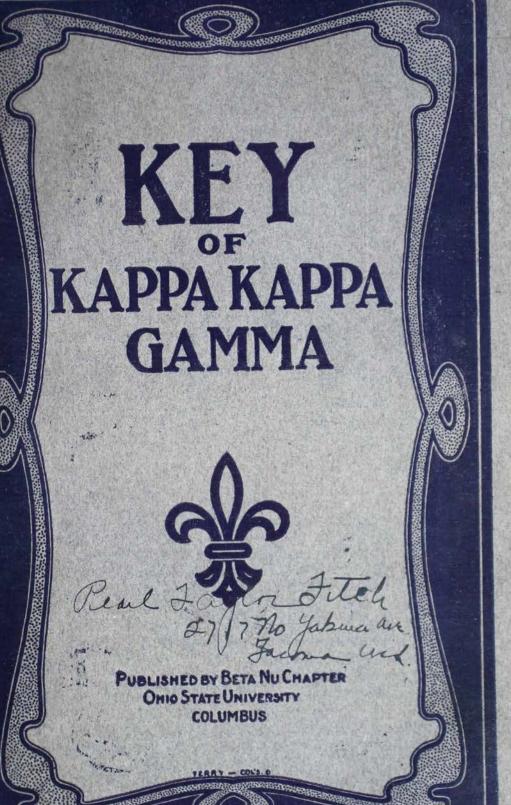
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## KAPPAS IN LIBRARY WORK. Katherine L. Sharp the Most Distinguished.

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IBRARIANSHIP is a comparatively new profession and, consequently, one in which there is a large field for advance-There are only four institutions which give full courses in library science, though there are many which now have short summer courses. These are the University of the State of New York, at Albany; Pratt Institute, at Brooklyn; Drexel Institute, at Philadelphia, and the University of Illinois, at Champaign or Urbana. The last of these has at its head Katharine Sharp, Grand President of Kappa Kappa Gamma from 1894 to 1896. The school at Albany, which was the first one, was opened in 1887 at Columbia College, and two years later was removed to Albany. Mr. Melvil Dewey has been the director of this school since its establishment. The other three schools are outgrowths of this parent institution, though the school at the University of Illinois is the only one which has as high a The New York State Library School requires for entrance two years of college work, and only those who have been graduated from registered colleges are exempt from the entrance examinations.

Entrance is obtained to the Pratt Institute Library School by competitive examination. No college work is required, but there is a limit to the number of the class and also an age limit.

The Drexel Institute entrance requirements are the same as those of Pratt.

The University of Illinois State Library School requires two years of college work, but no entrance examinations.

Each of these schools, except the one at Drexel, offers a two years course, but the New York State and Illinois are the only ones which give the degree of B. L. S., the others simply giving certificates.

The University of Illinois is the only one of these four institutions at which we have a chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma, so that an article on Kappas in library work will of necessity apply almost entirely to the Kappas studying at that institution. As the two years of college work need not be taken at the University of Illinois, but may be taken at any recognized college, many Kappas from sister chapters come here for the library course after taking their two or perhaps four years of college work elsewhere.

In preparation for this paper a list of questions was sent to all the chapters of Kappa for information concerning their members, active or alumnae, who are in any way engaged in library work. Though all the answers have not been satisfactory, it may be of interest to know of the Kappas at present engaged in the work, as far as we have been able to ascertain.

From Upsilon Chapter came the Kappa of whose achievements in this new profession we have greatest reason to be proud. The American Library Association is composed of all the leading librarians and assistants in the country, and stands for all that is liberal and progressive in library matters. To the efforts of this association of devoted and learned professionals is due almost all the real, practical improvements which have appeared in library administration within the last twenty-five years, including the many great and beneficial acts of legislation affecting libraries. In 1898-9 Miss Sharp was Second Vice-President of the A. L. A., and in 1900 was elected to the Council of the Association for a term of five years. She is now Director of the University of Illinois State Library School. From Upsilon Chapter came also Miss Frances Simpson, M. L. (Northwestern), who is head cataloguer in the Illinois school. Anna White and Mary Capron, of Upsilon, are preparing for library work.

In Alpha Province, four chapters, Phi, Beta Tau, Beta Iota and Gamma Rho, report members engaged in library work. From Phi, Ella A. Titus, B. Ph., '92, now cataloguer in Harvard University Library; Grace A. Hitchcock, special, ex-'95, now

first assistant in the Fine Arts Department of Boston Public Library, and Bertha P. Richmond, B. A., '95 (recently Grand President of K K  $\Gamma$ ), in the Shelf Department of the Boston Public Library. None of these have had the library school training. Beta Tau mentions one active member, no name given, who is taking the short course given in Syracuse University. One alumna member of Beta Iota has been in a college library.

Florence M. Appleby, of Gamma Rho, though she has had no technical training, is an assistant librarian in the public library at Meadville, Pennsylvania.

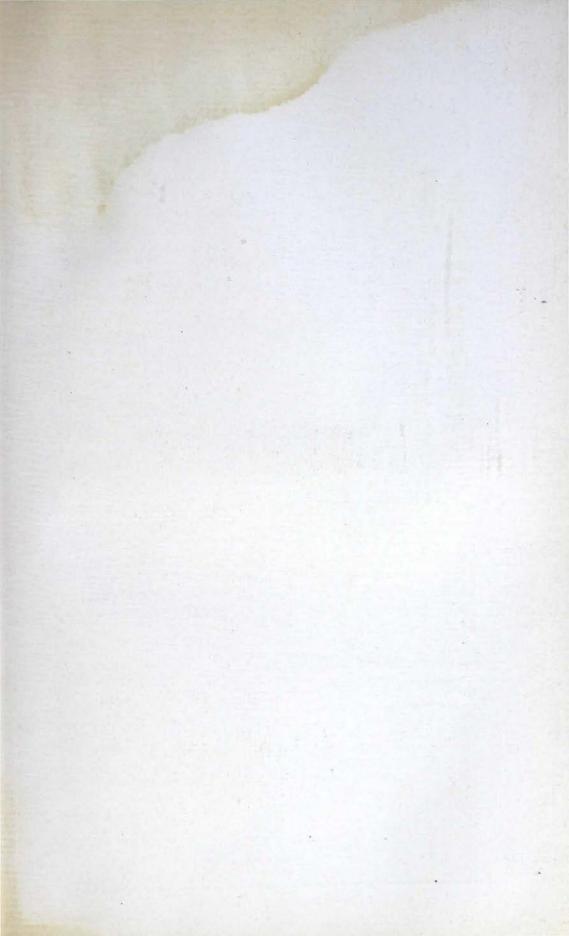
Of Beta Province, Beta Nu is the only chapter which reports any of its members as librarians. Mrs. Lucy Allen Smart, M. A., 'oo, though not at present active in library work, was the reference librarian at Ohio State University Library until June, 1901. Her training was obtained at the summer courses at Ohio State University and at Harvard. Three alumnae of Beta Nu are now engaged in the work. One of these studied library economy at the Amherst summer school, one at the Wisconsin summer school, and the third at the Ohio State summer school. One of these, Imogene Ingram, had received the degree of B. Ph., and one, Marion E. Twiss, B. A. Gertrude Kellicott has charge of the order department of the college library, and Imogene Ingram is in the reference and Marion E. Twiss in the accession department of the Ohio State Library.

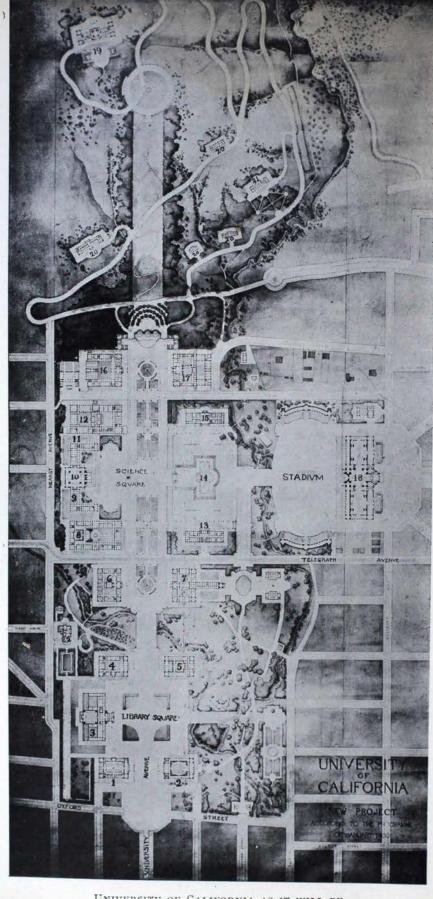
Delta, Mu, Eta and Upsilon are the chapters of Gamma Province having representatives in the profession. Delta has one alumna who had received a B. A., but who had had no library training, now in a college library. One member of Mu is now engaged in a college library, having received a B. A., though she had had no library training. Three Eta sisters are librarians; Emma Gattiger, in a reference library; Bertha M. Brown, head librarian in Madison Free Library, and Jenny Ogilvie. Agnes Bowen is preparing for the library course.

Beta Lambda has quite a list. Margaret Mann, assistant librarian, University of Illinois; Georgetta Haven, B. L. S., 'oo, head cataloguer, Cincinnati Public Library; Elizabeth Montross, B. L. S., '99, cataloguer, John Crerar Library, Chicago; Florence Beck, B. L. S., 'oo, head librarian, Normal School, Charleston, Ill.; Mabel West, B. L. S., 'oo, cataloguer, Knox College, Galesburg, Ill.; Delia Sanford, B. L. S., 'oo,

Cincinnati University Library, Cincinnati; Clara Howard, B. L. S., 'or, Carnegie Library, of Pittsburg; Mary Todd (affiliated from Beta Tau), B. L. S., 'or. Helen Bennett and Margaret Budington took only the junior year of the work, but both now have positions. Miss Bennett is librarian of the Public Library at Mattoon, Ill., and Miss Budington is assistant cataloguer at the Cincinnati University Library at Cincinnati. Charlotte Hawes has never had any training, but is reference librarian of the Decatur, Ill., Public Library. Others who took the course but are not now actively engaged in active work are Adile R. Scott, B. L. S., 'oo; Cecilia McConnel, who had one year's training and was junior revisor at the University of Illinois State Library School; Lucy W. Wallace, B. L. S., 'oo, was loan clerk at the University of Illinois; Maude S. Carman was reference librarian at the University of Illinois. The members of Beta Lambda now in the Library School at the University of Illinois are Lillian Arnold (affiliated from Epsilon), Lucile Jones, Caroline Langworthy, Elizabeth Alexander, of Beta Delta Chapter, and Marjorie Graves. Besides these there are several Kappas now taking college work preparatory to entering the library school.

Of Delta Province, Chi, Beta Zeta and Pi chapters are the only ones who have members in the library work. Chi has one member, Elizabeth Hawley, ex-'94, who is assistant in the University of Minnesota Library, while Eva Smith, Nell Merrill and Alice Webb took work in the summer school course in library training. Joanna Strange, of Beta Zeta, is in the University of Iowa Library, having had no training. Pi reports two librarians, Florence Jones, Ph. B. (University of California), librarian of the Los Angeles Public Library, and Edith Dart, B. L. (University of California), assistant in the Mechanics' Library of San Francisco.





UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AS IT WILL BE.

#### HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

THE idea of founding a college in California was entertained as early as the year 1849. The emigration consequent upon the discovery of gold caused many people to settle in this country. The constitution of 1849 authorized the establishment of the university, but it was not until April 13, 1855, that the College of California began its legal existence. The site chosen was the "grove of oaks," the highest point in Oakland. In 1860 the college began its formal career, with Henry Durant as president, and in that year a class of eight was graduated.

On March 23, 1868, California achieved her intellectual emancipation. Her freedom was won. She assumed the duty to support, she vindicated the right to control higher education, and in 1879 she decreed that the University of California was a public trust. This day, the twenty-third of March, is each year known and celebrated as Charter Day. The commencement exercises of the class of 1873 were held at Berkeley, July 16th, when the university was formally transferred to its permanent home. The site of the university is a domain of about two hundred acres, situated on the slope of the Contra Costa hills, about five miles from Oakland, facing the Golden Gate.

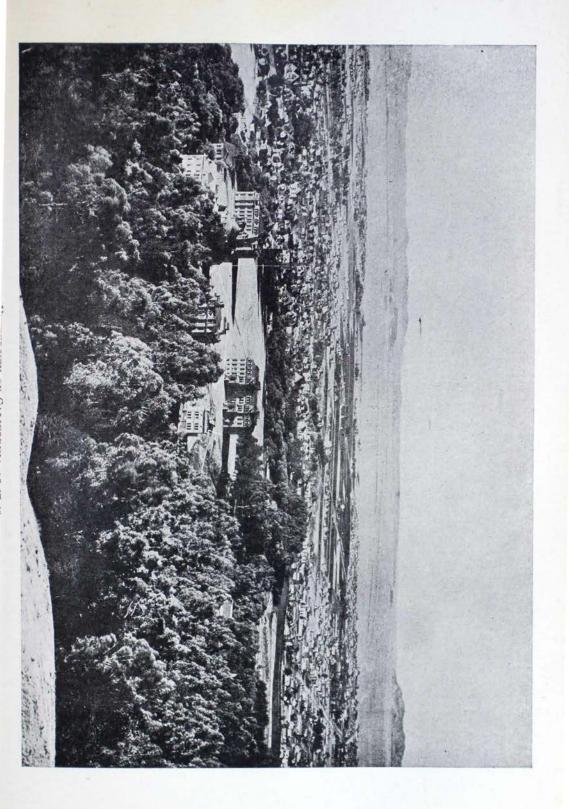
In 1892-4 the academic colleges were reorganized under the heads of the Colleges of Liberal Culture and the Colleges of Applied Science. The former comprise (1) the college of letters, (2) the college of social science, (3) the college of natural science; while the latter include (1) the college of agriculture, (2) the college of chemistry, (3) the engineering colleges, under which are (a) the college of mechanics, (b) the college of mines, (c) the college of civil engineering.

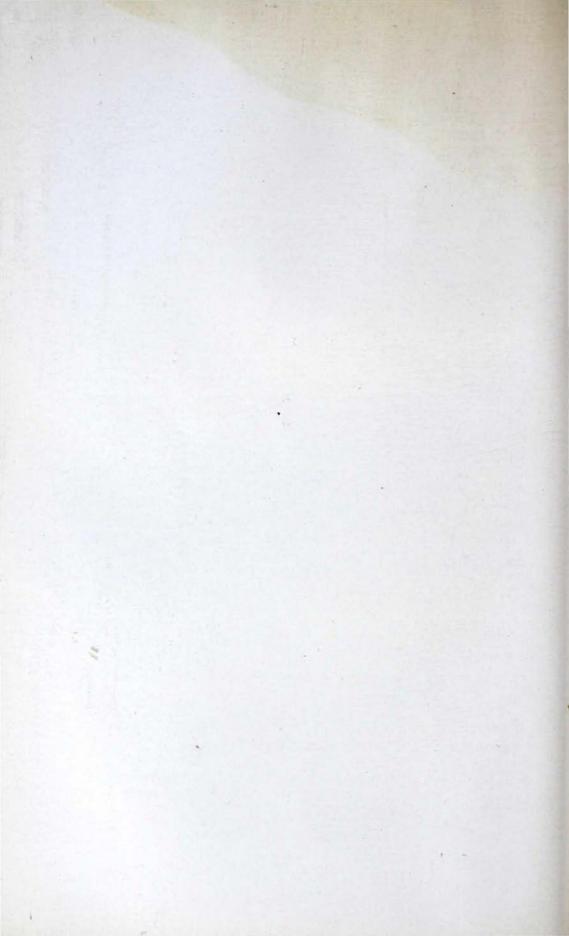
The number of students has increased wonderfully. At the first commencement in Berkeley there were 12 graduates, and that same year 191 students enrolled under 23 professors. In 1876–77 the total number of students was 305; of this number 260 were men and the remaining 45 were women. In 1901 the total number of students was 3,080 and officers of instruction 247.

Coeducation began in 1870. No young ladies appeared as students, however, until 1871, when eight were votaries at the shrine of higher education. And, in the year 1874 there was one woman graduate. Contrast this with the year 1901, when about half the graduates were women. The proportion of women students now is 48 per cent., this proportion being greater in the general colleges.

The university is divided into a number of colleges. The Colleges of Liberal Culture are at Berkeley. Instruction in these colleges began in the autumn of 1873, two excellent buildings, North and South Hall, having been constructed at the expense of the state. The next building was that of agriculture. After this the mining building, the library building, Harmon gymnasium and the chemistry building, sprang into existence. The botany and mechanics buildings, as well as East Hall and the observatory, were the last to be built. The philosophy building was endowed by D. O. Mills. In October of 1901 the stone work of the president's new home was completed. On the campus, which is being prettily set out with trees of all kinds, there are many points of interest. Connected with the department of botany is a large and valuable botanical garden. Out of the development of physical exercise grew the cinder track, the baseball grounds, and, above all, the celebrated football field.

From the very beginning the university has had many benefactors. But there is one who stands above them all, not only in her gifts to the university, but in her love and sympathy for each and every student. Everywhere the name of Mrs. Hearst is greeted with three ringing cheers-cheers which come straight from the heart and seem to reach out to all. In 1900 Mrs. Hearst came to Berkeley to spend the year. It was a gala year for all who were fortunate enough to be students at that time. Mrs. Hearst built a hall adjoining her home. In this hall every student assembled, either to hear the musicians of the Grau Grand Opera Company or to have a pleasant gathering and dance. This hall, known as Hearst Hall, now belongs to the women students of the university. It is a fully equipped gymnasium, being one of the best appointed women's gymnasiums in the country. It affords comfortable quarters for the social life of the women students, and is used also for official receptions, concerts and lectures. The women students are an organized body, known





as the Associated Women Students. But they did not feel the bond until Mrs. Hearst made each woman student her friend and established that feeling of unity as only a Mrs. Hearst can.

It is only necessary to mention Mrs. Hearst's name in order to recall to the mind of everyone the great architectural plans of which she was the originator. On October 24, 1896, a letter from Mrs. Phoebe A. Hearst was laid before the Board of Regents. In this letter Mrs. Hearst suggested that she be permitted to contribute funds necessary to obtain, by international competition, plans for the fitting architectural improvement of the university grounds at Berkeley. On August 31, 1897, a preliminary prospectus of the plans was published. September 30th a jury met at Antwerp in the Royal Museum of Fine Arts, where the competitive plans had been prepared. Eleven out of the number were chosen for final competition. In September the jury met in the Ferry building in San Francisco. After going over the site and examining the plans carefully, a beautiful, artistic realization of our desires and efforts were produced in the plans of Monsieur E. Bénard. Mr. Galen Howard has been appointed supervising architect, and has visited England, Germany and France to gather material for the final elaboration of the plans. February 1, 1902, plans for the mining building were accepted and a contract let for one-half million. This building, the first one of the new plans, is given by Mrs. Hearst as a memorial to Senator Hearst. Now the quiet of our college town is disturbed by the resounding blows hewing down the immense cypress and eucalyptus trees, which must make room for the progress and prosperity of the University of California.

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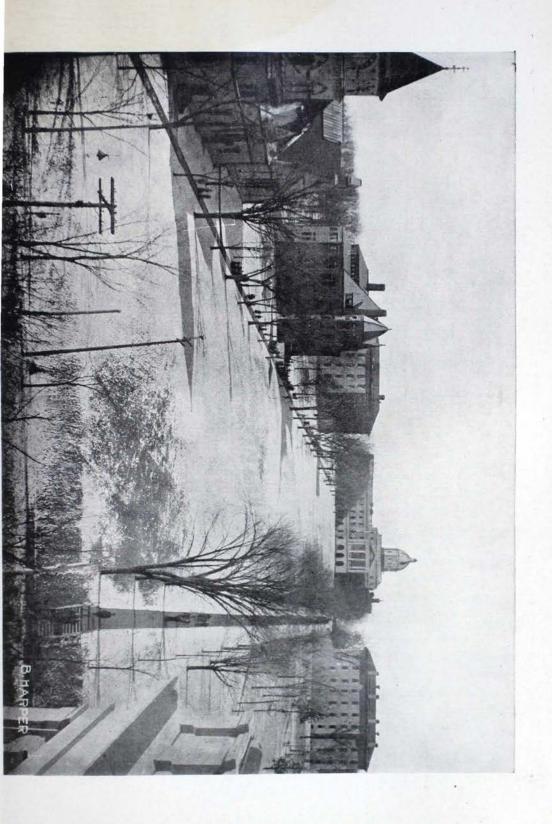
## THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN. The Chapter House of Eta.

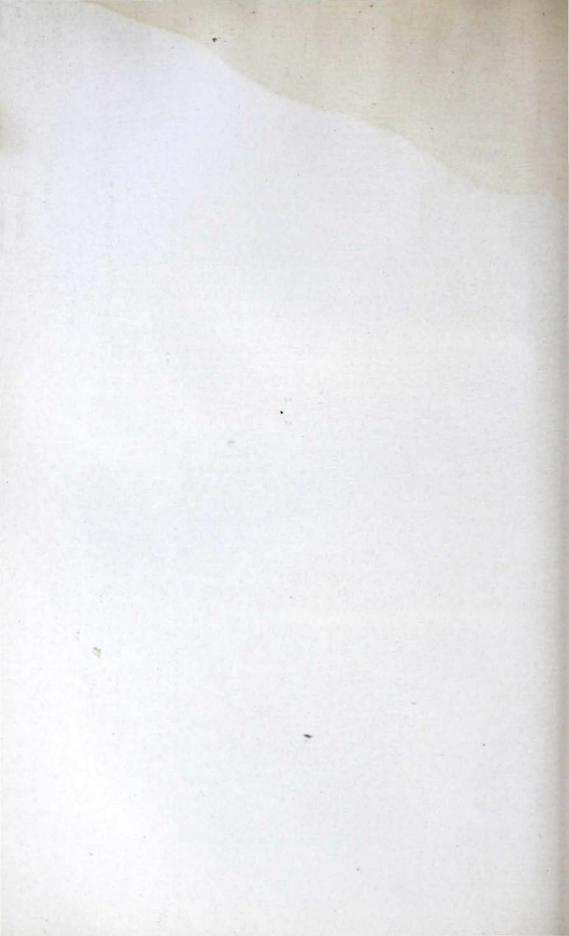
IN 1838 an act was passed by the territorial legislature establishing the University of the Territory of Wisconsin. No action was taken under this law but the selection of two townships of land appropriated by Congress. In 1848 the constitution of the state made provision for a university. It was placed at Madison, the capital of the state, and last year was

attended by over twenty-five hundred students. Most of the buildings are on "the Hill" on the shore of Mendota, the largest of the four lakes near Madison. Our beautiful library, opened in 1900, and the gymnasium are across the street from the others. Overlooking Mendota is the chemistry building. This site was to have been used for Chadbourne Hall, the girls' dormitory, had not the regents feared difficulty in heating a building of that kind so near the water, and so put it two blocks back on the same street. Next to the chemistry building comes science hall, then on the other side of the campus is the old library building, now used by the school of music, and for the weekly convocations, our only general assemblage of students. Next comes the law building, then South Hall, and at the top of the hill, Main or University Hall. Down the campus on the opposite side comes first, North Hall, our oldest building, and then the engineer's building. Back of Science Hall and near the chemistry building are the machine shops and the power house. Behind Main Hall is a stretch of woods with our most beautiful lake shore drive. The farm building, the observatory and lastly the agricultural building, which is just being added, are here.

Of the students, about five hundred and fifty are girls, perhaps one hundred and seventy-five belonging to fraternities, of which among the girls there are now eight. Eta of Kappa Kappa Gamma appeared in 1875, the first woman's Greek letter society here. Omega of Delta Gamma was installed in 1881. Then in order came Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Pi Beta Phi, in 1896, Alpha Phi and Delta, Delta, Delta, and in January, 1902, Nu of Chi Omega. For a time Eta was very proud of a room in South Hall. Since then the chapter has occupied several homes, but this year for the first time we are in a house owned by Kappas, active or alumnae. We are conveniently situated on Park street, facing the campus and directly across from Chadbourne Hall. When the plans were first drawn some of us feared that it was too large, that the chapter could not fill it, but so far there has been no such difficulty. It was even found necessary to turn one of the trunk rooms into a bedroom.

The chapter numbers twenty-eight, unusually large for Eta. Next semester, nineteen, perhaps twenty, will live in the house; five are town girls and the rest are at Chadbourne Hall. Besides





the active Kappas, three of our alumnae, our chaperone, Mrs. Carson, and the two housekeepers live with us. Two years experience makes us doubly glad that we no longer have to go out for our meals, but can take them comfortably at home.

Naturally the house is headquarters for all fraternity matters. Here every Monday evening the active chapter holds its meeting, business from seven until eight, and afterwards, all who can, staying to dance or sing Kappa songs. Once in two weeks the Madison alumnae meet in the same chapter room on Tuesday, sometimes a 'few, sometimes many of them taking their dinner with us beforehand. Sunday afternoon, too, is given up by most of us to a genuine Kappa time. Town girls and hall girls come over to sit around a grate fire and talk or sing.

Eta's life is probably very much like that in any other of our chapters, uneventful for the most part, but passing, how quickly perhaps only the senior fully realizes.



### Alumnae > Department

#### Philadelphia Alumnae Association.

The annual dinner of the Philadelphia Alumnae Association of  $K K \Gamma$  was held at the Normandie, on Wednesday, February twelfth, at half past six. The dinner was more largely attended than any other of previous years, and the association was delighted to greet some of the active chapter of Beta Alpha.

The decorations were in two shades of blue, and the souvenirs of flags and fleur-de-lis also in the fraternity colors. Miss Annie M. Jastrow was the happy choice for toastmistress, and toasts were responded to by several members; "The Grand Council," Dr. M. E. Pennington; "Charter Members of Beta Alpha," Mrs. J. P. Moore; "The Active Chapter of Beta Alpha," Miss Mary Geisler; "Fraternity Spirit," Miss Clara C. Miller.

The evening was thoroughly enjoyable and proved that Kappa bonds still hold long after college doors are closed. Those present were Mrs. J. P. Moore, Miss A. M. Jastrow, Dr. M. E. Pennington, Miss H. M. Pennington, Miss A. E. Moore, Miss C. C. Miller, Miss L. C. Gendell, Miss E. B. Gendell, Miss S. M. Scattergood, Miss A. T. Evans, Miss Bramble, Miss S. P. Miller, Miss Euston, Mrs. H. W. Boyle, Mrs. W. Trimble, Miss M. Geisler, Miss E. A. Atkinson, Miss Marker, Miss Burk, Miss A. Jacobs.

ADELAIDE H. DOVEY, Secretary.

#### Beta Iota Alumnae Association.

February twenty-second was for us the most important day of the year, as it was the date of our annual banquet. In spite of the inclement weather, seventeen alumnae joined with the actives in making the day one ne'er to be forgotten. Preceding the banquet we held a regular meeting, at which Edith Kenderdine Andrews was elected president, and Eleanor Lansing Cass, secretary-treasurer for the ensuing year. Violette T. Haines was elected delegate to the next convention, Mabel Gillespie and Katharine Pfieffer, substitutes. Then followed a discussion of such subjects as pertained to the welfare of the active chapter and the appointing of the advisory committee for the coming year.

MARY GERTRUDE BALL, Secretary.

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#### Pi Alumnae Association.

Many articles have appeared in the KEY treating of the relationship which should exist between the upper classmen and those who have recently been admitted into the bond of Kappa Kappa Gamma, but until lately little has been said of the tie which should bind the active members to the graduates of their chapter. Is not the latter more important of the two, since the interests of all university students are essentially the same, whereas those who have left its classic halls drift rapidly away from fraternity and college life?

To the graduates I would say that we should become much better acquainted with our younger sisters by spending an evening at the fraternity house, or by being unexpected guests for luncheon.

Possibly some may be interested in knowing what the Kappa graduates of the University of California are doing in this matter. As our active chapter entered the fraternity after an existence of almost four years as an organized body, so our alumnae association comes to you, having experienced for an equal number of years the benefits derived from such an organization.

Besides the business meetings, four social meetings are held during the year, two for the purpose of bringing together the graduates, and the other two that they may become acquainted with the active chapter. Once a year a luncheon is enjoyed by the association, at which letters are read from all members who cannot attend, and toasts given which recall our college days and renew our fraternity spirit. In the spring we entertain the active chapter, generally with a farce written by one of our members. In the fall we give them a rushing party, and in November the association meets for a social afternoon.

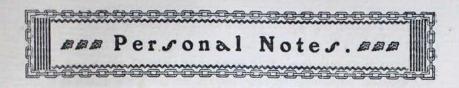
The organization wishes to do its share in making attractive our chapter hall, so at Christmas time we send some pretty gift, and on the anniversary of the birthdays of our two beloved sisters who have passed beyond the Golden Gate, a remembrance is sent by the alumnae—a set of books to the Alice Michaels Library, and a piece of art work to the Mabel Sullivan Art Collection.

This is an outline of our work, and the value it has had in promoting fraternity feeling can scarcely be estimated. The graduates know and love their younger sisters, and the college girls regard their alumnae as their best friends and advisers. The chapter house is as dear to them as to the active girls, for can they not spend an hour in a cosy corner looking at pictures that they have chosen, reading a book they have purchased and leaning against pillows that they have made. The initiations are well attended by the alumnae, for they often exceed in number the active members.

No doubt other chapters have an alumnae as enthusiastic as Pi, who accomplish the same and perhaps greater results by different methods and we should be glad to know how others are solving this problem.

ELIZABETH F. GRAY.





#### BETA ALPHA.

Professor Henry R. Seager, who married Harriet B. Henderson, has accepted a tender of the associate professorship in political economy at Columbia University, to succeed the late Professor Richmond Mayo-Smith. Professor Seager has been connected with the university faculty as assistant professor in political economy in the Wharton School since 1897. He received a year's leave of absence, taking effect last fall. He is now in Washington, engaged in literary work. Professor Seager was born in Lansing, Mich., on July 21, 1870, and was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1890. He took his doctor's degree at the University of Pennsylvania four years later. Subsequently he studied at Johns Hopkins University, Halle, Berlin and Vienna.

#### BETA EPSILON.

The Nation announces that Mrs. Herbert Parsons (Elsie Cleus) brings before the public a translation of "The Laws of Imitation."

#### BETA TAU.

Ella Hall, '92, has returned to Syracuse to do the work required for the degree of Ph. D.

Blanche Barber, '97, was married Thursday, January 23, 1903, to Albert Henry Hollenbeck,  $\Phi K \Psi$ .

#### PSI.

Grace Swearingen, '93, is teaching in the University of Berlin.

Amy Otis is a miniature artist in Philadelphia. She made the cover design for "The Quakers," by Mrs. A. M. Gummere.

#### BETA IOTA.

The engagement of Caroline Chambers, '96, to George Turner, of Norfolk, Va., has been announced.

The marriage of Grace A. Blakelee, ex-'o1, to Sprague R. Rockwood, of Chicago, took place January 22d, in Philadelphia.

Laura C. Miller, '97, was married on January 8th to John V. Curry, of New York City.

Mabel Gillespie, '99, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Guy T. Viskinskki, '98.

Helen Marshall, ex-'99, is located in Denver, Colo.

Lucretia Blankenburg, ex-'99, is making an extended tour through the west.

#### BETA NU.

Eliza Barcus, '00, will live in Schenectady, N. Y., after April 1st.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoover, on December 23, 1901, a girl, Alice Elizabeth. Mrs. Hoover was Fredrika Baldwin.

Edith St. John is teaching at Bowling Green, O.

Faith Bartram's new residence is Ashland avenue, Station H, Cincinnati, O.

#### KAPPA.

Mary Ward has resigned her position as state secretary of the Minnesota Y. W. C. A. and is spending the winter with her parents in Hillsdale.

Lena Adams is teacher of botany and chemistry in the Hillsdale High School.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Kelley will soon go to Grand Lodge, Mich., where Mr. Kelley will be pastor of the Free Baptist Church.

Florence May Stetson was married January 1st, 1902, at Lima Center, Wis., to Mr. David H. Pollock. They live at 726 West Bridge street, Beloit, Wis.

#### BETA DELTA.

Nina Paddock, '96, affiliated from Upsilon, met with a serious accident last November. Miss Paddock was one of the teachers who went to the Philippines in August on government commission. While on her way to the district to which she had been assigned she fell from a bridge and injured her ankle. The injury in itself was slight, but there was delay in removing her, and it was feared that proper care was not given her, for when she was finally admitted to the military hospital in Manila it was found that serious conditions had developed and that amputation was necessary. Last reports, however, state that she is gaining strength and will probably make a good recovery.

Ella Rouech, '94, is also in the Philippines. She is in charge of the schools of Lipa, Island of Luzon, and finds the work interesting and her surroundings enjoyable.

Paul Beckwith, '94, is taking a course in domestic science in Chicago.

Six Beta Delta alumnae are teaching this year in the Detroit High Schools. They are Gertrude Bagley, '93; Blanche Barney, '93 (Mu, '89); Bertha Barney, '96; Mildred Hinsdale, '95; Belle Donaldson, '95, and Lulu Southmayd, '93.

Alice Ropes, Omega, formerly connected with the Lindenwood School of Music, is in Detroit this year, and is a member of the Detroit Alumnae Association.

Olive Rouech, 'or, is connected with the School for Nurses, Harper Hospital, Detroit.

Mabel Halleck, '96, is teaching in Calumet, Mich.

Blanche Skinner, '93, is spending the year in Leipsic, studying art.

At her home in Cleveland, O., Mabel Turner was married, October 22d, to Mr. Rees Parry, of Chattanooga, Tenn.

Laura Rinkle, '00, was married November 7th, 1901, to Mr. William Schuyler Johnstone, ΣΦ, Hamilton, of Booneville, N. Y.

May Boutelle, '98, is in Detroit doing university settlement and club work.

Minnie Broad Ewing has removed from Escanaba to Chicago.

Miss Faudira Crocker, Psi, who served last summer on the Michigan Board of Managers at the Pan-American Exposition, is now at Mt. Clemens, Mich.





The Best Fraternity—Let Others Say It. The fraternity is all right. Nobody wants to deny that. But nevertheless there is one thing that is so characteristic of the fraternity as a whole that it seems to me it is time we outgrew, and

that is the endless repetition of the phrase, "the best fraternity." It's bad in its effects on the youthful and pliant minds of the freshmen, it's nonsense, it's tiresome and it's bad form.

People who stand highest in culture never apply the term "best" to themselves; they have to much regard for the feelings of the less fortunate members of society. And besides they are too busy to stop to think of their position with reference to others. Say what you will of it, it has rather a provincial sound, hasn't it? It doesn't ring true.

Let's have an end then of boasting and get down to good, common-sense, every-day terms and realize we're only normal, average women after all. There're lots of other college women as good as we are. Let's think our fraternity is broad and large in its aims and say so when we think people care to hear. We may say it's a strong fraternity if we will and we may help to make it stronger. But don't let's have any more of this tiresome, childish twaddle about "the best fraternity."

Here's to the fraternity. Long may it live and flourish. May its women be the flower of American civilization, the highest, soundest type of American womanhood, but may there be so many of that type that all womens' fraternities may be filled with them. Here's to the fraternity, but never a drop to "the best fraternity."

A Problem.

About the middle of the year nearly every chapter is confronted with the problem of "one girl," a really charming girl, one who has many stanch friends in the chapter, but whose peculiarities, some slight mannerism, makes her undesirable to the rest of the girls. Her friends are enthusiastic in her praise and are vexed, yes provoked that the other Kappas do not see her good

qualities, and this girl is gradually left out of the social life of the school. Then comes the trying time. Her friends must be careful that the tie of friendship is not strained and that a break is not made in the friendship of the chapter. They should try to correct the faults that are objectionable to the other Kappas. But if it is personal prejudice—as alas sometimes it is—forget it. Do not dwell upon it. Bring this girl as much as possible in contact with the Kappa girls and finally the personal dislike will be overcome, for no true Kappa will allow individual prejudice to injure the chapter.

Theta.

I wish to make earnest plea to those who write for the Key. Please avoid using slang. The last Key had an unusually large amount, I thought. The girls who indulge in it forget that they are unknown to most of us, so that the strength of their personalities cannot minimize the apparent unwomanliness of the slang. They also forget that as the Key is our official organ, the world, or at least that part interested in fraternities, judges us by its tone. Surely the Key does not want to be compelled to give its sanction to slang and so lead people to believe that the Kappas can only be sprightly when they use slang.

One of the greatest pleasures we can have in meeting other Kappas is to recognize in them Kappa and Individuality. that distinctively Kappa element, that indescribable something that always goes with wearing the Key, that feeling of a kindred spirit which makes one say "I should recognize that girl as a Kappa even if I had not seen her Key." Especially in a college where the pledge day does not come until the end of the year do we have the opportunity of recognizing this spirit in the new girls. Each one of them possesses a strong personality, each one of them is so widely different from the other, and yet it is that single element which makes them congenial with each other and with us. Immediately we look around among ourselves and recognize that same difference and that same similarity in the fraternity. So let us ask ourselves the question, to what extent should a girl's personality be swallowed up in her fraternity? Should joining a fraternity weaken

or strengthen a girl's individuality? The answer comes without hesitation. Let the fraternity encourage every sign of originality in a new girl. Let every member encourage her to think, to feel, to act, not only in the fraternity, and for the fraternity, but in the college and for the college and thus prepare her for the life beyond the college. It is the encouragement which the older girls can give to the more timid underclassmen that strengthens the fraternal feeling. Let us seek for the talents that have been given to the girl whom we select to join us, and then help her to be an individual and a Kappa in the true sense of the word. Let it never be said of any chapter of Kappa, as it is sometimes said of other chapters, that it so absorbs a girl's individuality that she becomes a mere nonentity-merely an additional figure to an incomplete number. Kappa stands for more than that. Eliminate the objectionable, if there be any, and strengthen the good. Kappa's ideals must be so high and broad that they can readily be applied to every-day affairs as well as to the more sublime.

So let us every day look at our Keys, remember what they and what we stand for, and come together more closely to give each other the help, encouragement and love that each one needs, and make a girl a stronger Kappa because she is a strong individual.

A. H., Beta Iota.

Kappa Chapter has passed through an experi-Warning From ence that has made everyone of us realize more fully the charm that our fraternity has for those an Impostor. outside. For two or three years there was a girl in attendance at our college who longed ardently to be a Kappa. Alas! she was far from being an ideal fraternity girl, so though the Kappa girls showed her all possible kindness she never received the coveted invitation. Last year she suddenly left and entered the university at Bloomington, Ind. To our astonishment the next summer one of our girls chanced to meet her, and behold, she wore a Key. She came to Hillsdale in the fall term, on a short visit. She seemed very ignorant on even ordinary fraternity matters, never even noticed the challenge, and our suspicions were at once aroused. From Delta Chapter we received the joyful tidings that no one by that name had ever been initiated there. And at our first opportunity we proceeded to get possession of the pin. The Key was of a peculiar pattern—plain Roman gold, with the old form of clasp, no guard, no chapter designation whatever, with the letters K K I in blue enamel. We purchased the pin. She refused to tell where she obtained the pin, so that is still an open question. Did she find it, did she purchase it of some dealer who formerly handled Kappa pins and had a few old ones on hand—where could she have gotten it? As it came out though, the matter bore us no serious consequences, but it suggested several lessons.

First, we will be doubly sure not to extend an invitation to a girl from some other institution where we have a chapter without first ascertaining from that chapter their reasons for not asking her. Secondly, we realize more keenly the force of the fact that in everyone of the twenty-eight institutions where our chapters are located, every girl is measured by the same high standard of womanhood as in every other school. Thirdly, let us guard our loved fraternity in every way, even more jealously than before, in order to make it impossible for anyone but a Kappa to wear the Golden Key.

Kappa.

Why should I ask or expect that my friend should love me best? Such demand is not a sign of great love, it is merely egotism. How can I know that there is that within me which can satisfy the needs of my friend? Some one else may touch the life more closely, may more clearly hear the voices of the soul and more truly interpret them; some one else may waken to deeper feeling or inspire to higher thought or nobler action. This is no fault of mine, so why shall I withdraw myself or embitter my days by anger or jealousy? Shall I not, rather, gladly give and take all that is mine, that is, all that my personal limitations will allow?

The great curse of friendship is this demand for a measure of feeling. Too often there is the question, "how much?" Expressed or unexpressed, its presence forces itself upon the consciousness, and our friendship loses its spontaniety and becomes a matter of trade. It loses also its pure sincerity. It was not so to the old Greek and Latin philosophers. By them the love of

friends was distinguished from every other love by its unselfishness; to them the word friend was a large one, and not to be used lightly. It meant pure and disinterested affection, sympathy, appreciation; it meant the voluntary giving of self to one who gladly received but claimed nothing; it meant the broadening and deepening of life, not the narrowing to the imposed limits of another's nature; it brought happiness and confidence and peace, and was an ornament of life, not a fetter to restrain or to compel.

Jean Frey, Gamma Rho.

A professor once made the remark to a class in philosophy that fraternities owe their being to of Kappa. the essentially narrow mental range of the human mind. "A whole college is too large for these little natures," he declared, "and so we find the societies springing up, the result of the attempt to find something small enough."

Despite the professor, is there any better way of knowing human nature in general, and all that it means, than by coming to a very close understanding with a few individual souls? Such an experience broadens the mind and deepens the feelings, as can no superficial acquaintance only with the many. The girl who has found no broadening of sympathy, no sweetening of her whole nature, as a result of her Kappa life, is rare indeed. A woman identified with the busy work of the world said that fraternity life had been for her "a training in sisterhood." Such it is to everyone who reads the true meaning of Kappa.

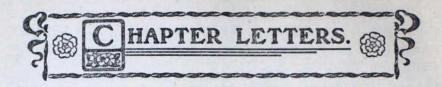
The Relation of Fraternity Work to the Y. W. C. A. Well worth the attention of all readers of our magazine, not only because of its splendid spirit, but because it introduces a subject seldom discussed on our pages. Epsilon wishes to direct the discussion along more particular lines, namely those pertaining to the relations of the fraternity girl to the Christian Association in her own university.

At the Lake Geneva conference of the Y. W. C. A. last summer, there were present as delegates over forty fraternity women, and it was noted with sincere pleasure that  $KK\Gamma$  had

the largest representation in that number, as she has had for several years in succession. Two of the strongest leaders of the conference, Dr. Young and Miss Ruth Paxton-state secretary of Iowa-were also wearers of the key. At an informal meeting of Kappas, held one afternoon during the conference, an alumna who is still actively engaged in the association work in her alma mater, said she had found it wisest to lay aside her key, because of the barrier it placed between her and the non-fraternity girls in the same work. As an argument on the opposite side Miss Paxton was cited, who, wherever she goes in her work among the colleges and universities of Iowa, wears her key. And we were told that in more than one instance she had been, unconsciously, a strong recommendation to Kappahood. It is a fact to be deplored by every true fraternity woman that the first instance voices the experience of more than one fraternity member who engages actively in the association work. True, such experiences and the criticism of narrowness and selfishness that fall on us are, in part, unjust. Non-fraternity girls may be quite narrow and selfish on their side. But we cannot escape the fact that we are at fault to a greater or lesser degree. It is easy to let all the joys and duties of one's fraternity fill up her life, aside from the regular school work; but are we thereby, in all sincerity, being truest to ourselves, to our fraternity and to our college? If fraternity women as a class were always found identified with the association work in our schools, would we be so subject to the criticisms that we receive?

George Eliot once said: "A woman's rank lies in the fullness of her womanhood; therein she is royal." Can we, as American college women, attain to this "fullness of womanhood" if we neglect our spiritual development along social and intellectual lines? Can we be called all-around college women? Should the higher friendship with God and Christ be given no place in our hearts, when we are so blest with beautiful human friendships?

V. G. S., Epsilon.



#### ALPHA PROVINCE.

PHI-UNIVERSITY OF BOSTON.

The affairs of Phi have been progressing smoothly, quietly but happily. The girls have been so busy with the more serious part of college life that they have had little time or inclination for social gaieties. The seniors are working upon theses, while spring examinations are bearing down upon all.

Courtesies have been exchanged, however, between active chapter and alumnae, each of whom has given the other a social afternoon. The annual "freshman meeting" of Phi took place on the second Friday of the term, when the freshmen entertained the rest of the chapter most delightfully. Regular meetings have been held every Friday afternoon and have been much enjoyed.

Kappa afternoon, in the Philomathean series of fraternity plays, is to come in April, and the girls are busily working to make the Kappa play successful.

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#### BETA EPSILON-BARNARD COLLEGE.

Barnard, with all the rest of Columbia University, has a new President since our last chapter letter was written. President Seth Low, who had been with us for ten years, resigned last fall on account of his election as mayor of New York; and in January Professor Nicholas Murray Butler, of the faculty of philosophy, was chosen to take his place. We are very glad to have for our new president one who knows us and understands our needs as well as President Butler does.

We have lost two of our juniors this year. Hilda Lockwood left after Thanksgiving on account of illness; and at Christmas Mary Merrill went home to Minneapolis, where she is to be married in the spring to Mr. Clarence Day Shepard, of Duluth. Ethel Pool, '03, is pledged to us and will soon be initiated.

Last December the chapter gave a tea to the Beta Epsilon alumnae to introduce them to our new rooms, and besides welcoming several charter members and many others of our chapter, we had the pleasure of meeting two other Kappas, Mrs. Oscar D. Wickham and Mrs. Mansfield Allan. Since then we have had a reception at the house of one of the girls for Iota chapter of Gamma Phi Beta, which has just been established here, and our ninth annual open meeting, given in the college theater, to which the whole college was invited. This year our open meeting consisted of a reception with music, followed by dancing.

Beta Epsilon sends good wishes to all the other chapters.

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#### PSI-CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

The midyear examinations are over, and with them are passed all the worries and fears that we may have had as to their result, and Psi has again settled down to the even tenor of her ways.

A bill has been introduced in the state legislature for an appropriation of \$200,000 for a building for the Agricultural College. There is every reason to believe it will go through, so Cornellians may hope to see another handsome building on the campus before long.

The whole university is being entertained by the actions of the sophomores and freshmen just now, for it is the time of the freshman banquet. The strife runs high at times, with frequent captures on both sides. All loyal sophomores are hoping that to-night will bring word of the capture of the president and toast-master. These two are wanted most badly. Such class contests are amusing and exciting, and, at least in the writer's estimation, serve well to keep up the spirit and loyalty of the university.

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#### BETA TAU-SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

There has been a general rejoicing in Syracuse University over the recent gift of Mr. John Rockefeller. Thanks to his generosity we are just one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) richer. I am sure all our Kappa sisters will rejoice with Beta Tau in the good fortune that has come to our college. There have been a few changes in our faculty of late. Dr. Flick, professor of European history, has been granted leave of absence for a year's study abroad. While there he will gather material for a history of the church which he has in contemplation.

Perhaps some of our fraternity sisters have been interested in the final outcome of the rushing question which has been agitated in Syracuse for the past year or more. An inter-fraternity committee was appointed to solve the problem, but in the end decided it would be best to continue the present system of rushing and pledging at the opening of the college year.

As you probably remember, a new chapter of Delta Gamma was established in Syracuse last spring. We are sorry to tell you that during the Christmas vacation their chapter house was badly damaged by fire. Since then it has been repaired and the girls are living in it once more, but we all felt more than sorry that such a misfortune should befall a chapter just starting out in fraternity life.

On February 27th the new chapter of Phi Gamma Delta will give a reception to the faculty and upper classmen of the university. This year has been full of delightful social functions, and there are many more to follow. All Beta Tau girls are looking forward to the evening of March 4th, when we are planning to have a masquerade just among ourselves. All Kappas who have been present at such events know how much fun there is in store for us.

Beta Tau, as always, sends love and best wishes to all the sister chapters of our fraternity.

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#### BETA ALPHA-UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

At last the mid-year examinations, with all their attendant fears and hopes, are over; and, as we look back, those examinations which inspired our souls with terror a few weeks ago seem very harmless. We are at work again with cleared records and fresh vigor, and just time enough in the newness of the term to enjoy our friends, and especially our dear Kappas.

As is usual, the reaction from the rush and worry of the examinations has come, and the air is full of whispers of the Biological dance, an annual and always much enjoyed function.

Since we have talked to the Kappa world through the KEY we have had the pleasure of banqueting with the Philadelphia Alumnae Association, a pleasure that was a privilege and an opportunity as well. It was an experience we would not have cared to miss, to meet again not only our own Beta Alpha

alumnae, but alumnae from a number of widely scattered chapters; to hear tales and reminiscences of other days and other manners and customs. We came away with our ideas of Kappa Kappa Gamma enlarged, and with the memory of a very pleasant evening. Beta Alpha is very grateful to the alumnae for their kind invitation to her to join them at their banquet.

Another event, but an event of importance to all the women of the university, is the editing of the February number of the *Punch Bowl* by the women students. The *Punch Bowl* is a college paper edited for and by the men. At the request of the editors the "co-eds" have gotten out the February issue, and this is entirely unprecedented. We await the result with bated breath.

Washington's birthday is an occasion of great importance with us at the University of Pennsylvania. It is known as "University Day," and is set apart for various observances, and especially for the conferring of honorary degrees. One of the most interesting features of this year's program was the conferring of the degree of Doctor of Letters on Agnes Repplier. This is an honor that few women in America have ever received.

Beta Alpha asks all her Kappa sisters to rejoice with her. After being driven from pillar to post this year, we have at last rented a desirable room—and it is directly on the campus. We are heartily glad, and we want sympathy in our gladness. We feel like quoting Schiller's Hymn to Joy:

"Joy is the mainspring in the whole
Of endless Nature's calm rotation;
Joy means the dazzling wheels that roll
In the great timepiece of Creation."

We wish "joy" to every chapter and to every individual Kappa.

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#### BETA IOTA-SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

There have been but few matters of general college interest this term, but chief among these was the pledge-day of the men's fraternities, which took place February 8th. They have finally succeeded in convincing the powers that be of the disadvantages of a seven months' pledge-day, and will probably have a still shorter time in the future. While there seems no prospect of our profiting by this, we are still glad that the principle of the short pledge-day has prevailed in their case.

We are eagerly looking forward to the extemporaneous speaking and oratorical contests which will take place in the near future. The inter-class basket-ball games, too, will soon be played, and here, as everywhere, Kappa expects to be well represented.

But to us as a chapter, by far the most interesting event during the past months was our eighth annual banquet, which was held at the Hotel Bellevue in Philadelphia, on February 22d. Edith Kenderdine Andrews made an ideal toast-mistress, and the following toasts were ably responded to:

Address of Welcome, GERTRUDE GRISCOM "A hundred thousand welcomes."
Our Family Tree, LILA KEESE WILLETS  "Fair tree! for thy delightful shade  'Tis just that some return be made."
Gossip, ETHEL BEARDSLEY "Trifles light as air."
Our Calling,

The Dress Suit Case Girl, . . . . . . . FANNY CHENEY "Neat but not gaudy."

Among the Rushes, . . . . AGNES HALLOWELL LIBBALD "Here's to the maiden of bashful fifteen."

When We are Married, . . . . LAURA MILLER CURRY "If I chance to talk a little while, forgive me."

Birds of a Feather, . . . . . . MARY LOUISE BARTLETT
"True happiness consists not in the multitude of friends,
But in their quality and choice."

Lest We Forget, . . . . . . . AIDA T. EVANS

Beta Iota has two more marriages to announce—that of Grace Blakelee to Mr. Sprague Rockwood, of Chicago, and of Laura Miller to Mr. John P. Curry, of New York. The entire active chapter attended the former, which was a true Kappa affair—a Kappa bride, Kappa bridesmaids and many Kappas among the guests.

And here I cannot help but add that I hope all the chapters are blessed with alumnae as actively interested in the chapter's welfare as ours are. We have seen a great deal of them lately, and the mere coming in contact with them has, as always, inspired us to stronger effort and higher resolve. So Beta Iota, with

loyalty and love of Kappa warm within her, sends to you all, dear sisters, her very best wishes for success and happiness in every phase of your college lives.

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#### GAMMA RHO-ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Last year it was announced that our college was to have a gift of \$60,000, on condition that \$140,000 more should be raised. President Crawford put forth his best efforts, and on January 1, 1902, announced that he had been successful, and that Allegheny has an additional endowment fund of \$200,000. The name of the donor was not disclosed until at our annual college dinner. President Crawford told us that after repeated urgent solicitations he was permitted to tell us that Mr. Frank A. Arters, of Cleveland, Ohio, is our benefactor. Mr. Arters is an alumnus of Allegheny.

The college dinner, held in the gymnasium on Washington's birthday, is one of the most delightful things in our life at Allegheny. Each year Gamma Rho has had the high honor of being represented on the toast-list. This year Dema Bard, '02, responded to the toast, "The Undergraduates."

A chapter of Phi Beta Kappa was established here in February. Allegheny is again taking the lead in basket-ball, and has won nine out of ten games played.

This year, instead of having our customary party, we celebrated the Kappa Kappa Gamma birthday by a delightful spread. Besides the usual toasts, letters were read from our alumnae. These, with the various gifts from them, reminded us forcibly that in Kappa Kappa Gamma there is no such thing as "out of sight out of mind." Perhaps it was a selfish way of observing the day, but we enjoyed it, and our economy helped in the work of refurnishing our rooms. Gamma Rho is even now in the throes of house-cleaning, and when we are again settled our rooms will have new paper and matting, both in the fraternity colors. Everyone has been intensely interested in this work, even the face of Mrs. Potter Brown, our beloved skeleton, seeming to wear an expectant and satisfied expression.

#### BETA PROVINCE.

#### LAMBDA-BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

All too soon has the first half year at Buchtel passed away, and Lambda girls are entering upon the second semester of their college year.

The chapter was entertained by the Akron Alumnae Association at the home of the president, Mrs. A. A. Kohler. This occasion proved especially enjoyable, as it afforded an opportunity for the new girls to meet and become acquainted with the alumnae. Lambda has long felt the benefit to be derived from such an organization, and accordingly heartily sympathized with the plan under way at the first of the year to form an association.

The last few months the chapter meetings have been held at the homes of the different girls, where the time has been principally occupied with the study of fraternity literature; occasional spreads have varied the meetings.

Buchtel has lately received a gift of \$20,000 for the endowment of a new chair. Such generosity is greatly appreciated by all connected with the college, for Buchtel, having risen from ashes, has grown so rapidly that it necessitates a proportionate increase in all departments of the college.

The department of music has been greatly improved this year, and music has been put on the schedule as an elective. New and more competent professors have been secured, and many special students are taking up the work. A pipe organ has been purchased by the college and placed in the gymnasium until the new chapel can be built. This department has arranged a series of very fine musical entertainments, the last of which is to be a recital by the students.

The college lecture course has been very fine and greatly enjoyed by all. The students are looking forward with pleasure to the two remaining lectures by Henry Van Dyke and Dr. F. W. Gunsaulus.

A great deal of interest has been evinced this winter in athletics. The Woman's Association has been very active in basket ball games, and are planning several match games for the near future. A Kappa junior, Louise Horix, is president of the association, and Ada Starkweather, another Kappa, is manager of both freshman and junior basket ball teams.

The college dances, four in number, have formed a pleasant recreation to several of Lambda's girls.

January 18th is recognized by Buchtel as Founders' Day, and was celebrated by appropriate chapel exercises and a reception in the evening, at which a literary and musical program was given by the students.

The old custom of having college socials every week has revived, and many pleasant hours have been spent in the assembly rooms.

All year Buchtel had been looking forward with pleasure to the State oratorical contest held in Akron this month, and was not disappointed in its expectations. H. S. Woodward, of Hiram, will represent Ohio in the interstate contest, and Miss Ada G. Hunt won second place. A great deal of college spirit was manifest, and the enthusiasm of the winning college carried all with it. At the banquet, held immediately after the contest, those taking second place in the local contests responded to the toasts, which were very enjoyable and did credit to the wit and genius of Ohio's young students.

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#### BETA GAMMA-WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

When the main building of our university was burned last December we considered it a dire calamity; but we now recognize the truth of the saying, "Every cloud has a silver lining," for it has been recently announced that through gifts from generous friends of the university, not only will the main building be replaced by a much more splendid structure, but in addition to this there will be two Science Halls, besides one or two other buildings. The announcement was received with great enthusiasm by the students and townspeople, and a celebration was held on Friday, February 22d. This included a torchlight procession, bonfire and other things which are the usual features of such celebrations. We are looking forward to a great increase in numbers next year, and to a university which shall be better in every respect for its seeming misfortune.

In the early part of the term Beta Gamma entertained with a party, at which about fifty guests were present.

We are glad to have three new girls to introduce to you this time. They are Jean Good, Natalie Brown and Glenn Shanklin.

#### BETA NU-OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Now that the bright spring is so near we feel that the intervening months are growing fewer which separate us from that happy week when we shall meet you all, dear Kappa sisters, in Ann Arbor.

Since our last letter Beta Nu has lost two active members. To our regret Margaret and Henrietta Kauffman did not return to college in January. In addition we have also to report Mabel Baldwin's welcome return to us.

One of the pleasant features of this winter has been the meetings with our alumnae. Besides one joint meeting of the alumnae and active chapter we have had two delightful spreads with them. Beta Nu considers herself very fortunate in having an active alumnae association located so near. Their constant encouragement and assistance have been a great benefit to us.

The annual inter-collegiate debate between Ohio State and Oberlin is soon to take place. For this event we are calling up all of our enthusiasm and college spirit, feeling confident that Ohio State will win.

A new but successful departure for the college has been the "Twilight concerts," given in the college chapel once a month for the benefit of the Young Woman's Christian Association. Some of the best musicians of the city have offered their services, and you may be assured these concerts have been appreciated, not only by the students, but also by many people from town.

Of great interest to all the educational world is the contest going on at present in the legislature of Ohio in regard to the increased appropriations for our State University. Some of the smaller colleges that are supported by endowments, and not by the state, are vigorously fighting this measure, owing to the rapid growth of our university.

Thus, in a prosperous college, surrounded by an ever-helpful alumnae, Beta Nu sends greetings and love to all Kappas.

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#### BETA DELTA-UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Our first semester examinations, which everyone dreads, were over by the first of February, so we are now well started on our second semester's work. It is hard for us to realize that over half of the year is gone and that only three months of our college year remains.

We have had no rushing parties this semester, for very few girls enter Michigan in the middle of the year. Jessie Tippie, who was pledged to us late last fall, will be initiated soon. When she is a full-fledged Kappa our chapter will number twenty-two loyal girls.

For some time we have planned to give some kind of a play at our fraternity house. Five of our girls, who call themselves the "Kappa Komedy Klub," got up and presented to us on Washington's birthday a very amusing little farce, "One too many for him." It was a great success in every way. After the play a banquet was given for the troupe, who entertained us with very witty toasts. We were only sorry that the dramatic talent of the club has not been made use of before this, and are urging the girls to appear again as soon as they can prepare another farce.

The Woman's League is making great preparations for a fair which is to be given in the gymnasium some time in March. It is to be a burlesque on a county fair, and will have the usual exhibits, merry-go-rounds and stands. Each sorority will have a booth and will make a specialty of selling one thing. The athletic association will give a minstrel show and will also take care of the animal exhibit.

One of our girls, Rose McDougall, who was affiliated last fall from Kappa chapter, has had to leave college because of sickness. She expects to return soon, and we all hope that she can, for she is a senior in college and wishes so much to graduate this year.

The regents of our university have decided to have a new building erected for the use of the engineering department. It is to have a tank for the testing of naval models, which is to be the finest in any university in the United States.

We are to have a new department next year. The installation of a forestry department has just been accepted. It will probably be a two years' course and will be open only to those who have bachelor's degrees. Professor Davis, formerly of Alma College, has been placed in charge, and is now at work making preparations for next fall.

We are busily making plans for convention, and shall certainly do our best to make it a grand success. We hope that a great many Kappas will be here, for what can more closely unite the fraternity as a whole than our reunions held every two years, when Kappas from east and west come together for pleasure as well as for fraternity work?

#### XI-ADRIAN COLLEGE.

Many pleasant times have been spent by Xi since the last letter to the KEY was written. The winter term has been one of especially hard work for all of us Kappas, but the most pleasant time of the week is when we meet in our dear old Kappa rooms, where we may learn the love and friendship for which KKT is noted.

Friday evening, February 14th, Iva McIntyre entertained Xi chapter at supper in the city. A very pleasant time was passed by all.

We are all looking forward to the happy days of the convention in August. Those of us who expect to attend are already making our plans and hope to meet many sister Kappas and spend a very profitable and happy time.

Xi sends her best wishes to all her sister Kappas.

#### KAPPA-HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

The winter term of school has gone, and there is only the spring term remaining before another year is completed. This is the season when the hardest study and work is being done, and there is less attention given to social affairs, so the Saturday nights when we all come together again in our rooms seem all the more enjoyable.

The first Saturday night of the term we held our annual spread and Christmas tree. Each girl made a gift for the rooms, and as many as spent the Holidays at home brought some of "mother's cooking" for our spread. If you have never had a Christmas tree and spread you surely ought to try it, for each one is more enjoyable than the last.

In the early part of the term it was Kappa's pleasure to entertain for a day one of Beta Tau's alumnae, Miss Morton. Such visits make us wish that we might exchange them oftener.

On Valentine's Day Frances Woodward, Florence Fox and Luella Beers entertained for the Kappas with a charming party. The rooms were decorated with red hearts and many unique games were indulged in.

For the past few weeks sleigh rides have been the popular form of entertainment. On February 9th Phi Pi Phi entertained with a sleighing party and banquet at Reading, Mich.

One of the social events of the year was the annual banquet given by Delta Tau Delta on the eve of Washington's birthday.

We regret very much that Idella St. John was obliged to leave school this term. No one knows how much we shall miss her. Mettie Avery, too, was compelled to leave school on account of poor health. We sincerely hope that both will be able to return later.

The college library received several valuable additions this last term, the largest being a gift from Trustee Ambler of five hundred volumes called "Tales of Time and Place." Many valuable books along lines of sociology have also been acquired.

At present oratorical contests rule the day, and stormy bursts of eloquence are heard in the chapel at all times.

Although the term has been a very uneventful one for Kappa, yet it has been a very profitable one. We are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to meeting all of you at convention.

## GAMMA PROVINCE.

IOTA-DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

The end of the second term is rapidly drawing near, and with it comes the happy thought that we are soon to hear from our sister chapters again through the interesting letters in the Key.

This term has, as usual, been one of hard study and real college work. Students are inclined to look upon the middle term as the most uninteresting of all the year, but no one will deny that it is generally the most profitable.

Since our last letter we have added another enthusiastic Kappa to our roll—Elma Haworth. We feel that she will fill the place left vacant by her sister, who graduated last year.

Three of our girls—Esther Buchtel, Howard Root and Ethel Halstead—have not been with us this term, but we are expecting them all back next term to enjoy with us the bright spring days.

The oratorical contest between the colleges of the state was held as usual at Indianapolis, February 7th. Quite a number of

our girls attended, and the occasion was made very pleasant by the delightful luncheon given by the girls of Mu to the visiting Kappas at the home of Professor and Mrs. Coleman. Pretty Kappa banners were given as favors, and, although the girls of both Butler and De Pauw were confident of victory in the coming contest, all rivalry was laid aside and only Kappa feeling prevailed. Both colleges were doomed to disappointment, for Earlham won the contest; but in spite of that the memories of the visit are happy ones. It is a great help and inspiration to meet and talk with girls of other chapters, and Iota feels herself fortunate in having both Mu and Delta so near that she can come in personal touch with them through visits from the different girls.

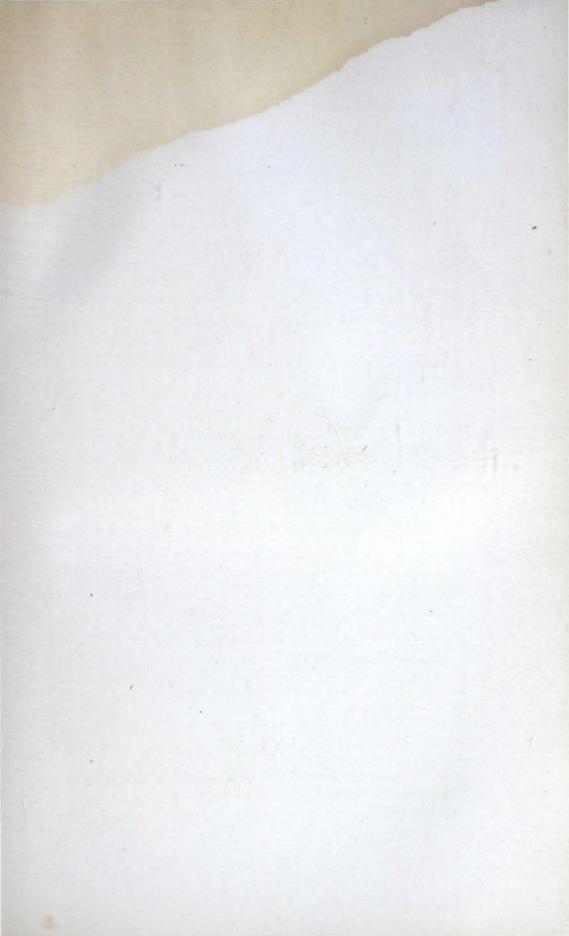
Now there remains but one event of especial importance to tell about. That is our annual valentine party, given this year at the home of Mrs. Dr. Tucker, one of our alumnae. The house was very beautifully decorated with flowers and smilax, and a light, appropriately subdued for Cupid's purposes, was furnished by pink candles. The most popular place in the house was the nook where a "real" fortune-teller presided and dealt out tall, handsome husbands with plenty of money to the maidens, and blue-eyed wives with sweet dispositions to the men. In the dining-room the guests discussed the dainty refreshments and their fortunes at the same time. We felt that our party was very enjoyable, thanks to the kind hospitality of Mrs. Tucker and the efforts of the girls, who were most active in making it a success.

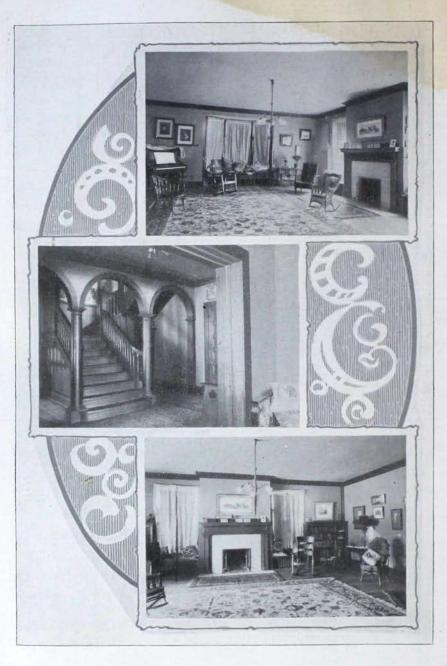
Now we are all hard at work, thinking only of the coming examinations, and making every effort to get through them with credit to ourselves and our fraternity. Then we can breathe freely once more and enjoy with light hearts our spring vacation.

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#### MU-BUTLER COLLEGE.

Mu surely deserves a "well done" this term. We have attempted much and succeeded in everything. Perhaps the "chiefest" success upon which we congratulate ourselves is our new initiate, Auretta Williams. Then Kappa Kappa Gamma has appeared many times as hostess in the society columns of the Collegian. We began the term with an unprecedented series of parties, entertaining each of the men's fraternities.





NEW CHAPTER HOUSE OF ETA-UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

These were scarcely over when February 7th (Founders' Day) came, bringing with it the oratorical contest. At 10 o'clock on that Friday morning the students presented an original play of four acts. The seniors burlesqued "Faculty Meeting," and the juniors submitted the "Sorrowful Slump of the Silly Seniors," being a coup de l'oeil at the seniors ten years after graduation. The sophomores revised Bangs' "The Rehearsal" and gave it with a college setting. The freshmen, being unable to think for themselves, followed in the wake of the seniors. In the afternoon Butler defeated Wabash in basket ball, and at 6 in the evening we entertained seven Iota girls at a spread at Mrs. Coleman's, one of our married sisters. The contest in the evening finished a very busy day, and although Butler's hopes fell from first to third place, she left Tomlinson Hall with a determination to "up again and try another."

At the next meeting of the Kappa Alumnae Club of Indianapolis, on March 1st, we girls are to give a short farce, "Journey's End is Lovers' Meeting." Charlotte Powell and Mary Wickler are to take the leading parts.

On the same day the girls' basket-ball team goes to Earlham, Richmond, Ind. We have a two-fold interest in this game, as four of our girls made the first team. This is our first step out in the college world as athletes, and we are building up great hopes of a successful debut.

But with all our gaiety we have been working hard, and are now working hard for the "exams" looming up on the horizon.

We hope to have with us next spring two of our last year's girls and make the whole school year of nineteen hundred and two notable in Mu's records.

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ETA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.
(No letter.)

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### BETA LAMBDA-UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

Our Thanksgiving contract is now a thing of the past. It was a success in so far as it gave us a longer time to become acquainted with the new girls, but it did not prevent violent rushing as we had hoped—it only prolonged it. Since our last letter we have initiated Leila King, of Rockford, and pledged Ada Lindsay, of

Decatur, and Amy Sides, of Joplin, Mo., who are to be initiated on March 1st.

We gave our first annual reception on January 18th—a banquet in the new Illinois Hall, followed by a dance. It was pronounced a great success, and we greatly appreciated the assistance of our town Kappas and of our friends. Among the out-of-town guests were Blanche Woody, of Iota, and Grace Cochran, of Epsilon, whom we were delighted to meet. A few weeks later Miss Sharp entertained the chapter with cards and Mrs. Scott gave us a tea.

Our many spreads this year, and especially two dinners given us by our pledge, Florence Armstrong, have shown us the pleasures of eating in the house, so that we rashly contemplate a large house for next year with room enough for a culinary department.

We celebrated Washington's birthday at the annual initiatory ball on the 21st and by a Kappa supper on the 22d, at which little hatchets and cherry caps were the prominent features.

Vesper services held Sunda'y afternoon in the university chapel have been recently started by a student movement, and so far have been well supported. They are a great addition to our college life.

Our basket-ball girls are looking forward with a good deal of pleasure to a tournament which will take place in a month, and in which six Kappas will participate.

We are all anticipating the visit of Miss Paxon, of Beta Zeta, who is soon to visit the Young Women's Christian Association, and whom we hope to entertain at the chapter house. We wish that we had more opportunities to entertain our sisters from other chapters.

#### UPSILON-NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

The five Kappas who will graduate this spring at Northwestern are proud to be the first to do so under the presidency of Professor Edmund J. James, formerly of the University of Chicago. The university feels new inspiration in the control of so brilliant, scholarly and withal so genial a man. Visions of a fine new gymnasium, a dining-hall and other improvements dance before the eyes of optimistic students.

A chapter of Chi Omega was installed here this winter, and consists of eight members. This makes the tenth sorority at Northwestern.

The Red Domino Society has also organized, consisting of those who have taken part in college dramatics. The Kappas are doing their share in this line, as usual. Myrtle Strickler very successfully took the part of leading lady in the junior play, "Because She Loved Him So," and Elizabeth Bronson has a leading part in the sophomore play to be given soon.

We have recently pledged Ada Mockford, a sister of Sue Mockford, who was active at the first of the year, but was obliged to leave this climate for the winter.

Upsilon enjoyed a hasty visit from Miss Morton, a Kappa from Syracuse, on her way west in February.

Coming social events of Upsilon are already casting their shadows before. Edith Bradley, a pledge, will entertain the chapter and pledges on March 14th. In May will come the climax of our social activity, the annual Boat Club dance.

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#### EPSILON-ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

We were very slow in pledging this year, and it was nearly Christmas before the blue and blue appeared as forerunner of initiation. But finally the little ribbons which mean so much to the wearer were pinned on six lovely girls, and Epsilon is justly proud to introduce them to her sister Kappas. Their names are Lucy Williams, Betty Jarred, Grace Parker, Christie Parker, Carrie Atkinson and Louie Howell. The vows giving admission to Kappahood were taken January 18th, at Virginia Sinclair's home. Most of the Kappa club were present, helping us to inspire in the babies that love for Kappa which is the cornerstone of fraternity usefulness.

Later in January we gave a small party at Jacoby Hall to formally introduce to the outside world our new members. We were glad to have with us two of our alumnae, Alma Hamilton and Letta Brock.

On the evening of the 21st of February occurred our college banquet. It was the most successful function of the sort that Wesleyan has ever given. Class and college enthusiasm ran high, and yells the product of minds most ingenious were shouted until the large dining-hall was filled with the mirth they provoked. Toasts both witty and serious were listened to, among them being one responded to by one of our number—Mildred Russell. Among

our alumnae present at the banquet from out of town were Grace Cochran and Letta Brock. Both are teaching this year, the former at her home in Sullivan, Ill., and the latter at Delevan, Ill.

Epsilon believes in keeping in touch with her older sisters, so the last Thursday night in February saw us together with all other Kappas in town enjoying a spread at Florence Parritt's. We surely enjoy having our alumnae with us, and hope our sister chapters are as fortunate as we in having such a large number.

Already we are discussing convention, urging our alumnae to go and talking of the time when we shall meet so many, now widely separated, yet bound together by a tie that "shall live, yes, live a thousand years."

### DELTA PROVINCE.

CHI—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

(No letter.)

#### BETA ZETA-IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Beta Zeta chapter to her sister chapters, love and greetings!! We have told you in the January Key of some of our good times and happy prospects for this new year; but in the short part of it that has elapsed we have more than equalled all past records, both in social life and school work.

We have had with us at different times Miss Katherine Jewell Everts, sister of Miss Mary Everts, assistant to the chair of public speaking in the university. They are both loyal Kappas of Chi chapter. Miss Katherine Everts is a dramatic reader of great ability, and we have had the pleasure of entertaining her in our chapter rooms, where she charmed us all one evening by her impersonation of Shakespeare's "Rosalind," given in costume. Ruth Paxon, Beta Zeta, '97, and state secretary for the Y. W. C. A., was here at the time, so it was doubly pleasant for us all. The Kappas went in a body to the last of Miss Everts' dramatic recitals, and afterwards were delightfully entertained by our alumnae and the town Kappas in our chapter rooms.

January 23d was a great day in the history of the university, as the dedication of our beautiful new collegiate building, the Hall of Liberal Arts. The state legislature were guests of honor, and the building was dedicated with all proper ceremony.

On the first Saturday in February we girls are to be at home in our rooms to the mothers and relatives of Kappas and the faculty wives. Then, on the third Saturday, we will entertain the members of the other sororities— $\Delta \Gamma$  and  $\Pi B \Phi$ —and outside girls.

We are fortunate in having back with us this term one of our last year's freshmen, who was not with us in the fall term.

It is the wish of Beta Zeta that all chapters may have as happy a year as this promises to be for us.

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#### THETA-UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

Theta chapter sends greetings to all her sister chapters.

Since the last letter to the KEY we have initiated five new girls—Ella Busch, Mabel Sanders, Mary Walker, Florine Holmes and Nell Smith. Since January, however, Mabel Sanders has gone back to Smith College, where she attended school last year.

We were glad to welcome back Leota Dockery, one of our last year's girls, who has entered school for the second semester. Our chapter now numbers twenty-one girls, of whom we are justly proud. Theta also has two pledges, whose aid she is anticipating next fall.

Our Kappa sisters in town have not forgotten us. Carey Mountjoy, Ella Read, Mrs. Guthrie and Mrs. Gentry have all entertained us most pleasantly this year, thus proving that their interest in Theta is still keen.

Our university is in a very flourishing condition. Our enrollment has now reached 1,563, an increase of 255 per cent. in the last ten years. The plans for the new building, including Reed Hall, the dormitory for girls, are being made, and work on the building themselves will begin this spring.

A number of very fine lectures have greatly added to the pleasures of our school year.

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#### SIGMA-UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

The University of Nebraska has just celebrated the thirtythird anniversary of the granting of its charter with the usual ceremonies and the ever-welcome one day of vacation. The event of most immediate importance to the student body was the dedication of the beautiful pipe organ which was secured by the alumnae association from the commissioners of the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, and which was formally presented to the university on Charter Day, with addresses and music. The organ is said to be one of the first in the west.

Nebraska has the reputation of being progressive, and the rapidity with which her foremost representative—the university—adopts the most advanced ideas is certainly shown by the fact that the commencement orator for 1902 is none other than Booker T. Washington.

Chancellor Andrews spent some weeks, at Christmas time, in California, and the address which he gave on his return made us of "The Great American Desert" envy more than ever our chapters on the coast, in the midst of all that wealth of beauty.

The more we hear and see of our sister chapters the more we find our desire for knowledge increasing. It has not been Sigma's privilege to "go visiting" since our last letter, but we have come more closely in touch with Omega through the visit of the grand secretary, who spent some days with that chapter and brought most pleasing accounts to us of the university and of the girls.

The fact that everything is relative has been impressed upon us with the knowledge that Kansas regards the University of Nebraska as a rich institute, generously dealt with by the state, while we have been in the habit of assuming poverty airs and gazing longingly at Missouri and Minnesota.

We are on the eve of a second annual basket-ball tournament for girls. Last year the 'varsity first team invited the second team and the teams from three high schools in the state to a tournament. We could not help feeling that it was not quite courteous when our team won the magnificent Russian Ramarar which it had offered for the trophy. This year similar invitations have been extended and the 'varsity team is to defend its trophy against the winner of the preliminary contests. We are sincerely hoping that we may continue to drink tea from the Ramarar, and also selfish enough to wish that our second team may win the Roman candelabrum, so that we may have light as well as cheer.

Rushing in Nebraska is so violent that it spends itself—and everybody indulging in it—early, so that we appreciate this year the privilege of a second initiation. Just before the holidays, Mary Jeany, of Lincoln, and Helen Field, of Shenandoah, Iowa.

were initiated, thus making our active membership twenty-three, the largest it has been for six years.

The Lincoln Alumnae Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma entertained Sigma most charmingly not long ago, with Paul Leicester Ford's clever comedy, "Man Proposes." The fun which girls in women's colleges have with their theatricals we are finding in our little plays, where, not only have we the pleasure of acting, but also of wearing dress suits. The programs were gems of art designed by Helen Field in miniature heads and fleur-de-lis.

Thinking that all chapters may not have been mathematically inclined, Sigma wishes to suggest that her sisters spend a little time with the conflict department of the private annual reports, computing gains and losses. The time and labor spent will be abundantly repaid by the satisfactory results.

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

#### OMEGA-UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

When the spring examinations were over Omega girls heaved a sigh, and with renewed energy entered upon the duties of the new semester.

The preceding month has been unusually full of gaities. Our annual dance, to which two hundred invitations were issued, was given on the 24th of January. The hall was prettily and artistically decorated. The walls were hung with white and festooned with evergreen and holly; red incandescent lights suspended from the ceiling of solid evergreen added warmth to the brilliancy of the scene. The dance closed promptly at midnight, and the guests departed with words of praise and congratulation for the success of our party.

We feel much more enthusiastic and encouraged since the short visit of our grand secretary, Miss Whiting. To most of us the members of our Grand Council are strangers, but if they would inspire so much zeal into us and are as charming as Miss Whiting we would be only too glad to welcome them. We hope that an occasion will present itself to other members and that they may come to visit "sunny Kansas."

Saturday morning Miss Whiting met with us at the chapter house. Matters of general and local fraternities were discussed, from which we derived a great deal of help. Our alumnae were benefited equally by her visit. Previously they have met and had their regular fraternity meetings, but now have decided to organize themselves into a formal alumnae association.

Josephine Searles, Maud Spinning, Louise Lewelling and Esther Wilson sent out cards to the remaining active girls, announcing a "Weary," which was to be given February 1st at Miss Wilson's home. Of course from the name we could not surmise what it might be. It proved, however, to be a delightful dinner party, at which we were pleased to have Miss Whiting with us.

The active members and their mothers were entertained delightfully at Mrs. Shearer's home by the alumnae members. The principal feature of the evening was a farce given by seven of the members, and was Paul Leicester Ford's "Man Proposes." The production was very cleverly presented, and was a source of amusement and enjoyment to all. The remainder of the evening was spent in an informal way.

Our next regular "Kettledrum" will be held at the chapter house, March 21st.

During the month of April the chancellor will be elected, and at present the university is eagerly awaiting this occasion.

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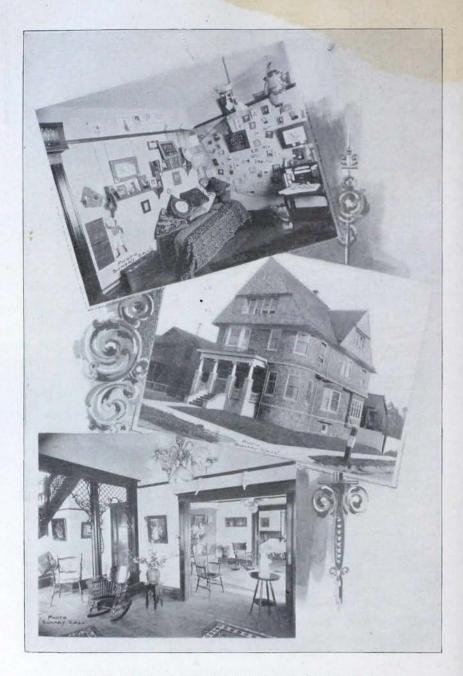
#### BETA MU-UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

The new year has brought some changes into the chapter life of Beta Mu. At the beginning of the second semester we moved into our chapter house. You may believe we are a happy group as we gather in our own house for our weekly meetings. The ten of us who enjoy all the advantages can scarcely believe that more than our fondest hope has been realized.

We are very proud of our new member, June Willits, who was initiated in January. We were surprised and delighted to receive again into our midst Phanie Huntington, who was in the University of Illinois last semester. Through her we feel an especial bond of friendship with our Beta Lambda sisters.

Our most important social function of the year was a valentine party, which was in the nature of a "house-warming." The hall decorations were in blue and blue, while the other rooms





PI CHAPTER HOUSE—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

were bright with red hearts, carnations and American beauties. The evening passed very pleasantly. We are planning some smaller affairs for the near future.

Beta Mu sends greetings to her Kappa sisters, with best wishes for a happy spring.

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#### PI-UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

Pi chapter began this second term of college with nineteen active members, and when this KEY reaches you we will have added to our number two new girls, for next week we will initiate Bessie Reed and Varina Morrow, both of Oakland.

We have been fortunate in having with us a Kappa from Mu chapter, Romaine Braden, who is taking post-graduate work in the University of California. It is always a privilege to affiliate a Kappa from another chapter, for then we realize more fully that the Kappa bonds are indeed far-reaching.

The college world in general is at present interested in a performance that is soon to be given by the Prytannean Society for the benefit of the University Hospital, which is as yet only a fond hope of those interested. The benefit is to consist of a curtain-raiser and a farce written by the students. We are fortunate in having the successful contestants for the curtain-raiser—Aline Sherman and Mabel Donaldson—members of Pi chapter. Irene Hazard, another of our girls, takes the part of the heroine in the curtain-raiser, while Varina Morrow, one of our pledglings, is in the farce.

Each and every Kappa is looking forward with deep interest to the convention to be held at Ann Arbor, Mich. We, as Pi chapter, wish you all success, and with our delegate send our heartiest greetings.

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#### BETA ETA-LELAND STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

How time flies! It seems but a short time since we hurried to our homes for the holidays; now we are back again, busy with work and social duties. Christmas time saw one of our number graduate—Ethel McLellan—while several of the girls were obliged, on account of ill health in their families, to temporarily give up college. Already we have one new Kappa pledg-

ling to introduce to you, Jean Henry, who entered college this semester.

The university is growing these days. The new chemistry building, which is situated near the museum, is nearly finished; while four new buildings—English history, physiology and mechanical engineering—are fast being completed. The new chapel, the finest of its kind on the coast, will be dedicated early in March. It is difficult to give one an idea of the beauty of this structure; mosaic work, carving and rich stained-glass windows all combine to make it wonderfully impressive. Mrs. Stanford has planned also to begin a new library building and a new gymnasium, both of which will be intended to fit the growing needs of the university for fifty years at least.

Several of us are cherishing a hope that we can be at convention this year, even though it is a long journey east. If, however, we all cannot see you there, we all send best wishes to every Kappa. May each one be as happy as we are!





# In Memoriam.

#### KATHARINE WHEELER SWAIN.

Mrs. Swain, initiated by Phi Chapter in 1886, died December twenty-first, nineteen hundred and one, at her home in Boston, Massachusetts.

> EVA DORAINE PHILLIPS, Cor. Sec'y. ALICE QUIRIN, Magister.

#### GORDON FERNOW.

Died, Friday, January third, nineteen hundred and two, at the Cornell Infirmary, after a brief illness, Gordon, only daughter of Professor Bernhard

E. Fernow and Olivia Reynolds, his wife.

Gordon Fernow was born December 11, 1880, in Brooklyn, N. Y. Six years later her father became Chief of the Division of Forestry in the United States Department of Agriculture, and she was thus enabled to attend the public schools and the High School in Washington, finishing her preparation for college at the Friend's School. In 1889 she entered Cornell as a freshman. From the outset she performed her scholastic tasks heartily, and supplemented them by hearty participation in athletic sports. She served three years as captain of the basket ball team, and she rowed in the Sage boat. She was treasurer of the Sports and Pastimes Association and an active member of the Dramatic Club. She early joined the Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity and was elected to Ichthus and to Raven and Serpent, the Sophomore and Junior class societies.

Gordon Fernow had just passed her twenty-first birthday, and among all who knew her, her name was a parable for the health and joyous strength of youth. Her life has been cut short, but it was still long enough to reveal her transparent honesty. Straight-forwardness characterized all that she said and did, for she held simple truthfulness the highest courtesy. Thus she made friends and kept them. And she died as she had lived, with indomitable courage. The promise of a noble womanhood, brave and sweet, is disappointed by her death; and in her own spirit, which was a spirit of

spontaneous honesty, this imperfect tribute to her worth is written.

#### ADA SMART.

The following resolutions were passed at the time of the death of our sister, Ada Smart:

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has deemed it best to take from us

our dear sister, Ada Smart, and,

WHEREAS, Beta Tau Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma feels that through ber death it has sustained an irreparable loss; be it

Resolved, that the earnest and heartfelt sympathy of the chapter be exten-

ded to her family in their bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and that a copy be inserted in the minutes of our chapter.

HARRIET B. WALLACE, '84. MARY E. PRESTON, '02,

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## M EDITORIAL. M

ALPHA PHI Quarterly for February furnishes us with the clipping heading the "College and Fraternity Notes" in this issue, and with that as a text we would like to recall to Kappa minds the interesting history of our "Berlin chapter" of 1892. The Berlin chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma was a unique organization. We do not remember to have heard of fraternity women ever banding themselves together as did these seven loyal girlsall tremendously busy acquiring a "German finish," yet none too busy to meet fortnightly and keep up a real American fraternity chapter in a European university. Scores of articles have been written to enlighten the German mind as to what these "fraternities" are. Clubs and societies they have in abundance, some of them blessed with duelling requirements, and all apparently resonant of steins and merriment; but no article could convey the meaning that must have been conveyed by the actual existence of our little "Berlin chapter." The account of it in the KEY runs, "Promenading in the Saal of the Philharmonia, the last 'American night' of 1891, wishing to see a Kappa, and even with the word on her lips, one of our number saw the gleam of the little familiar key. Soon two Kappas were clasping hands in a way that Kappas have. The next day two others were found; surely that was enough for a Kappa Kappa Gamma meeting, said we, for a Kappa meeting seemed to stand for all that was enjoyable. Wednesday, January 6 [1892], the appointed day, added two more to our number, and these six young women held the first meeting of this as yet unchartered chapter. decided to meet fortnightly. Before the next Wednesday the seventh and last entered our ranks. Since then we have met regularly." The seven girls were as follows: Nell M. Cross, Chi, '86 (now Mrs. T. McF. Knapper), a sister to former Grand President Kate Cross; Nellie M. Franklin, Omega, '88 (now Mrs. John Troutman); Sarah M. Toring, Beta Zeta, '82 (now living at Des Moines); Katherine A. Rood, Eta, '79; Mrs. Jennie A. Howe, Mu, '86; Julia H. McGregor, Lambda, '89 (now Mrs. J. F. McGuire), and Ottilia Poehlman, Lambda, '89 (now Mrs.

Homer J. Miller). A group photograph was taken and sent to the KEY, and now the members are scattered far and wide.

Perhaps this bit of history may catch the eye of some Kappas in Europe to-day and repeat itself, as history is said to do. At all events it should inspire us to form circles of blue and blue wherever the key may go, in the tropical Philippines, in Cuba, in Germany, on the ocean liners—for "wherever their is union there is strength."

#### After Initiation-What?

To the girls being rushed the Greek world seems wholly good and fair. No criticizing word is spoken by one sister of another, good times are shared by all. Then comes initiation, with all its beauty and ideality, and the impression made is strengthened. how much we all can testify. But we cannot always be on the heights, and some day our newer sisters will hear some harsh criticisms, some slighting word, some careless jest, and there is the possibility that we may never fill the same place in their hearts that we have before. They will feel that somehow their god has tin feet and their disappointment will be very, very keen. This time must be carefully watched for by the older girls, and when it comes must be honestly met. We must have them realize that Kappa love and loyalty are very rare things, and though the brightness of their light may be dimmed for a minute, yet in the end will shine and all the purer and stronger. To the new girls there must come the realization of a complete womanhood being striven for, of a love not perfect but looking more and more towards perfection. They must come to know that fraternity is an ideal, but their is power in striving, strength in failing, and maybe a perfect joy in attaining it.

#### Alumnae at Convention.

THE program for the convention to be held at Ann Arbor, August 27th to September 3rd, is a very inviting one. The social side of the week has been well taken care of—a reception, a musicale, a lawn party, a trip to Detroit and a banquet will give us enough diversion from the routine of committee work and business sessions. One feature of the program should be particularly commended. We refer to Saturday morning, August

31st, which is set aside for a meeting of the alumnae. To a very large degree the strength of a fraternity depends upon the interest and support of its alumnae. Among the men we find more enthusiasm by alumni and over alumni than we do in the women's fraternities. This may be due to the age of the organizations. I fear that we women do not feel deeply enough for the things that are past. Former grand officers should be cordially received at convention, special attention should be paid to their advice and counsel. Particularly should the first officers and members fill important places at convention. The KEY wishes that a special effort might be made to encourage the members of the early days and all alumnae to attend conventions.

#### Follow Your Leader.

Were the Key asked to choose a game, most valuable for the training of the coming generation of Kappas, we should suggest "Follow your leader." Every chapter has members with the gift for leadership. Often, however, the gift for following seems not to have been so generously bestowed. Did it ever occur to you that it often means more—more character, more training—to follow enthusiastically, but quietly, than to lead conspicuously, and that a leader cannot lead without followers? Leading is not driving or pulling. Following is the first step toward leadership. The one who is following the leader most closely is at the head of the column when the leader is removed.

#### Prize Keys.

THE prize keys are to be presented at convention—one to the chapter that has secured the largest number of alumnae subscribers for the Key between October 1, 1901, and August 1, 1902, and one to the chapter which has sent the best letter to the Key for the January, April and July issues. This is an opportunity which should not be overlooked.

THE KEY rejoices with Wooster in the way she has so gloriously risen above the ashes. Her benefactors have been generous and the whole educational world must join her in gladness. For our own Beta Gamma chapter we Kappas are particularly happy. The chapter will share in the prosperity of the institution.

#### Grand Officers and the Rank and File.

THERE is often a feeling of awe prevalent among fraternity members towards the grand officers. Such a feeling mitigates against the best work and progress. There is no truer republic anywhere than that of a fraternity. Officers are chosen from the members and by the members, not to rule but to serve and to guide the rank and file. The spirit and the purpose of the Council of Kappa savor of nothing but service. We are sure that a close acquaintance between officers and members will prove this. It is not possible for the officers to visit all chapters, although that would be mutually helpful and pleasant. If the finances would warrant nothing could result in more good to Kappa than this. But since that is not possible at present, the editor wishes to encourage a great number from each chapter to come to convention and meet the officers.

Too many provincial and local phrases are found in the manuscripts to the Key. Such terms and phrases may be intelligible and forcible to your own chapter, but they are lost on the eight hundred other readers of the Key. Let us cease using slang and local terms in the fraternity journal.



## M College and Fraternity Notes

By Marion Evans Twiss, Beta Nu, '97.

"At the last year there were 439 women out of a total of 6,673 students at the University of Berlin. Of these forty were Americans.

"Until 1894 women were admitted by courtesy to hear the lectures of certain members of the faculty, and it was a personal matter with those gentlemen. The government of the university had nothing to do with their coming and going. It was just as if a professor should invite a party of friends. The women paid no fees, attended no examinations and their presence was not officially recognized in any way. majority of the professors would not admit them. In fact, only three or four of the faculty were courteous enough to do so. The innovation was due entirely to American women. They first broke through the red tape that tied the doors against their sex, and their action was not approved by the people of Germany. On the contrary, it was considered a bold, unwomanly and dangerous precedent, and the liberality of the professors who admitted them was severely criticized by their conservative colleagues and the public generally.

"Only three women have taken degrees at the University of Berlin. Two are Americans and one a Jewess. The latter was one of the first women to enter the university and

the first to win a degree.

"The second girl to take a degree was Miss Caroline T. Stewart, of Texas, whose graduating thesis was on Germanic philology, and they say it was the most learned and comprehensive essay on that subject ever read by the instructors in German literature. Miss Stewart and her sister came here in 1895 from Bryn Mawr College, having previously graduated at Michigan University, and Miss Caroline took her degree last year. She has returned to the United States.

"Mary W. Montgomery, of New Haven, Conn., the daughter of a Congregational minister and former missionary, and a graduate of Wellesley College for women, took her degree last summer for oriental languages. She knows Sanskrit, Hebrew, Turkish, Arabic, Greek and Egyptian, and is probably the most accomplished woman in the world in those branches of learning. While Miss Montgomery has passed her examinations and received her diploma, she has yet to go through the formality of "promotion," as they call it. The ceremony takes place next month, after which she will return to the United States to apply her vast learning to some useful purpose.

"While women are not yet admitted to the University of Berlin upon an equality with men, they are rapidly gaining ground, and the behavior and ability of American students has done more than any other influence to win their present privileges."—Alpha Phi Quarterly.

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- KKΓ.—All Kappas will watch with interest news of the building of the Bona Thompson memorial library at Butler College, Irvington, Ind. Bona Thompson was a member of Mu, '97. After graduating she studied at Wellesley and traveled in Europe, but returned home only to enter the "Chapter Grand." Her parents have presented the college with a beautiful piece of ground for a site and \$60,000 for a library, to commemorate her short, lovely life. The artist, T. C. Steele, is painting her portrait to be placed in the library. The Key hopes to be able to present a cut and a detailed description of this building, through the courtesy of Mu's corresponding secretary, in the near future.
- \(\Sigma\) A.E.—Sigma Alpha Epsilon initiated the twenty-five members of Alpha Kappa Pi, a local society at Minnesota, as a chapter on January 27th.
- $\Phi$  K  $\Sigma$ .—Phi Kappa Sigma has entered the University of Wisconsin as the twelfth national fraternity there, starting with twenty-one men.
- Φ K Ψ.—Phi Kappa Psi installed a chapter at Brown University, February 28th. The petitioners were not organized as a local, but "having their minds set on Phi Kappa Psi or nothing, they decided that if their petition was defeated they would entirely disband and not try any other fraternity." With a recent endowment of \$2,000,000, a gift of \$75,000 from Mr. Rockefeller for a student building and a \$10,000 gymnasium already built, Brown University is a fine field for fraternity expansion.
- $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ .—Phi Gamma Delta has been petitioned by Pi Phi, a local society at Brown University.
- XΩ.—The Supreme Governing Council of the Chi Omega fraternity announce the installation of Xi chapter at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., December 6, 1901; also of Nu chapter at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis., January 28, 1902. This gives Chi Omega nine chapters, only two less than Alpha Phi, which has been in existence since 1872.
- ΘΔX.—The new editor of the Theta Delta Chi Shield is Mr. Charles Schmid, Jr., of Cresskill, N. J.
- Δ Y.—Edgar S. Bloom is the new president of the Council of Delta Upsilon. He is a graduate of Pennsylvania, class of '95.

- K Z.—Kappa Sigma has two new chapters, both established early in February, one at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., and the other at the University of Denver.
- ∑N.—Sigma Nu annouces a "baby chapter" installed at the State College of Kentucky, January 18th.
- \(\Sigma\) A E.—The *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon has a new editor-in-chief, Mr. Champe S. Andrews. He has one assistant and three associate editors.
- Δ K E.—Delta Kappa Epsilon, in recent convention, passed the much-needed amendment prohibiting honorary membership. As the editor says:

"We don't need honorary members, we don't want them; and now, we can't have them. All these possibilities, which for years have attracted and pestered us with a crowd of applicants that would discount, in point of pertinacity and political maneuvering any crowd of office-seekers we have ever seen, have been removed."

Twenty-three states and Canada are now represented on  $\Delta$  K E's roll of forty chapters, "the golden chain stretching from Maine to California, and from Montreal to New Orleans." The fraternity has not lost a chapter for a generation, except the Alpha chapter at Harvard, whose charter was taken away by vote of the convention in 1892.

- Φ B K.—Phi Beta Kappa celebrated its 125th anniversary on December 5, 1901, on which occasion President Roosevelt was presented with the badge of the fraternity. Fifty-three chapters of this greatest of honorary fraternities are now in existence, recent ones having been chartered at Vanderbilt, Allegheny and Illinois.
- $\Phi$  K  $\Psi$ .—Phi Kappa Psi will celebrate its semi-centennial jubilee at Pittsburg, April 1st-3d. The exact anniversary was February 19, 1902, and on that date the several chapters commemorated the event with appropriate exercises. The celebration at Pittsburg will include a Grand Arch Council, a visit to the birthplace of the fraternity—Cannonsburg, Pa.—a model initiation and the usual banquet.

#### CONVENTIONS.

A  $\Delta \Phi$ .—Alpha Delta Phi holds its annual convention at Washington in May.

Δ Y.—Marietta chapter has invited Delta Upsilon to hold the sixty-eighth convention at that place during the first week in October, 1902.

ZΨ.—Zeta Psi held its annual convention at Brown University the last week in February.

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 $\Delta$   $\Gamma$ .—Delta Gamma suffered severely in the burning of their new chapter house at Syracuse, on Christmas morning.

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"The increasing number of women who take a college course is seen in the fact that within a year the National Association of Collegiate Alumnae has added 1,400 members to its roll, bringing its total membership up to 4,000. Twenty-two colleges are represented in the association.

"There is no similar national organization of college men, but the women have found theirs a most useful body. One of the ways in which it has been most useful is in opening several foreign universities to American women by first

creating and then maintaining foreign fellowships.

"One of the association's standing committees keeps a close watch on educational legislation. Another, of which the president of Bryn Mawr is the chairman, has just presented to the annual meeting at Buffalo the results of a study of 6,000 cases of collegiate and non-collegiate women, designed to show the beneficial effects of a college course upon a woman's health."—Alpha Phi Quarterly.

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"Songs of Eastern Colleges," published by Hinds & Noble, has been received at the Key office and is hereby acknowledged. The compilation is the work of Messrs. Atkinson and Carter, Harvard and Princeton graduates respectively, and is superior to any book of its kind we have seen, so far as typography, binding and general appearance goes. The "co-ed" colleges at last receive adequate attention, and the colleges for women have reason to be proud of their contributions. Barnard's "Morningside," set to the familar tune of "Mandalay," is especially effective. On the whole the book is a real treasure and has every claim to fulfill its purpose stated in the preface—"(1) To provide the eastern college students with songs which are always sung when they gather together; (2) to deepen the spirit of brotherhood already existing between college fraternities as they learn to sing each other's songs."

"Songs of Western Colleges" is also now in press and promised

for the near future.

[Songs of Eastern Colleges, compiled by R. W. Atkinson and Ernest Carter. Hinds & Noble, 1901. 198 pp., Q.]

The author of the article on fraternities to appear in Dodd, Mead & Co.'s new International Cyclopedia is Mr. Mansfield Allen,  $A \Delta \Phi$ , of Amherst. Mr. Allen has also done some very fine work for the Bookman, with which he is associated. His best critic and advisor is, no doubt, Mrs. Mansfield Allen, whom we most readily recognize as our brilliant and beloved Lucy Evelyn Wright, for two terms Grand President of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

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#### THE NEW COLLEGE PRESIDENTS.

Northwestern has for its new president Edmund J. James, Ph. D. (Halle), a great authority on municipalities, one of the organizers and presidents of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, and recently professor of economics in the University of Chicago. Professor James is a member of  $\Phi K \Psi$ .

Colby's new president, Charles L. White, is a graduate of Brown University and a  $\Delta Y$ .

Columbia's new president is Dr. Nicholas M. Butler, a member of the faculty of that university since 1885.

Williams has for a new president Dr. Henry Hopkins, of Kansas City. Dr. Hopkins is a son of Mark Hopkins. He is a Williams graduate, class of '58, and has long been a trustee of his alma mater.

At the University of Wisconsin Dean Birge is acting president until a successor to Dr. Adams is elected.

"Sixty-four per cent. of the students at Dartmouth are fraternity men. As the college has an enrollment of 768, over 400 students in the university wear Greek letter badges. The fraternities, with the number of their members, are as follows: ΨY, 34; KKK, 42; A ΔΦ, 42; ΔKE, 37; ΦΔX, 43; ΦΔΘ, 38; BΘΠ, 34; ΣX, 23; ΦΚΨ, 36; ATΩ, 32;  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ , 31, and  $\Delta T \Delta$ , 30.

"At Columbia University \$\Phi \Delta \Theta has 84 members, and

B @ II 58."—Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly.

"The proposed Pan Hellenic rushing scheme concerning which we wrote in the last issue of the Quarterly has been abandoned because of failure of the fraternities to accept any of the propositions made by the committee. This committee was made up of professors and students representatives of the various Greek organizations in the university." -Alpha Phi Quarterly.

#### LITERARY ITEMS.

William Allen White, the originator of the famous "What's the matter with Kansas?" and the author of those exceedingly sharp and brilliant sketches of politicians in *McClure's Magazine*, is a member of  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .

George Horton, author of "Like Another Helen," is a Delta Tau Delta.

The enterprising editor of the *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta has succeeded in securing college annuals from all the institutions where  $\Phi\Delta\Theta$  is represented, except one. Twenty of these are reviewed in the December *Scroll* and the following interesting items called therefrom:

ΓΓΠ is the feminine @ N E at DePauw. (Obsit omen!)

The women's medical department at Northwestern University has been dropped, being a losing investment of \$25,000 a year. All this in spite of the fact that a princess from India matriculated from that department last fall.

At DePauw the junior class boasts of exactly four non-frater-

nity men and four non-sorority women.

A new local sorority at Brown is  $\Theta \Delta T$ .

At Case School, Cleveland, @NE is almost entirely supported by non-fraternity men. TB'II (honorary) is a new engineering fraternity there.

 $\Phi \Gamma B$ , a local at Wisconsin, is said to be petitioning  $A \Delta \Phi$ .

Wisconsin has repeatedly petitioned  $\Delta$  K E without success.

Non-fraternity men at Vermont numbered nine in 1901, ten in

1902.

The Badger (Wisconsin) is dedicated to Adam and Eve, the original pair who started the practice of co-education; to seek higher branches they took to the trees, where the snake was the first to give apt information—that ophidian reptile whose insinuations caused instant expulsion and loss of degrees."

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#### THE "CENTURY" PRIZES.

A member of Delta Upsilon, Mr. John Erskine (Columbia, '00) has won the *Century* prize for the best poem offered by a 1900 graduate. As mentioned in the January Key, a member of Phi Kappa Psi carried off the prize for the essay. Now, where are

the fraternity women?

The first year these prizes were offered (1898), all three, essay, poem and story, were written by women. Miss Hotchkiss and Miss Gallaher, both Vassar graduates, and Miss Branch of Smith College were the clever and successful winners. In 1899, another girl, Miss Wildman of Western Reserve, and in 1900, Miss Jenney of the University of Wisconsin, wrote the prize stories. Kappas to the fore!

The following clipping in this connection is interesting. It reviews Mr. Erskine's poem mentioned above.

"During the last few months several congratulatory dinners and receptions have been given to silver-haired poets and literary men who could have said with truth, as did one of our great generals on a like occasion, 'I thank you for the tremendous furore with which you have received me, for I know it is as heartfelt on your side as it is well-deserved on mine.'

"It is true that the early work of good poets and prose writers seldom gives an idea of what the future has in store, but when a poem, for instance, does suggest that at last that a real poet has arrived, it seems to me that he deserves at least a passing notice. That a poem is a prize poem and a magazine poem, and that the poet is so very young that he only graduated from Columbia in 1900-he must be about the age of Keats when he wrote 'Endymion'-are rather heavy weights to carry in the race for fame, and yet in The Century of January, under all these adverse circumstances, is a poem of great originality, beauty and strength. I have not the least knowledge who Mr. John Erskine, A. B., may be, but I do know that he is a poet worthy of early recognition, if his future work fulfills the promise that his "Actaeon" gives us. It is natural that a recent graduate should choose a classical subject, but his treatment of it is as modern as one could wish, and savors rather of the Greek than the Roman bards. The description is not loaded with the details of the 'Ovidian transformation.' Dian's perfection of beauty and Actaeon's absorbed wonder are opposed in a sylvan solitude undisturbed by Ovid's undulating nymphs, and throughout the poem there is restraint rather than a tending toward the 'diffuse and opulent.' I have felt called upon to bring 'Actaeon' to your favorable notice, for the author may be one of the Greek poet's 'other men,' who will finish the task or take the place of some of the silverhaired gentlemen already mentioned; but if sudden fame is what he seeks, he ought to have rowed stroke in the Columbia crew or have been the captain of her football team."

-S. Q., in the N. Y. Times.

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The following gloomy and unpromising bits of news have come northward with the birds:

"A bill banishing women from the University of Mississippi has been introduced in the state legislature, now in session. The measure has passed the lower house."

On this event no remarks seem necessary.

"By the Trustees.—Resolved, that no new members shall be added to such Greek letter societies in the University of Mississippi during the remainder of the sessions of 1902 and

1903.

"There are 225 students at the University of Mississippi. There are ten fraternities, with a membership distributed as follows: Delta Psi, 15; Phi Delta Theta, 20; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 14; Delta Tau Delta, 8; Sigma Chi, 20; Phi Kappa Psi, 11; Kappa Alpha, 15; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 10; Chi Omega, 9; Tau Delta Theta (local), 6."

These retrogade movements of universities of the south, now being practiced by Missouri, Tennessee, Arkansas, South Carolina and Mississippi—state universities—is undoubtedly due (1) to the extremely active and ofttimes malicious jealousy of the non-fraternity element; (2) to the failure of the university faculties to realize that the fraternities, properly sympathized with, are powerful forces for good in a college. The first cause may be itself caused by an aristocratic exclusiveness practiced (to their own detriment) by fraternity men of the south. Apparently this is where the fraternity men must unbend. Why not initiate about two-thirds of the rebellious barbarians? Why not initiate the presidents and faculties in toto? All our presidents up north are fraternity men. And has the fraternity world any better friends on earth than President Schurman of Cornell or President Eliot of Harvard; or, for that matter, "President Roosevelt of Washington?"

On the second point the following seems pertinent and sufficient:

"It is said that the fraternity affairs at the University of
Missouri during commencement week attract larger crowds
than the college exercises proper."

Do the presidents, then, actually resent the presence of "such crowds?" Several of the fraternities have taken occasion to think Kappa Alpha a trifle too warm in their expressions of disgust of the matter of exclusion. Kappa Alpha is affected far more closely than any other fraternity by this movement. Seven of her chapters already lie in the "fraternity cemetery," killed by legal exclusion. Let the brothers in Pan Hellas rather join forces and strengthen the fraternity system of the south by giving help and advice in renovating it and in eliminating its imperfections and (possibly) its absolute faults and failures.

The following refers to the Arkansas bill:

"Every fault that could be found with the university was laid at the door of the fraternities. The same legislature which declared a fraternity man unfit to teach in the State University elected a fraternity man lieutenant-governor.

"No immediate effects of the bill were apparent, although the last clause stated that the bill should go into effect at once. The few members of the faculty who happened to be alumni of the local chapters transferred their membership elsewhere, the bill having been construed to refer only to those fraternity men of the faculty who had been initiated by these chapters."—Eleusis of Chi Omega.

[Since these words were written, the letter from which we now quote came to hand, and this information throws quite a different light on the matter. It is from a prominent student at the University of Mississippi and a member of one of the beleaguered

fraternities-Sigma Chi.

"The action of the Board of Trustees, however, was not because of any antagonistic feeling on their part towards fraternities, but rather a protective measure which they took in the interest of fraternities; for had they not taken some action in the matter it would undoubtedly have been taken up by the recent session of the state legislature, and possibly might have resulted in the exclusion of fraternities from the university altogether by a state law.

"The anti-fraternity feeling of which I just spoke is the result of the activity of a few non-fraternity students of the university. This feeling was greatly intensified during last session, when several non-fraternity men were caught cheating on examination, which resulted in an investigation by

the student body which was led by fraternity men.

"The fraternities have taken the matter very quietly and have succeeded to a great extent in correcting the false impressions abroad by quiet, conclusive methods."



#### EXCHANGES.

By MARION EVANS TWISS, Beta Nu, '97.

"Students are the natural mediators between the academic and the human, between gown and town; and of these mediators not the least important are these Greek-letter societies; these societies which preserve for the student something of the social life of ancient Greece, which redeem the student from the secretiveness, the reserve, the fastidiousness, the unsympathetic and the carping criticism which the academic atmosphere develops; which

keeps him sound-hearted, wholesome and still human.

"Who else should mediate but the generous youth of universities, blessed with all the ardor and all the generosity of youth? all the ardor to learn and follow truth at every cost, wherever it may lead, however rough the road, however sad the goal; and all the generosity which believes in its native land and in its country's cause; which loves with a warm and an undoubting love the fellow-countrymen whom it has seen, before professing to love the foreigners it has not.

"The Greek-letter societies among others pour another stream into all vessels capable of receiving it, the stream of natural interests, of youthful pleasures and youthful ambitions, the stream of the milk of human kindness; and even some of the ancient follies and ancient rebellions of youth will seem to you less foolish when you see that some of them are prompted by

nothing worse than camaraderie and good fellowship.

"These are they which have tried to conserve all that is sound in the academic life, the spirit of scholarship and truth-seeking, the spirit, too, not less essential, of discipline and order and hard work, while adding thereto the other and the popular spirit of manly, youthful interests and good-fellowship; which have cultivated equally the love of law and the law of love; which have preserved upon the faces of their votaries alike the native hue of resolution and the pale cast of thought; in a word, which have striven to reach the ultimate ideal, the ideal of the greatest Athenian statesmen in his greatest speech, and to say with him φιλοσοφοῦμεν ἄνευ μαλαχίας "we are all scholars here, yet have not thereby ceased from being men."—From "A Dream of Greek Letters," by Prof. Maurice Hutton, Δ Y.

#### PAN-HELLENISM—A SYMPOSIUM.

(I.) IDEALS.

Pan-Hellenism is the watchword of all intelligent believers in the fraternity system of the United States. It is not the name of a great combination, an iron-clad trust, for no such combination exists. It is rather the name for the *spirit* which prompts us to say, reverently, "Fraternity," oftener than we boast, "My fraternity."

As believers in the "fraternity idea," sharers, we trust, of this larger spirit, it behooves us to learn all we can about our sisters and brothers of the Greek world, to study those fundamental principles which underlie all Greek-letter fraternal organizations, and to co-operate (where it is wise and practicable) in Pan-Hellenic enterprises. As the *Delta of Sigma Nu* says:

"Certainly no one can know too much about his own fraternity. And one should not stop at his own fraternity, but learn all he can about all the Greeks. It is an accomplishment, when meeting men of other orders, to be able to discuss general fraternity matters intelligently, and the inability to do so is a sign of ignorance or bigotry that is intolerable in this age. 'Interfraternity courtesy is promoted by outer-fraternity knowledge.' In the spiking season, when new men are being rushed, one hears all about the good qualities of various fraternities. Why not be fortified with this information yourself? Do the qualities claimed really exist, and are they virtues as claimed, or are they in reality defects? Know the facts. Another reason, unless you study the whole fraternity system, you cannot act with proper information and judgment when considering your own fraternity's policies. Indeed, until the underlying principles of the fraternity system are thoroughly studied and understood, one is not competent to aid in determining the wisest and most successful policies for even his local chapter to pursue.

"Finally, the fraternity system, like everything else that is not dead or dying, is progressive. It is governed by the law of evolution and development. The fraternity system of today is superior to the fraternity system of the past, and each year brings forth some policy that must be met and disposed of. We must not lag behind in knowledge, policies or progress. But to be up to date we must understand the underlying principles of fraternity life, the history of fraternity system, and be fully informed con-

cerning all other college fraternities."

<sup>&</sup>quot;There is less inquiry of late years concerning the relative standing of the fraternities than there used to be. Probably this is due to a real growth in strength among them all, so that few of the fraternity now feel that the organization of his choice is either superior or inferior to any other. Indeed, most fraternity men are now quite indifferent to the opinion of their fellow Greeks concerning their fraternity. The fraternities are gradually approaching a level in this respect. A few superior organi-

zations are forging ahead faster than others, but after all there is not so much difference. The relative position of two fraternities, one five years old and the other twenty years old, is noticeable. When one is twenty-five and the other forty it doesn't make so much difference. Young active chapters of aggressive societies successfully rival old conservative chapters of less pushing orders, the vicissitudes of life change the standing of chapters at the same college, and ten years often make a vast difference. It is fast becoming axiomatic that the average fraternity man is a gentleman."

Certainly, the relative standing of a fraternity is a delicate subject, but an intelligent knowledge of the size, publications, prominence of alumni, etc., is a good elective for any initiate to take. The rapid changes in numbers, achievements and chapter rolls make a study of even the latest edition of "Baird" insufficient.

Nevertheless, certain tests endure. When the gleam of a new badge catches your eye, when you are learning to admire somenew "Greek" friend, or when "another, not a brother," looks to you for that unqualified admiration which the sterner sex expects, let your conversation show an intelligent and really appreciative knowledge of her (or his) fraternity. Mr. T. Alfred Vernon,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$  (than whom there are few better authorities) furnishes a rational test:

"How can we judge when a society is well or badly managed? By looking at its roll of chapters, noting how many dead ones they have; by learning at how many places they stand best, how many houses they own, how many they hire where they do not own. If the society issues a magazine, is it edited with ability and care, does it come out on time? Are its pages filled with the doings of its members and the honors they are achieving, and are its editorials teeming with inspiration and wise advice to the boys? Beyond all these things mentioned, I know you will agree with me that comfortable, well planned, tastefully decorated chapter houses mark a society of high standing, make it creditable to its members, attractive to the college students and the outside world and are perpetual monuments of the interest, admiration and love of its members who have lived in its benign influence."

Appreciation is a duty, too, as well as an accomplishment. The Arrow, in almost every issue, has some good word to say for other daughters of Athens. The following is from the January number:

"We forget that every fraternity has its ideals which it strives to live up to; we forget that every fraternity has its trials and disappointments; we forget that it is wrong to judge a chapter by any one of its members, and most of all we forget that a fraternity's spirit and ideals cannot always be judged by our chapter. Have we the right to criticise a fraternity as a whole when we have only one chapter in mind? In our fraternity have we not chapters that are weaker than others? How mercilessly we pass judgment on others, never stopping to consider what they may think of us. \* \* \*

"Let us at least show respectful consideration for the principles of others. A fraternity's standing in a college must depend largely upon its relations with the other Greek letter societies. Our attitude toward them should be one of cordiality and liberality. We should be quick to see and appreciate their good points, and slow to denounce their weak ones. While we, of course, have our own ideas and methods, our pride need suffer no humiliation if we occasionally profit by the examples of others. This is not a new thought, nor is it intended as such. Let it merely serve as a gentle reminder, 'Lest we forget.'"

Sigma Nu takes a jolly little way of reminding us that "there are others," and that the judgment of youth is oft too hasty. It is called "Fraternity Fallacies."

"Fraternity chapters are made up of fallible mortals, and have the additional fallibility that inheres in youth. As a result there are a variety of fraternity fallacies popularly current. We select only seven for enumeration.

"Freshman Fallacy—'Fraternity men are the people, the only people, and the whole people, and our particular fraternity is

the capstone of the system.'

"Sophomore Fallacy—'Our chapter has more difficulties to contend with than any other in college. The others have lower dues, no differences of opinion and an easy time, while we have to hustle to make our chapter succeed.' (We remark, in passing, that the last clause of this statement is not, by itself, a fallacy, but strictly true.)

"Junior Fallacy—'This year is the best our chapter ever had. We have made the chapter far superior to what our predecessors left it. We regret, however, that unlike the alumni of all the other fraternities in this college, our alumni give us no support

and care nothing for us.'

"Senior Fallacy—'It is really too bad. We have just got this chapter into good shape and know how to run it properly, and now we are called away. These mere boys we leave behind us are not competent to run the chapter right. They need older members to guide them.'"

Kappa Alpha seems to have become fairly enamored of the Pan-Hellenic idea, and like all true southerners, nothing is too good for the lady of his choice. The general article in the September number of the *Journal* is too lengthy for quotation in full, but it is a very thorough study of the subject, albeit somewhat visionary and ornate. But to Kappa Alpha belongs the credit of proposing the St. Louis Pan-Hellenic building in 1903. Honor to whom honor is due. We shall give them a page to that presently. Meanwhile, from the September article:

"In some cases the observer has had cause for thinking ill of the fraternity system for some such reason, but it is not the fault of the system, but the failure of some chapter or some man to live up to the ideals of the fraternity it or he is a member of. And so it is an obligation that one fraternity owes to all the rest not to allow a chapter of its own to exist at a college it knows is not capable of furnishing the proper material. I know of several cases in my own state where fraternities have chapters at certain institutions where it would be far better for the fraternity itself and for the cause of Pan-Hellenism if the charter of that chapter were to be withdrawn."

"A council [formed of representatives from the various fraternity chapters in a college] would save a great many severe disagreements which often arise between different chapters at the same institution, when at the bottom the greatest fault is that the chapters have not understood the motives of the other. There have been cases where one chapter supposed that another chapter was trying to do a certain thing, and acting on that supposition made an attempt to check it that resulted in a pitched battle between the two chapters. When the matter was explained by both sides after it was all over it was found that both chapters had imagined an entirely different state of facts than had really existed.

"Besides settling disputes this council would be often valuable in lining the fraternities up for any concession that they might desire to obtain from the faculty. It would strengthen the position of fraternities in that particular college and would enable them to carry on a victorious war against the barbarians. At heart the object of all fraternities is the same, and a chapter can often best help itself by helping others."

Other suggestions follow, but "battle," "enemy," "barb," "no gentleman" and other belligerent terms imply a heated condition of affairs which we do not find among Greek women, so we omit further clippings. Equally absurd seems this suggestion:

"From the supposition that every man who wears the pin of a reputable Greek-letter society is a gentleman we adduce the fact that it is an obligation each fraternity owes all the others that it shall not permit to be initiated into its ranks a man who is not a credit to Hellenism. Each chapter owes that obligation to the fraternity at large and the fraternity is under the same obligation to all the world. The Greek-letter fraternity pin has come to be looked upon as a badge of good breeding, and no reputable fraternity can afford to allow that supposition to be nullified by the discovery that one of its members is not a gentleman and fit for the confidence of other fraternity men."

If one's respect for one's own fraternity would not preclude any such mistakes, surely so hazy a thing as loyalty to Pan-Hellas could not do so.

However, Kappa Alpha's heart is in the right place.

Phi Gamma Delta's editor expresses the newest phases of interfraternity courtesy. Time was when stringent measures to enforce "anti-lifting" practices seemed necessary, when some fraternities wanted to "compel" fraternity courtesy. Nothing is needed now but free growth of a spirit already well-nigh universal.

"One of the pleasing features of the fraternity journalism of today, and itself indicative of a sentiment becoming continually more general among Greek-letter men and women is the fair and courteous, even generous, tone which marks the discussion of topics of general Hellenic interest. It is significant of the cordiality of existing inter-fraternity relations, and an answer to some of the aspersions of our evidently ill-informed critics, that sharp practices are universally condemned and such honesty and courtesy advocated as are not incompatible with a zealous yet honorable self-interest. One is not necessarily the poorer partisan that he is a true patriot, or a less genuine patriot because he is able to discern the good in those who dwell beyond his own native borders. An intense personal ambition does not of itself render one a less considerate fraternity brother, nor the fact that he is devoted to the welfare of his own fraternity imply an inability to discern and give credit to the excellence in the wearer of a different badge. The writer confesses he can arouse little enthusiasm within himself in the contemplation of any scheme for inter-fraternity organization or affiliation. What is needed, it seems to him, is not organization of any kind, but a constant and universal acknowledgment of that nobility common among Greekletter men and women, which if not accorded to each other can hardly hope for recognition or appreciation by those without the Hellenic pale."

#### (2.) PRACTICAL PAN-HELLENISM.

Now for the practical side. In 1890, Phi chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma issued invitations for a general conference of women's fraternities, and in April, 1891, the first Pan-Hellenic convention of women's fraternities convened, at the call of KKF, in Boston. The conference was remarkably successful, the impetus gained did much toward the happy meetings and greetings at the Columbian Exposition two years later. The St. Louis World's fair is near at hand, and this time Kappa Alpha is the first to suggest a building for the accommodation of fraternity men and women visiting. Last fall they wrote:

"It can be readily seen that it would be quite an attraction to the exposition to have this building. It would be a veritable mecca for Greek-letter men from all parts of the world. There they could meet and interchange courtesies. The conventions of the different fraternities could hold their sessions there. Our plan would be to have parlors and reading rooms on the lower floor and a large convention floor above. There would be no allotments of space or formal exhibits further than pictures to cover the walls, banners of the different orders and such other things as they should wish to display."

The call for money to erect such a building proved unnecessary, as this notice appears later:

"We had an article in the last issue of the *Journal* on a proposed building at the world's fair in St. Louis for all fraternities. The writer proposed that all the fraternities unite in building such a place where the different Greek-letter societies could hold their conventions and meet each other. We invited all other organizations to unite with us in our effort. One order has given indication of doing so. That one is Phi Gamma Delta.

"It now appears that we will get a building at the exposition without the expenditure of a cent. When this is done, let us see how eagerly the other organizations will fall in, try to claim the credit for the whole thing, and really try to take charge of every-

thing in sight. That is the way of the world."

No, we don't believe that is the way of the fraternity world at least. We shall look forward to meeting the author of this article and congratulating him on the idea next summer at St. Louis. There is still work to be done, committees to be appointed, councils to be held.

Kappa Alpha Theta has a little reproof for the idlers who take all the credit, too, but it is a good-natured one and very keen.

#### THE THINKERS AND THE WORKERS.

"What is This?

- "This is a Committee Meeting. What does a Committee do?
- "Various Things. These Two Girls are the Working-Members.

" Are there any Other Members:

"Oh, yes. Five Others. They are the Thinking-Members.

"What do they Think?

"They think that the Other Six are at the Meeting.

"What else do they Think?

"They think that the Little Things don't Matter. They Mean to Do Big Things.

"Is that what a committee is for?

"No; a committee is to do a Lot of Little Things.

"Then Why are the Thinkers Members?" They think the Committee is a Big Thing.

"Why do the Working Members look Tired?" They have Done All the Little Things.

"But That was not Much?

" Not Much for Seven, but a Great Deal for Two.

"Oh, that's what makes the Committee a Big Thing, isn't it?" You are mistaken. The Committee is a Big Thing because It Is Put In Print.

"Do the Working Members ever Think?

"They seldom Have Time. But they Believe.

"What do they Believe?

"That One thing is Reliable. They call it Love. It never Fails, they say.

"Do the Thinkers Believe, too?

"Oh, yes. They Believe that the Biggest Thing in the World is Self."

Finally, the best thing the Pan-Hellenic spirit could inspire—in a practical way—would be a Greek Press Club, which could meet to discuss problems of interest to editors of all fraternity and sorority journals alike.

#### (3.) Unpractical Pan-Hellenism.

We do not believe in a Pan-Hellenic council which should have legislative powers; even the fraternities, individually, have to legislate very cautiously upon some subjects, such as rushing contracts, Theta Nu Epsilon and Omega Psi, and to make exceptions and grant privileges, and it is hardly to be supposed that a Pan-Hellenic council could "agree with his adversary" more quickly.

We do not believe in a permanent social organization of all fraternities. Our own society demands all our spare time for that. As to agreements against "lifting," initiating members expelled from other fraternities, etc., many already forbid that, and all frown upon it. The growth of the Pan-Hellenic spirit, here also, will do more than any legislation.

At our next convention these serious Pan-Hellenic matters may be discussed. We hope they will be. We hope also to hear some good toasts, poems and stories, and so we insert a few samples. Here is the best poem appearing in this quarter's exchanges:

#### A TOAST.

Hey! the days when Knights strove boldly On tilting fields of Gold! Hey! the Blue swords flashing coldly From many a silken fold! There Faith made strong its Sacrifice And Honor found its due-Where Life and Love paid their sweet price Beneath the Gold and Blue.

Though dulled is now that garish light The halo still is there, Fair brows, e'en sweet and clear as light Blue eyes and Golden hair. Aye-pass the toast right merrily To D. U. girls so true, Sweet symbols still of sovereignty-Beloved Gold and Blue. -ARCHER BUTLER HULBERT, Marietta, '95.

And yet it is no better than this, from the Alphi Phi Quarterly:

A RUSHING SONG.

Air: "Ha! Ha! the Wooin' O't!"

Golden Autumn's here once more. Ha! Ha! the rushing o't! Open swings the college door, Ha! Ha! the rushing o't! Maidens come from far and near Look for lonely days and drear, But instead find smiles and cheer. Ha! Ha! the rushing o't!

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Drives and parties by the score—
Ha! Ha! the rushing o't!
One day holds enough for four.
Ha! Ha! the rushing o't!
Pretty gowns and beaming smiles—
Each of woman's winning wiles
Soon the new girl's heart beguiles.
Ha! Ha! the rushing o't!

III.

Some submit to "black and gold."
Ha! Ha! the rushing o't!
Others get the "blues," we're told,
Ha! Ha! the rushing o't!
But of all those maidens gay,
Far the best, as all will say,
Wear Bordeaux and Silver Grey,
Ha! Ha! the rushing o't!

IV.

When the hurly-burly's done, Ha! Ha! the rushing o't! And our annual victory's won, Ha! Ha! the rushing o't! Merry-hearted, then do we Bear our prizes, fair to see, To the shrine of Alpha Phi, Ha! Ha! the rushing o't!

-MYRTA ABBOTT, Gamma, '93.

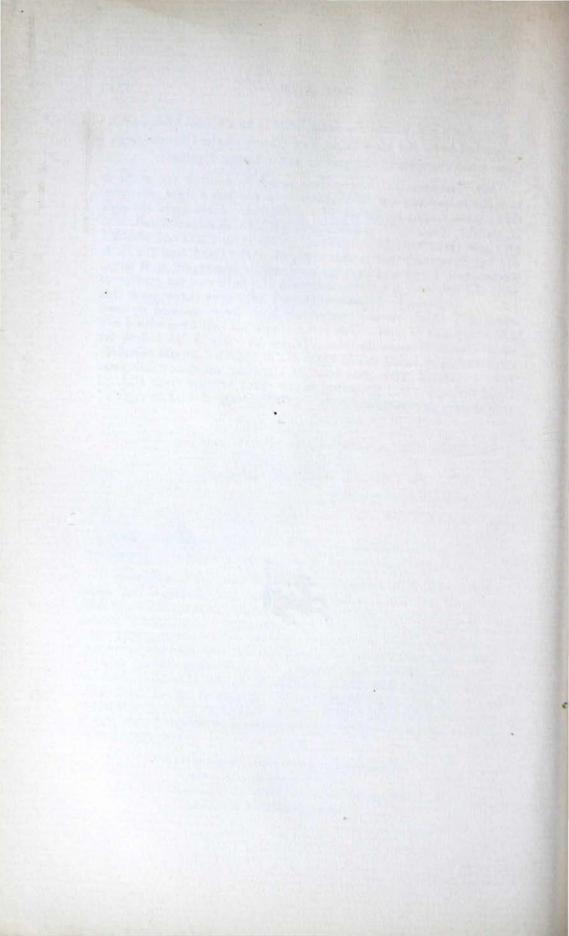
James Whitcomb Riley, at a recent alumnae dinner of his fraternity,  $\Phi K \Psi$ , made the following happy speech:

"Therefore, I am grateful—doubly grateful when I remember that the brightest, the most encouraging, the most inspiring audiences I have ever been called upon to face were college audiences—young men—young men with their child-hearts with them yet—young men who for the last few years of their useful lives have been thrown together by hundreds, perhaps by thousands. Throwing aside their lessons at 'recess,' they manifest this child-hearted, gracious spirit of hilarity, of mirth and fellow-friendliness that is so beautiful. So I congratulate you on your membership in a fraternity which keeps alive this youthful spirit, this mirthful spirit which we may so justly pay our tribute to in paraphrase—

'Oh gracious Mirth, thou teaches us to bear What man has borne before; Thou layest thy fingers on the lips of Care, And they complain no more.'' And, for a jest to end the feast, here is an excerpt from a toast responded to by the Hon. Mun Yew Chung of the Chinese Legation at the convention banquet of Delta Kappa Epsilon:

"Mr. Toastmaster and brothers in  $\Delta$  K E, I think you made a mistake in putting me on this table. I am not a light, and you don't want to put me on top of the bushel. I am light enough in weight, however. I came here with three expectations, and all those three have been realized. This is an extra one which I did not have, and that is also realized. The third, and the best, expectation I had was to come here and be recharged, as it were, with the spirit of  $\Delta$  K E, the fountain of youth and the mother of jollity. [Cheers.] From evidences I have seen throughout this evening I think these expectations have been realized by each and every one of you. The last unexpected call I am afraid will be a disappointment to you. [Cries of 'No.'] If I had an expectation of being called upon for a speech I would certainly have conferred with that brother standing on that table over there facing me and gesturing at me—that brother from Chi. I would have borrowed his cuffs. (I might say I have no cuffs.)"





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