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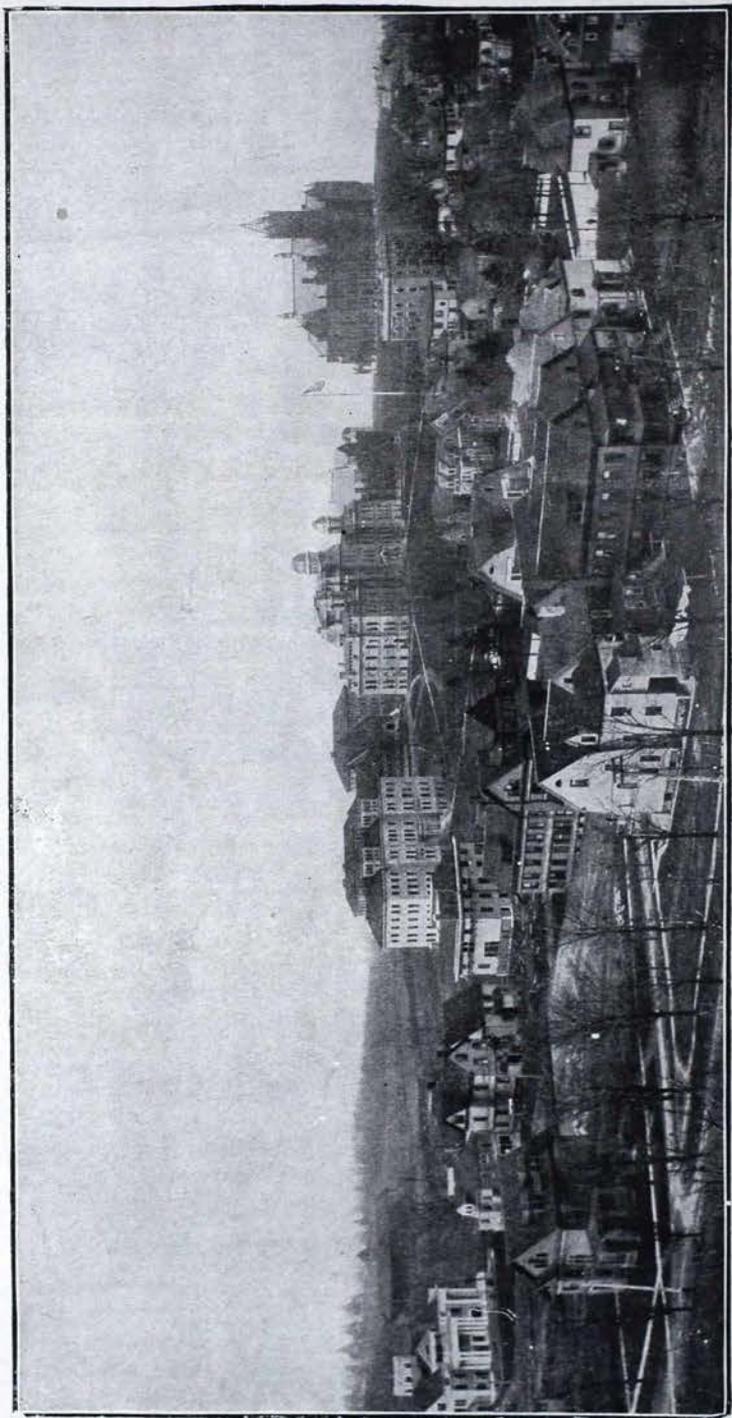
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SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

LOCATED near the central part of the Empire State is the city of Syracuse, noted for two very refreshing and invigorating agencies, salt and the University of Syracuse, the one accomplishing for the intellectual supremacy what the other does for the physical regeneration. However, there is one difference between the two. The production of salt has rather declined than increased of late years, while Syracuse University has steadily flourished from the first.

Although it was an outgrowth of Genesee College, at Lima, N. Y., and Geneva Medical College, yet it really began its career over again when in 1871 it opened its doors in the city of Syracuse, as Syracuse University, with an enrollment of 41 students and a very few professors. The medical college was opened the following year, the college of fine arts in 1873, the college of law in 1895, and the college of applied science in 1901. During the last ten years it has advanced so rapidly that the enrollment has increased from 600 to 2,000 students, with a faculty of 170 professors and instructors.

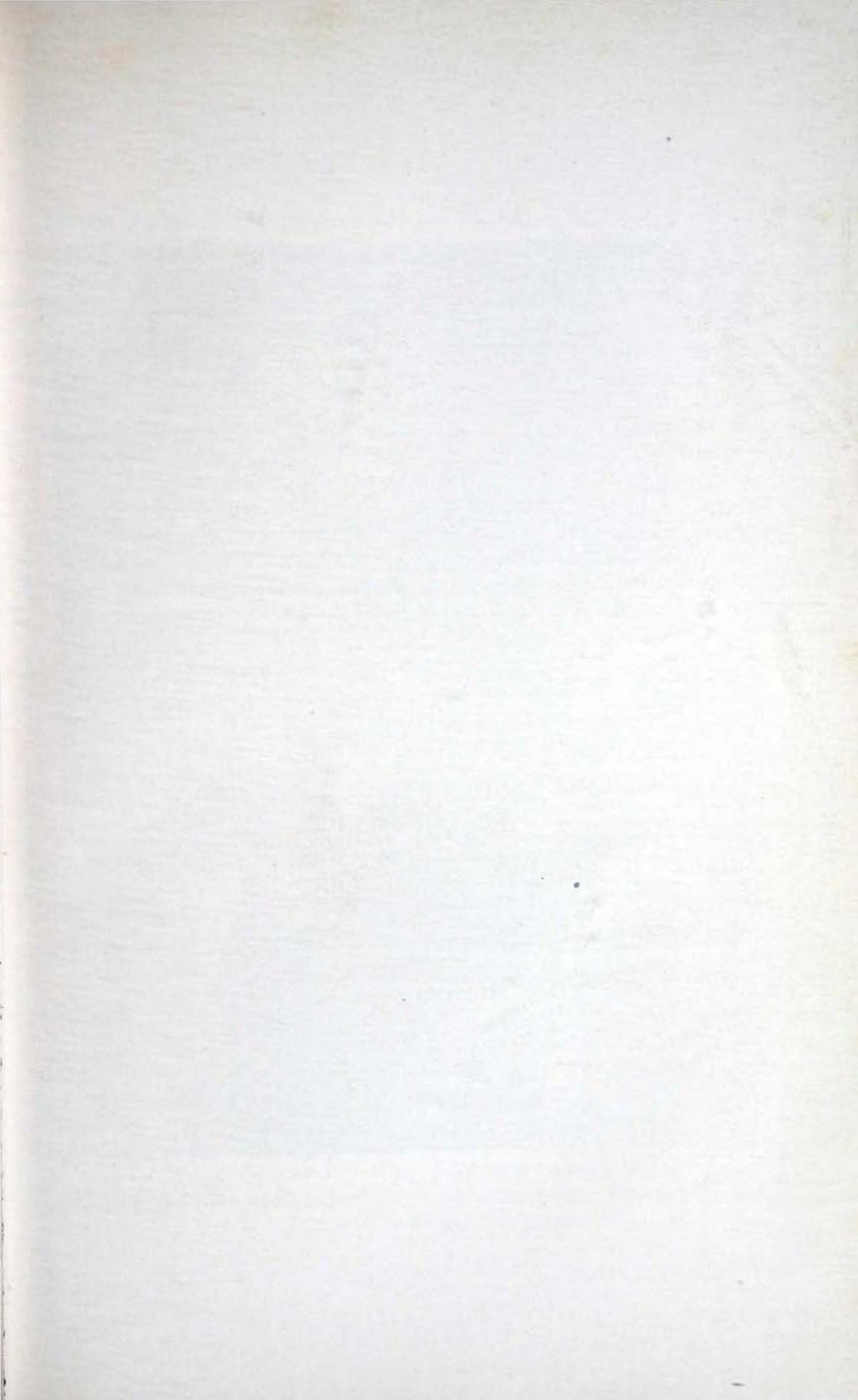
It consists of ten very substantial buildings, all (but medical and law colleges, which are down town) located most beautifully on a large undulating campus, upon heights overlooking the city and surrounding country. The view from this position is superb, including as it does Lake Onondaga, the city, and the vast panorama of the famed Onondaga Valley, with its beautiful perspective of sloping hills, fertile farms, meandering streams, and

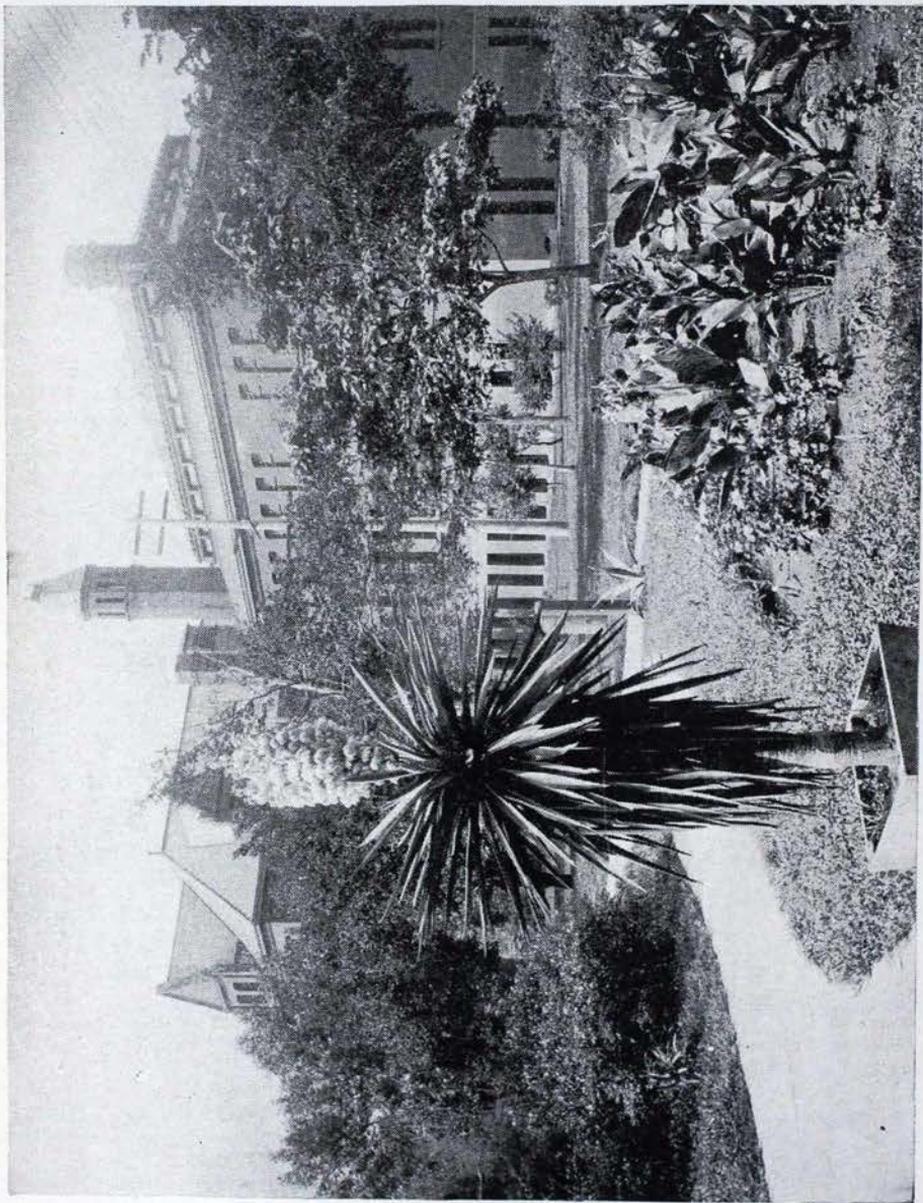
suburban homes, enlivened by gliding trolley cars. The Crouse College of Fine Arts is one of the most beautiful and imposing buildings of which any college can boast.

The salubrious climate of Syracuse, the many advantages a city affords, and the fact that so many conventions meet here are factors of gratification to the college authorities, as they furnish additional advantages to the investigating student. One would think, too, that we are in a land of poetry and romance, when he learns that our campus overlooks a genuine castle and that only six miles away is the Onondaga Indian Reservation. The castle is copied from one in Scotland, located right in the midst of the city, and now used for a classical school, the owner having died a dissipated beggar in Paris not long since. The Indian Reservation being so near, gives us an opportunity of observing and studying that old tribe of Indians to our heart's content. Their settlement consists of a village of about 300 persons, but we are disappointed to find that their houses, their churches, their dress, and their papooses have become quite modernized. Indeed so docile and unambitious do they appear that we do not have the least fear of blood-curdling war-whoops or of losing our scalps.

While life at Syracuse University resembles very much that at other institutions, it has a few characteristics peculiar to itself and its locality. One is the salting of the Freshmen, which occurs shortly after the opening of college in the fall. These fledglings line up on the campus and allow themselves for a while to be meekly pelted with bags of salt thrown by the wise sophomores. Then they form in a line and if they can march three times around Crouse College without breaking line while being pulled and hauled at in every conceivable way by the sophomores, then they have gained the day and are ready to vie with their opponents in a general rough and tumble melee in rolling each other down the hill on the campus. After this salty ordeal the freshman has vindicated his right to be a student of Syracuse and is ready for work of another kind.

Another characteristic event is moving-up day, which occurs in May. The seniors, donned in cap and gown, march into chapel and take the seats of the freshmen, who occupy the seats of the sophomores; the sophomores take the junior seats and the juniors have the senior seats. Appropriate speeches are made and after chapel a merry time is had by the lower classmen, some of whom





LIBRARY HALL.—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

personating in costume the professors or seniors, march around on the campus before the gathered multitude.

Most of the fraternities are represented at Syracuse, all of them having chapter houses and some owning them, the Alpha Phis claiming the honor of having been the first girl's fraternity in the United States to own its chapter house. The girl's fraternities are: Alpha Phi, Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta, Pi Beta Phi, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Gamma, and Phi Mu Epsilon, established in the order in which they are mentioned. Both Alpha Phi and Gamma Phi have their Alpha chapters here. The Kappas rent a very nice house built purposely for them and containing a very nice chapter hall.

Syracuse University is under the auspices of the Methodist Church, but so broad is its policy in that respect that you would never know it was denominational. Nearly every church has its representative on the faculty and there are students from every denomination, the Chancellor being very particular to encourage them to stand fast in their various faiths, and to invite those of every creed to attend the institution, which fact together with others equally propitious is leading us rapidly into the front ranks of great institutions.

Beta Tau.



THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

THE University of Nebraska was chartered on the fifteenth of February, 1869, when the Legislature passed a bill entitled "An act to establish the University of Nebraska." The Legislature of 1875 remodeled the laws governing education in the state, and the university was put under the control of the Board of Regents, consisting of six members, elected by the electors of the state at large, and whose terms of office last six years, two being chosen every two years. This mode of government still exists.

The university has been somewhat handicapped financially by the not always liberal appropriation of the Legislature. Being a state institution it is almost wholly dependent on these bi-ennial

appropriations for the carrying on of its work, as this goes mainly for buildings and equipment. Aside from that money coming directly from the Legislature, the university is supported by funds from a tax of one mill per dollar upon the grand assessment roll of the state, provided in 1899 for the support of the university; the income from land leases and sales of 90,000 acres, under the land grant act of Congress of 1862, for the benefit of the industrial college, and under the enabling act, reserving 72 sections of land for the State University, making a total of 136,080 acres; interest on the permanent fund investments; the money grant by the act of Congress in August, 1890, commonly known as the "Morrill Fund Act;" by the agricultural experiment station act of 1887, and the university cash fund, consisting of matriculation, incidentals and laboratory fees.

The university is a part of the public school system of the State of Nebraska. It is open to all men and women of the state, on the payment of the matriculation fee of five dollars, and to non-residents, on the payment of the semestral fee of ten dollars.

Instruction in the University of Nebraska is divided into the following colleges and schools: The graduate school, the college of literature, science and the arts, the industrial college, which includes the schools of agriculture, mechanic arts, domestic science and pre-medical course, the colleges of law and medicine, the school of fine arts, the affiliated school of music and the summer session. The degrees of doctor of philosophy, master of arts, bachelor of arts and bachelor of science are granted and certificates from the special collegiate courses in physical education, agriculture, domestic science, mechanic arts, the affiliated school of music, and the teachers' course.

The university grounds consist of the campus of four square blocks on which the university buildings are located, and the university experiment farm, of three hundred and twenty acres, located two and one-half miles from the campus. The first buildings on the campus were Main or University Hall which was dedicated in 1870, and which for several years was sufficient for the needs of the university, and the Chemical Laboratory, which was soon built, owing to the increased number of students, especially in the scientific branches. Following these came Nebraska Hall, Grant Memorial Hall, which contains the

armory and gymnasium, electrical and civil engineering shops, Library Hall, including a large well lighted art gallery, Mechanic Arts Hall, Observatory and Soldiers' Memorial Hall, a wing to Grant Hall, built in memory of those students of the University of Nebraska, who lost their lives in the Spanish-American war. It is now used as an auditorium and chapel, and holds a magnificent four thousand dollar pipe organ, used at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, and presented to the university by the alumni, but eventually this room will be the Woman's Gymnasium.

The Affiliated School of Music, located across the street from the campus, and under the direction of Professor Willard Kimball, was established in 1894. At the present meeting of the legislature a bill has been introduced, and it is thought will be passed, whereby the State will purchase the School of Music, and hereafter it will be under the direct supervision of the Board of Regents.

For some years a preparatory medical course has been offered, but last year the Omaha Medical College was purchased by the State and the University of Nebraska School of Medicine, located at Omaha, is now a part of the university, with Doctor Henry Baldwin Ward, head of the department of zoology as dean.

At the university farm practical instruction is given in all sorts of farm work, including agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry and pathology, and in dairying. The professors at the farm are doing much for the farmers throughout the State, by holding farmers' institutes, at which time new and improved methods are introduced. This indirectly aids the university, as it creates interest in the institution.

The growth of the university in the past fifteen years has been rapid. During the administrations of chancellors Canfield, MacLean and Andrews, the attendance has increased four-fold. The total registration in the year 1890-91 was 513; in 1901-2, 2,289, of which 1,324 were men, and 965 women. Up to the present time for the ensuing year the registration is 2,415, the proportion of men and women being about the same as last year.

The library of 51,000 volumes is accessible to all students as well as citizens of the state. Aside from the main library, there are eleven departmental libraries on the campus. The State Library, Lincoln City Library, and the State Historical Society Library may be used by the students.

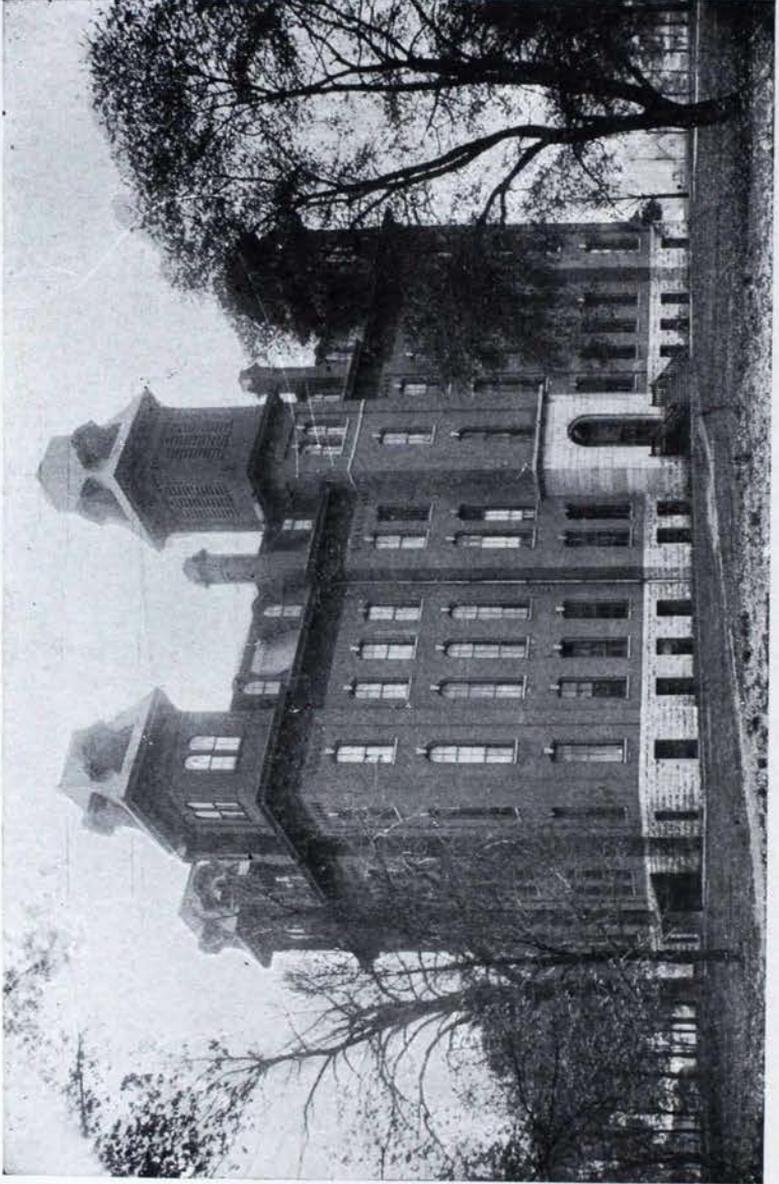
Prizes offered to students are few and are for debating and historical and scientific essays. Each department is entitled to one or more scholarships and fellowships. These range in money value from one hundred and fifty to five hundred dollars.

The students publish a daily paper—The "Nebraskan," and annually the "Sombrero" is published by the junior class, and the "Senior Class Book" by the senior class. Other publications are the University News-letter, University Studies, Graduate Bulletin, Students' Hand Book, and Botanical Seminar Publications.

Among the student organizations are Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations, three literary societies, Palladium, Delian, and Union. The Graduate Club, the English Club, Oratorical and debating associations, glee, mandolin and dramatic clubs, departmental societies, the honorary societies, Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi, and seventeen fraternities, of which six are women's—Delta Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta, Pi Beta Phi. Delta Delta Delta, Chi Omega and Kappa Kappa Gamma. Chapters of Omega Psi, Theta Nu Epsilon and the law fraternity Phi Delta Phi, also have chapters in the University of Nebraska. There is a growing tendency toward all chapters living in fraternity houses. As yet no chapter owns its own house, although all the men's and all but two of the women's rent houses.

Although the University of Nebraska can boast of no beautiful scenery about its campus, no lakes or streams, still it is a sturdy, growing Western institution, full of promise. With such a man at the head as our present chancellor, E. Benjamin Andrews, we are sure to be recognized as one of the largest and best of co-educational universities.

ADELLOYD WHITING, '00.



ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

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THIS institution is situated in Bloomington. The Illinois Wesleyan University is the product of Christian thought and culture. It owes its organization and growth to the earnest desire and persistent efforts of Christian men and women in central Illinois to maintain an institution for higher education in their midst. After some preliminary meetings, held by leading ministers and laymen, mainly of the Methodist Episcopal Church, an organization was effected and a formal constitution was adopted, December 18, 1850. An act of incorporation, formally placing the university under the patronage of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was passed by the state legislature and approved February 12th, 1853.

Its founders, anticipating large possibilities, made ample provision in its first organization for expansion in all legitimate lines, and the university has steadily increased in breadth and efficiency, until now it has, in addition to a variety of resident collegiate courses of study, prosperous departments in law, in music, in oratory and in non-resident and post graduate work. During the year past these various courses were being pursued by 1,407 students.

The Illinois Wesleyan University has been aggressive in its policy. It was the first educational institution of its grade to admit women to all its privileges on precisely the same terms as men. It was the first institution in this country to formally offer non-resident and post-graduate courses of study leading to literary degrees. Its requirements for these honors have always been selected with reference to thorough mental discipline and the highest type of culture, and its rules relating thereto, have been uniformly and rigidly enforced. Through these non-resident courses many persons in professional or business life have been induced to pursue systematic lines of study, and yet the work has been so carefully guarded, that the integrity of the degrees conferred has been fully maintained.

The Wesleyan is well equipped with chemical, physical and biological laboratories. A very extensive and well selected

museum, including many rare specimens in conchology, paleontology, geology, and natural history, is especially useful in securing accurate and exact knowledge in scientific research. An astronomical observatory, erected on the campus, affords ample illustration and practical application of the principles of the science of astronomy. The university library is of especial value in researches which extend beyond the ordinary text-book, and all students have access to the large and well selected city library free of charge.

The student organizations of the Wesleyan are in thriving condition. Among these may be mentioned, a flourishing debating association, which for five years has held an annual debate with Iowa Wesleyan, and which this year will debate a team from Ohio Wesleyan. A lecture course is also conducted by the students under the management of a Board of Control.

The athletic association arouses great enthusiasm in its various departments of base ball, foot ball and track events.

The Christian associations are very energetic and strong and are supporting missionaries in the foreign field. These associations are a great help in the social life of the university for they bring old and new students into closer relations. Both the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. are cozily situated in rooms of their own. The literary society is not lacking, and thorough and delightful work is done under its influence.

There are two national fraternities established in the Wesleyan, Phi Gamma Delta and Sigma Chi; one woman's fraternity, Kappa Kappa Gamma; one local men's fraternity, Theta Kappa Epsilon, which is the only fraternity that has a fraternity house. This year a new woman's local society has been formed, Beta Zeta Theta.

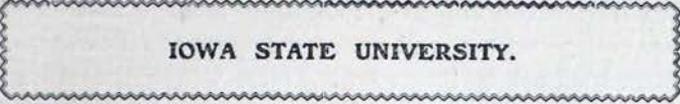
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LAW BUILDING.—UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.



VIEW OF CAMPUS.—UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.**

THE home of the State University of Iowa is Iowa City, a little western town whose quiet conservatism and devotion to higher interests of life remind one strongly of New England. It has too the natural surroundings necessary to a really enjoyable college town, a picturesque boating stream and a delightful well wooded hilly country.

University and town both had their beginnings with the organization of the Territory of Iowa in 1836. In May of this year the site was selected as one suitable for the capital of the new territory, and a busy little town sprang up as if by magic in frontier fashion. The early growth of the university was much slower, getting no further for many years than the usual appropriation of public lands made by Congress for all the younger states. Unfortunately the university was much crippled by the early sale of these lands and has had to depend for support almost entirely on appropriations from the Legislature, which for many years were meagre enough. Its organization dates from 1847, but though it was under the government of trustees and classes are known to have been held part of the time, its real beginning was in 1857, when Amos Dean, of the Albany Law School, was asked to organize the school. In this year a catalogue was published showing seven professors and 124 students, all but nineteen of whom were enrolled in the normal and preparatory departments.

The university occupied for some time a building rented from the town, but when in 1857 Des Moines, a more centrally located city was chosen as capital, the state's property at Iowa City was given to the infant school. But not till 1859 did it begin to occupy the old state capitol, a stately building of simple and beautiful Doric lines, which is endeared to thousands of alumni as the center of university life. So the school had barely begun its existence when 124 young men left it to serve their country during the civil war. This nearly broke up the school; after the war, however, it began a steady growth which has firmly established the present institution of which the state is justly so proud. The professional schools, beginning with the law school in 1868,

and the medical in 1870, have been added from time to time, till we have now seven colleges, including a large and flourishing graduate college with a well-guarded system of fellowships. The agricultural school is located at Ames, where the state has a second large school having a college and several technical schools. This fact has hindered the growth of both institutions in the past, but both are now liberally supported. The university has a one-fifth mill building tax yielding \$55,000 annually, beside very generous appropriations by the Legislature.

It has suffered several large losses from fire in the past five years, which have, however, been so well met that it has really gained by them. In 1897 the library was burned, a disaster from which it has entirely recovered. In 1901 the medical building and an ancient and decrepit recitation hall were destroyed by one fire. The latter has never been missed, for a magnificent new home for the college of liberal arts was all but completed; while the loss of the medical building called the attention of the state to the really great need of that college, and next fall they will leave their temporary quarters for two very fine buildings located near the hospital.

The original campus of the University of Iowa, a pretty little park overlooking the Iowa River in the rear, is nearly covered with buildings, and three large buildings are located in a tiny park a block east. The regents own a large part of the intervening block and hope to connect the two campuses before long. They have plans looking to the larger growth of the university which include the acquisition of some seventy acres adjacent to the campus and numerous buildings which will meet the needs of the constantly growing student body.

MARY BARRETT.



Alumnae Department

Boston Alumnae Association.

The year is passing very pleasantly for the Boston Alumnae Association. We are fortunate in having for our president this year, Mrs. Bertha Richmond Chevalier, whose large experience and interest in fraternity work is most helpful to us.

Although our association does not limit its membership to the alumnae of any one chapter and is glad to welcome all Kappas residing in or near Boston, it is, with but few exceptions, composed of Phi alumnae, and the active chapter has most kindly given us the use of their rooms for our meetings. Since October a meeting has been held on the third Friday of each month, and with the exception of the December meeting, which was wholly devoted to business, an especial program has been prepared for each meeting, followed by a spread and social time. The October meeting was given up to a talk on the last convention. In November Mrs. Bertha Tolman gave a demonstrative lecture on the chafing dish, and in January the association was delightfully entertained with reading by Miss Sara Cone Bryant.

The Boston Association sends best wishes to all the other associations and chapters of K K F.

ALICE QUIRIN, *Sec'y.*

New York Alumnae Association.

Since our last letter to the KEY we have had four meetings—on March 29th, April 26th, November 29th, 1902, and January 31st, 1903. At the meeting of April 26th, we elected the following officers: President, Miss Evelyn Osborne, Beta Epsilon; Vice-President, Miss Evelyn Andrews, Psi; Secretary (Mrs.) Lucy Bates Welch, Epsilon; Treasurer, Miss Harriet Bugbee, Beta Beta. An Executive Committee was also elected, consisting of: Miss Dorothy Canfield, Beta Nu; Miss Susan A. Olmstead, Chi; Mrs. Evelyn Wight Allan, Beta Beta and Beta Eta. Miss Louise B. Dunn, Beta Epsilon, was elected Delegate to the convention, with Mrs. Minnie Royce Walker and Mrs. Mary Morgan

Brewer as alternates. Miss Dunn, with several others, attended the convention and enjoyed the hospitality of Ann Arbor girls.

As our president was abroad until late in October, we were not summoned to a meeting until November 29th, when Miss Osborne threw open her doors to us. After necessary business was finished we adjourned for a jolly good time and a cup of tea.

In December we were all shocked and grieved to hear of the sudden death of our sister, Louise Dunn, who was an instructor in Barnard College.

At a meeting of the executive committee in January, it was decided to make the next regular meeting purely social and informal in character, with the hope that a greater number would come. Again Miss Evelyn Osborne offered her house, and cards were sent out to all of the Kappa alumnae in New York and vicinity, inviting them to an informal tea at Miss Osborne's house on the afternoon of January 31st. Only about twenty-five responded, but what we lacked in numbers we made up in friendly Kappa feeling. The fact that we lingered long proved that we appreciated the hospitality of our gracious hostess.

On February 28th we shall have our annual luncheon.

We look forward with pleasure to the reading of the April KEY, with the reports of the doings of other Kappa alumnae associations.



Philadelphia Alumnae Association.

The Philadelphia Alumnae Association has so far had a pleasant and profitable year. We have had two of our general meetings, one a tea, given at the home of Mrs. Trimble, Chi, to the nearby active chapters—Beta Alpha and Beta Iota, also all alumnae in Philadelphia. The second meeting was devoted entirely to business.

We have joined with Beta Alpha in the possession of a cosy room in which we intend to hold our meetings; and we hope that in time it may become a pleasant headquarters for Kappas visiting Philadelphia. We have a committee to visit all fraternity sisters and extend to them the freedom of our Kappa room.

On the second of March our annual banquet will be given. We expect about thirty of our thirty-five members to be present, also some of the Beta Alpha girls.

Our President, Miss Moore, Beta Iota, has been obliged to resign, much to our regret, for she has worked admirably for us. Fortunately we had as our Vice-President, Miss Gendell, Beta Alpha, who fills Miss Moore's place most ably.

Greetings and best wishes to all Kappas, and we hope that the year of 1903 may bring good fortune and happiness.

HELEN M. P. BETTS, *Sec'y.*



Beta Iota Alumnae Association.

Are there any good times for a Kappa after she leaves her alma mater? Could you look in on one of Beta Iota's alumnae meetings you would find an answer on every face. Indeed we do have jolly times then, if ever, and you can imagine what struggles we have getting down to business sometimes, for everyone has so much to hear and to tell. Invariably, just when, after a good, big effort, our president succeeds in making her business-like voice heard, in comes another stray Kappa whom we haven't seen for months, and—where is our order? However, we can't complain (if we wished), for was not the primary object in our organization that of bringing the older girls together to renew old ties? Our second aim, and of equal importance, is to keep up a close relation with our active chapter. To this end we have found the most efficient means to be through an advisory committee of three, appointed annually by the president. It is the duty of the committee to visit college at least once a month, to keep the association in touch with chapter-life, and to be of any assistance possible to the active chapter. Many times we need advice on both sides, and through the help of the advisory committee the active chapter and the alumnae association are mutually benefited.

Just now we are all looking forward eagerly to our annual banquet, for, while we have four stated meetings during the year, our membership is so scattered throughout the states, that but one "big meeting" is possible. For this time we naturally reserve important questions, after which we enter into a general jollification with the "youngsters."

ELEANOR CASS, *Sec'y.*

Columbus Alumnae Association.

The Columbus Alumnae Association, which was organized two years ago, holds a business meeting on the third Saturday of the alternate months, beginning with September. Beginning with October, in every alternate month on the third Saturday a social meeting is held, when the active chapter is invited to be with us to partake of a chafing dish supper or a luncheon. These meetings are very enjoyable and attract more of the alumnae than the business meetings. This is a compliment to our active chapter surely. This contact should be a source of strength to them as the years go by. These meetings are held at the homes of the alumnae, who enjoy extending hospitality to their younger sisters.

MARY BLAKESTON, '93.

Akron Alumnae Association.

Akron Alumnae Association is yet in its infancy, being scarcely a year and a half old, and until now has voiced nothing of its work and joys of living.

In response to a request made by the Grand Council, through our active chapter, a meeting was held in December, 1901, of the alumnae at the home of Mrs. H. A. Kohler, for the purpose of organizing an association. At this meeting Mrs. Kohler was elected president and Mrs. L. T. Orr, secretary and treasurer. It was decided that we have at least four meetings a year, which should be of a social nature. Since then, we have decided that it is quite necessary to have business meetings also.

Our first social meeting was a card party at the home of Mrs. Kohler, in January; the active chapter was invited and alumnae from Akron, Kent and Wadsworth attended. Progressive pedro was played and a dainty lunch served.

At first the arrangement of the meetings was left to the president and secretary and each member was assessed according to the cost of the party, but at a business meeting last September, it was decided that there be a social committee appointed for the year to arrange and provide four social meetings during the year and regular dues paid to cover the expenses of the association. Maude Herndon, Rhea Hugill and Mrs. N. J. Weller were appointed on this committee. Lydia Voris was elected secretary

and treasurer to fill the vacancy made by Mrs. Orr's absence from the city.

In September a banquet was given at the Gorge, near Akron. The active chapter and three prospective Kappa Kappa Gammas were invited. After a short ride on the car, we had a long walk through the falling leaves of early fall, which prepared us to enjoy a bounteous feast. Twenty-eight sat down to the table, which was decorated with red carnations.

Our next meeting was a card party at Esther Frank's, on College street. To this the active chapter was also invited. A lunch was served and a pleasant time enjoyed.

A business meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Edwin Voris, in January, when it was voted to give the active chapter a surprise party in the new chapter room, February 20th, and present the girls with some furniture. The result was a very happy surprise and an old-fashioned "fraternity spread."

We have in our association now twenty-one members; all save two are Lambda girls; Mrs. A. B. Church, our college president's wife, is from St. Lawrence University, and Miss Gertrude Billman, from Beta Gamma. All of our resident alumnae are not members of our association, there being forty-one in all, but we hope to have them soon since most of them have expressed a desire to unite with us when more convenient for them.

Our meetings have been well attended and much interest manifested, and we hope that by 1904 we also may send a delegate to convention.

Two of our charter members and their daughters are members of our association, which enables us to become familiar with our local history from the "beginning of things."

MAUDE HERNDON, '01.

Cleveland Alumnae Association.

The Cleveland Alumnae Association was formed about two years ago for the purpose of bringing the Kappas of the city together frequently, in order that they might become better acquainted. Since there was no active chapter in Cleveland for which we could work, the purpose was to make the meetings purely social, but during the past year we have tried to make a study of fraternity history and government, in order to keep in

closer touch with the fraternity. The meetings are held at 1 p. m. on the first Tuesday of each month from September to June at the homes of the members. A luncheon is served by the hostess, after which a business meeting is held. The majority of the members have come from the chapters at Buchtel, Wooster and the Ohio State University. We sent a delegate to the convention at Ann Arbor last summer. She enjoyed the convention, but felt that the alumnae delegates had very little part in convention. If the alumnae take an interest in fraternity work, they want some voice in it. All active members expect to be alumnae some day, therefore, it is a question that affects every member of the fraternity, so we offer it to you for your thoughtful consideration. Why should the alumnae not have a vote at the convention? Two of our members belong to the Grand Council, Mrs. Smart, the editor of the KEY, and Miss Warner, the Grand Registrar, so that the Cleveland Alumnae Association feels that the members have very close connection with the work of the fraternity. Any Kappa who finds it convenient to be in Cleveland on the first Tuesday of the month will be made most welcome at these meetings. Call at the home of the Editor and you will find a most willing escort.

HELEN C. SHEPHERD.



Wooster Alumnae Association.

The last year has been a very busy one for the Wooster Alumnae Association, but fraternity work is always a pleasure. Last fall Mrs. Annat, who is ever ready to do something for her fraternity and her alma mater's children, opened our second year with a six o'clock tea to all of the active and alumnae members.

Regularly on the first Thursday of every month we meet at the homes of our members, and after our business meeting we enjoy a social time together.

On December 11th we rejoiced with all of Wooster's alumnae at the dedication of our new buildings. This year our work has been particularly for the active chapter. When the girls of the active chapter secured one of the finest rooms in Kauke Hall for their fraternity room, we at once offered our help to furnish the new room in a style befitting Kappa halls; and we all know that means the best. We decided to present this matter to our absent

alumnae by a circular letter. Many have responded liberally to this appeal, and we are waiting to hear from many more. By commencement we hope to have a beautiful room ready for Kappa guests.

The Wooster Alumnae Association sends greetings to sister Kappas.

ERMA ROWE TAYLOR, *Sec'y.*



Detroit Alumnae Association.

There is very little of interest to report from our Detroit Alumnae Association. Our membership list is longer by three names than it was last year, and our occasional meetings continue to show the persistence of fraternity enthusiasm, even among those whose college days are long past.

Between September and June we hold four regular meetings. They are usually social in character, though a few minutes are devoted to any business that may require attention. This year we shall hold all our meetings after January, the temporary absence of several of our number having made it advisable to postpone the fall sessions.

We are kept in touch with the active fraternity by the proximity of Beta Delta, whose alumnae form a majority in our association. Since they carry on the alumnae business of their chapter, having organized several years ago for that purpose, they are necessarily in constant communication with Beta Delta, and our general association profits by it.



Bloomington Alumnae Association.

The Bloomington Alumnae Association, though first organized in 1895 as a literary club, has always maintained a keen interest in the welfare of the chapter and in general fraternity matters.

To our meetings as a literary club, which are held every two weeks, the active girls are always welcomed, and frequently avail themselves of this opportunity to become better acquainted with their older sisters. We, in turn, are always invited to be present at initiations, a privilege which we always gratefully accept.

This fall we united with the active chapter in a Pan-Hellenic reception, given in honor of our Grand Treasurer, Virginia Sinclair. On the 13th of March we expect to again unite with the

active chapter in giving their annual party. At least once during the year it has always been our custom to give a reception, spread or some other form of entertainment for the active chapter. As yet this year we have not done so, but are making plans for one in the near future.

E. GRACE PARKER, *Sec'y.*



Greencastle Alumnae Association.

The Greencastle Alumnae Association is a band of *Kappas with the same spirit and love for fraternity ideals as Iota's alumnae have felt since the chapter arose here. We hold four meetings during the year. First, the celebration of the founding of the fraternity of Kappa, Kappa Gamma; second, a fraternity study; third, a meeting devoted to some phase of art, and fourth, a reunion at the close of the college year. In the first and last the college girls are present.

The anniversary of the fraternity was celebrated in October at the home of Mrs. W. W. Tucker, one of our number, who is ever ready to assist the chapter, as well as our own alumnae club. The local alumnae were nearly all at Mrs. Tucker's, and all present rallied about the chapter, thinking of what vast numbers of strong and noble women are in Kappa throughout our land.

STELLA PERKINS PECK, *President.*



Chicago Alumnae Association.

Chicago once rose Phoenix-like from her own ashes, and the Chicago Alumnae Association has followed her illustrious example. Too ardently we burned with the fire of our own enthusiasm, and so were consumed. Dating 'way back to the year of the World's Fair, when we had our little Kappa corner in the Woman's building; coming down another year to convention at Indianapolis, when we, through our delegate, Gertrude Small, of Phi, won a place on the floor and obtained an active vote in convention and tracing our further history, anyone can easily see that we wrought our own destruction by our over-enthusiasm in—well, as the school teacher said as he first met his class, "We will use only the most *classic* English; no slang will

be allowed. The scholar who tries to use slang will find that he has BITTEN OFF MORE THAN HE CAN CHEW!" It was our condition exactly. We had not reckoned on the mastication of that *active vote* which we had obtained (and the little incidentals, such as taxes, fines, annual reports, articles for the Parthenon, etc.)

However, although we relinquished our charter at the Evans-ton convention in '96, we have always met each month to lunch together; sometimes many, sometimes few. Once, even Louise Merrill and I, who lived in the same square, traveled the seven miles necessary to reach Kappa's meeting place, and lunched in state—just the two of us. This was an exceptional case, however. Now that the requirements are so few, and so easily met, and the privileges out of all proportion—*large*,—we have once more become an integral part of K K Γ.

On February 28 we met for luncheon at Marshall Field's tea room, and—shut off by a large screen from the main room—we ate a dainty lunch, and elected officers, Mrs. Addie T. Smith, a charter member of Chi, was made president and Ida Bonnell Otstott Sigma secretary. We are simply a club of congenial Kappa women, each very busy in her own line of work, who manages to meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at noon in Field's tea room to lunch together—"Dutch treat"—and spend a social hour or two, the time being governed by our appetites, the length of our purses, and the movements of the "ladies in waiting."

Remember, you shopping Kappas, to come to Chicago on the fourth Saturday and meet with us; and if any chapter knows of any of its members who reside here, whom we may not know, send a line to us and we will be so glad to affiliate them with ourselves.

At holiday time we had an extra session of our lunch club, so as to have with us our University of Illinois girls who reside here, but spend most of the "fourth Saturdays" in Champaign. The Beta Lambda girls present that day were Ruth Abbott, Alice Ensign, Mabel Hayward, Florence Armstrong and Emily Nichols. Besides these we had our beloved Katherine Sharp with us. She BELONGS to us, although both Upsilon prior and Beta Lambdas present claim must be recognized also.

We wish for you, each one, good, happy, busy years in your active work, and when you are, like the writer, an "olde girle," laid on the shelf, so far as fraternity affairs go, you may have the recollection of years well spent and work well done, which will be in itself compensation.

IDA BONNELL OTSTOTT, *Sec'y.*

St. Louis Alumnae Association.

On the 21st of March seven members of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Mrs. Charles A. Houtz, I; Mrs. Herbert S. Morris, BT; Mrs. Charles E. Witter, Y; Mrs. Claude D. Hall, M; Mrs. Theodore Westermann, Σ, and Miss Franc M. Wilde, I, residents of St. Louis, and Mrs. Close (Elene MacFarland), BZ, of Iowa City, met for lunch at Hotel Beers. A preliminary organization of an alumnae association was made. Mrs. Morris was chosen secretary, and April 18th set for the next meeting. Notice of the luncheon was sent by Mrs. Houtz to ten Kappas. The names of sixteen are now known, and the corresponding secretaries of the chapters are urged to reply carefully to the letters sent them by the Grand President's deputy, in order that an invitation to the April meeting may be sent to every member of the fraternity in St. Louis.

As yet the association has made no plans for work, but it is expected that the organization of St. Louis Kappas will make possible many pleasant and profitable meetings between resident and visiting Kappas during the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

Minnesota Alumnae Association.

While our Alumnae Association is a large and flourishing one, it is a little difficult to put down in black and white the various matters, great and small, which constitute its life and business. The fact that most of Chi's members, after graduating from college, continue to live in Minneapolis or St. Paul, makes it easy for us to meet and to continue, undiminished, our old friendships. It also makes it possible for us to know the girls of the active chapter intimately, and to co-operate with them in much of their work and pleasure.

Our association now numbers eighty-five members, eleven of them Kappas from other chapters, whom we have been very glad

to have join with us of Chi. We meet the third Saturday of every other month, the three summer months excepted, and so have five meetings a year. These meetings are held at the homes of the members, and after we have disposed of the ordinary association business, are purely social. We have usually from thirty to forty members present. As a regular summer meeting is omitted, we have had for several years a Kappa picnic for both alumnae and active chapter, and this is becoming one of our three or four established annual festivities. On "Founder's Day," October 13, the association gave its yearly reception to the active chapter, and a little later we invited the chapter and some of our other friends, to meet Miss Katherine Everts, one of our graduates, whose delightful readings many of you have heard, and whom, doubtless, many of you have met personally.

In rushing, in the giving of various gifts, in the banquet and the informal dance, we have combined with the active chapter, and, in fact, most of our concerted action has been supplementary to chapter work. We feel that our alumnae association has its *raison d'etre* chiefly in the opportunities it gives us to keep in close touch with college and the chapter, to talk over Kappa principles and policy, and to strengthen and keep warm our Kappa friendships.

ALICE DOUGAN, *Sec'y.*

Omega Alumnae Association.

The first regular meeting of the alumnae of Omega chapter as an alumnae association was held in Lawrence during June of the past year. At that time officers, including president, secretary and treasurer, were elected and plans were made for future work. The idea of working with the end in view of benefiting the university, by establishing a scholarship or by presenting books to the library, seemed a favorite one, but afterward it was deemed advisable to place the organization upon a firm footing before attempting anything of such a nature. Since that time the subject has been often discussed, but no definite plans decided upon.

At present the association is making arrangements for a banquet to be given on the 21st of March, the date of the organization of Omega chapter, to which all alumnae and active members of the chapter are bidden. It is hoped that this attempt to rekindle enthusiasm for alma mater and fraternity may be so successful that the custom of annual celebrations may be established.

Kansas City Alumnae Association.

The annual breakfast given by the K. C. A. A. was held at Hotel Baltimore on Thanksgiving morning. Thirty-two Kappas enjoyed the toasts and songs, and a very delightful menu. Quite a number of the members of the association were unable to attend and several of Theta's number had to forego that pleasure, so our number was less than last year. We are grateful to Omega for her liberal attendance. The girls were very enthusiastic and their toasts full of wit and college spirit. Miss Landis was an ideal toastmistress. Miss Reynolds, the president, welcomed the guests, and Misses McKnight, of Omega, and Walker, of Theta, responded. Toasts were given by Miss Sanderson, "Sisterhood in Kappa"; Miss Henry, "Kappa in Song," and Miss Stoner, "The Owl." All were much enjoyed. After the breakfast the football game was attended, and although the game was a bit one-sided, Kansas winning again, there was plenty of excitement and college spirit manifested.

On December 6th the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. W. Lyman; vice president, Miss Hattie Gordon; secretary, Mrs. N. L. R. Taylor; treasurer, Miss Evaline Burrill. Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Clark, members of executive committee.

At our February meeting it was decided to meet the last Saturday of each month at the members' homes, and that each hostess provide the entertainment. The association sent an invitation to the Grand President to spend one day with us when she made her visit to Omega. She is expected during the spring, and we are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to her promised visit.

We were delighted to meet Miss Campbell, of Denver, who is attending university at Boulder, Colo., during the Christmas holidays. She gave glowing accounts of the Kappas there.

We were saddened recently by the death of Mrs. Paul Schweitzer, of Columbia, Mo. She died in Kansas City, Mo., at the home of her daughter, our Kappa sister, Mrs. Kenneth Gardner. Mrs. Schweitzer was ever a friend of the K K T girls, and one of our most interested Kappa mothers. She was of noble character and rare intellect, a devoted wife, loving and unselfish mother, and a true friend, much beloved by all who knew her. We wish to

express sincerest sympathy to the devoted husband, and niece, Miss Ida Howard, who are traveling and studying this winter in Germany, and to our sister, Mrs. Gardner.



Denver Alumnae Association.

A time long to be remembered was the annual banquet of the Denver Alumnae Association of held at the residence of Mrs. Edgar C. Healy, on Thursday evening, June 12th.

Among the beautiful decorations of palms and flowers were placed the tables, which were decorated with fleur de lis, and the place cards had the shape and coloring of the fraternity flower. The dinner was progressive, and each of the many courses was seasoned by the sweet strain of the harp. The happy choice for toastmistress was Mrs. J. Y. Parce, Jr., and she explained in a witty manner why this was the first banquet to which were admitted the husbands and possible prospective husbands of the members. Toasts were responded to as follows: "Our Guests," Mrs. M. D. Hornbeck. Mr. Albert Sechrist, who, with Mrs. Sechrist, were the guests of honor, replied with a toast to "Kappa Kappa Gamma"; "The Gentlemen," were toasted by Miss Gertrude Wood, and Rev. Dwight L. Potter of Oakland, Cal., responded by toasting "The Ladies." After adjournment to the parlor, Miss Theresa Sallee sang and Miss Wood played, and all joined in singing college songs.

Our association is indebted to Mrs. A. Sechrist for so many pleasant social gatherings, that too much cannot be said in praise of her generous hospitality. In September she was hostess at a charming reception in honor of Miss Blendena Emmons, of Sigma, whose marriage to Mr. W. W. De Berard occurred on September 15th.

Our Grand President, Mrs. May Whiting Westerman was the guest of honor at an informal reception given to the Kappas by Mrs. Sechrist on October 3d. We were delighted to have this opportunity of greeting Mrs. Westerman, and enjoyed hearing all about convention.

GERTRUDE F. WOOD, *Corresponding Sec'y.*

Personal Notes.

LAMBDA.

Miss Metta Maude Dague, ex-'98, was married to Dr. J. N. Weller, B^o II, on the 15th of October, 1902, at the home of her father, Akron, O. At home, 556 E. Buchtel avenue, Akron, O.

Miss Nellie Josephine Dague, ex-'00, was married to J. Walton Lyman on December 10th, 1902, at the home of her father, Akron, Ohio. At home after January 1st, 1903, 4311 Sansom street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss Pearle Barnes, ex-'98, of Milledgeville, Ohio, has been visiting Kappa friends in Akron.

BETA GAMMA.

Dr. Della Walker, '89, is now a practicing physician at Salem, Ohio, where her efforts have been crowned with success.

Miss Lura B. Kean, '89, is meeting with good success as principal of the the Wooster High School.

Through the efforts of Miss Linda L. Snyder, '84, who is doing pleasing work at the Columbiana High School, many scholars have been interested in Wooster.

Miss Caroline Ageter, '97, has returned from England, where she has been visiting her sister.

BETA NU.

Miss Georgietta Fisher, '95, was married to Mr. Cassius Clay Corner, February 12th, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Columbus. At home, 642 East Rich street.

Miss Edith Twiss, '95, has been ill two months with typhoid fever at Lakeside Hospital in Cleveland.

Mignon Talbot, '92, who resigned her position in the East High School last summer and studied in the Ohio State University until the holidays, has since then entered a post graduate course in geology at Yale.

BETA DELTA.

Mildred Hinsdale, '95, has returned after six month's travel abroad.

May Boutelle, '95, has gone to California for the winter.

Belle Donaldson, '95, who has been studying at the American School in Rome, has returned to Detroit.

Grace Morehouse, '02, is teaching Latin in Iowa Plains, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ewing have changed their place of residence to Colorado Springs, Colo. Mrs. Ewing was Minnie Broad.

XI.

Ethel Moorhead, '01, is teaching in Blissfield, Mich.

Grace Vernon Thomas, '97, has recently been elected to a position in the High School of Elgin, Ill.

Blanche Anna Van Auken, '96, who spent the past year studying in Europe, is now teacher of Sloyd in Brookline, Mass.

Helen B. Thomas-Shaffer, '94, now resides at North Manchester, Ind.

Jessie Snyder, '93, was married January 28, 1903, to George L. Potter, Graymont, Ill.

Myrle Tyler-Irons, '93, Baltimore, Md., who spent the past summer in South Dakota, is now visiting friends in Adrian, but expects to leave in a few days for Boston, Mass.

Florence Wilcox-Wells, '00, of Wellsville, Ohio, is spending a few days among Adrian friends.

DELTA.

Martha Dorsey, '94, A. M. '01, is teaching in Shortridge High School, Indianapolis, Ind.

Miss Paxson, of Beta Zeta, visited here for a few days in January. She came in the interest of the Y. W. C. A.

One of our charter members, Mrs. Nat. U. Hill (Anna Buskirk, '74), has lately been raised to the position of State Treasurer's wife, her husband having been elected Treasurer of Indiana. He is a trustee of Indiana University.

Stella Vaughn, '01, is teaching in the High School of Bluffton, Ind.

IOTA.

Lena Maud Byrd and Bernard Arthur Schofield were married at Indianapolis, Ind., December 17, 1902.

Neva Pilkenton, who has been out of school this last term on account of poor health, will be with us again in the spring.

Laura Edith Beazell, Iota, '95, has returned to her position in Cranden Hall, Rome, Italy.

Mr. Ralph Fletcher Seymour sends out the following announcement: "A Book of Quotations from George Eliot made by Mrs. Ella Adams Moore of the University of Chicago." The book will be illustrated by copies of photographs taken by Mrs. Moore during her journeys through the George Eliot country. Kappas are rejoiced to own Mrs. Moore as a member of Iota, a graduate in the class of '92.

EPSILON.

Letta Brock, '00, has a position as Latin teacher in the high school at Delavan, Ill.

Alma Hamilton, '01, is teaching in the high school at Milford, Illinois.

Grace Cochrane, '01, is teaching school at her home in Sullivan, Ill.

Mary Probasco, '02, is attending the University of Michigan this year.

Anita Lundy, '02, is teaching school near her home in Metuchen, N. J.

* OMEGA.

Maude Estelle Nicols, '96, and W. A. Mitchell were married January the first, nineteen hundred and three, at Olathe, Kansas. There were five Kappas in attendance.

Louise Lewelling, '01, is teaching music in the Industrial School at Mitchelville, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Higgins (Ella Anderson) announce the birth of twins, a girl and a boy.

Gretchen Elmore, '01, is professor of art at Schweitzer College, Itasca, Texas.

SIGMA.

Married, October 8th, 1902, Marie Ratcliffe, music student in 1901, to Mr. Roy Haven Wagner, at Omaha, Neb. Mr. and Mrs. Wagner now reside in Minneapolis.

Sigma has been very fortunate in having the Grand President, Mrs. May W. Westermann, spend about two months in Lincoln with them. She has now gone to St. Louis, her future home.

Married, February 18th, 1903, Dorothy Margaret Griggs, an active music student, to Mr. Bertrand Eugene Buckmaster, at the home of her parents in Lincoln. Mr. and Mrs. Buckmaster have gone to Tacoma, Wash., to make their future home.

Miss Elsie Tawell, an active music student, has gone to Chicago to study voice culture the rest of the year.

February 28th, the engagement was announced of Miss Ade-lloyd Whiting, '00, assistant physical director for women in the University of Nebraska, to Mr. Fred C. Williams, '00, Beta Theta Pi, of Seward, Neb. The wedding will occur in June.

BETA MU.

On December 23rd the first Beta Mu baby, a boy, was born to Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Allin.

Katherine Todd is teaching sloyd and sewing in Manual Training High School, of Denver.

Hattie E. Pollard, '02, is teaching mathematics in Pueblo High School.

Mae Carroll, '01, is teaching in Grand Junction, Colo.

Mary E. Wood, '02, who has been in California since her graduation, has returned to Colorado and is now in Boulder, visiting at the chapter house.

Carrie E. Orton, '02, is instructor in German and Latin in the State Preparatory School.

Jeanne Coulter is assistant in the English department of the university.

PI.

Marian Ramon Wilson is enjoying a year abroad. At present she is at Rome, where she has been visiting Ruth Rising Menicanti, a charter member of Pi chapter.

On Monday, February 23rd, Ethelynd McClymonds was married to Mr. Dudley Knisell. Mr. and Mrs. Knisell will make their home in San Leandro.

The engagement is announced of Alma Hanson Shermson, '03, and Mr. Alan Chickering, '98. Mr. Chickering at one time held the office of Grand President of Delta Kappa Epsilon.

BETA ETA.

Eva M. Wheeler, '02, is teaching in the Los Angeles schools.

Ethel McLellan, '02, is teaching in the San Francisco schools.

Edna M. Hobson, '01, was married on December 15th, 1902, to Mr. W. Boland, in San Francisco.

Theodora W. Stubbs, '01, was married on February 11th, 1903, to Mr. John M. Fulton, in Reno, Nev.

Lura L. McLauthlin, '03, has returned to Wellesley for her senior year.

The engagement of Elsie Deering, '04, and Mr. Percy McDowell, '02, Phi Delta Theta, is announced.

The engagement of Gertrude Martin, '98, and Mr. T. T. C. Gregory, '96, Beta Theta Pi, is announced.

Mary Barnes, ex-'04, is spending this semester visiting at the chapter house.

Jean Henry, '05, is spending this year in London, with her sister, Mrs. Lon Henry Hoover.



PARTHENON

The College Without Fraternities.

Yes, it exists! It does manage to exist; but did you ever attend one? It has recently been my fortune to be associated with such a college—a flourishing, ambitious, growing, young state university of the Northwest, and I have been moved to tell my sisters how life is supported without the cake and cream of Greekdom. Let me say in starting, that it is a privilege to be allowed to work at this college, small and Greekless as it is, and that my observations have been conducted with great loyalty to my adopted institution, with “malice toward none, with charity for all.” But how do we manage at a state university without fraternities? In the first place, we have literary societies. We take in members (the joys of initiation are yet unknown), we debate, we meet and get acquainted, we even dance. But where, O where is that cordial understanding, that intense loyalty, that united enthusiasm which characterizes the fraternity chapter? The members of the literary societies cannot create such a sense of mutual devotion. It is impossible. They have no songs, no twilight gatherings, no chapter meetings. Enough said. And when college opens what is the picture presented? Homesick and timid freshmen go wandering about the halls, looking for the registrar’s office, the president, the cloak room, whence nor whither. Sophomores go off with their last year’s chums, talk old jokes and reminiscences, in which the freshmen cannot share. The seniors clan together in the best rooms in the dormitories. For two or three weeks there seems to be *nothing to do*. There is little organization and less initiative abroad. We look in vain for leaders and organizers. Are we going to have a glee club? No one knows. Ah, if only the Alpha Betas and Omega Deltas and the Zetas were here, to see how many men they could place in the club, how many of their men could “make” the crew, or if Gamma Gamma were only here to be ambitious that Clara, Jessie or witty Flora might edit the Annual. Is anyone going to the football game in a distant town? Yes, someone is, but who is to meet them, and dine them, and welcome them? Where are the jolly little fraternity games and courtesies? Who is

to co-operate with president and faculty in announcing for self-government, for the maintenance of a higher standard of scholarship, for the furtherance of intercollegiate meetings and greetings? All these things are done in one non-fraternity college, but forces are scattered, leaders are frequently not forthcoming; efforts of all kinds are sporadic, and often futile.

Lastly, the social life of such a college is indefinite in character. It has the floating, inchoate character of a summer resort. Social customs and standards are not fixed; committees and leaders are apt to be irresponsible. The natural leaders and lights of college society, unrestrained by the wise hand of a thoughtful fraternity brother, are more apt to neglect the neglected and spoil the favored at a dance or a meeting. These conditions I believe to be the *bona fide* results of college society without fraternities. The observations here recorded are necessarily superficial. I have been a member of the college faculty only six months, and I am new to the Northwest. Perhaps some of the conditions are climatic. Nevertheless, it may be stated, I fancy, with a fair degree of certainty, that the presence or absence of fraternities in a university has a great, an immense effect upon the unity, the organizing ability, the manners, the enthusiasm, even on the morals of the student body. You, dear sisters, who live in the midst of Greek-letter fraternities, who see the key and the arrow and the diamond every day, who feel the welcoming hand-clasp and hear the inspiring Grand Council letter, who co-operate with your professors in class-room and on the campus for the uplifting and honoring of your alma mater—do you, good sisters, strive to be worthy of so glorious a condition of things. Redouble your efforts for college and for fraternity. Show to the “barb” university what it lacks, what it needs, what it may *accomplish* when it welcomes within its walls forces so mighty and hearts so loyal.

Beta Nu Alumna.

**One Branch
of
Fraternity Study.**

As the chapters of our fraternity have been busy for several weeks past collecting data for the Kappa handbook and the new card catalog roll, this is a most excellent time for each member to make a thorough study of her own chapter's history. This study should be carried on systematically. Xi has recently

adopted the following plan, which she gladly shares with any chapter that may think it of advantage to use it:

Beginning with the founding of the chapter, each subsequent year is assigned to a certain member, whose special duty it is to collect all available history of the chapter for that year. This member reads the minutes of the meetings, the letters on file, the contributions to the KEY, and other records for the year contained in the archives. From this data she arranges the most interesting facts into a paper, which she reads at the next fraternity meeting. This course is to be pursued until the history of the chapter is complete. In connection with this study each member is expected to read all letters received from the alumnae in reply to the mimeograph letters sent out with the grand roll blanks. Through this study we hope to gain a complete knowledge of our archives, to learn the life and personality of each former member of the chapter, to become acquainted with the growth and development, not only of the individual chapter, but of the whole fraternity, and above all, to receive inspiration for increased effort in striving to reach and maintain the high standard set for true, loyal, whole-hearted Kappa women.

MARY J. MCCOLLUM, *Xi*.

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Loyalty. Kappa Kappa Gamma asks for great things from its members; great things in the sense that they are high and noble. One of these things is that each girl be a true and loyal friend, and it not only asks this of her, but it strives to help her be such a friend. Dictionary definitions are not usually very inspiring, but I like the one given for that word "loyal"; it is "faithful," and "true." We can not understand all the motives which move even our dearest friends, but let us be true to them, when perhaps their way is not entirely pleasing to us. Let us be true to them even when they seem not to be true to us. At no time do they need our "faithful" adherence as they do when they are in the wrong way. Loyalty does not demand of us that we close our eyes to our friend's faults, or that we try to hide them when they ought to be shown. But it does demand that there be an earnest effort not to needlessly reveal them, and an earnest effort to remove them.

We love to talk of loyalty to our dear fraternity sisters, and we all strive to be true to them, but that is a comparatively easy matter. Our fraternity life should train and help us, not only to be loyal to all our loved sisters, but to all our friends, to be ourselves true and loyal friends.

MARGARET FRAME, *Beta Gamma.*

Obedience.

A list of themes for fraternity journals appears in the January KEY, as an exchange from the Alpha Tau Omega *Palm*. The topics suggested are helpful, not only as subjects for our manuscripts, but also as excellent topics for discussion in our chapter meetings. The one I choose as a text for this little sermon is, "Prompt, unquestioning and unhesitating obedience to chapter and general officers." Too often, when a request is made by a chapter officer, one hears remarks of this kind: "Don't ask me to do that; I haven't time. I don't want to—," and too often such replies are accepted and the work to be done given to a few girls who are willing to assume responsibility. Every girl in a chapter should put her shoulder to the wheel and help to realize the ideal of what a chapter ought to be, and there is no more important step toward the realization of this ideal than prompt, unquestioning and unhesitating obedience to chapter and general officers.

Beta Iota.

Chapter

Catalogues.

Surely every member of the fraternity should rejoice in the renewed effort on the part of the Grand Council to insure the keeping of accurate and systematic chapter catalogues. This effort must appeal to the alumnae, and especially to those who have been away from college long enough and far enough to feel the need of records to join the past and present. As an alumna who has been learning how the years add interest and meaning to the records of the fraternity chapter, I would urge the claims of the new catalogues, and also express appreciation of the work that is being done for the catalogues by the active members. We alumnae are interested in the safe-keeping of the history of our college days and in the gathering of information concerning the Kappas

we knew. We like, too, to feel that the active chapter knows where we are, by what names we are called, what work we do, and to feel that it can always bring us into touch with the Kappas of our college days. I can but regret the unsystematic, incomplete catalogue I helped to keep during my active membership. I have learned to know what it was that we left undone.

Let every chapter catalogue be carefully kept and guarded as the precious record of that larger chapter of which the active chapter is but a part.

ANNA MCKINNON FITCH.

Selection of New Members. In the selection of a new member for the fraternity great care should be exercised that no external influence, no transitory feature, and no current reports should be given consideration. The chapter's estimate of a young woman must not be formed from such impressions, but from close, personal association with her, and such information as may be obtained in regard to her qualifications. Too much stress cannot be laid upon the danger connected with decisions founded upon hasty conclusions, consequently each chapter must consider it a duty to insist upon the perfect accordance of the individual under consideration with the standard of the fraternity from every point of view. Such a policy will preclude any precipitate and injudicious action upon this most important subject.

The element of personal interest must be eliminated entirely, for it is a question of the general interest of the chapter and the fraternity; and all legislation must be conscientious, unbiased and impersonal in every respect. As members of Kappa Kappa Gamma you have the future of your chapter resting with you. The standard of your chapter depends upon the character of individual members who comprise it; therefore, it must be plain to you that your duty is to make a constant insistence upon this material being thoroughly up to the standard of the fraternity, and to let nothing whatever tempt a digression from this firm stand at any time.

Beta Eta.

**The
Non-Fraternity
Girl.**

During the month of January Miss Ruth Paxson, state secretary of the Iowa Y. W. C. A., visited Bloomington, and on Saturday the Kappas gave a reception to all the college women. There are over 250 women students here. Never before was the trying position of the non-sorority girl impressed upon us so forcibly as when we learned that afternoon that it was the first time during the year that some of the women had been invited out. The total membership of the sororities does not exceed ninety, so at the very lowest count over 150 girls are not members of any sorority. Many of them are just as bright and just as worthy to be sorority girls as those of us who are, but for various reasons they are either not invited to join a sorority or are unable to do so if they are invited. It would be an utter impossibility to ask every eligible girl to join our sorority, but she should not be debarred from our friendship just because she is not a member of any fraternity. Only yesterday I heard a man say he would like to ask a certain young lady to go to his fraternity dance, but she was a "barb," and the fellows wanted sorority girls. Many of the girls feel the same way. If we do happen to call on a "barb," we feel as though we were doing some missionary work and that we deserve great reward, when perhaps we ourselves have derived more benefit from the call than the one on whom we have called.

Each of us realizes that this is an entirely erroneous way of thinking when we do stop to consider it for moment, and there is nothing in our initiation vows to give us such an impression; on the other hand, we are united to better enable us to do all in our power to make us more noble and more true than we otherwise would be. Certainly there can be nothing nobler than by some little art of thoughtfulness to make some girl's college days brighter than they are now. Whether a "barb" or fraternity girl, we have the same alma mater and are all striving for the same goal, so let us each do our best for the non-fraternity girl, and in so doing we not only broaden ourselves, but also uplift dear Kappa.

MADLINE NORTON, *Delta*.

**A Member
of the
Greek World.**

In the zeal of her own fraternity a girl too often fails to realize that she is a member of the Greek world at large, and that, in a sense, her loyalty is demanded by the larger kingdom as well as by her own particular province of it. Too often, when "Greek meets Greek," it is only in zealous contests, like the factious bands of the fighting nobles of old, not in the generous rivalry which should be their attitude. Instead of the help which should be extended by one tribe of the same race to another, the various fraternities have a far warmer feeling toward the outside world than toward each other. This is not as it should be, and it rests with each of us to correct this attitude as much as in her lies and to stand for the finer, higher ideals of Pan-Hellenism.

Beta Xi.

**Alumnae
Visit
Chapters.**

There is one duty which it seems our alumnae might easily fulfill, and which, however, they neglect more than we like. This duty is the visiting of active chapters. We do not, of course, expect the alumnae to travel about for the inspection of the different chapters; we do not like visitors to come in a critical attitude of mind. But if, when an alumna member of the fraternity chances to be in the neighborhood of an active chapter, she visits that chapter and shows interest in its doings, that chapter gains an interest in the others, and in the fraternity at large. It is chiefly through meeting the alumnae, especially those of distant chapters, that we are brought into contact with the Kappas all over the country, for a talk with a member from another college reveals to us far better even than the chapter letters the fraternity life of the far-away Kappas. We feel more as if we knew them personally, as if they were our real friends, and not merely a group of girls we have read about in the KEY — read about with great interest, it may be, but still not much more real than the characters of a book. If Kappa is to mean more to us than a club, if we are to have a broader conception of our fraternity, then let us do all in our power to come in touch with Kappas wherever they may be, and let our alumnae remember the help they can give us in this matter, and come and see us. As our owl has said somewhere, "We welcome thee."

Beta Epsilon.



CHAPTER LETTERS.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

PHI—UNIVERSITY OF BOSTON.

After enjoying a short mid-year vacation, the Kappas of Phi are busy with the work of the second semester.

It was with regret that the students and alumnae of Boston University learned of the resignation of President William F. Warren, who, ever since its founding, has served the college faithfully and well. Dr. Warren is to spend a year in study and travel, and will then resume his courses in the graduate department. His successor has not yet been appointed.

Shortly before the Christmas holidays our chapter rooms were quite badly damaged by fire. Fortunately for us, the fire was confined largely to the walls, so that little chapter property was lost. We missed the use of the rooms very much while the necessary repairs were going on, but we are now in possession again, and prize our Kappa meeting place more than ever.

On Friday, February 6th, our freshmen gave a very delightful entertainment and spread to the upper classes. On February 13th Kappa gave a play in the series of Philomathean entertainments. The one-act comedy, "A Double Deception," was presented, the cast consisting of Miss Nelson, Miss Tirrell and Miss Twombly, assisted by Mr. Merritt and Mr. Baker, both of Theta Delta Chi. After the play an informal reception to alumnae and friends was held at the chapter rooms.

May the remainder of the year be happy and helpful for all is the sincere wish of Phi.



BETA EPSILON—BARNARD COLLEGE.

Since our last chapter letter was written we have experienced the sad loss of one of our strongest and most loyal members, Louise Brisbin Dunn. Her sudden death on December 19, 1902, was a great shock to her family and to her many friends, especially to those with whom she had lived in the Beta Epsilon

apartment. We deeply mourn her loss, both as a faithful member of Beta Epsilon and as a friend, whose sympathy was unflinching and whose strength was a constant inspiration to all who knew her. On account of Miss Dunn's death the chapter did not entertain the college, as has been the custom in previous years.

Since the Christmas holidays Miss Hempstead, of Gamma Rho, has been chaperon for the girls in the apartment, and has won a warm place in the hearts of the whole chapter.

Pledge day is over and we are feeling very joyful over the results. All our invitations were accepted, and in the next number of the KEY we hope to introduce to you four new Kappas, of whom we are very proud.

On February 20th the girls who live in the Beta Epsilon apartment entertained a few of the alumnae members and the four freshmen we had in view as prospective Kappas. A very amusing program was rendered, and later everybody joined in singing popular songs, and original songs that have been written lately by some of our inspired members.

Beta Epsilon sends best wishes to all her sister chapters.



PSI—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Before we had recovered from the effects of Junior week gayities an epidemic of typhoid fever broke out here in Ithaca. On this account many students have gone home. Some of them will stay until after the Easter vacation, while others will not return until next September. As a result of this exodus only six of our girls are left at Sage. Since this epidemic, resulting in the death of sixteen students and a long illness of about seventy-five others, was caused by an impure water supply, students have been assured that pure water will be furnished by the first of next September. Until that time boiled water is to be used.

During the last few weeks we have had a "stunt" given by the new girls, a marshmallow roast and a birthday party, but our pleasure has been tinged with sadness on account of the illness of our friends.

BETA TAU—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

This year has been a rather unusual one at Syracuse. Last spring representatives from the fraternities met, in order to devise some scheme for lessening the evils of rushing. Plan after plan was suggested, but each seemed worse than the one before. Finally despairing of ever reaching a satisfactory agreement, it was decided that each fraternity should be free to do as it saw fit. Consequently, two of the fraternities put off pledging until the second semester, while the rest kept to the old custom of pledging. This has necessarily prolonged rushing.

Since our last letter Faith Davis, '06, has been pledged, and Ella Wallace, who was the first "Kappa baby" of Beta Tau chapter. Mrs. Wallace is one of the most active of our city alumnae.

Chi's elephant, transformed into a Beta Tau elephant, and Beta Delta's Brownie, have done all sorts of tricks upon the vaudeville stage, much to the delight of the "freshies." All the convention songs are popular, but Chi's "Owl" is the favorite.

During the Christmas vacation the Phi Kappa Psi chapter house was almost destroyed by fire. Fortunately the loss was covered by insurance.

Delta Kappa Epsilon is building a handsome brick chapter house, which will be completed by June.

The Phi Gamma Delta province convention, which was to have taken place at Syracuse the coming week, has been indefinitely postponed because of the epidemic of typhoid at Cornell University.

On Saturday evening, February 14th, the girls in the chapter house had a valentine spread. After refreshments we gathered in the library and sang Kappa songs for a time, after which we played ping pong and danced.

Mrs. Carl Hollenbeck, '98, entertained the active chapter and alumnae at her home on February 5th.

The alumnae of Beta Tau have made Kappa banners for the active girls. Every girl possesses one, which occupies a most conspicuous place in her room.

Recently the university authorities have taken action against the excessive social life at Syracuse. All chapter houses must henceforth be closed at 10:30 and social functions are curtailed.

Beta Tau sends greetings.

BETA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

After the excitement and hard work incident to mid-week examinations, the Kappas at Old Penn have once more settled down to the routine of regular study. On the 7th of February we had the great pleasure of seeing many of the alumnae at a tea given in the new room, which Beta Alpha holds jointly with the alumnae association. Our Grand Secretary, Miss Griffith, and Grand Secretary's deputy, Miss Scattergood, were among those present. On the 28th of February the alumnae association will hold its annual banquet, and the Beta Alphas anticipate a very enjoyable evening.

We are still getting settled in our new room, and already it begins to look quite homelike and cozy. In the meantime we do have such delightful times there; for the proverbial love in a cottage is not to be compared with Kappa love in a chapter room. In such happy environment the Beta Alpha infants are rapidly growing, and join with all the elder Beta Alphas in sending well wishes to all in Kappa Kappa Gamma.



BETA IOTA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

In writing her first chapter letter every corresponding secretary must have a certain feeling of joy; no doubt it is a pleasure to exchange ideas with our sisters all over the country. But just at present at Swarthmore every thought of that is overshadowed by the excitement and anticipation of pledge day, which takes place on the first of March. Yet even in the midst of these distracting thoughts we can go back over the past two months and remember distinctly our Christmas party, which was held at the home of our alumnae, Ethel Beardsley. On that night every Kappa exchanged presents, and the whole scene was one of real Kappa love and sisterhood.

Among our visitors at Swarthmore of late have been Mrs. Hannum, a Kappa from the Cornell University, and many of the girls from the Beta Alpha chapter. Next week we are planning for a visit from Miss Griffith and her deputy, Miss Scattergood.

Our newly inaugurated president has been granted a leave of absence for two months, and is now traveling by way of the Mediterranean sea to Egypt and Palestine. During his absence Professor Hoadley has taken his place.

At Swarthmore it has always been a custom among the women's fraternities to entertain one another every year, and on February 21st Beta Iota gave a tea for the Pi Beta Phi and Kappa Alpha Thetas at the home of Lucretia Blankenburg. We passed the afternoon in the singing of fraternity songs, and we here desire to express our thanks to Chi, for we have appropriated not only her medley, but many of her other jolly songs.

To the chapters, one and all, Beta Iota sends best wishes.



GAMMA RHO—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Gamma Rho sends greetings to all Kappa sisters. Two new girls have been admitted into our circle this term. They are Mabel Appleby and Elsie Ball, both of whom are members of the class of 1905.

The annual Washington's birthday dinner of our college was held Saturday evening, February 21st. At no time in the year is so much college and class spirit manifested. College and class songs were interesting features of the evening. Gamma Rho was represented on the toast list in a most creditable manner by Erma Rogers, '03, who responded to the toast, "The New Allegheny."

Allegheny has had her usual success in basket ball this year. She has played with some of the best college teams in the country, and has not yet gone down to defeat. Some of the colleges which our team has met are University of Pennsylvania, State College of Pennsylvania, Syracuse University, Western Reserve University and Oberlin.

Gamma Rho has been very much interested this term in refurnishing the fraternity dining room. New paper has been put on the walls and other additions of furniture, dishes, etc., have been made. On the 13th of February we celebrated our fifteenth birthday by a spread in our dining room. We all gave useful articles as gifts to our fraternity. Such little spreads help to keep up a lively interest among our members.

BETA PROVINCE.

LAMBDA—BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

Mid-year examinations are over and we are all well started in the work of the second semester. With the winter season comes the usual round of good times, and Lambda has had her share.

The Akron Alumnae Association very pleasantly entertained the active chapter at the home of Esther Frank. Progressive hearts were played and a delicious lunch served. We take great pleasure in meeting in our cozy fraternity room, and every little while something is added to make the room more cozy and pleasant. We are very proud of the handsome oak stand given to us by Miss Parsons, of the English department.

The alumnae association happily surprised the chapter by coming to fraternity meeting February 20th and bringing with them a generous supply of good things to eat. After a business meeting all enjoyed a good time and a delicious spread. The alumnae association presented us with a tea table and a gift in money.



BETA GAMMA—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Beta Gamma is in the midst of a most prosperous year. The matriculation of Freshman has just passed by and two dear sweet girls proudly wear the Key and rejoice in the light and dark blue; our number is now fourteen. The rushing season was extremely successful for us and as we lose but one by graduation in June we consider ourselves in unusually good condition for next year.

Our new hall that you have heard so much about is not yet ready for occupancy but we hope soon to dedicate it to many happy meetings. At present we are enjoying a change in holding our meetings at the homes of the girls, but all prefer one cosy little room of our own, endeared to us all by the sacred memories of each meeting. Our term party has just become a thing of the past and now we look back upon it as another of Kappa's successes in the art of entertaining.

The University is in a flourishing condition, trying her best to prove herself deserving of the many blessings showered upon her. Beta Gamma send best wishes and most tender greetings to all her sister chapters.

BETA NU—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Beta Nu sends greeting to her sisters in Kappa Kappa Gamma.

We have two new pledglings, who will be initiated before this letter is published, Helen Vercoe and Ruth Hopwood.

Our alumnae association is very good to us, and we have a joint meeting more for pleasure than for business every two months. We cannot tell you how much good it does us to meet with the older girls and tell them all our plans and ask their advice about matters that are of so much interest to all of us.

There is one social event which we have just had the pleasure of attending, that we feel might be of interest to the other chapters. Delta Delta Delta had a reception during the month of February to introduce their initiates to the college world, and instead of excluding the girls in other fraternities, she invited all the fraternity girls in college. She even had three or four girls from each fraternity serve for her. This reception was a decided innovation here, and if it could prove as successful elsewhere, it certainly would do much to take away the strained feeling which often exists among the fraternities.

We had the great pleasure of meeting Miss Ruth Paxson, an alumna of Beta Zeta chapter, a few weeks ago, when she was here in the interest of the Y. W. C. A. of the state. In a meeting which she held one Saturday afternoon, she did much in helping the fraternity girls of the O. S. U. to see that they must make their fraternity life broaden rather than narrow them.



BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

The first part of each semester is always a busy time, and since the opening of the spring term we have had leisure for very little but study.

The University of Michigan is very proud of its freshman class this year. The indoor meet between the freshmen and sophomores resulted in a victory for '06—the first time a first year class has won in five years. The girls have done equally well, for they tied with the seniors in basket ball. The freshmen of the seven sororities have united to form a card club, which promises to do much toward developing a cordial inter-fraternity spirit.

It is nearly time for our play, and about half a dozen of the girls are practicing industriously behind locked doors. The play is given merely for our own amusement, and has proved to be even more fun than the Christmas tree, which has also come to be a yearly custom.

Two of our alumnae have just returned from a six months' trip abroad. They are both teaching in Detroit, near enough for us to see them and hear about their experiences. We have had short visits this year from four of our alumnae.

Beta Delta wishes each chapter a happy and prosperous spring term.



XI—ADRIAN COLLEGE.

The time has passed very rapidly for Xi since the merry Christmas season. We have been hard at work, yet we have had time for our share of pleasure. One of our number, Sarah B. Everhart, we regret to say, has had to leave college on account of illness, but we hope she may be able to be with us again at the opening of the spring term.

Several of our alumnae members have granted us the helpfulness and inspiration of their presence at some of our meetings this year. We are grateful for this, and wish we might have the honor of receiving more of them oftener. The evening of St. Valentine's Day Miss Sadie Palmer delightfully entertained the active chapter and the resident alumnae Kappas at her pleasant home in the city. In the "search for hearts," which formed a part of the evening's amusements, Harriet Rowley won the prize.

Adrian is proud of her new president, Dr. T. H. Lewis, for sixteen years president of Westminster College, Maryland. The alumni, as well as the student body, are beginning to recognize the tireless efforts which Dr. Lewis is putting forth in the interests of the college, and are showing their appreciation in different ways.

Monday evening, February 9th, occurred the forty-third anniversary of Star Literary Society. The exercises were very well attended. Two members of Xi took prominent parts in the program. Mary McCollum has won the place as Star's essayist in the inter-society contest to be held in June.

Next May our chapter shall complete twenty-one years of her history. Arrangements are being made for a proper celebration of the event. We are already looking forward to the pleasure of meeting many of those who have upheld Kappa's standard in Adrian during former years.

We rejoice in the advance steps which Kappa Kappa Gamma takes each year, and with our greetings send to each sister our sincerest wishes for her continued success.



KAPPA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

As we look back over the time since the last newsletter was written to the KEY, we remember many pleasant hours spent together and many hours of hard, earnest work. But nothing has happened to disturb the even tenor of our way. Of course, the usual parties and good times have been indulged in, which seem of such large proportions to the participants, but are uninteresting to others.

All the literary societies of the college are holding their annual oratorical contests during this term, which means close application to the work in hand.

A good deal of enthusiasm is being aroused about athletics, and especially baseball, for the coming season. We have every hope of a winning team, as there is good material from which to select, and a splendid coach has been engaged.

We have done but little entertaining this term. At our initiation, which occurred in December, many of the alumnae were present, and again at our annual Christmas spread, after the holidays.

We were exceedingly sorry to lose Tilla Reynolds this term, so soon after she had been initiated, but circumstances compelled her to go to De Pauw to finish her year. Scarlet fever, however, soon obliged her to leave college altogether.

Before another letter is written we hope to have something interesting to write about, but for the present everything is quiet and peaceful.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

DELTA—INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Several things have happened in and about Delta chapter since the last letter to the KEY. One important event was the pledging of Gertrude Johnson, a girl who entered the university in January. It is our expectation to initiate her the first of the spring term. Another thing of great interest to the chapter was the visit in January of Miss Ruth Paxson, the Y. W. C. A. worker of Beta Zeta chapter. On the Saturday afternoon that she was in Bloomington, Delta entertained for her, giving a reception, at which she could meet all the girls of the University. That evening she gave an earnest, impressive talk to fraternity girls alone, the Theta house being the meeting place. Miss Paxson won the admiration of many girls other than Kappas, and we hope that it will be our great pleasure to have her visit here again.

In January also occurred the Foundation day exercises of the university, the dedication of Science Hall, and the installation of President William Lowe Bryan. The student play, which always precedes Foundation day exercises, was this year "Much Ado About Nothing."

Doubtless, every letter that is written from Delta chapter could say something of the generosity of our alumnae, for they are continually doing nice things for us. The latest thing was a lovely table for our library. We hope the alumnae of other chapters are as thoughtful of the needs of the chapter houses as our alumnae are.



IOTA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

After the rush of the first term, Iota is enjoying the prosperous quiet of the winter term. We have a new sister, Jessie Lawler, to introduce. Our college has had its share of goodly addition as well in the shape of a new biological library and also a permanent endowment fund to sustain the library. This adds one more very effective equipment to our department of science, with its elegant, new Minshall laboratory, and gives us one of the strongest departments of the middle west in this branch.

We have with us again, in active membership, Mabel Pavey, '00, who is taking a post graduate course, and Alice Pavey, '05. We were very sorry to lose a new found sister in Tilla Reynolds, of Kappa chapter, who entered college this term, but was not able to remain long enough to be affiliated because of ill-health. We hope that she may return at some future time. Several of our alumnae visited us this term, and some of them were here at the time of our annual valentine party. Among them were Lillian Hart, Ione Haworth, Jennie Alexander, Mrs. Agnes Moulden Todd, Mabel Bishop and Mrs. Florence Stoner Newhouse. Needless to say, we enjoyed their visit very much, and hope they will come again soon.

Iota sends greetings to all in the bonds.

MU—BUTLER COLLEGE.

For the girls of Mu this term has been busy and happy. First came the "spiking" party, which was a delightful luncheon at the University Club of Indianapolis, where four of the freshman girls were pledged. Then the initiation was the absorbing event. It was held February 5th at the home of Mrs. Harriet Iden Kautz, president of the Indianapolis Kappa Club. Besides the active chapter, there were present over thirty alumnae members and two Delta girls, Lila Burnett and Beryl Showers. Mu now has to introduce to you Irma Brayton, Ruth Ann Allerdice and Ada Bowen, all of Indianapolis. Our fourth pledge, Kelsie Black, is to be initiated in the spring term.

The 7th of February, Founders' day at Butler, was celebrated by the time-honored annual play. As a curtain-raiser to "She Stoops to Conquer" was given a one-act comedy, "Uncle Rodney," written by a Butler alumnus. In the former play Helen Downing took the part of Constance Neville; in the latter Minnie Wink and Charlotte Powell took leading parts. Mu feels especially honored in having two of her senior girls, Helen Downing and Charlotte Powell, elected to membership in the Irvington Athenæum. This is the first instance in which college students have ever been invited.

We are glad to welcome again to our number Essie Hunter, who was obliged to discontinue her college work six weeks ago

on account of a broken ankle, received while playing basket ball. One of our last year's girls, J. Anna Carpenter, is also with us.

Mu is looking forward to the state oratorical contest on March 7th, when she hopes to entertain Iota.



ETA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

All of Eta's girls came back to college after a delightful holiday vacation to be entertained on the day of their return by one of their alumnae, Mrs. Olin, at a Kappa reception. Miss Benson, of Beta Delta, who is now a student of horticulture, in the University of Wisconsin, was among the guests.

Final examinations for the first semester were given from January 31st to February 7th, and after that we enjoyed the junior promenade and its festivities. During promenade time we were glad to entertain a number of out of town Kappas. Cleo Wheeler and Eleanor Mitchell, of Chi, were here. Six of our alumnae, Madge Thompson, Helen Thompson, Agnes Walsh, Lila Bartlett, Carrie Holah and Ethel Lawrence, and three pledged girls, Eugenia Bechtner and Marion Bell, of Milwaukee, and Julia Herron, of Fond du Lac, were with us. We gave our annual promenade breakfast to the visiting girls on Saturday morning. On February 24th Mary Swenson gave a delightful dancing party for Eta chapter. We are glad to have Miss Ela, of Kappa, with us again.



BETA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

It is with great pleasure that Beta Lambda introduces to her Kappa sisters Annabell Fraser, of La Salle, Illinois, who entered the university this semester, and Mary Moss, of Urbana, Illinois, who was initiated before Christmas, but too late to have her name in the January KEY. We now have twenty active members, the largest number we have had for three years.

Ours has been a busy life since Christmas, for besides rushing we had our annual just at the end of examination week. Four of the Epsilon girls visited us at that time, two of our alumnae were back, and several friends of the girls, so our house was more than full. We enjoyed having our Epsilon sisters very much, for we have always thought we two chapters should know

each other better, but this year for the first time have we exchanged visits. Some of us hope to visit them at the time of their annual, as they have very cordially invited us to come to Bloomington then. We had Miss Ruth Paxson, of Beta Zeta, with us the first week in February. She was here to conduct meetings of the Y. W. C. A. This is the third time we have been so fortunate as to entertain Miss Paxson, and we sincerely hope it will not be the last.

Phi Kappa Sigma entered the university just before Christmas, although they were not announced until a few weeks ago. We now have ten fraternities and five sororities, all of them living in chapter houses except Phi Kappa Sigma, which expects to have a house next year.

There has been a movement of the students started by the fraternities to begin again the vesper services in the university chapel. These were held last year for several months, and proved a great success. They are managed by the students, speakers being procured from members of the ministry in the two towns, and also from away.

The delegates from the Illinois legislature visited the university on February 20th, and we are anxiously awaiting the results of their visit. The university wants nearly one million dollars appropriation for new buildings and improvements, and as we obtained nearly that amount two years ago, we hope that we may not be disappointed this time.

Sometime in March we plan to give a reception to the faculty and townspeople, and that will probably end our entertainments for the year, or at least until the interscholastic meet in May.



UPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

The party season has just arrived at Northwestern, and to-night, February 27th, comes "Pan Hell," the event of the college year. At this party we expect to introduce our new pledgling, Grace McKinney, who has worn the colors but a few hours. We lost one of our staunch supporters this semester in May Capron, who has left college for the rest of the year.

During the inter-semester vacation Mina Loew entertained very prettily at a valentine party, and a few days later Lola Newcomb entertained the active chapter at a Kappa luncheon.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Zada Miller to Dr. George Hutchinson.

The question of girls' athletics is being earnestly discussed here, and we expect soon to organize a girl's athletic association, with rival basket ball teams, etc.



EPSILON—ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Epsilon is very glad to introduce her two new members, Louise McIntyre and Carrie Leach, to the readers of the KEY. Every initiation leaves us more enthusiastic than we were before, and we are glad to say that our initiates have already imbibed the fraternity spirit, and promise to be a credit to our fraternity. We have lost two of our girls this semester. Louie Howell is spending the winter in New Orleans, and Lucy Williams expects to spend the remainder of the college year in Memphis, Tenn. Four of our girls attended the annual reception of Beta Lambda, in Champaign, January 31st, and they now appreciate more than ever before the bond that exists among all loyal Kappas; they realize that there is no such thing as strangers among those who wear the golden key. After we returned from the Christmas vacation we gave a progressive dinner. Each course was served at a different house, and after the last course we spent the remainder of the evening very informally. We are now busy preparing for our annual, which will be given March 13th in Cooper Hall. At that time we expect to meet some of our sisters from other chapters and also some from our own chapter who have been away teaching.

Our annual college banquet was given February 23d, and it was very evident that the fraternity spirit is not weakening the college enthusiasm, but strengthening it.



DELTA PROVINCE.

CHI—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

To all Kappa Kappa Gamma, greeting.

Since our last letter Chi has been a very busy, and consequently a very happy chapter. All sorts of events from grave to gay, have occupied us, and made the time seem to fly. On December 12th the Physical Culture department gave a Hunt

Ball, the proceeds of which were to buy new and better equipment for the department. The Armory, all in green and red, was very pretty. During the holidays we had our chapter Christmas tree at the rooms. Instead of bringing gifts for each other, we decided to expend our energies on the rooms, and now we boast all sorts of new furnishings from a dust-pan to a chandelier. During examination week Katherine Jewell Everts, one of our alumnae, whom many of you have met, was in Minneapolis to give a reading on January 19. The alumnae association gave a tea for her on that afternoon.

The Junior ball, the great social event of the college year, took place on the 30th of January. I won't say how much we enjoyed it, because you know from experience. Helen Clarke has been elected to an associate editorship on the '05 *Gopher* board. Our annual Kappa cotillion we gave on the 20th of February at the Minikahda Club. The Minnesota chapter of Omega Psi has returned to its original form of a local society, and is called Sigma Alpha Delta.

The greatest piece of news I have reserved for the last. We have just initiated Grace Gillette, who is the daughter of one of our members, and is the first Kappa daughter we have ever had in the chapter.

BETA ZETA—IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Beta Zeta sends greetings to all sisters in Kappa Kappa Gamma. This year thus far has been an unusually happy and successful one for Beta Zeta. The first semester is a thing of the past and the second semester is now two weeks on its way. We have been quite fortunate in keeping together, but regret the loss of one of our new girls, Katherine Hayes, but hope to have her with us again in the spring. A few weeks ago one of our alumnae, Mrs. Saleman, *nee* Ida Kriechbaum, visited us for a few days, and during her stay we enjoyed a spread at the home of Julia and Grace Padmore, to which our alumnae were invited. During the evening old times were talked over, and "Round Robin" was read and enjoyed. Recently we had the pleasure of having Katherine Everts, of Chi, among us, and we were entertained by Miss Young of the university in her honor.

Close upon our festivities came examinations with their usual terrors, followed by a brief recess between semesters. But university life has a gayer side, and the pre-Lenten festivities at Iowa have been numerous and enjoyable. Besides the annual sophomore cotillion and athletic ball, there have been many receptions, parties and fraternity, functions, both formal and informal. Among the more recent ones might be mentioned the annual formal given by Kappa Sigma and that of Pi Beta Phi, the latter being a beautiful valentine party.

At present all Kappas are looking forward to Wednesday, February 25th, when one of our alumnae will entertain us. For among the most pleasant hours we have together we count those spent at the homes of our alumnae.



THETA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

At last examinations are over and Theta girls are beginning to lose that strenuous feeling and to settle down, after the usual post-examination gayeties, to real work again.

Our only two seniors, Mary Walker and Carolyn Stoner, were chosen among the first five for Phi Beta Kappa.

We were very sorry to lose Madge Robertson, '04, who was forced to return home because of ill health.

Mabel Sanders, of last year's chapter, visited her grandparents during January, and an opportunity was given her of meeting the new Kappas at several charming functions.

Mrs. James Yantis entertained the Kappas very uniquely at a "faggot party."

Chapter meeting was held at Mrs. N. T. Gentry's the last of January, and Kappa bonds were renewed with several of our alumnae.

Madeline Branham and Edith Stoner were chosen editors of the girls' number of the *Independent*, the college paper.

Ardella Dockery, '01, and Irene Blair, '02, are visiting the Kappas at the chapter house.

Ethel Ringo, '01, was with us for a short time.

Gail Poor and Hally Prentiss were initiated into the mysteries of Kappa Kappa Gamma just before the holidays.

Florence Robinson is our latest pledge.

The Kappas gave an elaborate luncheon in honor of their pledges and the visiting girls. It was also a farewell to Emily Blair, one of our pledges, who returns to her home in Chicago.



SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

The University of Nebraska has just celebrated the thirty-fourth anniversary of the granting of its charter, with the usual midyear commencement ceremonies and the ever welcome "Charter day" holiday. The ceremonies this year were especially interesting. Besides the commencement address by Dr. Gunsaulus, of Chicago, we enjoyed the unusual privilege of having a cannon presented to the Pershing Rifles, which had been captured from the Filipino insurgents and sent to us from the Philippines by Major Pershing. Major Pershing was at one time commandant of the University Cadets, and during this time formed a company made up of the best-drilled men from the regular companies. Last year the university had a cannon presented which had been captured in Cuba, so now we feel that we are quite rich in war relics, especially as many of the students who took part in the Spanish and Cuban wars have presented valuable collections to the university museum.

During the Christmas holidays we gained much inspiration from the annual exhibit of paintings brought here by the Hayden Art Association. The paintings for this exhibit are mostly sent from New York and are the productions of the most prominent American artists. Each year the association buys a picture and adds it to the growing collection in our art rooms in Library Hall. This year they bought two, so the art students feel that they are especially fortunate.

As for the events of the present moment, we students are very much interested in the session of the Legislature, because the university has asked for large appropriations to be used in the erection of new buildings at the university farm and experiment station and on the campus.

We girls were very fortunate last month in having with us our Grand President, Mrs. Westermann. She was with us at several social affairs and at one fraternity meeting, where she gave us an especially interesting talk upon our fraternity history and policy.

Since the last KEY was published we have established a library at the fraternity house, which we dedicated to Grace L. Leming.

Each active girl is to give a book on her birthday, so in this way we hope to have a good library in time. We are beginning with Shakespeare, which always forms an admirable nucleus for a library. Mrs. Leming sent us a beautiful, framed picture of Grace, which we have hung over the bookcase in our library.

We have lost two members this month—Elsie Farvell, one of our freshmen, who has gone to Chicago to study voice, and Dorothy Griggs, who was married to Mr. Buckmaster, of Tacoma, Wash., and has gone there to live.

We held our second initiation at the chapter house last week, for Kate Gellatly, of Fairbury, whom we pledged just after the opening of the second semester. The initiation was very enjoyable, for the girls living in "the house" composed many fraternity songs to the most popular airs in "The Prince of Pilsen."

Fraternity circles are interested in the recent installation of Chi Omega in the university. Six national sororities are now represented here.

To the chapters, one and all, Sigma sends greetings and best wishes.



OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

This semester has meant to Omega the loss of two girls, Mabel Henry by graduation, and Lilian Axtell by the illness of her mother. At the beginning of the term, however, we were so fortunate as to pledge Maude Olandre, of Kansas City, Kas., and Edith Scoby, of Kansas City, Mo.

On the twenty-first of March our town Alumnae Association expects to give a banquet for the active and alumnae members of Omega. Earlier in the evening we have planned to hold initiation. Shortly after the holidays Mrs. F. D. Morse gave a luncheon for the active chapter in honor of her niece, Murry Smith.

On the afternoon of February 4th Margaret Perkins entertained us at a very delightful card party, and on February 6th we gave our annual spring dance.

Just before the holidays a charter was granted by Chi Omega to ten girls in the university and Omega welcomed this new chapter into fraternity circles by an informal tea given at the chapter house.

At the recent Phi Beta Kappa election one of our three seniors, Ida McKnight, was chosen as one of the new members. We are

especially proud of this, since she is completing a difficult course in three years.

A new era of prosperity is opening up for Kansas University under the management of Dr. Strong. It was in response to his plea at the last session of the Legislature that the university was granted an appropriation of one-half million dollars, fifty thousand of which is to be used in erecting a law building.



BETA MU—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

Beta Mu chapter house, during the past few months, has received so many additions in the way of furnishings, which add so greatly in making it pretty and comfortable, that we think it worthy of special mention.

Since the beginning of the second semester quite a number of social affairs of interest have taken place. The girls of Pi Beta Phi and Kappa Kappa Gamma were most delightfully entertained recently at a card party, by Delta Gamma, at their chapter house.

On January 31 occurred one of the most important social events of the year in university circles—the annual ball given by the athletic association in honor of the football team.

The University Dramatic Club presented the play, "The Avengers," on the evenings of February 11 and 12, the proceeds of which they presented to the athletic association. The play was a very great success and the financial aid it gave to university athletics was considerable.

On January tenth we entertained a number of our friends at a card party. The house was decorated with roses, carnations and smilax, and the light and dark blue ribbons. "Sixty-three" was the game of the evening and the first prize was a Kappa pennant with the letters embroidered in light blue on a background of dark blue satin.

A short time ago we gave a chafing dish supper to the girls of Pi Epsilon, a local fraternity applying for a charter from Kappa Alpha Theta.

Mame McCollough, of Mu, who entered the university in September, and affiliated with Beta Mu, has been obliged to give up her college work on account of illness.

Elizabeth Northrop, of Chi, who was in Boulder last year, but for the past several months has been at her home in Minneapolis,

has again returned to Boulder. We girls of Beta Mu are so glad to have her with us again.

The state oratorical contest was held in Denver, February 20, in which representatives from Denver University, Colorado College and the State University took part. One of our representatives won first place, and will represent Colorado in the interstate contest.

The interest in basket ball among the girls this winter has been largely increased by the games among the various classes. This has developed splendid material for the regular university team, and we have the strongest team we ever had and feel confident of a season of victory. So far we have had but one game with another college team. The result was highly satisfactory to us.

Our new library building was dedicated January 17, under the auspices of the Masonic Order. Several prominent speakers delivered addresses.

One very important change in our university went into effect at the beginning of the second semester—the change from the old system of requiring work in the college department to the elective system.

Mrs. Baker, wife of the president of the university, entertained the Woman's League on January 24. We consider our Woman's League one of the most successful organizations we have. Every woman student in the university, together with the women of the faculty and the wives of the faculty are members. The management of the league is intrusted to an executive board, which plans some sort of an entertainment for each month. Nothing is able to bring us so in touch with the other women in the university and to so closely unite the various elements as the Woman's League.



BETA XI—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

In the past few months Beta Xi has had many wholesome experiences and not a few joys, and chief among our joys is the acquisition of seven new members of Beta Xi—Julia Idson, Mary Stedman, Ethel Morey, Carry Gardner, May Jarvis, Louise Mallory and Eleanor Breckinridge—on whom, we are sure, all Kappas will rejoice to see the key. After three months of anxiety and hard work, pledging day at last came; the freshmen had gathered together, and we went in a body to get the answers.

And then joy reigned. Eight days later, at Helen Simkins', the initiation took place, followed by a banquet at which Mrs. Bray (Beta Tau) presided as toastmistress, and we welcomed several visiting Kappas—Marian Rather, Grace Gould, from our own chapter; Vera Morey (Chi) and Elizabeth Finnegan (Beta Epsilon).

Since then, with the exception of one very enjoyable evening spent at cards in our chapter room, most of our time has been occupied by enthusiastically planning the chapter house we are going to have next year. Next year, too, we must defer pledging for three months, and this time all of the fraternities must conform to the same arrangement, for the fiat of the faculty has gone forth. The girls' fraternities, having tried the plan this year, will, no doubt, be more able to stand the strain than their brothers, and we can comfort ourselves by remembering that the plan has many advantages to offset its discomforts.

Greetings to all our sisters.



PI—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

This year we are all back at college enjoying the life that centers about our chapter house, which is felt to an unusual degree this semester. A few weeks ago we initiated Gladys Meyer, '06, making our freshmen nine in number. Although there was a small entering class this January, the university seems continually to be growing in size. At present the memorial mining building, given by our gracious benefactress, Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, is in the process of construction. Very soon work will be commenced on a new North Hall, so it seems as if we were to be fortunate in seeing the new university started so soon.

We want you all to know of the engagement of Alma Sherman, '03, our delegate to the last convention, and Alan Chickering, a California Δ K E. We are all so happy over it, and know that they will have many joys and blessings.

Last Saturday evening we entertained our friends at a dance given in Reed Hall. We hope they all carried away memories of a pleasant evening. A number of the Stanford Kappas joined us in the festivity. Only last week several of us had such a good time at a dance given by the sophomore Kappas in their chapter house at Stanford. We are very fortunate indeed to have a chapter of K K Γ so near us, for it helps us to realize the breadth of

the fraternity. Too often a chapter may forget that she is only one of many others, and so live too much for herself, and not for all her sisters in the North, South and East. Let us endeavor to keep our broad policy, that we may keep continually in touch with each and every Kappa.

We trust that we may have the pleasure of meeting and welcoming many of our sister Kappas to California this year.



BETA ETA—LELAND STANFORD JR. UNIVERSITY.

Beta Eta sends greetings to all sister chapters.

Since college reopened this semester both fraternity and college life have been active. At present there are thirteen in the active chapter, but at different times Kappas who are not taking college work have been with us, renewing old friendships and swelling our numbers.

Interfraternity functions and dances fill the social program. With two halls and fifteen fraternity houses on the campus, all situated near one another, social intercourse is indeed fostered and encouraged. We are now looking forward to a valentine party to be given by the sophomores of K K I , and many are the mysteries the sophomores are hiding from their Kappa sisters.

In the college world itself much has been added to the annals of Stanford. Assembly meetings have recently been instituted, and fortnightly the student body and faculty gather for an hour at Assembly Hall to meet on common ground and listen to addresses made on subjects interesting to both.

An event long to be remembered is the dedication of the Memorial Church. Of this church we have written before, but never can too much be told to show our appreciation of its beauty and magnificence. At the time of the dedication we had with us many of our alumnae, among whom were Bertha Chapman and Mrs. Donald, two of our charter members.

Another chapter was added when the cornerstone of the gymnasium, which will cost nearly a half million dollars and which will be most carefully and elaborately planned and equipped, was laid. It is said it will be one of the best in the world. Around the beautiful building of buff-colored sandstone will be grouped athletic fields for football, base ball, tennis, track, also covered fields and tracks.

With a university so richly endowed and so well able to meet all student needs, college spirit and enthusiasm cannot help being a strong factor in our college life.



In Memoriam.

LOUISE BRISBINE DUNN.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to call unto Himself our sister in the bonds of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Louise Brisbane Dunn, and

WHEREAS, Louise Dunn was intimately known by many of us for several years and was noted for her high ideals, proved by her devotion to duty and to our fraternity, be it

Resolved, That we, the New York Alumnae Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma, signify to her family the sincere respect and esteem in which we hold her memory, and the deep sympathy we extend to them, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her family and that they be printed in the fraternity magazine.

EVELYN OSBORNE,
DORTHY CANFIELD.

WHEREAS, The fraternity in the death of Louise Brisbane Dunn, '97, has lost an earnest and loyal member, and

WHEREAS, Beta Epsilon Chapter has lost one whose unfailing friendship and sympathy have been a constant source of strength, be it

Resolved, That the Alumnae and active members of Beta Epsilon Chapter extend to the family their heartfelt sympathy, and

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, be inscribed in the minutes, and be published in the KEY.

MAUD WILCOX, '97.
BESSIE L. THOMPSON, '03.
KATHERINE S. DOTY, '04.

EDITH PUTNAM DART.

The Alumnae and active members of Pi Chapter mourn the death of Edith Putnam Dart, '98. Miss Dart was one of the twelve charter members when Pi was re-established in 1897, and it was very largely due to her efforts that the charter was granted. All who knew her held her in the deepest love and admiration for her sweet and beautiful character.

SADIE ALEXANDER, Pi.



EDITORIAL.

Alumnae Associations.

THE organization and maintenance of nineteen alumnae associations is enough to make every loyal Kappa rejoice. However, figuring liberally, we can not find more than 800 alumnae Kappas interested enough in the welfare of the fraternity to join an association. In round numbers, there are 3,000 alumnae. Why is it that the remaining 2,200 do not find it worth while to be enrolled and associated with those who are keeping informed on changes of fraternity government and policy? Why are they not inclined to become better acquainted with the new and the old wearers of the key? If you are living in a city or town where there is no association, seek the other Kappas in your vicinity and organize. Failing to find other Kappas near at hand, join the association already organized which is in closest proximity. The Cleveland Alumnae Association boasts of a member who comes regularly to the meetings from a city fifty miles distant. We know you are all thinking of the good of our fraternity, so join an association, express your opinions at the meetings, encourage sending a delegate to the convention, and let us all hear from you through her. You will be rejuvenated, your love for Kappa will be rekindled, and nothing but good can result to us all by your renewed interest in Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Visit Other Chapters.

WITHIN the past year, particularly during the football season, almost two-thirds of the active chapters sent representatives to visit other chapters. The letters in the KEY have shown how much real pleasure the guests and hostesses both have derived from these short visits. Through, them friendships are formed, new methods of dealing with other fraternities are discovered, better regulation of chapter affairs is found, and best of all and strongest of all, a realization of the breadth and strength of Kappa comes to each one who thus meets with the lovers of the two blues from other chapters. Whenever it is feasible take a day's vacation and go with a part or the whole of your chapter to the home of a near-by sister band.

Miss Ruth Paxson.

SEVERAL chapters report a visit within the last few months from Miss Ruth Paxson, field secretary of the Y. W. C. A. Miss Paxson's visits have left breadth of vision, universal sympathy and healthy rivalry among all the fraternity women in the institutions where she has lingered for a day or more. Not only the Kappas give enthusiastic reports of the benefits derived from meeting, but all fraternity women speak, through their journals, in the same glowing terms. We are proud of Miss Paxson and her work, and we like to feel that Kappa ideals have helped to make her the noble woman that she is.

The Place of Chapter Meeting.

THE correspondents of the chapters frequently invite traveling Kappas to call at the chapter rooms when convenient and meet with the sisters, who are usually there. But the writers fail to give us the exact location of the rooms. The editor suggests that the July letters state the street and number of the meeting places, and the best time for calling upon the active chapters in their homes.

Two new advertisers appear in this issue, the D. C. Kern Company, of Chicago, dealing in Kappa pennants and pillows, and Cotrell & Leonard, of Albany, makers of caps, gowns and hoods. These firms are reliable, and should be patronized by all Kappas. They show their appreciation of the quality of our circulation by advertising in the KEY, and we should be glad to favor them in turn.



EXCHANGES.

By MARION EVANS TWISS, *Beta Nu*, '97.

Since the publication of the KEY for January the following exchanges have been received, and are hereby acknowledged :

DECEMBER ISSUES—Sigma Chi *Quarterly*, *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

JANUARY ISSUES—*Kappa Alpha Theta*, *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi, *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta.

FEBRUARY ISSUES—*Elenis* of Chi Omega, *Tau Kappa Pi Quarterly*, *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi, *Alpha Tau Omega Palm*, *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta, *Intercollegiate News*.

MARCH ISSUES—Delta Upsilon *Quarterly*.

Certain exchanges are conspicuous for their non-arrival at the KEY office. For example: *Beta Theta Pi*, the *Anchora* of Delta Gamma for January, and the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*.

We welcome most heartily the *Tau Kappa Pi Quarterly*, a modest, womanly and conservative little journal, the first publication of a strictly local woman's fraternity, which we have had the pleasure of reviewing. It is published in Baltimore, where *Tau Kappa Pi* flourishes, and it does exactly what it pretends to do, no more and no less. It informs its readers of the doings of active and alumni members, and it discusses briefly the good old, threadbare fraternity topics, "Secrecy," "Rushing," "Pan-Hellenism," and—weddings!

We clip the following from their stated "Purpose":

"The *Quarterly* realizes its youth and inexperience, and begs your indulgence for all its errors—those of commission as well as those of omission. Its function is intended to be reciprocal. It is to be a common meeting ground for graduate members with the *Tau Kapps* who have in charge the active administration of fraternity concerns to-day, and for this reason it bespeaks the co-operation of every wearer of the rose and white from the charter members, with their store of picturesque reminiscences and interesting experiences at home and abroad, to the 'infants' of to-day, with their up to date ideas on what the dean once so aptly styled 'this big, buzzing, blooming confusion' of a world."

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So long as a nation, a corporation, a fraternity, is ready and eager to pull up the weed in its own private garden, and not wait for outsiders to root up weeds and flowers together, it is in a healthy state. Fraternities are correcting their intensive defects as rapidly and eagerly as they are practicing chapter extension

and policy broadening. The older fraternities, indeed, are giving up chapter extension almost entirely and devoting their best efforts to "internal improvements." Consequently, those few critics of fraternalism who still flourish, even in college faculties, will find that the good, solid fraternities are ahead of them every time in movements of reform, and they will do well to co-operate rather than antagonize.

Do we need to correct the evils of rushing? Here is Pi Beta Phi bubbling over from fervor of rushing reform—fourteen pages of chapter discussion. Some good, sensible reasons why pledge day should not be too late in the year are offered by the Kansas chapter.

"We do not approve of having a limited time in which rushing (as defined above) is forbidden, terminating in a pledge day. Our reasons are several:

1. The rushing here is not a mad, frantic scramble.
2. The chapter would in the case of a pledge day be deprived of the usefulness of members for three months.
3. We would not know the girls any better after this time, because active students do not have an opportunity to know *well* ten or twelve girls outside of the chapter.
4. Not seeing the candidate in the presence of the entire chapter, we could form no idea as to whether she was favorably inclined toward us or not. We do not care to waste an invitation.
5. We fear that such a pledge would only result in strained relations with the other fraternities, where now there is a very friendly feeling. This would arise from different interpretations of the definition of rushing, and criticisms would be numberless.

Kansas Alpha thinks that no modification would be satisfactory here, where customs are so well established; that none would succeed unless fraternities and sororities would unite; that this is a question which each university and college should decide for itself."

Also, from the Illinois Chapter:

"For our particular chapter there seem to be objections to some points in the resolutions. In the first place the date for pledging is too late. College opens September 1st and the first term's work closes at Thanksgiving. It would seem far better to have the pledge day previous to this first vacation, but not too near, as it is a time of especially hard work for the students, owing to examinations."

We are glad also to insert the following word in season:

"There seems to be a false impression that we have segregation here at Northwestern, and we hasten to correct the idea. A rumor arose during the week of the inaugural ceremonies of President James that he would be influenced by the action taken by the faculty of Chicago University in adopting segregation for the freshmen and sophomores there. But, so far as we know, no steps have been taken in this direction as yet and no changes from the customs of the past few years have been made. Men and women recite in the same classes, have the same professors and advisors, and enjoy equal privileges in the library and laboratories. They are not allowed to room

in the same houses. There are four dormitories for women, the largest accommodating about one hundred girls. In two of these halls the general housework is carried on by the women themselves, thus lessening the expenses of each woman.

The sororities are not allowed houses, because a few years ago one sorority abused the privilege, but each chapter has its own rooms on the top floor of Willard Hall, the largest woman's dormitory. The fraternities have their chapter houses, and with the exception of these and one small dormitory, the men live in boarding houses.

The question of segregation is seldom brought up among the students, with reference to its adoption here as to whether it would be a good thing or not; whether, if tried, it would be successful; and is discussed but little except in the newspapers and outside world. Personally, I do not think the system would be welcomed here by the students."

—*Illinois Epsilon of Pi Beta Phi.*

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The oldest of woman's fraternities, Kappa Alpha Theta, offers a higher and more dignified way of meeting rushing evils and avoiding a scramble, as quoted below. In fact, the two older woman's fraternities, which originated in the same year and have grown up side by side in friendly and stimulating rivalry all over the country, are now in a position to rise above many of the excitements and undignified devices which necessarily characterize the first days of a struggling organization, and to set the standard of conservative, broad-minded and thoughtful reform for the younger sisters in Hellas. The following from the *Kappa Alpha Theta Quarterly* bears our underlines:

"Let a fraternity but stand in its community for a distinct type of girl, and the best girl is very reasonably sure of finding herself choosing the best fraternity. This idea,—the standing for a type and choice of members who shall conform to it—is most essential to the symmetry of a well developed fraternity. Would it not be well to be known wherever you have a chapter by a certain quality of womanhood, a definite standard of scholarship, and a culture of heart as well as of mind? When that may be attained a *fraternity sister should be known to us first by her personality, and then by her pin.* Some may say that this would be too Utopian a condition of things to be realized. But the answer may be made that already such an ideal has been reached in some fraternity chapters, and the unifying influence of conventions, district officers' visits and inter-fraternity conferences is doing much toward this good result."

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The following brief summaries of the histories of the two sister fraternities, from the *Quarterly*, are interesting to all Kappas:

"It is proverbial that a woman dislikes to discuss her age, or to enjoy birthdays after perhaps the twenty-fifth. Her fraternity's birthday, however, is a different matter and we are happy in acknowledging thirty-three years for our own, this month. It was not until January 27, 1870, that the fraternity idea found expression for us, in the founding of Kappa Alpha Theta, at Asbury, now DePauw University, Greencastle. The years have increased

our membership from four to about twenty-eight hundred, with active chapters numbering twenty-two and alumnae associations in ten cities. During this time, eight chapters were withdrawn—the expediency of maintaining chapters only in colleges where conditions justified good ones, having always outweighed any desire of the council for an imposing chapter roll.

“No chapters have been created since 1898, only four active charters having been granted in twelve years, while ten alumnae chapters have been organized. This shows pretty conclusively that Theta’s growth has been intensive rather than extensive.

“Kappa (Kappa Gamma) exceeds its predecessors in numbers, having a membership of over three thousand, twenty-eight active chapters, and seventeen alumnae associations. The affairs of the sorority are conducted by a council of five, in addition to which the provinces, geographically determined, are represented by the council. The method seems to us a wise one, for the business ability and methodical exactness of Kappa Kappa Gamma have long been admired.”

Kappa has long admired certain features of Theta organization, also, notably its pledging ceremonies. In fact, methinks Alphonse shakes hands with Gaston.

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For the following we are indebted to the scissors of the Delta Tau Delta *Rainbow*:

“Perhaps the most potent cause of the upward tendency of the freshman and the decline of upper class discipline in our colleges is the salutary influence of the Greek letter societies. The most apparent effect of the fraternities in college life is the breaking down of class barriers and the intimate union of initiates from all classes in a common brotherhood. The obnoxious habits or offensive bearing which in the old days incited the sophomores to measures of corrective discipline are now tempered or corrected by admonition or remonstrance from the freshman’s fraternity mates. Two venerable institutions will illustrate the truth of this position. Union college has been called the ‘mother of secret societies,’ for there ten of the oldest and best college fraternities took their origin. The Greek letter societies have there always been welcomed and encouraged, and their influence is recognized as beneficial in maintaining discipline and college order. Princeton, on the contrary, has always frowned on secret societies. After a long war of extermination it finally succeeded in crushing out of existence the chapters which ventured, from time to time, to organize in the New Jersey college. At the one college the freshmen are taken in hand with fraternal care and hazing is unknown. From the other come annually-recurring stories of brutality and cruelty, often endangering human life.”—*New York Mail and Express*.

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Nor are other witnesses lacking. The next clipping is from the *Phi Gamma Delta*:

“It is not true, as is often asserted, that a fraternity is no better than the members that compose it. The fraternity is equal to the character of its individual members plus the sense of responsibility for the brotherhood. And this increment is of incalculable practical value. Some of the richest experiences of my life have been found in joining hands with others about a brother of weak and vacillating purpose. Not of the least importance was the help the helpers themselves received. Many a man who cares too little for his own reputation is exceedingly jealous of the reputation of his chapter.

He recognizes that he is the custodian of the good name, not only of his chapter, but of the fraternity at large. As a college officer, I would not think of handling a case of discipline in which a fraternity man is involved without availing myself of the help I can secure from the men of his fraternity. They are closer to him than I can be. Through them I can most effectively reach him."

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The whole college, as well as the faculty, may well look to the fraternity as its unfailing right hand, in matters disciplinary, social and even (witness the next clipping) athletics :

"Friendly rivalry between fraternities is this year seeking new outlets. The rough way in which the ice formed on the lakes this year suggested clearing a space for a rink, and from that the idea was evolved of having an ice fete. The idea was immediately carried out. A large quadrangle on the ice was cleared and flooded, and the inclosure lighted by electric arcs. An orchestra stand was built at one end, and a 'Dutch kitchen' at the other, where coffee, wieners and doughnuts are served to skaters. The fete has been such an inspiring novelty that arrangements have been made to have a series of skating races and inter-fraternity hockey matches. The fraternities have organized teams, and within a week or two the matches will begin. The growing interest in hand ball and water polo have caused them to be suggested as favorable sports for inter-fraternity contests, and there is no doubt that the inter-fraternity base ball league will be perpetuated and that the usual spring athletic meet will be held. This variety enables a number of men to get out and do something for the fraternity, and the contests are always productive of interest and wholesome amusement."

—Wisconsin Correspondent, *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

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Truly, ours is a high calling. As the Secretary of Phi Kappa Psi, Mr. Monette, says :

"There is an urgent necessity which is equal to an unqualified demand, almost, that the fraternity initiate none but strong men. This is becoming more important and vital as fraternity life and purpose are broadening. The college secret order is commanding a higher and more respectable position in the affairs of college life than ever before in the history of education. This has come only after a fight. The opposition has been active, puissant and unfair. Each claim and merit of the fraternity system have been demonstrated perforce, in advance of recognition, at the hands of thoughtful educators and collegiate adherents. On the other hand, as this consent to live and flourish has been given and the more extended antagonism has been withdrawn, only one condition has been tacitly understood and required; namely, a continuing demonstration of the same virtues and excellencies. This relates solely to the college world. Scholarship must reside in the fraternity man. Ability must be an abiding characteristic. Culture and refinement must appear among his attributes. A strong sense of his own fitness for increasing responsibility is essential quality. Clear vision, steady nerve and sturdy character are also necessary qualifications—above all, fraternity life calls for a man."

He also says—and did you ever hear something like this before?

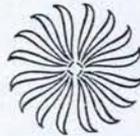
"There is a woeful ignorance in some quarters of what is set forth in the constitution and what is the history and purposes of the organization. No less than one hundred letters of inquiry are answered every year, which the correspondent could answer himself upon an inspection of the constitution.

The just pride which one has or ought to have in our beloved Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, can only lead to the burning of midnight oil, if needs be, to delve in, investigate, study and master the law and rules, the system of government, the chapter roll, official directory, the musical, historical, journalistic and biographical lore of the fraternity. Each member should not content himself with less than being a walking encyclopedia and dictionary on Phi Psi matters, no matter what their nature or classification."

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The following is clipped from the *Arrow* :

"'What is Worth While' is a little book, a copy of which should be in every chapter room. It is not written for the fraternity girl especially, but in its sentiment it seems peculiarly fitted to help us in our fraternity life. The substance of the book is given in the closing lines, which express the ideal toward which we are all striving: 'Letting go the unworthy things that meet us, pretense, worry, discontent and self-seeking, and taking loyal hold of time, work, present happiness, love, duty, friendship, sorrow, and faith, let us so live in all true womanliness as to be an inspiration, strength and blessing to those whose lives are touched by ours.'"



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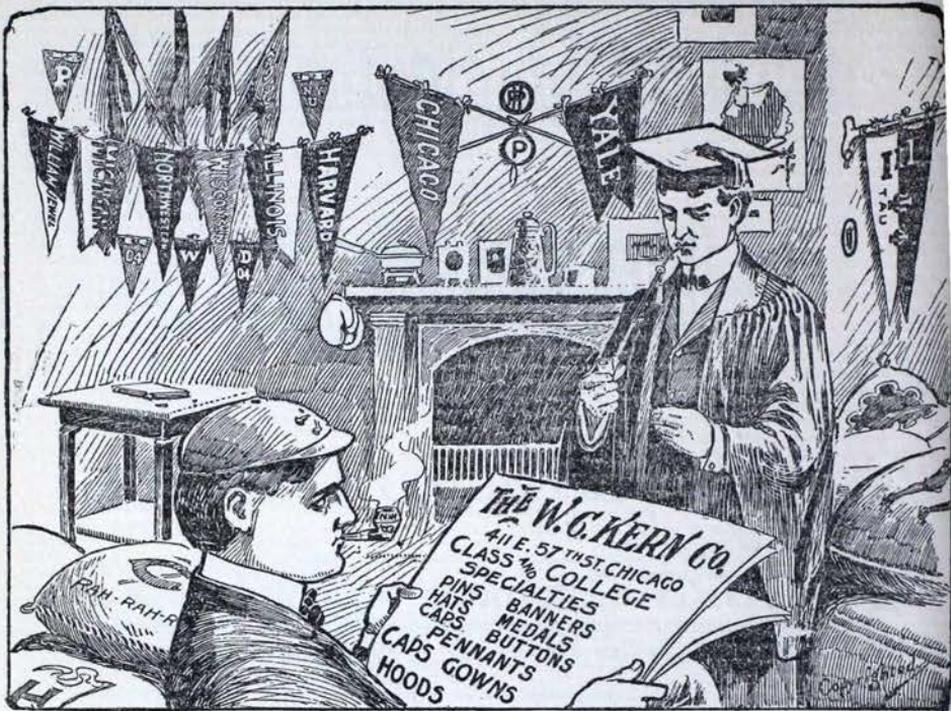
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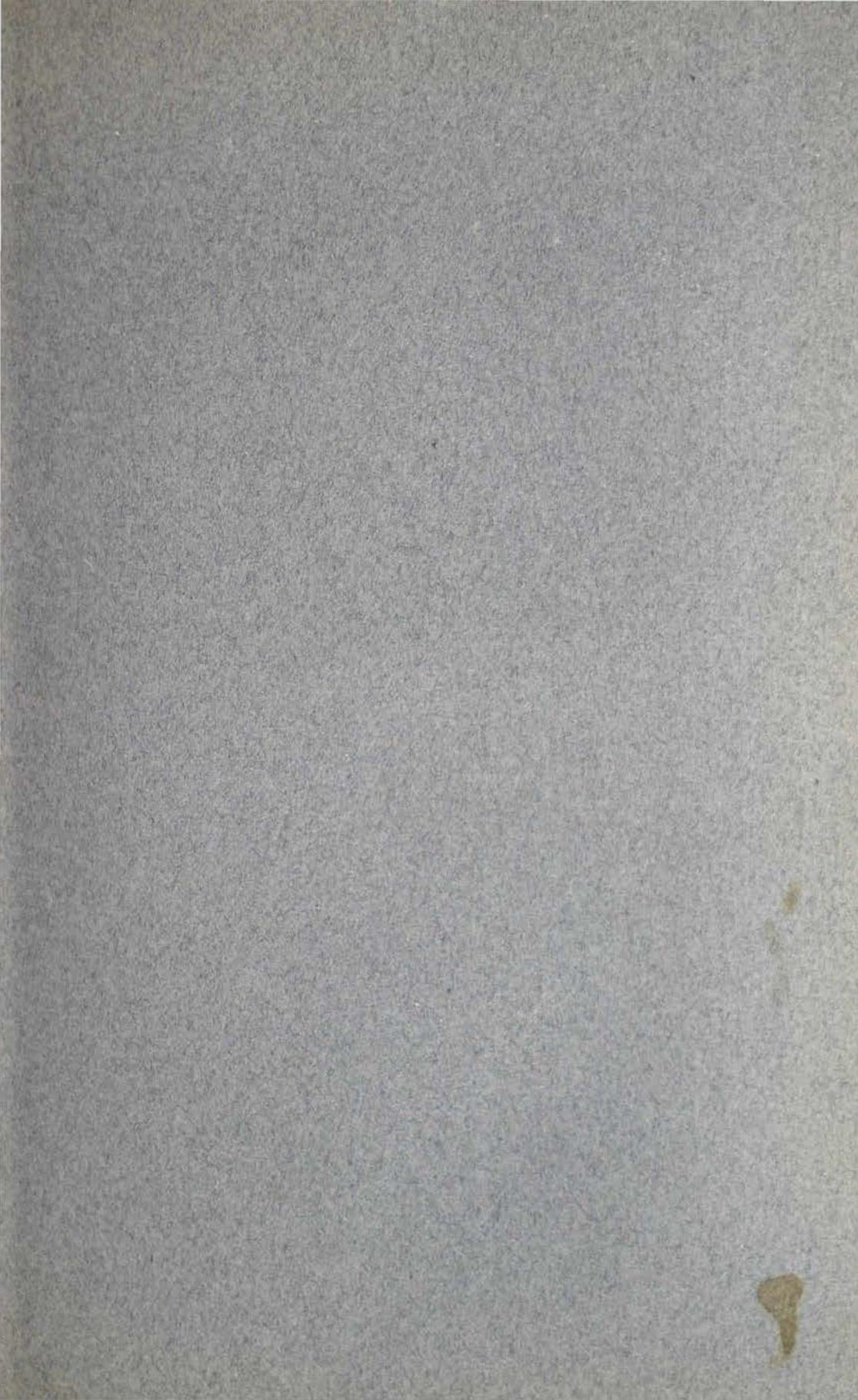
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