhood was passed. She prepared for college at the West Newton, Mass., Classical School, and entered Cornell University in the fall of 1888. She remained in college but one year, and soon after took up photographic work in Boston, which she continued until her death, February 14th, 1895.

It was my privilege to be with her continuously for the last year and a half of her life, and my sad duty to announce her death to those who had known and loved her. Although she was seriously ill during the whole of that time, her courage and determination were such that we were deceived as to the fatal character of her malady and her death was a terrible shock, not only to those who remembered her in the glow of health and fullness of strength but even to us who had watched the encroachments of disease and the gradual decrease of vital power. We

were only too willing to believe her ever confident, never varying words, "I shall soon be better," and to fall in with the plans for the future with which she was occupied to the very last.

Although she struggled against surrender, I think she recognized the possibility of death's overtaking her for several days before she died. She would never permit me to tell any one how very ill she was until one evening, less than a week before her death, when I read her a letter she had requested me to write to a Psi girl now teaching at Wellesley College. "That will not do," she said, "you have not told her how sick I am and that I probably shall not get well again. Tell her to write to H—, (a Psi girl across the water). She will not believe that I am dying but she will not be expecting a letter from me if she hears that I am ill."

Thirty-six hours before she died, she talked calmly and quietly of some things she would like to have me do and a few messages she wanted me to send if anything happened to her, "But," she concluded with her brave smile and a flash of the old time fire from her eyes, "I am not going to die, there is too much to live for." But the next day, when a letter came from Psi chapter, asking for some word from her for Alumna Day, she said, "Write to them that I am dying."

"Hal Anthony dead! I cannot realize it," writes one and another of those who recall the vigorous, vivacious, brilliant girl of a few years ago. It seems, indeed all too brief an existence, measured by the few calendar years that it spanned but taking keen enjoyment, useful activity, and all that makes the joy, the beauty, and the value of life as the basis of calculation, she lived so much in her quarter of a century, that her death was not premature.

While troubles, losses and disappointments multiplied during the last few years of her life, through them all, she maintained a uniform superiority to and command of her circumstances such as have never come within my observation and experience.

You, who knew her in the prime of her brilliant girlhood, can say, "Ah, she was the jolliest of comrades"; I, who knew her only when those days were past, will tell you of the mental and moral vigor with which she met each new trouble, of her business probity, and the artistic excellence of her work, and the

brave resistance by which she held death itself at bay for so long a time ; and we all, who knew her at any period of her life, can tell Kappas who had not that privilege, of one who was strong in body, mind, and spirit, a staunch and loyal friend, ardent, tender and sympathetic, loving and lovable to the end.

C. R., (*Phi*, '89.)

JESSIE ISABELLA KING.

WHEREAS, God in his almighty wisdom has deemed it best to gather with his loved ones our dear sister in Kappa Kappa Gamma, Jessie Isabella King, and, WHEREAS, we desire to express our heartfelt sympathy to the sorrowing relatives and friends, be it,

Resolved 1, That we feel that in her death not only Xi chapter, but the Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity, as well, has lost a true and loyal sister ; and while we grieve that our number will be incomplete without her, yet in this we see the hand of our Divine Father, and humbly submit to His will.

Resolved 2, That to the bereaved 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 THE WORLD for publication, and placed with the chapter archives.

MARY FLORENCE ERVING,
GRACE VERNON THOMAS,
ANNA MARY OWENS,

Committee.

LULU J. GIBBS.

WHEREAS, It has seemed well to the all wise Father to remove from earth to His home above our sister, Lulu J. Gibbs, and,

WHEREAS, It is befitting that we, as a fraternity, make known our sorrow and express our sympathy, therefore, be it,

Resolved 1, That by her death Epsilon chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma has lost one of her most beloved members, while she has left in the hearts of her former friends and associates in the fraternity the highest appreciation of her good qualities and the tenderest recollection of her virtues.

Resolved 2, That we unite with the family of our deceased sister and tender them our heartfelt sympathy.

Resolved 3, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her family, placed in the fraternity records and be sent to THE KEY for publication.

ETHEL HOPSON,
GERTRUDE A. SHREVE,
EMILY BETH WELCH,
Committee.

College and Fraternity Notes.

On Tuesday afternoon, March 12, Professor Jameson, of Brown University, delivered a lecture on "The Whigs and Tories." It was the first of a series to be given from the chair of American history which has recently been presented to the college by the New York City Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. Donald McLean, the regent of the chapter, made an opening address, and Bishop Potter, formally presented the gift to Miss Smith, dean of Barnard. The dean then made an address of thanks in the name of the college.—*Barnard Correspondent of New York Tribune.*

The School of Mines of the University of Missouri, situated at Rolla, Mo., has just opened its new mining and metallurgical laboratory, which will mark the beginning of a new career of usefulness for the institution. A handsome building, costing \$15,000, has been erected, containing well appointed laboratories, lecture rooms and drawing room, with a large mill room in the rear equipped with the latest modern appliances for crushing and concentrating ores, as well as with cupola and reverberatory furnaces and other plants necessary for metallurgical operations. The machinery is throughout of standard commercial sizes, so that students will not only receive a theoretical, but a practical training in all the important metallurgical processes now in vogue. It is expected to erect a new building during the current year, equipped with all the appliances necessary for a modern physical and engineering laboratory. When this is done the School of Mines will be one of the foremost institutions of its class in this

country. The school is open to students from any part of the United States or from foreign countries, no tuition fees being required.—*N. Y. Independent.*

Minneapolis in its Women's Clubs has shown itself fully abreast of the foremost in the march of progress. In 1892, sixty-seven clubs in the city united to form a local council. Many of the clubs therein contained are of national reputation, among which we note in the literary department, Chi of Kappa Kappa Gamma.—*Pi Beta Phi Arrow.*

Dr. Asa Mahan, the first president of Adrian College, conferred the first regular college degree upon a woman. He often remarked that this was the proudest act of his life.

A writer in *The Religious Herald*, of Hartford, relates the following incident, which occurred in the theological department of Berlin University. "One of the professors, coming rather late to the lecture, found the students in an uproar, and when it continued, begged to be informed of the cause, and amid roars and hisses and shuffling of feet was told that there was a lady in the room. The professor said politely that he would continue as usual, but the students would not let him, and he was forced to ask the cause of the trouble to retire. She had to walk up in front of the students and pass by the desk to reach the door. When that closed, peace was at once restored. That was the theological department, too."

Mrs. C. F. Haskell has given \$20,000 to the University of Chicago to establish in Bombay, India, a course of lectures upon the relations of the religions of the world. The university has also received a gift of \$115,000 from John D. Rockefeller, to be used for paying current expenses.—*Harper's Bazar.*

Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer has tendered her resignation as Dean of the Woman's College, of the University of Chicago, in order to accompany her husband, Professor Palmer of Harvard, on a trip to Europe.

Zeta chapter has established a loan fund in the Woman's College of Baltimore, which is to be known as the Alpha Phi Loan

Fund, and is for the purpose of assisting students who need financial aid to enable them to pursue the college course.—*Alpha Phi Quarterly*.

The influence of college-bred men on their time is always an interesting topic. No doubt the old notion still prevails that in the United States the self-made men have been uppermost in public affairs; but this is a popular fallacy, as a glance at the training of our Presidents and leading politicians would show. A more striking illustration is given in the list of "immortals" whose names have been recently placed on the drum of the dome of the new House of Representatives in Boston. The commissioners under whose charge the building has been constructed have chosen fifty-three names of Massachusetts men who, in their judgment, best deserve commemoration, the number being determined by the space to be filled. Of these, Morse, who graduated at Yale, invented the electric telegraph and Bell the telephone. Dr. Morton discovered ether. Four were historians, and all Harvard graduates—Bancroft, Prescott, Motley and Parkman. The poets, Emerson, Holmes and Lowell were also Harvard graduates; Longfellow and Hawthorne graduated from Bowdoin; Bryant studied at Williams; Whittier did not go to college. Of two painters J. S. Copley and W. M. Hunt, the latter belonged to Harvard; and of three clergymen, Channing and Brooks, graduated at Harvard and Jonathan Edwards at Yale. Among statesmen are Pickering, John and J. Q. Adams, Dane, Quincy, Everett and Sumner of Harvard, Choate and Webster of Dartmouth, Andrew of Bowdoin and Henry Wilson. The law is represented by Parsons, Shaw, Story and Allen; all but the last whose selection has been criticized, being Harvard alumni. The two Revolutionary generals, Knox and Lincoln did not go to college; the two generals in the Rebellion, Devens and Bartlett went to Harvard. Of the reformers, Wendell Phillips was Motley's classmate at Harvard, Garrison had no college education and Horace Mann graduated at Brown. From Brown, too, came Dr. S. G. Howe, instructor of the blind. Bulfinch, the architect and Peirce, the mathematician, went to Harvard; Agassiz fitted at several continental universities. Franklin, Bowditch, the navigator and Putnam, the settler of the Northwest, had no college

education. Five of the original colonists—Winthrop, Carver, Endicott, Bradford and Vane—are appropriately remembered; the first studied at Trinity College, Dublin, the last at Oxford.

Thus it appears that out of fifty-three men representing the highest attainments in the civic life, the literature, art and science of Massachusetts, thirty-eight, or seventy-two per cent., were certainly college-bred. The fifty-three worthies whose names are thus blazoned serve as well as a larger number might to prove the ascendancy of college-bred men in Massachusetts since the coming of the Pilgrims.—*The Nation*.

The Swiss authorities have published some interesting data in reference to the women graduates at the four Swiss universities during the past academic year. In all, thirteen women took the doctor's degree—namely, seven in Bern, one in Geneva, and five in Zurich. Basel, the most conservative university in the little republic, reported no women graduates. Medicine is still the favorite profession for women candidates for degrees, and of the thirteen, eight passed in this department. The medical dissertations covered a wide range of research, while three of the philosophical were researches in botany or philology. Two of the five non-medical women graduates took philosophical subjects, one on the relation of Schopenhauer's doctrine of human freedom as related to the teachings of Kant and Schelling, the other on the Power of Apperception. One of the best dissertations offered was by Miss Elizabeth Wardale of Oxford, England, who discussed the Psalms of Notker. Of the seven medical dissertations presented, no fewer than four have been honored by a place in Virchow's *Archiv für Pathologische Anatomie und Physiologie*. With two or three exceptions, these women graduates are all either Poles or Russians, and nearly all are unmarried.—*The Independent*.

Miss Bilgrami of Hyderabad, the first Moslem girl to try a university examination has passed in Arts and Arabic with honors at the Madras University. As she was not allowed to leave the zenana, she prepared herself in her own home.—*New York Tribune*.

The State of Iowa has within its borders an unusually large

number of colleges and universities even for a western state, perhaps a score or more. At its session in 1891, the College Department of the State Teachers' Association determined to do what no other state had attempted, namely, to define practically the term "college" and to exclude from membership those institutions not meeting the terms of the definition. Consequently, it was resolved that no college should be eligible to membership which should not require for admission to the freshman class three full years of work above the grammar grade and four additional years of collegiate work for the baccalaureate degree.

A committee was appointed in '92 to collect statistics on the following points: the number and variety of degrees conferred, the requirements for baccalaureate degree, and, finally, data indicating the equipment of Iowa colleges for doing the work required. Judged by this criterion, there were three universities in the state entitled to college standing.

The discussion that has already been aroused has been of great value. The stronger institutions have become somewhat more conscious of their deficiencies while the weaker ones are making more earnest efforts than ever to reach the higher level.—*The Dial*.

"Who is the most distinguished American woman living?" asks a correspondent. Undoubtedly, Julia Ward Howe.—*Buffalo Commercial Advertiser*.

Editorial.

THE CONVENTION OF GAMMA PROVINCE.

In the course of the twenty-five years which have elapsed since the founding of Kappa Kappa Gamma, sub-conventions have been like "angels' visits, few and far between." The Convention of Gamma Province numbered fourth during that period and has now gone to take its place in the annals of the fraternity while the chapters of Gamma Province are reaping the benefits always to be derived from a convention whether it be large or small.

It is unfortunate that the wide distribution of our chapters places regular province conventions upon the list of improbabilities for, aside from the power of legislation, the sub-convention possesses in a less degree all the advantages of the National Convention. It gives time for the discussion of fraternity policy, it offers excellent opportunities for the comparison and unification of chapter methods, it affords the members of the chapters means for acquiring a practical knowledge of the mode of fraternity organization and adds to these advantages the delight which always comes from the making of new acquaintances and the revival of old friendships. But the service of the sub-convention to the chapters concerned extends even further than this, since it is invaluable training for the delegates to the next National Convention. In this world, one obtains profit from anything in proportion to the knowledge which he brings to it, and the delegate who goes to the next Convention with a clear conception of the work to be accomplished and the mode of accomplishing it, will bring away much greater profit to her chapter than the delegate who has had no previous training.

Gamma Province is to be congratulated and we hope, in time, other provinces may follow in her footsteps.

Inasmuch as she played no part in THE KEY's past history, it is not egotistical for the editor to assert that every chapter needs a complete file of THE KEY in the same way that it needs a file of convention minutes, of chapter reports, and of other fraternity records.

Every member of the fraternity wishes to advance its interests and the first step in improvement of any sort is an accurate knowledge of its present condition. In the absence of a history of Kappa Kappa Gamma, THE KEY contains almost the only records, accessible alike to all the chapters, from which a knowledge of the work of prominent alumnae, of the transactions of early conventions and of the changes which have contributed to the fraternity's growth and progress can be obtained. One who has never examined a file of THE KEY would be surprised to discover how many of the questions which are now agitating the chapters have already been discussed and settled, and how much

information about the fraternity's members can be found in the pages of the magazine. An instance of this has just come to the editor's notice in a request from one of the chapters that the next number should contain biographical sketches of our six Grand Presidents. Sketches of Mrs. Kuhns, Miss Barrell, Mrs. Shenhon and Miss Sharp have already appeared and it does not seem wise to reprint them. They may be found in *THE KEYS* for March, 1891, June, 1891, and April, 1894. We will try to publish biographies of Mrs. Burnham and Miss Wight in the near future.

We urge the chapters to complete their files and to do so at once, since every year copies of the magazine are being mislaid or destroyed and the difficulty of procuring early numbers is always increasing. Some unknown benefactor has lately sent a number of duplicates to the sanctum and we shall be glad to supply Vol. II, No. 4, Vol. III, Nos. 2, 3 and 4, Vol. V, Vol. VI, Vol. VII, Nos. 2, 3 and 4, Vol. VIII, Nos. 1, 3 and 4, Vol. IX, Vol. X, and Vol. XI, Nos. 2 and 4, to any chapters who lack them. We suggest that the chapter officers in whose keeping the archives are placed make out a list of *THE KEYS* which are missing from the chapter file and of the duplicates which they possess and send it to the editor who will willingly act as a clearing house and do her best to complete the files of each chapter.

Through the courtesy of Mrs. B. B. Helmar, Chairman of the Committee on Fellowships of the Collegiate Alumnae Association, we are enabled to publish the article, "Women in Göttingen University," written for the Association by Annie L. MacKinnon, Omega, '89. We trust that it may prove of service to the chapters who are following Delta's program for chapter meetings.

While the outlook at Göttingen seems very bright, life for women at some of the German universities still has its seamy side and, in this connection, we call the attention of *THE KEY'S* readers to the item about Berlin University in the College Notes department of this number.

The chapters are reminded of the fact that the names of Dower & Dower and Wimmer & Co. have been with-

drawn from the list of official jewelers. Considerable latitude of choice still remains to the fraternity in the names of four jewelers, Newman, Auld, Peacock, and Heggie, located at New York, Columbus, Chicago, and Ithaca, respectively. In the future pins can be obtained from them, and from them alone.

To one unacquainted with Greek letter organizations, the fraternity pins seem like pretty and attractive bits of jewelry, but they are much more than that. Our key is much more than a trinket. It possesses a wealth of meaning and inspiration for the active member, and it is dearer still to the older member, for every year's experience in right living adds strength and sweetness to the meaning which it originally possessed. Of late, there has been a marked tendency toward diminishing the size of our badge, and there is now so great a diversity in the size of the pins that an early member would scarcely recognize her "key" in the tiny badge worn by some of the present members.

Our fraternity is becoming so large numerically and is distributed over so wide an area, that uniformity in all matters becomes desirable in order that the chapters may feel that they are a part of one great whole and are not separate and independent organizations.

It would be well for every Kappa to consider this question and decide whether it is desirable to have our pins uniform in size and setting.

Exchanges.

It is again our pleasure to greet new friends among the Exchanges, and *The Alpha Phi Quarterly*, *The Arrow*, *The Shield*, *The Scroll*, *The Sigma Chi Quarterly*, and *The Delta of Sigma Nu* form a welcome addition to our list of acquaintances.

We turn first to an old friend. The opening article of *The Anchora* deals with a problem which at one time or another puzzles every fraternity: how shall the different chapters be made more congenial? The writer has two remedies to propose.

"We certainly should adopt a definite fraternity policy in mat-

ters of organization and administration. And one requirement of this policy should be unanimity. Just as no new member should ever be admitted without the hearty consent of all, so no chapter should be chartered unless every chapter agrees, and every chapter should see to it that it knows what it is voting about. It is not too much to ask that all be informed in regard to the college in which the proposed chapter will exist ; we do not wish to plant shoots where they will die. The proportion of girls in the college and the character of the applicants should be carefully looked into. Such an investigation would not burden us unduly, since it does not occur frequently.

“ Another thing we need is a revised code by which to judge prospective members.

“ This cannot be fixed and rigid, but it can contain certain essentials, and it should be the sentiment of the general fraternity that they be enforced. You foresee which one I shall mention first, scholarship. Once in a while a dull person manages to enter a college through favoritism, but that is comparatively infrequent. Most students prove at least a fair amount of ability by the fact that they enter at all. This being the case, if a fraternity has a certain standard of scholarship, and insists upon it, it can and should enforce it. As we rise together, so we fall together ; let us not fall through indolence or excessive good nature. Granted that in the excitement of the “ rushing ” period we cannot inquire closely into scholarship, when that period is over, we can exact it.”

A large portion of *The Alpha Phi Quarterly* is taken up with an account of the thirteenth convention. Of course it was enjoyable, conventions always are ; but this must have been unusually successful, since even the memory of it can call forth the following extract :

“ The tendency of this scientific age, in which we concern ourselves so much with the things of the outer world, and talk learnedly of interaction and environment, is toward a sacrifice of the inner to the outer. This often manifests itself in a wholesale decrying of appeals to the inner and heart life, as ‘ mere sentiment ! ’ uttered with an air of finality as if the matter were thus settled forever. The tired alumna, moving farther and farther away from college days, and engrossed with daily duties and responsibilities, is sometimes tempted to bring even the sweet spirit of

fraternity life under this sweeping condemnation, and to say, 'It was only sentiment, after all!' But, can we afford to make the prevailing interest of our lives intellectual or material merely, and is there no place for sentiment? There is but one answer to these questions, we think, and the fraternity banquet suggests it. It is a protest against this mistaken scorn of sentiment, conserving and perpetuating as it does the old feeling of comradeship, and diffusing warmth and sympathy over lives that might otherwise become arid."

The Arrow offers to its readers a thoughtful article upon "Women's Clubs." Different as are the aims of "Sororis" and its sister organizations from those of the college fraternity, yet since they are all for the better rounding of the characters of their members, there is a strong bond of union between the two classes. This does not mean that they should be merged in each other. Just because there are these other avenues for work and study, the fraternity should stand for its own ideals, and not try to include others, which are often antagonistic. *The Arrow* is the last of the woman's journals to advocate what one might call the specialization of the fraternity.

"We have noticed with growing interest, just a little mixed with alarm, that some of the fraternity magazines are devoting much space to subjects outside of fraternity, such as college settlements, the new charity, etc. We believe in these subjects, but we do not believe that all our interests should be crowded into one organization. Let our fraternities represent college friendships and an ideal social circle, and let our charity and our socialistic studies be outside."

We have so high an opinion of *The Kappa Alpha Journal*, that we cannot help feeling a little regret at an article on "The Collegiate Maid." There is no compensation in the assurance that THE KEY is "dignified, conservative and prominent." We are led to infer that the writer has not a wide circle of acquaintance among college women. We must admit that, if he has founded his opinion upon a certain class of novels and newspaper columns, his conclusions are the natural ones. But never before did we imagine that such a one-sided representation of a real question was ever taken so seriously. We cannot recall any college woman's room which is adorned with "footballs, boxing gloves,

foils, baseball bats." Ah, well! The writer is probably young, and in a few years his opinions will be worth more than they are now.

The December number of *The Scroll* contains an account of the many college annuals, and of the distinctive characteristics of each.

It is with surprise that we learn from *The Shield* that *The Arrow* is not devoted entirely to the interests of Alpha Phi. When did Pi Beta Phi become so altruistic? Of course we know that reviewers never read the magazines they criticise, but we supposed that they always maintained the pretext of having done so. Another ideal is shattered.

The Delta of Sigma Nu has a new editor, Mr. Clarence E. Woods. Mr. Woods is one of the editors of the *Richmond Register* and his experience in journalism argues well for the future of *The Delta*.