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## AFTER GRADUATION—OEKOLOGY.

Oekology means domestic science. "If you can cook, wash, mend, scrub, etc., up to date, then you are an oekologist," says a recent authority.

In view of the undeniable antiquity of the art of house-keeping, it is strange that so many centuries should have elapsed ere its evolution into the list of ologies. The new name, however, will not remove from the science its plain, every day features; but it is to be hoped that it will in a measure restore to the profession much of the dignity that formerly characterized it. In these *fin-de-siècle* days, the specific art of housekeeping has deteriorated somewhat, and yet domestic science together with all other departments of science, has made wonderful progress.

Until school teaching began to be taken up by woman, house-keeping was almost the only vocation open to her. It is no wonder that a high degree of excellence was attained in this calling. It came to be universally believed that unless trained from her youth up in the art of housekeeping, no woman could attain even fairly good success when obliged to essay that art. There are latent remnants of such a tradition among us to-day.

But the present day deterioration of the housekeeping art is not so deplorable a fact as it would at first seem. There are very good reasons for it. The home-makers of to-day are often also the wage earners, and therefore cannot successfully practice two crafts at the same time. Then again, we do not now live in such isolated spots that our domestic resources are taxed to the uttermost. The advance in methods of transportation has changed the whole aspect of our home life and has brought the markets of the world within reach of almost every locality. Oranges from Messina and apples from Maine lie side by side in the interior

towns, while roast lamb from Chicago with sauce made from mint prepared in London, are among the possibilities. Everything is conducive to the haste and hurry of the present day, for what can you not buy put up in a tin can?

The demands of modern life are such that woman cannot concentrate all her energies, in one direction, unless forced to do so as a means of livelihood. Woman's life has evolved from a purely domestic trend into a higher and broader sphere. The various employments now open to the occupation of women, and the new order of things that the past few years have witnessed, have created new problems in the domestic world. Fancy the consternation of a Colonial dame transplanted to the present era and confronted with some of the problems of modern life! Where would be her sweet and savory kitchen, her countless jars of jellies, jams, preserves and pickles, the mince pies, fruit cakes, pound cakes, cookies and plum puddings, at one time products of her skill, if she were required to attend prayer meeting, missionary meeting and sewing society; to hold membership in the King's Daughters, the Childrens' Aid Society, the Y. P. S. C. E., the Y. W. C. A., the W. C. T. U., and a probable X. Y. Z., to say nothing of literary, musical and art clubs and various language and physical culture classes? And this list does not include the entertainments these organizations inspire, nor duties as patroness and chaperon, nor the formidable array of social functions that come in due season. Think of the advantages to her of the steam laundry, factory mince-meat, bread-kneading machinery or even the product of a near by bakery! and this local program does not include the Collegiate Alumnae, College Fraternity, Daughters of the Revolution, and other societies of a national character, largely participated in by the modern woman of education and culture. All hail to the maternal ancestors who made virtues of necessities and became paragons of excellence in the art of housekeeping! Let us hope that we have inherited their habits of neatness and cleanliness, and at the same time be extremely thankful that our housekeeping days are numbered with the sewing-machine, carpet-sweeper and other good and useful domestic appliances.

The idea that college-bred women do not as a rule make good housekeepers is fallacious. Doubtless there are women who

would not under any circumstances, make good housekeepers, and I dare say, some of them have attended college. Why doubt the ability of the college graduate to master domestic science, when the cleverness of American women in general has been so well demonstrated within the last quarter of a century by their success in many hitherto unexploited vocations? A bright college woman and hopeful young matron once said to me: "I have never yet tried to make bread, nor do I intend to, until I am obliged to; and then I am confident of success, for I have done other things well which were quite as difficult." And this sweet little woman during her short life, developed quite a talent for housekeeping, although she had no previous experience.

While journeying across the continent not long since, I was delightfully entertained by a young married couple in a prominent western city. Both the husband and wife are practicing physicians. The husband is an alumnus of Michigan University, the wife a Vassar graduate. Several of the wife's sisters are also Vassar alumnae and the intellectual calibre of the entire family above the average; and yet I have listened to the most extravagant stories regarding the housekeeping of that family. Imagine my surprise on learning that the appetizing and daintily served dinner at which I was a guest had been prepared by the hostess herself!

If housekeeping falls to the lot of many of the readers of THE KEY, it is certainly a vocation that is greatly aided by the possession of a broad and liberal education. It is no longer possible, but altogether probable that she who has mastered Integral Calculus and the most intricate problems of Celestial Mechanics, can also make light and flaky biscuit, and roast to perfection a fillet of beef, or loin of pork. There is consolation in the words of Professor Thwing who has recently written so admirably regarding the college woman. He says: "The early fears that mannishness would supplant womanliness in the college graduate have been proved groundless. The early fears, too, that educated women would prefer to enter professional rather than domestic life have vanished. So long as the family is the unit of civilization so long will most women prefer to be at the head of a home, to being at the head of any professional or commercial undertaking. And all the required knowledge, all the force of disciplined

strength, all the enlarged nobility of character which the college may have contributed will find in the home fitting opportunities for use."

A revived interest in cookery has come about through the lectures of Miss Corson, some dozen years ago, and more recently those of Miss Parloa, Mrs. Rorer and Mrs. Ewing. When the college woman attempts this feature of housekeeping she will find herself surprisingly well equipped for a hygienic prosecution of it by her knowledge of chemistry; and she will not only find her efforts in this department greatly aided by the possession of a reliable cook book, but will find therein the solution of many other vexing household matters. Indeed, so complete are the cook books of the present day that no other introduction save the practice and experience that begets skill, is necessary to make their students not only good cooks but excellent housekeepers. The aim, however, should be not so much to prepare palatable meals as thoroughly digestible and wholesome ones. Good cooks deserve praise; and the ancient custom still in vogue in the English royal family of announcing the name of the cook upon the occasion of state banquets is not altogether objectionable.

But cooking is not all of housekeeping, although it goes a great ways towards making it acceptable. George Eliot's test of good housekeeping was a well made bed. It is due to actual experience rather than observation that we owe the fine description of a dairy found in "Adam Bede." She was a skilled butter maker and exhibited with pride her right hand slightly enlarged by the practice of this art.

Even in such small matters as mending and scrubbing there are best ways. The recent invention by a woman of a small hand loom for darning purposes, has somewhat diminished the tediousness of mending, while it may be noted in passing that the tidy housewife scrubs her rooms in and not out as is generally stated.

But whither all skill in cooking and excellence in the other details of domestic science, if it is not the perfection of the home-making that is so closely allied to the art of housekeeping? There are mothers so painfully neat and exacting as to render their homes uninviting. Their children prefer to go elsewhere for recreation and enjoyment and are thus often times led astray. Perhaps you have heard of the man who had for so many years eaten

codfish for Tuesday's breakfast, that finally when sausage was substituted he failed to perceive the difference. While order and system are essential to successful housekeeping, they may be too vigorously and too rigorously enforced. There is a repetition and boarding house regularity that becomes monotonous even in the home.

Whether or not I have enumerated anything helpful to the student of oekology, I am at least conscious of having spoken in behalf of the modern home-maker. I have so much confidence in her ability and the benign influence of the higher education on the home, that I envy the coming generation their birth rights. And in this vocation is the schooling of the fraternity to have no place? Indeed, thrice blessed are we who have had not only the advantages of college and fraternity life, but the inestimable privilege of home making as well. It is a vocation well worthy of the most concentrated effort and highest enthusiasm; and invites as a reward not so much the plaudits of the multitude, as the loving appreciation and gratitude of those nearest and dearest to us which is after all the sweetest compensation.

TADE HARTSUFF KUHN, (*Mu*, '82.)

#### BETA PROVINCE CONVENTION.

Following the lead of Gamma Province, the chapters of Michigan and Ohio held a convention at Adrian, Mich., May 30-31. The experiment of Gamma Province had been so successful that every one was ready to join in making that of Beta Province even more so. The fact that the date agreed upon was so near the final examinations kept many from coming who would have been glad to accept Xi's kind invitation. As it was, eleven visitors were present, including the Grand Registrar and her Deputy. These together with Xi's members—active and alumnae—swelled the numbers at business sessions to nearly thirty.

Xi had made all arrangements to give sisters a cordial, enthusiastic reception and must be congratulated on her signal success. The greetings at the station were full of cordiality and this was not in the least relaxed during the whole of the time. And what was so charming was that the visitors could not feel

the working of the machinery which must have been necessary to make the convention a success.

Thursday afternoon, with the exception of a short business session, was given up to becoming acquainted. Before the session there was a short Kappa rally at the Kappa rooms in South Hall and at five Mrs. William Reeder threw open her home for a very informal reception. Later in the evening, all Kappas old and young had a gathering at the home of President Thomas. The hour for breaking up was rather late for all knew the joys of a Kappa evening and wished to prolong them. The large reception, to the members and friends of Kappa, which was given Friday evening at South Hall on the college grounds, closed the festivities and will help to brighten our recollections of the first Beta Province Convention.

But it was not social engagements, entirely, that filled the time so pleasantly. The business sessions, with Miss Derby in the chair, and Miss Thomas acting as secretary, were fully as pleasant and even more helpful. There we talked freely on all questions presented and though the views differed widely, coming as the delegates did from entirely different kinds of colleges, all received help from the others. The first session, Thursday afternoon, was opened with the ritual used by Xi and a greeting by Miss Webster, responded to by Miss Warner of Lambda. The short hour was filled with short informal chapter reports, each of which was discussed freely. Friday morning the subjects under consideration were, The Relation of the Chapters of Beta Province, by Miss Smith of Kappa; Business Principles applied to Fraternity Government, by Miss Warner of Lambda; The Relation of the Alumnae to the Chapter, by Miss Cornell of Beta Gamma; and Methods and Principles of Rushing, by Miss Barney of Beta Delta. This last paper was discussed quite freely but nothing but general conclusions arrived at because of the differing conditions present with the various chapters. The morning session was very happily interrupted by a message of greeting from the Grand President and greetings accompanied by flowers from the local chapters of Delta Delta Delta, Alpha Tau Omega and Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

In the afternoon the question of Inter-Fraternity Relations was introduced by Miss Ewing of Xi and quite a lively discussion

followed about our relations to other fraternities, especially at all college elections. The Relation of the Grand Council to the Chapters was opened by Miss Derby of Beta Nu, and before the discussion which followed was closed, all were made to feel that the relation was much closer than had been thought. The paper itself showed that this relation was not one of rulers and ruled but rather of older sisters guiding younger ones. During this session, other questions came up incidentally. Among these were contracts with other women's fraternities in regard to rushing, Kappa keys of uniform size and uniform pledge pins.

Before adjourning, it was decided to hold a convention annually, subject to the ratification of the chapters, as all felt that such profitable gatherings could not be held too often. The convention adjourned, expressing to Xi its warmest thanks for their kind hospitality and to the other local fraternities for their greetings.

#### A PLEA.

There has been a great deal written lately about college settlements, and now every college girl understands their noble aims. I know of no grander work for a girl just graduating, than that found in such a settlement next winter.

Probably it is not very well known that there is a college settlement in Pittsburg. The Kingsley House was started only a few years ago, mainly through the untiring efforts of Dr. Hodges, now Dean of Cambridge, one of the most energetic, broad-minded men of the day.

So far, there are only two houses, and only a few college women living there, so the work the past year has been very hard, notwithstanding the principals of the sewing and cooking schools and managers of the different clubs of the Association are all outsiders.

There are many occupations in which women can do good and noble work, but if they would find out all about "de dinky-backed kids, an' old womin outer work, not ain't got nothin' comin dere way 'cept de winter an' de landlord, an' de measles an' dose tings," they must live among them.

I know my two afternoons a week have given me a very inadequate knowledge of what the life of these people really is, although I have seen enough to make me feel almost hopeless at times. It seems as though we can drive our wedge such a little way into this huge block of ignorance and sin. We can only fall back on the knowledge that,

“God’s goodness flows around our incompleteness.”

Let me add just a word or two, connected with my own observations. What do you think of a girl of thirteen, who never had a doll, of boys knowing nothing, and caring less, about a circus? Not a great deprivation you may say, but imagine what your life would have been if there had been no dolls, and nothing to correspond to it in your childhood; then think what that lack stands for, what a great part of a girl’s nature is being stunted in having nothing to love or care for. What can we expect of the women, then, who have grown up in that atmosphere?

And yet, there is never any dearth of people ready to take a girls’ club, while a club of boys is often waiting for a teacher. It is not to be wondered at, for a club of boys is not an easy task, and I usually come home worn out by a single afternoon.

On the other hand, dwell on the influence each of those boys will exert in a few years, and who can wonder if it be used on the side of evil? Very different are these from Whittier’s “bare-foot boy.” They do not walk with nature; they know nothing of trees and flowers, but live in an atmosphere of smoke and sin.

Oh, if only I had the genius of Holmes, Riley, or Hood, what a plea for these city boys would I make!

A. M. H., (*Beta Nu*, '90.)

### I.

Katharine West was discouraged; there was no doubt about it. She had been trying to study all the afternoon, but an aching head and a continual wonder as to the use of it all, had sadly interfered with the results of her work. At last she put away her books and went out of the library into the beautiful autumn air. She stopped a moment on the steps uncertain whether to go home

or to take a walk. The charm of the blue sky and bluer hills made her turn toward the woods ; but at the sight of some one she knew going in the same direction, she changed her mind, and started for home. She was tired, so tired that she kept her eyes on the ground to avoid speaking to an instructor whom she met. After she had passed him, a sudden longing to see a friendly human face made her wish she could meet him again.

She had not been long in the great University, but already she was known to her professors as an unusually brilliant girl. Her record at the college where she had taken her bachelor's degree was among the best. Otherwise she had made no impression there. Few knew her ; she had not even been mentioned by the fraternities as possibly being good "material." As she thought over those four years, in some ways so pleasant, in others so dreary, she saw that she herself had been the cause of much of her loneliness. Not that she regretted it ! She had gone to college with little physical strength, but with a boundless ambition and with a determination to always give her work the first place. She had been graduated with the highest honors, but she was naturally so sensitive and reticent that she was without the friendships and associations which make half of college life. Then she had come to the University for graduate work, and was bidding fair to make the two years no happier than the four had been. She knew that she was lonely, that she wanted something ; but was not sure what that something was. To-day she longed to speak to a group of girls she met talking gayly to one another, and was surprised at the bright smiles they gave her. When she reached home, she found a dainty note on her table. Opening it hastily, she read :

"Pi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma requests the pleasure of your company at a shadow party on Wednesday evening, October 26th."

Somehow she was glad. She wondered who had sent her the invitation, and decided it must have been the girl who sat next her in Psychology, and who had shown her where to go the first day. She had noticed that her guide wore a key, and would have been disposed to like her, had she not objected to fraternities. They made one so narrow. That there might be another sort of narrowness had never occurred to her.

With her "tired" mood still upon her, she wrote and mailed an acceptance. The next day she was half sorry. But when a girl whose sweet face she had been watching for days, came, and told her how glad she was that they were going to see her Wednesday, she felt a sudden impulse to kiss her. Of course she did no such thing, but instead expressed her thanks sedately. By Wednesday night she was thoroughly ashamed of herself. She knew that she ought to stay at home and study but having accepted, she must go. Strange with what resignation she bowed to her fate !

The party was a revelation. The other guests were freshmen, who looked upon her with awe, and thought her very old indeed. To her surprise she found them interesting ; but the gaiety, the charming graciousness of the hostesses quite won her heart. They acted as if they really liked her. After the nonsense was over, a senior, who had been one of the gayest, took her into a corner, and talked about books so sensibly and sympathetically that she found herself telling all sorts of quaint thoughts about her favorite authors, which she had never told before to anyone. She had always divided people into two classes, intellectual and frivolous ; but here the two seemed joined. She rather liked the combination. Just before going home, the girls gathered around the piano, and sang Kappa songs. She felt so outside of everything ; and she had to tell herself with great vigor that she did not believe in fraternities, when the last strains rang out :

" Kappa Kappa Gamma,  
Firm and strong our ties shall be ;  
Nothing shall sever  
Our fraternity."

After that night, life held a new interest for Katherine West. She had several earnest little talks with the Kappa who sat next her in Psychology. The friendliness of the girls she met was a continual surprise. She resolutely refused all invitations to dances and other evening festivities, giving her work as an excuse, but to informal gatherings held late in the afternoon she was always glad to go, and two or three times a week some Kappa claimed her for a walk. It was wonderful how she blossomed out in the kindly atmosphere. Instead of keeping all her

thoughts to herself, she began to tell the girls about her home life, and to let fall all sorts of odd fancies and earnest purposes. Better yet, she came to feel an interest in the hopes and plans of those around her.

Had she suspected that they were watching her, she would have been more reticent than ever ; but she had become so convinced that she was unpopular, not the sort of girl whom other girls liked, that she never once thought of being asked to join them. So it was with no suspicion of what was coming, that she accepted the invitation of the gay and bookish senior to take a walk one afternoon. They had strolled for about ten minutes when the senior said : " I may as well tell you at once that this walk has an object. I came to ask you to be a Kappa. We all want you." Katherine West stopped short. " Do you really mean it? But I don't believe in fraternities." " Why not?" asked her companion. " Because they make their members so narrow, limit their interests, make them think they are the only people in the world worth knowing." " Do you think we are narrow? We care more for each other than for outsiders perhaps ; but that is because we know each other better, and fraternity would not be fraternity without this closer acquaintance. I don't think it makes us care less for others. I don't consider my own family the only nice people in the world ; but nevertheless I like best to be with them, and I have a different feeling for them. It is the same way with fraternity." For an hour this wise senior went on explaining the advantages of fraternity and the disadvantages of non-fraternity, and then her companion went home to think it over.

Is it necessary to say that she decided for Kappa? It had brought so much to her that she could not give it up ; and when the initiation was over, she found it a constantly increasing pleasure and help. Her new sisters said that she was an enthusiastic member, but only the senior knew how she felt. It was on the night of the swing, after the banquet had disappeared, that the senior asked her of what she was thinking, as she stood a little aside watching the girls. " I feel," she said, " as if I had been born into a new world, very much broader and fuller of love than the old one."

G. N. D. (*Psi '96.*)

## Alumnae Department.

### CHAPTER LETTERS.

Four times a year comes the majesty of the law and demands "a chapter letter or a fine"—and every good, law-abiding chapter of K. K. Γ. chooses the former. The last two numbers of THE KEY lie before me; in the first a little more than one-half of the magazine space, and in the second a little more than one-third, is given up to the chapter letters. What sort of material is it that fills this large and important department of our magazine?

An English young woman, fresh from one of the English University Colleges and making her first acquaintance with American colleges, happened to pick up my April KEY as it lay on my study table. I had left the room and upon my return found her looking over the chapter letters; she looked up and said quite innocently, "What sort of girls make up this society—*are they very young?*" I laughed and had to confess that they were not very young and were very good representatives of our much prized American college women, and assured her that they did not appear at their best in their chapter letters. To myself I said "The crudeness, the freshness (in the college sense) which these letters exhibit! What can be done with it? And in my mental comments there was no condemnation of vivacity and youthful enthusiasm, but there was condemnation of an attempt at these, which verges on childishness, of a lack of thoughtfulness, tact and discretion. There is an immaturity that does not appear well in print—it is to be seen too often in our chapter letters.

Many letters in these last two numbers are overflowing with initiation enthusiasm—that unhealthy, effervescent enthusiasm, which, alas! seems inevitable—which is often presented in such a way as to make one wonder upon whom the greater honor has been conferred, upon the initiates or upon the fraternity, and often to turn the balance in favor of the latter. There is certainly sufficient "gushing" over the new members; "fair maidens," "faithful Kappas," "bright girls," "loyal women," etc. If we must "rush" and "spike" in order to keep up our fraternity, must we proclaim it from the housetop? Is there not a higher

idea of fraternity than that "the be all and end all" is to be initiated and to initiate?

Surely a chapter letter should be a picture of the chapter life as far as possible, and more particularly of its inner life; and such a picture as will give an idea of the real character of the chapter. The appearance of really objectionable features in the chapter letters indicates either a poor conception of a chapter letter or a poor conception of chapter life; either the picture is not true or the chapter is not worthy of a picture. The particular letters under consideration, present many details that cannot have any interest outside of a small local circle. We know nothing more of a far away chapter when its corresponding secretary tells us that the chapter was serenaded by Delta Theta Kappa, or entertained by Chi Delta Omega, or Alpha Upsilon, or that a Military Hop was a successful affair and largely attended by Kappas; we only wish that the corresponding secretary had had the good taste and good sense not to have mentioned these things. All chapters are more or less entertained, and these and similar matters are of purely local interest, often of only personal interest. These items concerning the men's fraternities are more than uninteresting; they have in them elements which in a later stage of development introduce the expressions "Theta Sigma brothers," "Alpha Gam boys," "Psi Kap friends," and the like—expressions which must have made many an older Kappa suffer for a younger Kappa's lack of taste and fineness of perception. Either the view of certain questions or the expression of that view is often at fault—one or both of them is in need of improvement.

Make sure of the soundness of your views and the healthful uses of your chapter life; then give the chapter letter and its many readers some thought and attention. The reader has demands upon you; she is usually in a questioning mood, and asks: What is your chapter life? How is it made helpful? What do you do among yourselves? What is your attitude toward the questions that come to you as a chapter? In short—who are you, what are you, you chapter of K. K. Γ. in some other part of the world? Or if I know you well—are you to the new girls what you used to be to me, or are you more or less?

All of this has had to do with the thought and spirit of the letter. There is also the purely literary side of the story with

equally sad strains; pronouns with doubtful antecedents, localisms, inexactness in the use of words, indifference to style, etc. I have heard that it has been necessary for the editor of THE KEY to transform "luxuriant chairs" into a more usual kind, to make things *depend* instead of *impend*, and to perform various kindly offices of this nature. The editors cannot undertake to rewrite the chapter letters. Let the members of the various chapters practice the art of criticism, live up to the standards which they profess as students, be women and not children. Incredible as it seems, each chapter letter has passed the criticism of its entire chapter before it is sent to THE KEY; the responsibility thus lies first with the corresponding secretary and later with the chapter. Would it not be advisable for each chapter to elect a *criticism committee* of two, choosing the most critical, most scholarly members of the chapter; this committee to stand between the corresponding secretary and the chapter, to analyze, to criticise and suggest improvements upon each of the corresponding secretary's communications to THE KEY and to allow no letters to go before the chapter for acceptance without its approval and consent? If the work of such a committee were done thoroughly, independently of the corresponding secretary, and without the least fear of giving personal offense, we might look for improvement. Whatever is done let each chapter arouse itself to a sense of an appreciation of the fitness of things in chapter letters.

Let me assure you of my faith in K. K. Γ., of my interest in THE KEY and of my sympathy with college girls in general and Kappas in particular; and that all these enter into what I say on chapter letters. I would not abolish chapter letters if I could, nor would I be understood to be unappreciative of their good points. But must we wade through so much "trash" as we do wade through in order to try to become better acquainted with the chapters of our fraternity? My cry is that there is not sufficient reason that Kappa Kappa Gammas should write and publish such letters as Kappa Kappa Gammas often write and publish.

OMEGA ALUMNA.

## THE ALUMNA'S PART.

All this year there have appeared at different times articles concerning the relations existing between the alumnae and the chapter, written now by an alumna, and again by some earnest, loyal, active member, who feels such a deep interest in her fraternity that she does not want the day to come when her interest will ever be less. Much has been said about the duty of a chapter toward the "old girls," and it seems as if much might be said of the duty of each alumna toward her own chapter. The thought that has come to me has not been one of mere sentiment—although that of course, was its cause,—but has been a little more practical. I wonder how many of the "old girls" remember the chapter in some substantial way each year? In some chapters I know that it is done, but do not think the practice is universal. Some chapters observe Christmas in the hall, others have a chapter birthday, and it seems to me that the alumnae might show their interest in their chapter, and their love and loyalty to Kappa by some practical substantial remembrance at some such a celebration.

E. W. M., (*Beta Theta.*)

## PERSONAL NOTES.

## PSI.

Emma L. Sawyer, '93, sailed for Antwerp, June 5. She will spend the summer traveling on the continent and return to Ithaca in the autumn.

Antoinette Lawrence, '89, the present Business Manager of THE KEY is appointed to teach German and mathematics in the Delancey School, Geneva, N. Y., during the coming year.

Mrs. Helen Kittredge Parke, '86, has moved from New York City to Santa Barbara, Cal.

Mary W. Longee, '88, is resident physician at the Polyclinic Hospital, Philadelphia. She is the second woman to hold this position.

## IOTA.

Mrs. Livermore, the charm of whose winning eloquence has been acknowledged by two generations and whose work in behalf

of Christian temperance has been a signal service to her period, is about to practically retire from the lecture field, except in places near her New England home. Personally, this graceful dark-eyed matron does not look her years. Her manner is tender and motherly and her voice still carries well over the space filled by a large audience. That her decision is regretted goes without saying, but Mary Livermore will still do efficient work on other lines than those of the lecturer and her remarkable administrative ability will aid the many organizations of which she is a member.—*Harper's Bazar*.

The golden anniversary of the marriage of the Rev. D. P. and Mary A. Livermore was observed this afternoon at their home on Emerson St., Melrose. It was intended to have no public recognition of the day, but the wide reputation of Mrs. Livermore as an author, lecturer and philanthropist made it impossible to observe her first wishes in the matter, and so arrangements were made to receive 1,000 of her neighbors and intimate friends. Then came announcements from societies and organizations with which she is connected that the members proposed attending by hundreds, and the anticipation of a gathering of at least 2,000 was more than realized. Mr. and Mrs. Livermore received in the bay window of the parlor. The reception began at two o'clock and continued till six.

Conspicuous among the guests were the members of the Melrose Women's Christian Temperance Union, of which Mrs. Livermore was the organizer; the Woman's Club of Melrose, the Beneficent Society of the New England Conservatory of Music, the teachers and scholars of the grammar schools of Melrose, and one scholar from each room of the Melrose High School, all bringing gifts of some kind.—*N. Y. Tribune*.

#### BETA DELTA.

The engagements of Jessica M. McIntyre, '94, to Phillip D. Bourland, A Δ Φ, '95, and of Anna S. Duncan, '95, to Howard E. Chickering, Ψ Υ, '94, are announced.

#### CHI.

Lizzie Mathis, '93, has a position for the coming year as teacher in the Holmes School of Minneapolis.

Bertha MacMillan, '94, and Hope McDonald, '94, have returned to Minneapolis after a winter of study in New York City.

### *The Parthenon.*

AN editorial in the April number of THE KEY called attention to the fact that the exercise of individual tastes has resulted in such diversity of size among the badges of members of Kappa Kappa Gamma that some of the keys are hardly recognizable as emblems of one and the same great whole. Now, it is the fact that, though scattered over the length and breadth of a continent, we, as sisters, are united by common interests and common aims—it is this fact, I say, which makes us a fraternity, an organization of world-wide influence. Certainly, any tendency likely to lessen the feeling of unity among the chapters, of interest between alumnae and active members, is to be carefully guarded against.

While the question of uniformity in the size of our badge may seem one of very little significance, it yet, to my mind, has a bearing on this very danger of the **Uniform Keys.** diminution of unity of feeling in Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Suppose that an alumna meets a Kappa who wears a miniature counterpart of her own key. The alumna looks closely at this new emblem, which seems strangely unfamiliar, and with a start wonders if the fraternity, as well as its badge has changed so much since she was an active member. She fears that she would feel herself a stranger in the chapter-meeting of to-day, and a sense of alienation from the once loved fraternity comes over her with overwhelming force. This experience perhaps discourages her from a contemplated attempt to come again into close relationship with her fraternity.

Then, suppose that two Kappas of distant chapters meet for the first time. Their badges are different in size, in setting, and in lettering also, for on one the Greek characters are chased while on the other they are in black enamel. These two active members of the great fraternity know that it is a unit, a whole, but yet a feeling of uneasiness comes over them as they notice how striking is the difference in their badges. They wonder if it is possible, after all, for the members of widely separated chapters to be alike in interest and aim, and they perhaps conclude that the chapters are to be looked upon as distinct organizations rather than as closely united parts of a great whole. Accordingly,

when again they meet a member of a sister chapter their first thought is likely to be "she belongs to another chapter" not "She, too, is a member of the sisterhood of Kappa Kappa Gamma."

It appears, then, that the size of our badge constitutes a link, tiny perhaps, but nevertheless a link, in the bond that unites chapter to chapter, alumnæ to active members. Inasmuch as the present diversity in the badges may have an undesirable influence on the feeling of unity in the fraternity, it would seem advisable to have the emblems uniform in size as well as shape.

Chapter individuality is emphasized by the chapter-head and surely sufficient latitude will be given to personal preference if the choice of setting be left to individual decision.

G. F. T., (*Upsilon.*)

ONE hot June afternoon a senior girl sat on the floor by an open window listlessly gazing up the street; it was Commencement week and she was trying to realize that her college days were nearly over. Her thoughts were naturally retrospective and not being a very melancholy maiden she mentally reviewed the gaieties of the past four years and sighed as she turned to look at her last party program which hung over a picture near by.

**What one Girl Thought.**

It would not be so hard to get along without her school work or even the parties and picnics but what would she do without the friends she must leave? She would sadly miss the informal daily calls, the confidential chats, the girlish nonsense and girlish troubles. Most of them were fraternity friends and she had learned to know and love them well.

Just then her room-mate came in and our senior said impressively: "My dear, I've been thinking—"

"I would advise you not to do so any more; it's too hot. I've been to such a stupid rehearsal! Everything went wrong; everybody entered at the wrong door and nobody saw the point of my star joke."

"But I *have* been thinking and have reached just one conclusion for which I must have an audience. Just see here, my dear; you know and I know and everybody that knows me knows that I have'nt been a brilliant student nor a social light but, *entre nous*,

Nell, I do think I have done one thing well and I'm glad of it ; I think I have been a good fraternity girl.

Some people's futures will revolve around the sheepskin they will get next Wednesday, but if I could have another year here with the girls I would cheerfully postpone my diploma till next June."

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WE often hear of extending the province of fraternity life. But in this discussion the question arises if in so doing, we would not intrude upon the work of others and lose our distinctive characteristics. Most institutions are already overburdened with organizations having only a benevolent or literary aim.

Many times the fraternity meeting seems the one place where interests of a foreign nature are, for a moment, laid aside and, by restful companionship of one's chosen friends and by their sympathetic criticism, one may advance toward that noble, gracious womanhood without which she can be no fit guide or help to others. Is it narrow to develop oneself in order to be of so much more use to others?

**The Extension of  
Fraternity Work.**

The time given to any organization is necessarily limited and one controlling principle must actuate each. When the aim of a fraternity is made that of any other body, then the need for fraternity ceases. Hitherto, fraternity has been for the individual and only for the world through the individual. Let us concentrate our efforts in this direction, and be slow to divide them among objects where they are less needed and less certain of success.

E. C. S., (*Kappa*).

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How many times we almost forget that we have sister chapters, that we are only a part of one great whole? Why is this? Because comparatively speaking we have no inter-chapter relations. It is not necessary for one chapter to feel so far distant from another just because many miles separate them. It is unity in our fraternity work for which we are striving. Why not promote this by becoming acquainted with our sister chapters and learn what they are doing. Two ways have come to my knowledge which have been ex-

**Inter-Chapter Re-  
lations.**

tremely profitable both for the chapters and for the fraternity at large.

First: A circulating letter among the chapters in the four provinces. Beta Province is going to try this. We have planned to make the circuit of our chapters in six weeks. The letter is to contain a full account of the work, trials, and pleasures of all the chapters in our province. We feel that we shall gain much good from this letter, that it will promote a kindly feeling between the chapters, and to a certain extent we will become acquainted with our sisters in other chapters. Second: By a Province Convention. There is no better way than this. There ought not to be any jealousy or distant feeling between the chapters, and we think that if either of the above suggestions were carried out it would do much toward upbuilding both the chapter and the fraternity.

Xi.

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WE take the following from the April KEY: "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."

This is a question that has been before the minds of the members of Beta Delta for some time, nor do we feel that it is yet solved. In spite of the fact that second degree Kappas tell us that the fraternity is the same that it always was, do we all feel that it is? Does it not seem that Kappa has in a measure left the broad basis that we like to consider its foundation?

Certainly every member ought to know all in her power about her fraternity, but is the taking of a second degree, which is in a way an isolation, the proper incentive?

But putting this aside, we might be led to regard it in a more favorable light, if the means of obtaining the degree were more available. When we consider the size of our fraternity, and the distance between its many chapters, does it seem just to confine the conferring of it to the Convention or Council Session, which

only the favored few can attend, thus shutting out the many who perhaps are quite as worthy of the honor?

*Beta Delta.*

THE discussion concerning the time of pledge-day is one most intimately connected with the true development of the fraternity. If this organization has a place among us, if it deserves to remain with us, the only question should be, how can we make it most perfect? In other words, how can we choose and obtain the girls who will be most congenial to each other, and who will aid most in the attainment of the noble womanhood, which is every college girl's ideal.

This is the place that the fraternity has among us; a calm inner circle in the whirl of college life, the peaceful resting place of soul, body and mind; where one's best impulses spring, and where one's eyes are opened to view the outer life truly and quietly; it takes the place of mother, friend and adviser, and is an unflinching support during the varied experiences and frequent changes in one's ideas that a college course must bring. How can this close and sacred relationship be formed among girls strange to each other; what is it that binds varying natures together into this perfect whole? It is the qualities of the girls themselves. Common friends, wealth, polish, culture go a very little way toward forming this bond. The only thing that lasts and works is character,—true, self-contained, earnest, unselfish character. And this is not worn on the sleeve, it must be sought for and found after months of companionship.

**The Postponement  
of Pledge-day.**

This ideal fraternity, so simple and yet so complete, so strong and yet so easily changed to unsatisfying weakness, can if rightly carried on, be nothing but a blessing to any college girl who deserves to enter it, from the most learned post graduate to the shy little country girl just beginning to think for herself. Its dignity and charm must draw to it all worthy girls, and many who now conscientiously remain independent would be glad to join. There would be no place in its constitution for the stipulation that a girl must be pretty and well dressed, It is not the prettiest and best dressed girls who are the favorites after they have been in the chapter a year or two; and if the girls waited a

year before taking in new members, they would not be influenced by the natural idea that the most attractive girl outwardly is so inwardly.

Now if it were possible to postpone pledge-day for one year, the year's waiting would put the fraternity at its true value. The entering girls would learn to know it in its real capacity, as a delightful feature of college life, most desirable and attractive, not as a company of excited, bustling girls, who make wild efforts to get acquainted and who seem to think that if the girls they have fêted and fondled so assiduously do not consent to become their "sisters" the chapter will be undone forever.

Girls say that it would be impossible to get acquainted with the freshmen if it were not done in this breathless way in the Fall term before work becomes so difficult as it is in the winter. But they are mistaken. In the first place, if more work were done in the fall there would be less to do in the winter; in the second place, if efforts are not made to see girls and to know them while they are independents they will not be made when they become fraternity girls, for a girl rarely changes her boarding-place during her first year. Is it better to take a girl into your fraternity and then pay her a little more attention, than to leave her out and pay it in just the same way? Is the object of a fraternity to wear the key and come to chapter-meeting once a week, or is it to become friends? If our fraternity is worth existence it is worth time and thought and work; if it is not given these, it will not exist except in name and on paper, whether the work is done for girls with keys or without.

M. V. R (*Psi*, '06.)

## Chapter Letters.

### ALPHA PROVINCE.

#### PHI—BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

The last term's examinations are completed, theses are handed in and the diplomas and the numerous receptions held in their honor are the only things which now stand between the seniors and their work in life.

Although we cannot help being sad when we think of our dear '95 girls whom we are losing from the active chapter, yet we know that they will be with us in spirit always.

One of our seniors, Sara Cone Bryant, has been appointed to the intercollegiate alumnae scholarship for a year's study in Berlin, and is to sail about the middle of August. Our best wishes go with her.

Class day comes Monday afternoon, June 3, and Miss Bryant is class poet, while Mary Cornell represents us at commencement as alternate commencement speaker.

Bertha Marvel, one of our recent initiates, has been chosen literary editor of the *University Beacon*.

We have received a number of visits from our alumnae this term, and from those of other chapters. At our banquet held at Hotel Bellevue, May 25, seven chapters were represented. The Kappa yell was given at every possible turn.

Phi's girls hold a picnic Saturday, June 1, at Winchester. This is our last Kappa gathering of the year and already a number of our girls have departed for their distant homes.

Phi sends greetings to every Kappa and best wishes for a glorious vacation.

#### BETA EPSILON—BARNARD COLLEGE.

Beta Epsilon has always endeavored to place before her members the highest ideals of fraternity life, and they have helped her to realize these lofty conceptions during the year '94-'95. Our social meetings especially, have all contained literary talent and our March meeting being a "title party" at the residence of Miss Clews, gave us an opportunity for displaying our knowledge

(or ignorance) of books. It is the custom of the chapter to give an open meeting to the students of Barnard once a year, and our April meeting was, therefore, dedicated to them. This entertainment, however, was neither the traditional play, nor anything in the literary line followed in our other meetings,—but a gay and festive dance, with music and refreshments. Scarcely had our members ceased praising themselves and the good time they had granted the less fortunate students of the college, when we were summoned to a “quiz” in preparation for the examination. Now, unfortunately, the Barnard authorities had anticipated Kappa Kappa Gamma and had placed the final examinations for the second week in May. After many meetings, more discussions and great uncertainty, we obtained permission to take our examinations in Kappa later, and each girl was entrusted to work at home and alone at leisure. The chapter accordingly began a course of study and research in the annals of the fraternity, which will doubtless result in glory.

Before closing, we would repeat to those Kappas who are about to leave us as active members, our sorrow at parting. Yet we would not be selfish, so bidding them to wait for us amid the great throng of *alumnæ*, we greet them with congratulations and wish them God speed.

#### PSI—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

The scribe of Psi has been trying to attune herself to the earth and sky and to put her thoughts into company trim, since they are to meet the thoughts of all her sister scribes. She has come to the conclusion that though “June may be had for the asking,” and though “every clod feels a stir of might,” and little birds are “deluged with summer,” people don’t care very much about it beyond the general idea.

If the Kappas were as enthusiastic about the summer clouds and flowers as the birds and bees are, how much we should have in common which now we never think of. All the Kappas look at the self same sky and listen to the same families of birds. I wonder if they couldn’t become conductors for us. Is it because we have other things to bind us together, letters, books, even people, which the rest of the creatures haven’t, that we think less

of this primitive way, the outer life which constantly surrounds us? It seems to me that we might make known our happiness and personality in some way besides telling of the spreads we have had, and the parties. Those are really a small part of even our enjoyments; we enjoy much more the beauty of trees and river, of cloud and sunshine; it cannot be because we are not *Lowells* or *Whittiers* that we cannot tell each other of it. I think it is because we are out of practice; in this purest of all earthly relations, the bonds of the fraternity, we must be able to tell it. Won't some of the girls who read this think it over and give some suggestions?

Mr. Theodore Seward says that the American people do not think half enough of out doors; that their energies have become so used to being centered on money making that they cannot tear themselves away. He says that other nations, the Japanese especially, have feast days to celebrate the seasons, and spend many days out in the fields and woods living with Nature. He also says that the reason *Thoreau* is appreciated is because he is dead; that people do not live as he taught so they can not think he was right.

Of course *Psi* does not want the fraternity to become hermits, but she does want more of out doors in our minds and hearts, to have that and God first, and to add the others as necessary accompaniments. *Lowell* says that books do us little good unless we season them with sunshine, and *Emerson* that Nature ever faithful is to those who trust her faithfulness.

In the coming summer we *Kappas* shall be living by the sea-shore and in the mountains, with time and opportunity to study them; can't we be joined more closely than we have been before by means of them? We can arrange the batteries by reading *Olive Thorne Miller*, and *Bradford Torrey*, *Emerson* and *Lowell*; by adding to our herbariums and beetle collections; and I am sure some genius will invent the connecting wires.

BETA BETA—ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

Beta Beta sends greeting to *Kappa* sisters far and wide and hopes vacation will bring rest and pleasure to them all.

It was with deep regret that we said our farewells after an unusually successful year. It has been our experience that we gain

year by year ; and so we are looking forward to something almost ideal in chapter life next fall. We feel that we have made great advancement in fraternity knowledge and interest, as well as in the increase of harmony and true sisterly affection among ourselves. With these pleasant thoughts of a happy and prosperous year, we turn our attention to plans for the future.

On September 24 we hope to have with us representatives of every chapter in Alpha Province. We have long desired to attain the pleasure and profit which may be derived from an interchange of ideas. When we proposed this plan to our sister chapters it was greeted with unexpected enthusiasm. The result is that arrangements are nearly complete for a convention of Alpha Province to be held in Canton, September 24 to 27.

We extend a most cordial invitation to all to be present, and to come provided with as many wonderful ideas as possible. There cannot be too much enthusiasm in our fraternity, and she who possesses it personally ought to be willing to share it with the others.

Our minds have been so thoroughly occupied with this subject that we have almost forgotten the less significant interests of the last few weeks. There is one thing, however, that nothing could cause us to overlook, that is our last initiation, which occurred on April twentieth. Marguerite Liotard, '98, now wears the golden key and has already proved herself a trustworthy member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. We take especial pleasure in introducing her, for her sister has long been a faithful worker in Beta Beta, both as an active and alumna member.

#### BETA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The last days of the college year have brought their usual increased work and worry, late hours and examinations but Beta Alpha has been well rewarded and a successful record greets her members. Again with pride we shall watch the bestowal of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy on one of our active members. Miss Pennington has worked with untiring zeal and well deserves the honor she is about to receive. Last month two of our alumnae added their names to the list of Beta Alpha's distinguished members. Mary Alice Schively and May Belle Garvin were graduated from the Women's Medical College of Philadelphia.

## BETA TAU—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

When you read this letter, dear sisters, we hope that you may be enjoying a delightful vacation. Perhaps in your travels you will meet some member of Beta Tau chapter for we, too, shall soon be scattered. Therefore, we intend to make the most of the few weeks remaining.

After a week of worrying over examinations comes the week of gaieties. On June 7, the students celebrate "Calculus Day" by a delightful excursion; on June 8, occurs the formal opening of the athletic field. But the happiest time for us will be our annual banquet to be held Tuesday evening June 11, when we expect to have a number of our alumnae with us. Our only regret is that next year we shall miss the dear faces of our five seniors.

Now to look back for a moment. Of the many interesting events of the past term the most important was the initiation of Anna Giddings and Mary Connell whom we are glad to introduce to you as loyal sisters.

We were disappointed that Florence Carpenter was obliged to leave college on account of sickness but hope she can return next year.

May 17, we enjoyed the hospitality of our seniors at the chapter-house and we had a very merry time.

We are grateful to all the chapters for the interest they took in the women's edition of the *University News* and we feel proud of its complete success.

We have enjoyed the correspondence begun by Beta Iota and hope it may continue next year. We feel personally acquainted with them now and long to know all the chapters better.

Next year promises to be the most prosperous in the history of our University. A chair of sociology and a school of law have been added to the departments and several new professors have been appointed. An important recent step was the adoption of the honor system by the faculty and students.

We send heartiest greetings to Kappas everywhere.

## BETA IOTA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

The second year of Beta Iota's existence is about to end, and in our retrospection of the year's work and achievements we feel

that there is great reason to be thankful, so with joyful hearts we renew our pledges to those women who wear the golden key.

Our commencement will be held June 11th, when our one senior, Frances Whitney Cheairs, will take her degree. The time is nearing and we cannot but await it with sorrowful hearts for the college is very dear to all Swarthmoreans.

The winning of the state championship in track athletics was the source of great pride to us as a college, as also was the winning of first place by a Swarthmore man in the bicycle race in the inter-collegiate sports held in New York, May 25th.

In the earlier spring when cool "breezes wafted in the air," life was charming at Swarthmore—we fairly revelled in our glorious campus, the rippling Crum and our favorite haunts and strolls, but now all is past and our girls, forsaking dances and unnecessary exertion of any sort may be seen diligently studying their Greek and Latin. The thermometer stands at 97° and the final examinations are here.

This year Swarthmore has taken a renewed interest in the work of the College Settlement in Philadelphia. Each day girls may be seen diligently picking the buttercups and daisies which gladden the hearts of the little urchins in the dull city streets. Edith Flint Kenderdine is on the Electoral Board of the Settlement.

One Saturday in last April Beta Iota assembled in Phillips studio, Philadelphia, and had its photograph taken in Greek costumes, after which the entire chapter proceeded to the home of Mrs. F. J. Hathway, [formerly of Psi] where we were invited to hold a joint meeting with Beta Alpha.

We regret that so few of that chapter were present, but we enjoyed ourselves heartily and appreciated Mrs. Hathway's hospitality.

The home of our associate member fairly rang with Kappa songs on the eve of May 4th, when we held our Symposium. All but one of our alumnæ were present and a letter from her was read.

Thus our year has passed and as we turn to look backward on the day of our departure, we cannot but feel a thrill of joy that we at least may carry our key, the inspiration of our college life, to our distant homes, where the circulating letter will gladden our hearts during the separation of the summer months.

## GAMMA RHO—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

The balmy days of June, each wind laden with idleness, remind us that the spring term,—always the most pleasant of the year—and the saddest, too, for then we lose our seniors,—is almost at an end. But who can be energetic these warm days except energetic in making fun, and so after all, the college wisely closes its doors to work.

Gamma Rho has felt quite seriously the loss of two girls this spring; Grace Borland, who was unable to return on account of her health, and Francis Slater, who is at home on account of the illness of her sister. Next fall they will be with us again, the more enthusiastic, perhaps, on account of their long vacation.

We have one new Kappa to introduce, Adelaide Lockart, whose fraternity life we hope will be a happy one, her bliss unmarred by future fraternity examinations.

The girls of Allegheny have been energetic enough to edit a number of *The Campus*, the college paper. Kappa Kappa Gamma has taken an active part in the work, and it is a creditable edition. We want to make enough money from it to put up a new grand stand, upon the athletic field.

Athletics are gradually coming to the fore ground here. On the first of June we had a most exciting Intercollegiate Field Day. Five colleges were entered, and *in many of the events our boys came off victors*. The baseball team have given us cause to be undignified and shout ourselves hoarse, and even the Kappa girls have become enthusiastic tennis players and are thirsting for new fields to conquer. We are all becoming victims of the "bicycle fad" and each girl hopes to bring back with her a bran new wheel in the fall.

There has been a dearth of social events here this term. Alpha Chi Omega entertained all the fraternity girls most charmingly, in her new rooms, as a sort of "house warming." They have ideal quarters, cosy corners, hammocks, and a tea table being the principal attractions. The fraternity men have entertained us several times with little parties. A wild flower excursion, a drag ride or two, and an occasional spread have been the only gaieties. The "Pan-heavenly" banquet with its usual fun and frolic has become a yearly institution. Over fifty Grecians

each with interfraternal spirit, laid aside every hostility for the time being, and ate and drank to the health of every one else. The men added greatly to our pleasure by serenading us.

Now we are looking forward to Commencement for the jolliest time in the whole year. Many of the old girls are coming back and the yearly fraternity banquet always held the night before Commencement, will furnish us food for thought, and arouse loyalty for the months to come. Many frolics are planned, and afterward we surely will need all summer to rest.

May all the Kappas have the best of vacations, and by *next* summer may we swing our hammocks on our own "summer home" porches, and hold sweet Kappa communion, one with another.

### BETA PROVINCE.

#### LAMBDA—BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

As Lambda's last letter was lost, she has a double budget of news to give this time.

The first and most important thing is, that we have two new Kappa girls to introduce, Blanche Widdicombe and Bertha Huston who were initiated on April fourth.

The Kappa girls at Buchtel have been very gay this year and have enjoyed many social gatherings. They began the winter term by introducing this year's girls to the goat, at the home of Belle Armstrong after which, all went to the "Victoria" where several former active Kappas were waiting. After enjoying a delicious banquet, with Belle Armstrong as toast mistress, many bright responses were given, and when the evening was over, all went home, feeling how much they had enjoyed it.

On the coldest night of the year the Lambda girls dined at the pleasant home of Mabel and Flora Goodwin. The evening was happily spent with music and games.

Having discovered from the evening at the Goodwins, how pleasing a good supper is to school-girls, Bess Fisher invited her twenty sisters to her home. On arrival each girl was given a pretty souvenir in the form of some flower painted on water-color paper, and when she went out to supper she found her place at a table on which were real flowers to match her painted one.

The next party was with Avah Stocknearis and there, too, a tempting supper was served. The evening was spent in dancing.

The girls living in the college gave a card party at the Kappa room, and another evening was spent at cards at the home of Harriet Parsons.

After we had finished our work at the examinations we ended up with a spread. Each girl brought something and the work had made us as hungry as bears so that we enjoyed the evening greatly.

We are looking forward to the Beta Province convention and wish that more of us might go and meet our sisters in this province.

Estella Musson, '94, sails for Europe the last of June. She expects to study music at Leipzig.

We are proud of our Kappa sister, Elinor Warner, who won first honor in the Sophomore Prize Contest.

The close of the term is drawing near and it will not be long, before our seniors leave us, but we hope that we shall see them sometime again.

#### BETA GAMMA—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Since last we greeted you through THE KEY we have added one more to our number, Nan Johnson.

This term seems to have been rather uneventful, since our pleasures have been taken in an informal way, March 13, the girls of Willard Society gave a reception to Irving and Athenæan Societies. Their hall had lately received some noticeable improvements, and the self-gratulation caused by this, combined with consciousness of doing something known only in the dim and misty history of the past, made the girls appear unusually fascinating.

The evening of April 20 was spent at the home of your correspondent. Our associate and alumnæ members were with us to greet Flora Parsons, special '91, who has just returned from Germany where she has been studying music for the past four years. We were all proud of our gifted sisters, as we listened first to Miss Parsons then to Mrs. McDonald, instructor of voice culture in our college, and finally to Alice Firestone, who graduates in

vocal music this year. In fact, we had an impromptu musicale, and as you may imagine we formed a most appreciative audience.

April 23 was marked by the rendition of Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream* with Mendelssohn's beautiful music. Its complete success was a surprise even to those who had expected most. Of course the music was fine and the acting spirited, while the silken costumes gave the finishing touch to what proved for a while one great and inexhaustible topic of conversation.

May 3 was a night of festivities ; from seniors to prepdom all dissipated. The freshmen gave their annual banquet to the juniors, at which Alice Cornell gave one of the happiest toasts of the evening.

If they had been the allies these classes are supposed to be, '97 might have given a banquet never before equaled in Wooster to the seniors on this evening, but these usually friendly classes are at swords points here, so that the seniors were constrained to give a social at the home of Nellie Ihrig, our only senior, while the sophomores held a cosmopolitan social which was a decided success.

On May 11 the Pan-Hellenic picnic was given. Over a hundred started gayly for the lake, but alas ! for their bright anticipations. It didn't rain as it usually does on picnic days, it simply poured ! We spent the time in dancing and enjoying a burlesque faculty meeting.

The classes are working with a will for the tablet to be given the champion baseball team, while the tennis tournament has aroused some excitement.

May 27 "Willard Farewell" was given. Several of our girls took part. Ethel Axtell sang a solo, while Grace Ihrig and Lucy Ross took part in the farce that was the feature of the evening.

May 31, the annual senior's reception is to be given at the home of President Scovel, while the invitations for the Senior Promenade are now out.

The "Index," our junior annual, will appear in a few days, and we are especially anxious to see it this year as Alice Cornell is editor-in-chief of the board.

We are looking forward to the Commencement exercises with especial interest, as we celebrate our twenty-fifth anniversary.

But these days bring us our sad thoughts as well, for though we lose but one of our number by graduation, still there are others who may not return to us, and we find it difficult to imagine our chapter life without them.

BETA NU—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

“ If all the year were playing holidays,  
To sport would be as tedious as to work.”

Is that true? We girls scarcely think so as we forget the examinations in store, and remind each other of the fun we have had, and of the good times coming during Commencement week.

The great social event of the year, however, is a thing of the past, *i. e.*, the “ Pan-Hellenic.” It is needless to say that a great number of our girls participated in the general “ perfectly lovely ” time, likewise at the senior reception. But when Edith and Marion Tuiss invited us to a strictly “ Kappa Party ” the other evening we knew beforehand we should have a delightful time. Each Kappa took her first baby picture. Now, if when we are weighed in the balance next week (during the exams) and found wanting, it will certainly be due to the fact that the brain too finely wrought, was subjected to too great a mental strain in the all-absorbing thought of “ identity.”

Next Friday evening, just on the eve of the gay season when the seniors are the great attraction, we are to entertain our three seniors at the home of Florence Derby. We think nothing too good for our seniors and we cannot do too much for them. No tongue can tell, no pen can describe how sorry we are to lose these girls, Edith Tuiss, Bessie Claypoole and Georgietta Fisher.

Three of our girls, Mignon Talbot, Florence Derby and Florence Comer are now in Adrian, enjoying themselves at our province convention.

BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

News letter? Fifth of June? Why I wrote a news letter just a little while ago. If somebody could only put a brake on these buzzing wheels of time what a blessing they would confer upon some of us poor mortals. It seems such a short time since we began this year's work, and now the end is almost here. As we

look back over the past months we feel well pleased with much that they have brought us ; and our mistakes, for we have made a few, will serve, let us hope, as danger signals to tell us where the ice is treacherous in the future.

Since our last letter we have initiated May Boutell, of Detroit, into the delights and mysteries of Kappa. We are delighted indeed to have her one of us, and are confident that we have gained a very lovable and loyal member.

Our delegate to Beta Province convention at Adrian has returned with enthusiasm strung up to the highest pitch. Her glowing accounts of the good times she had, of the gracious and generous hospitality of the Xi girls, of the interest and fraternity spirit displayed at the meetings, make us all wish we could have been there too.

During Commencement week, beginning June 24th we expect to have a Beta Delta reunion. A good many, though not all, of our alumnæ and associate members will be with us ; we only regret that every one cannot be here. If the reality proves as pleasant for our visitors as the anticipations are for us, the occasion will surely be a highly delightful one.

Arrangements have just been completed whereby our chapter will have a home of its own next year. We had one last year, and are exceedingly anxious to renew the experience. Fraternity houses in Ann Arbor are becoming quite essential features. We have greatly enjoyed and appreciated the hospitality of a number of the girls during the past year, but we shall be glad to have a fixed center about which our sympathies and interests will gather.

In making plans for the coming year we are forced to recognize the fact that some of the girls are going to leave us. They have been with us four years, and it will be difficult to do without them, but our kindest wishes will go with them, and we can only hope for ourselves that the future members of Beta Delta will be as earnest, as helpful and as loyal as they.

#### XI CHAPTER—ADRIAN COLLEGE.

After talking and planning for our province convention so many weeks we can hardly realize that it is now a thing of the

past. If any one wants to know whether or not a province convention is practicable, just ask the girls in Beta Province. Xi Chapter certainly enjoyed every minute of it, and we have gained an inspiration and knowledge which could not have come to us in any other way. May 30th and 31st will long be remembered by us. Thirteen delegates and visitors including Miss Talbot, Grand Registrar, were present and with Xi's active and alumnae members our number was increased to nearly forty.

All business sessions were held in the Alpha Tau Omega rooms, which were kindly offered for the use of the convention.

During the session on Friday morning a beautiful floral design was received from Alpha Tau Omega, and a large bouquet of roses from Sigma Alpha Epsilon. In the afternoon a basket of sweet peas tied with light and dark blue was received from Delta Delta Delta. We certainly appreciated the kindly feeling which these gifts manifested.

Saturday evening we entertained the young ladies of Tri-Delta in our Chapter Hall. We certainly enjoyed this event exceedingly. Light refreshments were served.

Xi sends greetings and wishes all a pleasant vacation.

Clara Coleman, '93, visited friends and attended convention on Thursday and Friday.

Mildred Moore, '97, who was compelled to leave college the middle of the winter term on account of sickness visited Xi girls during convention.

#### KAPPA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

The spring term at Hillsdale is always a busy one, but this year social pleasures and school duties come thick and fast and fill every moment of our time. On the evening of May 15, the class of '96 gave a reception to '95 at the home of Dr. W. H. Sawyer. The freshmen acted as waiters and the sophomores, who, of course, felt their dignity slighted, made several frantic efforts to obtain some of the ice-cream, but in vain. On May 31, the reception was returned by the class of '95, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Chase of the Music Department.

The vacancy in the department of voice culture, caused by the resignation of Professor Churchill, has been filled by Professor

Merrill, recently of the Boston Conservatory. The first week in May, the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity held a province convention here, and a large number of Kappas attended the receptions and banquet.

But the prettiest party of all, we think, was the five o'clock tea, given by Kappa chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma, to about eighty guests, on the evening of the 23rd of May. The rooms were beautifully decorated, ferns and fleur-de-lis predominating. At this party we proudly presented to our friends a newly pledged member, May Selden, whom we hope soon to decorate with the key, the badge of full sisterhood.

Will Carleton, the poet whom Hillsdale always delights to honor, and whose love for his alma mater is ever true, gave an interesting lecture recently on "John Milton" to the students of the college. As one of the teachers remarked, our school has the honor of being the only college in the land that can get a free lecture from Will Carleton.

We would like to tell you of our local field day sports, and of the intercollegiate field day which is to be held here, this week; of the party we are to give to our alumnae at commencement time, of all the reunions that are coming in this our quinquennial year, but time and space forbid. We feel that we must mention, however, the delightful time Kappa's four delegates had at the convention of Beta province, held with Xi. It is not so easy to express our appreciations of the hearty welcome and the pleasant entertainment.

We send greeting to all our sisters and hope that the coming vacation may hold many joys for you.

#### GAMMA PROVINCE.

##### DELTA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Commencement time is near at hand with its usual festivities. We are now at the close of a term which has been full of good things for Delta Chapter.

First of all, we won three spikes and lost none. We are delighted to be able to introduce to you our new girls, Anna Robinson of Owensville, and Vesta Whitcraft, and Bertha Weesner, of Wabash.

On May 3, we had our annual Panthygatric party, at Mrs. Showers. The Π. Β. Φ.'s entertained us and they did it royally. About seventy-five girls were there to enjoy the fun. People from all nations and tribes were there, and such a motley crowd! We all made merry over the toasts and music. Miss Stella Fox Π. Φ. acted as toast mistress and the following responses were given:

"The Panthygatric," Miss Mohon, K. A. Θ.; Miss Bradley, Π. Β. Φ.; Miss Love, K. K. Γ.; Miss Yakey, A. Z. Β.

Because of the success of this one, we shall all hail with delight the time for another Panthygatric party.

On the evening of May 25, we had a very pleasant open meeting, at Josephine Hunter's.

June seventh, is the date of our Kappa party. It is to be given at Professor and Mrs. Hoffman's beautiful home. Mrs. Hoffman is a loyal Kappa and if I could write this after June seventh I should be able to tell you of our success.

So much for Kappa itself. I have told you of only a few pleasant things which have come to us. The best of all is the friendship among the girls. We have had nothing to break our unity, and we feel stronger for another year's work. We are sorry to lose seven of our girls. Mary Morgan, Anna Lane, Olive Batman, Flora Love, Ida Fulwider, Ella Millis and Monta Kelso, graduate this year. But great as this loss will be to us, we do not fear for next year, as there are still strong girls left, and all work harmoniously together.

I. U. still holds the championship in baseball. We have played and won six games in the I. I. A. A. We have two games with Northwestern University this week, but we are not sure of winning. The faculty senior game is to be played next Friday. It promises to be one of the most amusing events of the year.

Now at the close of the year, we wish all Kappas a happy vacation. We hope you who go back to your chapters may be filled with new life, and that you who do not go back, may not forget the chapter. We wish you all success.

#### IOTA.—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Since we last greeted you through THE KEY, we have been having some very interesting meetings.

Each of the classes has taken an evening to entertain the chapter.

Miss Minetta Taylor, whom you will remember as the first editor of THE KEY, favored us with a very instructive paper on Altruism, one evening a few weeks ago.

Lilian Cline, '95, who has been teaching in the Indianapolis schools since Christmas, made her chapter a short visit last week.

In addition to the President's usual reception to the seniors, the juniors and sophomores have entertained them.

Drives are taking the place of the spring parties to a great extent this year.

A number of representatives from each of the sororities appeared in chapel within the last month, wearing badges representing the "Rattle and Jaw bone Club" recently organized by the seniors.

The Junior Annual is before the eyes of the public for criticism, and it is generally pronounced to be the best one ever published here.

Minnie Montrose Beem, '89-'90, was married Jan. 9, 1895, to E. Robt. Jarring,  $\Phi. K. \Psi.$ , '91. Mr. Jarring is pastor of the First Methodist church of W. Indianapolis, Ind.

Jella Ward, '91, was married May, '95, to the Rev. Worth Tippy,  $\Delta. K. E.$

Eleanor F. Wright, '89-'91, after travelling in Norway, Switzerland, Italy and Germany, spent six months in Stockholm, Sweden, studying wood-carving and gymnastics. Before returning home she will visit France, Belgium, Holland and England.

#### MU—BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

Mu sends greetings to her sister chapters.

The last term of our school year is closing. It has been a prosperous one for both college and fraternity. We have to present to our sisters our new pledglings, Annie Butler, Helen Brouse and Effie Blount, and our new sister Emma Stradling, '97. In another week Anna Williams and Bess Campbell, '99, will also be loyal wearers of the key. It has been our custom for years to initiate, at the end of the year, after all examinations are passed, those girls whom we have pledged during the year and who are just entering college proper from the preparatory department.

This has been a busy term at Butler, in a social way especially. The Delta Tau Deltas entertained their friends at a delightful reception given at their new hall; the Phi Delta Thetas gave a charming party at the home of Mr. Hilton Brown, and a few days ago the Sigma Chis dedicated their new tennis court on the campus with a lawn party. The Alpha Phi Psis, our sister fraternity, gave a most enjoyable party to all the fraternities in Butler, and on the 23 we gave our annual party at the home of the Misses Johnson. The house was beautifully decorated with roses, ferns, and carnations. About one hundred were present.

A number of honors have been recently conferred upon us. In the preparatory contest, out of nine speakers the third place was awarded to Anne Butler; in the sophomore oratorical contest, Emma Stradling won third place; in the sophomore class orations Emma Stradling won the second prize, while Lenore Barnhill took the first prize in the junior class orations.

We, as a fraternity, feel that we have accomplished much this term. We regret to lose seven of our strongest girls this year, but we feel we send them out into the world capable of fighting life's battles, strengthened by words of love and encouragement, and we others who are left behind for a little while, part with the expectation and hope of meeting again in September, ready to do much more and be more earnest in our loyalty to Kappa Kappa Gamma.

ETA—WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY.

Eta has had so many happy times this term that I scarcely know where to begin to tell you about them.

But what is nearest and dearest to us is that since the last news letter Francis Holcomb, who was pledged for some time, has been initiated into Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Jennie Ogilvie is pledged. Next fall we hope to add several others to our class of '99 who are as enthusiastic and earnest Kappas as our present representatives.

Our annual party was given May 17 at Odd Fellow's Hall. We had the pleasure of being chaperoned by Mrs. Brandenburg, one of our *alumnæ*.

There have been two military parties and the senior party this term, and we enjoyed them very much.

Saturday, June 1, we had a Kappa picnic at Elmside, nearly all our girls were there and we had a most delightful time.

We hope to have several more good times together in the few weeks which are left of this happy school year before we separate for the summer.

We lose six girls at commencement this year and we are sad indeed when we think of it, but we rejoice that we have the strong bond of Kappa to keep us united in spirit.

Eta sends best wishes to all.

#### BETA THETA—CHICAGO ASSOCIATE CHAPTER.

The past three months have gone so quickly that before we realize it summer and commencement time are upon us. Although these warm days which have visited our city by the lake have almost taken from us all ambition and energy, still our enthusiasm and love for Kappa Kappa Gamma are as strong as ever, and our pride is awakened as we hear reports of honors received by our sisters during this season of college commencements.

At our last meeting, held in March, we decided to make different plans for the coming year. We had found that to meet once a month was more than we all could do; so now we are to meet every three months instead, and besides attending to necessary business we are to enjoy a luncheon together. In this way we hope to come as near to each other and know each other as well as members of active chapters are privileged to do.

The long, bright summer is with us once more, and we wish for all sisters the happiest of days,—and for those who are through with college days,—success in the life before them.

#### UPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Upsilon's girls are again busy with final examinations, and the festivities of Commencement week are close at hand. Of course, as we think of our four graduates, the old question arises at once, "What shall we ever do without them next year?" And as usual, it remains unanswered.

The Junior Exhibition, a play entitled, *Esmeralda*, was given early in the term with a Kappa in the leading role.

The *Syllabus*, our college annual has made its appearance and has surpassed even the highest expectations.

We are still glorying in our great victory over Ann Arbor in

the debate between representatives from that university and our own. Although we had but two men against their three, we won the day.

The Germania Maennerchor of Chicago has again paid us a visit and given us a musical evening, while the members of the German department of our university have been royally entertained at the beautiful Germania club house in Chicago.

The Annie May Swift Hall, the new building of the School of Oratory was dedicated the 16th of May with impressive ceremonies. We are very proud of it, for it is the only building of its kind in the country.

Our annual reception was given May 17 at the Avenue House in Evanston. The rooms were prettily decorated with flowers and palms, while the owl held a prominent position. Music was furnished by Tomaso's orchestra and dancing was the chief pastime of the evening.

At the annual reception of Beta Theta Pi, and the boat-ride and picnic of Delta Upsilon this term, Kappa was well represented and both affairs, according to all reports, were very delightful.

As yet but few announcements of honors and prizes have been made, but we have already learned that two of the four women elected here to Phi Beta Kappa, are Kappas.

Northwestern is soon to be honored by a visit from Gov. McKinley of Ohio, who delivers the address before the Alumni Association this year.

Our Commencement exercises will be held June 13, at the Auditorium in Chicago.

Upsilon sends her best wishes for a pleasant summer to all her Kappa sisters.

#### EPSILON—ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Another college year almost passed !

June, in school life, is the month of good-byes. It is with a feeling of sadness that we realize that commencement time is at hand, knowing as we do that next fall will no doubt find some Kappa's place vacant. Epsilon loses only one girl by graduation this year, Ethel Hopson.

Epsilon has been working and working hard this term, and now, with examinations staring us in the face, let us not forget the good times we have had together.

On Friday, May 24, we drove to Twin Grove—a delightful picnic ground a few miles out of the city—and spent a pleasant afternoon, enjoying ourselves as only Kappas can. On May 9 the home of Leona Miller was the scene of Kappa festivity. The evening's entertainment was a one act comedy entitled, "Who's to Win Him." After the comedy the merry music of dancing feet began and lasted far into the night. The decorations were fleur-de-lis.

Irene Bassett, '96, has been rechosen as a member of the editorial staff of the *Argus*.

Epsilon enjoyed a visit from Lydia Hammond, '93, in May.

Wishing each and every Kappa a pleasant summer, we hasten to that ever pleasant duty—examinations.

#### DELTA PROVINCE.

##### CHI—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

The Chi girls are at present very busy finishing up their work and getting ready for the summer vacation. But we have not always been in this rushed condition, as you will see when I tell you of all the pleasant times we have had this last term.

Our festivities began with our banquet, April 21. The Brewer girls kindly offered us their home, and we spent a most delightful evening with our alumnae and realized more than ever that loyalty to Kappa does not end with university life.

Chi's birthday was not forgotten and we received many pretty presents from alumnae who could not be with us.

On the 29th we gave a dancing party to our men friends at the home of the Misses McDonald, and we only hope that our guests had as good a time as we did.

Two of the seniors, Mary Brewer and Nannie Holbrook won honor for themselves and the fraternity by doing well in a play given by the senior girls of the university.

O, our seniors, to think that they will not be with us next year! If you knew them you would be proud of them as we are and think that you had never had such fine seniors before.

The Delta Gammas held a convention here this month and we met a great many lovely girls and quite envied them the opportunity of meeting girls from other chapters. We will get acquainted with a few this summer when the Grand Council comes, and we are looking forward to it with the greatest of pleasure. We expect them about the middle of June and plan to have a jolly time if they are not too busy.

With much love from Chi, good bye until next fall.

BETA ZETA—IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

One of our three seniors, Theresa Peet, has been out of school all the spring term, but has now returned to graduate. The two others who graduate this June are Camille Most and Rose Henderson.

Annabel Collins, '94, visited us during the first part of the term, and during her stay, Miss Chase invited us to her rooms for an informal musicale, at which a few of our friends were present.

On Saturday, May 18th, we initiated Ida Elizabeth Kriechbaum, '98, at the fraternity rooms, and followed the initiation by a spread.

Saturday, April 20th, Delta Gamma received us at her rooms. On the previous Saturday she had received Pi Beta Phi.

May 1st our girls gave a reception to the other fraternities, the faculty and other friends at the home of Professor Currier. Although it poured all afternoon and at intervals through the evening, the rooms were crowded and every-one reported a jolly time.

May 24th Pi Beta Phi received the fraternities and faculties at the home of Judge Ball, where we all had a delightful time.

Saturday, May 26, Mrs. Macbride, the wife of our professor of botany, received the university girls at her beautiful home in the eastern part of the city.

Saturday, June 1st, Mrs. Sawyer gave a lawn party to her Kappa sisters and their friends at her residence on College Hill. The lawn was beautifully cool and shady, and a number of people drove or strolled past, to see the pretty picture made by the girls and their attendant cavaliers.

We have been very much excited over athletics this spring. Our ball team made a week's trip, which was quite successful. They beat Northwestern, but were badly beaten by Chicago.

They beat Grinnell fifteen to five on our grounds, and were terribly beaten by Michigan, though, of course, we expected that. Saturday, May 25th, we beat Nebraska, five to four, in a game of fourteen innings.

S. U. I. is justly proud of her sprinter, John V. Crum, who came off victorious in the one hundred and one hundred and twenty yard dashes at the Mott Haven games, and won fourth place for us.

We are beginning to realize now that life is not all play, for the schedules for examinations are out and every one is beginning to study a little harder.

We have decided to give up our fraternity room at the end of the year and next year will probably do without, as we cannot find any to suit us.

#### THETA—MISSOURI UNIVERSITY.

Ere this, our final letter for this year, shall have reached its destination, Theta girls will be scattered far and wide.

This has been the most prosperous year the University has ever known, and we look forward to an auspicious future, for with the new buildings of the University there has come a new spirit which promises to do as much in five years as the old did in fifty. We expect next year to be a glorious dawn for Theta as there is great prospect of an increased number of girls. Three of the most desirable rooms in the main building have been assigned to the girls. The Kappas especially feel at home as the design of the carpet has our much beloved fleur-de-lis in it.

Commencement this year marks a most eventful era in the history of the University, as the main University building, including the chapel and library, will be dedicated—and then the University will stand fully recovered from the great fire. In the near future it will take its proper place among the universities of our land; the state that is fifth in the union and first in public school endowments will not be lacking a university worthy of her.

The following is the commencement programme:

June 1, 8 p. m.—Stephens Medal Contest. June 2, 11 a. m.—Baccalaureate sermon, Right Rev. Hugh Miller Thompson, S. T. D., D. C. L., LL. D., Bishop of Mississippi. June 3, 10 a. m.—Academic Class; 3 p. m., Law Class; 8 p. m., Address before alumni,

John H. Duncan, M.D., St. Louis. June 4, 10 a. m.—Dedication of buildings; Address by James B. Angell, LL.D., President of the University of Michigan; 8 p. m., Address before the University, Right Rev. John J. Keane, D.D., Washington, D. C., Rector of the Catholic University. June 5, 10 a. m.—Commencement exercises.

For some years past it has been the custom for the three leading fraternities,  $\Phi. \Delta. \Theta.$ ,  $B. \Theta. \Pi.$  and  $\Sigma. N.$  to close the year's work by each giving a commencement ball.

The young women of the University have given a Shakespearean contest this year. It was their first attempt in this line, but it proved to be a great success.

The year's work is over, and we are all looking forward to a pleasant vacation, and we wish that it may be the lot of all our Kappa sisters.

#### Ω—KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

Omega again takes pleasure in introducing two "pledgelings," Alice Smith and Gertrude Elmore. With the addition of these two girls, the number of girls taken into her fraternity this year has increased to 13, an unlucky number, but to us it seems one of extraordinary good fortune only.

In March, there was a Pronouncing Contest, in which the four classes of the collegiate department of K. U. took part. Don Bowersock received second place and won two Vols. of "Paul and Virginia." The first prize was Webster's Unabridged Dictionary. In May, Abbie Noyes received first place for piano solo at the Kansas musical contest held in Hutchinson. The prize was \$50.00. Besides this, she will be given a year's tuition in music under Professor Seebrook, of Chicago.

May Day eve, the Kappas gave their annual reception and dance. A new departure in keeping party hours was inaugurated. The music began at 8:15 and stopped promptly at 12:30. This proceeding met with the favor of the faculty, for on May 7, we received formal notice thanking us for the action we had taken.

Miss Ora Murray, a Kappa from Mu chapter attended the party.

Another Kappa is in Lawrence. Mrs. Sommerville, wife of Rev. Mr. Sommerville, is a Kappa from Beta Tau.

On May 16, Laura O'Bryan was married to Mr. John Kilworth. Mr. and Mrs. Kilworth left immediately for the east. June 1, they sail for Europe where they will spend the next six or seven months sight seeing in England, France, Germany, Switzerland and Italy.

May 30 was another of our gala days. On this day we had a spread for Maggie Sweeney, Abbie Noyes, Lillie Freeman, Daisy Orton and Annie Banks, who graduate this term. The spread was served on the Bowersock pavilion, and after refreshments, toasts were in order. Gertrude Leverett toasted "Our Girls," Cora Kimball, "The Fleur-de-lis;" Annie Banks, "The Sun Flower;" Daisy Starr, "Omega Girls;" Alice Smith, "The Approaching Goat;" and Virginia Spencer, "Far-away Kappas."

Commencement is nearly over. June 2 Rev. Willard Scott, of Chicago, delivered the Baccalaureate Address; June 3, Rev. Harper, of Chicago, the Annual University Address. This morning Hon. John J. Ingalls addressed the graduates of the Law Department. Gov. Morrill is expected to attend the closing Commencement exercises to-morrow. There graduate this year 145 students from the various departments of K. U.

A great many of our girls have gone home for the summer.

Mabel Wilson has gone to spend the summer in California.

Gertrude Spaulding is going to Chicago.

Virginia Spencer is going to Germany to complete her German studies.

Omega is more than half sorry, and a little glad that the summer vacation is here. Sorry because her girls will become separated for the next three months; glad because of the needed rest and the return of almost all her girls.

#### BETA ETA—LELAND STANFORD JR. UNIVERSITY.

What shall we do without our seniors? This little question has been worrying us for some time past, and it forces itself upon us still more, now that Commencement week is upon us. We shall indeed miss our charter members, but they have given us a good training and with an occasional visit from them, we hope for prosperity next year.

Our chapter work, along literary lines, has not been very satisfactory for the past two months. It seems as if we had accomplished very little, for so many meetings had to be devoted to business, in order to prepare for our annual party and the Commencement festivities, still, Miss Holbrook has given us some interesting talks on Hull House, where she has spent some time. Then, too, how we did study for that examination! and how anxious we are to see how our papers compare with those from the other chapters.

Of our debate with the University of California, we have little to say. This has been our first defeat in the literary line, and we hope for victory next time.

Until recently we have never had a regular cinder track, and our athletes have had to train under difficulties. This spring our team did very well in our meeting with Berkeley, and now we are in hopes that we too, will soon be strong enough to send a team East.

Beta Eta's annual party was given May 3rd, in a pretty little hall in Palo Alto. Our chapter has grown so large that we find our homes too small to accommodate our friends, and so we had to seek a hall. However, with our colors draped above a profusion of palms the place was transformed into a bower and our friends all declare that our party was a brilliant success.

Commencement week has had every moment filled and the "Pioneer" class has shown itself unique in many ways. Saturday, May 25th, Mrs. Stanford entertained the senior class and the faculty at her beautiful home in San Francisco, and a rarer treat could not have been desired. A special train took the guests to the city, and returned with them in time for a dance given by the girls of Roble in the evening.

Pinafore was given for the third time by the students last Monday morning for the benefit of the Hildebrand Library which the University hopes to be able to purchase.

Monday evening the Senior Ball was given in the boy's gymnasium. The Junior Hop had been declared the most brilliant affair ever given in the University, but the Seniors equalled it in every way perhaps because Kappas served on both committees.

Tuesday evening an illustrated promenade concert was given in our quadrangle. A more perfect evening could not have been

desired. Japanese lanterns adorned the corridors, while within six of the entrances to the quadrangle the women's fraternities and other societies had their booths, or head-quarters; these were enclosed and made to look very home like, with their easy chairs and cosy corners. There we were at home to all our friends, and served refreshments throughout the evening.

We have always felt so far away from our Eastern sisters, but this spring we have been more closely united to them than ever before. Several Eastern Kappas have paid us short visits and we have been delighted to welcome them. We are indeed happy that California's beautiful climate, if nothing else, can entice them to us.

Beta Eta sends best wishes to all her sisters for a most delightful vacation.

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### *In Memoriam.*

ANNIE CAROLINE INGHAM.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in His providence to take from us our sister, Annie Caroline Ingham, '89;

*Resolved, 1.* That in her death the fraternity has lost an earnest and enthusiastic member, and one who leaves behind her a place which can not be filled, both in her home and in the fraternity she loved so well.

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

MABEL V. ROOT,  
HARRIET K. BALLOU.

*Committee.*

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### *College and Fraternity Notes.*

Delta Delta Delta is rejoicing in three new chapters, Kappa, at the University of Nebraska ; Lambda, at Baker University, Baldwin, Kansas ; and Sigma at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. In addition, plans are maturing for the organization of an Alumnae Alliance at Chicago.—*Trident*.

The number of young women attending Cornell University has increased until the accommodations in Sage College, the women's dormitory, have become insufficient. The trustees recently decided to expend \$50,000 in enlarging the building and work upon the extension has already begun. The women's gymnasium is to be moved into the new portion and enlarged so as to accommodate a class of seventy-five at one time. The addition is to be completed by September first.

The sixty-third annual convention of Alpha Delta Phi closed May 18, at New York. According to the *Tribune*, twenty-one chapters were represented at this convention and applications for charters were received from Leland Stanford Jr. University, University of California, University of Chicago, University of Nebraska, McGill College, Montreal and the University of Wisconsin. The applications were laid aside for future consideration and action.

From 1854 to the time of the election of Dr. Seth Low to the office of president, the gifts of money to Columbia College amounted to only \$7,500 and in the next five years the gifts reached the enormous sum of \$5,000,000. It is now announced that President Low has himself made a gift of a new library building to the college and that the building will cost \$1,000,000. His gift is made in honor of his father, the late A. A. Low.

Dr. Low, at a meeting of the Board of Trustees, said that it was his desire that his gift should be made the means of extending college privileges to some of the boys and girls of his native city under conditions, calculated, as he believes, to be of service to the schools of Brooklyn, both public and private, in maintaining a high standard of efficiency. Accordingly twelve Brooklyn scholarships for boys have been established in Columbia College and twelve Brooklyn scholarships for girls are to be established in Barnard College. The

Brooklyn scholarships are to be awarded by competition to Brooklyn boys and girls prepared for college in any school in Brooklyn either public or private. They are to be offered three a year, beginning with the autumn of 1896, and each scholarship is to be held for the full college course of four years. The winner of a scholarship is to have the privilege of assigning the income of the scholarship to any other competitor while retaining for himself the honor of being known as a "Brooklyn scholar."—*New York Tribune*.

The regents of the University of Michigan have decided to establish a seventh department to be known as the School of Technology. Courses will be offered in civil, mining, mechanical and electrical engineering.—*Cornell Sun*.

Miss Grace Chisholm, a Girton College woman, who has been studying mathematics at Göttingen, has just received a doctor's degree from that university. The method by which she won it is described by the *New Budget* as follows :

"When, in Miss Chisholm's case, the moment arrived to make a final appeal to the generosity of Germany, it was judged advisable for her to do so in person. Shortly before Easter this year she therefore went to Berlin, where she lodged her plea with the Minister of Education. It would have been a dismal thing, indeed, had that plea been refused. But it was granted, and the other day the first woman to try her fate at Göttingen appeared before the conclave of examiners, who in solemn state and ceremonious evening dress occupied places at the bar of judgment, the table of the examination room, and underwent her ordeal. The result we know. It is a creditable one, to Germany, we think, as well as to Dr. Grace Chisholm, and indirectly, of course, but still most particularly to Girton and the four years of Cambridge tuition."

The famous senior societies at Yale still retain their unique method of electing new members.

If one has never seen this ceremony, it is very hard to appreciate the importance of it in the under graduate life. It is the most interesting of all the unique customs of unique Yale life. It would be absolutely impossible in any other community. It could not be originated, even on the Yale campus, in this day of realism ; but it persists and gains in vigor and importance as the

years go by. It begins at 5 o'clock on Thursday afternoon of Omega Lambda Chi week. It is carried on in sunshine or storm. Sunshine or storm, the university is out to see it, all undergraduate activities, athletic or social, being for the time suspended by unanimous consent. In an hour the greatest social honors of the course are announced, in ceremony most formal and mysterious. At its close there are glad hearts and sad hearts, after the manner of the world when honors are distributed.

The ceremony has grown more interesting and exciting with the great growth of Yale in the last few years. The number of candidates in the junior class has doubled. At 4:45 o'clock last Thursday afternoon (May 23) a thousand men, young and old, were crowded about the fence in front of Durfee Hall and in the windows of the dormitories adjoining. In the heart of the thick pack were the prominent juniors, wondering and waiting. About them were their friends, wondering and waiting. Here and there a speculative spirit was looking over his "lists" and arranging his last wager with another speculative spirit. Lusty young men were nervous and even pale with excitement.

As the chapel clock trailed its slow pointer to the hour, a rustling and craning of necks told the spectator that the ceremony had begun. If he watched the opening and closing of the crowd he saw that it was making way for a single man. This man was pale, showed no signs of recognizing any of his hundreds of friends, but stared into the faces of the great throng as he moved among them in and out. He was lost to sight in the very thick of the crowd, and a moment later a sharp slap was heard. That meant that "Tom" Dyer, of Scroll and Key, had found his man. A great shout followed the slap, and a clapping of hands. That meant that Norman Williams, of Chicago, the man whom Dyer, of "Keys," was following in silence to his room, was a very popular junior. His friends were glad that the famous society had shown its appreciation of his character. A moment later another slap, more applause, another silent pair leaving the crowd, showed that Skull and Bones had begun to offer its rewards. Anson Stokes, the chairman of "The Yale News," had been "struck" by Cable. An honor could not have been better deserved. The busy young sophomore with the lists in his hands would have told you that the slapping and applause

over in another corner meant that Wolf's Head, the youngest of the societies, was giving an election to Archbald, a highly rated junior. That was the beginning. It was not an unexpected one. A good deal of the rest of the afternoon's ceremony was not on any one person's programme.

About the first of these surprises the crowd was soon buzzing. If you had caught that same busy young sophomore again he would have told you the cause of the excitement, somewhat after this fashion :

"What's the matter? Why, didn't you see it? Trudeau refused Keys. George Adee hit him and told him to go to his room. Trudeau just shook his head. Then Adee said: 'I wish, as a personal favor, you'd go to your room,' and Trudeau replied, 'I'm sorry, George, but I can't.' Gee, but I never heard of a Keys refusal. Of course it's sure now he's going to Bones."

The last prediction was certain enough, and there was no time for watching that incident more. Trouble of a different kind was already on. Walter Hoyt, of Stamford, had always been put down as one of the surest men to receive an election to Scroll and Key. He had always said to his classmates that he wanted that honor above everything else, and his position in his class was so good that he seemed certain to get it. But while he was waiting nervously in the crowd, he felt a slap and turned to look into the face of a Bones man, Buckner. That wasn't what he wanted, and he stood still. The excitement, though, was too much for the strained nerves of young Hoyt, and a moment later he actually broke into tears. That shows how intense the feeling is at such a time. Not long after, Hoyt's friends gave him one of the most enthusiastic ovations of the day as he received the high honor to which he had aspired all through his course—an election to Scroll and Key.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

Absolute freedom in teaching has been so long associated with the German universities that few Americans have taken seriously the reports that the so called Umsturzvorlage, now before a committee of the Reichstag, has for one of its objects the limitation of *Lehrfreiheit*. Yet such is undoubtedly the case. Paragraph 130 of the bill contains a provision by which any person convicted of publicly attacking religion, the monarchy and the institutions of private property, marriage and the family, shall be liable to a

penalty of imprisonment for not more than two years, or a fine of not more than six hundred marks. But the language of the journals that are supporting the bill and that of the Social Democrats, who are rejoiced at this opportunity to aid their cause by making martyrs of the university professors, make it plain that an attack upon *Lehrfreiheit* is intended. It is urged, on the one hand, that it is hopeless to attempt to stem the tide of social revolution among the lower classes if the upper classes are to be taught at the universities that the existing social and political order is unjust and unjustifiable ; and on the other, that it is not logical to punish Socialist orators for proclaiming on the platform the very doctrines that the professors are systematically expounding in their lecture rooms. . . . Professor Paulsen of Berlin in an article that has attracted much attention, throws down the gauntlet to the friends of the bill, by pointing out that, from Wittenberg down, all the great revolutions of Germany have proceeded from the universities, that such a measure as is proposed will tend to hasten the very calamity that it is designed to prevent. The students are strongly supporting the professors and have recently made a formal demonstration in honor of those who have been attacked. The committee of sixteen having this bill in charge are listening to the most extraordinary propositions. It is publicly reported that a Catholic member of the committee soberly proposed an amendment to provide that any one who does not believe in the existence of God and the immortality of the soul shall be punished with two years imprisonment—*The Nation*.

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### *Editorial.*

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When we are conscious that our work is not as good as it should be and we wish to improve it, the first step is to find out what mistakes we have made and try to rectify them ; the next, to resolve never to make the same mistake twice. The rub is, to be perfectly sure that we *are* finding out our mistakes, to be quite certain that we are not partial to our weaknesses and unjust to our stronger points. Here it is that the unbiased criticism of our

friends can help us if we are willing to accept it. Seeing our work as others see it, particularly when they see it in an unfavorable light, is not a pleasant experience, but it is likely to be a very wholesome one.

When the present incumbent of the editorial chair received her first copy of *THE KEY*, soon after her initiation, the ardor which she felt in its possession was chilled to disappointment by the reading of the chapter letters, and as she grew older and came into more intimate relations with the magazine, that disappointment has been intensified. That hers is not an isolated experience is proved by the article on "Chapter Letters" in this number, where one of Omega's members strives to show her younger sisters what the most glaring faults in their chapter letters are, and to suggest some remedies for them. A candid expression of opinion is always interesting, and we recommend the Corresponding Secretaries to "read, mark, learn and inwardly digest" this one.

We have often wondered why some enthusiastic fraternity editor did not issue a pamphlet entitled "The Complete Chapter Letter Writer," in which he should inscribe a series of model chapter letters to be used before initiations, after initiations, before conventions, after conventions, during rushing season, on the graduation of seniors, on the reception of honors, etc., etc.; a pamphlet which should be issued at a reasonable price, and might be bought in large quantities by perplexed fraternity editors and placed in the hands of the Corresponding Secretaries.

Notwithstanding the manifest need of such a publication, it has never been issued; so it behooves us, while suggesting improvements in chapter letters, to promulgate one law—a law as immutable as that of the Medes and Persians,—write on one side of the paper only. It is not Salic in its nature. It applies alike to all writers of chapter letters. It has been repeated again and again by all sorts and conditions of editors. One who habitually reads fraternity magazines sees and hears it so often that the words gradually acquire a peculiar rhythm of their own, and he hears the syllables rise and fall: "Write on one side of the paper only—on one side of the paper only—one side of the paper only,"—so on and on almost to madness. But alas! for the frailty of human memories, how many times are those words disregarded! They must be said again and again until that happy time comes when the

characteristics acquired by one Corresponding Secretary during her term of office shall pass on with the office to her successor. We intend to say them again and again until they are acted upon. One-fourth of the chapter letters sent to the last KEY adorned both sides of the paper. We decided to view them as a means of grace and to copy them cheerfully, but we do not ask for a renewal of the experience, and we regard it as too high a price to pay for the acquirement of patience.

There are other details of arrangement, insignificant in themselves, which the Corresponding Secretaries might observe, and by so doing pluck many a thistle from the pathway of the Corresponding Editor; for instance, writing in the chapter and the name of the college at the top of the letter, or at least, leaving a space for them to be written in, *e. g.*, Chi—University of Minnesota; placing the personal notes about alumnæ at the end, so that they may be put in the Alumnæ Department, and giving more careful attention to the grouping of the incidents described in the letters.

But these are mere surface faults, after all. The real reason why our chapter letters are not what they should be lies deeper than this. It is because they do not fulfill their purpose. Their purpose is separately to represent each chapter, collectively to represent the fraternity as a whole. Can any one of us claim that they do this? Will any one say that she would be glad to give THE KEY to an outsider whose opinion she valued and have her fraternity judged by its chapter letters? We think not.

Every fraternity has its characteristics, and each chapter represents a type of those characteristics. Each college furnishes a different environment which serves to develop its students in a different way. If "we are what winds and waves and waters make us," Beta Eta's members must differ from Phi's members, and the Ann Arbor girl must see the world with different eyes from the Swarthmore girl. These facts alone should give the chapter letters individuality, and make them interesting and delightful reading. But they are not. Would not a little more time and thought on the part of the Corresponding Secretary make them so? If the chapters realized that the chapter letters are not read by Kappas exclusively, but find their way to every chapter of the other women's fraternities, and that it is largely by them that Kap-

pa Kappa Gamma is judged, would they not make an effort to have the letters more representative?

THE KEY is not the only magazine which contains poor chapter letters, but it is the only magazine for whose chapter letters Kappa Kappa Gammas are responsible.

“The way to resume is to resume.” The way to have good chapter letters is to write them. Will the Corresponding Secretaries please send letters with their Semi-Annual Reports for the October number?

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Again Kappa Kappa Gamma owes a debt of gratitude to the Intercollegiate Alumnae Association. Last year one of Omega's members won their fellowship, and news now comes from Boston that their Berlin scholarship has been awarded to a well-known Phi girl.

We are all proud in the honor conferred upon her and we all rejoice in her happiness, while it is good to reflect that the success of one of our fraternity gives rise to a thrill of pleasure which passes from Boston to San Francisco.

The best method we can employ of showing our appreciation of the honors conferred upon our sisters is to subscribe to the Association, as they are now wishing for funds to establish another fellowship. Even if no Kappa ever again receives their fellowship, we shall be passing the good work on by helping some girl to develop into a nobler womanhood, and thus we shall be getting even with the world.

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The power of a good example is apparent in the fact that Alpha Province has been encouraged by the success of the Beta and Gamma province conventions to hold her third province convention. The movement originated with Beta Beta who has hospitably offered to entertain all the delegates and visitors that may come and is now busily arranging a programme for the sessions which are to begin September 24.

The holding of three province conventions within one year is unprecedented in Kappa Gamma history and their results will be shown in the better knowledge of fraternity affairs which will facilitate the business of the next biennial convention.

If any of the chapters have duplicates of Volumes X and XI of THE KEY, will they please send them to THE KEY, 89 E. Buffalo St., Ithaca, N. Y.

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A word of explanation concerning Psi's article in the Parthenon is due to those chapters who have no rivals in their college, to whom pledge day is an unheard of thing and a Pan-Hellenic treaty an unknown quantity.

For some years it has been the custom at Cornell for delegates from the women's fraternities to meet together at a time appointed during the spring term and agree upon a day to be set aside in the autumn for the giving of invitations to join their fraternities. The delegates then sign the "Pan-Hellenic treaty" which binds their chapters to the arrangements they have made.

The day decided upon is called "bid day" and its date is known only to the members of the chapters. Before that time general fraternity talk may be indulged in but it is expected that nothing personal shall be said to the candidates. Last year an interval of some days was to elapse between "bid day" and "pledge day," the day when the candidate who had been asked might be pledged. This interval was designed to give each fraternity an opportunity to present its claims and to prevent the candidate from making a hasty choice.

There has been a tendency to make pledge-day later and later each year and the suggestion that it be postponed for an entire year, making exceptions in favor of sisters and special students, has many advocates. Some of the older and more experienced members of the fraternities feel that a year's postponement would insure each fraternity the accession of the girls best suited to it and would do away entirely with the unpleasant features of rushing. The societies at Wellesley have adopted this plan and it is reported to work admirably. Whether it be the best method or not can only be proved by experiment but the article was intended as a suggestion to other chapters where conditions are the same as at Cornell. The matter certainly deserves deliberate consideration.

*Exchanges.*

It is not often that the scissors and paste-pot are obliged to consider which of many good things is best. Usually the difficulty lies in finding anything of general interest ; but in the April number of *Kappa Alpha Theta* one must choose carefully, and omit with reluctance. An article on "Individual Responsibility—Alumnæ Loyalty" seems especially pertinent, and a portion of it is quoted. "Do you realize what our Fraternity is? Not only a social club where college girls may feel at home, losing the homesick longing when they have come to a strange place, and where they may "have a good time." Not a merely literary club where their college study may be made of mutual benefit. Not even just a meeting where girls may learn parliamentary rules and customs and practical business laws. It is all these but it is on a grander plan. It was formed for the purpose of helping young women to make the most of themselves in every way. It is a community in which each is to forget self in helping each other, become more refined, more cultivated, grander, truer, gentle-women. It only belongs in college life and with college girls. It draws them closer together, so that all may work in unity, and its influence goes on to wider fields as its members scatter over the land. I have had many pleasant experiences meeting those wearing our badge in railroad trains, in street cars, on the streets in strange cities, perfect strangers a moment before, kindly feeling friends ever after."

As a companion to this belongs a bit of the chapter letter from the University of California.

"Then followed a very interesting speech from Mrs. Comstock of Iota, who is paying California a visit. She talked to us about the advantages and disadvantages of sorority life. The two chief dangers besetting a chapter she pointed out to be—evils in rushing, and a seclusive, snobbish spirit towards outsiders. Considering a warm-hearted, widely-sympathetic girl, who made a great many friends and was influential, the speaker thought (if I remember rightly) that such a girl's range of power for good would be lessened by joining a sorority. Not lessened by any change in herself, but by decreasing her influence upon outsiders on account of their attitude or feeling toward her. The advantages named were many. Two of the leading ones are the over-

coming of selfishness, and the development of the social side of the nature, learning to meet and associate pleasantly with mankind, to extend a true friendship. Besides, there is the important knowledge and experience gained by intimate acquaintance with a number of characters, and for those who make the chapter house their home, learning to live peaceably and happily, day in and day out, for breakfast, lunch and dinner, with those who are in no way related to us."

The *Kappa Alpha Journal* contains some excellent advice concerning the *personnel* of chapter officers. Any fraternity who follows it will rapidly approach perfection; and though, of course, each one prides itself on having already attained that lofty place, still the advice will do to recommend to the others.

"In view of the early approach of the date for the annual election of chapter officers, a few casual suggestions, based upon experience and general observation are offered. The paramount point of consideration is, of course, as to what member of the chapter possesses in the most pronounced degree those qualities of pre-eminence that go to constitute the role of a 'leader.' No matter how ideally congenial a chapter's composite may be or how individually brilliant its membership, unless its guiding hand is competent its utility will be seriously impaired or even totally destroyed. A ship's crew may be as harmonious and subordinate as possible, but if its captain is incompetent it is apt to run aground at any moment. This immediately suggests the point as to what requisites such an one should possess. There is no denying the fact that the example set by the guiding genius of any body is always closely imitated; he occupies a much more influential position than is ordinarily supposed. Therefore let him be a man whose influence with the chapter as a whole is pronounced, and above all, wholesome, and who possesses as much as possible executive ability combined with an ordinary knowledge of parliamentary ruling and the talent of commanding deference. We would lay special emphasis on the word wholesome—not intending to convey any ultra-ecclesiastic idea—but in its strict moral sense. The writer recalls instances of chapters being presided over by men prominently endowed with every qualification for leadership, with this sole exception, and has seen utter insubordination result. Therefore, let this point be observed.

Looseness of methods and unguarded example frequently produce similar results.

Another office that requires a man "born for the place," and which is only less important than the one above indicated is Chapter Secretary. He is to the fraternity at large what officer (I) is to the chapter individually. Upon his shoulders rests the responsibility of the chapter's general reputation. A chapter that is indifferently represented in the *Journal* immediately becomes to be held in the eyes of the general order as below the standard and its reputation wanes proportionately. With these two places capably filled, no chapter need fear for the successful management of its affairs, for by virtue of office they will exercise a direct supervision of the chapter's entire workings. In selecting a C. S. choose primarily a man with a pronounced weakness toward letter writing, combined, if possible, with an inclination toward promptness."

*The Trident* has entered the field of general literature and, though Tri Delta doubtless knows what she wishes to make her magazine, yet the change seems a pity. Stories and essays, however interesting they may be in themselves, lie beyond the fraternity province pure and simple; and so the policy brings especial regret to the exchange editor, since they contain nothing which can be quoted. One article, however, on "Fraternity Work," seriously discusses the best method of keeping alumnae in sympathy with the chapter, and solves the problem by arranging the programs for meetings a year in advance. The advantages, as conceived by the writer, are as follows:

(1). We should have a programme as perfect as a complete chapter and a year's work in concert could make it, two conditions that would not again present themselves for an entire twelvemonth.

(2). Our "teacher without experience" would feel in touch with the active members through the common bond she helped to forge. She would know the work of the chapter.

(3). Our seniors might be assigned certain places on the programme which they would feel in duty bound to fill in the days to come, however far the flight of their yet untried wings might carry them. They would thus become an integral part of the chapter and would realize that their help perhaps was needed."

It will interest the members of Kappa Kappa Gamma, who

have so much enjoyed the recent examinations, to hear that they are not the only ones favored in that respect. *The Arrow* contains a report of the second examination of Pi Beta Phi ; and judging from its tone, one would imagine that the fraternity has a natural affinity for such intellectual struggles. They seem to look upon them as recreation. We quote the opening sentences of the report :

“The first examination was conducted with more or less apprehension regarding the outcome, but happy were the results. This year has emphasized the importance of this work and the benefit to be derived from it.

It is well for our Grand Council to know that the active members are more or less familiar with our general management and that they are prepared to answer intelligently any queries propounded them by professors or others interested in our welfare. It is well for our active members to realize that their chapter is but a factor of the organization and that their interests should be national as well as local.

It cannot be other than gratifying to you to know how readily the members have grasped the importance of these examinations and how willingly and cheerfully they have undertaken the necessary study. Nearly half of the two hundred and thirty-eight papers received were marked excellent and only twenty-four were less than very good.”

The April number of *Anchora* is chiefly devoted to advice concerning convention. It is too late to wish Delta Gamma success at Minneapolis, but congratulations on having attained it may be offered instead. Amid the discussions of delegates and their duties, the editor finds space for a little “preachment” concerning the kind of matter which is suitable for publication. The conservatism of *Anchora* on this subject makes the article of value to others than Delta Gammas.

“The editor often receives contributions well written upon such subjects as the “Pantheism of Robert Browning” or “An Excursion through the Yellowstone Park,” and her invariable custom has been to lay these articles aside, and print instead those papers which treated of subjects of fraternity interests, even although the latter may not have been as carefully prepared or as well composed as the former. This because she does not consider *Anchora* to be in any sense a literary publication, and although

the paper on Browning may have been a prize essay and an excellent piece of work for a college senior, it cannot be expected to have the merit and interest that articles upon similar subjects, written by our ablest and most scholarly authors for the *Nineteenth Century* and *Forum* possesses, and as the latter are accessible to all readers of *Anchora* we feel that it is better not to infringe upon their domain, but to devote *Anchora* strictly to fraternity and educational matters. This narrows her field, of course, and perhaps some of our readers feel that the fraternity journal should encourage the literary efforts of her supporters, and be a medium through which they might express themselves and thereby gain confidence and experience for wider flights. But *Anchora* really reaches no larger an audience than do the college literary societies and papers, and these are the proper arena for the exhibition of our incipient *litterateurs*. Anything upon college or fraternity matters, upon woman's work in any field, is gladly welcomed to our pages. Other subjects, in our opinion, may better be discussed elsewhere."

*The Record* is, on the whole, a convention number; even the articles professedly on other subjects partake of the general tone of jubilation and modest self-respect which characterizes such gatherings. The position of the fraternity concerning dead chapters is defined, and whether or not we agree with Sigma Alpha Epsilon, her opinion is interesting enough to quote:

"We have heard in times gone by, and indeed are constantly hearing a vast amount of talk about 'dead-chapter lists.' Those making use of this expression mean thereby an enumeration of certain chapters, once active, that have now, for one reason or another, ceased to exist. It is more commonly used by outsiders in criticising the standing or policy of some rival, and it has in this way become exceedingly hateful—so hateful, indeed, that most, if not all, fraternities are mortally afraid of adding another chapter to their own particular list of dead. So terrified have they all become at the thought of death in their midst, that they of late with one accord, preferred carrying along two or three chapters of no earthly value rather than run the risk of criticism at the hands of rivals.

This attitude is foolish in the extreme, and in the future, the pruning knife should be used whenever it is necessary. Any fraternity can far better stand the occasional loss of a single

chapter than the continued drag of those few chapters that bring nothing but discredit to the organization of which they are a part. By this we would not be understood as wishing to threaten the existence of a chapter merely because it is weak, but we do mean that whatever and whenever a chapter persistently neglects its duties, its charter should be promptly withdrawn, and that too, regardless of the reputation of the institution in which it may be located."

The May number of *The Palm* is especially rich in poetry. We quote a few stanzas from two of these productions; the first, because it is rather pretty, even if not altogether original, and the second—well, for obvious reasons.

" We leave behind the numerous joys  
Of student life and college days;  
We sing no more the merry lays  
That marked the tasks of college boys;

We go to other scenes than these,  
And all the passion-shaded days  
Will linger like a mellow haze  
Of twilight on the purple seas;

The birds will chant in campus trees  
In other days their matin song,  
Their vesper hymn will float along  
In mellow murmur thro' the breeze;

But we shall only see the haze  
Of years that stretch themselves behind,  
And in the second youth of mind  
We'll prattle of our college days.

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Those eyes are dim, but oh! her smile,  
Age may not touch, Time cannot sever!  
And when she smiles on me I know  
I love her more than ever."

*The Shield* informs us that Theta Delta Chi is to have a new catalogue, which will be published in connection with the magazine. The latter has recently been in difficulties, seemingly from lack of support from the fraternity, and we note with pleasure that it will be continued under its present able management.

