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THE SIXTEENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION.

THE crowded week of the sixteenth national convention is over, the delegates and visitors who were at Ann Arbor for seven short days have all scattered again to the four corners of the four provinces, and it seems almost as though it might have been only an everyday dream. Yet those of us who took diligent notes in order to report the convention to respective chapters or alumnae associations realize only too well that while it was a very quiet and harmonious session, nevertheless a number of changes were made in fraternity management, and a goodly amount of social meeting together was accomplished. The very night of arrival, all delegates and visitors were assembled at the house of the hostess chapter, which filled with a friendly envy the hearts of those whose chapter boasts only a room or two, or even an apartment. Beta Delta's house is eminently domestic and so evidently has a kitchen. Everyone there was tagged with an oblong or triangular badge bearing her name and chapter and the party was practically a game of walking directory. The triangles were in the minority in mere numbers, but not in importance. As delegates the girls who wore them had the serious look of those about to do the heavy work of the session, beginning with a short oral report of their chapters; and those early in the alphabet, knowing they

must set the fashion, had a far away look, a withdrawn-for-meditation appearance that agreed well with a slight movement of the lips which perhaps formed the word, "Greeting."

The first business session was held the morning of the twenty-seventh, with an attendance of all the grand council, delegates from all chapters, from several alumnae associations, and many visitors. Five alumnae associations were actually represented on the floor, two had delegates whose credentials unfortunately failed to arrive and many more were unofficially represented by visiting members. The details of the action of convention at this and following meetings can hardly find place in a general report, but two or three decisions are of wider importance than internal management and show the general policy of the fraternity. The membership of Kappa women in Omega Psi is not to be allowed in the future; that is, no members may hereafter join the interfraternity organization, though of course the standing of those already having joined is not affected. The establishment of a sinking fund to meet possible future emergencies points to the sound financial policy which the grand council has upheld through its past administration and bids fair to continue in this since the personnel of the counsel was not materially changed by the elections. Another very interesting matter was presented to the consideration of the convention through Miss Anna Hitchcock, of Philadelphia, who offered the fraternity a hundred dollars toward the establishment of a twelve hundred dollar fund for a table or scholarship at Wood's Holl, or some similar place. The scholarship would be offered at those colleges and universities where the fraternity has active chapters, but would be open to all properly qualified non-fraternity undergraduates as well as to fraternity members. This plan has already been tried with success at the University of Pennsylvania, of which Miss Hitchcock is an alumna, and the enthusiasm of the convention seems to show that the fraternity as a whole is in favor of standing for some such connection with purely academic advancement. The whole subject was referred to a committee with power to act, from whom the individual chapters will hear in the near future. Perhaps one of the most striking new features of the sixteenth convention was alumnae day, the program for which is given below:

SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION.

1. "The College Woman in Literary Clubs,"
Leader, MINNETTA T. TAYLOR
2. "The College Woman in Practical Life,"
Leader, CORA BENNETT STEVENSON
3. "Our Alumnae Association,"
Leader, MINNIE ROYSE WALKER
4. "The Province and the Possibilities of the Alumnae Association,"
Leader, FLORENCE WALKER
5. "What Should be the Character of Alumnae Association Meetings,"
Leader, KATHERINE LUCAS JOHNSON
6. "Alumnae Help for Chapters,"
Leader, AVERY TRASK
7. "The Fraternity's Policy of Extension,"
Leader, IDA BONNELL OTSTOTT
8. "How can the Fraternity be Sure to have Officers Capable and
Well Informed?"
Leader, MARY D. GRIFFITH
9. "Should Officers be Chosen for a Period of Four Years,"
Leader, MINNIE ROYSE-WALKER
10. "The Alumnae and the Key,"
Leader, LUCY ALLEN SMART
11. "The Relation of Alumnae to the Establishment of Chapter
Houses,"
Leader, FLORENCE ELLIS WEISSERT
12. "Should not Sec. 4, Act. IV, of the Constitution be Changed?"
Leader, HELEN DUNHAM
13. "The Endowment of a Kappa Table at Wood's Hall,"
Leader, MARY D. GRIFFITH

The first three topics, with the active discussion following, filled the entire morning and in the afternoon the more special points were discussed. The relation of the alumnae to the active chapter on the side of financial support and in more spiritual ways gave the old graduates, the new graduates and the undergraduates a good chance to exchange ideas. Most chapters have their alumnae continue to pay dues for from three to five years after graduation; "in return for which," as some teasing alumnae suggested, the grateful chapter sends an annual news letter to each graduate or invites its alumnae to initiation spreads, camping party, or perhaps a special reunion at Thanksgiving. In some cases the chapter alumnae have organized or even incorporated in order to take special charge of the chapter rooms or house, and most of the chapters seemed to rely solidly upon their alumnae in any emergency, while the enthusiastic alumnae present showed that the reverse relation was a close one. The interest of the alumnae in the fraternity at large came under discussion and a

very practical offer to increase and maintain such interest was made by the editor of the *KEY*, namely, if all the members of all alumnae association will subscribe to the *KEY* the price of subscription will be reduced for them from one dollar to fifty cents.

In the interstices of business and the happy midnight meeting of chapter with chapter, came the legitimate entertainments for the convention as a whole. Such was the number of these: an organ recital, a luncheon, a musical, a banquet, a visit to the museum with special guides, drives, receptions and teas, that a detailed account could hardly fail to remind the unhappy reader of the famous catalogue of ships. But to us who were entertained they bring up only the pleasantest of memories. The tea given by Gamma Phi Beta, in its chapter house, gave the delegates and visitors a chance to meet other fraternity women, and the reception after the musical, at which Miss Grace Bassett played, and Miss Belle Louise Brewster sang, made it possible for them to see the people of the town which was entertaining them so kindly. The hostess chapter certainly had mastered the art of managing over a hundred people with great calmness and decision—no hitch in their plans ever occurred, and this was never more noticeable than on the day spent in Detroit. The Detroit alumnae were responsible for the day, but Beta Delta quietly marshaled the forces and made connection at every point. Specially chartered electric trains ran to Detroit and from them it was only a short walk to the beautiful new club house of the Detroit Boat Club, on Belle Isle. The adjective is used advisedly, for the club is really beautiful and extremely well set on a small island connecting by a bridge with Belle Isle. The stucco walls, red-tiled roof and huge terra cotta pots of box trees on the balustrade, backed by the very green water of the Detroit River, made a gaily colored, almost foreign, picture. The architecture was Spanish Gothic, according to the repetitions of an informed delegate, but a boatman explained it was "Just Vinitian," which was almost borne out by the clustered tall, red and gold posts at the corners of the building. Inside was comfort and a luncheon grateful to everyone, and in the afternoon followed a drive over the island and a quick return to Ann Arbor for an evening business session. A special service in the Methodist Church was arranged on Sunday, and the restfulness of the day fitted everyone for the final work of Monday. The elections were quickly made; almost all

the grand council, with the exception of the president and treasurer, who were unable to accept re-election, are to serve again, so that no abrupt change of policy is to be feared. The pleasure we all feel that this is so was in evidence in the impromptu calls at the banquet on the last night. Mrs. May Whiting Westermann, Lincoln, Neb., secretary for the past two years, is our new president, Miss Mary D. Griffith, Philadelphia, is secretary and Miss Virginia Sinclair, Normal, Ill., is treasurer. Miss Elmie Warner as registrar and Mrs. Lucy A. Smart as editor were re-elected.

Some of the faces familiar during the intimate week of convention looked almost strange under the powdered hair that was as necessary for admission to the banquet as the precious blue ticket; but when we talked—and especially toward the end there is no doubt that we *did* talk—the strangeness vanished. The little souvenir banners, hung within easy reach by the thoughtful hostess chapter, waved gaily to the sound of college yells and chapter and convention songs. Only those who had formal toasts were depressed, and by the end of the banquet even they felt happy except for the general undercurrent of real regret for the parting next day.

TOASTS.

Toastmistress, LUCY ALLEN SMART, Editor of "Key," Beta Nu.

- "Welcome," MAY BOUTELL, Beta Delta
 "Look in our eyes! your welcome waits you there
 North, South, East, West from all and everywhere."
- "Our Last Host," MARY F. HUNT, Beta Nu
 "Not that we think us worthy such a guest,
 But that your worth will dignify our feast."
- "Anticipation," ALICE CRANE, Phi
 "We will not anticipate the past,
 So mind, young people,
 Our retrospection will be all to the future."
- "Our Infants," { DELLA GARDNER, Beta Mu
 { ALMA JONES, Beta Xi
 "Both great in courage, conduct and in fame,
 Yet neither envious of the others praise;
 Their duty, faith and interest to the same,
 Like mighty partners, equally they raise."
- "Realization," LOUISE B. DUNN, N. Y. Alumnae Association
 "Let me review the scene
 And summon from the shadowy past
 The forms that once have been."
- "The Golden Gate," SARA McLAUTHLIN, Beta Eta
 "How at heaven's gate she claps her wings,
 The morn not waking till she sings."
- "Our Badge," EVA HART, Gamma Rho
 Long has it waved on high
 And many an eye has danced to see it."
- "A Health," LUCILE CHEEVER, Eta
 And here let time hold still his restless glass
 That not another golden sand may fall
 To measure how it passeth."
- "A Kappa Poet," MINNETTA TAYLOR, Iota

Minnetta Theodora Taylor responded to the toast, "A¹Kappa Poet," with the following ode :

I.

Who shall demand the song of praise
That thrills the heart and fires the eye,
That lights the future with its rays
And shows us how to live and die?
A name, a name to blazon forth,
Arcturus leading on the north !

II.

Our country? chieftain fair and free,
Stronger than minstrel ever sang,
Ruler of life by land and sea,
Lord of the purse and the war-drum's clang?
But power and wealth are a passing show,
Greater the minds of those who know.

III.

Head of our country then? the schools
Where learning ponders many a tome
Where reason fits its seasoned rules
And science guides the reason home?
Swift as a shadow reason flies,
Half seen by dim, forgetful eyes.

IV.

What then endures and gilds the past
With all the grace of Grecian lore?
What teaches, gathers and holds fast,
The fire of promise at its core?
Sisters, 'tis love and still will be,
As ever the moon shall draw the sea.

V.

Of yore, 'mid Sabine hills and vines,
The Roman Horace wisely flung
The votive offering of his lines
To maids and youths whose hearts were young.
Those generous hearts their country's hope
Stars in her freedom's horoscope.

VI.

Where have we learned love?
Sisters, pure devotion,
Flowing on from year to year,
Endless as the ocean?
Where has selfishness gone down
And the heart, free ranger,
Found that friendship's royal crown
Fitted many a stranger?
Where did we first learn to rule,
Learn by meek obeying?
Where the ready tongue to school,
Faithful not betraying.
Where forgive and yet forgive?
Where endure, grow stronger,
Bear each other's burdens, live
So K. K. G. lives longer?
Ah ask no more ! that queenly name
Burns on the lips with ready flame.

VII.

Her glory grows from year to year,
 Her look, serenely wise,
 Still raises hope and conquers fear,
 With blue and smiling eyes.
 Her splendor sweeps from sea to sea
 And glows from south to north.
 The noontide of the world shall be
 Her daughters going forth.

VIII.

O minstrel, smite the sounding strings
 And sing the time to be,
 The woman's soul with dove-like wings
 Strong, noble, glad and free.
 But still! howe'er thou strikest the chords,
 A Kappa poet gives the words.

IX.

And whose is now the magic voice
 That tells the concord of the spheres,
 That bids our noblest life rejoice,
 And makes a rainbow of our tears?
 Who is the poet that may sing
 Of love to each created thing?

X.

Can not, then, the wakened heart
 Guess the riddle by the thrill
 That unbidden yet will start
 When one poet has her will?
 The Kappa poet, queenly, free,
 Is herself! our K. K. G.

Convention can hardly be seen justly in the close perspective of a week—what it means to the fraternity at large, and to the girls who were there. But it is perhaps safe to say that the policy of the fraternity makes for a conservative, dignified, social standing in the several colleges and universities where it is represented, and not only for that but for an academic standing among its members that will bear comparison with the rank of non-fraternity women. While to the delegates and visitors convention must always mean a happy memory, to the former it surely must bring to a sense of the power they hold to widen into a more generous and inclusive feeling the sentiment of chapter loyalty.

LOUISE BRISLINE DUNN, B E,
New York Alumnae Association.

THE FIRST ALUMNAE DAY.

A NEW and successful feature of the convention of 1902 was an entire day devoted to the alumnae. The idea was an outgrowth of the increasing number of alumnae associations. In form, the plan originated with Mrs. Penfield, who made the programme, dividing it into two sections: the alumnae in touch with the world and the alumnae in fraternity relations. The first class of subjects occupied the morning, and was presented under the heads of the alumnae in literary clubs, the alumnae in practical life and alumnae associations.

The convention showed an unusually inspiring spectacle on Saturday morning, August 30th. The weather was cool and bright, contrasting with the summer days that had characterized most of the convention time. The vigor of autumn was in the air. The hard work of the first part of the week had interested the delegates and given them new ideas concerning Kappa Kappa Gamma's present and future. The beautiful day at Belle Isle had rested and refreshed them, and had revealed new congenialities and capabilities. A flood of brilliant yet mild sunshine illuminated the audience room, bringing out distinctly the fraternity banners on the walls, the K. K. G. flag, the gowned figures of the council and active chapter delegates and the animated and thoughtful faces of all.

After the roll-call and a Kappa song, Minnetta Theodora Taylor, president of the Western Association of Writers and vice-president of the Indiana Federation of Clubs, addressed the convention on the subject of alumnae in literary clubs. She referred to women's literary clubs and women's fraternities as having the same origin in that dissemination of education which made what was an exception in one generation a necessity to the next. Continuing, she said:

About the time that Kappa Kappa Gamma was founded in Monmouth College, the literary club idea extended beyond Sorosis, the first of its kind, and associations for the study of literature and kindred subjects sprang up all over the United States. The two phenomena, fraternities and literary clubs, had the same cause: the increasing number of college women. On the one

hand, this increase permitted and even urged choice of companionship in college; on the other, it indicated to the female seminary woman that she would soon fail to understand not only her own daughter, but the whole trend and development of American thought; furthermore, that a spring of learning and of higher life had been opened which she ought to share.

In foreign countries where conventionalities have suppressed initiative and have long distorted and perverted judgment, the latter feeling might have died without action, or might have resulted in the useless and absurd attempt of mothers of families to go to school. In America, untrammelled and natural good sense soon pointed out a better way. Student groups were quietly formed, without a teacher, with little more than a social organization, with meetings adapted to the small amount of time left after home duties had been fulfilled and often with the modest title of reading clubs, not pretending to do any original work. The men of the families occasionally smiled and asked their wives what they would do when they had finished copying the encyclopedias; but on the whole, like sensible and just American gentlemen, they encouraged the idea.

Books were the first requisite. I am sure that literary clubs, most of them women's, have done more to add to private libraries and to create town and city libraries than any other one cause. Generally they have worked through other organizations, but the desire and demand that stirred these organizations to action came from the clubs. This is proven by the number of cases in which the clubs came first and the libraries after.

The next thing needed was some members who were well-informed, but who would not expect to be club instructors. Here the college and fraternity women came in. They were already connected with the clubs by family or social ties, having mother, aunt, elder sister or at least family friends in the ranks of the club members. The college had taught them facts, and better than that, discipline. They knew how to get facts, compare, combine, reject and arrive at probable truth. Thus equipped, they were independent of a single author, and knew how to think for themselves and to show others how to do the same. They also knew that they needed to keep up their studies after they left college or they would lose what they had gained. Best of all, some had had real teachers who taught them a sincere and ardent love of studies, the kind of love which 'hateth nice hands' and goes into work for the sake of the thing itself.

Still it is probably that the old and new would never have fused properly if it had not been for the influence of fraternity life on college girls. Immature and proud of their scholastic honors, vain of their youth and good looks, and incapable of appreciating the value of experience, they would naturally have

shrunk from the company of their elders, or else have offended and alienated them by a pert assumption of superiority. But the intimate association of fraternity life is exactly adapted to teach that form of unselfishness and good sense which is known as tact. The new graduate might not be able to estimate the treasure of knowledge and patience which the motherly woman beside her had drawn from life; but fraternity had been tried in vain if it had not taught her to keep herself in abeyance, to respect her seniors and to credit others with good intentions. And within my own knowledge Kappas have been, and are, particularly good club women, both because we were founded on literary ideals and have always clung to them, and because the traditional earnestness of our fraternity makes us careful of those about us, attentive, responsive and ready to learn.

The club elements are now well amalgamated. The women who have not been educated in college are not nearly so numerous as they were, and are not to be distinguished, on general view, from the others. In their strength and in the comparative leisure and relief from physical labor, caused by modern inventions, they have taken hold of the world's work for the betterment of humanity and added it to their efforts for personal improvement.

And now club women as a whole, that vast body of intelligent people counting itself by thousands, may repay the debt it owes to college and fraternity women. For there is a decided reaction in co-education. In some colleges it has happened that the number of girls, at first very small, has grown to be equal to that of the men and then greater. Then the women would be decidedly in the majority, the curriculum would undergo that mysterious change which designates the girls' school, fewer and fewer pupils would come and the institution would be obliged to close. This is the great bugbear of many colleges at present, and the presidents and chancellors fall into a panic if the catalogue shows an increase in the number of women students. Chicago and other universities have pointed out that the average grades of the women are better than those of the men, and that this seems to be the thing that discourages the men. Surely that ought to be a reason for better conduct and harder study on the part of the men, rather than for retreat to some school where there is less severe competition.

As a matter of fact, this alarming economic phase of an over-production of knowledge seems to be exactly like that other economic fallacy, the over-production of food. Bad distribution may momentarily cause the supply to exceed the demand; but we do need all the food there is in the world, and all the brains, and we must be clever and strong enough to arrange the distribution."

An animated and general discussion followed, eliciting remarks on club studies and benevolent work, tendencies of clubs, number of club women, the co-educational sentiment and rules in various colleges, and the probable scope of the educational reaction.

Mrs. Cora Bennett Stephenson spoke on our alumnae in practical life. She described Kappa training as an element of success in philanthropic work, in the professions and in the complicated and scientific management necessary to modern housekeeping. She referred to man and woman as co-equals, possessing complementary mental qualities, and assigned to man the creative mentality and to woman the receptive.

In the discussion which ensued the sentiment of the convention was that human beings differed too much mentally and spiritually to be classified; that each individual should develop his or her own talents, thus enriching the world with variety and the highest possible utility; and that any apparent mental classification seems to be due entirely to environment.

Mrs. Minnie Royse Walker, president's deputy and secretary of the New York alumnae chapter, gave a history of the formation and growth of alumnae chapters. She spoke of her interest in fraternity history as arising during her writing the history of Iota, one of the oldest chapters of the fraternity. She traced the beginnings of alumnae chapters, their rapid growth, their proportion to the active chapters, the constitution of their membership and their character intrinsically and in relation to the active chapters. She called on the alumnae and active delegates for reports of alumnae work.

The discussion became general and was resumed during the afternoon. Many chapters reported financial aid extended by the alumnae. Some gave regular support to chapter houses, others paid a fixed sum on graduation, others contributed to the furnishing of houses or gave a fixed annual entertainment. In return for this sisterly interest, the active chapters placed their houses at the disposal of visiting alumnae, gave fraternity news and the exact state of the chapter in quarterly or annual letters to all who had been members of the chapter, and sent invitations to all gatherings, particularly to initiations. A feature that gave special satisfaction was the distribution to all alumnae of a list of each year's initiates, with a brief account of each girl. By this means the alumna felt that she was still acquainted with her chapter and so found it easy to keep up interest in it.

Alumnae clubs reported, as a whole, that their separate formation into literary or social clubs was not successful. The reason for their existence seemed to be the continuance of fraternity life and their vitality was in proportion to their connection with the active chapter where one existed, or the national fraternity where there was no active chapter. It was thought that specially good ideas for the national organization might proceed from an alumnae chapter where several different actives were represented and no neighboring chapter absorbed the energies of the organization.

MINNETTA T. TAYLOR.

AFTERMATH OF CONVENTION AT CHICAGO.

The request of the toastmistress at the banquet in Ann Arbor, that all Kappas in Chicago, on the Wednesday following convention meet for luncheon, was responded to more largely than any one had thought possible. There was no time to reach Chicago alumnae, but the following had the pleasure of prolonging the most successful convention in the history of the fraternity: Madames Addie T. Smith, X; Ida B. Ottstott, Σ; Naamah L. Hutchinson, Σ; Misses May C. Whiting, Blanche Hargreaves, Louise Hargreaves, Mabel Stephen, Σ; Ada Dalzell, Bess Dalzell, B Γ; Ida Wehner, Jane Evans, B H; Alma Sherman, II; Howard Root, I; Mabel Hayward, B Δ; Anna D. White, Y. Not the least pleasant part of the little reunion was the presence of four Kappa mothers, Madames Hargreaves, Stephen, Wehner and Dalzell.

MAY C. WHITING WESTERMANN.



THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

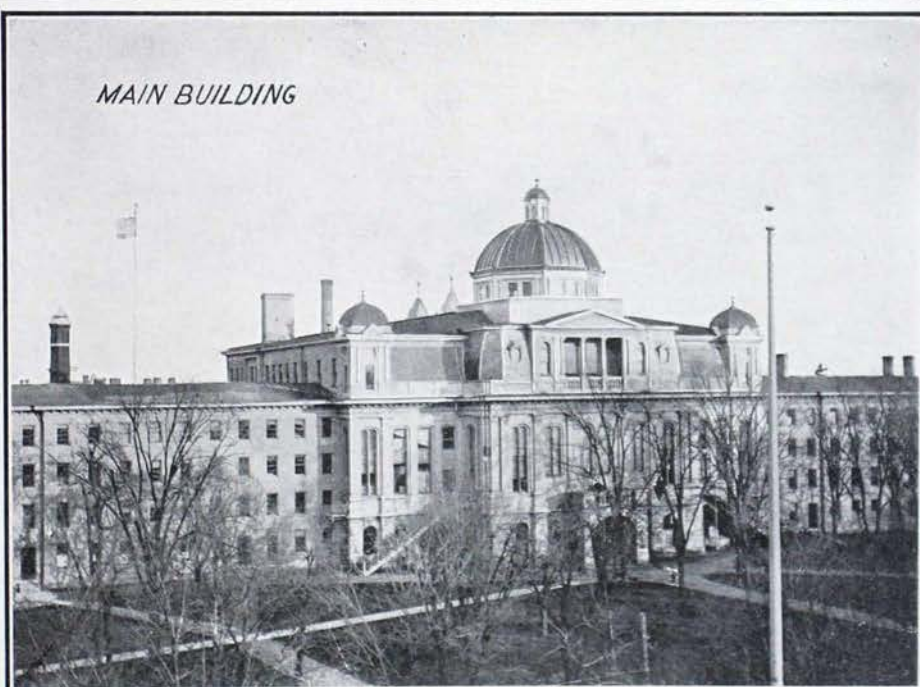
THE origin of the University of Michigan may be found in the famous Ordinance of 1787, one doctrine of which was:

"Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged;" for it was as a result of this ordinance that, when, in 1805, Michigan Territory was

GYMNASIUM



MAIN BUILDING



formed, 23,040 acres of land were set aside as the endowment of a university. The Congress of 1826 doubled this amount of land, from the sale of which the university received its income for many years. Although the university was brought into legal existence in 1817, the scanty population of the territory did not warrant the opening of its doors as a seat of learning until 1841. Three years previous the work of erecting the necessary buildings was begun; what is now the north wing of University Hall was the first college building erected on the campus, and was used both for college work and for a dormitory. If there was a catalogue of the University of Michigan issued in 1842, it could have told of only two professors, and less than a dozen students; the catalogue of 1902 records 285 members of the faculty, and 3,709 students.

Other departments were soon added to the literary, until now the university comprises the departments of literature, science and the arts (including the graduate school), engineering, medicine and surgery, law, school of pharmacy, homeopathic medical college, and the college of dental surgery. Each department has its own dean and faculty, but all are under the wise guidance of Dr. Angell—the man who has been at the head of this institution as its president for over thirty years. Of him little need be said, for he is already well known both at home and abroad, having been Ambassador to China, and Minister to Turkey, besides having filled other important public positions. As lecturer and writer, and as president of one of the greatest educational institutions in the United States, he needs no introduction. It is needless to say that he is highly respected and beloved by all the students, and that they consider it a great privilege to be in his classes.

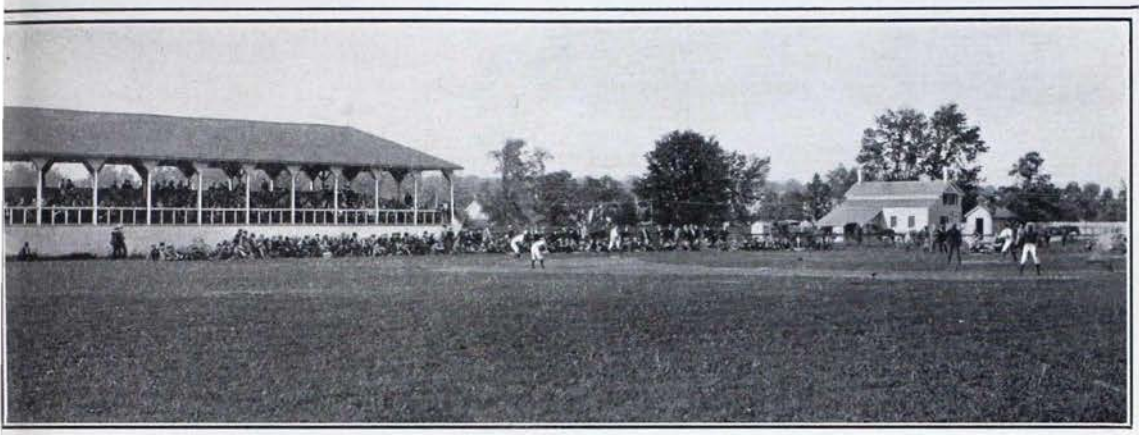
Only one degree, that of Bachelor of Arts, is granted in the literary department; the degrees of Bachelor of Letters, Bachelor of Philosophy, and Bachelor of Science were abolished in 1901. Women were not admitted to the university until 1871, but now, in all departments except engineering, one finds women pursuing the same work as the men:

Ann Arbor is a pretty, little town of some 10,000 inhabitants, built on the banks of the Huron River and the surrounding low hills. It is but forty miles from Detroit, and the easy accessibility of the latter city affords an opportunity to the students to

enjoy the advantages of a large city. The campus lies several blocks from the main business portion of the town, and is surrounded by churches, fraternity houses, and private houses. With its fine, large trees and beautifully kept grounds, the campus is an attractive spot. All the university buildings, with the exception of the university hospitals and observatory, are on the campus proper. Of these there are eighteen—the library, museum, gymnasiums, medical, dental, law and engineering building and shops, laboratories, the building devoted to the use of the literary department, the president's house, and the lighting and heating plants. A fine, new, four-story medical building is just being completed, and a large engineering building is to be constructed soon.

Both the women's and the men's gymnasiums are well supplied with necessary apparatus, and are in charge of competent instructors. These, with the tennis courts on the campus, and the Dexter M. Ferry athletic field of thirty acres, a few minutes' walk from the campus, give ample opportunity for the physical development of the students. Barbour gymnasium, the especial property of the women, is also the headquarters of the Women's League, composed of nearly all the women students of the university. There are reading rooms, parlors, and a hall for lectures and meetings. Dr. Eliza M. Mosher, who recently resigned her position as woman's dean, has been succeeded by Mrs. Myra B. Jordan, wife of one of the university librarians. The university is fortunate in securing the services of so charming, intellectual and capable a woman as Mrs. Jordan.

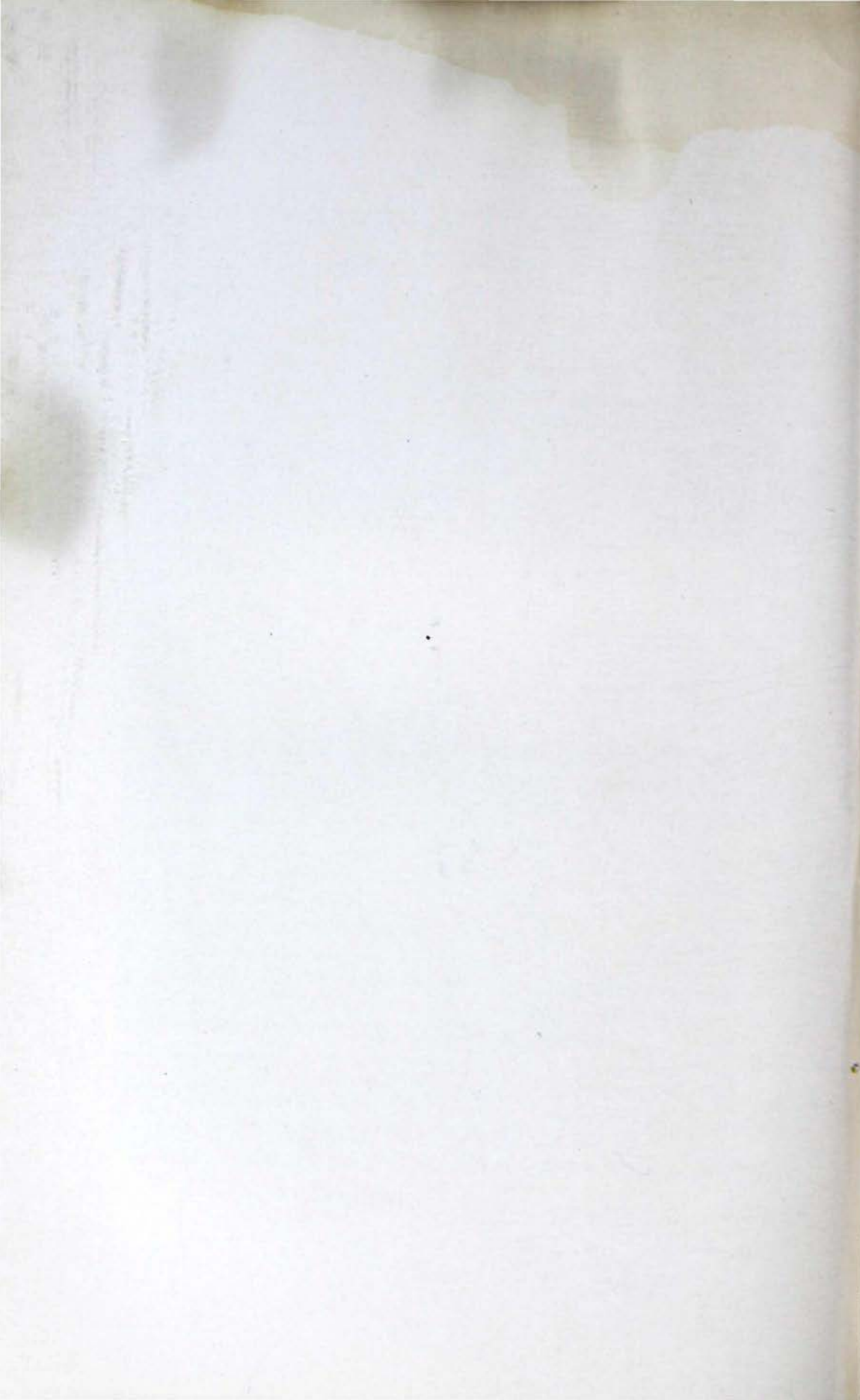
The religious life of the student body is largely represented by the Student's Christian Association, the University Young Men's Christian Association, and Young Women's Christian Association. Of student societies and associations there are many—literary, debating, oratorical, lecture, musical, and various others. Under the auspices of the musical societies, a series of ten concerts are given annually, five during the year, and five at the May Festival in the middle of May. The Students' Lecture Association, and Good Government Club offer courses of lectures. Some twelve papers, magazines and annuals compose the student publications.



ATHLETIC FIELD—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR.



A CAMPUS VIEW—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR.



The University of Michigan has proven a fertile soil for fraternities: about seven hundred students wear fraternity pins. Twenty-four of the thirty-three fraternities belong to the men, and nine to the women. The latter are: Gamma Phi Beta, Delta Gamma Collegiate Sorosis, Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Phi, Kappa Alpha Theta, Alpha Epsilon Iota, and Omega Psi. All the fraternities either rent or own houses.

"Michigan" is a name very dear to every student. No colors so beautiful to them as the maize and blue; no words more musical than the ringing—

U. of M.! Rah! Rah!
 U. of M.! Rah! Rah!
 Roo! Rah! Roo! Rah!
 Michigan! Michigan!
 Rah! Rah! Rah!

Beta Delta.



SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

THE name of one's own alma mater probably always has a sweeter sound than that of any other, but to us who spent the four important years of our lives on that hill overlooking the Delaware, Swarthmore really seems the most beautiful of all. It isn't original, of course, but takes its name from Swarthmore Hall in England, the home of George Fox. That, however, makes it more beautiful and even sacred to all Friends.

We who have enjoyed the privilege of the education and life of this unique college should feel everlastingly indebted to that body of Friends who, while America was still enduring the terrible throes of a civil war, decided that there should be an institution for the higher education and moral and social culture of the young members of their society, and that they chose so beautiful a site for the training.

The natural beauties of the place were favorable—a wooded hill overlooking the Delaware, a broad, green campus dotted with evergreens, oaks and one huge cherry tree, dear to the heart of every Swarthmore student, and Crum creek, winding gracefully in and out among the trees, and fraught with pleasant memories of skating, rowing or walks along its banks.

Architects and builders have done their best to complete the beauty, for the buildings are all of stone and artistically scattered over the campus. There is a large main building, two well-equipped gymnasiums, Science Hall, the meeting-house, an astronomical observatory, and last but not least, the quaint old house of Benjamin West, erected in 1724, and where he received his first inspiration for painting. There is a Friends' Historical Library, one of the best in the country, containing many rare old volumes and prints, some of them dating back even to the seventeenth century.

The growth of the college has not been always smooth and easy, for about fifteen years after its founding the main building caught fire and was almost completely destroyed. There were no serious accidents or loss of life, but a fire such as that is a severe blow to a struggling young college. Its patrons, however, bravely rose to the occasion, funds were raised, the college rebuilt and in a better condition than before.

Several changes have taken place in the presidential chair since the founding of the college, and this year begins very auspiciously under the new regime of Joseph Swain, of the University of Indiana. In order to secure the services of Dr. Swain it was necessary to raise \$600,000 to add to the endowment fund of \$400,000 which they already had. After a severe struggle, and owing to the liberal contributions of Isaac H. Clothier and several other prominent Friends, the sum was finally raised, and the college is now on a firmer financial basis than ever before.

But the struggle most interesting to readers of the KEY was the fraternity war waged there a couple of years ago. Fraternities have been established at Swarthmore for a great many years, and while they did not exist *sub rosa*, they were not really recognized by the faculty in any way, and this was, of course, an unfortunate state of affairs for the fraternities. Things went along in this manner until about three years ago, when the managers of the college, who are all Friends, and as a rule opposed to secret societies of any kind, threatened to abolish fraternities entirely. You can readily see what this would have meant to us, and systematic action was taken at once. It was not now a question of individual fraternity—we were a band of brothers and sisters working together, and a very anxious and troubled band. One member was chosen from each chapter, forming a committee

to draw up all the arguments in favor of the continuance of fraternities at Swarthmore, and stating the advantages of fraternities in general. It was a question of life or death to us, and much time and thought was expended on the work. At last all was ready, and we presented ourselves and our advantages and arguments tremblingly before an august committee from the Board of Managers. We were questioned and cross-questioned, and finally dismissed without a definite answer. The waiting was awful, but victory was ours and joy reigned supreme in our little fraternity world. Our position is now secure, and although we have no regular houses or rooms, fraternity means more to us than ever before—one always values a thing the more the greater the struggle to get or retain it.

The social life at Swarthmore is perhaps different from that of any other co-educational college. The number of students is comparatively small, a large majority coming from a distance and boarding in the dormitories, and while it is a Friends' college, there is nothing strictly sectarian in the instruction or management, and there are many students graduated every year who do not belong to the Society of Friends. The men and women meet in the dining room as in their own homes, they have classes together, and are allowed a social hour in the evening after dinner under the wise supervision of the Dean, and the atmosphere throughout is homelike. Perhaps this doesn't appeal to all as the ideal college life, but we who have been there know, and

"When the cares of life o'er take us,
Mingling fast our locks with gray,
Should our dearest hopes betray us,
False fortune fall away,
Then we'll banish care and sadness
As we turn our memories o'er
And recall those hours of gladness
'Neath the Garnet of Swarthmore."

—*Beta Iota.*

Personal Notes.

BETA EPSILON.

Clara de Lissa Berg, '98, took her M. A. at Columbia, last June, and is now studying abroad.

Eleanor Phelps, '02, has been spending the summer in California, where she has visited Pi chapter.

BETA TAU.

Frances Sager Scrafford, '01, spent some time in Syracuse this summer, the guest of her parents.

Mildred Griffith, '04, will return to college this fall.

Margaret Telfar Hollenbeck will live in Syracuse this year.

Harriette Curtis, '00, who has been studying at Barnard for a year, is spending this summer in Europe.

LAMBDA.

Ada Starkweather, class of '03, has been spending the summer in Iowa.

Lydia Voris, ex-'03, graduated in June from the Kindergarten Training School, at Louisville, Kentucky.

Bertha Widdecombe, '04, has spent a portion of the summer in recreation at Chautauqua.

Inez Parshall, '02, has been engaged this year as teacher of English in the High School at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Leona Reed, '00, after spending the summer in an extended trip through the eastern states, returns to her duties as teacher of English in the High School at Kent, Ohio.

Blanche Widdecombe has been attending summer lectures at Aun Arbor.

Amy Herriff has accepted a position in the city schools of Ravenna, Ohio.

Anna Durling, '01, will teach during the coming year at her home in Wadsworth, Ohio.

XI.

On Wednesday, June 25th, Florence M. Wilcox, '00, was married to Rev. Lemoine C. Wells, '00, A T Ω. At home after July 25th, corner of Eighth and Main streets, Wellsville, Ohio.

KAPPA.

Nettie Doud goes from St. Cloud to Winona, Minnesota, this fall, to superintend the vocal music in the city schools.

Frances Woodward, '02, has accepted the position in the Hillsdale High School for the coming year.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Mary Ward, until recently state secretary of the Minnesota Y. W. C. A., to Mr. Phelps. Later in the fall they will sail for Kioto, Japan, where Mr. Phelps has charge of the city Y. M. C. A. work.

Sarah Putnam, '01, is re-elected as preceptress of the Burr Oak High School.

May Gurney, '00, was married to Homer Lash, chemist of the Portland Cement Works, of Jonesville, Michigan, July 2nd.

Emily Sage, '99, was married to Mr. Morgan, the 3rd of July.

DELTA.

Grace Triplett, '01, has been appointed Latin instructor in Indiana University.

The marriage of Lillian Gillett, '02, and Mr. Edward J. Nichols, of Detroit, Mich., will take place in October, at the bride's home in Rockport, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols will reside in Detroit.

Wilhelmina Wallace, '98, who has been connected with the Associated Charity Work at Muncie, Indiana, is spending the summer abroad.

Effie Blount, '00, is spending her vacation in Mexico.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Moenkous (Sarah Rettger, '99), a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Morris (Emma Zeis, '97), a daughter.

Mayme Meek, '00, will teach in the New Castle (Ind.) High School the coming year.

Helena Soller, '03, will teach in Princeton, Indiana.

Martha Dorsey, '94, A. M., '01, has been spending the summer at Colorado Springs.

Mayme Kalb, '98, who will teach in the Ft. Wayne High School, has been abroad this summer.

OMEGA.

Louise Lewelling, '03, will not return to us this fall. She will continue her musical studies in Chicago this winter.

Jene and Burrie Bowersock and Mary Riddle, '99, have been spending the summer in Europe.

Gretchen Elmore, '03, will have charge of the art department at Switzer's Woman's College and Conservatory of Music, at Itasco, Texas, the coming year.

Carolyn Armsby, our only graduate last spring, will spend the winter at her home in Council Grove, Kansas.

Virgie McCrary, M. A., '01, has been elected principal of the Olathe, Kansas, High School.

Mrs. Birdie Starr Groversnor has donated the ground for the new city library at Lawrence, Kansas. The gift is in memory of her husband, the late Charles Groversnor.

Stella Aten, '01, has been elected to the Greek chair in the Academy at Hiawatha, Kansas.

THETA.

Blanche Enyart, '03, is spending the summer in Chautauqua, N. Y.

Strausie McCaslin, '02, now lives in Stanberry, Mo., where her father has recently located.

Marie Fleming, '05, is spending the summer in Manitou, Col.

Laura Dashiell, '02, is with her uncle, President Jesse, in Charlevoix, Mich. She will be back in September.

Mabel Sanders, '05, is living in Brooklyn, N. Y., at No. 663 Ocean avenue.

Nell Smith and Florine Holmes, both '05, are spending a few weeks camping near Colorado Springs.

Ida Howard, '99, is on her way to Europe.

Emily Guitar, '00, is visiting in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mrs. Dr. Guthrie (Emma Hayes, '87) is spending the summer in Colorado.

Mrs. A. W. Pitts (Zannie Denny, '85) is visiting her sister, Mrs. Gentry, in Columbia, Mo.

Mrs. Fred Brown (Edith Vaughn, '98,) has recently moved to Cushman, Ark.

PARTHENON

Inspirations of Convention. Every member of Kappa Kappa Gamma should go to convention at least once. It cannot be other than helpful to the girls who go. It brings us into closer relations with each other, and from members of distant chapters we obtain ideas, new schemes for rushing, new fraternity songs, and other benefits. We all return home with better, truer and higher ideals, and a greater realization of what it means to be a Kappa, and I think it fills us with the desire to be more worthy of membership in such an organization. To meet our Grand Council and know them personally alone is a benefit of convention, and to see and understand how wisely and devotedly they work for the general good of the chapters can only be an inspiration for more hearty and systematic co-operation on the part of the active members.

ETHELIND SWIRE, *Beta Zeta.*

The Broadening Effect of Convention. What a narrow little life we lead in our own tiny chapter until we come to convention and get ideas from the other chapters. We may have thought up to this time that our way of doing a certain thing was exactly right, but we find much to our surprise that there is a much better way and other chapters have been benefited by it.

Coming up on the train there were seventeen Kappas, none of us ever having seen each other before, but in a few minutes we were all busily exchanging ideas upon rushing parties and other matters of especial interest to Kappa, with Pi, Upsilon, Beta Delta, Omega, etc., not having the faintest idea of their real names, but realizing that we were all Kappas and were all coming to convention. Delegates were rehearsing one minute speeches or muttering toasts under their breath, while the rest of us, care free, were busily talking.

One of the most instructive days of the whole week, perhaps, was alumnae day, when we heard many experiences of Kappas who have graduated.

And now I hope, having the ideas of twenty-eight other chapters, we may all be made stronger than ever, and more able to guide and help the other members of the chapter who are eagerly awaiting our return.

M. L. B., *Beta Iota*.

Welcome All

New Girls.

It is perhaps an old plea, but one that cannot be too often urged, not to forget the welcome due from us who are of the university to all new girls who come as strangers. We go back early in the fall for the particular purpose of finding out the girls whom we would like to have for fraternity sisters, and in our devotion to this object the girls who are undesirable from a fraternity standpoint too often lack the words of welcome or the slight attention which would make them feel at home.

One explanation of the seeming neglect of all new girls, except those being rushed, is our feeling that we must be careful not to lead a girl to mistake any attentions on our part for rushing. But surely this could be remedied if everyone of the chapter made it a point to be cordial to new girls whenever there was a chance. The attitude of the chapter would soon be recognized by old and new girls, and no misunderstanding need arise. Possibly we overestimate the effect of our attentions on new girls. One girl, who felt so strongly the limitations of fraternities in this respect that she preferred not to join one, told me that new girls were not expecting every courtesy or attention shown them by fraternity girls to be an indication of a wish to rush them; but they did expect to be spoken to and welcomed. It is hard for us who were rushed to imagine the lonesomeness of the first few homesick weeks at college, when few girls speak to you, and no one seems to care much whether you came or stayed at home.

As girls, as Kappa Gammas and as representatives of our universities, let us all make an added effort to give a cordial welcome to all new girls.

Psi.

**A Friend Loveth
at All Times.**

To learn to live is to learn to love God, the good, the beautiful, and our friends. A fraternity by secret sign and pledge strengthens the natural ties of friendship. In the final analysis each must stand alone; but while we live and are a part of the life of the world, how sweet, how assuring to have near us

those whom we can call our friends ; those who live not for themselves, but for us ; who laugh when we laugh ; who mourn when we mourn ; who applaud our success, and whisper brave and tender words of encouragement when misfortune threatens, for the firm pressure of a friend's hand is the best appreciation when we have done well, the sweet consolation when we have failed or blundered.

Upon every occasion when a fraternity considers the advisability of inviting a girl to become one of its members, the question arises, " Will she make a desirable member ? " Too often the tests applied are arbitrary and uncertain. Will she appear well in society ? Does she dress in good taste ? Who are her parents ? What are her means ? These and similar interrogatories are applied as standards, when the query should be, Will she make a good friend ? Will she love at all times ? Will she prove a comrade who will fit into our lives and move with us, shoulder to shoulder, through the long days ? Will her presence sober and strengthen us, inspire us to kind words and generous deeds, so that the fight will prove less hard, the darkness less appalling ?

The foundation of friendship must be community of soul. As long as there is a common spiritual interest, hearts can hold together. Physical affinity or intellectual sympathy are not alone a sufficient basis on which to build the great relation. To make it certain and secure hearts must be in tune. If one soul ascends to the mountain tops, where the sun glistens on the peaks and the promises of life repose like great fields of sparkling snow, while the other remains in depths of the valley, surrounded by shadowy mists of doubt and uncertainty, the tie of friendship becomes a burden, grows taut and snaps asunder. In order then that there be no parting of the ways, it becomes important that we choose as friends only those whose aspirations are lofty, whose ideas are worthy and pure. Throughout the Bible the stimulating moral atmosphere which clothes this relation of friendship is recognized : David sings of it ; Ruth eulogizes it ; Solomon philosophizes concerning it, and Christ himself refers to it tenderly more than once.

Since the spirit of brotherhood is the cornerstone upon which the life and permanency of our fraternity rests, how necessary is it that a clear conception of the duties, obligations and privileges

of friendship be attained. We must all remember that the burden of keeping the relation wholesome, fresh and vigorous rests upon us as well as upon the shoulders of those whom we admit into our circle; and that we can ask no more than we give, nor expect love where we fail to bestow it. The law of compensation holds good in the world of the affections as well as elsewhere. Be always kind, be always gentle, be always generous, and "words more soft than rain" will soon bring for you the age of gold gain.

"Whereof the man, that with me trod
This planet was a noble type,
Appearing ere the times were ripe,
That friend of *mine who lives with God.*"

Mu.

Have you a chapter library? It is true that books belonging to the chapter in general will accumulate in the chapter house. Books which are gifts from friends, alumnae and the girls in the house are always most acceptable.

A Chapter Library. More than two years ago one of the girls suggested that we have a regularly catalogued library. Then it was that we gathered together the chapter books, which looked more imposing "en masse" than when scattered about the house. After naming our library the Alberta Merritt Clemans Memorial Library, in memory of one of our charter members, we elected a librarian whose duty it is to catalogue the books and fill out the slips engraved with donor's name, number and class. Incidentally these little slips have brought us more in touch with some of the girls who have been for a long time out of the chapter. For as we pick up a book and find the giver's name inside, we sometimes learn more about one who is still a Kappa.

From a small beginning our library has grown surprisingly. The alumnae are interested, and so are friends and some members of the faculty, who have shown their interest by contributing.

Then, too, for the last two Christmases each girl in the house has given a volume of Shakespeare. Now we have an almost complete set of his works. For next year we are planning to add to our library a set of Dickens or Scott, and so in time we hope to have a library to be proud of and which can always be enjoyed.

Besides many good books and our Shakespeare set we have some college books which girls have left for the library. These

books have proven to be both useful and interesting. College publications have their peculiar charm and attraction, and have found places among the other books.

How much we appreciate our own library is useless to tell. Many winter evenings are whiled away, when one of the girls reads aloud some short stories from some books in our chapter library, while the rest keep their eyes on the steaming chafing dish.

Beta Eta.

Outside the Chapter House. We all know that each local chapter has its own problems to face and solve as best it can. If the solution proves successful pass it on to the other chapters which are facing similar problems. Possibly the greatest difficulty arises in the colleges where the chapter house is used for a dwelling. It is obvious that all the girls, for various reasons, can't live in the house, also that necessarily there will be more or less of a division among the girls along the line of those who live in the house and those outside.

Now the problem resolves itself into the question, how can this necessary division be lessened? The rendezvous for all Kappas is the fraternity meeting which occurs once a week, or once in two weeks, as the case may be. But let us not forget that the usual meeting taken up with business and matters of general fraternity interest doesn't go very far toward making the freshman outside the house feel that she is getting to know her sisters intimately rather than formally.

Why couldn't some arrangement be made among the girls living in the house to ask an outsider or freshman in every week? Give her a definite invitation to come and meet some of the fraternity friends, or enjoy a spread with the girls. Nothing will warm the heart of the sensitive little freshman so quickly, and the jolly girl who always makes friends wherever she goes should first learn that her dearest and truest friends should be chosen from the membership of her fraternity.

A novel way to entertain the girls when they meet for sociability's sake might be found in amateur theatricals or fancy dress parties. They should be planned by the girls in the house, with the aid of one or two outsiders, who would frequent the house for rehearsals. But if it be a secret or surprise for the others the rehearsals could take place at the home of the outside girls,

furnishing a delightful opportunity for all the girls to refresh their home memories.

Some girls' societies have found keenest pleasure in fancy dress parties, the only requisite being that no girl should tell another girl what she was going to wear or whom she expected to impersonate. Here is a great opportunity for the original girl. I knew a girl—a college girl with no attic full of "treasures" at her command—who nearly convulsed the other girls by appearing as "Queen Lil." It was all done with the aid of a black union suit, burnt cork, feather duster, short petticoats and a mongrel collection of jewelry.

A so-called "literary evening" has been tried and found profitable by a certain fraternity. It is said to be anticipated with more interest on the part of its members than any other fraternity function. One evening a month is set apart and a programme consisting of papers on various subjects of keen interest and music is arranged. The "current events, outside and inside," paper always affords instruction to the busy student, who finds little time for reading daily papers, and is streaked with fun in the treatment of the happenings in college circles. Various talented members give of their ability to make the evening enjoyable, but the crowning glory is the autobiography which is read by one or two members each evening, according to the size of the chapter. These are written, of course, in a bright, humorous style, and prove interesting as well as no end of fun. It is to be urged that this evening be regarded as the "holy of holies"; let the members appear in evening dress, and occasionally it might prove satisfactory to make it the climax of the rushing, for surely such an evening filled with music and fun as well as thought, could not fail to bring out the best in every girl.

Fraternity songs are less formal but none the less enjoyable. Let the songs include the new and later songs, as well as the dear old songs we all love so well. Surely we can fasten memories to nothing that will last as long as songs.

In conclusion let me say that these are only little suggestions of mine, some of which I know will do much toward uniting a chapter, for they have been tried successfully. If they shall prove helpful to anyone I shall be glad.

L. E. E., *Beta Delta*.

To every girl after she becomes a Kappa comes a first time when she realizes how strong and broad and far-reaching her fraternity is ; a time when she realizes the difference between a local college society and a national fraternity. This first time came to two freshmen this summer, and our hope is that there will be two better and more loyal Kappas for this new awakening. It was at Chautauqua, N. Y., that cosmopolitan city of the woods, where twenty Kappas from eleven different chapters found each other.

Fraternity meetings followed—ideal fraternity meetings, free from any haunting shadow of “business to be attended to.” There were trips down the lake, and a glorious Kappa “spread” one night.

By far the greatest pleasure of those few weeks was the meeting with a charter member of our fraternity, Mrs. Anna Willits Potter, one of the five girls who organized the fraternity at Monmouth thirty-two years ago, who wears one of the first five “keys” that were made, the only one now left. Alpha chapter will never again be a vague shadow in the minds of the nineteen who heard Mrs. Potter tell of those first days.

The night of the “spread” we established a register to be kept at Chautauqua, wherein every Kappa who ever goes there may write her name and learn if there are any sisters near her. In this meeting heart to heart of Kappas from Boston to Missouri we learned anew the true spirit of fraternity—fellowship with each other, sympathy with all. As one loyal Kappa said to an inquirer, “No, sir ; we are not a sorority ; we are broader than that. It is the Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity.

MABEL SHRIDE, *Beta Nu.*

Fraternity should be a means, not an end. While many things must be used to advance a chapter's prosperity, it in turn must be used to further not personal interests alone, but those of the institution which fosters it. When the interests of any organization however helpful are substituted for college feeling one of the chief benefits of student life is lost, that impartial fairness which desires the best man to win, be he friend or foe.

**For the Honor of
the Institution.**

Loyalty to friends naturally strives to give them places of honor. This is right. One aim of fraternity is to fit her members for such positions. As a natural result of fraternity life the members ought as a rule to be best fitted for responsible places in the college world. But here effort should end. The honor of the college, the dignity of the chapter demands that worth must win. Of what value is a class presidency, a part on a class day programme, a place on an intercollegiate contest, if such an election is not the recognition of ability? Self respect ought to refuse it on other grounds. The brilliant student who is not a fraternity girl, the member of a smaller rival chapter, must have an equal chance with her fraternity sister. Then only does election mean honor, and then only is the institution justly represented. The credit of the college or university is the first consideration.

So far as a Kappa can by honest work and real ability contribute to the high standing of her school she is honoring herself and her chapter most truly, and thus alone is she keeping the high standard of womanhood she is pledged to uphold.

E. C. S., *Kappa*.

Augustan Age of College Life. In the Augustan age of college life one arrives at the golden mile-post of realization of the full meaning of the word education. The freshman enters with the prepossessing thought of winning a scholarship. The sophomore comes back with a determination to survive the examinations. The junior's only hope is to keep the respect of the professors, and with the hope comes the experience of trying to conform with outside opinion, giving over the leading strings to others. He realizes that people were in the world before him. With this adaptation to circumstances comes the first trial to egoism and the first step toward education of character. From this time on college life is preparatory to worldly existence. It is this which I have called the Augustan age of college life. When unfounded freshman ambition and sophomore desperation gives way to a desire to become acquainted with the required standards of citizenship, and to be one of the many who are trying to raise and ennoble worldly ideals. It is at this time that the college girl differs from other girls. With a mind awakened by hard work, she perceives that flippancy and disregard

for sacred and revered customs have no place in a woman's character ; with common sense, inherited from a race of independent fathers, she sees the foolhardiness of those who plunge headlong into a flurry of socialities. She retains by means of a mind well-balanced and of a thinking nature, that nice discrimination between social dissipation and Puritanism. This is the sort of a girl that Kappa wants and stands for. Fraternity means to this girl something more than a mere "dancing club," as one fraternity has been called. It means that she has been selected as a local representative of the ideal Kappa—firm, intelligent, reverent, withal, a jolly and entertaining companion.

During these months away from college duties a deeper appreciation of nature's gentle ways has come to many of us. We have wondered if we could not carry a spirit of gentleness into our college life this winter.

The little criticism thoughtlessly uttered, growing as it passes from mouth to mouth, works untold harm. This is especially apt to be true where a contract exists among fraternities, and we are all on the alert to see the other one break the faith.

If we could only keep our criticisms to ourselves ! When the small fault or perhaps unconscious act has not become the foci of many eyes it still remains small.

M. B. B., *Gamma Rho*.



CHAPTER LETTERS.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

PHI—UNIVERSITY OF BOSTON.

Since Phi's last letter the summer vacation has come and gone, and the girls are ready to begin work once more. The closing of the college year in June was particularly triumphant for Kappa, since five of our six seniors received the honor of election into Phi Beta Kappa. Elcie Bullen not only received Phi Beta Kappa, but finished her four years' work in three.

Shortly after commencement was the Kappa picnic, held, as last year, at Marblehead Neck.

Contrary to an established custom of Phi, there was no house party held this summer, as such a plan was impractical for many of us. Our numbers are lessened this fall, but we shall endeavor to increase in unity and zeal.



BETA EPSILON—BARNARD COLLEGE.

There is very little that can be told of our chapter as a whole this summer, for we have been scattered from Europe to California since our separation in June, and our two annual round robbins are the only things which have brought the entire chapter together.

Our last KEY letter was sent before commencement, so you have not heard how the class valedictorian and poet, both Kappas, distinguished themselves, or how proud we were, not only of them, but of Elizabeth Allen, who was a Phi Beta Kappa and was voted to be the most popular girl in the class—perhaps a rare combination. We have lost five girls by graduation, whom we shall miss more than we can say; but one of them is coming back to work for her Master's degree, and all of our other girls expect to return, so that we shall start out this fall with an active chapter of sixteen, in spite of our loss.

The day after commencement a party of us, alumnae and undergraduates, set out for our camp at Lake Napatcong. We

were in the same cottage we were in last year, and we had a glorious time, rowing, walking a little, playing ping pong a little, singing Kappa songs out on the lake in the moonlight, and continually talking of plans for next year. The best part of Lake Nopatcong is that it is a journey of only an hour or so from the city, so that girls who cannot spend the whole week out there can run out for a day or two. This added a pleasant excitement to our party, for we had sent word of the camp to all our alumnae, besides the active girls, and we never knew what new arrivals might turn up when the boats came in. If any chapter has never tried a camping party, it should as soon as possible, for there is nothing that brings the girls, alumnae and active, together so much as living with one another out in the country by themselves, even if it is only for a week.

For the first time in the history of Beta Epsilon her delegate to convention was accompanied by other members of the chapter, and so great was the enthusiasm of the party that it seems certain that next convention will attract still more of us. Our interest was intense in meeting girls from whom we had been and were to be widely separated, but to whom we were closely bound. Never before had we realized how strong was the fraternity tie. We were, indeed, somewhat surprised at the ease with which we made friends among utterly strange people, but it was easy to "get acquainted" when there were so many things to discuss, to compare notes about, so many new ideas about chapter workings to gather from others. Pride made us all frank in telling of the distinctive features of our chapter life, and as our tongues flew our feelings warmed, and we learned how real a thing are the bonds of K K Γ.

The end of convention week found us loth to lose sight of our new-found sisters, yet eager to go back to those who were waiting impatiently to hear the news of convention. We looked forward also to settling in the apartment where we are to live this year. This home of our own was made possible by the generosity of the Beta Epsilon alumnae, who pay the rent of the chapter room, the other expenses being met by the girls who live in the apartment.

Beta Epsilon sends best wishes to all her sister chapters for a most successful year.

PSI—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Commencement found us saying good-bye to our three seniors—Louise Powelson, Lily Huestis and Gertrude Hastings (Gamma Rho). Other changes not so personal, but which affect the university at large, are the resignations of several of the faculty. Professor H. Morse-Stephens, the most popular professor at Cornell, leaves us for a larger field in California, in connection with university extension work. We congratulate all who may have an opportunity to meet him in their work and know him. Professor White, dean of the university faculty, leaves us to go to his alma mater—Harvard.

A change more nearly affecting us is the resignation of Miss Margaret F. Washburn as warden of Sage, the dormitory where about two hundred of the women students live. Miss Washburn goes to be dean of a college in the west, after two years at Cornell, where she has proved herself a good friend and adviser of the girls. Miss Margaret Harvey will take her place.

Several of us went to the intercollegiate races at Poughkeepsie in June, and were well repaid for the trip by seeing our Cornell crews come in first in all three races.

We are scattered for the summer from Maine to Maryland, and one of us—Nora Blatch—is in England.

News comes from Ithaca of the birth of a daughter—Mary Allegra—to Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Colson, on August 4th. Mrs. Colson was Edna McNarey, ex-'00, and ever loyal and interested, is always glad to see her Kappa sisters at her home, which will be a popular place this fall, with the new fraternity baby.

We start in with eleven members, eight living at Sage and three whose homes are in Ithaca, and are looking forward to a busy fall, and to hearing the convention news which our delegate will bring to the rest of us who could not go.



BETA TAU—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

At this season of the year we might change the expression, "In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love," to read thus: "In the fall a Kappa's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of rushing." Just a few short weeks and the hopes and fears, the excitement and success of rushing will be here, and

then will come the pleasure of initiating our freshmen—pleasure both for the older girls and for the initiates.

As usual the girls of Beta Tau have kept up the Round Robin, and we do so thoroughly enjoy the good, fat letters which Robin brings. The girls are having quiet, restful vacations at their own homes and at various summer resorts, yet we are all looking forward to being together again so soon. But we already feel lonely without our seniors, and shall miss them more than we can tell.

The banquet given by the active chapter to the alumnae of Beta Tau, last June, was most delightful. There were fifty-five Kappas present, and we had a thoroughly good time. A new feature of the toast list was an original poem by Mary E. Preston, of our senior class, and her effort was most heartily applauded.

Beta Tau girls are anxiously looking forward to hearing the report of our convention delegate. It is so delightful to know more about our Kappa sisters in other colleges. May every Kappa chapter have a prosperous and happy year, and may each Kappa girl do her very best to become a loyal, helpful member of our fraternity.



BETA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

As the fall approaches we feel with all the vigor of imminence that the task of making this year the best year for ourselves, our chapter and our fraternity is not a light one. We are justly proud of the work of our predecessors.

Next time we write, our two dear pledglings will have become full-fledged Kappas. We feel that Ida Hill and May Solly already belong to us—we shall take our first opportunity of initiating them into the full possession of Kappadom.

And now for a little of convention. It is difficult to get perspective when one is living in the midst of things, but this much is true, our hostesses have planned and carried out a most delightful program for us. It is a wonderful experience to live for a week in daily touch with Kappas from—everywhere. For it means to hear from the delegates how our eastern chapters differ from our western, the northern from the southern, and to realize how all are held together in the dear Kappa bonds. It is to catch a glimpse of the machinery usually hidden, to see how constantly

our officers have worked and planned for the advancement of the whole fraternity, how every step has been forward. Then, in this week together, how we have exchanged ideas and plans, how we have gained inspiration and realized as never before, that Kappa Kappa Gamma is a national fraternity and not a chapter, an organization and not merely a few scattered traditions and ideals. But sweetest and best it is to realize that Kappas are Kappas and the bond holds for every wearer of the key. The best chapter! Why, there are twenty-nine best chapters. We speak who know, for have we not heard twenty-nine delegates testify to this.

It has been our privilege to hear from the alumnae, too, and we know, as never before, how deeply they are interested in our good, how they plan and work for the active chapters, how Kappa interest and love are carried from college into the world. Especially were we glad to know that Kappas everywhere are working to make life more livable, more beautiful for our less fortunate sisters, for this meets and vanquishes that oft repeated charge that the fraternity policy is a selfish and exclusive one.

By all means, then, Kappas everywhere go to the next convention and see for yourselves how beautiful and loyal Kappa spirit and love are—in bulk.



BETA IOTA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

It is a rather difficult task on a drowsy August afternoon to clearly recall and chronicle the events of the early June days at college. Those days were of two kinds—part were taken up by the hard work of examinations, and a part by the gaities of our commencement season. Of the former I will only say that by contrast they made commencement even more enjoyable. The festivities commenced on Saturday evening with the class banquets—jolly, informal affairs scarcely dignified enough to be called banquets—bright with jests and toasts and alive with class spirit. Then came Baccalaureate Sunday, when President Bird-sall himself preached the sermon. On Monday came class day exercises, and here Kappa was represented by Amelia Himes, who entertained us all by her excellent prophecy. The planting of the class ivy and presentation of the class spade to the junior class followed. The class song for this occasion was written by Ethel

Beardsly, one of our seniors, who was further honored by being elected to Phi Beta Kappa. A reception on the campus completed Monday's program. Commencement exercises were held on Tuesday morning, and very dignified and scholarly they were. The Swarthmore College Alumni Association then held a meeting to see what they could do toward completing the endowment fund. It was on condition of this fund being raised that Dr. Joseph Swain of Indiana State University consented to accept the position of president at Swarthmore on the resignation of President Birdsall. On Tuesday evening at the alumnae banquet it was announced that the entire sum had been promised, the graduating class heading the list with a promise of one thousand dollars. And so Dr. Swain will be with us next year and for many more, we trust.

Before closing I must announce the engagement of Gertrude Powell Griscom, of the class of 1902, to Mr. Barr, of Michigan, an ex-member of the same class.

Our chapter keeps in close touch by means of two circulating letters, and interesting reading they are.

On Monday next four Beta Iotas set out for Ann Arbor, but of the delights of convention I shall say nothing in this letter—we will simply say that we hope to meet many of you there and to learn to know you well. The best of good times to all of you at Ann Arbor.



GAMMA RHO—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

As the time approaches for the renewing of our relations with our various alma maters, the parting scenes—the commencement days—come vividly to our minds. After the commencement concert we, Gamma Rho Kappas, held our annual banquet, which is one of the most pleasant features of our fraternity life. An unusually large number of alumnae were present; the banquet was delicious; the toasts were good, and the true fraternal spirit was everywhere present.

Letters from the different girls show that this summer has brought all [or more] than the usual pleasures. The number of girls able to attend convention was smaller than we could wish, but the rest are looking forward to their report with great interest.

We thought we had lost two strong girls by graduation, but one has decided to return and do graduate work. We always consider a post graduate a mascot, and as a goodly number of other girls are coming back, we have every reason to expect a happy and prosperous year.



BETA PROVINCE.

LAMBDA—BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

The summer vacation is fast drawing to a close, and in a short time Lambda girls will again be gathered together in fraternity meeting. The first meeting of the year is always especially pleasant, for there are the experiences of the past vacation and the plans for the coming year to be talked of and discussed. This year our first chapter meeting will have an added interest because we are to hear our delegate's report of the convention at Ann Arbor.

Commencement week passed pleasantly. Lambda had one graduate, Inez Parshall, whom we shall be sorry to lose from active membership. During the week before college closed we held our annual picnic at Silver Lake. Several of our alumnae were with us, among them Mrs. Clementine Barber Hall, ex-'00, of Sault Ste. Marie.

The coming year at Buchtel promises to be a successful one, and there is a prospect of many new students. There will be several new professors, Prof. Charles Brookover, who held a fellowship in science at Columbia University last year, will fill the chair of science, vacated by Professor S. P. Orth; Professor Joseph C. Rockwell, Ph. D., Harvard, will have the chair of Greek and Latin, and Professor Oscar E. Olin will have charge of the work in political science and philosophy.

During the vacation the girls have been widely scattered, but the opening of college will find most of them gathered again in the old halls, filled with a renewed energy and vigor to meet the duties and pleasures of the ensuing year. Lambda wishes her sister chapters a pleasant and profitable year.

BETA NU—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

The summer has been a pleasant one for Beta Nu, ushered in as it was by a Kappa house party. The girls had a delightful time together, and much planning went on for September's rushing, so soon now to be realized. We are hoping for a prosperous year, with ten girls back to start the year and bright prospects for a successful rushing season.

The great disappointment which has marred our summer's pleasure is the loss of Mrs. Smart. We hope that the Cleveland alumnae appreciate how great a gain they have secured through our loss.

We are looking forward to the opening of college with the greatest enthusiasm and interest in our work and in rushing, for a number of desirable girls will enter this fall.

Beta Nu gave a few small rushing parties in June; one, a very informal card party at the home of Florence Sackett. It offered a good opportunity for the girls, especially the alumnae, to get acquainted with the rushees.

At convention seven Beta Nus enjoyed the hospitality of Beta Delta. The ones at convention were: Lucy Allen Smart, editor of the *KEY*; Bernice Davis, her deputy; May Cole, alumnae delegate; Edna Pratt, delegate from the active chapter; Mary Hunt, Minnie Slaughter and Mabel Rice Minshall. All came home from convention with a greater love for Kappa, a firmer resolve to live up to the ideals of the convention and a determination to make Beta Nu thoroughly worthy of the name of Kappa.



BETA GAMMA—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Vacation has gone by all too quickly, and now it is nearly time to go back to school. Although we shall miss our senior Kappas very much, yet we all are anxious to return, and are looking forward with great pleasure to recitations in the new buildings, which are now being erected. During the summer we have had a round letter, which has helped to keep the girls in touch with one another.

We initiated Harriett Sinclair during commencement week and introduce her to the KEY as a new Kappa. Several of our alumnae were present at the initiation.

Beta Gamma sends best wishes for a happy and prosperous year to all her sister chapters.



BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Another summer has passed, and all too quickly, and ere this reaches you we shall be back in dear Ann Arbor, hard at work.

Commencement week was a busy one, with all the commencement festivities, the last calls, the packing, the good-byes. Beta Delta was justly proud of her four seniors—Cora Taber, Besse Trowbridge, Grace Morehouse and Rosa McDougall. How we shall miss them? Yes, and several of the other girls who are unable to return to college this year. Since we lose so many old friends we are doubly glad that we are to have with us this year Mary Probasco of Epsilon and Blanche Enyart of Theta.

During these three months of vacation we have been widely scattered—from Nevada to Pennsylvania—but the round robbin has visited each one of us and kept us in touch with each other.

One of our girls was in Madison during commencement week there, and had the pleasure of meeting some of Eta's lovely girls and of going through her fine chapter house.

In August Mabelle Stewart gave a house party, at a lake near her home in Hillsdale. Several of the girls who live near enough were among the guests, and they had a most delightful outing, there in the woods and by the water.

Shortly before college closed a chapter of Sigma Nu was established and a chapter of Kappa Sigma re-established in the university.

Mrs. Myra B. Jordan has been chosen to take Dr. Mosher's place as Woman's Dean. Mrs. Jordan has lived in Ann Arbor for a number of years, her husband being one of the university librarians. Many of us are already acquainted with her, and know how fortunate we are in having so fine a woman as dean.

As I write convention is in progress, and everyone is busy, happy and glad she is a Kappa. But more of the convention next time. Beta Delta sends love and best wishes for a happy and profitable year to each chapter.

XI—ADRIAN COLLEGE.

Another summer vacation is nearly gone and soon we will enter upon our college work again with renewed vigor and a determination to do our best for Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Commencement week was one round of pleasure for Xi. Many of our former members were present, and old friendships were renewed and new ones formed. Saturday evening, June 21st, about twenty-five Kappas spent a very enjoyable time at the home of Florence Reynolds, '98, in the city. Songs were sung and a general good time was spent by all. Tuesday morning, June 24th, we held our farewell meeting, and in the afternoon three new sisters were initiated—Myrtle McCollum, Amity, Pa.; Olive Neer and Sarah Everhart, Catawba, Ohio, all of whom were pledged during the year. It was a grand initiation and we have three new sisters of whom any chapter might be proud.

And now another year will soon begin and all will be busily engaged in the duties of the "rushing" season. Xi wishes to all her sister Kappas a very happy and prosperous year.



KAPPA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

The closing weeks of college were full of pleasant occasions and honors, of which Kappa chapter had her share. Mary Ward pleasantly entertained the alumnae and active girls one evening. May and Ethel Gurney had a charming lawn party for seventy-five girls. On Class day Frances Woodward gave the salutatory and Elva Bailey received the Crandall literary prize. Late one afternoon we went to our rooms and pinned the double blue on Fannie Northrop, whom we hope to initiate early this fall.

During the vacation the girls have been widely separated. Nellie Johnson was one of the delegates to Lake Geneva from our college Y. W. C. A.

Commencement time was unusually happy this year, as on Class day it was announced that J. W. Mauck, for six years chancellor of the University of South Dakota, had accepted the presidency of Hillsdale College. Enthusiasm ran high, the different classes gave their yells, and when Mr. Mauck was introduced the large audience rose and gave him the Chautauqua salute.

But our chapter especially rejoices over the new president's wife, Frances Ball Mauck, formerly our Grand Treasurer and one of our chapter's alumnae. We expect great inspiration from her and feel that her presence and help will be a great benefit to the chapter.

We also have a new Woman's Dean this fall—Miss Manning—who has taught successfully at Benzonia, Mich., for several years.

The prospects for the college are exceedingly bright. The largest freshman class for years is expected, and all feel confident of a very prosperous year.

We were much disappointed that we could not all go to Ann Arbor to convention this summer, but it seemed impossible. We are all impatient to see our delegate and learn what was done.



GAMMA PROVINCE.

DELTA—INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

The Delta girls have spent a pleasant, restful summer. Many letters and an occasional visit have kept us in touch with one another. Three never-tiring students remained at the university for the six weeks summer term, while another attended the Biological School at Winona Lake.

When college closed at least ten of us fully expected to go to the convention, but as the week drew near we found other things demanding our time, and when the 26th of August arrived only three of our number found it possible to attend. But although we cannot be in Ann Arbor to meet the Beta Delta sisters and their many guests, our interest is there and we shall anxiously await the time when our delegate can tell us all about it.

The Kappa club of Bloomington has reorganized into an association with fifty-two alumnae and associate members, its purpose being to help the active chapter in every possible way. With fourteen active members to begin with, and the strength we will gain through our older sisters, Delta's outlook for the coming year is indeed most bright.

The new one hundred thousand dollar Science Hall will be completed and ready for use by the latter part of the fall term.

On August 1st President Swain resigned his position to accept the Presidency of Swarthmore College. The vice-president, Dr. William Lowe Bryan, who has been professor of the philosophy department, was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller has offered to give the university thirty thousand dollars on the condition that other friends raise the same amount. Twenty thousand have already been secured, and it is expected that the remaining ten thousand will be raised by January 1st. The money will be used for a building which will be the center of the social and religious life of the students.

A stone fence is being built around the fifty-acre campus, which will add much to its beauty.

Delta wishes her sister chapters a happy and successful year.



IOTA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

The long, golden summer days have glided rapidly by, and now the time has almost come when, vacation days being over, we will take up our books again, so long neglected. The very crispness of the air in these first September days gives us inspiration and makes us eager to be back again in the busy college life.

Convention is over and the delegates have returned with more knowledge of Kappa and more love and loyalty for their fraternity than they ever felt before. The girls who were not fortunate enough to attend convention are looking forward eagerly to the opening of college, when they will be enabled to hear from their delegate all the interesting news.

Iota girls are expecting a very prosperous year. We are going to be in a new chapter house, and we think it will be a very nice one. A large number of our girls will be back, full of enthusiasm to take up the work where they dropped it a few short months ago.

There is not much news to write now, when the girls have been separated all summer, and only know of each other through visits and letters.

We wish unbounded success to our sister chapters in the very beginning of this year, for a right start means success all the way through.

MU—BUTLER COLLEGE.

This letter can only express our anticipations for the coming year. What with new-born enthusiasm which always follows convention and with the in-born interest of Kappas, Mu can expect to realize not only as much but more than she did last year. Seven of the old girls will be back, a sufficient nucleus about which we hope may form a living chapter of freshmen girls who infuse new health and prosperity into the sometimes too rapidly increasing ennui of third year girls.

But any alumna or active who attended convention will go back to winter's work with freshly charged, magnetic enthusiasm, with greater assurance that Kappa Kappa Gamma stands everywhere as represented by the serious-minded, loyal-hearted American girl. With such an inspiration as Mrs. Penfield before them, all Kappa girls should take to their chapter a new ideal of womanhood. The most helpful part of the convention is the most evident fact that women who are out of college and who have other interests at heart, should find time to look after college girls and should endeavor to give them the advantage of their experience.

Mu chapter receives only a reflection of the hospitality and cordiality of Beta Delta as a hostess, but that reflection will last through many Kappa meetings and spread and remind us of the sweetness of Miss Brewster's voice, of the beauty of Belle Isle and of the delightful informality of the Kappa house.



ETA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

The season for fall rushing is now not far distant, and Eta will soon return, eighteen strong, full of enthusiasm, prepared to perform whatever duty lies nearest. On October 13 will occur our first alumnae banquet in our new house, and we expect to have an unusually large number back to participate in the enjoyment.

Of the nine seniors who were graduated in June, three will take high school positions; while Winifred Titus, '00, after taking her master's degree in science, has accepted the professorship in physics and chemistry at Milwaukee Downer College.

During the last week in July our former president, Dr. Charles Kendall Adams, died at Redlands, California, after a prolonged

illness. He left to the university a large endowment for five scholarships.

Three of our number attended the convention at Ann Arbor and enjoyed the hospitality of Beta Delta. The only regret is that more could not have been present to receive inspiration and help from the meetings and from the acquaintance with the representatives from the other chapters.



BETA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

Beta Lambda girls are all scattered now for the summer—some of them are simply at home, two or three are up north on the lakes, and one of our girls expects to spend a part of her summer on the Hudson. Although we are so scattered, a round robin letter keeps us in touch with each other.

Although we shall miss very much this September, Marjorie Graves and Evelyn Burrill, our two seniors who graduated this June, we feel that our prospects for the coming year are very bright. We are going to move into our new house, which is a very pleasant one, and we are going to board in the house, something which we have never done before; then we feel very fortunate indeed in having for our chaperon for the coming year, Mrs. Gibbs, the mother of one of our girls, a woman whom we all know and like very much. We are all anxious to get back to college in September to our new home.



UPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Upsilon hopes her sisters have had a most delightful summer.

We girls of Upsilon have been widely scattered. Being unable to hold jolly camping parties or even delightful informal meetings, we have at least kept a "round robin" fluttering briskly. This jolly, little bird was gladly welcomed. To him were entrusted important schemes for rushing, names of possible rushees, the proposed plans for celebrating the installation of the new president at Northwestern, and whispering, too, the names of noted visitors expected from near and far. Before our "round robin" retires from duty he will pour into each expectant ear all he has heard and seen at the convention; he will sing the praises

of Kappa loyalty so loud that all the world shall hear ; he will not forget to relate the interesting details of the meetings, the warm welcome accorded Beta Mu and Beta Xi. In Upsilon he will thus arouse a stronger feeling of loyalty and sisterhood with which to welcome her new sisters in Kappa.



EPSILON—ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

On the tenth of June the active chapter and alumnae met together at the annual picnic. We drove out to Mrs. Benjamin's country home in the afternoon and returned early in the evening, after a picnic supper.

Commencement had its usual share of joy and sorrow—joy in the general excitement and good times, and sorrow in the partings which were inevitable. Our sister from New York, Anita Lundy, went back to her home and expects to teach in the public schools there. We shall miss her very much, as she is too far away to make us frequent visits, as most of this year's graduates can do.

Mary Probasco spent the summer at Lake Geneva. Grace and Christie Parker visited in Kentucky two months.

This summer our faculty has been busy making changes preparatory to discarding the term system and entering upon the semester system. Our university has been a little slow in adopting this plan, as conditions did not seem favorable, but now everything seems to be propitious for the change.

In the early part of June a severe storm, almost a cyclone, swept over Bloomington and the surrounding country, and Wesleyan shared in the general destruction. Many of our beautiful trees were torn up, and most of those left were injured. The tower on the main building was blown off, and out at the athletic park the grand stand was torn to shreds, while the fence surrounding the park was left in an equally delapidated condition. But they say "blessings come in disguise," and we are prone to believe it when we look at the plans for the new grand stand, with a fully equipped gymnasium beneath. The tower is being rebuilt and a few changes made in different parts of the building, so by the time college opens all will be in readiness.

Before this letter goes to press convention will have come and gone. For nearly a whole year we have looked forward to it,

and for much longer than a year will we remember it. For most of us the summer has been an idle playtime, a sort of dreamy existence, but for those who have been expecting to go to Ann Arbor, glimmerings of something inspiring, something that makes us stir out of our lethargy, has stolen in on us and made us long for time to speed, even if it does bring nearer opening of school, which we all say we "can't bear to think of." May each girl return to her chapter full of enthusiasm and new ideas, pledging herself with renewed energy to give the best it is in her power to give to her chapter.



DELTA PROVINCE.

CHI—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

The first event of interest Chi can chronicle is the usual summer outing of a week at Prior Lake. This year twenty-eight of us, active and alumnae, spent a most delightful time together.

We have had two summer meetings, full of enthusiasm for fall rushing and for convention. Early in August the active chapter and alumnae gave a picnic together at Glenwood Springs.

August twenty-fifth saw eight of Chi, Florence Powell, Grace and Avery Trask, Vera Morey, Grace Wheaton, Harriet Armstrong, Inez Lord and Cleo Wheeler at convention, ready for the long-looked-for week. But though we had counted on much, the realization far exceeded our anticipations. Everything had been planned by such a master hand that nothing occurred to mar the enjoyment of the entire week. Through the many informal gatherings at the different houses we girls came to know each other in a way which will always make us watch with special interest the life of these chapters. Aside from the pleasant recollections of the session and the many delightful times which Beta Delta gave us, the fact that impressed itself most forcibly upon our minds was, that although almost every state in the Union was represented, the uniformity and congeniality of all the girls made it possible for us to more fully understand the meaning of the oft repeated phrase, "The typical Kappa."

We are all anticipating a most enjoyable and profitable year at college. There have been some changes in the faculty, Professor

Woodbridge, who was at the head of the department of philosophy, has gone to Columbia to take the place of Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler. Minnesota loses in him one of the best men on its faculty, but we are all proud to have him called to such a distinguished chair as that of philosophy at Columbia. Dr. Barton, our English lecturer, has also left us to spend a year in Boston. Notwithstanding these losses, however, some fine additions have been made, especially the department of music, which has been inaugurated this year.

Chi sends best wishes to all the chapters for a prosperous year in Kappa.



BETA ZETA—IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

The girls of Beta Zeta have been widely scattered this summer, after a reunion with many of the "old girls" back at commencement. The summer has been a happy one to many of us, but sorrowful to one of our girls who lost her father in a very sad way. Our girls all remembered and sympathized with her in her affliction. She expects to make her home in Iowa City this fall, and we shall be very glad to have her there. We are proud of her as the winner of the Mrs. Larrabee prize in botany; and another of our girls, a fellow in chemistry last year, who has been appointed assistant professor in that science. One of the girls sailed for a year's travel in Europe the twenty-first of August, and we all sent steamer letters to her. Though we do not expect to have a chapter house or rooms next year, we hope to have as many of the girls as possible living in the same house. We look forward to meeting again with the greatest pleasure and to start out our fall campaign of rushing with enthusiasm inspired by the accounts of covention from our delegate, and with many new plans and resolves for the coming year.

THETA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

At last our summer vacation is nearly over, with but a few short weeks until we are together again. How short the summer has been! We trust the vacation has been as pleasant to you as to Theta. Through our round robbin we have kept in touch with each other, and we are now looking forward eagerly to the pleasures of the coming year.

In one respect, at least, Theta will have an experience that the chapter has never had before. That will be our chapter house. We sincerely hope it will be a grand success. We expect to begin the year with twelve active members, and the co-operation of our town Kappas. Three of our seniors will be back.

We were made very proud of Helen Montgomery last June, when it was announced that she had been selected a Phi Beta Kappa. She was one of the two girls chosen, and the only fraternity girl.

The university has fine prospects for next year; many improvements have been made and several of the new buildings will be ready for use.

We are sorry that Blanche Enyart will not be back with us next year. She has been made gymnasium instructor in the Ann Arbor High School, and will attend the University of Michigan. Good luck to her!

In a short time, too, we shall hear all about convention from our delegate. How we wish we could all have been there!

We wish you a most successful rushing season and school year.



SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

As the fall months draw near we are anxious for college to open and to meet again the old girls whom the vacation has so widely separated.

Sigma has two sources of enthusiasm this year—convention and a fraternity house. If only everyone might go to convention and realize the national fraternity and all that Kappa Kappa Gamma means. Certainly the sixteenth national convention was delightfully entertained by Beta Delta at Ann Arbor.

This year is our first attempt with a house, and although it is not our own, it meets our demands satisfactorily. No dormitory system is exercised at Nebraska, so a house is doubly enjoyable to out of town girls. We are made to appreciate our alumnae more than ever by their kindness to us in this matter.

Sigma sends to all a greeting and wishes for all a bright college year.



OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

Omega is looking forward to one of her most prosperous years. Although we lose some of our best girls we are thankful that the loss is few in number. We expect a large and enthusiastic representation of last year's membership to return this fall. The occupation of our new chapter house immediately upon the opening of the school year will be a great advantage to us in many ways.

The enrollment at the university this year probably will surpass all years in the history of the institution. The registrar predicts that there will be 1,500 students, an increase of 300. There will also be several additions to our faculty. Professor Carl Becker, of Dartmouth College, has been elected assistant in European history; Professor Frank E. Bryant, of the University of Michigan, assistant in English; Alfred Ewing, assistant in Romance Languages, and H. I. Kruse, fellow in German.

The new natural museum will be finished in early January, and will be an ornament to our campus and a credit to the university. Dr. F. H. Snow, our former chancellor, will become the director of the new museum as soon as it is finished.

The inauguration of the new chancellor, Dr. Frank Strong, will take place October 17th. The ceremonies will last three days, concluding with an athletic carnival. President Hadley, of Yale, will deliver the inaugural address; James B. Angell, president of the University of Michigan; David J. Brewer, a justice of the United States Supreme Court, and President W. R. Harper, of the University of Chicago, will speak.

Kappa expects to share in the new life and vigor of the university. Our plans for fall rushing are ready for consummation. The programme was thoughtfully and carefully made out last

spring before the close of school, and the proper committees appointed, so there will be no delay in the work when school opens. We are eager to hear the report of our delegate to the convention, and to share in the new spirit and enthusiasm our girls imbibed there.



BETA MU—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

Since Beta Mu sent her last chapter letter to the KEY, her members have been spending the happy summer months at various places, widely separated from one another, and we look forward to so much pleasure when we shall all meet together again in our chapter house and sing our Kappa songs and be ready to start in the new college year full of energy and enthusiasm.

Three of our undergraduates whom we fully expected to return will be unable to do so on account of illness, and we lost three members by graduation—Mary Wood, Carrie Orton and Hattie Pollard. Mary Wood spent the summer in California, and will remain there throughout the coming year. Hattie Pollard will spend the winter at her home, and Carrie Orton will be with us, having received the position of instructor in German and Latin at the State Preparatory School at Boulder. Twelve of the old girls will return, nine of whom will live at the chapter house. We are proud to introduce to our Kappa sisters our pledge, Lee Brown, who was pledged last year and immediately after was obliged to leave school, but will be with us again this year.

The first convention since the founding of Beta Mu has taken place, and the splendid way in which we were entertained by Beta Delta will never be forgotten. Everyone who attended, I am sure, only regretted that every other Kappa could not be there to enjoy with her the enthusiastic meeting of so many loyal Kappas assembled from east and west. No one who attended could have left without a quickened interest and a deeper devotion to our fraternity.

Beta Mu sends greeting and best wishes for a successful and happy year to all Kappa sisters.

BETA XI—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

Beta Xi sends greetings to her sister chapters.

During the summer we have done little but make plans for the coming college year and look forward to convention. We feel that we have been unusually fortunate to be able to send a representation to convention so soon after our installation, and are glad that this representation did not consist of a single delegate, but instead, we could have three Texas girls present. After spending such a delightful week at convention we are exceedingly anxious to return to college and arouse the Kappas in Texas with the enthusiasm which we bring back from Ann Arbor. No one present received more real benefit from this week than Beta Xi's representatives. They return determined to do all in their power to make Beta Xi strong in every possible way. The sixteenth national convention was a success. The Beta Delta girls proved ideal entertainers. Every hour of the time from Tuesday, August twenty-sixth, until Tuesday, September third, was spent pleasantly and beneficially.

A few changes have taken place in our university since our last letter. Much to the regret of regents, faculty and students, the dean of our faculty goes to accept the presidency of the Agricultural and Mechanical School at Bryan, Texas. Dr. Houston is a man of prominence, not only in our state, but is well known in other states as one of the foremost educators of this country. Our university feels that her loss is a great one, but still she is glad that Dr. Houston will remain in the state and his influence will only be felt in another branch. Dr. S. E. Mezes, professor of philosophy in Texas University, was chosen by our board of regents as dean of the faculty. Perhaps Dr. Mezes is not unknown to all the readers of this letter. He has very recently published a book on ethics, which has been highly praised in our country and abroad. Dr. Joseph Page, of California, comes to fill the chair of political science, vacated by Dr. Houston.

Our college does not open its doors for matriculation until late in September. We can scarcely wait for the time to come when we can return to our active chapter and begin our life in Kappa Kappa Gamma. Beta Xi has a contract with Pi Beta Phi, the only other woman's fraternity represented in our college, placing pledge day in January. There will, probably, be little rushing

at the beginning of the year. However, we are very anxious to see the material from which we may choose. We expect at least twelve of our girls back, so this will enable us to have a strong chapter without the addition of the desirable freshmen we may take into our chapter in January.

Before we went to convention we felt that we knew only a few chapters well, but on account of the hearty welcome Beta Xi received, she already feels very near to every chapter. Thanks to all our sisters for their kindness and welcome.



PI—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

College has been in session for nearly two weeks. On Thursday the fourteenth of August, the upper classmen registered. We all came together on that day and had a happy time, telling of our summer outings. On Monday the freshmen entered. There were very nearly six hundred in the class, and we can truthfully say that it is one of the best that has ever come to the University of California. The new regulations require that every student shall enter unconditioned. So naturally the standard of the work done by this class will be high. The material for the fraternities is also good.

The other day we enjoyed a visit from [Elizabeth Phelps, of Beta Epsilon. Indeed we have been very fortunate of late in having Kappas visit us. They make us appreciate how splendid Kappa Kappa Gamma is nationally. The girls who have visited us seem to be of one type, and that a very high one. Florence Powell, from Chi; Ethel Raymer, from Eta; Mary Harriman, Maud Wilcox and Elizabeth Phelps, from Beta Epsilon, have favored us within the year with visits. Pi feels that we should all endeavor to maintain this type; that we should have a certain ideal of womanhood before our minds constantly, and that we should initiate only those into the sacred privileges of Kappa-hood who approach nearest to this ideal conception of what a Kappa should be. She should be dignified, womanly, gracious, earnest, yet able to indulge to some extent in the lighter side of life. We all wish to be feminine, but not in the weaker sense, and we earnestly desire that the odium of unconventionality that is unfortunately too often attached to a college woman be not laid at our door.

BETA ETA—LELAND STANFORD JR. UNIVERSITY.

College has not begun with us yet, but we all look forward with the greatest pleasure to our reunion on the first of September. Our girls come from all parts of the country after being away for three months, and will be much interested to see all the improvements in our university. Mrs. Stanford has many pictures for our new chapel, which add greatly to its beauty. Many new buildings are in construction, three of which are finished and will be ready for use 'ere we return. Our love for our new house seems to increase with years, and each September the girls return with pillows or furnishings which tend to make it more homelike.

The only shadow upon our anticipated pleasant semester will be our loss of Sara McLauthlin, who returns to Wellesley to graduate; Eva Wheeler, Jessie Knepper, Helen and Francis Fickes, through graduation. We shall be happy to have with us again, two of last year's initiates, Mercedis de Luna and Zoe Lackins, who have been away for a semester.

September will find about fifteen of Beta Eta's girls enthusiastic and eager to begin work for college and for Kappa.



In Memoriam.

ADDA BUCHEL WADSWORTH.

The alumnae and active members of Lambda
mourn the death of Mrs. Adda Buchtel Wadsworth, ex-'92.

ADA STARKWEATHER, *Lambda*.

EDITORIAL.

Alumnae! Read!

WE have invited, urged, begged and argued for alumnae subscribers, and after all the number of alumnae readers of the KEY is exceedingly small. This means that the great majority of the 3,000 living alumnae are not interested in and are not acquainted with the fraternity's work of to-day. Kappa Kappa Gamma means to them the small group of girls who composed their chapter in the dear old college days. The organization, management and standing of the national fraternity, at this time, are not their immediate concern. Intimate, accurate knowledge of Kappa's aims and achievements would be a pleasure and a profit to them, we believe. Such information would awaken the enthusiasm which they felt while in college, and the result would be a large body of interested, helpful alumnae—alumnae willing to do the work of the fraternity, happy to share in her joys and proud of her accomplishments. This felicitous end can be reached in one way—namely, that alumnae become readers of the KEY.

It will be possible to send the KEY for one year for fifty cents, to *all* alumnae, provided that *all* members of *all* alumnae associations subscribe. A copy of this issue is mailed to the members of the Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Columbus, Cleveland, Detroit, Bloomington (Ill.), Kansas City, Pi and Beta Iota associations. The secretaries of other associations failed to forward lists of members and addresses as requested. The KEY suggests that each association and club require the subscription to the KEY by each and all members. Then it will be possible to furnish the KEY to *all* alumnae at fifty cents per year. It is left now to the secretaries to send names and addresses and money for subscriptions to the KEY from all members.

Since the convention news takes so much space two departments are omitted in this issue. "General college and fraternity notes" and "Exchanges" will have especial attention in the January KEY. The April issue will contain reports of Alumnae Associations, laying stress upon the work and play of the year.

Convention of 1902.

CONSERVATIVE, dignified, well poised, thoughtful, earnest and loyal was the convention of 1902. It is hard to add anything to the splendid account which appears at the beginning of this number, but the editor finds it difficult to refrain from writing just a little. The maintenance of a table at Wood's Holl, the publication of a "Handbook" of the fraternity, the KEY to be sent to alumnae at fifty cents a year are the tangible results of the convention. The changes in fraternity rules are not decided ones, but are of such nature that all work in the future will be done with greater accuracy and speed. Alumnae day was a success and will probably hereafter have a place on the convention programme. All in attendance felt that the administration of the retiring Grand President will go down in Kappa history as a wisely, slowly progressive one.

Socially the week was delightful. Beta Delta and the Detroit alumnae have a warm place in our hearts. The numerous happy social gatherings brought us together, to the benefit of all.

Undoubtedly the convention of 1902 is the best one in the annals of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Thirty-two Years Old.

ON October 13, 1902, Kappa Kappa Gamma will be thirty-two years old. Twenty-nine active chapters, seventeen alumnae associations, seven alumnae clubs, an active membership of 500 and a total of 4,000 are cause for congratulation. The first few years were given up to extension, while the later years have been times of the better kind of growth—intension. Our strength is best seen in our organization. The machinery of the fraternity runs so smoothly that there is no strain anywhere.

We shall be able through the help of alumnae to support a table for biological research at Wood's Holl—the competition for such a table to be open to all college women where Kappa is located.

A handbook is soon to be published; as our fraternity was the first among women to publish a journal, so we take the lead in a book of this nature. It will contain a brief history, with interesting authoritative data which will show the standing of the fraternity. Mrs. Minnie Royse Walker will edit the book.

The completion of the history is something to be anticipated, and with the appearance of it Kappa publications will number five—KEY, Catalogue, Song Book, Handbook and History.

The editor hopes that alumnae associations and active chapters everywhere will properly celebrate on October 13th.

Co-education.

ONE of the most vitally interesting problems of the present day to all fraternity women is the movement against co-education. Harvard, Columbia, Brown and Western Reserve have taken a stand for co-ordinate education. Chicago and Northwestern are contemplating abandoning the present system of co-education. At the latter institution it is the aim to limit the number of young women to those who can be cared for in the several women's dormitories. The privilege now granted to young women to find homes among the townspeople of the city, as soon as the dormitories are full, is taken away at the beginning of this college year. The authorities are hoping evidently to drive young women away.

It is time for the women who have enjoyed the privileges of co-education to marshal their forces against the discontinuance of the system. The very best argument for it is the usefulness of the great numbers of women who have learned how to cope with the men in college and so now are filling prominent positions in all the walks of life. The women's Greek letter societies owe their existence to co-education. Let us all rally to its support!

The Way We Look at Other Women.

"What a woman thinks of women is the test of her nature." The truth of this statement we are apt to acknowledge, appreciating, at the same time, that a college girl has peculiar advantages for correctly estimating the ability and valuing most highly the character, not only of her college mates, but of women in general. Associated, as she is, for four years with women of every type; bound to many, as she must be, by that well-nigh indissoluble tie—a common aim; working, as she does, if she be active in the affairs of her alma mater, in the interest of the many, she has almost limitless opportunities for observing in them the broad and varied points of view, the administrative and executive ability, the unselfish motive, the lofty ideal, the persistency of

purpose. Her opinion of women increases in ever ascending ratio ; not because college life makes a greater demand upon these qualities, but because the co-operation of that life brings women into a wider sympathy with one another, and gives them a juster comprehension of the aims and ambitions, the motives and struggles of each. Each must gain by this intimate fellowship with so many of her sisters ; first, because of her appreciation of the noble qualities manifested in a greater or less degree by all her fellow students ; second, because of the reaction this appreciation cannot fail to have upon her own character. And so, taking with her a keen penetration into the mysteries of human nature, she may go forth from her alma mater, counting not the least among the benefits of her college life, the knowledge given her of the great possibilities of development, and the broad and progressive outlook of the women of the world.

CAROLINE LEXOW, *Beta Epsilon*.

Prize Keys.

The prize key, full-crowned pearl, donated by D. L. Auld, to be presented at convention to the chapter which secured the most alumnae subscribers during the past year, was awarded to Chi. Sigma received the opal key, presented by C. I. Clegg, for the best chapter letters submitted during last year. It is hoped that the impulses of convention week will be lasting and the chapter letters will continue to improve, and that a hundredfold will be the increase of alumnae subscribers.

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