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## *THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.*

Pi of Kappa Kappa Gamma has been reëstablished at the University of California, and the readers of *THE KEY* may feel a new interest in the great conservative college of the west.

As yet the buildings of the University are nothing of which to boast. They are nine large structures, situated on the lower slopes of the beautiful Berkeley hills which "stand shoulder to shoulder like Arabs in their coats of leather" and we believe this site to be one of the most beautiful in the world. The broad campus, bordered with oaks and flower gardens, slopes toward the Bay with its islands and ships. On the hills to the left lies San Francisco, to the right Sansatito, San Rafael and the other beautiful resorts at the foot of Mt. Tamalpais, while in front opens the Golden Gate.

Every half hour during the day, the local trains which meet the ferry boat from the city, unload their burden of students each carrying a leather grip full of books and at the sound of the great bell from the library tower, students from the many boarding and fraternity houses about the college town pass to and fro from the buildings. The most astonishing thing to visitors are the badges of distinction between the classes. A freshman, perhaps, is known only by a very new grip, or a sophomore by his cane but an immaculate junior, dressed in the latest style, wears a white "plug" so battered and decorated with class and fraternity symbols that it possesses little kinship to any ordinary civilized head dress, while the senior hat is a black silk one that resembles a worn out accordion. Upon class day these are sometimes new but usually they are handed down from generation to generation of classes. One hat exists which can boast of having been worn by three medalists.

The classes of the women cannot be distinguished in any way

except, perhaps, that the senior is more dignified and conservative than the freshman. The fashion of wearing mortar boards after the first year is no longer prevalent.

There are various social functions at the University of California as everywhere. The "Freshman Glee" is attended by all the college fashionables and proud is the girl who can appear that night with a bright new fraternity pin. If her head has not been turned by the rushing before the Glee she is a strong character who can survive the flatteries of that night.

None of the society students go to the sophomore hops and charter day has lost interest for almost every one but Junior Day revives social interest by an original farce presented by the junior class. The Junior Promenade is well attended and the Senior Ball is very popular although a number of the girls patronize it in calling costumes, sit in the Gymnasium gallery with hats on and dance only with a few favored friends.

Besides these social bonds there are those of the Christian Association. There is a large building just without the university grounds where the associated students gather. There the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. give frequent receptions to the students and it is in the auditorium of this building that lectures and Glee Club concerts are held. There are also occasional receptions at the home of some professor and the President entertains the senior class one evening in their graduation week.

But class day is the time when all of the men's fraternities keep open house, and for weeks before hand the girls begin to count their invitations. Not all college girls are invited to class day luncheons, for the prejudice against co-education has not worn entirely away but the more popular girls receive at least one, and some six or seven invitations. This is the day of dainty new organdies and ducks. In the morning the campus is spotted with groups of visitors and students; while the senior class makes a pilgrimage from one building to another, and from the steps of each one a speech is made by a popular man of the class. At twelve o'clock the "madding round" begins. If you are fortunate enough to have seven invitations you may eat a progressive luncheon—a course at each house—and while you eat you may try to make your compliments to the men of that fraternity, their mothers, sisters, and friends from town. The Delta



Kappa Epsilon and the Beta Theta Pi houses are on opposite sides of the ground. You may start at one, take in the houses between, and end up at the other before two o'clock. Then everyone goes to Co-ed Canyon, where there is a sort of natural amphitheatre. All sit on the ground, and the senior class makes itself amusing if it can. They are priests and priestesses, perhaps, and make sacrificial offerings of their idiosyncrasies, or there is a "dispensation," and every one is given that thing which indicates some conspicuous fault or virtue in his character. A number of guests are invited to dinner at each of the fraternity houses, and in the evening there is the glee concert, or perhaps the girls return the hospitality of the men and entertain at their homes.

Graduation day is very unexciting. A few fraternities entertain; but the sensations of the day are the class filing into the Gymnasium in caps and gowns, the President's usual address, and the awarding of diplomas.

One of the professors has established a custom which promises to be an interesting one. He has arranged a play which is given every year by the most prominent of the non-fraternity students; but the society event of the year is the play given by the Skull and Keys, a society to which only juniors and seniors among the most prominent fraternity men are eligible. In these plays the men take the part of women and their attempts to be coquettish and to manage their trains are most entertaining.

There are three women's fraternities at the University of California: Kappa Alpha Theta, Gamma Phi Beta, and Kappa Kappa Gamma. Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma have houses, while Gamma Phi Beta has rooms. The Kappas' home is a three-story house, nicely furnished and owned by the patroness, who is the mother of one of the girls. A feature of the Kappa House is the Alice Dewey Michael Memorial Library, and the Mabel Worthington Sullivan Memorial Art Collection.

It is said the fraternity house system is carried to greater extent in the west than anywhere else. It perhaps becomes most prominent at a college where there is no dormitory system as at ours.

The fraternities are the best of friends, and exchange hospitalities except during rushing season. There is some rivalry among the men to secure the prominent political positions at college, but

the women are appointed without effort on their part. It will probably please our new sisters to know that we have some of the prominent appointments at college. Besides class officers, two of our members are on the staff of the Blue and Gold, the annual college publication of the junior class. A Theta and a Gamma Phi also represent their fraternities. On the staff of the University of California Magazine there is a Beta Theta Pi, a Delta Upsilon, a Kappa Alpha Theta, and a Kappa Kappa Gamma.

The Stanford girls smile at our ultra-conservatism. For twenty-five years the women of our university have gone to classrooms in hats and gloves as a visitor must do. The only place within the university grounds where there is any relaxation is in the Ladies' room and the Gymnasium.

Stanford is built upon science, our university upon the classics. It is impossible to enter the most popular courses now without Latin and Greek. It is impossible to graduate without required hours in mathematics, science, and the languages. Very few students are allowed to enter upon recommendation from preparatory schools, and the examinations are becoming more and more rigid.

President Eliot, of Harvard, placed us among the first six universities several years ago. When our thirty-five marble and stone buildings are completed we will probably be one of the richest of the universities. A woman has just been added to the Board of Regents, she who has established so many of the scholarships in the university, and who is about to give a large proportion of her fortune to us, Mrs. Phoebe Hearst.

It will sadden many of us to see the old buildings torn down, especially South Hall, which we lovingly associate with the names of the LeContes, but the mental structures these and others of the great men of our university have helped us rear, can never be destroyed, for character and knowledge are things eternal, and cannot pass away.

M. B., *Pi*.

#### OFFICIAL LETTER FROM THE GRAND REGISTRAR TO THE CHAPTERS.

Requests have come in from several chapters for an article in THE KEY on the duties of the chapter registrar. It would seem that there ought to be no need of defining the office or its require-



ments, but with the hope that before another year has passed away the chapter archives will be in a much better condition, I shall say just a few words.

Primarily the registrar is a collector and recorder of archives, but this really includes a great deal. It means not simply that one registrar shall have provided the chapter with certain books for record, but that all registrars shall see to it that these books are kept up to date ; not merely that there shall be a file of constitutions, but that this file shall be properly dated and kept in such a place that it can be referred to easily. I might go through the list in just this manner.

The registrar, immediately upon election should look over the chapter archives and record in a book prepared for that purpose, whatever has been transferred to her. If anything that is required is lacking, she should take steps at once toward securing it. Then whatever she receives during her term of office should be entered in this book and before she hands over the archives to her successor she should go over these lists carefully and see that everything is in her possession.

Take the required list in detail—see *Standing Rules* 44.

Of No. 1, there should be in the hands of all chapters copies for the years '90, '94 and '96, and many should have copies of earlier date, but all should be dated.

Of No. 2, copies of '93 and '96.

Of No. 3, copies of '90, '92, '94 and '96.

Of No. 4, printed copies of '94 and '96, and semi-annual reports for February and August, '95, '96 and '97.

Of No. 5, reports from each chapter for every year beginning with January, 1889.

Of No. 6, copies of '92, '94 and '96.

Nos. 7 and 14 may need explanation. One chapter writes asking what letters are important enough to keep. I should say all letters bearing on fraternity history or what will be history some day, all explanations of rulings made by the Grand President, all important directions in regard to work and all letters pertaining to troubles that may arise in the chapter.

Of Nos. 8 and 9 the latest, only, need be kept and dated.

Nos. 10, 11 and 12 should be kept up to date, strictly.

No. 13 should be a list of letters with a brief synopsis of each, together with date of receiving or sending.

Nos. 16 to 25 should be kept up to date and No. 18 must be watched carefully. As each chapter is required to keep a revised list of addresses of all alumnæ, additional points of interest may easily be secured yearly. For instance, the registrar is expected not merely to enter upon the roll call the names and records of initiates, but also to add to the records of all alumnæ. Whatever else a chapter wishes to keep, such as names, photographs, etc., should be recorded and kept by the registrar.

For the November report the registrar must not content herself with simply copying down from the Standing Rules, the lists of required archives and checking off those that the chapter has or once had; but the archives must be gone over carefully and full accounts must be sent in. By full accounts is meant dates of all such archives as Nos. 1, 2 and 3, which are in the actual possession of the chapter; and reports as to how far the records are completed in such numbers as 16, 17, 18, etc. Report must also be made as to where the various archives are kept. Frequent reference to the whole of this letter might be made to advantage by the registrar as she is making out her report.

Unless the November reports of this year are made in this full manner, fines may be expected, see Standing Rules 44. If any explanations are desired on the part of any registrar, the Grand Registrar will be only too glad to render all the assistance in her power.

#### **A SUGGESTION WITH REFERENCE TO THE KEEPING OF CHAPTER RECORDS.**

The difficulties of the work on the new Kappa Kappa Gamma catalogue have brought its editors to two conclusions: First, that the records of the individual chapters of the fraternity are in most cases inadequately and unsystematically kept, or in other words, are, and have been, generally neglected. Second, that some reform must be instituted to improve the present condition of the chapter records, to ensure a permanent improvement, and so to make the work of future catalogue editors simpler, easier, and more accurate.

The making of a catalogue should be a comparatively simple affair. So it seemed to us of Beta Eta, when in the first flush of



inexperience and enthusiasm, we began our work by sending to the corresponding secretaries for the rolls of the separate chapters. We imagined that this began, and at the same time practically ended the work for us; the corresponding secretaries, or committees within the chapters, would compile the rolls, and we would arrange and edit them. Time and the majority of the records compiled by the chapters have changed our views. In general, the chapter records as we of Beta Eta received them, were utterly unfit for any catalogue purpose whatsoever. The faults of arrangement, style, and matter, put any such use of them, without extensive revisions and completions, entirely out of the question. Our earlier hopes for the consummation of the task almost upon the receipt of the return mail, gave place to stern resolve. We realized that there was work before us.

In general, the faults in the chapter records may be classed as the two faults of inaccuracy and incompleteness. A trite observation, perhaps, after my introduction, but something lies underneath it all which is worth investigating.

The fault of inaccuracy, though most annoying and most insidious in a chapter record, is not the most grave, from a fraternity point of view. Its cause may be ascribed to an individual's carelessness, in most cases, in placing a record as she thinks it should be, and not as it is; or to bad penmanship. This fault should not be underestimated; where all other sources of information have failed, the wrong record may go down to posterity, while the editor is ignorant of the fact and powerless to help it; and the record might just as well have been right, in the first place. But, after all, inaccuracy is most blamable from the individual's, or from the historian's point of view, perhaps.

It is the incompleteness of chapter records, the ignorance of the active members as to the doings and the whereabouts of their *alumnæ*, that is most grave, and that suggests a critical condition of affairs from a fraternity point of view. There are several cases of unknown addresses in many of the chapters; there are many such cases in several of the chapters. This can only mean that interest is lacking either on one side or on the other; that the failure to know is due either to the *alumnæ* or to the chapter; and that the chapter is most to blame, since the responsibility of keeping in touch with *alumnæ* rests rightly upon it, when the

alumnæ do not take the initiative. One of many cases in point may be related here. I learn from a prominent alumna of Iota that the subscription which an alumna of one of our younger chapters is faithful enough to send yearly, is not even honored with an acknowledgment from the chapter in the form of a receipt. Of course, there are many more such cases, with plausible enough reasons for oversight on the part of the chapter. All this, however, is not entirely germane to the question; the important thing is that there is a tendency on the part of the chapters and alumnæ to drift apart.

This dying away of interest between the alumnæ and the chapter is truly critical; not only does the chapter lose much material assistance and strength, but fraternity ideas and ideals are weakened. Why? Because the enduring connections of alumnæ with their chapters take the place of tradition. When these connections are broken, the stimulating and formative influence of tradition is lost.

No one can ask that an alumna should preserve her youthful interest in her chapter, or that a chapter should have the same interest in her alumnæ that it has for its active members. But the interest kept up by yearly communication between chapter and alumnæ, the knowledge of their whereabouts on the part of the chapters, would do much to impress upon the younger active members that fraternity relations endure, and to perpetuate tradition and fraternity ideals. Printed blanks sent annually by the chapter to her alumnæ, containing items of chapter or of university interest, and asking in return items of personal information of interest to the chapter, together with a request for subscriptions to *THE KEY*, would serve to keep chapter and alumnæ in touch with each other, and to keep up to date the chapter records. Some such form of communication might be established as an institution by the Grand Council, or by the next convention.

The active chapters are not altogether to blame for the faults in the chapter records. They keep them as others before have kept them,—any way. These faults point to a flaw in our fraternity organization, characteristic in some measure, perhaps, of a woman's fraternity. How can we expect accuracy, uniformity, and completeness in records when no systematized effort on the part of the fraternity at large has been made toward this end?



When practically no provision has been made for the keeping of the chapter records other than the clause defining the duties of the registrar?

To secure future uniformity and completeness in these records, the blank system used by some men's fraternities might be adopted. A book of blanks, numbered in order for each individual, with spaces for every desirable item in an individual record, should be placed in the hands of each chapter. An additional slip to be torn off might be attached, for use in case the member contemplated transferred membership in the chapter of another university. The institution of this system, or a similar system, might be taken under consideration and decreed by the next convention. Its establishment as an institution would be an expense for the time being. But, in view of recent necessary investments in postal cards and postage stamps, it would be economy when it came to publishing the next catalogue. By the establishment of this system, together with yearly communications with the alumnæ on the part of the chapters, the accuracy, uniformity, and completeness in chapter records yet unheard of in our fraternity would be secured.

It is the aim of the present catalogue editors to make the past chapter records not perfect, but approximately permanent, as near as permanency can be attained with the various difficulties of time, place, and circumstance, and the resources at our command. With the institution of this system of alumnæ communication and record keeping, the work of the future editors of the catalogue will be simpler, and accordingly more accurate. The work of editing a catalogue will then be what the editing of a fraternity catalogue should be, what we in our youth and inexperience fondly imagined it would be: the arranging for publication of chapter rolls accurately and systematically kept; in short, the editing of an appendix to the previous catalogue from well kept chapter records.

ANNA H. MARTIN, *Beta Eta*.

## THE NEW SONG BOOK.

The new Song Book cannot fail to satisfy the most critical spirit. It is a distinct pleasure to find it attractive and at the same time, thoroughly adapted to the hard usage which it is sure to meet in the chapter room. These qualities are the more significant since the compilation of the book was the work of an active chapter whose experience in book making was necessarily small. Much credit is due to Beta Epsilon to whom the work was intrusted and to our Grand President, Bertha P. Richmond, upon whom the final arrangements for publishing, fell.

Outwardly, the Song Book is a thin, oblong volume, whose dark blue cloth cover appeals to the eye at once. In gilt letters on the front is the title "Songs of Kappa Kappa Gamma" and beneath this is found a conventionalized fleur-de-lis in light blue. On the back appears the K. K. Γ. monogram.

Within, the most striking improvement over the preceding Song Book is the music which accompanies most of the songs. According to the preface, the book contains sixty-seven songs, twenty-five from the first song book, twenty-one from the second, and twenty-one which have not been published before. There is a slight discrepancy here, for an enumeration results in finding sixty-eight songs. The authorized "call" of the fraternity is given for the first time. Most of the songs are well known and are in general use with all the chapters. Some few were omitted because of difficulty about the copyrights. Of the omitted songs, two which were much used at the '94 and '96 Conventions will be especially missed, "Kappa Gamma, Kappa Gamma, sweet sisterhood so true," by Alberta Oakley of Xi, and "O sisters, now we bid you welcome" by Delta. Of the new songs, "Chapter Meeting" by Phi; "Welcome Song" by Beta Iota, and "Fair Kappa" by Beta Epsilon are particularly worthy of attention. The predominance of songs by Beta Beta is noticeable and may be due to the fact that at their entrance into Kappa Kappa Gamma, each one of the original "Browning Society" was required to contribute a song to the fraternity's collection. Two indexes accompany the songs, an index of first lines and an index of titles.

The paper is good, the printing is excellent, and the results of careful editing are apparent throughout. The one defect in the



book is the partial crediting of songs to their authors and for that the editors can scarcely be held responsible.

A bibliography of the Song Book follows and the historically inclined Kappa Kappa Gamma will find that by careful examination of the three books she can trace the development of the fraternity.

[First Edition.]

SONGS  
OF THE  
K. K. G. FRATERNITY.

Title, verso blank, 1 leaf; pages 2-291.  $4\frac{1}{4} \times 6\frac{7}{8}$  inches. Covers of blue paper, stamped in gold: K. K. G.

NOTE.—Edited by Beta chapter, and probably printed at Canton, N. Y. Contains the words of 36 songs, no musical notes. The only copy which the editor of THE KEY has seen is without a cover, and the above description of the cover is taken from THE KEY for 1886, Vol. III, No. 3, p. 12.

[Second Edition.]

SONGS  
OF THE  
KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA  
FRATERNITY.

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Compiled by

Susan Goldsmith Kelly—Iota Chapter.  
Jessie Coughill—Iota Chapter.

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Edited and published by Chi Chapter.

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Minneapolis:  
Harrison & Smith, Printers.  
1889.

Title, verso blank, 1 leaf; index, 2 leaves; pages 3-116; first line index, 2 leaves.  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{5}{8}$  inches. Bound in white and light blue cloth, stamped on front cover, in dark blue: Songs of Kappa, and up the back, in gold: Kappa Kappa Gamma Songs. Contains the words of 114 songs, no musical notes.

## THE KEY

[Third Edition.]

## SONGS

OF THE

KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA  
FRATERNITY.

Edited by

Beta Epsilon Chapter,

Barnard College, New York City,

and published by

The Grand Council.

Third edition.

Boston, Mass.

1897.

One leaf, recto : Δι Κόραι 'Αθηνῶς, with musical notes, verso blank ; title, verso : copyright and printer, 1 leaf ; preface, verso blank, 1 leaf ; pages 9-117, verso of page 117 : Index of titles, continued on recto of following leaf, on the verso of which : index of first lines, 1 leaf : advertisements, 2 leaves.  $7\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{1}{4}$  inches. Bound in light blue cloth, stamped on front cover in gilt : Songs of Kappa Kappa Gamma, below which, in light blue, a fleur-de-lis. Contains the words of 68 songs, of which 53 have musical notes.

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*Alumnæ Department.**SIGNED ARTICLES.*

One of the things which has often struck me in my reading of THE KEY is the number of unsigned contributions. The longer and more important articles, to be sure, are often signed ; but in many cases merely the initials of the writer are given and in many others only the name of the chapter is signed. It seems to me that a change in this regard would be advantageous for THE KEY and its readers.



No one, of course, can deny that there are occasionally excellent reasons for sending in an unsigned article. Sometimes one tries, through the pages of *THE KEY* to help some members of one's own chapter to see their mistakes. In such cases, very likely, the article will best fulfill its purpose if there is no name attached to it. These instances, however, are comparatively rare. Usually there is not so good an excuse as this for the lack of signature. Nine times out of ten we leave our articles unsigned either through modesty or because we are more or less ashamed of our work. But are these really good reasons? With regard to the second, certainly, we must admit that the reason is not sufficient. No doubt we are often conscious that what we have written is not very creditable; but is not this the very time when most of all we ought to sign our names? The article is sent as a specimen of the work of the chapter; and if it is good enough to represent the chapter, it is good enough to represent the individual member. Really, when one stops to think of it, it is hardly fair to publish under the chapter signature something which one would be ashamed to publish under one's own name. It is true, of course, that the writer is not always to blame for having a poor article. Sometimes the corresponding secretary does not call upon her until the last minute; and inspirations do not come easily to most of us. Still, speaking generally, we should be willing to sign our own names to anything to which we are willing to sign the name of our chapter.

I do not mean to say, however, that this is usually the reason for the lack of signature. Often, no doubt, we are prevented from signing our names by a feeling of modesty. This is not altogether reprehensible, and, if there were no good reason for pursuing the opposite course, it might be a sufficient excuse for our leaving our work unsigned. It seems to me, however, that there is much to be said in favor of the opposite course.

In the first place, it is probable that the contributions would be somewhat better in quality if the signature were required. This might not always be the case, yet I think that it would be usually so. If it is true that we send in articles of such quality that we should not like to sign our names to them, then the fact that the signature was required would naturally lead us to use greater care in writing.

There is, however, another and, in my mind, a more important advantage to be gained from having our articles signed. Everything possible should be done to make us better acquainted with one another ; and I do not see why THE KEY may not be very useful in this respect. When you read a *Parthenon* article which you particularly like, it is very pleasant to know who wrote it. This particular Kappa will be no longer a mere name to you ; you will begin to feel that you know her a little ; and if, as often happens, she writes more than once, this feeling may be considerably strengthened. Perhaps it is a very little thing, and yet I think it would help somewhat to draw us closer together in Kappa bonds.

ELLEN B. TALBOT, *Beta Nu, Psi.*

### ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP.

Though Beta Gamma may lay herself open to the charge of loquacity she cannot refrain from a few more words on the subject she introduced in the January KEY. We feel that this question is an exceedingly important one to every chapter and cannot be too thoroughly discussed. It seems to be generally conceded that the privilege held by each member of debarring a girl from the advantages of fraternity life should be exercised but seldom and then with great care.

Then we come to the definite question—when should this prerogative be used? If a prospective member has the qualifications of moral character, good family, mental ability, and social address is it right for one girl to vote against her simply from a vague feeling of dislike, and that, too, in opposition to all the other members of the chapter, many of whom are far more experienced than she in such matters?

Does not this feeling of dislike often arise from too slight an acquaintance with the one in question, or from prejudice which the clearer view brought by the close ties of sisterhood, will soon banish?

Looking back over six years of chapter life the writer recalls but few initiates who were personally attractive to every Kappa at the time they were brought into the chapter ; all might agree that the prospective candidate was a desirable fraternity girl but



there was always someone to be found who had no personal liking for her.

This may seem, at first glance, a strange statement but you who have been long in the fraternity, consider your experience whether it has not been the same. Fraternity life is an admirable school in which to learn unselfishness. Harmony can be maintained only by each being ready to sacrifice to the other her small prejudices and inclinations.

In such a case as is under discussion would it not be better for the member to trust to the judgement of the many, putting aside her personal feeling, with the assurance that common interests and closer intercourse with the new sister will soon bring that love and congeniality without which fraternity is dead?

BETA GAMMA.

### THE NEW CHAPTER.

Many more golden keys, many more happy girls, one more chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma! In the University of California, a very delightful group of maidens are now enjoying for the first time, the mysteries of fraternity life. On first thought, it all seems very far away from us old stagers; but with the aid of the magic mirror, one may very easily see herself again, a trembling candidate on the threshold of the chapter-room, eager to be within yet fearing to enter.

The initiation of Pi Chapter of K. K. Γ. took place on the evening of August third in the parlors of the delightful new chapter house. Besides several members of the original Pi Chapter, there were present at the ceremonies, Mrs. Alexis Lange from the University of Michigan, Miss Collins from Iowa, and Miss Swearingen from Cornell. Five members from Stanford acted for their chapter in becoming responsible for the future actions of their neighbor sisters.

For a detailed account of the function, our readers are referred to the society column of any first class daily newspaper. Our supply of descriptive adjectives is limited. The decorations were not of fleur-de-lis, but consisted of white carnations and maiden hair fern, with a few palms because they go farther. The service conducted by Miss Collins, was very beautiful, and was rendered

more impressive by a *pianissimo* accompaniment of Schumann's music. Not an 'elaborate collation,' but a very simple and dainty spread, was served, after the keys had been pinned on, and the grip had been given all around to the new members.

The story of the initiation would be incomplete without at least a mention of the festivities which preceded, and are still following the eventful day. Upon their arrival in California, Miss Collins and other visiting Kappas were taken in hand, and royally entertained at teas and luncheons, closing with a trip up Mt. Tamalpais, the day before the initiation. Then with the opening of the University, August twelfth, the rushing season was entered upon with a zeal that is simply appalling to the conservative eastern member. No Pan-Hellenic compact exists in Berkeley, and the way those poor freshmen are dragged hither and thither, morning noon and night, leads the unprejudiced observer to wonder if there will be any students left in college at the close of the first month. No one seems to have any time to study. I am assured, however, that the University continues to go on from year to year, and that the fraternity members, as well as their victims, have been known to make excellent records. Appearances are deceiving.

AN ALUMNA.

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## PERSONAL NOTES.

### PSI.

Elizabeth Bump, '96, is to be preceptress of the High School at Nunda, N. Y., the coming year.

Elizabeth Rhodes, '97, will teach in the Adelphi Academy, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mabel V. Root, '97, is teacher of Greek and Latin in the High School at Catskill, N. Y.

### BETA ALPHA.

Miss Hitchcock and Dr. Mary Pennington have spent the summer working in the chemical laboratories at Cornell University. Dr. Pennington enters Yale University this fall where she holds the fellowship in physiological chemistry.



## DELTA.

Flora Love will teach English in the Indianapolis High School next year.

## IOTA.

Elizabeth Rose, '91, sailed for Europe August 25. She is to spend a year studying in the American Classical School at Rome.

Mattie Tarbell, '84, received the degree of Ph.D. from Brown University last commencement. She is the first woman to receive that degree from Brown.

## MU.

Bona Thompson, '97, will attend Wellesley College the coming year.

Nell Green, '99, is to move from Indianapolis to Columbus, O., and will enter Ohio State University this fall.

Carrie Howe, '97, will spend the winter in Cambridge, Mass.

## ETA.

Harriet Remington and Flora Moseley are spending the summer months abroad.

The engagement of Agnes Bowen and Ross Cornish was announced a short time ago.

## UPSILON.

Carla Fern Sargent, '95, Grand Secretary, is to teach Latin in the Northwestern Academy for the year of '97-'98.

Katherine Janes, '97, is to be Instructor in Mathematics and Latin for the Galva, Illinois, High School.

Grace Crippen, '96, passed the summer in California, but will teach in the Evanston Public Schools again this year.

### *The Parthenon.*

During the two weeks after Commencement Phi chapter realized the pleasure and the feeling of good comradeship to be gained from a Kappa cottage. Our particular cottage was located at Brant Rock, Mass., a few miles north of historic Plymouth. Many of the active chapter stayed for one week, others for two, and several of the alumnae for a few days, among whom was our Grand President, Miss Bertha Richmond. The girls in various parties started out every pleasant morning; they tramped along shady roads, or sandy beach, then rested in fragrant orchards or groves and enjoyed to the full the rest and quiet of the country. A favorite walk was the stretch of three miles over to Daniel Webster's homestead. The best thing gained from the Kappa outing was deepened friendship and broadened sympathy among the girls.

The management of the expenses was intrusted to one girl, who collected one dollar and a half from each for board per week, and who also marketed and arranged the meals. It is with much

#### **Phi's Cottage.**

pride we tell the Kappas that after a week of good plain board we had a surplus of several dollars in the treasury. We were saved the expense of rent through the kindness of Miss Sara Cone Bryant, '95. Phi feels that she has demonstrated the practicability and slight expense of a Kappa summer home. It is needless to say that the Phi girls have many plans for buying, building or renting a cottage on the New England coast, but as yet all the plans are embryonic.

To establish a Kappa cottage for the fraternity at large would require an extension of management but no necessary increase of expense except that of rent and that need not be a large item. Taking Phi's experience as a criterion, the average expense for each girl per week need not exceed four dollars, inclusive of board, rent and laundry. The factor which would require most care in management would be in regard to the time of visitation of the various girls, otherwise the house would be overcrowded some weeks and empty at others. The solution of this difficulty might be found by setting a date before which all applications for



rooms must be made ; further, by requiring a statement of the number of weeks, with their dates, for which accommodations were desired. These applications must needs be subject to the approval of a committee on management. The above suggestions on management are to be taken as such, only in a very scattered and fragmentary sense. Phi realizes that her problem of a Kappa cottage was very simple when compared with the perplexities and difficulties attached to the establishment of a summer-home for the general fraternity of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

GRACE LLOYD GRIFFITHS, *Phi*.

The subject of "Fine Arts" does, indeed, need discussion, and how fortunate it is that the pages of THE KEY are open to us, that we may discuss the different ways of regarding important subjects and try to find the best one.

As to our making special arrangements for a few chapters of the fraternity situated at those places where there are many fine art students, is it a wise plan? Should not the whole fraternity be governed by the same fixed laws? Would it not be much easier and better if there were Special Dispensations. a limit as to classes of membership, a line which would say "so far and no farther" rather than "so far and a little farther if you wish, but not too far!" It is not simple to know just how many music or art students we may admit into our chapters without going too far, so why not have something definite on which we may all depend and by which we must all be governed, either "Fine Arts" or "no Fine Arts?" Special arrangements for a few do not seem to be consistent with Kappa Kappa Gamma's principles of systematic government.

All honor, say we heartily, to those girls who are so courageously saying—"It may take the very life from our few chapters, but we want you to do what is best for the whole fraternity, and we will keep up the best we are able."

They, in their unselfishness, do surely possess true Kappa hearts!

KAPPA.

For the past few years there have been discussions as to what to do with the fine art student, the music student in particular, but as no immediate action was necessary the discussions bearing on the subject were read, but not really considered.

Now, the crisis is about to come, and chapters having members in these departments are aroused to action.

Shall certain chapters be allowed special privileges in regard to membership? And where such students are admitted into other fraternities, is it just to refuse Kappa Kappa Gamma like rights?

There are colleges where the entrance work for the fine arts department does not equal that required for the liberal arts, and where the two schools have nothing in common.

**Another View.** In such cases it is manifestly unjust to the fraternity at large to have for members, students of the fine arts department.

On the other hand, in some colleges, like preparation is required for entrance into either department. Work in English, French and German is required of the fine arts student who recites with the liberal arts, and no distinct line divides the two classes. Scholarship is of as much moment in the fine arts as in the liberal arts departments.

Under such conditions, and especially where other fraternities are allowed the privilege, the exclusion of the fine arts student would mean a decrease in the power and influence of the chapter.

M. L., *Omega*.

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To the question, "What is to be done with the fine arts and special students," an answer is not immediately forthcoming, and at best the fraternity can only learn the judgment of the majority in that regard and act accordingly. Waiving the obvious detriment of haste in such matters, it seems that a radical change will in the end be for the best interests of the fraternity at large.

**An Advocate of Change.**

The nature of such a change will furnish abundant material for discussion in the various chapter halls prior to the next Convention, and all delegates should be able to act intelligently at that time. They should give the greatest care and consideration to those chapters to be most affected by their actions and be ever mindful



of the fact that we are all Kappas, and whatever will be of injury to the individual chapters will necessarily rebound to the detriment of the general fraternity.

The latter, however, will eventually rise to a stronger and higher life, a life more thoroughly in keeping with the accepted aims of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

BETA NU.

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Much emphasis is placed upon loyalty to the fraternity and of that we know there is no lack. But in one kind of loyalty it seems to me we may be in danger of failing, and that is in loyalty to each other.

In the intimacy of chapter life, and that intimacy alone makes chapter life worth the living, we find in each other many little contrarities and peculiarities which in the formal meeting would never have been discovered. We find many little traits of character of which we do not ap- **Personal Loyalty.** prove and it is our impulse to speak of these.

It is against those very comments that I wish to protest.

If one of our Kappa sisters has some little foible, there is a great temptation to speak of it, although in no malicious spirit, when we are talking things over, as every human girl must love to do. In this lies the mistake. We ought to realize that the less personal comment goes the rounds of our little band, the better for us all. We are none of us flawless, and the quality most needed to perfect our chapter life is toleration and much of it.

Did we but realize the worth of this virtue, what it means to all our lives, I am sure more strenuous effort would be made towards its cultivation. So let us impress this on ourselves and, while holding closely to fraternity loyalty, let us also be mindful of personal loyalty.

FAY PARKINSON, *Eta*.

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Psi wrote in the January KEY of the influence that upper class girls should have over the younger ones in the chapter.

Beta Delta has often been confronted with this problem and I think, agrees most heartily with Psi, that the older members of the chapter should have considerable authority over the freshmen. There is a certain authority which is easily established; that is

authority in purely fraternity affairs. If there are errands to be done they fall to the freshman's lot, and as an ex-freshman confessed the other day, 'she just didn't dare not to.' This per-

**The Freshman's  
Lot.**

haps seems to verge on the fag system of the English public school, but it need not if the right feeling exists among the girls and a proper spirit of sportiveness underlies it all. The whole idea is a great promoter of fraternity spirit with Beta Delta. But there is another kind of authority, if I may speak of it as such, which Beta Delta is very loath to exercise over her younger members, and that is the authority to criticise small personal shortcomings. Is it the chapter's business to do this? Beta Delta would like to know if other chapters attempt it, and if they are successful, *how?*

BETA DELTA.

Beta Eta has long heard of the existence of that certain intangible something known to the chapters in the east as inter-chapter fellowship, but thus far in her career she has known it by name only. However, lately there has come into her life two experiences which have given her the realization that not in poetry and not in song alone exists this much lauded spirit. Though not an

**A Jubilate.**

unmixed blessing—this duty assigned us of compiling the catalogue—much of our woe has been mitigated by the delightful acquaintance we have made with the fraternity at large, and every dear member in particular, who has been kind enough to fill out her blank, till now it is not uncommon to hear an individual member of a distant chapter discussed as though she had real flesh and blood existence.

But not here do our blessings end. We have a neighbor! Think of it! And a near neighbor, too. What we have missed all these years is going to be made up to us with interest. Henceforth, dear distant sisters, you may look for loyalty to Kappa Kappa Gamma to wax intense even in the wilds of California.

J. B. T., *Beta Eta.*

At the coming of September, the thoughts which predominate are those of new girls, and all the old questions must be argued



over again, even though they may never be settled. What are the qualities to be desired in prospective Kappas, what constitutes a conflict, and what is to be done when one girl alone opposes a candidate?

Rushing is an evil, but it seems to be a necessary one. The points to be most closely criticised in a new girl are character, social qualities, scholarship, and capacity for helpfulness in the fraternity. *The Perplexities of the Season.* A girl may not be all that is desired in the beginning, but she may be capable of developing these qualities.

The question of the right of one girl to keep out a new member has been debated long and seriously. Harmony must not be sacrificed, for that is a primary object of fraternity. Our likes and dislikes are beyond control, but the good of the whole is to be considered. First impressions are often wrong, and prejudice should not play a part in our dealings. We are not children. Wait, and if, after waiting, the dislike is not weakened, it is better to go without the new girl than to bring a discordant element into fraternity life. Be just and charitable above all things.

What constitutes a conflict? The mere asking surely does not. If a girl has been rushed to the point of an invitation and the invitation is not extended for fear of a refusal, the standard of the fraternity is lowered, and the course of action shows weakness and the lack of a refined sense of honor. It is no disgrace to lose a girl, but it is a disgrace to give a girl reason to expect an invitation and then refuse it from a sense of weakness.

LOUISE TAYLOR, *Upsilon*.

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Under the indefinite title of "The Unquiet Sex," an exhaustive discussion of the college woman appeared in the August number of Scribner's. Among other statements, is the one that a man is very serious about his college and fraternity, but "his sister thinks more of her education than her college and considers her choice of electives of more importance than her choice of societies." *The Unquiet Sex.*

The belief that the majority of college girls are "grinds," and are constantly engaged in a breathless, feverish chase after knowledge which obliges them to throw everything else to the winds, is one which has been held too long by the world at large.

Such may have been the case in the old days, when colleges were first opened to women and a knowledge of Greek and Latin was considered unwomanly. Only a few refined girls then dared to defy the world's opinion by seeking a higher education. Now all the conditions are changed. Knowledge is no longer outside a woman's sphere; college girls are no longer eccentricities.

The college girl of today appreciates the fact the college is not only a place for mental training, but for social and moral development as well. Her education and choice of electives are important to her—maybe of more importance than to her brother, we will not quarrel over that—but at the same time she recognizes that her fraternity life, her strong enduring friendships, are factors that will leave an indelible impression on her life and will be remembered when the ratios of Alpha and Beta and the scansion of Homer may be safely forgotten. An education in its broader sense means more than all text-books and learned professors can teach. It is a drawing out of all that is good in life—an ability to put all its opportunities to their highest use. The majority of college girls perceive this and they enter into all the pleasures of a college life, and when they are asked, join a fraternity feeling that they are only rounding out the perfect education.

The fraternity girl is devoted to her fraternity; it is of more importance to her than her course of electives—more than anything else at college. While one is there, it takes the place of home, binding her in closest friendship with all its members and broadening her mind through its influences. The belief that the college girl as a rule is indifferent to matters pertaining to her college, its politics, its triumphs and defeats on the athletic field, its standing among other colleges, is also a false one. She is prevented by conventionality from indulgence in those uproarious methods by which her brother shows his loyalty and enthusiasm, but she is, nevertheless, as loyal and enthusiastic as he.

Of course there are exceptions—students who, under a mistaken idea of duty, miss all the rare and beautiful pleasures of a college life and think only of constructions and translations, forgetting to remember that

“ Knowledge is as food, and needs no less  
Her temp'rance over appetite; to know  
In measure what the mind may well contain.”

A. C. S., *Psi.*



The editor of THE KEY is kind enough to suggest that the fraternity might like to know a little of the inner history of the present Song Book, how it was made up and what the ideal of the editors was. It goes without saying that we had an ideal but it was one that grew slowly as the work increased on our hands. In fact the beginnings of the Song Book remind one painfully of the story in a recent novel about the hunter and the woodchuck. A man was telling a friend about a woodchuck hunt in which the woodchuck, hard pressed by the dogs, climbed up a butternut tree, trying to escape. "But," objected the friend, "woodchucks can't climb trees." "Well," replied the man, "this woodchuck *had* to climb that tree!" When we were made responsible for work on the Song Book we felt sure we couldn't climb that particular kind of a tree—but we *had* to.

Editorial Tribulations.

Of course we made a great many slips, and a great many changes in our plans. The first step was to gather in new material for the book and for that purpose all of the chapters were asked to send in manuscript of favorite songs which were not in the old edition. These songs and the older ones were carefully selected and sometimes revised slightly to suit an ideal of generality. That is, we thought that a purely local song, even though very good in itself, had little place in a collection to be used by the entire fraternity. The arrangement of these chosen songs was to be according to topic, so that all the initiation songs, for instance, might be found together neatly labeled as such. When the book went to the printer's hands this arrangement had to be thrown over on account of mechanical difficulties in the spacing of the music. But before the time of the printer, after the words had been chosen, came the more difficult task of fitting words to music.

The tales of our tribulations at this point is such an old story to many in the fraternity that there is no need to repeat it. But the critics who may find many flaws in the Song Book as it stands, must remember two things: First, the editors could not provide copy themselves, but accepted what came to them from outside, and second, they often included songs for the sake of the air and one good verse, although the other verses could not be patted or pulled into very good shape. These concessions were made to fit

the second ideal—that the book should have tunes either comparatively well known and simple or else new ones with a certain swing and go to them.

There was still another point on which the editors agreed early in the game. We did want the book of a rational size and make, and of a goodly outside appearance. Of course this care was taken from us when the actual printing passed over to the Grand Council after the Convention of 1896. The Grand Council seems, however, to have had about the same notions that we did, for the general get up of the book is very satisfactory to the editors.

Now that we have climbed our "tree," however, stiffly and ungracefully, our one desire is for rest. The Song Book is the result of a great deal of thought and much labor. The editors have tried, with the Grand Council to help them, to make a book which has songs for the fraternity at large, with the best music available for the purpose, and which is of a convenient size and neat appearance. Whether we succeeded in making a useful book, is for others to judge. We can only retire, comforting our souls with the refrain of Emerson :

“ Work of his hands  
He nor commends, nor grieves,  
Pleads for itself the fact  
As unrepenting Nature leaves  
Her every act.”

LOUISE BRISBEN DUNN, *Beta Epsilon*.



## *Chapter Letters.*

### *ALPHA PROVINCE.*

#### PHI—BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

When this KEY shall have reached its destination, Phi will be settled down to the hard work of the fall term which is the longest term of our college year. In our discouraged moments it seems to us that the flower of our chapter is gone, for our number of members—eleven—is the smallest that it has been for years, and stands in startling contrast to the twenty-six who were together in the chapter life when college closed in the spring. Eleven of our girls were graduated, and some have left us to return after a year's time, while others have turned their attention to different forms of literary study than those furnished by Boston University.

During the summer, Phi has enjoyed the privilege of meeting together several times. Some of our girls had a summer cottage for two weeks in June at Brant Rock, a beach on the south shore of Massachusetts. As can easily be imagined much good feeling and closer union in fraternity life was gained.

Besides the usual picnic held at the time of college closing, the chapter was invited one afternoon in July, by Miss Chadbourne, '97, to her home in Wakefield. Most of the time was spent in boating, and we enjoyed supper in the woods near by. Another happy afternoon was with the Grand President, when both active and alumnæ members were invited to meet Miss Talbot, the Grand Registrar. It was there for the first time that we used the new Song Book.

On account of our reduced membership a realization of individual responsibility is noticed already within the chapter; and though the individual is of much importance, we realize at the same time that to gain true success it will involve the heartfelt unity of all in thought, purpose and action.

Phi sends best wishes to all the sister chapters for a happy and successful year.

## BETA EPSILON—BARNARD COLLEGE.

Beta Epsilon's chapter life has been sustained this summer by a budget of letters, which has passed from A to Z, or, more literally, from B to W, the alphabetical extent of our roll, gaining in bulk and interest, as it progressed. The record of our summer is for the most part a story of restful happy days, spent by the sea or in the mountains, days filled with the joys of outdoor life. Some of us have been camping, some cruising, some playing golf, some driving and wheeling; for all of us the time has slipped away only too quickly.

The July KEY with the chapter pictures was well worth waiting for. We are all visualists, I suppose, to a greater or less degree, and faces mean far more than names. It is certainly delightful to have this informal introduction to all our sisters in Kappa bonds.

To all the chapters Beta Epsilon sends greetings and best wishes for a successful winter.

## PSI—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Psi's thoughts during vacation have been often with the other chapters, particularly with the new sisters at the University of California.

We are now rejoicing over the return of one of our '93 members, Grace Swearingen, who is to take graduate work in English at Cornell this year and we are trusting that she will be influential in the equalization of our chapter proportions. Six Sophomores to two graduate students, one senior and one junior makes one tremble for the upper classmen.

The rushing season this year will be distinguished from the ordinary campaign by the entrance of Alpha Phi into the inter-sorority contract. For many years Kappa Alpha Theta, Delta Gamma and Kappa Kappa Gamma have considered a Pan-Hellenic contract mutually helpful, but for the past four years Alpha Phi has been unwilling to bind herself as to the pledging and initiation of freshmen.

Sage College this year will be changed by the presence of Miss Louise Brownell, Ph.D., Bryn Mawr, '93. Miss Brownell is to bear the title of Sage Warden, and there seems to be much doubt



among the girls as to what that title implies. It has been definitely announced that she is to give lectures on English literature, but all information beyond that must be reserved for a future letter.

Psi's kindest wishes are with every chapter for success in the coming campaign and for the upbuilding of the fraternity.

#### BETA BETA—ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

No days fly so quickly as vacation days. Already it is September, ere long the trees will be putting on the gorgeous robes of autumn, the deserted college buildings will be full of life, and stalwart forms and other forms not so stalwart will be seen flitting to and fro on the campus or climbing the hill in search of knowledge.

Commencement week at St. Lawrence this year was one of particular interest. The much talked of reunion was an entire success and commencement guests and alumni literally took possession of the town. It was a time for strengthening old bonds and forming new ones. To the undergraduates the enthusiasm of the alumni and their loyalty to their Alma Mater was inspiring. It was a particularly happy time for Beta Beta, not only in renewing old acquaintances, but in the pride she felt in the girls who were about to leave her.

On Monday evening, about forty-three Kappas, old and new, sat down to a well-laden table and found refreshment for body and mind. The toast-mistress of the evening was Mrs. Bessie Weeks Doolittle, a charter member of Beta Beta.

One of our members, Jessie Stearns, '97, took the first prize in the Anthony Oratorical Contest and three Kappas, Miss Stearns, '97, Miss Clemence, '98, and Miss Atwood, '99, took part in the Latin Play, the *Mostillaria* of Plautus, which was given Monday evening.

Tuesday morning seven of our girls left the ranks of the undergraduates to swell the number of the *Alumnæ*. Degrees of distinction were given Miss Stearns, *summa cum laude*, and Miss Bailey, *magna cum laude*. Miss Rowland obtained highest honors and Miss Jones, honors.

After the hurry and excitement of Commencement it was hard

to settle down to a summer of quiet. Many of the Kappas left town, some never to return as students. Most of the '97 girls have positions as teachers, several of them at no great distance from St. Lawrence, so that we may hope to see them frequently.

During the summer many *alumnæ* Kappas were in town. In honor of Miss Jessie Kinney, who entered college with '98 but was obliged to leave on account of sickness, a picnic supper was given in the Kappa room by the active girls.

One more building has been added to the number upon the Campus in the shape of a club house, which is erected by the Alumni of Beta Zeta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi. It is a fine building and will make a most delightful home for Betas present and those to come.

Beta Beta was very glad to make the acquaintance of the other chapters through the pictures in the July KEY. After inspecting them carefully and critically she feels constrained to say, what she has always privately thought, that there are no girls like Kappa girls.

Ella May Adams, a member of Beta Beta, '93, was married Sept. 1, 1897 to Mr. Seward Walrath of St. Johnsville, N. Y. The wedding took place at the home of the bride in Upper Lisle, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Walrath make their home at St. Johnsville.

#### BETA TAU—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Greetings to all our sister chapters! We hope that all have had as pleasant a summer vacation as the girls of Beta Tau. For the third summer our chapter spent two weeks during June at Sylvan Beach, Oneida Lake. There all college cares laid aside, we had a fine time.

Three of our '97 girls, Mabel and Bessie Willard and Lucy Hanson, sailed August twenty-fifth for Paris where they will spend two years in study. Mabel Willard and Lucy Hanson wish to enter L' École des Beaux Arts. It has been announced that this school will admit women for the first time but there is still much opposition on the part of the faculty. Bessie Willard expects to study music either under private teachers or at the conservatory. At Paris they will be met by two other Beta Tau girls, who are abroad for study and travel.



We have been glad to see several of our alumnæ who have visited us during the summer.

Our active girls have returned with renewed enthusiasm and all are ready for the year's work.

BETA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Beta Alpha sends cordial greetings to her sister chapters and is glad to introduce to them her last and very welcome initiate, Helen Pennington, a worthy successor to her sister, one of our true and faithful Kappas, who leaves us this year to accept a Fellowship at Yale. We think and hope there is a bright prospect for our chapter the coming year.

BETA IOTA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

Beta Iota sends heartiest greetings to all the chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma !

The summer which has passed so quickly by, has been fraught with happiest hours to each member of Beta Iota. 'Tis true that as a chapter, we are probably more widely separated than almost any other, but yet we keep in touch with one another in many different ways. Perhaps our circulating letter is the most efficient means of knowing what each different girl is doing and how she is passing the summer hours. Beta Iota urges any chapter which has not already tried a circulating letter through the summer months to do so in the summer of '98. If it is once tried, we feel sure that never again, will any chapter let a vacation pass without one.

Two of our '96 graduates, Violette and Hallie Haines and our '97 Laura Cecelia Miller have been travelling in Europe during the summer with Mr. and Mrs. Miller. We have received most delightful letters from them giving glowing accounts of their trip. Most of the time has been spent in England, though they visited parts of the continent.

The July KEY was to Beta Iota, at least, a most interesting number. It was a great pleasure to see the groups of the different chapters and to know how our Kappa sisters looked.

Farewell, dear Kappas, one and all ! Ere the October KEY reaches us, doubtless all will be hard at work. Best wishes for a successful and happy year.

## BETA PROVINCE.

## BETA GAMMA—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

It is quite a puzzle to know what to write for the October news letter; that is, what may be of interest to THE KEY readers.

The summer history of the chapter is, necessarily, almost a blank page when the members are so scattered, and somehow the story of each individual's doings isn't of universal interest, even though we are all Kappas and have many things in common.

Were it a month from this time, the pages of THE KEY would not suffice to set forth the story of our rushing experiences. So perhaps after all there is great wisdom in the law that the fall letter must be in the editor's hands by September 1, lest the enthusiasm of first triumphs should overflow THE KEY'S columns.

Commencement was a triumph for Beta Gamma in the honors of Edna Pennell, *summa cum laude*, but now that it is all over we of '98, '99, and 1900 are mourning the departure of so many seniors. We feel the burden of responsibility of the fraternity's honor upon us. Of course it is a pleasant burden, but for all that the responsibility is great. I wonder if every class as it comes to seniordom trembles at the greatness of the trust laid upon it.

The prettiest event of the summer was the wedding in the college chapel, July 27, of Annette Morrison Thackwell and Rev. Frank Orr Johnson. It was, as we say with a proud air of proprietorship, a real Kappa wedding. Nothing could have been more dainty than the blue of the bridesmaids' gowns, or the wedding favors. Four of the Kappa Kappa Gamma girls sang the bridal chorus from Lohengrin, another was at the organ, still another was the honor maid, and thus the chapter took a share in all the happiness, to do honor to one of its most loyal girls. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson sail in September for India, whither they go as missionaries. Good fortune go with them! And to all of you we wish the greatest success in the new campaign, as we hope for your good will for us in ours.



## BETA NU—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Beta Nu awaits with eagerness and some anxiety the beginning of college this fall, as our chapter is cleft in twain, eight of our girls having graduated in June. As yet we cannot realize how we will miss them and our one senior this year will have undisputed possession of ninety-eight.

A retrospective glance over the summer vacation calls to mind our house-party at Kappa Dell, where a week of uninterrupted pleasure held us. Boating, wheeling, bathing, reading and frequent trips to the post-office, all caused the days to pass only too rapidly and when leaving for home we had to comfort ourselves with plans for a garden-party at President Canfield's, on the nineteenth of July.

Our new chapter rooms will soon be ready and we intend to have a birthday party early in October. Though not many we will be mighty if persistence and a strong confidence in ourselves is going to amount to any thing, for we simply must keep pace with our university which is steadily growing. There is to be a new course this year, Domestic Science, and the O. S. U. girls may yet become noted *cuisinières*.

Thus Beta Nu looks forward to a pleasant and happy year and extends best wishes to all Kappa sisters.

## BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

The first of July indicated the close of the college year at Ann Arbor and, with it, ended a happy year for Beta Delta. College does not reopen until the first of October and our lazy vacation days are being spent far from one another.

Thus fraternity work has been quiet, though each one of us is looking forward to the fall campaign. We hope to be able to report signal success in our next letter.

We regret that Sophie St. Clair and Genevieve Brood will not be with us another year.

Jessica McIntyre will spend the coming year in Europe.

Florence McIntyre was married to Mr. Herbert Clarke in July. They are now in Europe; their future home will be in Decatur, Ill.

Miss Georgia Smealley was married to Mr. Nims in August. Their home will be in Independence, Iowa.

## XI—ADRIAN COLLEGE.

Since the last publication of *THE KEY* our Province Convention was held at Columbus and from the reports of our delegates we feel much benefitted and are inspired to do more and better work the coming year.

Commencement week was a great pleasure to us this year, although there was a feeling of sadness as we thought of the girls who were to leave us and would no more be active workers in our chapter.

Six of our girls were graduates but we expect at least eight to be back for the next year and anticipate a strong chapter.

The prize given at the Inter-Society Contest which was held in Commencement week was awarded to one of our members, Mildred Moore.

We are anxious to go back to meet all our girls again and having spent such a pleasant vacation are ready to take up our work.

We send best wishes for a happy and prosperous year to all Kappas.

## KAPPA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Kappa chapter sends you greeting !

Commencement festivities were as ever at Hillsdale—numerous and gay. Kappa was proud of five graduates, some of whom we are to lose from college life, while the rest are to lend to us their dignity and helpfulness as post-graduates. It does make us sad, doesn't it, to have some of our own girls go away, not knowing when we shall see them again, but isn't it good to have known them and loved them as Kappas ?

The coming year looks bright to us at Hillsdale, as we are to have almost all of our girls back with us. We shall be sorry to miss Harriet Storrs from our number, for she was a great help to us while she was with us and we shall never forget her. Sarah Putnam is to come back to us at the opening of school, and we hope to keep her in good health so she can stay to finish her course.

And now, you new girls away in California, how eagerly are we looking for your first letter in *THE KEY* ! We are so glad you are our sisters, and we know that we shall all be stronger for your having entered our circle. And for all of you in the east and west, we wish a very happy year in Kappa !



## GAMMA PROVINCE.

## DELTA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Indiana University opens September 22. The largest attendance in the university's history is expected this year.

The vacation has been a very short but pleasant one to the Delta girls. Most of the girls have spent the summer at their homes. Misses Mary Kolb, Gertrude Munhall, Francis Hawkins and Cora Menaugh attended summer school. They stayed at the chapter house and with the other Kappas in Bloomington held frequent fraternity meetings and social gatherings.

Delta girls are very anxious for college to open. We expect to see our chapter house entirely refurnished. We shall miss many of our old girls for some will remain out to teach this year.

We regret very much that Lilia Keys will not be one of us this year. We are glad she is still to be among Kappas for she will attend Northwestern University.

Willminia Wallace, '97, has removed to her old home at Peru. We shall miss her influence very much.

Delta wishes a very happy and successful year to every one of her sisters.

## IOTA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Since Iota last sent greetings to her Kappa sisters, her members have been scattered far and wide regaining vigor for the new year's work. Commencement week, with all its gaieties, seems like a mere dream. At that time the thing of greatest importance to us as a chapter, was the annual reunion which was an enjoyable affair, especially to the active members. Many of the alumnae were present, among them one of our charter members.

The October KEY will find us busy and full of determination to make this a profitable year for Iota in every way we can.

All but one of our '97 graduates are to teach this year. There will be several vacant places in our ranks that will be hard to fill, though ten or twelve of our girls will return. We are so anxious to be together again; and plan to do careful and earnest work. The prospects for the coming year are very encouraging.

Iota sends best wishes to all Kappas.

## MU—UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

Once more the fall has come and with it, the return to college and fraternity life.

Mu will begin the year with a comparatively small number of members, as six were graduated last June; one will enter Ohio University in the fall, another will not re-enter college and still another will not be with us till spring. But the eight who remain will begin the year with the resolve to help and improve one another, to be true and loyal sisters, ready to do or die for the sake of Kappa.

Next year the university offers an improved course, as three new professors have been added to the faculty: Dr. Ames of Yale, who will have the chair of political economy, Dr. Forrest of Chicago University, who will have the chair of sociology, and Dr. Kies of Mt. Holyoke in the English department. Dr. Bruner who has been studying in Europe the past two years, will this fall resume charge of the department of biology. It is rumored that Pi Beta Phi has granted a charter to Alpha Phi Psi a local sorority at U. of I. If this be true, Mu will have additional work with her "spikes," as she never before has had to contend with a national sorority.

Mu sends greeting to all sister chapters.

## ETA—WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY.

Eta sends greetings to all her sister chapters.

Of course in the summer letter one has very little news to tell, for the girls are scattered far and wide; some are camping, others are travelling, and many are in their own homes.

We are all looking forward to meeting again in the fall, but we shall feel that our number is incomplete, for we shall miss the familiar faces of our seniors. But soon we shall be plunged into the pleasure and excitement of rushing, and many new ones will fill their places.

We expect to have Katherine Pray, who left last year on account of ill health, with us again. We all enjoyed looking at the pictures of our sisters in the last KEY, and hope that the plan of having THE KEY illustrated will be carried out again next year.

We are looking forward to the letter from the new chapter with eagerness.

We wish all our sister chapters a happy and prosperous fall.



## UPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Upsilon's corresponding secretary has not received a copy of the July number of *THE KEY*, and consequently feels a little out of touch with the world in general.

Examinations and commencement came and went, bringing with them the joy of tasks completed and the sorrow of partings. Three of our girls graduated, and though we saw them receive their diplomas with feelings of sisterly pride, we shall miss them, no one knows how much, when we return in September.

As far as distance is concerned, we girls have been widely scattered this summer, but a circulating letter has kept us informed as to the doings of each one. We recommend the plan to each chapter. It is such a comfort to receive that big, fat envelope once or twice during the summer.

Northwestern's semester system does not take us back to Evanston until late in September, but we will be just so much better prepared for work. We rejoice with you all in our new chapter, and extend to her a loving greeting. We are eager for news of her progress.

Here's success to all for the new year and best wishes for every Kappa.

## EPSILON—ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Epsilon sends greeting and best wishes for the opening year's work.

Almost all of Epsilon's girls were away for the summer, either at the northern resorts or visiting among friends. This fact makes it seem more and more desirable to have a summer home where we could all be together.

All of our '97 girls will remain at home this year, so that we shall not feel that we are losing them entirely. Katharine Marsh, who graduated at Kenwood Institute in June, will attend some college this coming year, and Gertrude Shreve will probably go to Chicago to study elocution.

A number of our girls who formerly lived here have been visiting friends this summer, and in June about forty of the Kappas, active and alumnae, spent a happy afternoon and evening at a picnic in Miller Park. Three other chapters were represented by Florence Walker, Delta; Miss A. A. Brown, Chi, and

Mrs. Wilbur Ferguson, Xi, who seem like part of our own. We had with us for the first time in years, Mrs. Kate Graves, one of our charter members.

Mrs. Nellie Knapp Holston has been here for a farewell visit. She will soon leave for Wallaceburg, Ontario, which is to be her home.

Luella Van Leer gave a reception the 28th for Miss Louise Ewing, daughter of the ex-minister to Belgium.

Professor A. A. Waters, of Hedding College, has been elected to the chair of biology in the Wesleyan. We are anxious to know who is to be president of the university to succeed Dr. Wilder, who resigned to re-enter the ministry.

We are proud to introduce to our sister chapters our new initiate, Florence Parritt. We feel that she will give her best to the fraternity, thus helping both it and herself.

### DELTA PROVINCE.

#### CHI—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

It seems as if the summer had just begun, and yet by studying the calendar we see that it is nearly ended and college soon to begin.

Chi's girls have been separated very little this vacation. We have had all sorts of little informal gatherings, including bicycle picnics and parties at which we also had our pledglings. During tennis week a party of the girls had a cottage at Lake Minnetonka. Most of the Kappas in town were able to get out at least one day for the lake festivities.

We shall all be glad to be back in the university again working and playing as only Kappas can.

#### BETA ZETA—IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

This October news letter would chronicle, if it could, the interesting vacation notes of each one of the Beta Zeta family. We have been widely scattered, have made the most of the joyous summer each in her own way, and now are busily at work again, glad of the reunion within Kappa walls.

The June commencement—a particularly bright and interesting



one it was—took away a class of surpassing excellence in all things and it seemed then there was left a vacuum difficult to fill. Ninety-eight, however, now appears equal to filling everything but the places left by certain Kappas.

The three graduates, Margaret Van Metre, Beulah and Elena MacFarland, are to be found this year teaching in high schools at Waterloo, Iowa City and Webster Groves, St. Louis, respectively. Bertha Blum, '98, is the teacher of German in Sioux City High School and Eula De Voll, sp., has returned to her home in Glens Falls, N. Y., to assist in the free kindergartens.

Since the last letter to THE KEY, a great calamity has befallen our university in the loss of its library. The building was struck by lightning at an early hour on a June morning and almost all the contents were consumed by fire. The saving of several valuable records was due to the courageous effort of one of our girls, Mary Barrett, who is assistant librarian. The library was a large one and of great value. Some of the old volumes can never be replaced, but a small, yet efficient, working library has already been catalogued.

We wish for the new chapter in California and all our other chapters a bright and successful year. Provided with our attractive new song books, let us make the welkin ring with the triumphs of Kappa.

#### SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

As the majority of Sigma's members have their homes in Lincoln we can almost say that the chapter life here never ends. Of course, there is no active work done in the summer but there is an occasional meeting at some home and, for the last few years, a picnic at one of the parks. In August a jolly crowd of Kappas and their friends gathered under the trees of Lincoln Park, in honor of Miss Ida Kriechbaum of Beta Zeta, who was visiting in Lincoln for a few days. A threatening cloud drove the girls cityward at six o'clock, but as it proved to be a false alarm the picnic was turned into a trolley ride which was prolonged through the evening.

The opening of the new year will be a sad one for Sigma. There will be too many missing faces to make it a joyful reunion. Only

ten of our undergraduates will be back this year. Naahmah Lowe of '98 cannot return to complete her course on account of the death of her mother and the responsibility of two little sisters resting on her. Another of our girls who has our deep love and sympathy is Nellie Lau, who is now in Europe where her father died this summer, the baths at Carlsbad for which they went having failed to effect his cure.

Stella Elliot of '98 will not be here this year. Having completed her training in the Gymnasium School at Chautauqua New York, taking the highest rank in her class, she will probably enter upon her life as a teacher this year. We hope, however, to have some of our alumnæ back for graduate work.

The prospect of convention will make this year an unusually exciting one for us. We hope that this year will be prolific in "desirable girls" for many hands are needed to make light work for next summer.

#### OMEGA—KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

In the last chapter letter the number of University students was in some way left out. We hasten to say that we had 1005, a number of which we are proud.

Omega has enjoyed a pleasant summer and is now sufficiently rested to "sigh for new worlds to conquer."

We have had more than the usual summer gaieties. Pavilion parties, house parties, and musicales have kept busy the twenty-seven Kappas in town.

We have enjoyed a visit from a pledgling—Margaret Brav, of Topeka, and are glad to have the Bowersock girls back after a year in the east.

School opens the 7th of September, and on the 10th the opening address will be given by one of the alumni, Will A. White, whose "Real Issue" has attracted so much attention.

#### PI—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

Pi chapter sends warmest greetings to her twenty-six sisters, and thanks them all most heartily for their kind words of welcome. If you only knew how happy, how absolutely hilarious we are to be in a position to receive these greetings! But you



can judge for yourselves how delighted you would be to have gained Kappa Kappa Gamma at last, after having worked and waited for it for four long years.

Our initiation was all and more than all that we had expected. It was held in the parlors of our chapter house, which had been decorated for the occasion by members of Beta Eta. There was a goodly number of Kappas present to start us on our new life. First of all the high priestess of our initiation, Miss Collins, to whom we all lost our hearts, a number of other eastern Kappas, half a dozen of our Stanford sisters—vacation kept many of them away—and several members of the former Pi chapter. There were so many of us, twenty, that we could not be taken individually, so first the twelve charter members were initiated and then the others. Never will any of us forget that sweet service when we first took upon ourselves the vows of Kappahood, and, as the golden key was fastened over our hearts, felt ourselves bound by the strongest ties of fealty and friendship, not only to each other and to the other Kappas present, but to a noble band of loyal sisters throughout the length and breadth of our fair country. No wonder that we lingered and could not bear to separate or to feel that the evening was over to which we had been looking forward for so long. The only thing that marred our happiness was that one of our dear girls, Mabel Sullivan, who had expected to enter with us into the bonds of Kappa, had gone some two months before to join the holier fraternity above.

We feel that we are not quite as much at the beginning of fraternity life as some new chapters would be, for we have been organized for three years as Sorosis, and have learned in that time not only the strength and sweetness of fraternity friendships, but also many practical points about the management of a chapter. College has just begun, and we are looking forward to our year's work with great pleasure and enthusiasm, hoping that as a chapter and as individuals we may always live consistently with the highest ideals of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

BETA ETA—LELAND STANFORD JR. UNIVERSITY.

While writing this there are yet a few days of vacation left and our girls still scattered. But when the next number of *THE KEY* appears, Stanford students will have been hard at work for a month or more, and summer pleasures but a delightful memory.

We are so happy at having a chapter in the University of California. Five of us were present at the initiation, and it was our privilege to be among the first to welcome these twenty charming girls into our beloved fraternity. We all enjoyed Miss Collins so much and only regretted that her stay could not be longer.

At present Beta Eta can think and dream of nothing else but house. Even the all absorbing topic of "New Girls" has been forced into the background. We shall have ten members when the University opens and nine of them in the house.

Carrie Goodhue attends the University of California this year, but we hope to have her with us again after the holidays.

All of us have been spending the summer working and worrying over the catalogue. We have also been scolding both mentally and audibly, those Kappas who were negligent in replying to our urgent requests for data, or have ignored them entirely and we hope they may have some qualms of conscience as a punishment for their carelessness.

Beta Eta wishes you all a happy and prosperous year.



### *College and Fraternity Notes.*

Tables in the June number of *The Scroll* show that the total membership of Phi Delta Theta is now 8,967; the number of active chapters, 69; alumni chapters, 32; number of years initiates, 442.

Alpha Delta Phi has established a chapter at McGill College, Montreal. Zeta Psi has had a chapter in the same institution since 1883 and both fraternities have chapters at the University of Toronto.

Governor Hastings, of Pennsylvania, has signed the Act of Assembly to prevent wearing of any badge or button of any labor or fraternal organization without right to do so by membership. The Act provides that any person who shall do so shall be fined \$100.—*Phi Kappa Psi Shield*.

Kappa Alpha Theta announces that its twelfth biennial convention will be held at Madison, Wis., October 5-8, 1897, Pi Beta Phi held its fifteenth biennial convention in the same place, July 7-11, and Delta Delta Delta held its third national convention at Minneapolis, August 24-27, while the *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly* is authority for the statement that Delta Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Nu, Pi Kappa Alpha and Phi Gamma Delta will all hold conventions in Nashville during the Tennessee Centennial.

The fraternities all occupy chapter houses and, therefore, instead of living in dormitories the students, especially in the upper classes, live at the chapter lodges. This house system has become traditional of Amherst largely in consequence of the influence of the fraternity, and especially of President Seelye, who strongly believed that students should be householders. The value of the property held here by the fraternities is estimated as exceeding \$200,000, ranking Amherst fourth in the value of its fraternity property.—*Amherst letter to Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*.

The enterprise of Southern K. A. is shown by a number of projects. A volume of K. A. verse will soon be published. A song

book is in preparation. A secret journal, in addition to the *Journal*, will soon be issued. A manual, which will epitomize the laws of the fraternity, is being compiled. Funds are being accumulated for publishing a new edition of the catalogue in 1900. Attention is being given to improving the fraternity's laws and amplifying the ritualistic observances. Contributions are being solicited for building a memorial hall at Lexington, Virginia.—*The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta*.

The number of matriculated students attending German universities during the summer semester of 1897 is indicated by the first figures, the whole number of hearers by the second figures, and the number of women among the hearers by the third figures in the following list: Berlin, 4705, 344, 114; Bonn, 1889, 103, 13; Breslau, 1541, 83, 22; Erlangen, 1140, 13; Freiburg, 1449, 95; Giessen, 663, 29; Göttingen, 1123, 72, 34; Greifswald, 834, 19; Halle, 1534, 101, 6; Heidelberg, 1230, 92; Jena, 704, 50; Kiel, 727, 37; Königsberg, 695, 31, 11; Leipsic, 3064, 157; Marburg, 1042, 48, 7; Munich, 3871, 160, 2; Academy of Münster, 487, 10; Rostock, 499, 10; Strassburg, 1016, 31; Tübingen, 1289, 12; Würzburg, 1430, 13. The whole number of matriculated students was 30,982, and hearers 1519, of whom 207 were women; students of theology 4326, of law 8368, medicine 8232, and philosophy 10,006. There was a marked decrease of students of theology and medicine, and an increase of students in the philosophical department, especially in philology and natural science. There seem to have been no women hearing lectures at Leipsic, although there were several in attendance last winter.—*The Nation*.

*San Francisco Call*: When the plans of the contemplated ideal buildings for the University of California are completed and carried out, no university in the world will compare with it in point of architectural magnificence. The most famous architects in Europe and America will submit plans for the harmonious grouping of twenty-eight or more beautiful buildings, and the whole general design of buildings and grounds will be passed upon and accepted by competent judges before any one of the structures is begun. The international competition is made possible through the praiseworthy liberality of Mrs. Phebe Hearst. Representa-



tives of the board of regents have traveled all over Europe enlisting aid in the scheme of obtaining the architectural plan, and are more than gratified with the result. The men most prominent all over the world in educational matters have not only given most cheerfully and freely their time and attention, suggestion, and counsel, but have received the proposition with unbounded enthusiasm, and have entered into its accomplishment as zealously as though it were a matter in which they were personally employed.—*Public Opinion*, 12 Aug. '97.

At Stanford University this week President Jordan has issued several proclamations that are noteworthy in college government. One warned the head of the student body, who is responsible for good order among the undergraduates, that he would be expected to weed out idle and vicious students and see that those guilty of hazing or rushing were also expelled. Dr. Jordan's position is that no college, in justice to working students, can afford to permit its classrooms to be filled with the lazy and incompetent. He also holds that the manager of student affairs has a right to prevent poor students from overworking themselves. Dr. Jordan has warned the chairman of the Committee on Athletics that no unfair methods are to be employed in any contest, and no avoidable injury done to students in any contest or practice game. Point is given to the warning against class rushes by the serious injury of several students at the State University this week in the rush between sophomores and freshmen.—*New York Tribune*, Sept. 5.

"Before the student is admitted to college, he probably has reflected upon the question of whether he shall join a fraternity. Certainly, if he has not been obliged to consider this question before he has received his matriculation papers, he will find himself obliged to consider it soon after he has begun work. The Greek Letter fraternities, as they have come to be known, represent a very large element in American college life. For more than fifty years they have played an important role. It is apparent that they are to be permanent factors. Of them are more than fifty, which have chapters in many colleges. There are also local fraternities. The foundation of some of them runs back more than sixty years. Various purposes control and various methods

prevail. In some the literary purpose and motive, in some the oratorical, in some the scholastic ; but more generally and quite generally the social and friendly method and purpose dominate. College fraternities are becoming more and more simple associations of men who like each other, and who like to be associated with each other. Whether a student shall join one depends very largely upon the student, and also upon the fraternity which he may be asked to join. On the whole, I feel that if he can afford the expense,—and the expense in some cases is slight, and in others heavy,—he will get more out of his college life by being a member. He will form more numerous, more ardent, and more lasting friendships. The disadvantage of fraternities is pretty closely related to what is called “college politics.” College politics, on the whole, is quite as bad for the college as what is known as “politics” in the larger world of civil relations is bad for pure democratic government. For the bickerings and squabbings prevailing in college politics consume large amounts of time and strength without rendering adequate results. But the same temptation of going into college politics exists for the man who is not a member of any fraternity.”—*Review of Reviews* for April, from an article by President Charles F. Thwing, Western Reserve University and Adelbert College, Cleveland, Ohio.

“It is difficult to understand,” said President Canfield, “where the general public, and especially the Columbus public, has gotten hold of the idea that the University is to open a ‘cooking school’ this fall—or at any other time. Nothing of the kind has been thought of by the University authorities, nothing of the kind has ever appeared in any of the printed matter sent out by the University. The misunderstanding has doubtless arisen from the fact that last year the University opened a department of Domestic Science, and outlined a four years’ course under this head. With very many people and with some very intelligent people, there is still the thought that Domestic Science means cooking and nothing else.

“But the course referred to is one of the most liberal in general culture, as well as one of the most important, that the University has offered. I look to see it become one of the most popular courses in the institution. The requirements to enter are practically the results of a good high school training. The general



University work covers Chemistry, Botany, Horticulture, Physiology, Floriculture, Economic Entomology and Hygiene and Physical Training—as to the sciences. There is thorough drill in Rhetoric, in French or German, in English literature, in Political Economy and in History. In the last year two-thirds of the work is entirely elective, in any course or College in the University. There can be no more liberal training than this.

“Running through this course, and taking a little less than one-third of the time of the student, is the work in Domestic Science. This offers sound and advanced training, with University methods, and by first-class instructors, in Cookery; including utility and cost of fuels, construction of stoves, comparative nutritive value of foods, the chemistry of the human body, the effect of cooking upon the digestibility of foods, general cookery (with constant laboratory practice), and invalid cookery: First Aid to the Injured and general Nursing: Household Economics—that is, the situation of a house, the planning and construction of a house, light, heat, ventilation, water-supply, plumbing, sewers, disinfection, the ordering of housework, simple domestic accounts and how to keep them, and laundry work; Sewing, Dressmaking and Millinery—the production and manufacture of materials, the choice and treatment of materials; and the study of line, form, color and texture as applied to dressmaking and millinery; plain sewing and art needlework, and all forms of designing, cutting, drafting, etc., in dressmaking and millinery, with constant laboratory practice under competent instruction: Art in the household—with studies and practice in color schemes, and all forms of decoration.

“He who runs may easily read that this is very far from a ‘cooking school’ in every respect. There ought to be very few young women in the University not taking this course. It is unique in its form and beyond estimate in its value.”—*Columbus Despatch*, Aug. 26.

The appointment of Elsa Eschelssohn to the professorship of civil law at the University of Upsala recalls the fact that she is the second woman professor of university rank in Sweden. Sonya Kovalevsky was appointed professor of mathematics in the University of Stockholm in 1884. She died several years ago forty-one years old.—*Buffalo Advertiser*.

### *Editorials.*

The Official Letter of the Grand Registrar, published in this number, again brings up the question of records. Every Kappa is requested to read it and the registrars would be wise to file it among their official documents for use in future time of need. The catalogue research has shown that chapter archives have been much neglected.

It may seem hard for the busy college student to be asked to devote her time to delving in fraternity records but, if the present registrars would display a spirit of altruism by putting their archives in perfect order for their successors, the burden of the future would be light. The dragon needs to be met but once.

Among other things THE KEY files should be completed as far as possible and the complete volumes bound to avoid loss and to serve as a nucleus for the chapter library. A complete list of volumes was given in the magazine for October 1896. The editor's experience has taught that it is best to bind Vols. I, II and III, together; Vols. IV and V, together; Vols. V, VI, VII, together; Vols. VIII and IX, together and the succeeding volumes separately. This should be done at once and the common chapter excuse of impecuniosity is not valid since a neat and serviceable binding can be procured for one dollar.

The lists of incomplete files at hand are as follows: the Grand President lacks Vol. I, nos. 1 and 4 and Vol. II, no. 1; the Grand Secretary lacks Vol. V, no. 2 and all up to Vol. V except Vol. II, nos. 3 and 4; Vol. III, nos. 2, 3 and 4; the Grand Registrar lacks Vol. I, no. 1 and Vol. IV, no. 3; the Grand Treasurer lacks Vol. I, Vol. II, nos. 1 and 2; Vol. III, no. 1 and Vol. IV, no. 1; Eta lacks Vol. I; Vol. II, nos. 1 and 2; Vol. III, nos. 1 and 2; Vol. IV, nos. 2, 3 and 4; Chi lacks Vol. VI, no. 1; Vol. X, nos. 2 and 3. Can any one supply these missing numbers? Will others send lists of the numbers needed to complete their files?

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There are a few words of general advice which need reiteration at the beginning of every rushing season. Do not judge a freshman too harshly. She is only half finished work. The girl who



goes away from home for the first time at seventeen or eighteen is frequently nothing but a mass of possibilities which her college life is to aid in developing. Do not criticize her gowns or her social graces too sharply. But, on the other hand, do not fail to know what her home associations and surroundings are. Too much stress can not be laid upon this point. We are all the creatures of environment and the girl who comes from a home of culture, in the best sense of that much abused word, is almost certain to develop into an attractive woman. It is admitted that some charming women have sprung from uneducated families, but such cases are rare enough to attract attention. In most instances it is much more difficult for a woman to break away from her family surroundings and traditions than for a man.

Some members of the fraternity argue that character is the only requisite for a candidate, but it is a delusion. Character is most necessary for a fraternity woman, but so are other things, and Kappa Kappa Gamma should have both.

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Requests have frequently come to *THE KEY* for a hint as to what are the most desirable subjects for chapter contributions. Such letters have always received personal answers but a glance at the new Song Book now suggests a subject which has not yet been touched upon.

There must be many interesting incidents and associations connected with the different songs and if any members of the chapters will take the trouble to find out who wrote their own chapter songs and under what circumstances they were written, an account of their investigations will be most acceptable to the magazine. There is much of this quasi history of the fraternity which we would all take pleasure in knowing for it would increase our interest and pride in the organization. But such facts appear so inaccessible when one person considers collecting them for all the chapters that, as a result, they ordinarily go unrecorded. If each chapter would do its share by looking up its own history, the magazine might have some very interesting articles and its usefulness be increased.

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As a vision or dream nothing could be more seductive than the

idea of a fraternity summer house, but to the waking mind it seems equally without substance. In any practical consideration of the scheme there are two knotty problems to be worked out, the place for the house and its management. The place, perhaps, is not so difficult. Phi could not go to the Pacific Coast nor could Beta Eta come to Cape Cod, but there are many beautiful spots about the Great Lakes which would be almost convenient for the majority of the chapters and there the experiment might be tried. But the management is another story. Is there any girl in the fraternity who could manage such a house without previous experience? and is there any girl having previous experience who would be willing to undertake it? It seems highly improbable. There are a number of minor obstacles which present themselves, but these two seem prohibitive.

It has been plainly demonstrated that a chapter can successfully carry out a business scheme, but can so large an organization as the fraternity do it as well? Beta Tau, Chi, Psi, Phi and Beta Nu have all tried cottage life. Let them come forward and give their testimony.

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It is always a pleasure to greet a new chapter and to feel that new friends are to rejoice with us in the happiness which Kappa Kappa Gamma gives its members. Our new Pi Chapter comes to us under unusually favorable conditions. For four years they have shown their loyalty to Kappa Kappa Gamma and these four years of organization have given them a comprehension of the methods and meaning of a fraternity which would be impossible to a chapter of less experience. They are located at an institution which we may be proud to have upon our roll, they were warmly approved by the members of our former Pi Chapter, they furnish Beta Eta with long desired companionship and they were admitted at the desire of every chapter in the fraternity. Under such circumstances they cannot fail to have a brilliant future.

THE KEY extends to the new chapter the right hand of fellowship and hopes that they will find their happiness increasing with every year of fraternity life.

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Two complaints have lately been made by *alumnæ*. One tells us that she has sent money to her chapter which they have never



taken the trouble to acknowledge, the second that she wrote to her chapter asking an important question and enclosing a stamp, yet never received a reply. Chapters as a whole, of course are not responsible for these lapses from virtue but such accusations are startling. Is it true that one of the fraternity's most lauded advantages, the cultivation of business methods, is a myth?

However, these complaints seem serious to us for in either case, the neglect to reply was an offense against courtesy and courtesy should be one of the fraternity's woman's three ideals. Honor and loyalty are the other two.

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THE KEY is not likely to fall into the hands of many of the '97 graduates. But in the hope that the few who do see it may leaven the whole class, we should like to say a few words. Do not forget your fraternity. It is as much yours as it ever was. It has given you much pleasure and may still give you much happiness and many friends if you use the privileges to which it entitles you. You cannot be expected to take the same active part in its management that the undergraduate takes, but read the magazine and keep yourself in touch with its general movements and its development. Join an *alumnæ* association and work for the organization if you have time and opportunity but, at any rate, keep its principles in your heart and act upon them.

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A Kappa Kappa Gamma calendar for 1898 is to be issued by Annabel Collins of Beta Zeta and Mary J. Hull of Psi.

The calendar has become so distinctly an institution of our fraternity that it seems hardly necessary to remind the members of its advantages and that it proves a pleasant souvenir of chapter life. The calendar for next year will follow the same general lines as its predecessors but will confine itself to quotations from modern authors. It will be ready for distribution before Christmas and all orders should be sent to Miss Annabel Collins, Maplehurst, Iowa Falls, Ia. The price will be twenty-five cents.

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With October comes the fraternity's anniversary. Every chapter should celebrate this year. The happiest suggestion that has yet appeared is that the chapters should write letters to each of

their alumnæ requesting replies on the thirteenth of that month and that the letters should then be read. The alumnæ would enjoy it and the experiment is worth trying.

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Mu desires to obtain a list of alumnæ members living in Indianapolis. Will those who have any knowledge of the subject please send information and addresses to Mu's corresponding secretary.

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Blanks for Annual Reports will be sent to all the corresponding secretaries during the month of September. They are requested to fill them out carefully and see that they are sent in promptly.

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### *Exchanges.*

The editor finds few magazines upon her table this month. It is possible that THE KEY has been overlooked in the general distribution of fraternity magazines but more probable that fraternity editors have succumbed to the influence of the idle summer days.

The June number of *The Beta Theta Pi* has an interesting article upon "The Fraternity Badge." The author quotes Mr. Baird's classification of badges: "The distinctive badges of the fraternities are of three kinds: First, a shield or plate of gold, displaying upon it the fraternity name, together with symbols of general or peculiar significance. This is worn as a pin, as a pendant from the watch-chain, or as a watch-key. Secondly, a monogram of letters composing the name: these are the handsomest of all badges, and are usually jeweled. Thirdly, some symbol representing the name of the society or some of its degrees, as a skull, a harp, a key," and applies it with the following results. "Under the monograms are classified X. Φ., X. Ψ., Δ. Υ., Σ. Φ., Z. Ψ. Under the shields are B. Θ. Π., Φ. Δ. Θ., Φ. K. Ψ., Π. K. A., Θ. Δ. X. Closely allied to these are the lozenge shaped badges of Δ. K. E., Φ. Γ. Δ., Ψ. Υ., Σ. A. E. Among the crosses are A. T. Ω., Δ. Φ., Φ. K. Σ., Σ. X., Δ. Υ. Besides these designs, the fraternities use the key. They are Φ. B. K. and K. A."

The same number of the magazine contains a story "The



Chance of Reprieve" by "a Beta girl." A careful perusal of it calls to mind a quotation from Kipling, whose name appears so often in *The Beta Theta Pi's* pages: "Providence fashioned man on one day and woman on another in sign that neither should know more than a very little of the other's life."

The *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly* for June is distinguished by its pictures. Thirteen fine cuts accompany one article, "How to get a Chapter House." It is an interesting article but the suggestions which it embodies are hardly practicable for a woman's fraternity. The only part which is of real value to us is quoted here.

"This simply shows that personal application is the only way to get money. It requires perseverance, constant and never wearying persistence. Continual asking will interest the hardest and most indifferent. What will a hall or house show? It will show that someone cares and prizes his society enough to build it comfortable quarters. It is the standing argument of the loving thought of all its members. Your efforts will not be crowned with success at once. You will be astonished to find how poor men are whom you supposed to be rich. Get these men to give you at least \$10, for our friend Benjamin Franklin, remarks wisely: "It is much easier for a man to do you a favor a second time, having once done something for you." By all means, get your man on the list for something. Do not contract for any building till your land is absolutely paid for, and in the hands of your trust association. You can readily borrow enough to build your house after the land is paid for and several thousand dollars additional in the treasury. To pay the interest on your loan, taxes and repairs, you must have a certain number of sustaining members. A certain sum of money, agreed to be paid every year by the undergraduates and graduates, is to be applied to the taxes, insurance and sinking fund.

One of the refreshing things about fraternity journalism is that some one is always enthusiastic with the overflowing enthusiasm bred of Convention. This time it is Pi Beta Phi upon whom the mantle of happiness has fallen and *The Arrow* is largely given over to a description of the Pi Phi Convention which began at Madison, Wis., July 7. If one may judge from the reports, their convention differed but little from other conventions and was a pleasant combination of business sessions and social pleasures. One account, however, contains this suggestion which might be well to file for reference for future conventions of other fraternities.

"While listening to the chapter reports was a great pleasure, and a help in associating in the mind the delegate with the chapters she represented, yet there was a general feeling that the time of the convention might be spent more profitably, and that it would be an advantage to future conventions if chapter reports were printed and circulated among the delegates."

The June *Scroll* is entirely taken up with Phi Delta Theta interests and contains little to attract the attention of an outsider, but one of its editorials is so sensible and the advice is so timely that we can not afford to pass it by :

"At the same time, exercise caution. The recommendation of an alumnus should be considered in connection with the opportunity the alumnus has had to know his man, and in connection with the habits of that same alumnus in criticism and compliment. Don't make a wild rush for a man because somebody else seems to want him, and, above all, never pledge or initiate a man you are not morally sure you can carry through the whole course. Nothing is more unjust to any man than to make him realize that you are sorry you have him. Of course he will resign when he finds it out, but that brings no credit to you and injures him. When you discover that a man has faults, count your own thrice and then have your most tactful member reason with him. For he is your brother, or you have promised him that he shall be, and promises are sacred."

An account of their Nebraska chapter in the *Alpha Tau Omega Palm* throws a side light upon the conditions which surround our Sigma chapter.

"Western colleges and universities, being comparatively young, have no old established customs, traditions, or societies such as we find in most of the eastern institutions. When a university is founded the first student organizations to make their appearance are the literary societies. All the universities west of the Mississippi river are co-educational, and the societies being a reflection of the policies and ideas of the founders are "mixed" societies or, societies composed of both sexes.

The oldest literary society of the University of Nebraska was organized in 1871, the next oldest, in 1875. These, with a society more recently organized, have a membership of from sixty to eighty members each and are still in flourishing condition. Their halls, the furnishings of which cost from \$1500 to \$2500 are particularly adapted to their purpose. However, these societies, unlike the societies of most universities, do not admit fraternity men to membership, and when a member of a society becomes a fraternity man he is no longer considered a member of that society.



There was a time when things were different.

The first fraternity established here was the Phi Delta Theta, established in 1875. But the university was then too young to be good ground for fraternities and the chapter soon surrendered its charter. However, it was revived in 1881. About that time Sigma Chi also established a chapter, followed soon after by the Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma sororities. Previous to 1884, the literary societies included among their members both fraternity and non-fraternity men (and ladies). But the fraternities having grown rapidly and having initiated the most prominent and influential students, they dominated in society affairs. From the beginning there had been opposition to fraternities and it resulted in matters coming to a crisis in the great Barb Frat. controversy, which has become a matter of history in the university, and which ended by the fraternity men withdrawing from the societies."

A portion of an after dinner speech delivered at a Phi Kappa Psi symposium is given below.

"Without enlarging, I would simply make the point that there can be no complete, well-rounded culture without due regard for the social man. The student who would go out from college to lead a successful life, whatever may be the sphere of his choice, must see to it that his social, no less than his intellectual and moral nature, receives the training which is essential to the thoroughly educated man. The Fraternity contributes to this end. That, primarily, it may be said, is its purpose.

"The principle of selection, or the law of social affinity, as a matter of course, enters into the account. This, however, argues no more against Fraternity than against social affiliation in general. The law of social affinity, the choice of companions, will regulate the social relations of the student, whether he wear the badge or not."

The University Magazine is always satisfactory. It is so well written and thoroughly illustrated that it seems rather out of place among the fraternity magazines. We know of nothing better for the student who desires a general knowledge of the different colleges and we apologize to the Magazine editors in giving it the following recommendation in the Jarley style.

For a very general knowledge  
About every kind of college,  
The University Magazine's the best.  
If at first you don't agree,  
Try it, and you soon will see  
It embraces all the merits of the rest.

