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BARNARD COLLEGE.

BARNARD, the youngest of the prominent colleges for women, is an exceptionally interesting attempt to solve the problem of the higher education of women. It is an institution for liberal culture, in no sense a professional school, and it is of a peculiar type, unique in its organization. As developed by its twelve years of growth, it now offers to its students the advantages of one of the greatest universities of the world—advantages which no mere women's college could duplicate—and yet avoids that co-education to which the Eastern mind still finds objections.

The idea of giving educational opportunities to women was suggested to the Trustees of Columbia by President Barnard in 1879, but it was not until ten years later, in 1889, that Barnard College was organized and its charter obtained.

But it was on a foundation dating from many years before that the college was based; for Barnard, though in possession of a charter of its own, and an administrative autonomy, had the advantage from the outset, of a close academic connection with Columbia University. Instructors at Barnard were chosen from the staff of Columbia or approved by the President thereof. Columbia granted the degrees and was responsible for the Barnard examinations. Barnard students had equal privileges with Columbia students in the university library. In other words, as our ex-Dean, Mrs. Putnam, has well said, "the women of New York had an opportunity given them to receive precisely the same

education as their brothers, to hear the same professors, to use the same books, to share the mental breadth that comes of life in a university as distinguished from a college, and were yet spared as undergraduates the problems that arise from co-education in the narrow sense."

The college started in a very small way, housed in a four-story, twenty-five foot, brown-stone dwelling, of the ordinary New York type, and with but eight students in its first class—that of 1893. The dingy, crowded little building seemed very unlike a college, and it was only the irrepressible zeal and enthusiasm of youth which made possible a certain degree of college life and college spirit.

In 1896 the new site on Morningside Heights was purchased for \$160,000, and soon three handsome halls—Milbank, Brinckerhoff and Fiske—were erected. The move to the new building, in the autumn of 1897, marked a radical and all-important change. The spirit of the college now grew and expanded, and the number of students increased with wonderful rapidity, so that it is estimated that the freshman class next year will comprise about 120 members.

Barnard's growth soon made inappropriate the informal arrangement for instruction, which was the natural method at the outset. It became necessary to recognize formally the status which had gradually come into existence, and accordingly, in January, 1900, an agreement was entered into by which Barnard was included in the university system.

It might be well to describe here very briefly the organization of the great university of which Barnard is proud to be a part. Columbia provides both collegiate and university courses. The former are Columbia College, for men, and Barnard College, for women, both four-year courses leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts; the School of Applied Science, for men; and the collegiate course in the Teacher's College. The University, in a technical sense, is composed of the Faculties of Law, Medicine, Philosophy, Political Science and Pure Science. Under the last three of these faculties, women, as well as men, are accepted as candidates for the degrees of Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy.

Barnard College, though still financially an independent institution, with a corporation and a faculty of its own, is now a

member in full standing of the university system. It has the use of the magnificent library of over 300,000 volumes, it shares the instruction of Columbia, and its students receive their degrees from the university. The President of Columbia University is *ex-officio* President of Barnard College, and the Dean of Barnard is a member of the University Council. To this last important body is assigned the duty of seeing that "the degree of Bachelor of Arts conferred upon the graduates of Barnard College be maintained always as a degree of equal value with that of Bachelor of Arts conferred upon the graduates of Columbia College." The courses of the two colleges, it should be noted, are to be *equivalent*, but not necessarily *identical*. The Barnard Faculty may adopt whatever variation from the Columbia curriculum may seem suited to the feminine mind and career.

An interesting provision of the agreement between Barnard College and the University is that promising that after 1904, all courses, even for seniors, shall be given separately at Barnard, and not shared with the men at Columbia. Thus the last vestige of undergraduate co-education will be done away with.

The situation of Barnard's halls is worthy of her educational advantages. Uplifted above the city proper, they stand on Morningside Heights, "the Acropolis of New York," just across Broadway from the handsome buildings of Columbia, and near Grant's Tomb, the magnificent new Saint Luke's Hospital, and the slowly rising arches of the stupendous Cathedral of Saint John the Divine. To the west of us, convenient for idle strolls, is Riverside Park, with its famous drive, and to the north the enormous new viaduct carrying the roadway over Manhattan Valley to the heights beyond. But the striking feature of our far-stretching view, and the one which must remain in every graduate's memory most prominently and indissolubly connected with her college scenes, is the mighty river. We can see the Hudson emerging from his highlands far to the north, flowing slowly, broad and peaceful and strong, beneath the Palisades, past our college halls, on to the shipping of the great harbor, towards the ocean beyond. If inspiring surroundings can aid in education as well as in pleasure, then Barnard is doubly fortunate.

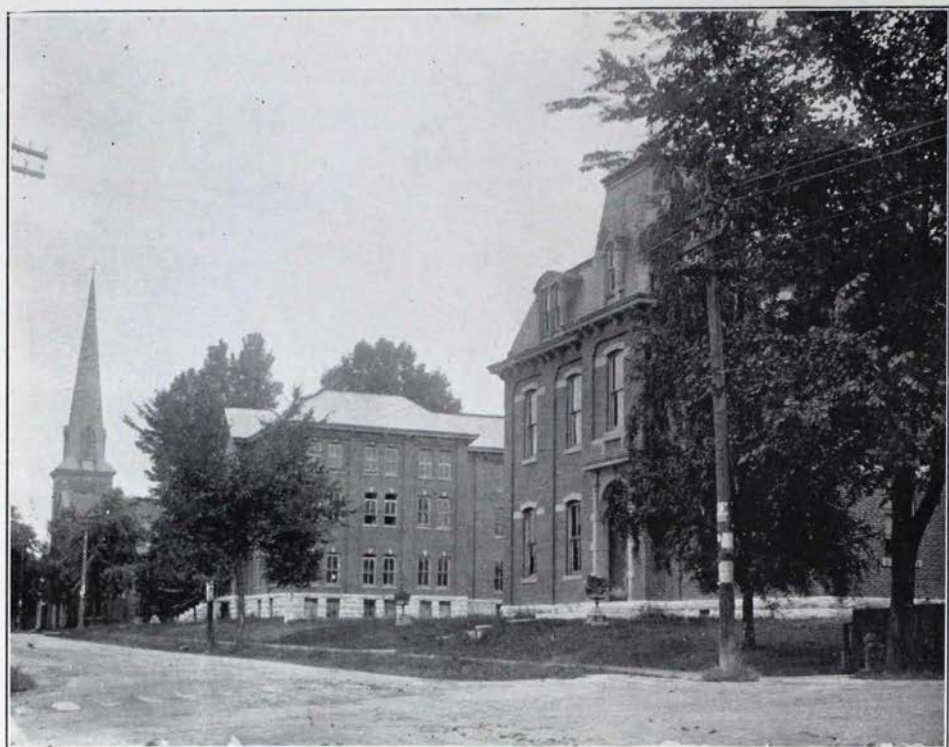
It would take much more space and ability than the writer has at her command to give our sisters in other colleges a clear idea of the more intimate personal peculiarities of Barnard. There is

opportunity for mentioning merely a few. In the first place, Barnard is essentially an institution for supplying collegiate education to girls who cannot or do not wish to leave their homes. It is true that a number of students come hither from other cities, and live at our dormitory, Fiske Hall. But this number is, after all, an inconsiderable percentage of the whole, and the great majority of our students scatter to their homes every afternoon. Thus we remain in close touch with our home life and with our associations and interests in the world at large—a state of affairs which, we fondly hope and believe, helps to prevent us from becoming too narrow-minded and self-centered, and makes it easier for us to resume our ordinary places in life after our college days are over.

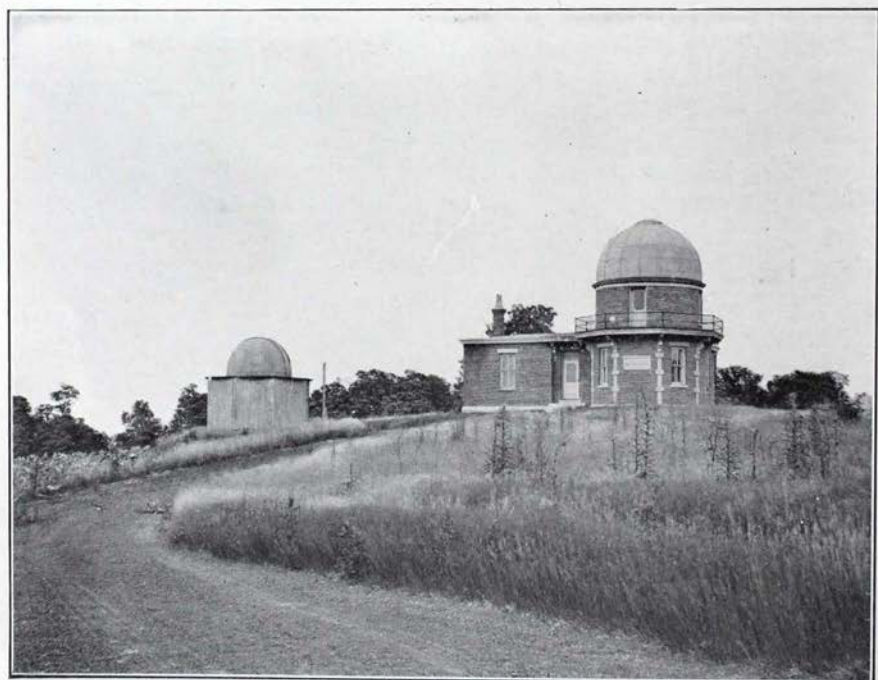
Not only home life, but also the influence of the great city, of which we are a part, helps to produce the effects I have suggested. Most of the splendid advantages of life in the metropolis are too obvious to need mention. Perhaps everyone does not realize what breadth of view it helps one to attain, what perception that a college education is by no means the most important thing in life, and that the world jogs on without an eye upon one's insignificant self. In the multitudinous affairs of New York, the college world plays an almost unnoticed part.

In our circumstances there are, of course, some disadvantages—especially the strain on one's health involved by the necessity of living up to college obligations and home responsibilities at the same time, and the difficulty of keeping up a large amount of college life. We have, nevertheless, a good many forms of social enjoyment—class, fraternity, and college plays, teas, receptions, dances and the more informal “spreads;” we have basket ball and tennis; we have undergraduate publications—the annual *Mortarboard*, and the weekly *Barnard Bulletin*.

As aids in holding together in close friendship and college spirit the widely scattered students, fraternities play at Barnard an exceptionally important part. There are three of these—in the order of founding, Beta Epsilon, of Kappa Kappa Gamma; Alpha, of Alpha Omicron Pi, and Alpha Zeta, of Kappa Alpha Theta. They have considerable material from which to choose their members, and they select with deliberation and care. “Pledge Day” is not until the last Monday in February, and last



THE CHURCH, WOMAN'S HALL AND MUSIC HALL,—DEPAUW UNIVERSITY,
GREENCASTLE, IND.



MCKINE OBSERVATORY—DEPAUW UNIVERSITY, GREENCASTLE, IND.

year, out of a freshman class of over eighty, only fourteen in all were elected to the three fraternities.

As we look forward into our future it seems one of almost unlimited possibilities. Surely there could be no work better worth while than the equipment of women to be happy and useful citizens of the city of New York.

VIRGINIA CROCHERON GILDERSLEEVE, 99,
Beta Epsilon.

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DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

ONE of the important factors in the development of the great Middle West has always been its schools; the educational idea came in with the early settlements, has grown with their growth and advanced with their progress, and is a characteristic feature of their present condition. Religious sects, philanthropic individuals and the states themselves, and even the territories, before they had been organized into states, have vied with each other in the organization and maintenance of the educational interests. In line with the general movement the Methodists of Indiana early saw the need and appreciated the importance of establishing an educational center in the wilds of Indiana, and after much consideration and many delays, in October, 1835, a resolution to that effect was adopted in the annual session of their conference at its meeting in Lafayette. In pursuance of this plan a petition was presented to the legislature of the state at its next session, asking for a charter, which was finally granted on the 10th of January, 1837. By the terms of this charter it was provided that "A seminary of learning shall be, and the same is hereby, established in the town or vicinity of Greencastle, in Putnam County and State of Indiana, to be known by the name and style of 'The Indiana Asbury University,' which shall be founded and maintained forever, upon a plan the most suitable for the benefit of the youth of every class of citizens and of every religious denomination, who shall be freely admitted to equal advantages and privileges of education." The "youth" of this paragraph, be it understood, is of masculine

gender, for as yet there is no woman discerned even upon the horizon of this plan for higher education. With this liberal charter in hand the friends of this young enterprise went out to work for its realization and all that it might bring to the locality and the state. The difficulties in the way were enormous; as yet there was no money in hand for this undertaking, and but little in this section of the country for any purpose; the population was a sparse one; the Indians still roamed at will amid these vast forests, and the roads, where laid out at all, were well nigh impassable much of the year—excepting that great thoroughfare known as the “National Road,” that stretched from Pittsburg and beyond it westward in unbroken distance to St. Louis. But the zeal of the friends of this new undertaking surmounted all the difficulties, and their faith in the future was boundless. They organized themselves and their plans thoroughly and generously and began their work without delay; friends gathered around; money came in from somewhere; by the middle of the same year the cornerstone of the first building was laid, and in the following December the first faculty was regularly organized, with Rev. Matthew Simpson, A. M.—the great Bishop Simpson of later days in the Methodist Church—at its head.

A preparatory school that had been organized the year previous in the town had become so prosperous that it was adopted as the preparatory department of this new college in process of organization. This was an important preliminary in a locality without adequate provisions for college preparation. With a little faculty of five members and a group of crude country boys the new school started on its way.

In 1867 an important change came into the school idea and the school life when it was decided to admit young women into the university to enjoy all the privileges and the benefits that thus far had belonged only to the men. At first the measure encountered real opposition, but the girls came in promptly, did their work well and demonstrated that they had a right there and that they expected to remain. They soon came to be a vital part of the school, and contributed an important element toward its larger life and greater prosperity. This change was made during the presidency of Dr. Bowman—now Bishop Bowman—the senior in office in the Methodist Church.

In 1884 there came to a successful close a series of negotiations that had extended over a period of about two years, by which a large addition was made to the endowment of the institution. Several new buildings were added to the two already in existence, Schools of Theology, Law, Music and Art were added to the College of Liberal Arts and Preparatory School of the preceding years, and the name of the institution was changed to "De Pauw University," in honor of the liberal donor who had made the bequests and opened the way for this important forward movement.

Since this time of larger expansion two more new buildings have been added and a third one is in process of construction—the D. W. Minshall Laboratory—which is expected to be ready for occupancy by the first of next November.

Soon after the admission of young women into the University, the question of the organization of Greek letter sororities presented itself and came to be seriously considered, and that very naturally, for already the Greek letter fraternities were among the young men. Within a few years two such sororities were organized—the Kappa Alpha Theta, which has its Alpha chapter here, and a little later our own Kappa Kappa Gamma. Some years afterward came also the Alpha Phi chapter. The School of Music, too, has its sororities, two in number, the Alpha Chi Omega and the Phi Mu Epsilon. All of these are in flourishing condition, and with the eight fraternities within the University become important social factors about the institution and in the community, as well as hold their places among the influences that work for education and for culture.

De Pauw University, with President Gobin now at its head, has at this present time about six hundred students, about two-fifths of whom are young women. It holds good rank among the schools of its part of the country in athletics, has flourishing Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations; usually maintains Glee Club, Mandolin Club and Quartettes. The School of Music gives them decided advantage in this latter particular over any other school of their own state.

One feature that cannot be omitted from even a brief sketch such as the present one necessarily must be, is the genuine healthy college spirit that prevails among both faculty and students, and the large degree of college loyalty that has marked

this institution throughout its course. Whatever may be the difficulties through which it has to pass, and whatever may be the vexed questions that it has to consider and to solve, De Pauw University can count on the hearty loyalty of its own members, and that not only during the years of their college life, but stretching out through the years that follow. To them their own Alma Mater may not be the largest school in the country nor the richest, nor the most widely known, but she is the one they love the best and for whom they would sacrifice the most.

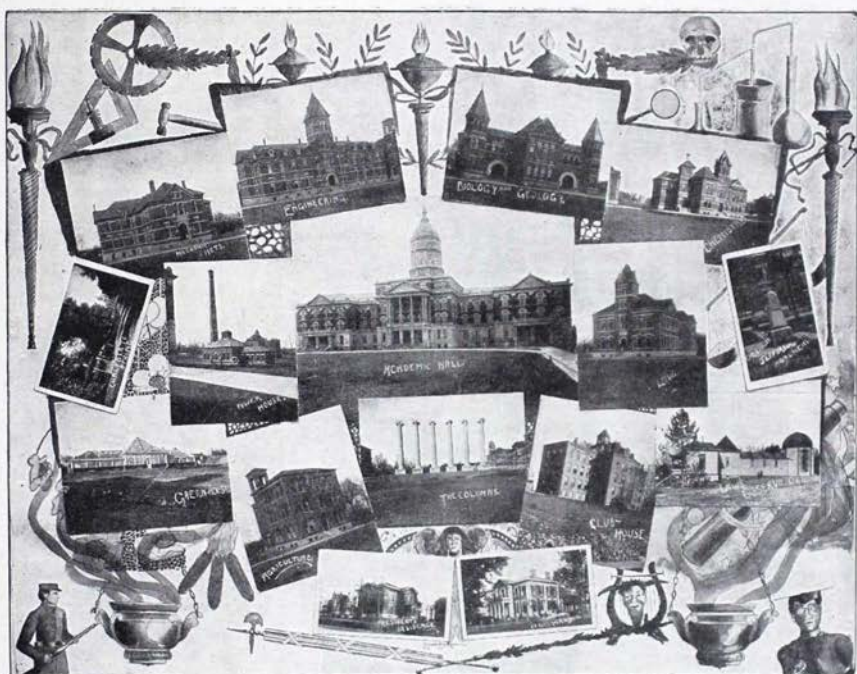


UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI.

FOR nearly fifty years the material equipment of the Missouri State University was of the most unpretentious kind. On July 4th, 1843, the main building, not much larger than the present smallest department structure, was dedicated. In 1871, upon the establishment of the College of Agriculture, a new building, which still stands, was erected northwest of the main building. In June, 1885, two wings were added to the old building, forming an academic hall 347 feet long, with a handsome chapel at the east end and one of the finest museum rooms in the country in the west wing. This building, with all of its contents, was burned to the ground on the evening of Saturday, January 9, 1892.

After a bitter fight, which came near to resulting in the removal of the University to another site, and its consequent disruption, an appropriation was secured and work was begun upon the present institution. The department buildings, shown in the cuts, were first erected, and were ready for occupation in the autumn of 1893.

As you walk up the central promenade the first thing to be noticed are the six tall columns, all that remains of the old University. On your right are, first an old frame building, in which the Medical School is temporarily located; then beginning at the north end of the quadrangle, the agricultural building, the physics and engineering building and the manual training shops; and on your left the Laws Observatory, the law building,



UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI, COLUMBIA.

the chemical laboratory, the president's mansion and the biological museum. The new academic hall, which was finished and dedicated in 1894, closes the south end of the quadrangle. The new building is one of the finest of its sort in America.

Immediately west of the quadrangle there is another row of buildings consisting of a power-house, the old M. S. U. Club, the new boarding club (a beautiful structure of pressed brick), and the Parker Hospital, erected in 1899, the only "gift" building the University possesses.

But the great stroke of luck for the University was reserved until the opening of the century. In February the Supreme Court declared in favor of the constitutionality of the Collateral Inheritance Tax, which was passed by the General Assembly of 1899, and by the magic of a word the University sprang from poverty to wealth. An appropriation for five new buildings was passed—a girls' dormitory, a greenhouse, a medical building, a physical laboratory and a dairy building. The dairy building will be erected on the state farm; the greenhouse will be the center of the horticultural gardens; the girls' dormitory will probably occupy a site in the North Gardens, and the medical and physics buildings will be added to the third row of M. S. U. structures on the campus. These buildings, without a dollar for equipment, will average \$40,000 apiece in cost. Besides this, a liberal amount was appropriated for maintenance. When the buildings are completed the University will have sixteen buildings on the campus, six in the horticultural gardens, and a small village of shops and other buildings at the state farm.

In the future it will be the policy of the authorities to spend their best efforts in securing and retaining able men on the faculty, to equip larger and better libraries and laboratories; in other words, to give time and money to intention rather than extension.



Personal Notes.

BETA TAU.

Grace Church, '01, was in June awarded the Hiram Gee Fellowship of \$500, by Syracuse University, for superior work in painting, and will spend the coming year in Paris.

Bessie Goodale, ex-'01, who was obliged to leave college because of illness, will finish her course this coming year.

GAMMA RHO.

The engagement of Norma Cutter and Dr. J. W. Thomas, who was formerly instructor in the modern language department at Allegheny College, has been announced.

LAMBDA.

Gertrude Pierce, '95, who is now a teacher at Cedar Falls, Iowa, made Akron friends a visit after the close of college.

BETA NU.

Edith M. Twiss, '95, leaves Mt. Vernon, Ohio, to teach in West High School, Cleveland, Ohio.

Alberta Garber, '89 and '90, was married August 21st, at Norwood, Cincinnati, to Mr. Alva Roy Scott, Unitarian clergyman of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Mabel Rice, '98, married Mr. William Minshall, Tuesday, September 17th, at the Church of Good Shepherd, Columbus. Mr. and Mrs. Minshall will reside in Cleveland, where Mr. Minshall is an attorney.

Maude Raymond, '99 and '01, will marry the Rev. Mr. William Tipper, at Broad Street M. E. Church, Columbus, October 24th.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. George Thurston Macauley (nee Flora McCarter), on Sunday, Sept. 15th, a son.

KAPPA.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Eva Doyle to Bret Harte Taylor, A T Ω , of Hillsdale, August 28th, 1901.

August 28, the marriage of Mae Selden to Allison Mix Munger, of Springfield, Missouri, occurred at the home of the bride's parents.

The marriage of Zoe N. Smith to Frank F. Bradley, A T Ω , of Chicago, took place September 3d, 1901.

IOTA.

Married, June 5, 1901, Miss Ethel Campbell and Mr. F. B. Coombs, of Lebanon, Ind.

The marriage of Daniel Myers Bechtel, Sigma Chi, and Matilda Bowman, which occurred at Greencastle, Ind., November 1st, 1900, has recently been announced.

CHI.

Alice Dongan, '02, who has been spending the summer in Europe, will return to college in October.

Bessie Williams, '99, has been abroad for the summer.

Hope McDonald will return to Minneapolis in the fall to take up her former position as assistant professor in history in the University.



P AR THEN ON

Honorable I want to say just a word about honor in rushing. If we rush little or much, let us remember
Rushing. that as true Kappas we are bound to be absolutely honorable in our dealings with the freshmen and with the other fraternities.

This may seem to be a needless thing to say, but it is so easy for us when we are working hard for girls that we want, to think of our own rather than other's interests.

Be loyal—be honorable.

Phi.

Our Duty to At the beginning of a new term of school it falls to the lot of every Kappa to do her share of
the New Girl. rushing. The question each time should be, is the girl under consideration, as every Kappa should be, a noble, pure and upright type of womanhood?

If, after careful consideration, she at last decides to cast her lot with Kappa Kappa Gamma, then her life as a fraternity girl begins. To the new sister must be presented every phase of fraternity life, and she is a strange girl indeed whose life does not become sweeter and nobler because of the association with other girls. Show her what it means to become a Kappa; what an honor it is to wear a Key, that little symbol that signifies so much. Show her by a faithful and earnest example what fidelity to one's duty means. Show her by words of advice and sympathy, what sisterly friendship means. Give her a share in fraternity duties and thus let her see that no difference exists between her and the other members. Oft times a gulf is made between old and new girls by allowing our younger sisters to be idle and by not sharing equally the duties among them. If each is given her share, Kappa Kappa Gamma will be a synonym of closest friendships and purest womanhood.

Xi.

A Small Sermon. Most of us are inclined to underestimate the influence for good or evil that we, each and everyone, exert over those about us, not by what we say, but by what we do and are. If we could only remember that it makes a difference to others besides ourselves whether we let our work go from day to day, and enter classes poorly prepared, whether we countenance or discountenance certain evils bound to come before us in our college life. Our responsibility to others for our own conduct is great everywhere. How much greater for a wearer of the Key, and especially if she be an upper classman, for it is the upper classman, usually, who sets the ideal for her chapter, to whom the younger ones look and whom they follow.

Set your goal high then and don't be content with small attainments.

"Greatly begin! If thou have time
But for a line, be that sublime.
Not failure, but low aim is crime."

Our aim is the perfect woman, the large-hearted, large-minded woman, who knows why she is in the world and why she is in college, and who has an object—she is neither the butterfly of society nor the dusty devotee of books.

Watch yourselves, then, girls! Strive to reach this ideal and you will see wherein you can make the influence, that emanates from you, brighter and more helpful to those about you, not thinking selfishly of your own Kappa sisters, but of the other girls in college who have been less blessed. For the fraternity girl has a more powerful chance to influence her, very often, than has anyone else. Let us do it then to the best possible advantage and see to it that we become "lifters" and not "leaners" to the dear fraternity.

Beta Mu.

Probably in every chapter which has a chapter house there are some girls who, for various reasons, live outside the house. These girls naturally lose much of the sweetness and pleasure of the fraternity life in the absence of the daily companionship of the other Kappa sisters.

It does not lie wholly within the power of the girls in the house to make these outside girls feel that the house belongs to them. They must make a special effort to keep in touch with the girls

and to keep themselves informed of all that goes on in the house. It is discouraging to the girls in the house when one or two girls never know what is going on. The weekly visit to the chapter house for chapter meetings is not sufficient to keep the girls informed on all the little happenings, for at that time the attention is given to business.

The outside girl must come to the house frequently, and the girls in the house must show a little more kindness and consideration in making them feel at home, thereby tightening the bonds of love and sympathy among all in the chapter.

L. K., *Beta Delta*.

**A Plea for the
Fraternity
Magazine.**

It is without doubt the aim and earnest desire of every fraternity girl to live up to the highest ideals of her society and make the principles for which she stands a power for the greatest good in the world. It is none the less true that in every chapter there are almost as many distinct ideas of what goes to constitute the ideal fraternity girl as there are names on the chapter roll.

One feels that her duty has been performed by good rushing, another by prompt and regular attendance at chapter meetings and staunch chapter loyalty, but are not those comparatively few who lend their best efforts in the interest of the fraternity magazine?

This is the organ through which chapter is brought in touch with chapter and fraternity with fraternity. It is the standard by which each society is measured in the eyes of the rest of the Greek world. What is more gratifying than to find extracts from one's own fraternity paper reproduced on the pages of another?

Surely no responsibility falls with greater weight upon the fraternity member than her duty to the fraternity magazine. Nothing so readily marks a strong, progressive chapter as the sound, sensible, well-written news-letter, containing only those things which are of most interest to the fraternity at large. Furthermore, a chapter is not called upon to grind out a long article for each and every number of the periodical. A few helpful thoughts briefly and well expressed are often more acceptable. When we consider that the rank and reputation of the fraternity is staked upon the merits of the fraternity magazine are we not resolved that our very best assistance is the least we can offer it?

ETHEL JEFFERSON, *Lambda*.

The Spirit of "Liberty, equality, fraternity." Carved on all the public buildings of Paris are found these three words, now obscured by dirt and grime, chiseled there one hundred years ago by the excited, zealous patriots of the revolution. Not only did the disfranchised peasant demand liberty of a cruel and tyrannical monarchy, but he further insisted upon the establishment of political equality by the abolishment of the privileges of clergy and nobility, and then, in the same hot, indignant breath, commanded such to become his brothers. Anomalous as it was, perhaps, it is interesting as being the first occasion in the world's history that a rebellious people ever incorporated the word "fraternity" in their petition for rights. But, although the warm-blooded Latin was asking more of human nature than she could accomplish at a single bound, we know that its heart was true in its wish to make all men his brothers, and that he was seeking to build his new state upon the most durable cornerstone of national perpetuity—the granite rock of fraternity.

The accidents of environment and taste create our contemporaries, and from these we chose our brothers. The individual is the vortex made when the stone is thrown into the calm, clear water. The ring nearest to him is his first fraternity. It is that of family. It is the smallest and strongest of them all. After this one come many, each larger yet weaker than the last. On the outer edge, the largest of them all, is the fraternity of the human race, in which all men are brothers, common heirs of immortality. The next largest fraternity is that of country, in which patriotism and the place of birth determine the credentials of membership. As the circles grow smaller admission becomes more difficult, and the conditions of brotherhood which must be fulfilled harder to satisfy. Near the center, a ring, small, clear and strong, represents the college fraternity.

Circumstances determine to which of the various fraternities of life a man shall belong. He cannot stand in them all, but of some he must be a member, no matter how lowly, how humble, his station in life. To a certain extent the same spirit animates the life of every fraternity. Nothing worth while in this life can be accomplished without the mutual help and co-operation of all those interested. This is the spirit of fraternity; to help others who are our brothers; to cheer when the heart fails; to encourage

when the burden grows heavy ; to point out the way when the road is uncertain ; to press the hand when the day grows dark and the smile of God seems to have failed. This is the spirit which is solving the problem of life, of humanity. It is the spirit, and the only one, upon which society and the state can safely build. History shows us that only so long as nations have been permeated with this spirit of brotherhood have they been vigorous and living states.

To be a true brother self must be denied. It is the old commandment, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Let the heart stop beating to the pitiful tune of self. Let a larger and more generous spirit, the spirit of brotherhood and fraternity, dictate the acts of life.

* In just the proportion that a fraternity fulfills this spirit, will it be successful. No matter what its rank among its rivals, no matter what its reputation among the students and faculty, no matter how fine its previous records may have been, just as soon as the principle by which it shapes its policy becomes something other than mutual helpfulness, will its usefulness grow less and its decay begin. How important it is, then, that we should inculcate in our hearts the spirit of brotherhood. How necessary that we should grasp tightly the hands of those nearest us that none may fall, though they stumble, that this circle may remain unbroken. Nor should the lesson be forgotten when college days are over and the fight of life begins. The hard blows of defeat, of sorrow, of sickness, draw us even nearer. It is then that the helping hands are most needed. But they are always needed—needed until the very end, when we go down into the dark valley. Even then there should be no lessening of the clasp. Let the grasp be firm until the traveler, groping his way through the mysterious cloud of death, touches with his finger tips the magnificent robes of God."

"Come nearer, near ere night be falling,
And death be calling
Across our dreams ;
And we go roaming, we know not whether,
No more together
Against the stream."

Mu.

There is one sad way of measuring fraternity
One Measure of love. Psi has lately come to realize this through
Fraternity Love. the sudden death of one of its most honored and
 best loved members. A mournful realization
 it is to know that this friend is gone forever, to feel that the
 noble and unselfish life that was ever an inspiration, is ended.
 Such a loss stirs to the very depths our fraternal love and proves
 the strength of the tie that binds us together, that makes us
 sisters in Kappa Kappa Gamma. We feel the tie in happy times
 when we sing our songs together, or in rushing season, when we
 are all bent on doing our best for the fraternity; we feel it in
 soberer times, when we say our farewells for a vacation, or when
 we bid our seniors God speed; we feel it most of all in sad times,
 when we have a friend go from our midst forever. Then do we
 realize the affection that grows up, when we are struggling for
 the same standards, living in the spirit to help one another to the
 ideals of Kappa womanhood.

Psi.

Lessons.

She was a fraternity girl—a Kappa Kappa
 Gamma. Her home was a little town away in
 the northern part of the state, where there were
 few advantages and fewer college people.

The situation she found thus on going home after a year's
 absence among the gay college people and a summer abroad—
 her mother on the verge of nervous prostration, her father
 steeped in business affairs, five younger brothers and sisters run-
 ning riot.

What were the lessons she had learned in her fraternity life?

Consideration for Others.—No college for her that year. Her
 mother and father were packed off—the one to rest, the other to
 be rid of the hum-drum existence of money-getting.

Executive Ability.—For each day she looked over business let-
 ters, directed store and household affairs.

Tact, Quick Wit and Cleverness.—Many were the quarrels to
 settle, the affairs on which advice was needed were multitudinous,
 and legion the amusements she had to conjure up at a moment's
 notice.

Unselfishness.—For often was she not occupied with her letters,
 a book, or some studying when all of "sister's" attention would

be needed elsewhere, and perhaps they could not be touched again for a day or two.

Cheerfulness.—Any ill nature on her part would spread like wild fire and have its influence everywhere.

Sympathy and Happiness.—The first was called into play every day. The latter she had, because she knew she was being useful and helpful, because of her pleasant memories, and through her letters. Did not the girls write to her often and keep her “in touch” and interested in their affairs, and last and above all, love for her home, her family, her college, her fraternity, her chapter, her “girls,” and for the privilege of living in this busy, useful world, where one gets what she gives and broadens her life as she wishes—all made her happy.

F. M. A., *Gamma Rho*.



CHAPTER LETTERS.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

PHI—UNIVERSITY OF BOSTON.

The summer months have slipped away since last writing, and with them the greater part of the college vacation. Soon after final examinations and commencement came the Kappa picnic, held this year at Marblehead Neck, Cape Ann. Here a most enjoyable day was spent and many plans discussed for future days. These latter culminated in a two weeks' sojourn at Paddock's Island, Hull, a favorite resort of the chapter, where freshman and senior lived together, boating, bathing and enjoying life generally.

Later, in July, when Boston weather becomes too warm for comfort, Kappas went their various ways to sea shore and mountain and are not yet re-united.

When college opens in the near future the loss of six of the best possible seniors will make unity of purpose and endeavor more needful than ever in chapter work.

Phi's love and best wishes to all her sisters.



BETA EPSILON—BARNARD COLLEGE.

Beta Epsilon returns to college this fall to a new experience in chapter life. We have had a chapter room in the college building ever since Barnard moved to its present position on Morning-side Heights, four years ago. This spring, owing to the rapid growth of the college and the consequent demand for increased room, the three fraternities were requested to surrender their rooms. We are finally settled for the winter in an apartment on the corner of 118th street and Amsterdam avenue. This we expect to find very comfortable, although, at first especially, we shall sadly miss the convenience of having a chapter room in the building, accessible at any moment.

Just before commencement a chapter, or rather a branch of the Columbia Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, was established at Barnard. We were much pleased to find that, from the seventeen alumnae

chosen to form the charter organization, ten belong to K K Γ. The list is: '93, Mrs. Louise Stabler Parker; '94, Mrs. Ella F. Bryson; '95, Caroline Brombacher; '96, Anna Mellick and Mrs. Elsie Clewes Parsons; '97, Louise Dunn and Adaline Wheelock; '98, Susan Myers; '99, Virginia Gildersleeve; '00, Jeannette Gillespy. From the girls elected this year, two, Lisa Bloodgood and Cerise Carman belong to K K Γ.

For several years Beta Epsilon has discussed the question of a summer camping party, but until this year without any result. In June thirteen members of the chapter went to Lake Hopatcong for a week, returning with such glowing accounts that we hope this will be our first annual camping party.

The chapter begins its work in October with a membership of twenty and prospects of a successful season.

Best wishes to each chapter for a prosperous winter.



PSI—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Another vacation is almost gone and we are looking forward to returning to college and seeing all the girls again. But, unfortunately, we will not see them all, as one of our number graduated and is going to try her fortune in the wide wide world. Several others do not expect to be with us this year. These, however, we will probably see in the near future. But it is with sorrow that we must write of the death of one of our number who was taken from us during the past summer. We mourn her death and feel deeply the loss of our Kappa sister, Allegra Seelye.

Louise Powelson and Gordon Fernow spent their vacation traveling through Germany.

The other girls were scattered in different parts of the country building up their health and strength for the coming year, which, we hope, will be a prosperous one from every standpoint for Kappa Kappa Gamma.



BETA TAU—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Of course the first thing to say is, "what a good time we had at the Pan-American." Beta Tau was there in force. Fourteen of our girls went Kappa day, and we all came home tired, but very happy, and singing to ourselves more heartily than ever, "Thank God for our dear K K Γ."

Vacation has been a very happy time this year for us. Robin has found nearly all the girls in the country or at the lakeside or seashore. One of our juniors was not satisfied with that even, but with a few friends has been trying to play Robinson Crusoe on a little "island" ten miles out in the Atlantic. 'Twas quite a flight for Robin.

Kappa day acted as a sort of dividing line in vacation and it will be time to return to college before we know it. The Beta Tau house will be just a little quiet when we think of the girls who will not be back. Now as, in fact, every year we say, "What shall we do without them?"

Syracuse starts the college year with a new building for applied sciences, and we shall all have to keep busy to make our work come up to the standard set by the science students.

May all Kappas have as pleasant a summer as Beta Tau is having and yet look forward as eagerly as we do to the return to the chapter house.



BETA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The summer days are almost gone, and once again we send our greeting through THE KEY.

We, of Beta Alpha, have enjoyed a pleasant, restful vacation, and this year there was a "Round Robin" that helped in such a happy way to keep us all in touch with one another, although at times we were widely separated. Those of you who have a "Round Robin" know all the pleasure it has been to us, and those who never have had one, to you, we can but say, "Do try it next year."

The beginning of a term is always such an interesting time, and this year will be particularly so to us, for we expect the number of girls in the freshman class to be unusually large. In closing, we want to introduce Lucy Manter, who was pledged to us just after commencement, and who will be initiated in the early fall.

Beta Alpha wishes you all a most happy and successful year.

GAMMA RHO—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Gamma Rho sends greeting to all in the bonds of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

The last few days of college were eventful ones. After examinations were over we initiated our pledgeling, Inez Johnson, who had finished her preparatory work. Then came the various festivities of commencement week, and best of all among them was our annual fraternity banquet, to which Miss Ida M. Tarbell, editor-in-chief of *McClure's Magazine*, came as guest of honor. Mrs. Montgomery, the wife of the Vice-President of the college, made a bright and dignified toastmistress. The responses of the girls were unusually good, and Miss Tarbell entertained us charmingly with stories of the social life at Allegheny in the days when women's fraternities were not known. Our banquet was the happy ending of a very happy year.

During vacation some of us have been studying, others have been simply resting or enjoying ourselves, but all are anxiously waiting for the opening of college, and for the work and play which make up college life.

Two or three of the girls will not be back at college this fall, but Gamma Rho hopes, next year, to be as prosperous as ever.



BETA PROVINCE.

LAMBDA—BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

As vacation draws to a close we find ourselves looking forward to the pleasures of the coming college year, chief among which is our first meeting in the old fraternity room.

Dr. Ira S. Priest, who has been president of Buchtel College for a number of years past, has resigned that position, and it is not yet known who his successor will be. Rev. A. B. Church is at present acting president. L. Elmie Warner being not yet sufficiently strong to resume her work, has resigned her position in both college and preparatory departments. Miss Warner will be succeeded in the preparatory department by Blanche Widdecombe, a Kappa of '97, while Maude Herndon, '01, who has had special work in Oratory, will have charge of her college classes. Miss Herndon was also successful over fifty-three other applicants in obtaining the position of assistant librarian in the Akron Public Library.

Athletics at Buchtel have been placed upon a systematic basis by the organization and establishment of an Athletic Association. The constitution provides for football, baseball, basket-ball, tennis and track teams, and the membership list contains the names of the greater part of the student body.

The State Oratorical contest will be held at Akron this year.

Lambda's anniversary party proved to be one of the pleasantest social events of the college year. A reception was held from eight until nine, while the rest of the evening was devoted to dancing. Miss Warner, Grand Registrar, and our three charter members headed the reception committee. About two hundred and fifty guests were present. Shortly before close of college the active and alumnae members of Lambda held a picnic at Silver Lake. We were pleased to have with us on this occasion three Beta Gamma girls—Miss Ewing, Miss Morrison and Miss McClure.



BETA GAMMA—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

One hardly knows what to say in this, the first chapter letter of the year. There is nothing to chronicle of brilliant achievements, and our thoughts are just beginning to turn toward rushing, so I have decided to tell you a little about our "round letter," which has truly been a delight. At Commencement time we had quite a little reunion of the old girls, and we all became so enthusiastic again that we almost felt like including the alumnae in our precious list of contributors to the "budget." Finally, however, we arranged it that only the eleven who had been in school this year should join forces, and those of you who have never tried it cannot realize how much we have enjoyed the success of our first attempt. One thing that was insisted upon was that there be no delay about sending the letter on to the next girls, so even the laziest of us who let our other letters lie around for weeks might have been seen sitting down to answer the "round robin" as soon as we had read it. There is nothing that makes a thing so likely to succeed as enthusiasm, so we Beta Gamma girls are ready to give a hearty testimonial to the joy of meeting the members of our chapter through an informal letter written out of the fullness of our devotion to K. K. G. For those who cannot meet in house parties during the summer months this is the nicest way of keeping ourselves posted as to the doings of each other.

BETA NU—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

A few more weeks and Beta Nu girls will all be home, anxious for college to open. There have been several pleasant house parties among the Kappas this summer, and many of the girls arranged to be together at the Pan-American. Kelly's Island was also a meeting place for Beta Nu this vacation. Although most of the girls have been away a part of the summer, we have had several fraternity meetings to plan for winter.

We are very enthusiastic now over the appearance of the campus, for besides the new Law Building, the campus itself has been much improved with new drives and walks. There will be a larger number of women in the university this year than formerly, and we expect to be busy deciding about our "rushing" for many weeks. Soon the usual round of entertaining will begin, and soon we hope to introduce new Kappas to you.

Our best wishes to all for a successful year.

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BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

August finds our happy Kappa band scattered far and wide, each with a longing in her heart to be back to dear old Michigan with the girls. Letters have been received from all the girls telling of their pleasant vacations and filled with enthusiasm for September's rushing. Perhaps the letter containing the most Kappa spirit was one received from Susan Potter, who has been spending the summer at Boulder, Colorado, where she has met our new Kappas. If some one were to ask the best way of promoting loyalty and love for Kappa, I should say, "Visit another chapter." It certainly does make one feel glad that one belongs to a national fraternity.

Beta Delta's prospects for the coming year seem brighter than ever before. With our fine new chapter house and twelve girls to start the year, we feel that we are indeed fortunate, and we will all be ready to start the year with zeal and earnestness that will secure us success.

Beta Delta sends best wishes to her sisters, with the hope that all may have a happy and prosperous college year.

XI—ADRIAN COLLEGE.

Another school year will soon begin, and before many days have passed Xi will be hard at work. We trust that this summer has been very pleasant to all, and that those who were at Buffalo on Kappa day enjoyed themselves.

The last few weeks of last year seemed to fly. Saturday evening, June 8th, the girls of Xi chapter, both active and alumnae, entertained at the pleasant home of Florence Swift in the city. A delightful evening was spent by all.

Florence Wilcox, '00, very pleasantly entertained Friday afternoon, June 14th, in honor of Helen and Frances Fickes, two of our former Kappas. The happiest and yet the saddest event occurred the next evening, when the last meeting of the year was held at the home of Florence Reynolds in the city—happy because so many of Xi's alumnae were present; sad because we were soon to lose two of our dear girls who graduated the next week.

Commencement week passed very pleasantly, and now we are looking forward to the joyful meeting in September, when we will be together once more.

Xi sends the best of wishes for the next year.



KAPPA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

The busy summer is rapidly passing away to make way for the busier fall, with the college life open for so many of us, and with it the happy fraternity world, which means so much to everyone of us Kappas.

This summer will be one long remembered by Kappa, for it has been one of weddings,—so many have we had that it almost seems as though there have not been enough days to go round. On July 3rd two of our girls were married, and August 28th two more, and so the season began and so it has ended, until there have been twelve weddings in the year for just our one chapter.

Our college has had several changes since Commencement, which will bring both pleasure and pain to the students. President Mosher and family will go to Boston this fall to make their home, and though we are glad of their good fortune, we will miss them greatly. Prof. Munson, of our science department, has

accepted a position in the Normal School at Winona, Minnesota, so that we will have a new instructor in these branches. There are other changes, too, which will make Hillsdale seem a little strange for a few weeks, but everyone is ready to welcome the new ones, while missing the ones who have gone.

This is the rushing season for so many of us, but I hope it will prove not a real rush and thoughtless push, but that it will mean to every Kappa a serious, conscientious striving to make all happy and to select the few who would wear the key with the thought only to make fraternity life stronger and more nearly complete.



GAMMA PROVINCE.

DELTA—INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

What shall I write about Delta in these days of vacation when I have seen none of the girls? After college opens there will be all sorts of news, of festivities and new girls, and all that makes up the active life of the chapter. Still, I know as well as if I were with them, that by this time all our Kappas' minds are on the coming spike, that is, all that is left of those minds after considering fall wardrobes.

We girls of Delta are planning for and looking forward to our new chapter house, which is at present the burden of our song. We realize that it will be very helpful to us this fall in pledging just the girls we want. More than that, all year we shall appreciate its added advantages over our old home.

It is hard to realize that the summer is nearly gone, and that by the time this letter is published a new chapter of our college and fraternity life will have begun. It is sad to lose our old companions, but it is also pleasant to make new friends. If we could just keep both the old *and* the new! But we shall hear of the new girls in our next number, and the old girls have had their place!

Good luck to all!



IOTA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

The girls of Iota are all scattered to their separate homes and are resting for next year's work and fun. But the letters that fly back and forth, full of plans for a "glorious spike," and

"the finest year," betoken the lively interest of all the girls in this our grand old chapter of K K Γ, and assure us that next year will be another year of good things for us. Our zeal has grown greater, and each girl feels in greater measure the responsibility that rests upon her to do her share to advance K K Γ.

But do you wonder that we are so enthusiastic? Our last meeting was our reunion, and our Grand President's Deputy, Mrs. Walker, and our Grand Historian, Miss Taylor, and many of our other alumnae were with us and helped us by their toasts and kind little talks to a fuller realization of the sacredness of Kappa bonds. Miss Taylor's poem, a real gem of poetic art, deserves especial mention and makes us all proud of the true Kappa sister, as well as the true poetess, who has come from Iota's ranks.

And as we joined hands and sang dear, old "Kappa Gamma," we felt the true union of our noble sisterhood, and the exultation of it lingers with us all through our summer days and inspires us to do our best, in the year to come, for Kappa.



MU—BUTLER COLLEGE.

Mu extends to her sister chapters best wishes for as happy and prosperous a college year as she expects to have.

All of our girls expect to be back this year except the one whom we lost by graduation, Marie Martin, and George Wickler, a Delta girl whom we enjoyed having with us last year. The latter's place, however, we hear, is to be in a degree taken by another Delta Girl, Helen Davis. We are hoping this year to be granted a chapter room in one of the college buildings. Before going farther we wish to introduce to you all a new sister, Pearl Forsythe, who was initiated just before the close of school.

Commencement week at Butler was as gay as commencement weeks usually are, but the most pleasant events for us Mu girls came on the last day. Marie Martin, our one senior, took the honors of her class and "a distinction," in the words of our President, "richly merited." She received at the same time with her degree from Butler, the A. B. degree of the University of Chicago. On the evening of that day our annual dance was held in Indianapolis, at the women's beautiful club house, the Propylaeum.

It was the happy fortune of one of our girls to be in Colorado this summer and have the opportunity of meeting several Beta Mu girls, and also some of the Denver alumnae. She cannot say enough of their hospitality.

As usual, Kappa is well represented on our college paper, Elizabeth Poulson and Charlotte Powell having been asked by the faculty to continue in their former positions on *The Collegian* staff.

BETA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

Several Beta Lambda girls have been in Chicago the greater part of the summer, and we have had many jolly luncheons, theatre parties, etc., together. Just before the university opens most of our girls will gather in Chicago to attend the wedding of our beloved Lucy Willcox, and then will go down to Champaign together.

Beta Lambda begins the fall campaign in a new chapter house. As we decided to move from Urbana to Champaign only the last week of the semester, we consider ourselves very fortunate in securing such a desirable house. It is four blocks from the university and right in the fraternity settlement; every fraternity and sorority at Illinois being within two blocks of us. We are delighted that Miss Simpson, a Upsilon Kappa, is to be our chaperon.

Our prospects for this year are exceedingly bright. We lost only two girls, one by graduation, and one by marriage, and expect to affiliate a Kappa from Beta Mu and one from Epsilon.

UPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

With the first roll-call of the fraternity year nearly identical with the last one in June, Upsilon will feel courageous to attack the guileless freshmen.

Mina Loew, who left college last year to travel, will return this year. Two of our alumnae have been in Europe this summer, Carla Fern Sargent, former G. Sec., and Theo Irvine, now instructor of elocution at Cornell College, Ia. Miss Irvine met those of her fellow alumnae who live in town, at a farewell "afternoon" given by Miss Lucy Shuman.

The active members living in or around town have had two jolly reunions to keep Kappa spirit stirring during the vacation. One was an afternoon tea given by Edith Bradley, a pledgling, the other a supper given by Edna and Elizabeth Bronson.



EPSILON—ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Again we are back in school hard at work. After the excitement of commencement was over the girls of Epsilon were all scattered for the summer. By graduation we lose three of our members, Alma Hamilton, Grace Cochran and Bessie Welty. Miss Cochran is keeping house for her father at their home in Sullivan, Illinois. Miss Hamilton is teaching in Melvin, Illinois, and Miss Welty will attend school at La Salle.

Anita Lundy spent the summer at her home in New Jersey. She spent several days in Buffalo at the Pan-American, on her way back to college. Bessie Welty spent part of the summer in Canada, stopping on her way in Buffalo.

Wesleyan was represented at the Y. W. C. A. convention at Lake Geneva, by two Kappas, Bessie Cast and Virginia Sinclair. Alma Hamilton visited several weeks with Mary Probasco at her summer cottage on Lake Geneva. Ethel Howell enjoyed a lake trip the first few weeks in September. We are very sorry not to have Elizabeth McClure with us this year. She has gone west with her parents and will attend college in the West.

Our prospects are very bright for a prosperous year in the fraternity, and Epsilon sends best wishes to all her sister chapters.



DELTA PROVINCE.

CHI—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Since the last letter the girls of Chi have separated for the summer, but not without having first enjoyed an annual outing at Prior Lake. Twenty-six of Chi's girls—active, alumnae and pledged—occupied four of Mrs. Bolles' cottages for one week, and enjoyed to the utmost the long anticipated joys of a "week at Prior."

During the summer, the few of us left in town have met regularly once a month to have an informal, good time, and to transact any incidental business. At our last meeting we had the

pleasure of welcoming Elizabeth Baldwin, formerly of Chi, and her sister, from Beta Nu. We shall have one more meeting before college opens, on the tenth.

The chapter this fall will include at least five new girls, and we shall gladly welcome back Polly Bullard and Florence Watson, two of our girls who have been out of college during the past year. We are looking forward eagerly to a renewal of chapter life in the early fall.



BETA ZETA—IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Beta Zeta sends her greetings to all members of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

It seems almost impossible to realize that in a few short weeks the girls of Beta Zeta will be together once more. The summer has passed very quickly, with now and then a meeting of the resident Iowa City Kappas, when plans for "rushing" were in order. It is they who with loving zeal succeeded in renting a couple of ideal fraternity rooms. We quite look forward to being together there, and in the closer intimacy of becoming even more loyal to each other and our principles.

We lost only one girl by graduation this year, and we will greatly miss her sweet helpfulness in our meetings.

Three old girls will be back this year, Eula De Voll and Julia Padmore, both of whom attended the university in '96 and '97, and Helen Morton. They are all enthusiastic Kappas, and we gladly welcome them to our midst again.

One of our most loyal alumnae, Mrs. Beulah MacFarland Williams and her husband are going back to the Philippines to work again as missionaries among the natives.

We wish you all success and a happy year.



THETA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

The vacation is almost ended and soon we will be greeting our Kappa sisters again. By the aid of the circular letter we have been able to keep in touch with one another the past three months. All of the girls who expected to return in the fall will be here except Irene Winters, whose health compels her to

remain at home this winter. Sadie Sanderson, Hattie Gordon and Bessie Potter, who were initiated several years ago, were in summer school the first term and met several times with Theta's town members.

Mrs. Lawrence, of Kansas City, and Mary Lee Read, of Fort Smith, Arkansas, were in town this summer and attended one of our meetings.

Theta expects to open with twelve members, who are doing all they can to further the prosperity of the chapter for the coming year.

We wish success and prosperity to our sister chapters.



OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

The vacation days are over and the students are flocking back to their respective colleges, full of anticipation and enthusiasm.

The students of the University of Kansas are eagerly waiting to hear whom the Board of Regents chose for chancellor. Last year Chancellor Snow, who had been at the head of the institution since its infancy days, resigned on account of poor health, and since that time Mr. Spangler has been acting in that capacity.

Last year an appropriation of \$15,000 was given for a new museum, of which we have been sadly in need for many years.

It is said that a greater number of students will attend the university than ever before, and indeed it seems that Omega's prospects are very bright. Although most of the girls have been at home during the summer, they have kept their eyes open for new material.

We feel confident that our chapter house will prove a benefit as well as a great pleasure. Eight or nine of the girls with their matron, Mrs. Kanaga, and daughter, will certainly enjoy fraternity life to the fullest extent.

Omega returns in a small number, but we hope before that all eventful rushing season is over to have added several enthusiastic girls.

Success to each chapter !

BETA MU—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

It seems only just a little while ago that we were all regretting the breaking up of our old circles for the summer vacation. Now we can scarcely realize that the time has come once more for another letter to *THE KEY*.

How good it will be to see all the dear faces again, to talk over the adventures of the summer and make plans for our "most successful year"! and how glad we all are that we have at least one year more in the dear old place!

The members of Beta Mu have been widely separated and for that reason meeting will be all the more delightful to us.

We are looking forward to a most auspicious year in our university this September, for many improvements have been made about the campus and a fine new library building is to be erected, for which we are very thankful, as it was badly needed.

Beta Mu wishes a successful rushing season and school year to all the chapters!



BETA ETA—LELAND STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

Our vacation is almost at an end, and though it has been a delightful one, with its lazy days and its pleasant hours, it is with pleasure that we look forward to the time when we all will be together again, ready for our year's work. Our number will be small, for not only will we miss our graduates, Theodora Stubbs and Rowena Merritt, but we will find it very hard to fill the places of those who will not return to college—Anita Perrin, Mary Barnes and May Kimble; but we hope that the rest of us will return with all the enthusiasm and Kappa spirit which determine the power of the chapter. This summer several of us felt more keenly than ever the strength of the bond which binds us all into one harmonious whole, when we were so fortunate as to meet one of Sigma's charming girls, Miss Edomston, who was spending the summer in Los Angeles.

Hoping that all our sister chapters have had the most delightful of vacations, and with best wishes that they may have a successful and happy year, we will say good-bye.



In Memoriam.

ALLEGRA EGGLESTON SEELYE.

Allegra Eggleston Seelye, 1900, was struck by lightning and instantly killed on the afternoon of August the eighth, nineteen hundred and one.

Psi mourns the loss of this sister whom all loved, honored and respected, not only during her college course, but also during the short year following her graduation.

CARRIE VAN PATTEN YOUNG, *Cor. Sec. of Psi.*

MARY MAREE MARLATT.


WHEREAS, The all wise Being saw fit to remove from us forever our most worthy sister, Mary Maree Marlatt, '99, Mu ; and

WHEREAS, We sustain a serious loss in her untimely death ; be it

Resolved, That in her death, Kappa Kappa Gamma loses a loyal member, and one of whom Mu Chapter felt justly proud ; be it

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathies to the family and relatives of our departed sister in this, their great affliction.

SARA CHARLOTTE POWELL, '03,
ETHEL ELIZABETH CLELAND, '99,
BLANCHE PUTNAM NOEL, '00.



Kappa Day at the Pan-American.

The wearers of the golden KEY were numerous on the Pan-American grounds the twenty-ninth of July, the day long looked forward to as Kappa day. Under the management of Misses Poole and Rhodes, of Psi Chapter, arrangements had been made for a luncheon at Alt Nürnberg. Fifty members of the fraternity were present. Owing to a sudden attack of illness, Mrs. Penfield, greatly to the disappointment of everyone, was unable to attend. Other members of the council and Miss Hull, Cataloguer, were present. Greetings were exchanged, acquaintances were renewed and all too soon the merry hour was gone.

From four to six o'clock the Kappas were given a reception at the Women's Building, where they were cordially received and delightfully entertained by Mrs. John Miller Horton, Mrs. William Hamlin, Mrs. Alfred G. Hauenstein and Mrs. Charles F. Kingsley. The rooms, spacious and attractive, were decorated with pink and white carnations and other cut flowers. Dainty refreshments were served. Meanwhile the guests were honored by a band serenade, which had been planned specially for their enjoyment. At the request of the most gracious and hospitable hostesses a half hour was spent in singing Kappa songs, after which adieus were spoken and the longed for and most enjoyable Kappa day was over.

Some of those present at the luncheon were :

May C. Whiting, Grand Secretary, Σ.	
Mary Pennington, Grand Treasurer, B A.	
Elnie Warner, Grand Registrar, Δ.	
Lucy Allen Smart, Editor of KEY, B N.	
Mary Hull, Ψ.	Marguerite McClintock, Γ P.
Hallie T. Poole, Ψ.	Helen Allis, B T.
Mrs. Eddy, B T.	Carrie Ricker, B T.
Harriette A. Curtiss, B T.	Eva Richardson, B T.
Flora M. Metcalf, B T.	Mabel Yeomans, B T.
Mary Reynolds, B T.	Elizabeth Rhodes, Ψ.
Adelade Jeffers, B T.	Martha Tarbell, I.
Clara Hodges, B T.	Adelloyd Whiting, Σ.
Marion Wright, B T.	Grace Neal Dolson, Ψ.
Katherine Dewey, Γ P.	Allegra Seelye, Ψ.
Jean Frey, Γ P.	Agnes Espy, Γ P.
Helen McClintock, Γ P.	

Grand Council Session.

The summer session of the Grand Council of Kappa Kappa Gamma, for 1901, was held at Buffalo, July 29th, 30th and 31st.

While the call for this session was based upon business and the meetings were private (despite the inability of the newspaper man to understand why the reading world should not be given full particulars of meetings supposedly so interesting), there are a few things that may be spoken of with pleasure in a public way.

The re-union luncheon, on Monday, where all Kappas in Buffalo met together, was delightful. The reception, given in the Woman's Building on the Exposition grounds, to Kappa Kappa Gamma by the Board of Women Managers, on the afternoon of the same day, was much enjoyed. As all Kappas know, July 29th was held as Kappa Kappa Gamma Day at the Pan-American, and so to the fraternity were extended the same courtesies given to all National women's clubs and fraternities honored by such recognition. So far, Kappa Kappa Gamma has been the only woman's college Greek letter society so received.

All business sessions were held at the home of Miss Poole (Psi), on one of the most beautiful parts of Delaware Avenue, where the quiet atmosphere and beautiful surroundings conduced to add much pleasure to the work of the Council.

The Grand Council Officers were all present for the business meetings, and invitations were also extended to several prominent alumnae to participate in the general discussions on fraternity policy. In this connection it is of interest to say that in addition to the regular corps of Grand Officers, an Advisory Board, consisting of the three Grand Presidents last in office, has been established, and it is hoped, will be a source of great strength to the fraternity. Plans for a permanent fraternity library have also been arranged.

Officers' reports and those of the active chapters show conscientious, high grade work in all departments of fraternity life.

The private report of the Grand Council session will soon be sent to all chapters and to all alumnae associations, and will give, in detail, the internal work accomplished and that planned for the future. Much has been arranged that should prove of great value and helpfulness to the chapters and to the fraternity as a national organization.

E. JEAN NELSON PENFIELD, *Grand President.*

EDITORIAL.

A NUMBER of Kappas have requested that the pictures of the members of the Grand Council appear in *THE KEY*. It seems best to insert them in this issue with an account of the Council session held in Buffalo. The Editor takes the liberty of inserting also a brief sketch of each officer.

Our Grand President, E. Jean Nelson Penfield (Iota chapter, De Pauw University, class of '93) was born in Greencastle, Ind., November 4th, 1872. In 1892, while a junior in college, she was victorious in the Interstate Oratorical contest held in Minneapolis, where the colleges from ten States met in competition. During the summer of '93 she lectured in the West on the industrial problem, and in '94 went to New York City, where for two years she studied music, and was active in sociological and suffrage work. On December 15th, '97, she married Judge William Warner Penfield, of New York City, and is now living in the old Colonial home of the Penfield family at the upper end of the city. Mrs. Penfield is active in musical, club, church and philanthropic work. She is a member of the Westchester Woman's Club and of the Woman's Philharmonic Society of New York. By birth, Mrs. Penfield is a direct descendant of the Alexanders of Sterling, in the old blood royal line of Scotland. Mrs. Penfield's fraternity administration has been a wise, conservative and helpful one.

Grand Secretary May C. Whiting received her education in the schools of Fairbury, Nebraska, graduating with honors in 1891; entered the University of Nebraska in the fall of 1892; received degree of A. B. in 1896; elected to $\Phi B K$; received fellowship in English Literature at graduation. She held fellowship two years and in 1898 received M. A., when she was elected instructor in English Literature, which position she still holds. She joined $K K \Gamma$ in freshman year: attended convention of 1896: and elected Assistant Marshal at convention of 1898: was Grand Treasurer's Deputy 1898-1900: represented Grand Treasurer at convention of 1900: elected Grand Secretary, 1900.



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GRAND TREASURER.



MRS. E. JEAN NELSON PENFIELD.
GRAND PRESIDENT.



MISS MAY C. WHITING.
GRAND SECRETARY.



MISS L. ELMIE WARNER.
GRAND REGISTRAR.

Grand Treasurer Mary E. Pennington was a student at the University of Pennsylvania from 1889 to 1897, receiving the degree Doctor of Philosophy in 1895. She held a fellowship in Botany at her Alma Mater, 1895-1897, and a graduate fellowship in Physiological Chemistry at Yale University, 1897-1898. She has published a number of scientific articles, and at present is professor of Physiological Chemistry at the Woman's Medical College, Philadelphia. While a student at Pennsylvania she joined Beta Alpha chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Grand Registrar Lydia Elmie Warner, of Lambda chapter, was graduated from Buchtel College in 1897. Immediately after graduation she was employed as teacher of English in the academy, instructor of Oratory in the College and preceptress of the young women. This position she held until after a serious illness in the spring of 1900, she asked for and obtained a year's leave of absence. In July, 1901, being still unfit for teaching, she was compelled to resign.

Miss Warner was delegate to the Beta Province convention in 1895, and delegate to the national convention in 1896. The convention of 1900 chose her Grand Registrar.

Editor-in-chief Lucy Allen Smart was a student of the preparatory and collegiate department of the Ohio State University from 1891 to 1900, receiving the degree A. B. in 1897 and A. M. in 1900. She was reference librarian at the University from 1898 to 1901. On June 25th, 1901, she married Mr. George Smart, $\Phi K \Psi$, editor of the *Columbus Citizen*. She joined Beta Nu in 1893. She was Grand Registrar's Deputy from 1894 to 1896; delegate to the national convention of 1896; presided at Beta Province convention, 1897; assistant secretary at convention, 1900, and elected editor of THE KEY at the same convention.

Prize Key for Alumnae Subscribers.

It is with pleasure and gratitude that the Editor announces that D. L. Auld offers a pearl or opal crown-set key to the chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma securing the largest number of alumnae subscribers for *THE KEY* between October 1st, 1901, and August 1st, 1902. The name of the successful chapter will be announced at the convention of 1902. We hope that a large number of alumnae will renew their interest in the fraternity at this time by subscribing for *THE KEY*. In this way the fraternity will be benefited by the support of alumnae; alumnae will be repaid, we hope; all chapters will be encouraged by the interest of alumnae and one chapter will own a beautiful fraternity pin.

Prize Key for Best Chapter Letters.

SOME of the letters in *THE KEY* are not worthy the weakest chapter of the weakest fraternity, others are not quite so bad, but all can be improved upon. As a matter of fact, the chapter letters in the sorority journals are a subject of ridicule in the whole Greek world. The girls use slang, speak of their "gentlemen friends," and use provincial terms to a surprising degree. The latest "fudge" party or "informal dance" seems to obstruct the vision of the correspondent so that a new building, a large endowment or a new department in the college or university are entirely overlooked. College spirit, oratorical contests and athletics seem to play a small part in college life.

To better this condition of affairs in *THE KEY*, the Editor offers as a prize a crown-set opal or pearl key to the chapter sending the best letters for the January, April and July *KEYS*. Mary J. Hull, cataloguer and former editor, Minnetta Taylor, historian, and the present editor will act as judges. The result will be announced at the convention at Ann Arbor. This pin comes as a gift from Charles I. Clegg, successor to Simons Bros. & Co., Philadelphia.

One Year Girl.

THE policy of the fraternity has always been opposed to extending invitations to special students, and the present Editor, particularly, has discouraged it. But sometimes among the special students good fraternity material can be found, and the

chapters initiate these girls only to find that within a year or so they leave college. A correspondent sends in this communication :

"When we find that a truly desirable girl will attend college only one year, why not pledge her for the entire year? She could have the privileges of the fraternity, attend the meetings after the business hour—and it would be right that she share the expenses; in fact she could be a Kappa in every way, but would be denied the honor of wearing the key. This is but a suggestion, which seems to me a plausible way of dealing with the 'one-year' girl."

On the face of it, this suggestion seems to be a good one, but when one considers to what extent this system of pledging special students for a long time might be carried, then the danger is apparent—our chapter rolls in time might become smaller than the pledge list. THE KEY still feels that the girl who intends to take a full course in college is the one who will prove to be the greatest help to Kappa Kappa Gamma. Scholarship should be the first consideration in college life !

The Reading of Books.

FREQUENTLY too much of the life of a fraternity is concentrated in the pursuit of immediate pleasure. The idea of founding a basis for future happiness by attaining a high degree of culture and self-development is often overlooked. The formation of the habit of substantial reading is one of the best means to this end. It seems to me that it would be an excellent plan if the chapters would adopt some measures by which to encourage reading among their members. This might be found a difficult thing to do, for college people are always so busy. Yet, if a girl really wants to do a thing she can generally find the time. No matter how busy she may be, it is a mistake to neglect for any great length of time the reading of books. It is unnecessary to speak of the intellectual and moral stimulus of good books, but we wish to emphasize the danger in slighting them for a time, lest we slight them forever.

Books are much neglected these days for the short story, which can be read at one sitting. Yet this miscellaneous reading is really a serious matter. It is worth our while to be select in our choice of reading material because, "The mind, like the eye, catches the image of that on which it is turned."

Take the time to read good books !

✧ EXCHANGES. ✧

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

"Let us, therefore," in the words of Bishop Brooks, "beware of losing our enthusiasm. Let us ever glory in something, and strive to retain our admiration for all that would ennoble, and our interest in all that would enrich and beautify our life." (Quoted in $\Theta \Delta X$ *Shield*.)

What a beautiful motto for Kappa Kappa Gamma! Better than being a "Philistine," better than being an "Iconoclast"—to be an enthusiast! And, as *Theta Delta Chi* adds, "When all else has failed, go to convention and experience the uplifting tendency" of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

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We are greatly indebted to *The Scroll* of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, for the following, which every chapter should cut out and paste in the back of its 1898 edition of "Baird," in order to bring it down to date. Knowing the frailty of human nature, we are guilty of the suspicion that *some* Kappa sisters may not read their KEY through, word by word, so we forstall any possible oversight of this valuable clipping, by headlines:

CUT THIS OUT!

"Since Mr. Baird's work on 'American College Fraternities,' was published in 1898, the number of chapters enrolled by the leading fraternities has changed as follows: $A T \Omega$ has gained 7 and lost 4, leaving 45 at present; $B \Theta \Pi$ has gained 4, lost 1, and now has 65; $X \Phi$ has lost 1, leaving 18; $X \Psi$ has gained 1, lost 2, leaving 18; $\Delta K E$ has gained 4 and has 39; $\Delta T \Delta$ has gained 3 and has 41; ΔY has gained 4 and has 35; $K A$ (northern) has gained 1 and has 7; $K A$ (southern) has gained 3, lost 1, and has 39; $K \Sigma$ has gained 10, lost 5, and has 52; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has gained 3 and has 66; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ has gained 7, making 51; $\Phi K \Psi$ has gained 2, lost 3, leaving 37; $\Phi \Sigma K$ has gained 5, making 13; $\Sigma A E$ has gained 5, lost 2, making 57; ΣX has gained 2, lost 1, making 51; ΣN has gained 5, lost 3, making 42; $\Theta \Delta X$ has gained 1, lost 1, leaving 21; $Z \Psi$ has gained 1, making 20; $A \Delta \Phi$, $\Delta \Phi$, $\Delta \Psi$, ΨY and $\Sigma \Phi$ have had no changes in their chapter lists, which number respectively 23, 12, 8, 21 and 8. The sororities have gained: $A \Phi$, 1 (total, 10); $\Delta \Delta \Delta$, 3 (and lost 1, leaving 17); $\Delta \Gamma$, 1 (total 14); $K A \Theta$, none (losing 1, leaving

22); K K Γ, 2 (and lost 1, leaving 28); Π B Φ, 3 (total, 30). X Ω was not counted a general sorority in Baird, and now has 7 chapters. Γ Φ B has added no chapters since 1897, and still has 8 on her roll.

In the college year of 1900-01 chapters were established by A X P at Columbia; by A T Ω at Western Reserve, Colorado, Columbia, W. and J., Tennessee (the last three being revived); by B Θ Π, at Bowdoin, West Virginia, Colorado, Washington (revived); by Δ K E, at McGill; by Δ T Δ, at West Virginia, Armour Institute; by Δ Y, at Chicago; by K Σ, at Lehigh, New Hampshire Agricultural, Georgia; by Φ Δ Θ, at Washington State, Kentucky State; by Φ Γ Δ, at Washington State, Syracuse, Dartmouth, Alabama; by Φ K Ψ, at Purdue; by Π K A, at Kentucky; by Σ A E, at Kentucky State; by Σ N, at Oregon, Lafayette, Stevens, Colorado School of Mines; by Θ Δ X, at California."

From the K A Θ *Journal* (March):

There is a field of college work for women greater than science or the classics, because it develops in them the possibility of a womanhood which the other side of college work does not pretend to recognize. This field the fraternity aims to embrace; the development, in a girl, of those traits of character which shall assist her growth into a true woman. Incidental circumstances in the college, fraternity and individual life have much to do in shaping results, but the primary ideal remains the same.

The girl whose interest centers wholly in books is to be dreaded, as companion, friend, or wife; she gives too little of herself, her personality, her energy, to the fraternity. She returns no real gratitude to the university. The other extreme is not to be considered here, for the fraternity, depending on the university for its life seeks of necessity the student, other qualities taken for granted. But the girl who, student and book-lover though she be, sends out warm human sympathy to others, sincere enthusiasm for her alma mater and its manifold enterprises, generous interest and unselfish friendship among fraternity and college students; *above all, who lends of herself where there is a call for herself and her ability*—this is the girl who will become a happy and cheerful college woman in the world. * * *

Each may carry with her into her new life the great general impression left upon her character; each may embody in her life the true principles the four years must, though in an elementary form, have shown her. Rather than the mind—there is enough mind nowadays—let her carry into the world the charm of a true character; the sympathy of a broader charity, because of a broader understanding; the touch of a kindly, gracious hand; because humanity is after all the greatest study the university

affords. Let her develop *heart* with *mind*, giving generously of both, and we shall have a type of woman in the world who shall truly stand as an example of the highest education.

"For life is the mirror of king and slave,
'Tis just what you are and do,
Then give to the world the best you have
And the best shall come back to you."

The Tri Delta "Alliance" differs somewhat from an alumni association, and the editor of the *Trident* ventures to hope that in this innovation lies the solution to the vexed problem of sustaining "alumni interest." To quote:

"The Alliance, *with an initiation of its own, a permanent organization, and a rational motive force*, is something altogether different from the usual 'alumnal association,' whose prime function is the payment of dues on attendance at an annual dinner. Alliance membership means life membership. It may be a misnomer to speak of 'active' alumnae,' but in it is found the key to the alliances. To keep graduates from lapsing into the accepted passivity of alumnal members, and, as far as possible, to keep them identified with their respective chapters—this is the animating thought of the Alliances."

The *Phi Gamma Delta* for June displays a set of portraits which is far and away the most valuable illustration furnished by any fraternity magazine of this or of many previous years. This is a group of portraits of the six founders of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, whose serious standard we quoted in a former number. Mr. T. Alfred Vernon was largely instrumental in securing these rare pictures for reproduction.

No more lofty and eloquent an inspiration than this could be offered to the readers of a fraternity journal—these six earnest, brave, beautiful, "old-fashioned" faces—pleading, without a word, for the highest aims and endeavors in the lives of their scattered "descendants" in $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$. The fraternity observes May 1st as "Founders' Day," and the popularity of this national celebration is now assured.

$\Delta K E$, as noticed before, is advocating expansion. Some of its very important reasons for a stir in this direction are given in the last *Quarterly*:

"We are now sensibly nearer the ideal, not only of a national, but of a continental, fraternity. But we have not yet quite

reached it. Our center of gravity is still markedly in the north-eastern corner of the United States. Every New England state has at least one chapter. * * * Of the thirty-seven active chapters in existence, nineteen, a clear majority of all, are in New England and New York. These states contain about one-sixth of the population of the Union, not to speak of Canada, and one-tenth of its institutions of learning.

"Whether the fraternity should go beyond the limits of the old United States is another question. To make it a cosmopolitan institution would alter its distinctive character. And yet there seems to be no good reason why it should have a superstitious dread of crossing a geographical line if the conditions on the other side appear favorable. This is an era of expansion.

"Canada and the United States are so closely associated, and the methods of education, habits of life and ways of thinking on both sides of the boundary are so similar, that our true policy seems to me to be to consider any Canadian application for a charter purely on its individual merits, without discrimination on national grounds. The chances are that at least a quarter of the graduates of any Canadian chapter will find themselves settled sooner or later in the United States. The first man on the roll of our new Toronto chapter has become a college professor in Missouri.

"There have been great changes in the educational world in the past half century. Institutions that were promising when the majority of our chapters were founded have sunk into insignificance, and others that were obscure or non-existent then have grown into mighty centers of learning. When thirty or thirty-seven active chapters were created, Johns Hopkins, Leland Stanford and other important universities did not exist, and of those institutions that now manifestly control the destinies of education in America, the majority were obscure and struggling establishments, whose future was discernible only by the eye of faith. Delta Kappa Epsilon must move with the times.

Omega Psi and similar inter-fraternity societies have been legislated against in the recent Delta Gamma convention.

"After prolonged discussions within and without the business meetings of convention, the question of Omega Psi was unanimously settled by the delegates. Hereafter the constitution will read, in accordance with the amendment then adopted, "No member of Delta Gamma shall be permitted to join an inter-collegiate secret society." A special dispensation for two years, however, was granted by the convention to Lambda and Xi chapters." [Located at Minneapolis and Ann Arbor.]

This action is doubtless due, in a large part, to the recent article in the *Anchora*, deprecating the growth of Omega Psi. In other fraternities the sentiment against such societies is growing, and a few more years will probably see Omega Psi, Theta Nu Epsilon and kindred tribes

"Fold their tents like the Arabs
And as silently steal away."

So vanished "honorary membership," simply because it was contrary to the spirit of fraternity. So disappear all excrescences, in due time, from a healthy organization.

Here is a good idea from Phi Delta Theta :

"At the Louisville convention, roll books were distributed to the delegates from all chapters. Much care was taken in designing these books, and considerable expense was attached to their manufacture. They provide blanks for the entry of biographical information concerning members which it is desirable to preserve, and it is believed that they will meet all requirements. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ chapters have never before had uniform chapter roll books. If chapters will see to it that their historians enter therein important information as it comes to hand, according to the directions, the books will be of inestimable value. Not only will each chapter thus possess a complete roll, giving interesting personal details, but the labor of historians, in making out correct annual reports to the H. G. C., will be much lightened, and future catalogue editors can thereby be furnished with a full roll and data which will enable them to issue a catalogue far more accurate and complete than any heretofore published."

We wish that all the would-be Kappas who think they have a grievance against the fraternity for not granting them a charter, could read and take to heart the following gracious explanation from the *Beta Theta Pi* :

"When publishers return an author's manuscript they frequently write something of this kind : 'In returning this manuscript, we do not imply that it is without merit. We simply state that, considering our present requirements and resources, your manuscript is unavailable.' This is, in effect, the attitude of most of the fraternities toward unsuccessful applicants for its franchise. No criticism is made of them or their institution, only the fraternity does not care at that time to place a chapter in such college."

Even chapters especially interested in a petitioning body must look at the matter with calm and judicial mind. As the *Scroll* says :

"It has recently most wisely been said that men do not join fraternities for college alone, they join them for life. Fraternity affiliations after college are being recognized more and more as most desirable sources of pleasure and benefit, and no alumnus needs to be told of the place they hold in his life. Too often it is to be feared decisions as to granting of charters, particularly in the case of undergraduate voters, are influenced by considerations other than the highest good of the fraternity. It need not be pointed out that the future of the fraternity is in a measure in the hands of the men who vote on these questions of extension, and that not only to themselves are they accountable for the consequences of their decisions, but also to the alumni and to the men who shall come hereafter."

Nothing, except a national convention, is more beautiful, more valuable, more worthy of enthusiasm than a district convention. The editor of *Kappa Alpha Theta* says :

"If the convention is such a good thing for the fraternity, why is not the district convention equally good for the district? All of the advantages, differing only in degree, may be expected from the one that we expect from the other. The district convention then is obviously a thing to be encouraged. How encouragement may best be given is a problem. Undoubtedly there is not a chapter but what would welcome more frequent district conventions if they could be arranged for without too much expense, work and without the loss of too much university time and work. Of course the obvious way of lessening if not altogether removing those obstacles is to keep the districts small enough so that the reduced distances may be an encouragement to the chapters to meet. Of course the gain in one direction that would result from the subdivision of the districts might be more than counterbalanced by the loss in other directions. Fewer chapters would meet and the interest, enthusiasm and good of the meeting would be correspondingly lessened. The question then is, would the gain be sufficient to justify this meeting of small numbers? This can only be answered by actual experiment or by discussion among the chapters. Those of us who belong to a small district will probably advocate small districts and frequent meetings. Beta district can probably put before us the pros and cons of the entire question as a result of her late and successful experience of a district convention."

(Beta district of K A Θ consists of seventeen chapters, representing eight colleges. Gamma district consists of two chapters and an alumni club, representing two colleges. In the matter of district conventions, therefore, Gamma's experience would seem to be the one more fruitful of discussion, and we, for one, hope some day to hear the minority report.)

The difference between chapter and fraternity is a difference of degree, not of kind—

Both active, both complete,
And both in earnest.

Mr. Sears, in the first of his "Fraternity Studies," appearing in the *Delta* of Σ N, shows the kinship of "chapter friendship" and "fraternity friendship," as follows :

"All the members of our fraternity are brothers, but all are not comrades. Comradeship springs from intimate association. Brotherhood requires only the sign of recognition to make friends of strangers. The comrades of one's college days—I know of nothing quite so sweet and beautiful and ennobling. It is of a great truth that the old friends are the best friends, and that the sort that you make during your college life are the sort that are bound to you by bonds of steel—the sort that you will cherish in the tender keeping of your heart forever. * * * But our fraternity in its best expression of love, has a power greater than friendship. It is a brotherhood. It makes every man of us a brother, not a comrade. * * * The common obligations that it takes, the common doctrines that it believes; the common objects that it upholds, these give it a common bond of love, a universal element of knowledge that breaks down the formalism of men who have never met, and prompts them to strike hands as brothers."

Mr. Sears' article, entitled "Our Fraternity Doctrines," will be followed by five others, "Our Fraternity—the Evolution of and Ideal;" "Chapter Problems, Morals and Fellowship;" "The Fraternity Exchequer;" "The Fraternity and College World," and "After Commencement, What?" The editor's note, introducing these papers, contains the following sentence: "His able article, 'Remedial Legislation,' started the reform that eventuated in a total reconstruction of our internal mechanism." Am I a carping critic, or does this afflict your ear also, and make you long for good, short, plain, Anglo-Saxon terms?

" 'How to interest the alumni' has been a subject with which essayists have wrestled at hundreds of chapters and council meetings. If there is another plan as good as that of inducing the alumni to take the journal which keeps them in touch with the life of the fraternity no one has suggested it. * * * It is an easier matter to keep intact the ties which bind the graduate to his chapter than to renew them after once they have broken, as they are very likely to be in a greater or less degree, if the alumnus does not receive the one publication which tells him what his chapter, the general fraternity and its individual members are doing."—*Shield of Φ K Ψ*.

Conversely, let the chapter correspondent write in such a manner as to "grapple to him with hooks of steel" the interest of the reading alumnae. Write as you would write to the girl who bid you, the "old girl" who wants to know just how "her pledglings" are thriving, just how they meet and conquer the new, old problems of chapter government and college politics, and social entanglements and inter-fraternity courtesy.

" 'If there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.' The words are often on our lips; is the feeling they express as often in our hearts? * * * How often have we not spoken the words quoted above and immediately proceeded to rake up all the small faults and foibles of one whose name happened to be under discussion. 'But,' we say, 'it is necessary to have some discussion over her eligibility, and she really wouldn't do at all for a Pi Phi.' That may be true, but is it necessary to drag out every little failing? Would our own lives bear the close inspection we think it necessary to give to others? We must be cautious, we must be somewhat critical, we need not be uncharitable.

"The freedom with which we may express our thoughts to one another is one of the beautiful sides of fraternity life. Let us not use this freedom at the expense of another. So often we say things in the heat of discussion that we are shocked to remember when we reconsider dispassionately. So often indifference grows into positive dislike, as we hear the opinions of our friends expressed much more emphatically than they intend. Let us look for beauties and graces in others. We would be surprised to see how greatly the bright spots outnumber the dark. We often find in others the reflection of that which is in ourselves. If we see most readily the faults of our companions our own condition needs serious attention.

"The power that every fraternity girl has should be used with exceeding discretion. We may express our disapproval of a girl

—it is sometimes necessary that we should—but let us do it in all charity, without using the dissecting knife to lay bare all the unpleasantness and undesirableness that we feel lies hidden. * * * Let us so live that their beauty may be apparent to those outside the charmed circle, and let our thoughts of these others be tempered always with the faith that in human nature there is much more of the good than of the evil, with the hope that our own hearts may be noble enough to discern nobility in others and with the charity that deals lovingly with the faults that exist in all. ‘And the greatest of these is charity.’”

The above is quoted from the department headed “What a Fraternity Girl Thinks,” in *The Arrow*, a feature which the editor diffidently fears is least read. We are sure she must be mistaken. Few articles in the sorority magazines are so welcome to the jaded exchange editor as are these thoughtful, womanly, wise little papers, and if they are overlooked by one of the less faithful who inclines to the page of “personals,” they are sure to catch the eye of many sisters who are in search of beauty and good counsel.

The Arrow elsewhere says :

“Join the alumnae association. The cost is small and the returns large. You get *The Arrow*, which will bring you news of your own and other chapters four times a year, you get the letters of the circles, and you get, or rather keep what is far more important, the *fraternity* feeling, and the inspiration of belonging with others in a constantly growing organization which has common memories, common hopes and common aspirations.”

Would it be asking too much of Σ A E to put the month or number of the quarterly somewhere on the *outside* of their excellent *Record*? The cover design is very neat, pleasing and effective, but the title not quite full enough for filing purposes.

The May issue (the last which has reached us) is a creditable number, handsomely illustrated and well written. Lack of space prevents quotation, but we wish to express our appreciation of the dignified editorial on “Fair Play.”

“THE KEY of Kappa Kappa Gamma, which *The Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta correctly characterizes in a recent issue as “the most creditable of sorority magazines,” naively announced in its

last issue that hereafter communications intended for the editor, then Miss Lucy Allen, "should be addressed to Mrs. Lucy Allen Smart." The editor of THE KEY became Mrs. Smart on Tuesday evening, June 25th. * * * THE KEY of Kappa Kappa Gamma, and the Catalogue of Phi Kappa Psi have acquired assistant editors, in whom both sorority and fraternity may justly take pride."—*Phi Kappa Psi Shield.*

Ὡς πᾶσι πάντες λέγομεν !



College and Fraternity Notes

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

Δ Γ.—Delta Gamma entered Syracuse University, with eight charter members, as the seventh women's fraternity. That is to say, Syracuse is now the home of all the national women's fraternities, viz.: K K Γ, Α Φ, Γ Φ Β, Κ Α Θ, Π Β Φ, Δ Δ Δ and Δ Γ.

Phi Gamma Delta also came into this hospitable Greek camp on May 26th, making seven regular men's fraternities and four professional fraternities there.

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Δ Γ's new Grand President is Charles Edna Polk, University of Nebraska, '98. According to the custom of the fraternity, she was chosen by the chapter, after the chapter had been chosen by the fraternity at large. "In 1899-1900 Miss Polk was associate editor of *The Anchora* for the Kappa Theta Alumnae Chapter, an office which she filled with ideal punctiliousness. At convention she was Chairman of the Committee on the Cranford Play, which was so well executed in every detail." Kappa Kappa Gamma extends hearty congratulations to the new officer.

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Σ Χ.—Sigma Chi's endowment fund of \$12,500, established in 1899, is further augmented by notes for five dollars a year, which every alumnus is expected to pay for two years after graduation. This achievement is as yet unsurpassed by any fraternity, though some others are taking steps to match it.

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Φ Κ Ψ.—Phi Kappa Psi entered Purdue University June 5th, as the sixth fraternity in a college of 1,000 students (exclusive of women). The new chapter, sixteen strong, starts out with immense enthusiasm, boasts of the winner of first place in the Inter-collegiate Meet at the Pan-American Exposition, Mr. L. E. Endsley (Purdue, 1901), and sends in a subscription to *The Shield* from every alumnus. Let all "baby" chapters that have ears to hear, hear this!

The new Dean of Barnard, Miss Gill, holds the degrees A. B. and A. M., from Smith College, has studied at Leipsic, Geneva and Paris, was a Red Cross nurse during the Spanish war, and since then has been in charge of the Cuban Orphan Asylum.

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Σ N.—Sigma Nu has accepted the resignation of Vice-Regent G. M. Cook as compiler of the catalogue, and has placed the work into the hands of the Grand Treasurer, Mr. Ferd. H. Heywood. Mr. Heywood's energy and devotion to his fraternity seem unbounded. By a clever distribution of blanks he has already secured some 400 subscriptions to *The Delta* to add to their alumni list of 500. He hopes to get the catalogue out the first of the coming year.

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B Θ II revived its chapter at Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., May 31st, with about 100 alumni present. The new chapter meets as rivals, strong chapters of Φ Δ Θ and Σ A E.

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Wabash College, Indiana, had but 125 students (exclusive of women) enrolled last year. Φ K Ψ has withdrawn its chapter. Members in other fraternities number, B Θ II, 4; Φ Δ Θ, 4; Δ T Δ, 7; K Σ, 6. The college is the late Maurice Thompson's *alma mater*.

Hanover College, in the same State, has but seventy-five students (exclusive of women), with fraternities flourishing as follows: B Θ II, 14; Φ Δ Θ, 12; Σ X, 10; total, 36.

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Σ N entered the State School of Mines, Golden, Col., April 17th, installing thereby their first chapter in the State.

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The Nu Alpha Society is an organization in the University of Chicago which is unique. To be eligible to membership one must be a "Fellow" who receives a stipend of at least \$320. Selection follows the usual lines of the ordinary fraternity chapter, and as the "Fellows" of the rank indicated number only fifty each year, membership is comparatively limited. The society is now in its second year and is a distinct success.

—Caduceus of K Σ.

The degree of B. A. is being granted in many colleges to graduates who, according to the old plan, would receive a B. Ph. or a B. Sc. Cornell has adopted the plan, while Minnesota begins with it next year. The decision seems to be a sensible one inasmuch as the old idea of the overwhelming superiority of the strictly classical course is losing ground, and any difference in name of degree has ceased to indicate a difference in degree of culture.

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MORE LITERARY FRIENDS.—Booth Tarkington, whose clever little romance, "Monsieur Beaucaire," will soon be dramatized, and whose "Gentleman from Indiana," has won scores of admirers, is a Princeton man and a Sigma Chi. Arthur Colton, the legitimate successor of the exquisite Kenneth Graham, is a member of Phi Gamma Delta. Irving Bacheller, author of "Eben Holden," wears an Alpha Tau Omega pin. John Kendrick Bangs serves as the wittiest of toastmasters at the banquets of Psi Upsilon. "And still they come!"

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Δ T Δ.—Delta Tau Delta entered the Armour Institute of Technology, Chicago, with a chapter of ten men. The faculty of the Institute was represented by Dean Anderson and Prof. Raymond. *The Rainbow* gives the following interesting little anecdote in this connection:

One Sunday morning in the fall of 1892, Dr. Frank W. Gunsaulus, then pastor of Plymouth Church, of Chicago, preached a sermon in which he developed, in the most eloquent manner, a plan for a great educational institution in Chicago. When the services were over, Phillip D. Armour, the great merchant, came forward and taking Dr. Gunsaulus by the hand, said:

"Do you believe in those ideas you just now expressed?"

"I certainly do," said Dr. Gunsaulus.

"And you would carry them out if you had the means?"

"Most assuredly."

"Well, then," said Mr. Armour, "if you will give me five years of your time, I will give you the money."

The Armour Institute was founded in December, 1892, with Dr. Gunsaulus as its first President.

Mr. Armour began by giving \$2,800,000 for the establishment and maintenance of the school, adding to it from

time to time large sums of money and property, as the growth and needs of the school demanded. At present the endowment is over \$4,000,000, the annual income from which reaches \$150,000.

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ANTI-FRATERNITY LEGISLATION IN ARKANSAS.

The legislature of the State of Arkansas has recently passed an act designed to prevent the existence of college fraternities among the students at the University of Arkansas, and Governor Davis has signed the bill, thus making it a law. The text of the bill is as follows :

"A bill for an act to be entitled, 'An act to prohibit the organization of secret societies in the University of Arkansas, and for other purposes.'

"Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas :

"SECTION 1. That the fraternities or Greek-letter societies known as Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Kappa Sigma, Kappa Alpha, Delta Phi, Chi Omega, and all other secret orders, chapters, fraternities and organizations of whatsoever name, or without a name, of similar nature and purpose, are hereby prohibited in the University of Arkansas.

"SEC. 2. That no student in the university who is a member of any of the orders, societies, chapters, fraternities, or organizations hereby prohibited, shall be permitted to receive any class honors or distinctions conferred by the university, nor to compete and contend for any prize or medal offered by the university, or by any association or individual, nor to hold any rank, position or office in any organization of cadets above the grade of Second Lieutenant, after the first day of September, 1901.

"But any student who is a member of any of the orders, societies, chapters, fraternities or organizations aforesaid, may, within one month after entering the university, or within one month after the beginning of any term, file with the president of the university a renunciation of his membership in the same, and an agreement in writing that he will not, during his attendance at the university, affiliate with the same, nor attend their meetings, nor in any wise contribute any dues or donations to them ; and thereafter, so long as such agreement is complied with in good faith, such student shall not be subject to the restrictions created by this section.

"SEC. 3. That after the passage of this act, no person who is a member of any of the said fraternities, societies,

orders, chapters or organizations at the university, composed in part of students, or who attends their meetings or participates in their proceedings, shall be employed by the Board of Trustees as professors, teachers or instructors in any class or department of the university, unless he shall first file with the secretary of the Board of Trustees a renunciation in writing of his membership in or allegiance to such fraternities, societies, orders, chapters or organization, and a pledge' verified by his affidavit, that he will not attend the meetings of the same, affiliate with them, nor pay any dues nor contributions to them during the term of his employment in the university.

"A violation of such pledge shall constitute a forfeiture of his contract with the Board of Trustees and be lawful cause for his immediate suspension.

"But nothing in this section shall apply to any contract heretofore made by the Board of Trustees."

Such is the main part of the law which Kappa Sigma characterizes as "a stigma on Arkansas politics," remarking also :

"It seems incredible that any part of this country should be governed by a body so blind to the temper of the times as the Arkansas legislature has shown itself to be."

Correspondence with the fraternities concerned elicited warm and determined replies as to what shall be their attitude at this juncture. Names and details are omitted, for obvious reasons, but the tenor of them all is the same. Such firm action on the part of the chapters, sustained, as they should be, by their respective grand officers, ought certainly to secure the repeal of the act in two years. A loyal support, meanwhile, during their enforced "interregnum" will doubtless be given them by all liberal-minded men and women.

One correspondent says : "If the chapters are backed by their headquarters, I believe we can win out and have this piece of freak legislation repealed. Should the fraternities give up the fight at this stage and withdraw, it will probably be years before they can be re-established here. A large number of the faculty are fraternity men; they have unanimously refused to sign any renunciation, greatly to their credit, so the Board, which is, under our system, practically the governor, passed the matter and re-elected them all. Whether they will require the students to do what they failed to require the faculty to do, remains to be seen. One sorority, a local [X Ω?] has already transferred to the town and

will not be a college organization." Another informs us that a "test act" is to occur at the opening of college—September 20th—when the question will be forced to an issue and the fraternities may arrange their plans. He adds; "Though dead—according to *law*— — chapter is very much alive, and is determined above all things to *remain* so." Another: "Sigma Alpha Epsilon, for one, is not content to rest until its members are accorded all privileges consistent with those effective at other well regulated and up-to-date universities." Perhaps one of the oddly ironical aspects of the situation is revealed by the following innocent looking sentence: "Our president said we would be under no more restrictions than we were last year, except . . . that we would not be allowed to receive any honors;—*as to the word 'honor', it has never been fully interpreted*"!

Evidently there are no faint hearts down in Arkansas, and the whole fraternity world must feel a keener pity for the unenlightened legislators there than for the victims of this bit of medieval intolerance. Best wishes of Kappa Kappa Gamma, and remember—"They also serve who only stand and wait!"

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CONVENTIONS.

Π Β Φ.—Pi Beta Phi met at Syracuse, N. Y., July 25th. No charters were granted, petitioners from Mississippi and Texas being refused. The new president is Miss Elizabeth Gamble. The *Arrow* continues to be published in Wisconsin, and the maintenance of the very high standard set by Miss Robinson is consequently assured to the magazine.

Θ Δ Χ.—Theta Delta Chi met July 2nd and 3rd at Buffalo, N. Y., with headquarters at Hotel Iroquois. One surviving founder—A. H. Green, of Syracuse—was present. Mr. E. W. Huffcut, Cornell, '84, was re-elected president amid a storm of applause; Mr. H. C. Stevens (formerly treasurer) secretary, and W. T. Bryant, treasurer. The *Shield* announces that the former broad policy and general character will be continued as before, but greater secrecy, as recommended in a recent issue, will be observed as to matters of private fraternity nature.

Σ Χ.—Sigma Chi met at Buffalo, July 23-25th, in twenty-fifth Grand Chapter.

Δ T Δ.—Delta Tau Delta met August 21-23rd in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for its thirty-sixth Karnea. Dr. Frank Wieland, of Chicago, was elected president (Mr. Hughes having refused re-election), while the other officers remain in office as before. The next Karnea goes to Cleveland, Ohio, in August, 1903.

X Ω.—Chi Omega held its third convention at Little Rock, Arkansas, June 25-27th.

K A Θ.—Kappa Alpha Theta met in New York, July 10-12th. Officers elected: President, Miss Ednah H. Wixon, of California State University; treasurer, Miss M. E. S. Scott; secretary, Miss Green. Miss M. Edith Bell is in charge of the Catalogue, which is to be completed soon. The *Journal of Kappa Alpha Theta* goes to Columbus, Ohio, to be published by the chapter at O. S. U.

B Θ Π.—Beta Theta Pi held its sixty-second annual convention at Lakewood, N. Y., August 27-30th. No new officers were elected. A charter was granted to the University of Washington petitioners, the delegates being practically unanimous in its favor. A petition received from the University of Tennessee was refused and one from Illinois held over. The attendance at convention probably surpassed all previous ones, about one hundred and eighty sitting down to the banquet at the Kent House.

Φ Γ Δ.—Phi Gamma Delta held its fifty-third annual Ekklesia at Niagara Falls, September 4-7th.



