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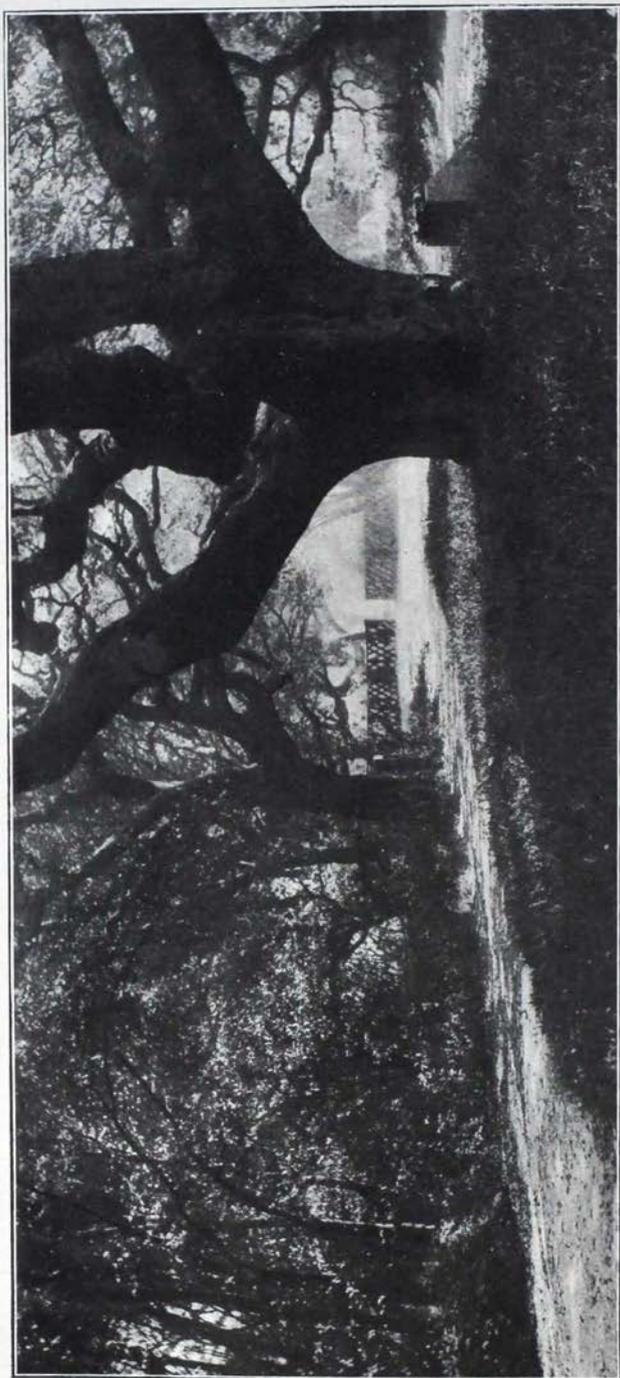
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The Greek Theatre, University of California.

By Chauncey E. Wells, Professor of English, University of California.

Most college people and all tourists to California have heard of the Greek Theatre at Berkeley. Modern American universities are like department stores in many points, but in none so much as in a trick of theirs of putting the best things in the show window. The theatre has been sedulously advertised. The popular magazines (all but the last) have had both cuts and copy upon the subject, and not a play or concert takes place there but the California newspapers are full of it. And now it has become a place of pilgrimage. Any fair day you may see groups of tourists sauntering in at the north gate staring about in that idle-minded way at the tiers of concrete benches against the hillside, still more idly at the august stage wall. Then the guide breaks in with his figures and facts; how Mr. Hearst gave it four years ago, how President Roosevelt spoke in it to an audience of eight thousand, every one of whom heard every word. "Every word, Sir. Now, listen." And he sends someone up the steps and talks to him with voice lifted but a little. Then, of course, some one mentions the Mormon Tabernacle at Salt Lake and its acoustic miracle. And the squalid little procession moves on down the hill through the eucalyptus grove. They have seen another curiosity; you couldn't expect them to see the real vision that was there to be seen.

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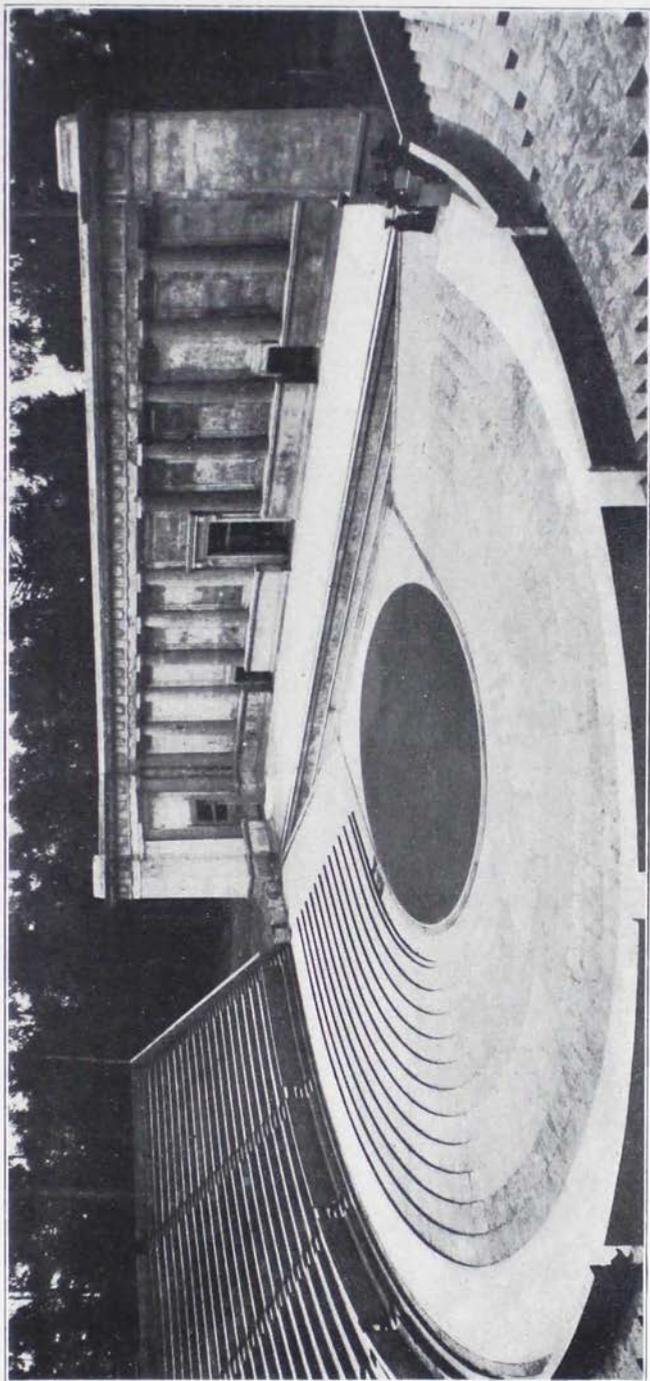
You are first to imagine the Berkeley hills heaving up three or four miles back from the bay shore. Treeless for the most part, but for scattered live oaks and a few bay trees. At the foot of these the university grounds slope down for a mile to the lower gates (a fall of two or three hundred feet), and at the upper end, at the very foot of the hills a natural shelf or bench, luxuriant with Australian eucalyptus. Cupped in this cut place in the hill, a natural theatre, several rods across, came to be the scene of class-day ceremonies. You sat upon a fragrant bed of leaves in the hill hollow, and watched the burlesque of college life. It was president Wheeler who discovered this little theatre to be a true Dionysiac. He called Mrs. Hearst's attention to the possibility of an open-air temple, she mentioned the matter to her son, who gave the money. This is the true tale of the house that Hearst built.

And if your eyes are open to see the real vision, you should approach the grove by the south road, and, shunning the steeper path, make a wide detour and come around to the theatre on the upper side. This will bring you to a high semi-circular fence (a small-boy and dog-forbidding fence), its ugliness subdued by inoffensive gray paint now almost hidden by over-growing rose vines. This is temporary, of course; the hummocks you have scrambled over tell you that the grading and probably much else is unfinished; the fence is to be replaced by a colonnade. You find a gateway and enter—and you must be apathetic indeed—a tourist, no more nor less—if you do not catch your breath.

You look down the steep pitch of seats ranging in wide semi-circles beyond the diazoma or wall, at the foot, and beyond that to the shelving inner semi-circles, and the circular orchestra. And beyond that the great stage fronts you. It lifts its Doric rear-wall with more than Gothic inspiration, sheer into the trees that sway against the afternoon sky. Your vagrant eye wanders from their plumed tops along to the thin fringe of eucalyptus above the upper tier of benches, where you are standing, the dry-green and yellow-brown deepened but not sombered by the cypresses. But the great stage ark draws your eyes again



THE DEDICATION OF THE GREEK THEATRE.



THE GREEK THEATRE.

and towers in uplifting outline as you descend the long steps into the orchestra.

The theatre was indeed a discovery. Nothing could be so fit to the scene, to climate and landscape and sky. It was more than a discovery, it was a creation, for it reveals the beauty of the Bay region. Whether in the glory of the year, under the sky of incredible blue, or in the creeping August mists, or in the drive and drizzle of the mid-winter rains, here is the one spot where one may read the meaning of California to the human spirit. One half-questions whether the architect, John Howard, has not "builded better than he knew." Surely he caught the happiest of inspirations at the most fortunate of moments for the most beneficent of ends.

It was given to him to centre and to enshrine the Californian aspiration, the abundant, though crude, genius, the passion for expression which the uplifted hills and overbrooding sky have made to stir within us. The thousands who climb the hill every fortnight to attend the symphony concerts attest this. 'Tis the most wonderful place to hear music. The expert and fastidious say that you lose something of the *ensemble*. Be that as it may, you have ample compensation. Suppose that the still air delicately vibrating to Schubert's *Unfinished Symphony*, should be broken by the warble of a thrush. (Dwarf-hermits are plentiful here in Spring.) Or that Wagner's *Waldwehen*, or the *Peer Egut Suite* should be played to the rustle of the wind in the trees. Whether 'tis a concert or *Twelfth Night* or *Hamlet* or *Phedre*, played by Sarah Bernhardt, you come away with the feeling that here at least, the choice, the glorious moments of life are realized with a perfection adequate to their sublimity and significance.

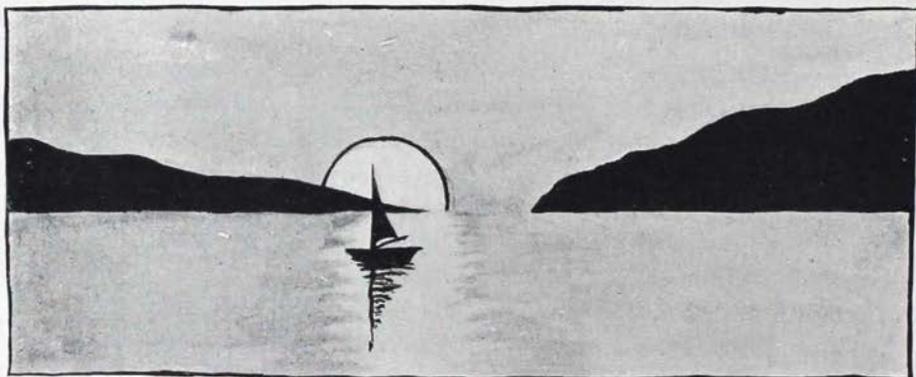
The Greek Theatre is an inspiring genius, a tutelary divinity, and a severe though kindly critic. How ably she rebukes the tinsel and tawdry of stage tricks and carpentry. Undergraduate dramatics here and elsewhere are debased by the spirit of vaudeville. In some colleges vaudeville has been organized and given a permanent building—its gaudy

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banalities, that is, are perpetuated. But 'tis impossible to think of that majestic stage-wall but as a silent reproof to all such dissipation of the fine and volatile spiritual essence.

“Tax not

With ill matched aims the architect who planned
Albeit laboring for a scanty band
Of White solid Scholars only this immense
And glorious work of fine intelligence.”



The Fraternity Question.

By Charles R. Brown.

The sentiment of love between two persons of the opposite sex has received, in the judgment of many, a disproportionate amount of attention in literature, while other strong and fine forms of human relationship have failed of their due recognition. The friendship between two or more persons of the same sex is productive of deep joy and has a high place of usefulness. There have been certain friendships so beautiful, so notable as to become classic. The friendship between Damon and Pythias has been sung by the poets and the memory of it perpetuated in a well known fraternal order. The friendship of David and Jonathan has likewise been embalmed in scripture and has also found place in the ritual of another fraternity. "Their souls were knit together," the Bible says, by the interlacing, interlocking of sympathy and interest, until "Jonathan loved David as his own soul."

Other similar cases will occur to you which have been in a high degree wholesome and useful. It is good for us to know and love those with whom the question of sex, with its mysterious attractions and repulsions, does not enter in. The woman who cares little for other women and is only happy when she is talking with men, or the man who is so much of a ladies' man as to be ill at ease and unhappy when thrown for hours exclusively with men, is mentally, if not morally, diseased. It is good for the souls of men to be knit with the souls of their fellows, and for women to know and enjoy other women in similar fashion.

It is the need of such association that lies at the root of the almost countless fraternities found in all our cities. In searching out names and mysterious forms for them all, we have gone clear over the border of what is fantastic and foolish. The secrecy of these societies is not to be taken too seriously, for as a rule, it is mere dust thrown in the eyes of the uninitiated. The members themselves laugh in their sleeves over how little the secrets amount to, but the

organizations do offer opportunity for social companionship in a way to satisfy a widespread desire.

The same tendency, with some additional leaning to clannishness and to the love of mystery found in most young people, is evidenced by the Greek letter fraternities in the colleges and high schools of the land. These have been in operation for more than a quarter of a century, and have not by any means so justified their existence as to win the cordial welcome and support of the best educational authorities. There is still "the Fraternity Question" with a big interrogation point after it, put there by parents and teachers, by professors and citizens, and by many of the young people themselves as they grow older and wiser.

I speak of this question as a fraternity man. I have been initiated; I have worn a "pin," at such odd times as my "best girl" did not happen to be wearing it. I know the mysterious significance attaching to the "grip" when one student meets another behind the door, and taking him by the little finger pulls it nine times to the left. I have been through all this, for I am a Sigma Chi. What I say, therefore, is not spoken in the prejudice that sometimes belongs to the "anti-frat" man who sees it all from the outside and comes up hot perhaps from some hard fought campaign where the line was closely drawn between "frats and anti-frats."

I speak with a deep sense of the importance of the question. It is a big subject. The power of association for good or ill—no nation under heaven, Christian or Pagan, has failed to condense its observation and experience on that point into some terse proverb. "He that walketh with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed," said the old Hebrew. "Evil associates corrupt good manners," said the Greek, and Paul quoted it in his letter to the Greek Christians at Corinth. "Talent is perfected in solitude, but character is formed in the stream of the world," is the German of it. "Live with wolves and you will learn to howl," the Spanish proverb has it. In these terse sayings the race has recorded its judgment of the power of association. The fraternity promotes certain

forms of most intimate association and enters powerfully for good or ill into the lives of young people at a crucial period.

I will first notice certain values belonging to the fraternity. It marks out a definite group of special friends for closer association. You cannot become intimately acquainted with the whole human race or even with as much of it as happens to be present in a large high school or college. Whether it is done in organized or in unorganized ways, there must come a process of selection by which one's social sympathies and interests are kept to a manageable size.

The fraternity gives opportunity for learning to subordinate the purely personal and selfish interests to the larger good. The fraternity members have in view something beyond their own individual pleasure or success. They strive to aid some fellow member who has good prospects in a race for college or class honors. Mutual admiration, a common enthusiasm, a corporate ambition and the spirit of co-operation, are thus developed in the whole group by their common interest.

The fraternity brings the lower classmen into closer touch with those of the upper class. The first year member is not a mere unbaked freshman to the juniors and seniors in the fraternity. They have an interest and a responsibility for the freshman, because of the fraternity connection. These organizations thus cause the lines of social cleavage to run perpendicularly as well as horizontally. My own life will be forever different, by reason of the friendship of two upper class men in my university days. Such friendships are wholesome for both the younger and the older friend.

The fraternity serves as a convenient and useful basis for fellowship when members visit another college or when alumni return to their alma mater. The house of their own fraternity is open to them and affords an opportunity for them to come into touch with the eager, throbbing life about them. The alumni of a chapter may also exert a

real influence for good upon the resident members of the fraternity because of this continued association.

The fraternity house offers a useful center for returning social courtesies. The students, in their class day spread and at other times, may thus indicate their appreciation of social attentions received from townspeople and other friends.

All this can be said and said heartily. It may seem to some that I am making out such a strong case for fraternities that any criticism offered later will be of no avail. It would be unfair, however, and mean, not to state the advantages as strongly as one's own judgment would approve.

But in the second place there are certain offsets in fraternity life. There is a constant tendency to spend more time and more money than many a student can afford. No one of spirit can be entertained continually by others without striving to return the courtesies. A few in a fraternity with rich fathers, a large allowance and warm hearts, can with no sort of wrong purpose, set the pace in such a way as to demoralize a whole group of young people. Students of modest means and simple habits, dependent upon hard working fathers for education and for all the comforts of home life, are apparently forced into a gait that is wrong. They do not intend to be mean or cruel, but they adopt a scale of expenditure which they cannot afford; and become unjust to parents who make sacrifices for their education. It requires more grit than nine out of ten young people of the high school or college age possess, to stand up and oppose the course of action that leads to these ill advised "good times."

We cannot but regret that simplicity is so overborne in all our social life by the elaborate and the expensive. Business men, husbands and fathers, are being killed off before their time by nervous prostration, heart disease or exhaustion of other vital organs, in making the necessary money to keep it up. Society women, mothers and daughters, are being sent to sanitariums and rest cures by the task of devising and arranging new and elaborate ways of

spending the money. What a caricature much of it is upon the social life which was meant to be a recreation, a means of relief from serious work, but not a burdensome, exacting labor!

The same spirit, alas, has found its way among the young people. The young girl in high school gives a luncheon for her fraternity elaborate enough for a society woman of fifty. The boys plan for a good time at a pace that might indicate they were solid business men well on in their prime with fortunes of their own earning, completely at their disposal. I believe the whole tendency of it is bad and only bad. The simple pleasures are the best for everybody and especially for young people. A tuxedo is not suitable for a five-year-old boy, even though his father is able to buy him a hundred of them; and some of our social activity is quite as ridiculous and inappropriate as such a coat would be on such a youngster. It rears up a set of young people who, having tasted it all, are blase before their time and intent upon some new sensation by more startling and stimulating forms of social life. And all the while the simple, serious, quiet interests of education have been suffering a loss irreparable.

There is also the tendency toward a wasteful use of time. Where there is a lounging room with its open fire, the university colors, pillows, pictures and trophies scattered about, a crowd of jolly good fellows always accessible, or where there is a group of girls with the latest college news to discuss, or, it may be, callers and an evening supper, it is not easy to turn one's back upon it and sit alone digging on some difficult subject. Eve holding out an apple or even a ripe peach in the garden of Eden was scarcely a circumstance in the way of temptation when compared with the attraction thus offered to a student whose will already may be a trifle lame.

There is furthermore the tendency to a narrow exclusiveness which sometimes degenerates into actual snobbishness. This is especially true of the high school fraternities. The spirit of narrow clannishness is stronger then than later. Breadth of sympathy, which ought to be the spirit

of our public schools, is thus destroyed. The girl is tempted to think that out of hundreds of girls in high school, only the little group of twenty in her own fraternity are fine, choice girls. When the social interests are thus being "cribbed, cabined and confined," it is not a long step to the spirit of that bigot who prayed, "Oh Lord, bless me and my wife, my son John and his wife, us four and no more." You have all detected the "us four and no more" spirit in the high school fraternities. The larger loyalty and broader sympathy is overborne by a narrowed social interest.

To be perfectly frank I regard the high school fraternities as nuisances. I know how many of the best students are members of them, laboring to make them helpful, not hurtful. But when you add it all up the losses, in my judgment, outrank the gains. The spirit of social exclusiveness is opposed to the true spirit of our public schools and encourages the development of qualities that have no rightful place in American young people.

In the expression of this view, I represent a great body of opinion. For the last six years I have been speaking at high school commencements and at teachers' institutes in various parts of our State. I have never heard a single high school teacher or principal openly defend the fraternity. Some have been non-committal, but many have frankly uttered their condemnation of the fraternity, as prejudicial to the legitimate work of the school, as weakening the more inclusive class loyalty and as offering an effective temptation to social dissipation. I may not hope to carry all high school students with me in this judgment, but if I asked all parents who believe fraternities tend to alienate young people from their homes, all high school teachers who believe that more evil than good results from fraternity experience, through loyalty to a part instead of to the whole school, all young people who having passed on look back from college and mature life upon those earlier fraternities as cases of immature development to line up, you would be amazed at the verdict against the high school fraternity!

We are constantly hearing that it is hard for girls to

finish the high school course without breaking down. I believe the nervous collapse is due less to faithful study than to the unnecessary excitements of fraternity rivalry and to the irregular hours and social dissipation consequent upon fraternity life.

The rightful place of the fraternity is in the university where boys and girls have become young men and young women, better able to guard such organizations against these abuses; better able to see to it that no barriers are built between them and those whom they ought to know; better able to extend their generous admiration to those not of their particular clique. Wisely ordered, the fraternity may be made a useful center for social sympathies and for the deepening of these wholesome intimacies, and thus become a useful educational force.

The habit of "rushing" for membership has become inexpressibly silly. The heads of weak men and women are turned by the social attentions thrust upon them as likely candidates. You would suppose the chapters would be ashamed to exhibit such eagerness as indicating a sense of their own weakness. Let the fraternities make themselves worth joining and candidates will be forthcoming! Let students make themselves worth having and the door will be open into a desirable house whenever they are ready to join.

You ought to make your fraternity experience preparatory to the larger social status into which you will enter as a mature man or woman—a status where the narrow exclusiveness of the snob finds the door shut in its face by people of sense. If you have really gained a genuinely social spirit, you will be better able to take your place in the business world or in the home as one ready to aid in building it on the basis of honor, integrity and mutual consideration. If you have rightly learned the lessons of fraternity life, you ought to be ready to work in harmony with women striving for kindness in social life and with men who are bent upon making the State an organized expression of wise and just principles.

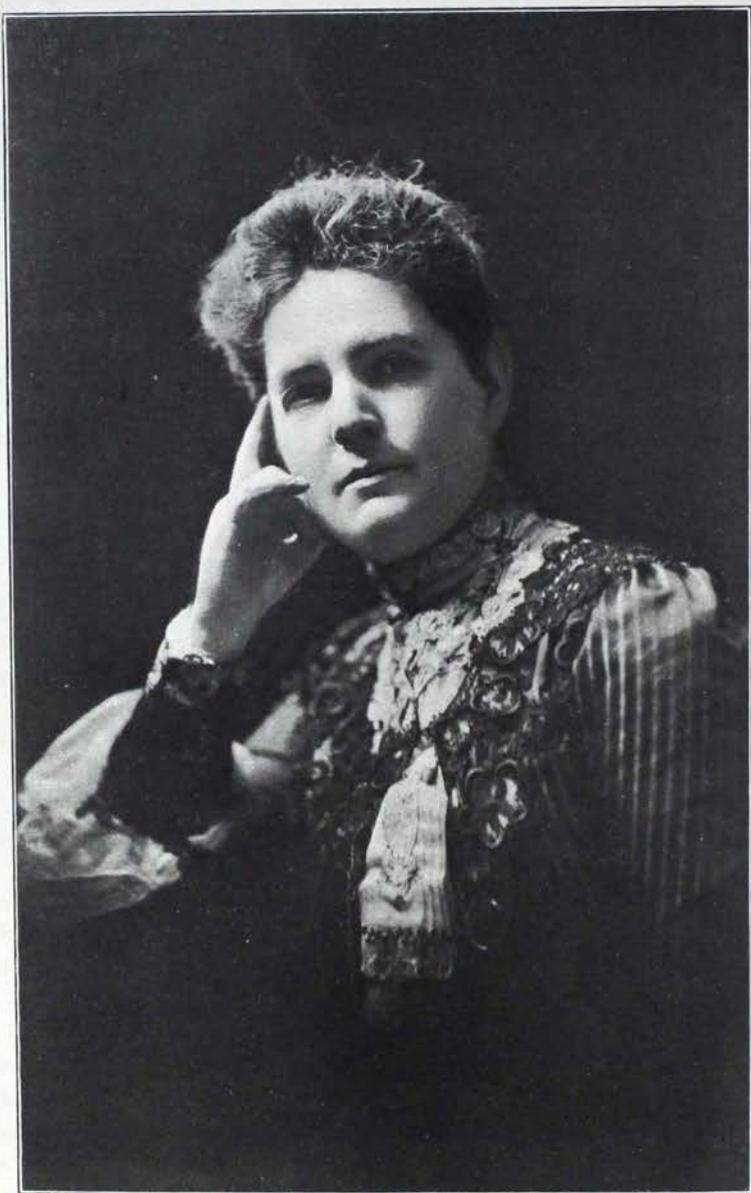
An Opportunity and a Privilege of the College Degree.

The national meeting of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, held in Chicago last November, marked the twenty-fourth anniversary of an organization of women that has been a powerful factor, during the last decade, in practical educational work.

A brief history of the organization will doubtless be of interest to all college women, because of the worth-while work accomplished by the association. During the year 1882 seventeen women, graduates of nine American colleges, formed what has since been known as the Association of Collegiate Alumnae—the object being “practical educational work.” Since that time, other colleges and universities have been admitted to corporate membership in the association, and, at present, the graduates of twenty-four American colleges now have the privileges of membership in the National Association, or in any of the thirty-two branches scattered from Boston to San Francisco.

Members of a Branch are, at the same time, members of the National organization, although a qualified graduate may assume the privileges of membership in the latter without assuming the extra responsibilities and duties of Branch membership.

The women who first organized themselves into what has proven a useful association stand among the foremost women of the day in the academic educational world—their names are ones to conjure with. A college education, twenty-five years ago, was not taken as such a matter of course as it is to-day. The women who received their degrees during the first years that colleges were opened to them regarded their opportunity as a responsibility, and felt that co-operation was not only necessary, but desirable. With the end in view of furthering the cause of education, the Association of Collegiate Alumnae was organized. The declared purposes are the uniting of alumnae from different institutions for practical educational work, for the collec-



MRS. PHILIP N. MOORE,
PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGIATE ALUMNÆ,

tion and publication of information concerning education, and, in general, for the maintenance of high standards of education.

This proved to be not a mere high-sounding declaration, but the working basis, during twenty-five years. The results have been accomplished by means of Committees appointed from the general Association, or through the efforts of the members of some particular Branch. If we could cite only one accomplishment of the past few years, the organization would have its justification. But, with the recital of perhaps the most worth-while accomplishment, the efforts and attainments of the Association do not, by any means, come to an end. I refer particularly to the fellowships supported by the Collegiate Alumnae.

Since 1890 twenty-three foreign fellowships of \$500 each have been maintained, thus bringing to light many pieces of brilliant work and aiding materially in opening foreign universities, not only to American, but to foreign women. The possibility for advanced research work among women has thus been increased. Besides these opportunities given for study in foreign lands, ten American fellowships of \$250 and \$300 each have been maintained. The total money value of these fellowships is about \$30,000. This is a striking proof of practical usefulness to a band of scholars who might not otherwise have carried on advanced research work.

Important as are the fellowship awards, other accomplishments of the Collegiate Alumnae Association must be noted. Collegiate standards in matters of endowment, equipment and courses have been influenced and raised, as a result of the strict requirements for admission to the white list of colleges and universities. Women with college degrees, who are not admitted to the privileges of membership naturally wish to know the reason. When they learn that their Alma Mater is not up to the required standard, the first steps are taken to bring it up to the requirements. This has a wholesome result, for it has the effect of keeping the faculty of certain colleges up to a high standard; it has even had its effect on raising the salaries of the faculties in certain colleges.

Educational legislation throughout the country is carefully watched and studied, and every effort is made to further desirable and prevent bad school laws. Constant vigilance is the price of liberty and the Collegiate Alumnae is the vigilance committee for much of our educational freedom.

Aside from these phases of work carried on by the general Association, much useful work is done through the Branches. Local movements in favor of improved school sanitation; the application of civil service rules to the promotion of teachers; compulsory education laws and the establishment of Juvenile Courts all have been greatly influenced as a result of the co-operation of different Branches with local clubs. The past twenty-five years have seen many reforms develop and the thinking women of the country, numbering among them many college alumnae, have done a great share of the good work. The Collegiate Alumnae has been a useful factor in the community.

Aside from its usefulness for practical educational work, the social life afforded by Branch membership gives an opportunity to come into contact with an interesting and cultured coterie of women, generally too busy for much social life. But the busiest professional women who hold degrees from any of the twenty-four chosen colleges, invariably maintain their membership in this organization. The reports from the Branch delegates, at the Chicago meeting, proved how thoroughly pleasant the social side of Branch life was; in some places, almost to the exclusion of usefulness, but pleasant, nevertheless. As we grow older, we come to enjoy and appreciate more and more the acquaintanceships started in our busy college days. Membership in any one of the Branches affords this opportunity of ripening and developing friendships with women who naturally have much in common with ourselves. The Branches are left almost independent, to work out their own local problems, except for occasional suggestions from the National Executive Committee. A large majority of the membership in any Branch naturally comes from the college or university in the vicinity of the Branch head-

quarters. But every group has its representatives from distant colleges, which gives an added pleasure. Meeting women from different sections is not only interesting, but lends a cosmopolitan character to a Branch that no local club can have.

Of all the American colleges, Vassar furnishes the largest number of members to the Collegiate Alumnae. Year after year, at the annual meetings, there is the keenest rivalry shown by the alumnae of Vassar, Smith and Wellesley Colleges, who vie with one another to furnish the largest number of graduates to the membership of the Association. This is probably due to the fact that these were among the first women's colleges, and their graduates feel a sense of proprietorship and interest in all educational movements.

The Executive Committee is made up of the officers of the General Association, who serve for two years, and of a delegate from each Branch, who serves three years. This small body of women shape the affairs of the organization. The annual meetings serve as an inspiration to the whole, and are often of great suggestive value to the Branch delegates. By virtue of comparing notes, a delegate can take back to her locality new ideas for usefulness, and, in consequence, start much useful work. The social intercourse of the National Meeting is pleasant, but the practical side is most important.

The present presiding officer is Mrs. Philip N. Moore of St. Louis. She is a graduate of Vassar College, as have been many of the former Presidents, and is a woman of rare attainments.

To those Kappas whose lives are too full to take up the pleasures or responsibilities of Branch work, I would say, "Let nothing keep you from accepting the rare privilege of membership in the General Association." To be on that list is not only a privilege, but the duty of every College woman. Financially, it is within the reach of all; one dollar a year is the membership fee, which goes toward maintaining and aiding much that is good and worth-while in the educational world. The fee also gives the right to

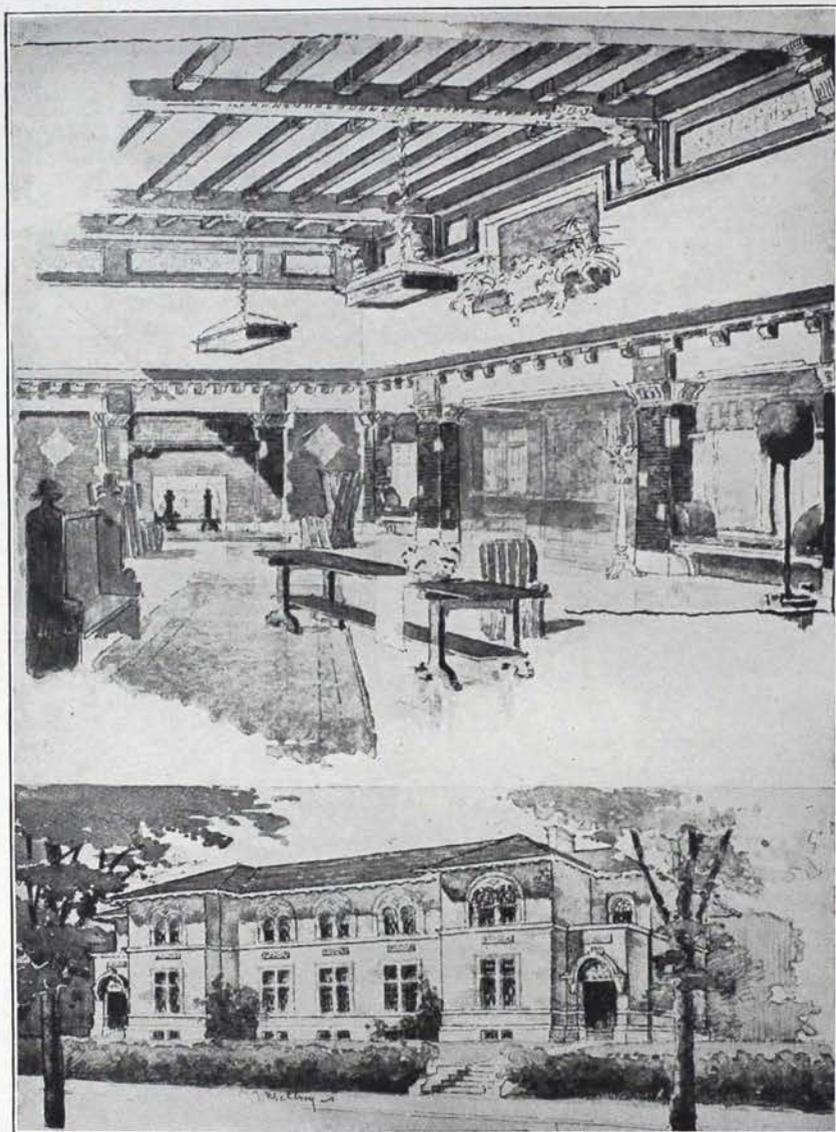
all publications of the Association, to take part in its work, and attend annual meetings.

In November of this year, 1907, the quarter-Centennial is to be celebrated in Boston. Let every Kappa who may—who holds her degree from a college that gives her such a privilege—add her name to the list of members. Let your dollar tax aid in the good work now being carried on by the General Association—even if you do not care to affiliate with any local Branch. Mrs. Alice Upton Pearmain of 388 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass., is Chairman of the Membership Committee, and will furnish you with any further data or membership blanks.

Let us have a goodly showing from Kappa Kappa Gamma among the foremost women of the Country, when they meet in Boston next Fall.

ELISE WEZELBURGER GRAUPNER, *Pi*.





Alice Shevlin Hall of the University of Minnesota

No child was ever more pleased with a new toy than the girls of the University of Minnesota are with their new Alice Shevlin Hall. Because it is something not only new to us, but we believe, unique in the University world, we want to tell other college girls about it. A building that is not a dormitory, but a home; not for all the students, just for girls; not a strictly academic building, but yet a place to study; not an infirmary, but a place for comfort and rest,—such a place is our Women's Building.

Like every new institution, its reason for existence is to fill a need, and the need for it was great here,—as it must be at every large co-educational University. Before this year, there was not a place anywhere on the Campus that the girls could call their own. Even the Young Women's Christian Association was cramped into one small room, and had to hold its prayer meetings in any vacant room it could find. Many girls who brought their lunch from home had no place to eat it more comfortable than the chapel or the front steps of one of the buildings. Many girls were required by the arrangement of their work to be on the Campus from half past eight in the morning till late in the afternoon, and during that time there were often hours when they felt absolute need of a quiet place to study, a comfortable place to sit or a restful place to lie down. And the only available places were the noisy, crowded college library or the Chapel with its hard seats and no air of comfort or privacy.

As the University grew larger every year, these needs became more and more apparent, until last year, when Mr. Thomas H. Shevlin of Minneapolis gave the necessary money for a building to be planned for the accommodation of the girls, with study room, lunch room, sitting room, rest room, etc. In drawing the plans, the architect was made familiar with every need and the most careful attention

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was paid to each detail. Work was begun in the spring, and the building was completed and dedicated in December, 1906.

The entire expense of the furnishing was left to the women's organizations of the University, the Women's League and the Young Women's Christian Association. To raise the necessary amount these societies have resorted to every conceivable means from vaudeville performances to Christmas Bazaars. And the girls by giving their own effort in this way, feel the building to be all the more their own. Also, some of the sororities have given handsome presents, and new things are being added all the time.

The most beautiful room is the long living room, two stories high, with its huge fire place at one end, the long table in the center, and four deep upholstered davenports, besides many easy chairs and seats. This room is always open, and visiting is never restricted here. In cold weather there is a fire of big logs on the hearth, and no home living-room could be more cheery and attractive. Adjoining this are smaller parlors, and in these rooms, on special evenings, men may be received,—an arrangement made for the advantage of out-of-town girls who live in boarding houses. Then there is the Assembly Room, where the Y. W. C. A. prayer meetings are held, and which may be used for mass-meetings, or small entertainments of any sort.

Upstairs is the rest room, with shades drawn and a dozen neatly covered cots, where any vacant hour finds several tired students asleep. Also on the second floor are rooms for the literary societies and Bible-study classes, and the headquarters of the Y. W. C. A. with the office of the General Secretary. The large, light study room with its long tables and quiet studious atmosphere completes the second floor.

But the basement is more used than any part of the building. Part of it is taken up with dressing rooms and lockers, and the rest is devoted to the lunch room. It is a unique spectacle, when, after the morning classes are over,

there may be seen a line of sometimes over twenty girls, each awaiting her turn to get to the counter at which are dispensed sandwiches, chocolate, coffee, fruit and various daintily cooked dishes. What she wants is put on her tray, which she takes to the cashier, who tells her the amount of her bill, and receives payment on the spot. The prices are low and everything over eighteen or twenty cents is considered an extravagant lunch. After collecting what she wants in the way of silver, water and table linen (which, to be exact, is paper) she finds a place at a table. After she is thru eating the dishes must be returned on the tray to the counter.

It was seen from the first that in order to put our new college home to the best use, some system of regulations would be necessary. There is, according to the original plan, a matron to take charge of the lunch-room and have general supervision of the girls and the care of the building. But her office does not include anything in the nature of police duty. So with the advice of some of the women faculty, there has been formed a system of self-government, based in a general way on those which are now in operation in most of the Eastern colleges for women. The rules for quiet and order have been made as simple as possible, and, tho every girl is supposed to feel personally responsible for her good conduct, the general enforcement of the rules is in the hands of the officers and committees of the Student Government Association.

If, as the saying goes, the proof of the pie is in the eating, Alice Shevlin Hall is standing the test nobly, and proving her worthiness. For every feature of the building is put into use every day; it is the delight of the University girls, and a glory to the Campus.

CARO CHAMBERLAIN, *Chi.*

Parthenon.

A
Demand
of the Hour.

The world is growing wiser and better. Education is teaching us to be happier and more useful. We are considering more influences educative. We are learning that the nearest, most tangible influences have the greatest effect in molding character. Is the time coming when the fraternity position most desired will be the one whose occupant, for want of a better name, we call a chaperon?

It is common to find women who wish to make their lives count. Many become teachers at a pecuniary sacrifice because they consider it the noblest of all professions. Many take the nurse's training, in spite of its discomforts, in order to relieve a little of the world's suffering. Settlement workers who try to raise social conditions; and authors who, by the writing of a lifetime, advance their art a little are not uncommon. Fine women are ennobling scores of callings; and are receiving a little reward in the tributes of their contemporaries. Have the numerous women who have given their lives to the making of homes out of chapter houses been sufficiently recognized? Evidently not, for if they had, the present lack of competent chaperons would not be felt. In our college days we accepted all the good offices of our chaperon as we do air and light, with never a thought for the personality back of them. Since graduation many of us are equally heedless.

When the Outlook took up the question of the place of fraternities in modern college life, it suggested to me the importance of the chaperon in the fraternity. The figures of the number of college men and women in fraternities and living in fraternity houses are appalling to one who knows with how little thought chaperons are often secured. Where can the reform come from? How can the chaperon's position be most quickly raised in common estimation so that many women should aspire to fit themselves for it? It will be necessary in the first place to make the positions attrac-

tive. Then competition will better service. With our Kappa aim toward "ideal perfection" we can make a way not only to help ourselves in this matter, but to help all other fraternities.

Taking the means employed in other professions to exchange helpful ideas among the most progressive members, and to receive stimulation from others engaged in the same line of work, it would be possible for the Kappa chaperons in the various college towns to invite in all the other chaperons to a kind of convention. Beginning informally, and content with the ordinary results of a new venture, great good might result to those now in the service.

Also a general committee named in THE KEY, to whom any chaperon could write for suggestions or advice might aid others.

As to recruiting the service, the problem seems more difficult. Every Kappa, active and alumna, will have to make herself a committee of one to think of women who have the personality and aptitude for these difficult and honorable positions, persuade them to undertake them, or better still, may Kappas be pioneers, and accept such positions. Probably the low salary attached to the position will not keep out the best candidates. However, the chaperons should be well compensated. Probably endowed positions would be as desirable as endowed professorships.

With profound respect for all Kappa chaperons,

HARRIETTE ARMS CURTISS,

Syracuse Alumnae Association.



The
Women's
League.

At the present time the value of Women's Leagues in college life is being realized by colleges all over the country and Leagues are rapidly being organized in these institutions. As the Woman's League of the University of Michigan was the first of these organizations established, it may be taken as an example of what these organizations stand for and what they accomplish.

In October, 1889, this League was organized by a num-

ber of faculty women and college girls. Its initial aim was three-fold: first, to bring the girls of the University closer together; second, to establish some sort of natural association between the faculty women and the college girls; and third, to carry on some organized philanthropic work. When the girl's gymnasium was built, the Women's League raised enough money to add to the gymnasium proper, a reading room, parlors, dining room and on the floor above the hall where the college dramatic performances and lectures are held. These rooms and all their furniture and equipment are the property of the League, and serve all the purpuss of a College Women's Club House.

The League is organized in such a way that no politics are involved. The offices go by rotation between the fraternity and non-fraternity girls. The executive board is made up of one delegate from each fraternity, one from each college department and as many independent delegates as there are fraternity delegates. The advisory board is made up of faculty women, consisting of half as many members as the executive board, so that the students always retain the control of affairs. The League is divided into groups, each under the leadership of one girl. These groups in turn have charge of the different entertainments given throughout the year. Besides the regular afternoon entertainments, the League gives an evening fancy dress party in January and evening dancing parties during the Thanksgiving and Spring vacations for the girls remaining at college.

In its work the League carries out the aims formulated in its organization. At the different entertainments the girls are brought into closer touch with each other. Here all meet on a common footing and learn to know each other. Through the Women's League, the faculty women are brought into closer relations with the college girls and their interest in them is stimulated. The work of the League has another side. Though in late years, the King's Daughters society has taken to a large extent, the active philanthropic work, such as visiting the hospitals, the League gives a certain sum each year for charitable purposes and

keeps up its interest in such work. Another important result of the organization of the Women's League has been the unification of the college girls as a whole. When questions of moment arise, when the President or the Women's Dean desire to bring some matter before the girls of the University, they can always be reached through the Women's League. Lastly the League exerts a most broadening influence. Through it each girl becomes acquainted with the different types of girls in college and she comes out into the world with a much broader view of the college woman than she would otherwise have had.

LUCILE CARTER,
Beta Delta.



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House us.
the Dormitory.

In that college where all but the resident girls are living in one or two large dormitories, the question of the chapter house becomes a very vital one. The experience of Beta Gamma both with and without a chapter house, therefore, may be of interest to others, even if all the conditions are not identical.

Two years ago, when we decided to leave the large dormitory and live in our own chapter house, neither of the sororities had ever tried the experiment, although a number of the fraternities had lived in houses for years. The men, however, have no dormitories. Now, after two very successful years of life in our chapter house, we have decided to go back into the dormitory next fall, and the following are some of our reasons, both *pro* and *con*.

The advantages of a house of our own are manifest—the nearest possible approach to a home life, with all the freedom, intimacy and charm that a college home can mean to the college girl; the great advantage of being able to be hostess to one's friends in one's own house, and the invaluable social training so given; the splendid opportunity for dignified, effectual and inconspicuous "rushing," both formally and informally; and the final result of a closely united chapter, with a greater opportunity to inculcate

fraternity ideals and develop a deeper, more loyal and consisted Kappa spirit, in the old as well as in the new girls.

For these reasons we clung lovingly to our "Kappa House," but, believing that a fraternity has not proven its right to exist unless it is of benefit to others outside the chapter circle, unless the college spirit transcends the fraternity spirit, we have had to face the arguments against the chapter house.

We found that, since all the other college girls, with the exception of the very few resident girls, were in the dormitories, it drew the line very sharply between the Kappas and the other girls, in spite of our attempts to keep in touch with the life in the dormitory. The girls did not have the same freedom about coming to the "Kappa House" as they had in coming to the rooms in the dormitory. We missed the constant association with the girls outside the classroom. It was an effort to be one of them. It was impossible to be as democratic as we ought to be, especially for the new girls who did not know outside girls, and whose opportunities for becoming acquainted were surprisingly limited. Although this unfortunate condition was recognized and conscientious efforts made to remedy the trouble, the foundation seemed to be in the fact that the Kappas were living apart, and had deliberately chosen so to live.

It was discovered, too, that because we were not so closely bound up with the other girls in college, we were losing interest, and consequently influence, in the larger college affairs—Young Women's Christian Association, girls' athletics, literary societies, and all the other manifold activities of college life. Although these were only tendencies yet we were in danger of becoming self-absorbed and selfishly narrow. It was not for the best good of the individuals in the chapter, nor for the college of which we formed a part to allow this condition of affairs to grow, so after much discussion, it was decided to give up the chapter house and go into the dormitory again. The chapter house may not have been the sole cause of the unfortunate tendencies discovered in the chapter, but it certainly proved

fertile soil for their development, and before they had an opportunity to increase, it was decided to place the chapter in the best possible environment for growth and service.

MARGARET TAGGART,
Beta Gamma.



**Kappa's
Relation to the
Non-Fraternity
World.**

Much has been said, I suppose, from the very time of the foundation of fraternities, concerning the relation of the fraternity, and non-fraternity members of the college community. Articles bearing on the same subject have appeared in THE KEY from time to time.

Perhaps we as Kappas are just a little weary of the subject. It would seem, however, that until the theories of the relationship which we set forth are put into practice throughout the country, wherever Kappa Kappa Gamma has a chapter, too much cannot be said along this line.

Perhaps we must say that the fraternity is entirely subordinate to the Institution, as Gamma Rho has already said in a recent letter to THE KEY. It is certainly not a poor principle upon which to work. We must admit that "the college gave birth to the Greek-letter society" and that the existence of the latter is for the purpose of aiding the college in so far as it is capable. In this light, therefore, the fraternity seems to be co-ordinate with the institution, rather than subordinate; for how can the fraternity further the interests of the college at large, except by co-operation with the institution. But whether we consider it subordinate to, or co-ordinate with, the institution, the fact remains the same that in no case should the fraternity be allowed to stand for itself alone to such an extent that it is in danger of being regarded as intolerable.

That we are first college women and then fraternity women is the foundation of our beliefs concerning the relationship. As "college women" we all stand on the same ground, sharing, in more or less degree, common interests with every other woman of the community. As "fraternity women" we have in addition a new privilege.

Most of us enter college with the idea of getting an education. Along with this primary purpose goes the social element of college life. The weight of opinion attributes much, and justly too, to the social side of college life as a factor in the broadening of the college student. Whatever can be done for the furtherance of this element it is the privilege, I might say the duty of the fraternity to contribute; else why should it exist?

How this can be accomplished is a question which must be settled by each chapter for itself. There seems to be no ironclad rules whereby our ideals can be carried out all over the country. Conditions are so different in the various institutions where Kappa Kappa Gamma is located that it would be impracticable, if not impossible, to say in just what manner we must proceed in order to establish our relation—in accordance with the principles which we have so often expressed through THE KEY and otherwise—toward the community of which our chapter is a part.

Without doubt it cannot be done by secluding ourselves from the rest of the college community, forming a little band whose interests are altogether different from the other women. We who live in dormitories do not have to face the problem (if it is a problem) of living in a house of our own away from the "Independents," as well as from members of other fraternities. We are constantly in contact with our fellow students and cannot appreciate the position of such chapters. To us it seems that the problem of keeping in touch with the non-fraternity members of the college must be a much more complicated matter than our own. Then there are the cases where there are neither dormitories nor fraternity houses, and where the class-rooms are practically the only meeting places. And so, it would be impossible to make rules to cover all conditions. But after all it is not rules that are needed. If the principle is ingrained, then Kappas will undoubtedly find a way to surmount the difficulties, for there are difficulties no matter what the conditions may be. All the prejudices against the traditional exclusiveness of fraternities must be fought. Those political interests of the college world, wherein the

fraternity often oversteps the mark in an endeavor to reap for itself a triumph, are dangerous elements of college life. They are antagonistic to the college spirit, to say nothing of the shattering of the ideals for which our fraternity ought to stand. The question is, not whether our chapter wants another palm, whether it is furthering the interests of the fraternity to have one of our sisters holding a prominent place in the college world. It is a question rather of whether it is furthering the interests of the college to have one of our girls in that place. It is natural for us to believe, of course, that it is advantageous to the college, but it is something that ought to be settled without prejudice. Otherwise, instead of adding glory to our chapter we are in danger of arousing a spirit of antagonism on the part of those who are not in the bonds of Kappa.

The problem thus becomes complicated; yet, until it is settled I am inclined to think that fraternities will always be held, by a greater number of people, as a "check on college spirit," and therefore a very undesirable element in the college community.

Dean Crane says of fraternities that their influence here at Cornell has been good, and he is confident that if they did not exist other social organizations would spring up, not as responsible, or sensitive to control. He speaks probably with particular reference to the men, but it applies to the women's fraternities as well. If such is the case then it is for us to make ourselves not the ruling spirits, but the co-workers with the non-fraternity element in college, and to be influential, rather than detrimental to the college spirit.

ANNA C. STRYKE, *Psi*.



**Men,
Women and
Fraternities.**

Do men adapt themselves better than women to the fraternity idea? The fraternity from the viewpoint both of name and genesis belongs to things masculine. As the Woman's college was a late and conscious adaptation of the education of women to that of men, so the college fra-

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ternity among women is a similar imitation. It is now, after nearly a half century of experiment, a matter of fairly general consent that women have made good their claim for an *equal* education with men. The test of the woman's fraternity has not been so long and extensive. Is the issue still in doubt, and is woman adapted by nature for fraternity life? Is her love for a secret stronger than her passion to share it? Then, too, it is sometimes said, that the marked tendency of women to the more intense personal viewpoint, has resulted in an abuse of the fraternity. By this, I mean, a drift among women toward making the fraternity an exclusive clique with concomitant loss of vitality to fraternity, and college, a false assumption of the importance of the fraternity in the general college life and the creation of petty and rigid social discrimination, the latter a vice often eagerly embraced by women.

These and like criticisms of the woman's fraternity should have a note of warning for us, but we may claim, as yet, that they have no basis of fact. An appeal to the history of woman's fraternities shows clearly that their origin and growth is parallel with that of the colleges for women. It has passed into an educational postulate that what men can do in the field of advanced thinking, women can also do. The tendency of thought is almost as strongly set toward the conclusion that what is good for men is also good for women. When this conclusion is safely, though slowly, reached by the right thinking and just American public, then the woman's fraternities will also become established on a safe and permanent basis. And we think that this conclusion will be the final one. The good fellowship, loyalty, *esprit de corps*, in a word, all that is worth while in the fraternities of men, have their faithful counterpart in similar organizations for women. Women in the bond of fraternities become broader, less petty, more loyal, quickened in the genuine social instinct, and best of all, more learned in the art of friendship.

HILDA WOOD, *Beta Epsilon*.

Editorials.

In the midst of the many exactions of college and fraternity work, it is well if now and again a strong hand is laid on our shoulder and we are forced to look into the mirror of outside opinion. In his article, "The Fraternity Question," Mr. Brown has pointed out the virtues and the faults of fraternities in general, and in the light of his words we ought each to examine our fraternity, or chapter and ourselves as individuals. Doubtless most of us can lay claim to at least a few of the virtues, but how many appear white in the search light thrown upon our faults?

In spite of the fact that high ideals are set before every fraternity member, evils have crept in. The elimination of these faults must be accomplished by the active chapters, but their position in the college world gives them no perspective, and it is difficult for them to see and appreciate the glaring evils which outsiders observe at a glance.

Is it not therefore the duty and privilege of our alumnae associations to use their influence toward making our fraternity a power for good in college life? This cannot be accomplished by fault-finding and unkind criticism, but by a subtle influence which is felt rather than seen.

It would be well if behind each chapter there stood a strong alumnae association composed of women whose kindly characters, wide experience and continued interest in college affairs made them capable advisers of undergraduates. But no one will seek help from strangers, and, therefore, the alumnae should know their younger sisters. They should be frequent visitors at the chapter house, attend initiations, and in every way possible keep in touch with the active chapter. The advantage will be mutual and the alumnae will find that they have gained quite as much as they have given.

Wherever it is possible let the alumnae show their interest by some definite line of work. It will do the graduates good to entertain the active members at a reception

or luncheon; it will give them an added pleasure in the chapter house if a picture or rug of their selection helps to make the place attractive, but that which will furnish a deeper and sweeter interest in the college and fraternity is the establishment of a scholarship. It will draw the graduates and undergraduates closer together and the pleasure of making a college education possible for a girl who needs it in order to take her place among the world's workers, can hardly be estimated.



College women have been interested in the meeting of Deans and Advisers of Women in State Universities, held in Chicago. At this time the subject of High School Sororities was discussed. The opinion of the Deans was that they were harmful to the girls who joined them and to the High Schools in which they existed. It was suggested that College Sororities could aid in discouraging such organizations by refusing to take girls belonging to them after due notice had been given. There is no doubt but that such a step on the part of college women would eventually kill High School Sororities, and we urge that our chapters give this careful consideration.

The Dean also asked Sorority Grand Presidents to investigate the scholarship of their chapters and by praise or blame influence their members to keep up the standard of college work. The plan is an excellent one, and we hope that it will be adopted by all Sororities as it has been by a few.



A new department has been added to THE KEY which we hope will be of interest to our readers. College girls and a majority of the alumnae, have not time to read all of the excellent articles dealing with college subjects which are constantly appearing in current periodicals. Under the title, "From the Magazine World," Miss Rhodes, our Exchange Editor, has reviewed the best of such articles, thus bringing this useful information within the easy reach of every member of our fraternity.

Notices.

A jeweled Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity pin has been found in Chicago. It will be returned to the owner on application to Sarah M. Hobson, 5215 Washington Avenue, Chicago.



The annual banquet given by the Syracuse Alumnae Association and Beta Tau chapter will occur on June 7th. Both the members of the Association and the active chapter would most cordially welcome any Kappas who might be in this vicinity at the time. Anyone desiring to attend this banquet will please communicate with Mrs. W. L. Wallace, 620 East Genesee St., Syracuse, N. Y., in order that the necessary arrangements may be made for such guests. Entertainment will be provided for any who may find it necessary to remain in town over-night.



Chautauqua.

There will be meetings of Kappas on the assembly grounds at Chautauqua, New York, every week during the season. The Kappa registrar is at the home of Mrs. Lillian Hunter, Lambda, on Cookman Avenue, where all Kappas who go to Chautauqua are requested to register. Notices of the meetings will appear in the Chautauqua Daily. Kappas who go to Chautauqua and fail to attend these meetings will miss a great pleasure.



Any subscriber failing to receive a copy of THE KEY will kindly notify the editor at once.



Alpha Province.

Phi Chapter—University of Boston.

Phi is in the midst of a very busy and eventful season. On the sixteenth of February we were delightfully entertained by the alumnae.

On March 8th, the Kappa play, the first of the Philomatheon series, took place, and was very successful.

One week later, Boston University had its last "Klatsch" in the old halls, as the college will remove to another part of the city by next September. Several of our girls presided or assisted at table, and the evening passed pleasantly for all.

April bids fair to be full of interest to Phi, as we are planning to hold open house on the third, give a dance on the twelfth, and entertain our alumnae on the twentieth.

The Pan-Hellenic Association has rejected the much-discussed proposition of sophomore initiation, but it has decided to alter the rushing rules, making them more definite and comprehensive.

Augusta Farnum, '07, has been elected historian of the senior class.

Evelyn Fischer, '07, was chosen a member of the Class Day committee.

Louise Dyer, '08, has been elected president of the Young Women's Christian Association for the ensuing year.

Helen Rhines, '08, is to be in the junior play.

Ruth Baker, '10, is to be chairman of the Intercollegiate committee of the Young Women's Christian Association.

ELEANOR S. CUMMINGS.



Beta Epsilon—Barnard College.

Julia de Forest Tiffany, '90, is spending the spring in Italy and France.

Miss Griffith, Miss Miller and Miss Scattergood were our guests at a spread on February 16th, and for a few days after. Eight chapters were represented at this spread, including quite a delegation from Beta Sigma and Beta Tau.

February 17th was the Alumnae luncheon at Bretton Hall. Almost every chapter was represented, and, as no attempt was made to seat by chapters, East, West, North and South became pretty well acquainted with one another.

March 1st, the freshman class entertained the college with a play called "When Mr. Shakespeare comes to Town."

Columbia University has recently built a handsome chapel on the campus.

In accordance with a well-established custom, the sophomore and freshman classes met in exciting conflict in the Greek games on March 22d. The sophomore class won by the narrow margin of 32-28.

The Beta Epsilon Alumnae entertained the active chapter with a spread, also on March 22d, at the home of Miss Pullman, a charter member.

April 1st we gave our final rushing party to freshmen at the home of Mrs. Corrigan.

April 2d was pledge day and we pledged the following freshmen: Mary Bailey, Harriet Fox, Bertha Firebaugh, Madeline Borland, Dorothy Kirchwey and Lilian Egleston.

HILDA WOOD.

Beta Sigma—Adelphi College.

Beta Sigma sends heartiest spring greetings to all.

The two most important events now for us are the Easter vacation party and our annual house-party, when the chapter spends a whole Kappa week somewhere on the Island.

The main lapse in the even tenor of our recent quiet life was the reading of the "Spanish Gypsy," by Katherine Everts. One need not add that she delighted her audience. The reading was the first effort on the part of the students for the College Endowment Fund, and we feel well satisfied.

In February we were delightfully entertained by Beta Epsilon. The distance across the Bridge is not so great as we used to think.

In March the College Dramatic Association presented "A Mid-summer Night's Dream," in which two of our girls and our new pledge had parts—Florence Boole, Grace Broadhurst and Regina Nagle.

Initiation of our pledged Junior, Regina Nagle, will be April 8th.

LORETTO MCGUIRE.



Psi—Cornell University.

Psi Chapter began the new term increased in number by the return of Anna Deniton, '09, who was ill during the fall term. We have also a new member to introduce, Margaret Riggs, who was initiated on March 13th.

The inter-class basket ball games were played in March; Psi had two members on the freshman team—Caroline Crawford and Katherine Eaton, and one member, Jane Gouinlock, on the junior team, which won the championship.

Soon after our return from the Easter vacation we shall give our annual dance, and we hope to have some of the Beta Tau girls with us for a few days at that time.

In April Cornell University will celebrate the centennial of the birth of Ezra Cornell. The students are expected to take part in the celebration.

We have enjoyed visits from several of our alumnae—Edna Huestis, Elizabeth Rhodes and also Amy Teagle Rhodes, ex-'07.

CHARLOTTE BABER.



Beta Alpha—University of Pennsylvania.

On January 15th, Beta Alpha initiated Catherine Beekley, Anna D. Bramble, Sue Dorothea Keeney, Kate Nowlin, Mabel Purdy and Helen Rockwell.

A number of the Beta Alpha girls attended the annual dinner of the Philadelphia Alumnae Association, at the Covington on February 12th.

On Thursday, April 18th, Mary D. Griffith, Beta Alpha Chapter, Grand President of Kappa Kappa Gamma, will be married to Mr. William Warren Canby, in the Church of the Saviour, Thirty-eighth and Ludlow streets, Philadelphia. Miss Katherine Puncheon, of Theta Chapter, Alpha Phi, will be maid of honor. The bridesmaids will be Mary R. Scattergood, Cataloguer of Kappa Kappa Gamma, and deputy for Miss Griffith while she was Grand Secretary, and Sarah Pleis Miller, who is now Grand President's Deputy. There will be no engraved invitations to the wedding, but Miss Griffith will be glad to have anyone come who cares to do so. After the middle of May, the address of the Grand President will be Galice, Oregon. We who have been in the same city with Miss Griffith feel rather envious of Beta Pi, who will have her so comparatively near.

Sally Mark Barclay and Bess Hanley, our two seniors, this year will be graduated on June 19th.

Three of the girls who are doing post-graduate work and are active, Josephine L. Reed, Alice M. McKelden and Edith D. Kast, will be married this summer.

Beta Alpha Chapter from present prospects will begin next year with six girls.

JOSEPHINE L. REED.

Beta Iota—Swarthmore College.

Since the last KEY, examinations have come and gone and we all came off successfully, and now we are enjoying our last semester to the fullest extent. Allow me to present our eight new sisters to the Kappa world—Louise Corkran, Margery Kick Cornell, Edna Clayton Jones, Katherine Berga Kessler, Marguerite Thayer Rose, Marie Sellers, Rebecca Lewis Verlenden and Florence Estelle Wallworth. They were initiated, as we said, in December, and by this time they have found the true Kappa spirit and are bringing fresh life and enthusiasm into our mystic circle.

The Philadelphia Alumnae Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma gave its annual banquet at the Covington, Philadelphia, on February 12th, to which our active members were very kindly invited. There were six of our girls to go, and they came back with glowing accounts of their good time. We consider ourselves very fortunate in having the wife of one of our professors, Dr. Robert Brooks, as a fraternity sister. She joins us in many of our festivities and interests and attended the alumnae banquet with the girls.

Our German Professor, Dr. Battin, conducts parties of students each summer in delightful trips abroad. This year four of our members, Alda Hill Preston, Elizabeth Lane Verlenden, Rebecca Lewis Verlenden, Florence Estelle Wallworth have decided to join him and all are rejoicing in their prospect.

Beta Iota is to hold her thirteenth annual luncheon at the Bellevue-Stratford, Philadelphia, on the 9th of March, and, of course, we are all looking forward to that with greatest anticipation. Last year the luncheon was the largest the chapter has ever held and we are hoping to have just as many, if not more of our sisters gathered for a good, jolly reunion on the 9th.

SUSANNE YARDLEY WILLETS.

Beta Upsilon—West Virginia University.

“The Christmas Baby” is able to report a most successful term—its first experience as a chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma. There were twelve of us in college last fall. Mary Edwards has been teaching German at the State Normal at Fairmont. Mary Purinton Greene has just recovered from a long siege of fever. Ida Sutherland is to spend the spring in New York City.

We are proud to be able to report one pledge, Anna M. Jones of Huntington, W. Va. On February 22, an informal pledging party was given her at the home of Ida Sutherland.

The girls have returned this week from the spring vacation and are ready to begin the last term of the year. According to Pan-Hellenic rules our asking day is five weeks from registration day, or on April 30th.

We are anxiously looking forward to a visit from Miss Griffith soon, and are hoping to have her here to assist at our first Kappa initiation.

Two or three of the girls hope to be present at the meeting of Kappas in Pittsburg, in April.

GERTRUDE S. POLLOCK.



Beta Province.

Beta Gamma—Wooster University.

This past winter has been a very happy one for Beta Gamma. We were glad to welcome back at the beginning of the second semester, Lois Axtell, '08, who had been at her home in Pittsburg the first part of the year. Two of the Akron Kappas, Fannie Loomis and Jessie Lowry, were guests at our formal the first of March. During their visit the chapter was delightfully entertained at dinner by one of our number, Miriam Hard. Lucy Kinney gave a reception, also, in honor of our guests. The engagement of Helen

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Mealy, ex- '09, to Dr. J. S. DeMuth of Pittsburg was announced in January. The wedding is to take place in the early summer.

A new woman's dormitory, named in honor of our President, Holden Hall, has just been completed. The dormitories of the University will now accommodate all the women of the institution and so we expect to give up our chapter house and enter the new dormitory in the fall. The two years in our home have been very pleasant ones for the chapter.

Through the kindness and generosity of Mr. H. C. Frick of Pittsburg, the University library building has been doubled. We were proud of our library before and the beautiful and spacious building we now have is the joy of every Wooster student's heart.

Beta Gamma sends greetings to every Kappa in every chapter and best wishes for a pleasant spring term when the work of this year is nearly over, and we are beginning to look forward to next fall. May not we who are seniors, for whom this will be the last chapter and college life endeavor to make this term the strongest and the best?

EDITH EUDORA REESE.



Beta Nu—Ohio State University.

Ground is to be broken for seven new buildings on the campus, among which is the Woman's Building.

We gave our formal dance January 25th in honor of our freshmen.

About the last of May the active chapter will give an informal dance in honor of our two seniors, Ruth Sherman and Hortense Brown.

Two rushing captains have been appointed, one for each of the principal High Schools.

The Men's Pan-Hellenic Association gave a vaudeville show February 1st.

The Girls' Glee Club will give their concert April 12th.

MARIE CARROLL.

Beta Delta—University of Michigan.

On March 23d, Elsa Haass was initiated into Beta Delta.

Ruth Harrison was elected a member of Sigma Xi.

Blanche Enyart, who is teaching in Saginaw this year, spent a few days with us.

Anna Broomhall, of Port Huron, Eda Hine, of Bay City, Maude Durlin, of Erie, Pa., are here to attend the School Masters' Conference.

Michigan Union gives a Minstrel Show April 5th and 6th.

Spring vacation begins April 12th and closes the 23d.

LUCRETIA HUNTER.



Xi—Adrain College.

On the evening of January 19th Xi initiated Lucy Jennings, Vera Swift and Edwinea Windrem. A number of our alumni were present.

Mabel Young spent Sunday, March 3d, at her home in Reading, Mich.

Olive Neer has been called home on account of the serious illness of her mother. We hope she may return for the spring term.

A number of our girls expect to go home for the spring vacation which comes the last of March.

Miss Landis, from Iota chapter, State Secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association, spent several days in Adrian College last month.

On March 9th, Miss Clement of Kappa chapter, gave us a short visit.

Xi is very sorry to lose by graduation this year three girls, Marian Walker, Alice McAfee and Mabel Young.

ALICE MCAFEE.

Kappa Chapter—Hillsdale College.

On January 26, Kappa initiated Merle McIntosh, Beryl McDonald and Harriet French. Later in the evening Bertha Clement and Lutie Thayer were pledged.

February 20, Lutie Thayer and Bertha Clement were initiated. After the initiation Kappa's twelve members spent the night at the home of Ruth Mauck.

March 1, the State Oratorical Contest was held at Hillsdale, whose representative won first honor. Lucy Jennings from Xi chapter attended the contest and was the guest of Kappa.

March 2, Kappa Kappa Gamma entertained Delta Tau Delta in their chapter room.

March 9, Ruth Gurney entertained Kappa Kappa Gamma and Alpha Tau Omega.

Ruth Mauck, '07, recently won first place in the Fowle Oratorical Contest and also the Maggie Ambler pin in the Ladies' Literary Union Oratorical Contest. The Germanae Sodales Oratorical Contest was won by Harriet French, '09.

March 23, Hallie Landis, Iota, State Secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association, spent the evening with Kappa.

GRACE CAMPBELL.



Gamma Province.

Mu—Butler College.

To our baby chapter, Beta Upsilon, Mu sends love and a heartfelt welcome, and to all chapters, greetings.

Mu wishes to introduce into Kappadom her two new sisters, Marie Howald and Helen Brown, who were initiated at the home of Mrs. Juliet Brown Colemans (Mu, '99) on January, 21st. A dance was given at Ruth Allerdice's, on February 2d, in honor of the two pledges. Later in the

term an indoor picnic was much enjoyed, at the residence of Marie Howald. An informal dance was held at Irma Brayton's on the 21st of February.

One of the chief aims of the chapter this year has been to keep in close touch with its alumnae; and we have found their hospitality and advice most beneficial. They have given parties and luncheons for the active members, who, in turn, have made them feel at home at spreads and fraternity meetings.

"The Woman's League," established in the Fall term, has blossomed forth into "The Lotus Club," an organization which is rapidly meeting the approval of all. And so every girl in the college has dates for the first and second Thursday of each month—dates which she does not care to break. The last gathering was held in the gymnasium, which was transformed into a highly banner bedecked ball room. Dainty refreshments were served throughout the evening, and all reported a grand time.

On Founder's Day each class gave a play. Elizabeth Whitesides, Susanne Davis and Helen Brown were among the stars. The Junior Play, a clever little "take off" on the college, was written by Lucile Carr.

MARGUERITE WATSON.



Eta—University of Wisconsin.

Helen Cutter, '09, has returned to college after an absence of one semester.

Helen Stephens, who left college last semester because of illness, has returned.

On the evening of February 2d, Mrs. John M. Olin entertained the alumnae and active chapter at dinner at the chapter house.

The sophomore class entertained the active chapter at social meeting on February 11th.

Alice Currie, '08, took part in the Junior Play which took place February 16th. This play is to start a precedent, being both written and acted by members of the junior class.

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On February 23d, Alpha Tau Omega initiated the local Delta Alpha Omega into its fraternity.

On March 8th, an informal tea was given at the chapter house.

On March 16th, the active chapter entertained at a formal dinner.

On March 19th, Pi Beta Phi entertained at an informal reception for Mrs. Burr, their province president.

ETHEL WRIGHT.



Beta Lambda—University of Illinois.

Greetings from Beta Lambda to every Kappa.

As our mid-year examinations came the first week in February, January was a month of hard study. Examination week was made doubly exciting by a diphtheria scare which proved to be nothing serious, but which was the cause of our staying in the house a whole day. We enjoyed that one day but were certainly glad when the doctor decided that our diphtheria was only a bad case of tonsilitis.

On February 7th we initiated Gertrude C. Davis, who has been pledged since last year and was unable to return until the second semester this year on account of sickness.

February 23d, we gave our annual dance at Elk's Hall. Among the other guests we entertained two Kappas from Upsilon and five from Epsilon.

Our annual banquet which is given in honor of the founding of this chapter, will be on the 27th of April. This is the time when we particularly want our alumnae to visit us.

We noticed in the last issue of THE KEY that some chapters were having faculty dinners. We, too, have been entertaining some of the faculty or townspeople at dinner every Thursday night for the last year or two and consider it a great success.

ALICE B. CRAIG.

Upsilon—Northwestern University.

To all Kappas, greeting!

We held a second initiation on March 11th, at which time we initiated Flora Brittenham, Margaret Ridlon, and Elsie Wrate, who was pledged earlier in the year.

The Annual Promenade was held February 21st at the Evanston Country Club. Hazel Seerley held the honor of leading the grand march with Mr. Albert Green, Phi Kappa Psi.

On April 13th occurred the annual Junior Play. The women of Willard gave a minstrel show April 19th, which was very successful. Philura Cumnock, Edith Foster, Emma Jones, Luella Goodrich and Margaret Clark took active parts.

The Young Women's Christian Association gave a banquet March 21st, which was attended by most of the college women.

Kappa annual formal party occurs May 18th.

Anne White and Litta Banschbach, Beta Lambda, visited us for a few days in March.

Pi Beta Phi entertained all of the Sororities March 14th, in honor of their district president, Mrs. Burr.

Iva Bishop, who is teaching in Toledo, visited us during her spring vacation.

Several Upsilon girls attended the Kappa party at Champaign in February. They report a splendid time.

A fire occurred in our Science Hall which did considerable damage.

HELEN TANQUARY.



Delta Province.

Chi—University of Minnesota.

In January, at the beginning of the second semester, Chi affiliated Elizabeth Shepardson, of Upsilon.

March 7th, the chapter entertained the alumnae at a tea given in the Fraternity rooms.

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March 21, a reception was given in Alice Shevlin Hall by the Woman's League, for the members of the state legislature and their wives, in the interest of a dormitory for the girls at Minnesota.

A production of the opera, "Pinafore," is being planned by the League, to be given in the University Armory, on April 5th and 6th. Only college students are in the cast and the object is to raise money for the women's dormitory.

April 10 is the date set for our formal dance, to be given at the home of Katharine Harris.

The basket ball season at Minnesota has been a very successful one. Great interest has been taken in the games, and the last one, won from Chicago, gives Minnesota the championship of the West.

CARO CHAMBERLAIN.



Beta Zeta—Iowa State University.

A Johnson County fair was given February 23d for the benefit of the Young Women's Christian Association. Each sorority, some of the fraternities, and each literary society contributed a booth. The Kappas had a telegraph station, from which messages were sent to any part of the fair grounds.

In February the active girls entertained the alumnae chapter. The occasion was a valentine party, where the alumnae were heartily welcome.

Henrietta Prentiss has been elected to Sigma Xi.

Mrs. Ed. Wilson gave the active chapter a Washington's birthday party. The sentiment of the evening was all in favor of the "red, white and blues."

Two of the literary societies presented "Miss Hobbs" on March 22. Josephine Lynch played one of the prominent parts.

It is the custom with us to entertain as often as possible, at dinner, one or two girls from the other sororities. We think that this promotes a better feeling of fellowship.

Hilda Broderson will take part in the dramatic club play.

Augusta Brown ('06), who is the Young Women's Christian Association secretary at Indiana State University, visited Beta Zeta. On March 24th a spread was given in her honor.

Alice Remley has been given a part in the Senior Class play.

Marie Lynch ('03), is a guest at the chapter house.

The annual girls' Pan-Hellenic party will be held on April 6th.

CAROLINE DRAKE MABRY.



Theta—University of Missouri.

February 14.—The Girls' Annual Valentine number of the Independent appeared.

February 18.—Laura Robertson was initiated.

February 20.—Miss Paxon, Traveling Secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association, and a Kappa, was in Columbia for a few days.

March 15.—Track meet between Kansas and Missouri was held at Kansas City, Missouri was victorious. The men's basket ball team has also had a very successful season.

March 18.—The Engineers celebrated St. Patrick's Day. A parade was given in the morning, and a dance at the University that night.

March 26—April 2.—Easter holidays extended.

During March the girls' basket ball class games took place. These games become more interesting each year, and the girls more enthusiastic. The Kappas had a representative on each class team.

April 2.—Our annual birthday party was held at the chapter house, and many beautiful gifts were received.

April 5.—The Quadrangle Club presented "Brown of Harvard."

Nell Hayman, Marguerite McDaniel, Marguerite Sneed, Rose Burns, Audrey Cooke and Alice Johnston, some of our graduates, have visited us at different times since Christmas.

Katherine Helm, one of our juniors, is rapidly recovering from a severe operation for appendicitis.

RACHEL VAN DYKE.



Sigma—University of Nebraska.

Sigma has two new members to introduce to Kappa Kappa Gamma—Viola Barns, of Albion, Nebraska, and Olive Young, of Chicago. They were initiated at the chapter house, March 16. Ruby Barns, of Albion, Nebraska, has also been pledged, and will be initiated next fall. Olive Young and Ruby Barns entered school this semester.

Sigma chapter held her annual dancing party at Walsh hall, February 22. Representatives were invited from each of the girls' fraternities. The girls are happy in feeling that the party was very successful.

Members of the girls' Pan-Hellenic are still disputing over High School rushing. They are endeavoring to limit the rushing of High School girls to the week of matriculation. It is proposed to pass a rule that will prohibit the entertainment of high school girls at a chapter house or at the home of any fraternity member, when more than two members of the fraternity are present, unless other fraternity girls are present also. The Pan-Hellenic has also been deliberating upon the question whether a Lincoln High School girl, if a member of a high school fraternity, is to be considered eligible to a university fraternity.

Mabel Bennett gave an enjoyable "at home" to all active and alumnae members March 16, the afternoon of the initiation of Viola Barns and Olive Young.

Edith Wilson has gone to Denver for the rest of the semester.

Mary Minor has just returned from a trip to Cuba.

FERN LEET.

Omega—Kansas University.

Omega wishes to introduce to the sisters her new pledge, Anna McCoy, of Hiawatha, a freshman in the college. We hope to hold initiation for her soon.

The chapter is busy with the plans for the location and erection of a new chapter house. We hope to have a home of our own before the opening of another school year. We have been unfortunate this year in the loss of Annie Allen, of Independence, a junior in the college, who was called home because of illness.

We enjoyed greatly a visit from Miss Ruth Paxon, formerly National Secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association. Miss Paxon was on her way to Japan as a missionary.

At its last meeting the Kansas legislature greatly increased the yearly appropriations for the general maintenance of Kansas University and also granted appropriations for the erection of four new buildings in the Engineering School. These buildings are to be: a main engineering hall, a new power house, a new repair shop, and a building of geology and mineralogy. The engineers are rejoicing at the prospect of having in the near future as excellent a home here as have the students in the law school and the college.

Our fine new gymnasium is nearing completion and will be ready for use at the time of the junior promenade, the first week in May. It is to be used by fraternities and other organizations for annual parties and other entertainments now held in Fraternal Aid Hall.

AMY MERSTETTER.

**Epsilon Province.****Beta Omicron—Tulane University.**

Beta Omicron sends greeting to all the Kappa world, and especially to our new sisters of Beta Upsilon.

The gay Mardi Gras season brought to us many pleasures, chief among which were the visits from Hester Craig and Hilda Blount, '05. We were especially proud of our alumnae this year, for from them came some of the most

gracious of the Carnival Queens. Ruth Bush, Gertrude Monroe and Janet Ford were Queens and Maids of several royal courts, and Hilda Blount reigned as Queen of the Carnival in Pensacola, Florida. One of the most cherished compliments of the winter, in this city of quaint customs, was bestowed on Ruth Bush—the Carnival Bouquet, which is given to the most popular of New Orleans' debutantes.

All interest is at present centered in basket ball, and the annual inter-class games will soon be played. Beta Omicron is well represented in athletics. Adele Monroe is captain of the junior team, Hilda Phelps is captain of the sophomores and Marie Breazeale plays left guard on the senior team. Class spirit, of which we have much at Newcomb, runs high at this time, and a great deal of interest is manifested.

Our only entertainment this month was a luncheon given in the room to Edna Converse, Delta. It is always a pleasure to hear from our sister chapters.

Beta Omicron feels a great loss in Irene Draker's withdrawal from college on account of illness. She was a splendid student and one of the most enthusiastic and efficient members of the chapter.

KATHERINE BEVERLY LEACH.



Zeta Province.

Π—University of California

The most significant event of the college year was the announcement at a recent university meeting that active steps are at last being taken for the erection of dormitories on the campus. In musical events we have been particularly fortunate, for besides the regular bi-weekly Symphony Concerts, Mme. Schumann-Heink gave a recital in the Greek Theatre during February. Furthermore, two dramatic events are being undertaken by the students, both to be given in the Ampitheatre. One is the "Eumenides" of Aeschylus, in which one of Pi's freshmen is to take a prominent part, and the other is a translation of a Sanskrit play, "The Little Clay Cart," which is to be given with every possible touch of local color.

On January 31, three of the members of Pi, and Cleora Wheeler, ex-Grand Registrar, who has been like a chapter sister to us this year, went down to Stanford to Beta Eta's initiation, and a week later Ethel Wallace and Hazel Maddox, both Beta Eta, and Florence Berry, a Beta Eta affiliate from Beta Zeta, returned our visit when they came up for our Freshman Show. It has long been a custom in Pi for the freshmen to give a play written by themselves, shortly after Christmas, on the evening of which the various Christmas gifts are presented to the chapter house. This year our alumnae gave us a handsome Turkish rug. Last in the term's events came a luncheon given by the alumnae to the active chapter in honor of Mrs. Frederick Wirt Potter (Elizabeth Gray, Pi), and Susan Potter, Beta Delta.

The membership of the chapter was increased last term by the affiliation of Almira Johnson, Eta, who has been living in the house with us this term. Edna Whitney, '09, is to leave shortly for a visit of several months in Maine.

MARTHA CHICKERING.



Beta Pi—University of Washington.

Our rushing for this semester was confined to one candidate, Olive Lewis, who has recently come here from Illinois and whom we pledged March 18th.

One event was an informal spread which was later turned into a dance, to which several college boys were invited.

Another was an evening card party which was given March 16th at the home of one of the active members. About fifty were present.

March 12th, Mrs. Kane, wife of President Kane, entertained with an informal tea for the young women of Washington University.

Ellen Shelton has left college preparatory to an extended trip east.

This chapter has recently taken out papers of incorporation so as to conduct fraternity affairs on a more business-like basis. In doing this the chapter was greatly aided by Dean Condon of the Washington Law School.

OLIVE R. POWLES.

Alumnae Association Letters.

New York

The informal luncheons held by the New York Alumnae Association this year have proved unusually successful. The meeting of Jan. 19th was held at the home of Mrs. Minnie Royse Walker, No. 504 W. 112th Street, and there were twenty-seven present. Mrs. Walker had prepared Kappa cards with a dozen questions on fraternity history. To the three who gave the best answers she awarded three prizes. These fell to Mrs. Mary Morgan Brewer, Delta, '96, who received the first prize; Mrs. Andrew Gill, Beta Nu, ex '06, the second, and Miss Hally Prentiss, Theta, '05, the third.

The annual luncheon was held February 16th, at Breton Hall. Eighty-three Kappas from twenty chapters were present. We were especially honored by having the Grand President, Miss Mary D. Griffith, the Grand Cataloger, Miss Mary Scattergood; Miss Miller, the Grand President's Deputy, Harriet Blaksley Wallace, and several others from the Syracuse Alumnae Association, and Miss Mary Hunt, of Beta Nu, who came for the occasion.

Miss Elizabeth Rhodes, of Psi, presided as toastmistress, and Miss Harriet Curtis, Beta Tau, Miss Juliette Hollenback, Beta Sigma, Miss Mary Crawford, of Psi, and Lulu B. Wooldridge, Theta, responded to toasts, while Miss Griffith gave a talk on the privileges and responsibilities of the alumnae, under the new regulations.

On March 16th, the meeting was held at the home of Miss Katherine S. Dotey, '03, Beta Epsilon, when over forty were present. Miss Estelle G. Platt, Beta Tau, '86, a vocal teacher, and Miss Theodora U. Irvine, Upsilon, '97, a reader, entertained in a most delightful manner, with several songs and readings. Miss Fry, who accompanied Miss Platt by chance, was pledged to the petitioners for Beta Pi.

The Association welcomes Mrs. Jessie Baru-Stephenson, Beta Delta, '05, and Harriet McDonald-Ide, Chi, '97, who have recently moved respectively to Summit, New Jersey, and Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

The Association regrets to lose Miss Gill, Beta Nu, ex-'06, who has moved to Peoria, Illinois, and Mrs. Sarah Crawford-Dana, Gamma Rho, who has gone to Coopers-town, Pennsylvania.

Miss Eva Dean, Lambda, '94, is having some bright pictures and verses in the "Herald," on "The People in Peanut Land."

Miss Bernice Andrews, Psi, and Elizabeth D. Hustis, Psi, have minatures at the exhibition of the "National Association of Minatures," held at Nablors Gallery.

Miss Mary Crawford, Psi, '05, was victorious over thirty-five men at the competitive examination for a position as ambulance surgeon at a hospital in Williamsburg. Miss Crawford receives her M. D. decree at Cornell Medical College in June. She is the second woman to hold this position in New York, the first being Mrs. Dr. Emily Dunning-Barringer, also of Psi chapter.

The Association sympathizes with Miss Caroline Romer, Beta Tau, and Mrs. Mary Morgan-Brewer, Delta, in the loss of their fathers.

Mrs. E. G. Nelson-Penfield, Iota, '93, Grand President 1900 to 1902, has been confined to the house most of the winter by illness, but is now improving.

On April 2d, Janett A. McCook, Beta Epsilon, '03, was married to Mr. Malcom Whitman of Harvard, at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Mr. Whitman is one of the tennis champions of the country.



Beta Iota

At our last meeting held January 18th, we had a sufficient number of affirmative votes to enable us to become a National Alumnae Association. Under the present system our enrollment is forty-nine, composed entirely

of Beta Iota alumnae, and we trust that our number will not be diminished by this new step with its added expenses and responsibilities.

We hold four meetings during the year—in January, March, June and October. After the ordinary business of the association has been disposed of, these meetings are purely social. Our members are very scattered, only a few of us living in or near Philadelphia. For this reason the average attendance is about fifteen, with the exception of the March meeting, which is also our annual banquet with the active chapter. The attendance at this is unusually large, girls coming from quite a distance.

For the last few years the active chapter has set aside the first meeting in each month to be known as "Alumnae meeting." In this way the alumnae have the opportunity of seeing the active girls in their own meetings and of keeping in close touch with all college and fraternity affairs.

Beta Iota Alumnae Association sends best wishes to all other alumnae associations and chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma.



Syracuse.

The Syracuse Association has held regular business meetings, followed by a social hour, every third Friday evening, since Sept. 13, 1906.

A Christmas party has become an institution. At that time every available Kappa—active and alumnae—are entertained.

This year the plan was a "picnic-party." Each guest had brought a gift, and later a very unusual lunch was displayed as each fisherman caught a fish in an improvised fish-pond. The numbers on the fish being duplicates of numbers on the gifts. After other picnic sports, cards were distributed which told in rhyme the summer resort to be visited for luncheon. The tables were decorated to represent the places indicated—Long Branch, Hopper's Glen,

etc. Upon each table was placed a box containing a dainty luncheon, with all the picnic accessories—wooden plates, paper napkins, and silver.

Through the courtesy of Ella Blakesley, we often receive an interesting account of the New York Association meetings.

The active chapter has entertained the alumnae very informally several times, and we have also invited them for "a cup of tea," occasionally.

Our aim is to stimulate Kappa loyalty, and to keep the interests of our chapter ever before us.

GRACE FRANC WRIGHT.



Iota.

Iota Alumnae Association has had four meetings during the year, two business sessions and two banquets. Saturday before commencement day is the established date for the Iota re-unions. Invitations are sent to every initiate in the chapter. Last June was the most successful reunion held. More of the so-called "old girls" were back and we had the additional good fortune to have Miss Griffith with us.

The big annual meeting was held the last Saturday in January at the Claypool Hotel, in Indianapolis, Indiana. The meeting January 26th, was unusually happy. Seventy-five Iotas gathered from all directions for the business meeting in the afternoon. Three charter members, Mrs. Maggie Puinance-Bruner, Mrs. Nettie Wiggs-Bacon, Mrs. Lillian Wiggs-Gatch; Iota's first initiate, Ida Andrews; Iota's first pledge, Mrs. Ida Moody-Estes. Mrs. Laura Kelly-Pruitt, '80, came from Chicago, and Mrs. Minnie Royse-Walker, '90, came all the way from New York especially for this meeting, while seventeen active girls tore themselves from the exciting climax of the rushing season to be with the "old girls."

It was decided that this association would conform to all the requirements for alumnae associations. The girls

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listened with pleasure to a report of the admirable manner in which the chapter home has been managed, this being the first year that the girls have owned their furniture, boarded in the house, and had every responsibility.

It was voted that all the initiates in Iota should be brought in closer touch with the college, the fraternity and the active chapter, this to be accomplished by sending to each an annual letter which shall be prepared by a committee of three, two alumnae and one active, the expense to be defrayed by the treasury of the Alumnae Association. This letter will cover, first, news of the college, second, news of the general fraternity, third, news of the active members, and fourth, personals.

Miss Blanche Woody, '00, was elected president, Miss Sidelia Starr Downes, vice-president, Miss Adelaide Smith, recording secretary, and Miss Marion Wood, corresponding secretary.

At seven o'clock in the evening fifty-four Iotas sat down to the dinner. Mrs. Cora Bennett-Stephenson, '94, our retiring president, who is especially qualified for the position, presided as toastmistress. Minnette T. Taylor, '82, Elizabeth A. Rose, '91, Miss Beulah Parks-Frayer, Mrs. Edith Beck-Elliott, '94, Adelaide Smith, Elsie Naylor, and Mrs. Grace Smith-Pettijohn, of the alumnae; Bessie Saler, '08, Mame Trueblood and Jeanne Bishop, of the active chapter, responded to toasts. Songs, new and old, were sung.

The closing service known to Kappas far and wide, was used, and thus the girls of '75, who gave to DePauw Iota chapter, the girls from '76 to '06, who have made Iota's record, were joined in a lively way to the girls who are making Iota their uppermost thought, one in the results of the near bidding day.

MINNIE R. WALKER.

In Memoriam.

Jessie Noble Beard.

Iota mourns the loss of Jessie Noble Beard, who died December 20th, 1906, at her home in New Castle, Indiana. She was initiated into the chapter in 1886, and was ever one of the most earnest and loyal members.

Florence Fox

Florence Fox died at her home in Moscow, Ohio. She was a member of Kappa chapter, and her loss is deeply mourned by her friends.

Stella Berry Arnold.

After a long illness Stella Berry Arnold died at Colorado Springs, February 1st, 1907. Funeral services were held at her home in Chicago, February 5th. Later there was a short service at Hillsdale. Mrs. Arnold was buried at Reading, Michigan. She was a member of Kappa chapter.

Louise Howell.

Louise Howell, ex '05, died at her home in Beloit, Wisconsin, on March the third. She is deeply mourned by Beta Lambda.



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Personals



Miss Griffith's Wedding.

On Thursday evening, April the eighteenth, 1907, Mary Dechert Griffith was married to Mr. William Warren Canby, in the Church of Our Savior, Philadelphia. The following account was given by a Philadelphia newspaper:

The ceremony was performed by Dr. William B. Bodine, rector of the church. A pretty feature of the wedding was large bouquets of *Fleur de lys* carried by the bride and her attendants. This flower is the emblem of the Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity for women, of which Miss Griffith is the president, and her bridesmaids, Miss Sarah P. Miller and Miss Mary R. Scattergood, are two of her deputies. The maid of honor was Miss Katherine Punctcheon.

Mr. Oliver C. Canby, the bridegroom's brother, acted as best man and the ushers were Mr. Alfred N. Seal, professor of physics and chemistry at Girard college, and Mr. T. Allen Crowell, of Oak Lane.



Victory Won by Mary Crawford.

Those who attended the Kappa Kappa Gamma Convention at Columbia, Missouri, in 1904, will remember Mary Crawford, and be glad to hear of her remarkable success. The following appeared in the New York "Sun":

Miss Mary Crawford has just been chosen as one of the internes of the Williamsburg Hospital after a competitive examination in which she was the only woman and was pitted against thirty-five men.

She had intended to make application at Gouverneur Hospital, where Dr. Emily Dunning Barringer was the first woman ambulance surgeon in New York. The Gouverneur examination is to be held in April. Now that Miss Crawford has won the appointment in Williamsburg, of course she will go there.

The course at the Williamsburg Hospital will be about eighteen months, so that when Dr. Crawford is ready to hang out her shingle she will have had nearly six years of medical training. Already she is an A. B., having got the degree at Cornell in the class of 1906.

When she first entered Cornell seven years ago Miss Crawford intended to become a doctor and her studies in the regular course were with the medical department always in view. She studied medicine in Ithaca for two years, it being a rule of the university that the women students shall put in half of their time up there before coming to New York for the last two years of the course at the Cornell University medical school here. She will be graduated this spring.

Miss Crawford is the eldest of eight children. A younger sister was graduated from Cornell last year, two others are now in the university and two of the boys are preparing for Cornell.

Miss Crawford is of medium height and slender. Her light hair is brushed back from a forehead unusually high, and earnest blue eyes look at one frankly.



Phi.

Mrs. Ham has been on a short visit to Boston.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Swain (Mary Lord) a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien (Emily Young) a son.

Edna Tirrell, who has been studying at Pratt Institute, is spending her vacation in Boston.



Beta Epsilon.

Elizabeth Finnigan '02, was married February 6, to Mr. William Hugh Fain.

Janetta McCook '03, was married April 2, to Mr. Malcolm Whitman.

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Louise Lockwood, '96, was married April 5, to Mr. Francis Thurber.

Florence Colegate, '95, was elected president of the Alumnae, of Barnard College.

Elizabeth Allen, '02, is the secretary of the American Girls' Club in Paris.

Katherine Doty, '04, has been made Historian, succeeding Mrs. Potter, who resigned to become editor of the "KEY."



Beta Sigma.

Married—On April 17th, Ida Poole Brown, '06, to Geo. Neill Patrick, Psi Upsilon.

Married—In April, Florence Hawkins, '04, to Frank Ostrandar, Chi Psi.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Pratt (Ruth Nesmith, '04), a daughter, Elizabeth.



Beta Alpha.

The engagement of Edith D. Kast (Marietta and University of Pennsylvania), to Dr. Leon D. Hartman (Cornell and University of Pennsylvania), has been announced. Dr. Hartman is Associate Professor of Mathematics in the University of Utah. They will live in Salt Lake City, Utah. The marriage will take place during the summer.

The marriage of Josephine Lindsay Reed (University of Pennsylvania) to J. Osborne Hopwood (University of Pennsylvania and Yale) will take place the last of June. Their home will be Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Jessie E. Jones is at present teaching in the high school, Fulton, N. Y.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lacy H. Evans (Helen Euston) a son, John Temple Evans.

The marriage of Alice M. McKelden to Chester E. Dimmick will take place on the afternoon of June the 12th, at half after five, in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Washington, D. C. Mr. Dimmick is a graduate of Harvard, '01, and is a member of Sigma Xi, and Kappa Gamma Chi fraternities. Their home will be Arundel Cove, Maryland.

Our Grand President, Mary D. Griffith, was married to William Warren Canby on Thursday evening, the 18th of April, in Philadelphia.

**Xi.**

Married, Oct. 31st, Christie Yingling to Mr. Wm. Beers of Newcomerstown, O.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Metcalf (Ethlyn Wilson), a daughter.

Married, Dec. 20th, Nila Link to Mr. Homer W. Winn, of Paris, Ill.

Married, March 27th, Sarah Everhart to Mr. Louis Melvin, of Springfield, O.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boyd (Jennie Gilkey), have moved to Zanesville, O.

**Kappa.**

January 17, occurred the death of Howard Lash, the little son of May Gurney Lash, '02.

Claire Sands Newcomer, of Bryan, Ohio, recently spent a few weeks with her mother in Hillsdale.

Miss Edith Cold, '06, attended the State Oratorical Contest at Hillsdale and spent several days with friends.

Zoe Smith Bradley, of Chicago, is visiting her mother and friends in Hillsdale.

**Iota.**

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt N. McLain (Lillian Smith, '05), Ravenswood Station, Chicago, announce the birth of a son, Hoyt N., Jr.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Al Butler (Howard Root) a son at Evanston, Illinois.

Etta Gordon Warner is visiting friends in Los Angeles, Cal. Address, 1070 West 36th Street.

Married—January 15th, 1907, at Columbus, Indiana, Mary Curtiss Hollowell and Roy Jackson, DePauw, D. K. E.

Mrs. M. H. Lichliter (Gertrude Larimore) and little daughter, Mary Florence, of Olean, New York, spent the holidays in Indiana. Owing to the unexpected illness of her husband, Mrs. Lichliter was unable to remain for the Iota re-union in Indianapolis.



Beta Lambda.

Ina Chilton, ex-'08, was married to Mr. W. W. Fuller $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, also of Illinois University, on March the twenty-sixth, at her home in Charleston, Illinois.

Caroline White, '04, and Roy Jeffreys were married in February, and are now living in Geneseo, Illinois.



Upsilon.

Helen Taggart, Iota, who is spending the winter in Evanston, has visited us several times.

Frances Rollins is teaching in the Academy at Evanston.

Nina Vest, '06, acts as Social Secretary of the Y. W. C. A. this year.

Mrs. Van Deventer has moved to Toledo, Ohio.

Edith Bradley, who spent the winter in California, returned to Evanston the first of April.



Chi.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Dickey are traveling abroad. Mrs. Dickey was one of our freshmen this year.

Bonnie Eleanor Blakeley spent some time visiting in St. Paul and Minneapolis this winter. She has now re-

turned to her home in Tacoma and Mary Rankin, ex-'08, has gone with her to make a visit of several weeks.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Erle D. Luce (Hazel Brown, ex-'07), a son, on March 17th.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kent Dickerman (Mabel Stone, '00), a daughter.

The engagement has been announced of Elsie Kopper, ex-'06, to Lieutenant Woolnough of the 21st infantry.

Married: Lila Marchand, '00, and John Houston, of Richmond, Va., Jan. 23, 1907, in St. Paul. At home in Richmond.



Sigma.

Lola Southwick is spending the spring months at Spokane, Wash.

Verne Hall, of Creston, Iowa, and Madge Merrell, of Fairbury, Nebraska, came to Lincoln for the annual party, and remained in town for a visit of a few days.

Margaret Whedon spent the holidays in Denver, as the guest of Blanche Emmons.

Nelly Griggs returned recently from a visit in St. Paul, Minnesota.



Omega.

Edith Schooley, of Kansas City, Missouri, is traveling in the Holy Land.

Leva Lehman, of Newton, has returned from a six months' stay in Europe.

Married, Oct. 31, 1906, Edith Levan and Mr. Lou Flint, Phi Delta Theta. Mr. and Mrs. Flint are now at home at 1312 Leland Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Married, Oct. 18, 1906, Alice Spaulding and Mr. Melvin Hall Taylor, Phi Delta Theta. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are at home at Lyons, Kansas.

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Miss Vivian Springer, of Argonia is spending the winter at Corpus Christi and San Antonio, Texas.

Miss Lulu Renn is spending the winter in the South. Married, Mrs. Chas. Grovner, of Topeka, and Mr. L. O. McIntyre, of Lawrence.



Beta Omicron.

Born to Mrs. Lawrence Moore Williams (Phoebe Nixon), a daughter.

The engagement of Gertude Monroe, one of Beta Omicron's charter members, has been announced, to Mr. Will Logan, Sigma Chi.



Hi.

Marie Bell and Colonel James Morwood were married March 6th at the home of Mrs. Frederick Palmer (Florence Mason) Calcutta, India. Colonel Morwood is chief surgeon of the British army. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Morwood for the present will be in Calcutta, India.

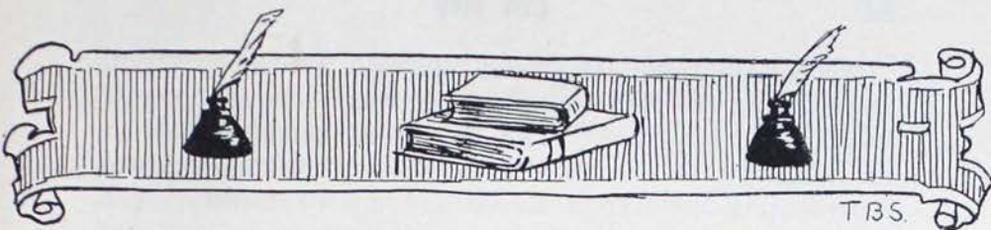
Anne Thatcher and Mr. Raymond Morley were married on Easter Monday in Augusta, Maine. Mr. Morley is a graduate of Tufts College and is now Professor of Mathematics at the Maine University.

Marie Hali has recently returned from a trip to Japan.

Beatrice Simpson, '08, left late in March for an automobile trip through Europe.

Edith Hatfield, '06, is studying at Dr. White's School for Bible Study in New York City.

Louisiana Scott, '06, is spending six months in Denver, Colorado.



Exchanges.

By Elizabeth M. Rhodes.

Our exchanges are asked to note the name and address of the new Exchange Editor, for their mailing lists.



We are glad to welcome to the Greek journalistic world the first number of the Sigma Kappa Triangle.



Other exchanges received are the Delta Upsilon Quarterly, Kappa Alpha Theta, the Scroll of Phi Delta Theta, the Shield of Phi Kappa Psi, the Kappa Alpha Journal, the Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta, Beta Theta Pi, The Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega, the Triangle of Sigma Sigma, the Trident of Delta Delta Delta, the Garnet and White, the Shield of Theta Delta Chi, the Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.



New chapters of sister fraternities are: Alpha Iota of Kappa Alpha Theta, at Washington University, St. Louis; Lambda Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega, at Syracuse University, and Washington Alpha Chapter of Pi Beta Phi at Washington State University, Seattle.



Conventions to Come: Kappa Alpha Theta, at Chicago, in July; Delta Upsilon, at Minneapolis, in October; Delta Tan Delta, at Chicago, in August.

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The Alpha Phi Quarterly and the Trident are both emphasizing the fact that they represent women's fraternities, not "sororities." The KEY joins hands with them on this issue, and would like to go on record herewith as representing the Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity. Following is the text of the Alpha Phi sermon, a quotation from certain remarks of President Wheeler of the University of California, and from erroneous press comment thereon:

"There is no need for the sorority. I dislike the name very much. I prefer to speak of your organizations as women's fraternities. There can be a brotherhood of women as well as men. The word 'fraternity' is derived from the Greek word 'frater,' meaning or suggesting brotherhood."

"Now the sorority girls would like very much, as dutiful college girls, to please President Wheeler in this little matter of a name for their beloved secret societies, but there is an insuperable obstacle in the way. The constitution of these sororities—such organizations as the Kappa Kappa Gamma and the Kappa Alpha Theta and other exclusive sororities—provides that they shall be called sororities, and sororities they are accordingly."



President Wheeler is to the fore in fraternity matters, in another connection. In addressing the Phi Delta Theta convention at Washington, he gave this good advice:

"I wish to say to you members of the Phi Delta Theta, do not spend much time considering whether your fraternity is better than another, but spend most of your time trying to make your fraternity better than it is. Do not make your chapter a club apart from the university or college, but make it a part of the institution in which it exists."

At almost regular intervals, that ghost of the old bugbear comes to life. "We'll vote against that petition. We believe in being conservative." Doubtless, but did you ever stop to think that if every chapter had felt that way, there would be no National Fraternity?—The Trident.

The Lyre has a helpful article on "Beginning Right," from which we are glad to quote this practical suggestion:

The following experiment was tried by Beta Chapter this year, and it met with such success that the continuance of the custom seems assured. In the fall, after the girls were pledged, a committee consisting of two active members and one alumnae, was appointed to prepare for them a set of topics relating to general fraternity life. These included such questions as the origin and development of the fraternity system, the difference between general, local and professional fraternities, why some faculties are opposed, while others approve, and, in general, the good and the evil in the system. They were also given books and periodicals containing the answers and just before initiation they passed a written examinations on the topics.

When this work is conscientiously done, each girl should be ready for active fraternity life, and more than that, should be able to talk intelligently with those unfamiliar with the system. When a girl goes home for the holidays and is questioned concerning the colors she wears so proudly, she will be able to say more than, "Oh, those are my Frat. colors; a Frat. is an awfully nice society, the girls are lovely and we have lots of fun." Do not be too severe in your criticism of the girl. In many cases the chapter is at fault for not seeing to it that she can give a better reply.

It will be readily seen that the character of this examination in no way interferes with the annual examination, given under the direction of the grand council, that deals especially with the fraternity, its constitution and by-laws, and with the problems that only an initiated person could understand.

From the alumnae point of view, there is something youthful and refreshing in those chapter letters that naively chronicle the chivalrous attentions of friendly fraternity men. That there are two sides to the shield is seen by this unqualified statement from the organ of one of the men's fraternities:

"We have our full share of the girls of the town. Our pin appears on the sweetest, prettiest, and nicest."

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The Rubaiyat parody given in Beta Theta Pi is so delightful that we must quote the stanzas "touchin' on and ap-pertainin' to" the rushing season:

Now the new year revives the rushing fires
 And fiercely glows each chapter's fond desires,
 While every loyal Greek, from morn till night,
 Talks, argues, pleads, spends money and perspires.

The handsome youth we set our hearts upon
 Smiles at our artful pleading—and anon
 While we are saying "Gee, this is a cinch,"
 Off with the Phi Psi's or the 'Sigs has gone.

Myself, a freshman, blissful hours spent
 With rival frats and heard great argument
 About alumni rolls; but in the end
 With those who laughed at all my jokes I went.



Kappa Alpha Theta gives a useful hint, not only to her own chapters, but to her rivals, in an article on "Music in the Chapters."

Did you ever stop to think what our fraternity life would be if all the music were eliminated from it? It is easy to raise enthusiasm with a little bit of good music thoroughly well distributed. If you have not already tried it, get the crowd together around the piano. People always sing better when standing than when sitting, and if you can get close enough together to rub elbows, you can make the old roof fairly ring. And when you have raised the roof with the volume of sound inside, you will be ready to go out and shout to the very heavens your paean of praise for Kappa Alpha Theta. A chorus of singers, no matter how perfect the individuals may be, can not produce that full volume of sound which reverberates like the rich tone of a clear bell, until the singers have been together, and sung together until they have developed that sympathetic understanding of one another which makes their every musical action seem the offspring of a single mind.

Then when it comes to the gentle pursuit of the rude barbarian at the beginning of each new term, it is surprising how much more attractive the bait is when seasoned with a good chorus and spiced with a few guitars, mandolins, banjos and the like.

You will sing more girls into Kappa Alpha Theta than you will ever argue in.



Our last convention gave proof that "instruction" as well as "a good time," is Kappa Kappa Gamma's aim at her biennial gathering. The Delta Upsilon Quarterly lays great stress on the need of conventions that shall discuss policies rather than routine. To quote:

The business of conventions seems to be mostly routine, and covers matters that could and should be largely determined by the executive council. A session based upon the modern business convention plan, embracing short, snappy papers on subjects interesting to all and likely to create sharp discussion, debates and arguments upon policies of rushing, finance, etc., would give a delegate some new ideas. The present form provides largely for the social side. Could the business side not be improved? Would not a mock rush meeting, a strong rushing talk by a past-master, details of house management, mock chapter meeting, and numerous other problems, be of interest and value to delegates? Do we not need a convention of instruction? Should not our delegates take home something more than the remembrance of a good time?

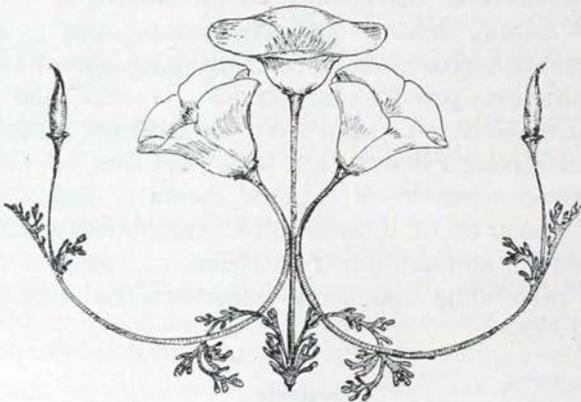


The Delta Upsilon Quarterly is authority also for this statement of an entertaining convention plan:

A new convention idea was the "coupon" plan used by Beta Theta Pi at the convention at Denver last July. According to the Denver Republican: "A splendid arrangement for enrolling the visitors to the convention and of giving them an idea of the good times that were in store for

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them was evolved by the local committee on entertainment. A long ticket looking like a railroad ticket—in fact, printed in close imitation of these railroad tickets—was given each Beta as he enrolled at the secretary's office. He was given a number on the secretary's books corresponding to the number on his ticket. Coupons for the various entertainments were punched and torn off as the event passed by. Then the remainder of the ticket the college men have as a souvenir to remember Denver by."



College Notes.

By Elizabeth M. Rhodes.

There are three Chinese young women among the students of Wells College this year. When the Imperial Chinese Commission was making its acquaintancé with American colleges last spring, it included a study of collegiate opportunities for women, by special request of the Empress, and the enrollment of these three girls at Wells is the result. The experiment is an important one, both because it is conducted through the special interest of the Empress, and because the future education in this country of Chinese women depends largely upon the success of those pioneers. They are taking a regular course, with emphasis on the English language and literature, and are learning the ways of American college girls.



The preparation at Oberlin for the celebration next year of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of Oberlin College, recalls the fact that Oberlin is the oldest co-educational college in the country. Its doors were open to women from its foundation, in the days before separate colleges for women had been conceived. A significant feature of its foundation was that it made no distinction of color, although it was opened thirty years before the emancipation proclamation.



In this decade it is often said of colleges and universities that they are not practical,—that they do not give preparation for the actual conditions of life. The University of Wisconsin is certainly disproving the statement by its success in reaching the individual needs of the farmers and housekeepers of the state. For four years it has held a ten days' conference in agriculture, to give farmers the

benefit of the investigations and experiments carried on in the college of agriculture; and the attendance this year was nearly six hundred. The housewives' conference, held at the same time, was attended by one hundred and thirty-seven women, who studied household problems in the department of home economics.

Yale University, actuated by the same feeling of responsibility towards its immediate community, is giving "working men's courses" in its scientific school, as part of a systematic plan to bring the University into closer touch with New Haven. One hundred and sixty-one out of two hundred and sixty-one applicants were admitted,—high grade workmen who are taking practical electricity, mechanical drawing, mechanical designing and practical mechanics.



Another evidence that practical and theoretical education are becoming more closely related is found in the establishment by a Boston laundry firm of a fellowship in chemistry at the University of Kansas. The fellow to whom it is awarded is to devote two years to studying methods of saving clothes in the usually destructive process of laundering, and, at the end of the fellowship period, to write and publish a monograph on laundering.



The Teachers' College of New York City applies modern educational principles to religious instruction, and has supplied trained teachers to a number of Sunday schools. One metropolitan church has engaged an entire corps of salaried teachers in its school.



For years the fraternity men of Cornell University have faced the problem of assignment of rooms for Senior work. Naturally, the "old grad," returning for reunions

and Commencement, expects to put up at his chapter house; and equally naturally, the undergraduate wishes to entertain his "Senior girl" and her chaperone there, during the festivities. A compromise has been arranged by setting the date for Alumni reunions a day or two before the social events.



Fraternities at Nebraska have decided to do away with the pledging and initiating of new students until after the mid-semester reports at Thanksgiving time, and not even then shall any new student be pledged or initiated whose name appears on the delinquency list. Rushing in the meanwhile is to be limited to the giving of an informal affair on Friday or Saturday nights. This action was recommended to the several fraternities by an inter-fraternity council, and was later adopted by all. If each one stands up to the agreement this will no doubt result in much good. It will do away with the present evils of early rushing and it will stimulate the Freshman to keep up his work if he hopes to join a fraternity.



Now that Princeton University is the happy possessor of the newly-made Lake Carnegie, the undergraduate rowing world is looking to it as a possible candidate for crew honors. It will be the Princeton policy, however, to develop class and society crews, instead of training at first for inter-collegiate races.



Cambridge University will send a crew to the United States this summer to enter the American and Canadian regattas.



Columbia University owns five Siamese Buddhas, a recent gift to the Indo-Iranian department from a fellow of

the University who was formerly consul-general for the United States to Siam.



The College Settlement spirit is obtaining results in the charity that begins at home. The undergraduates at Vassar are making definite plans for a maids' club house, for the use of the many young women employed as maids and waitresses in the college building. Besides parlors and rest rooms, the house is to provide a library and a gymnasium.



From the Magazine World.

By Elizabeth M. Rhodes.

With conditions constantly changing in this progressive country of ours, there is a constantly changing demand in education. The current magazines reflect this thought, and furnish an interesting commentary on present-day college phases.

The World's Work announces that it has in preparation a series of articles in which the work of particular colleges and universities will be described and appraised. "As a sort of introductory 'confessions' from the inside," the February number gives two anonymous articles by university faculty men. "Are Our Colleges Doing Their Job?" is the somewhat startling title of the series, and the first of these contributions deals with the efficiency of the colleges. To quote:

"What is the college's function? What should it, the college, be, primarily—the American college? A place of investigation? Investigation must go on, but the colleges as colleges do not exist for that. Primarily colleges exist to *teach*. And that means what? That they are here for the purpose of giving the young giant the results, the serviceable, classified results, of *all* investigations, all thought. He must play his great part understandingly without waste. He must have all the insight that the world has accumulated. He must have the power of looking below appearances, looking deep into things, the power, in a word, of thinking. Who claims that the colleges are now imparting these gifts and powers? Publicly, officially, we claim it; but when the augurs meet in private conclave and catch squarely one another's eye, they smile. America has been very busy. It has but recently found time to look around and take account of stock and call for reckoning. The day is at hand when it will look into the colleges. It will say: 'I want my children trained to be heirs of all the ages. Find out how to

do this that I want, if you can. Then you may teach a few of those who come to you to do it after you. Pick those few carefully. Don't set every nondescript person at that task. But first of all, and most of all, make your college a training school for *life*, where Americans shall learn to do America's work.' "

In the second article, on the standing of college professors, the writer asks two questions: "Are the professors in American colleges underpaid?" and "Is the professor of today the equal in ability, character, and standing of the professor of a generation ago?" To the first question he answers, yes; to the second, no.

"The simple conclusion," he continues, "would seem to be that our colleges must attract to their faculties men who are now drawn in other directions. There are other ways of improving the condition of the professor class than by merely buying superior ability. A college president ought to have the courage to keep professorships vacant until he finds exactly the man best fitted to fill them and willing to accept the salary offered. Better to run his college on temporary appointments than to fill his faculty with mediocre men. More regard should be given to the man's character and general quality, apart from his fitness as a scholar. In the long run, the university faculty, if it is to regain its former prestige, must be composed of men who honor their profession and are ready to make the sacrifices that it entails. The most effective and most necessary way in which to raise the standard of the profession is to cultivate those extra compensations for service, especially general appreciation in the community. It should be possible for the American university professor to aspire to legislative office, as is the custom on the continent of Europe. Such men as have risen to the point of civilization where they can recognize other standards than those of money should take pains to honor the professor class as a body of men who cherish the things of the mind and the spirit above material conditions and are therefore of great value to society."

Writing on "The Academic Value of College Athletics" in *Education*, Dr. D. A. Sargent says:

"If academic credit is given for the work done, all students will take their gymnastics, athletics, or some form of physical training as a matter of course, for both mental and physical work will be pursued with the same end in view. If the college system is an elective one, which generally means that the student is required to take some eighteen or twenty courses out of a large number to choose from, add a course in physical training to the eighteen, and give the student some option as to the particular course he will select. The mental and physical work will be on the same footing, except that there will always be a much larger number of mental courses from which to choose. But someone will say, it will cost a great deal of money to bring about and maintain such an innovation. True, I admit. But if the friends of a great university can afford to spend a hundred thousand dollars annually on the athletic training of one or two hundred students selected especially for their physical fitness for athletic contests, there would certainly be found some way of raising at least one-fourth of this sum annually to look after the physical welfare of three or four thousand students, who are in special need of some kind of athletic training to enable them to meet the strain of their life work. In fact, considering the undue prominence now given to the spectacular side of athletics in our American colleges, I do not see how they can afford to take any other course than to recognize the subject as a department in education, and look after it accordingly. The colleges that have the courage to take this stand will not only command the students, but the admiration and respect of the thinking portion of the American people."



A significant step in college education is the Princeton experiment of the tutorial system, which is described at length by Andrew F. West in the *School Review*. Only a meager idea of the spirit of education that is at the basis of

this system can be obtained from this summary of quotations from the article.

“The large college has had the advantage over the small college of more opportunities and a greater cosmopolitanism. The small college has had the following advantages over the larger college: Greater accessibility of the opportunities to the student, more definite and concentrated work, and a closer personal touch with his professor. To speak as briefly and plainly as I can of an experiment we are now making in order to recover what we believe to have been the priceless advantage of the small college and combine it with the cosmopolitanism, the manifold opportunity, of the larger university, it was natural, when we thought over that question, to look back to the beginnings of the American colleges, and to ask from what root we had sprung. Naturally we turned to the Oxford tutorial system. * * * We considered the Oxford experience carefully, and wondered what could be done in an American university to produce similar results in undergraduate students. * * * First of all we resolved that, if the thing was to succeed at all, every member of the faculty already in the faculty who was qualified should take part in it, from the highest to the lowest officer of the staff of instruction, and that we should add to them men who would have the rank of assistant professors, but the function of this close individual teaching, * * * men, however, who had had thorough education, who had shown real scholarship, who had also shown that they were accessible, engaging, interesting men, who naturally loved students. * * * Our preceptorial plan is not class instruction in very small divisions, excellent thing as that is. In the next place, it is not ‘coaching’ or tutoring individual students or small groups of students to pass examinations. We solved our problem in the following way: Our freshmen and sophomores are to have, and do have, one hour a week with the preceptor in each leading subject. * * * We take one hour off the class room instruction and give it to preceptorial work, so that in a three-hour course there will be two hours in the class room and one hour with the preceptor. * * * We can, of course, get any class division of

twenty-five fairly homogeneous. We then divide the division into six groups, which will average four men apiece; and that is on the whole the prevailing unit in our preceptorial unit—groups of four men. * * * Your first or highest division will thus contain the very finest students. At the top you have the homogeneity of knowledge as the common distinguishing mark; at the bottom you have the heterogeneity of ignorance. * * * The lowest division whatever the subject is, contains those who are most evidently, painfully, woefully in need of preceptorial instruction. Yet it contains some of the most interesting and lovable fellows that ever came to college. That lowest division contains the mature fellow, with slow mind and poor preparation, who is trying hard. It contains the young fellow who has got too quickly into college and is only half ready for the burden. It also contains the really able fellow, who has had a good preparation, but does not mean to study. They are all alike in being deficient, but unlike in the kind of ignorance they show. If you have an hour for four such men, give each one fifteen minutes the first day. Perhaps a week or two later you will be able to put two of them together and the other two will still be taken separately. Perhaps no two men, certainly no two blocks of students, have precisely the same area of instruction. The area of the preceptor's effort is the varying area of each student's special need.

“There are some tests we can mention as indicating the immediate effect of the preceptorial teaching in its first year in Princeton. One is the test of the use of books in the university library. * * * The average use of the university library on the part of undergraduates the first term the preceptorial system went into effect increased heavily. I think we can say the books that were taken out in abundance were books of history, books of philosophy, books of literature, books of science—books that ought to be the natural reading of a man who calls himself a student. A second, and even a more subtle test, is the changing character of conversation on the campus, at the so-called ‘eating clubs.’ Things intellectual are now in good form—if spoken of

without affectation. Some of them had got in the way of thinking that it was not the thing, you know, to be studying too much; the thing was to enjoy your good comradeship; to study some, as much as might become a gentleman—no more; but not to throw yourself heart and soul into the best knowledge, not to make the acquaintance of the great masters of thought and fancy, not to open the mind. That is changing. The talk is more and more of things intellectual. And out of that is coming—what? I fully believe there is coming the recovery of the lost art of conversation. Perhaps the most visibly notable thing is the effect on the university when evening comes. A great number of lights in the rooms; the comparative absence of strolling, roaming crowds; the greater quietude; the general air. Is it the atmosphere of study that is brooding and settling over the old halls in the evening? I think it is.”



An article by Henry T. Fowler in *The Outlook* on “The New Place of the Bible in the American College,” traces the history of collegiate Bible study, and gives some interesting data of individual colleges:

“Now Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Princeton, Pennsylvania, Johns Hopkins, Cornell, Chicago, California, all have their Semitic instructors, chairs, or departments with several instructors. * * * Wellesley, Smith, Vassar, Bryn Mawr, all have their Bible chairs. Among colleges for men, Amherst can well claim leadership, since she has a professorship of Biblical history, established in 1864. * * * The catalogues of American colleges show the wide sweep of the new departure and its influence even in the smaller institutions. Alfred University, in Western New York, announces Biblical instruction for its college students ‘from a literary and historical point of view.’ Allegheny College, Meadville, has a combined professorship of the English Bible and the philosophy of religion. Beloit College, Wisconsin, has established a professorship of Biblical Literature and Religious History within the last two or three years, while out in the little University of Southern California we note the Hazard

professorship of the English Bible, with, apparently, a well-planned department on the modern basis. With all this provision in the curriculum, the place of the old devotional Sunday classes has not been left empty. It has been filled by voluntary Bible study, under the fostering care of the Intercollegiate Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations. * * * There is happy omen in this growing union between those who are developing college Bible study from the standpoint of the student Christian associations and those who are directing it from the standpoint of the faculties of instruction.



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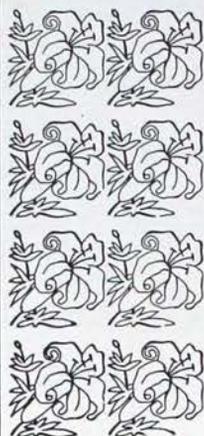
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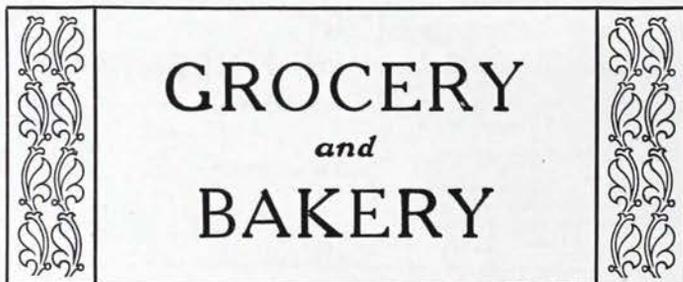
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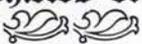
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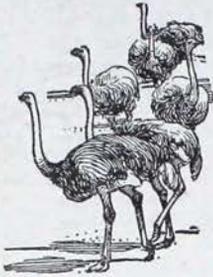
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