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HOME MAKERS

BEATRICE G. WINTERS, *Beta Psi*

You can become an expert cook, laundress, household manager and hostess in four years at Toronto University. Read how it is done—what the freshman studies, and final thrilling two weeks of cooking for the faculty, serving meals to them in the model dining room, entertaining them—and being marked for it. It is, we think, the best possible Household Science department. When we visited Toronto our hostess was a graduate of this course—and such good things to eat we had! And our Canadian chapter has such good manners!

No longer does the young housekeeper and her "sinker" biscuits constitute the chief living of the funny paper, and the day when all my lord and master's delicacies proceeded from the frying-pan has long since passed. Heretofore mere results bore evidence of the activities of graduates in Household Science, and the department struggled along till the new building arose, and with it such increased registration that the Arts classes, erstwhile large and complacent, became conspicuously lean while the faithful few sceptically murmured "How long"?

SHE DESCRIBES THE BUILDING FIRST

Majestic, yet simple in design, the massive Grecian Building is the landmark for freshies, at the entrance of Queen's Park and once inside, if romantically inclined, an elastic imagination could easily conjure up lazy Greek goddesses in classic draperies airily floating down the dazzling white marble staircase, and the glow from the stained windows warming the chill splendour of it all. But even Greek goddesses couldn't wander long without fear of

chilblains and anyway, the spell is soon broken by more modern, and much more alive, divinities of the apron, coming from somewhere and going to an equally mysterious somewhere.

The entrance hall of white Italian marble, the stately marble columns, newels of the staircase crowned with bronze electric fixtures, although compelling admiration till poor limp adjectives cannot be revived, give no hint of the hum of industry further away. Opening off the wide corridor are the faculty room, library, museum, lecture hall, household art room, reading rooms and offices, and if, by careful mathematical calculation, the right door is approached after a series of subterranean perigrinations, the unwary one finds the gymnasium. Nothing especially artistic or classic, but equipped with everything designed to produce a race of Amazons, it extends through two stories, the walls and ceiling being entirely of fumed quarter-cut oak. Near the gymnasium shrieks and splashes might be most terrifying, but that is what might be expected in the vicinity of the swimming pool, close to which are shower and dressing rooms, a steam-drying room for swimming costumes and a hair-drying room.

The second floor is entirely given over to the teaching of Household Science, while the third floor contains the laboratories for Household Management, and for teaching food chemistry, not to mention the two small suites of rooms, the most interesting part of the building to the open-mouthed Arts student. Throughout the whole building the woodwork is fumed quarter-cut oak while the floors of many of the rooms are of the same wood, toned and waxed, except those of the laboratories, which are laid with terrazzo. In the food laboratories dark Tennessee marble has been used for tables, but in food chemistry rooms Alberene stone and deeply stained white wood takes its place.

THE FRESHIE'S PROSAIC WORK

The hopeful and domestically inclined freshie who had dreams of practising on orange sherbert and cocoanut kisses is speedily disillusioned, however, and the only glimpses she gets of Household Science is a series of lectures on the history of home life, to soothe her perturbation caused by sieges of honour chemistry, biology, physics and mechanics, besides enough of the "finer" arts, English, mathematics, French or German to keep her out of mischief. The second year it is a constant source of amusement

to languid coeds of other courses to see their friends rushing around in search of soiled laundry, but the laundry tubs do not occupy their whole attention, being merely a part of the course in Household Management, which includes study of metals, wood, fabrics used in the home, the house, and home care of the sick. Biochemistry is also an addition to the continuation of honor sciences of the first year.

THIRD YEAR IS THE EPICUREAN'S DELIGHT

Only in the third year does the aforesaid languid Arts student become interested in tales of fallen angel's food, soggy bread or sample the wonderful confections of glacé fruits, but whether this comes under "Foods and Food Values" as outlined in the curriculum, or Hygiene and Sanitation, only they who do it know. The honor work this year also includes Biochemistry and Physiology usually studied with the Medical students, while in odd moments the busy cake lady does light reading with the Arts students in History or Political Economy and English.

MARKETING, SPENDING, SERVING

By her fourth year she is constantly in demand to make coffee for class parties or fudge for bazaars, but do not insult her abilities by supposing this is the whole of her accomplishments. Now she trips up and down the marble staircase with the confidence and ease of some royal purple-clad personage, or a freshette. Economics of the household includes economics of spending, the division of the income at which the Arts cynic again grins, but only listens in awe to talk of Dietetics, a course to investigate all the kinds and amount of food required under varying conditions, while practical application is made in the construction of dietaries for different classes of people. The crowning touches are received in a laboratory course where practice in marketing, preparing and serving meals and special diets is obtained and made perfect by demonstrations. In the latter the quavering coed, hair smooth (special emphasis by the faculty) much be-starched as to aprons, prepares luncheons, children's lunch baskets, midnight suppers before a most flippantly critical class unless the menu is usually attractive.

REAL HOME LIFE—WITH FACULTY GUESTS

About the middle of the Easter term real home life as prescribed by the faculty is offered the students who go "into residence," two into each suite of rooms for two weeks and are lost to the outside world except when seen running an appraising finger over the plump breast of a chicken at the market, or returning laden with parcels which the grocer forgot to send. During the two weeks the duties of hostess and cook are performed alternately. The hostess takes complete charge of the dining room, does all the buying, for which a limited sum of money is provided, plans the meals and entertains the faculty. Opinions differ as to the superior attractions of either office, but all agree that it is equally embarrassing for both, when one of the Faculty expressing delight at the prospect of corn, discovered at the end of a painful pause that culinary accidents had made the gravy somewhat lumpy. Personal appearance, methods of serving and ease in entertaining are all noted carefully, but surely excuses may be made for the harassed cook when her soup burns, her cream sauce develops peculiar consistency, if her hair is somewhat awry and if she forgets the salt. The tragedies of results following in the train of too great extravagance early in the week mean a slim meal but cheerfully counting out her sixty-eight cents for the last meal, being carefully trained, she remembers the *pièce de résistance* of dietitians—salmon—(with apologies if not true, for we are only Arts and don't know much) and gaily decks it out with parsely and cream sauce. What matter if it were chicken and dumplings the night previous?

After four years of such training she need have no fear of the hackneyed and almost out of vogue reproach—"not like mother used to make."

Y. W. C. A. AT THE FAIR

Contributed by the Young Women's Christian Association

Take from your library shelf your volume of *Alice in Wonderland* and a copy of the *Arabian Nights*. Read again the stories of cabbages and kings, dream palaces and magic gardens, and you will think, not of the days of your childhood, but of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, which has just closed. It was such a fairyland of radiant colors, such a wonderful playground and nine-months' carnival, that one was apt to forget that, after all, it was a work-a-day world. Only upon second thought did one remember that hundreds of men and women did prosy work there day by day. They were busy meeting people, directing, amusing and instructing the crowds of sightseers.

After a long day of walking from one place to another until feet ached and muscles were weary, one was in a mood to remember that there were thousands of other visitors who needed the common comforts, such as food, quiet and a place to rest.

The Exposition officials realized all of this over two years ago when they invited the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association to erect a building which could be headquarters for all women, whether visiting or employed. The National Board responded by placing in the South Gardens the building which was a center of comfort and hospitality through all the Exposition months, "A social Service Plant." An attractive, well-managed lunchroom, where meals could be had at reasonable prices, was deemed the best way of letting the public know of the existence of the organization in so unusual a place as an international fair. People must eat wherever they are, and while they wait to be served they are likely to turn their attention to the most obvious things. Consequently, ways were devised to let them know about the other kinds of service that this building stood for. A writing room and reading room on the main floor offered comfort to tired folk; a restroom, where women could lie down and relax utterly, was provided on the upper floor, away from the noise and rush of things; and photographs, pictures and exhibits in cases around the lobby called attention to the work of the Associations scattered over the country. Over 5,000 people a day passed through the building, and an average of 800 questions were answered.



YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION BUILD-
ING—PANAMA EXPOSITION



TWO LINES REACHING TO THE LAGOON, WAITING FOR A CHANCE IN THE
LUNCHROOM, ON MAY 31

3000 EMPLOYEES AT THE FAIR

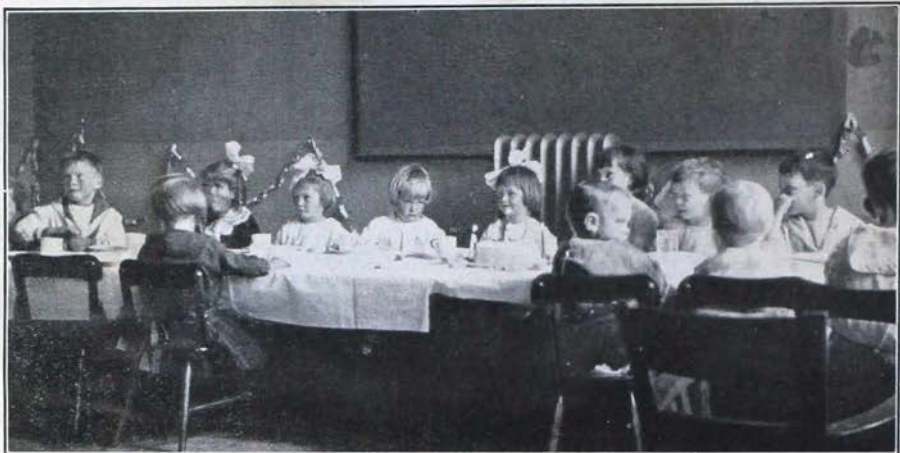
Before the Exposition opened it was stated that about three thousand girls and women would find employment in its palaces, State Buildings and Amusement Zone. Many of these came from San Francisco and had friends and connections in this region, but a considerable number hailed from long distances, drawn here by the idea that it would be possible to make a generous living in a place where there must be so much work to do. In the matter of employment alone, the Y. W. C. A. was constantly appealed to by girls who were unable to get work and who needed to be helped until they could find some way to return to their homes. In many cases employment was secured for them; in other cases, where illness or some other misfortune had overtaken them, they were tided over and cared for. Considerable actual protective work was done. Whenever a girl is especially attractive there is always temptation in the form of some stranger waiting to escort her home at night or invite her out to dinner. Nine times out of ten when she accepts these invitations it is because she is either lonely or hard up. If, at this point, there is some wise friend at hand, the girl is safe. One of the young women who worked on the Zone went down to live in what proved to be a disreputable part of town because she was trying to live cheaply to save money to get back to her mother. When she found that one of the Young Women's Christian Association secretaries cared enough to get her a good home she said, "It would be mighty easy for any girl to keep straight if somebody cared enough to help her out."

Probably more heart-to-heart talks were held in the employment office than in any other spot on the Grounds. The girls were quick to recognize the genuine interest that was felt in their welfare, and, not only did they tell their troubles, but they were ready to take advice. Sometimes a casual question and answer revealed a desperate state of things which the mere request for employment had not suggested.

"You will hear from me very soon. The first moment any opening occurs I will send for you for I know your need of work is urgent."

"When will you send? Tomorrow?"

"Tomorrow if possible—the very minute I can find a suitable place for you. I have your telephone number."



DOROTHY'S BIRTHDAY PARTY—NURSERY, PANAMA BUILDING



A GOOD TIMES EVENING FOR EXPOSITION EMPLOYEES

"Don't bother—I won't be there—I can't wait for it—there's only the gas route for me!"

This was just one of some of the thrilling responses made in a seemingly ordinary conversation. An hour later the understanding employment secretary had placed this despairing young mother in the hands of a "Big Sister" who had skill and resources. She made a place for the girl to work in her own home where she could keep her child until a better position offered. Back rent was loaned her, clothes pawned by a drunken husband, replaced; and new courage to face life, aroused.

A discharged employee on the Exposition Grounds brought a note to the employment bureau from the secretary of her former employer, which read:

"This poor soul is in sore straits. She has planned her life none too wisely. She does not fit into our work and has nothing to fall back on. Feed her on our credit—cheer her up if you can—and love her a little. This morning her baggage was seized for rent. A square meal will give her new courage."

The order was filled in all its details and a job less taxing to an untrained middle-aged woman provided.

CLUBHOUSE ON THE ZONE

Perhaps the most picturesque piece of work which the Young Women's Christian Association did at the Exposition was that which centered around the Clubhouse on the Amusement Zone. This club house was a comfortable summer cottage with a club room furnished in rattan, a restroom, kitchen and lunchroom, and best of all, an abundance of hot water, with foot baths for weary feet and tub baths for those girls who had been missing them because they were obliged to live on the Amusement Zone. From the moment that it opened the girls adopted it as their own. "Are you going to the club this afternoon?" one girl would say in much the same tone as a man would say to another man, "Shall I meet you at the club tonight?" It was their "House Friendliness"—and they came to it from long distances. A hot lunch was served at from twelve to seventeen cents at any hour in the day. Instantaneous hot water in the bathrooms, magazines, flowers and a piano in the clubroom, a trained nurse who looked after any ailment that might put a girl temporarily below par; and a friendly atmosphere that made one come again.

Nobody had so little time to see the Exposition as the people who worked there. So, for the busy demonstrators, and saleswomen and cashiers a series of noon time talks were arranged, talks on the architecture and sculpture and meaning of the great Fair. Every Wednesday noon, at ten minutes after twelve, and then again at ten minutes after one, somebody, who was especially qualified to explain one of the courts or buildings, or statues, gave a brief talk to any of the girls who chose to come. They brought their lunches, the Y. W. C. A. sent over thermos bottles of hot coffee; and the whole affair was a picnic, a lecture and a very good time.

WORKERS FROM MANY STATES AND COUNTRIES

As the work developed each member of the employed staff was responsible for making the acquaintance of, and establishing friendly relations with, the women in a palace. Simple, home-like parties were given, followed by fun and frolic and opportunity to get acquainted. Over half of the girls who came to these entertainments registered from states outside California. One evening, when the roll call was made of the states and the Union, in response to the word "Massachusetts," nine girls rose in different parts of the room, each of whom worked in a different building, and no two of whom were aware of the other's existence. In less time than it takes to tell it, those nine girls had picked up their chairs, and, carrying them over to a secluded corner of the room, had sat down, and, with their heads close together were getting acquainted. In the various State parties, Massachusetts, Illinois, New York and Ohio, carried off the palm for the greatest number of representatives present. On one evening there was a little girl from Belgium, two from Norway, one from Japan, one from Switzerland, twelve from Hawaii, two from Canada and one from Australia. One of these girls said afterward, "You can't possibly know how much that frolic meant to me. Why, it's the first party I've been to in five years." She was a twenty-two year old girl who had been supporting herself since she was fourteen, she was working for one of the telegraph companies and studying stenography and typewriting at night to make herself more proficient; but she was a girl, young and pretty and wholesome, with a perfectly natural love for fun, and she was fairly starved for the lack of it. The Young Women's Christian Association, through the social side of its work, has tried to banish

loneliness from the hearts of the girls employed at the Exposition, who found themselves far away from home and strangers in a Western city.

THE NURSERY

Off at one side of the main building was a little annex which housed the Y. W. C. A. day nursery. Surrounding it was a playground with sand piles, and slides and swings. Somehow, in the early days of the Exposition nobody thought about "Baby." Little chubby folk, with short legs, trudged bravely after mother and father, though they were just too tired to stand up another minute; or weary Mother carried Baby about until she, in turn, was frazzled, and the joy of the day was gone. There were times when the restroom (which was meant as a place for tired women to lie down and sleep) was so swamped with babies that the room lost its original purpose. As time went on the Exposition Y. W. C. A. became convinced that the conduct of a day nursery was a very necessary piece of work. Its popularity fully justified this decision. An average of fifty children were cared for day by day from the time it opened. On some days over one hundred were left there in the care of the graduate nurses and the trained kindergartners. The youngest baby to be entered was two weeks old. A minimum charge of 25 cents a day, or 15 cents for half a day was made. Each child was given a brief physical examination to insure the others against contagion of any sort, and then they were put to sleep, or fed or played with, or allowed to sprawl in the sand pile, as the case might be. Most of the children belonged to tourists who were here for a short time, but some of them came back day after day; and there were some little folk who felt as much at home at the Y. W. C. A. nursery as though under their own roof. One mother brought her little girl of five on the child's birthday. It was the only day the mother had to see the Fair, and not wishing her little daughter to miss all the joys of her birthday, she brought a huge cake, with six candles, five to blow on and one to be good on. The kindergartner laid a long table. All the babies and youngsters sat down to the "party." The little golden-haired hostess, very conscious of her five years, was as happy as a little queen.

There was opportunity for some very wholesome religious work in connection with the day nursery. The children were told Bible stories, they colored Bible pictures and a small grace was said at table when they had their meals. Inexperienced mothers, too, learned better ways of caring for their children.

CONVENTION

BERTHA CHAPMAN CATLIN, *Booster*

Don't read this if you are a hopeless, hardened non-enthusiast, or if you can't possibly get to Convention because you can't leave your husband and six children (that's the only good excuse—you must have six). Mrs. Catlin will convince all other wavering Kappas in her boosting articles in this and the May KEY. Watch out, she'll get you yet.

AI KORAI ATHENES!

The twenty-seventh of June, nineteen hundred sixteen! Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

Western Kappas, and Kappas from the South, and of course neighboring Eastern Kappas, and Northerners—do you hear the call? Put the time and the place down in your new engagement book, mark it in gold letters on your unturned New Year calendar—and put that shining Christmas gold piece in the bank, in a trust fund, payable only in June and available only for Convention expenses.

The Estes Park Convention was almost too good to be true—and Estes was a wonderful place in a wonderful country—but this is true, too. New York State is the Empire State of the Union and Ithaca is one of its most beautiful and delightful parts. Inspiring mountains (you'll need your mountain-climbing boots and good wind here, too), unfathomable lakes (this is a scientific fact), fascinating walks, a campus which may have its equals but is not excelled, the finest accommodations, and, best of all, Kappas from everywhere.

Here you will learn to know your fraternity as never before, and become, as never before, a real part of it. You will meet the "finest council ever," the most representative delegates, some of our "personages" and "all the rest of us"—why, you can't be the only one not there. Make your plans—*Now*—with yourself and your family.

Prudence Risley Hall, the new dormitory, could already be filled by those who are going. Let's fill Sage Hall, too, so that for once Cornell University will be just overflowing with Kappas.

There are eight chapters within twenty-four hours journey of Ithaca, every member, certainly every active member of those chapters should go. There may not be another eastern Convention in years—use this golden opportunity. "See America first," usually means go West, but it works just as well the other way. Pi, Beta Eta, don't you think that June is just the time to return some of the many calls made in California last summer?

There is another catchy phrase, used by the steamship company on the Great Lakes, that much impressed some of us when we went to Estes. "In all the World, no trip like this." How much truer when applied to the happy journey to Convention—In all the World, no trip like this—why, in all the World no—Fun—like this!

HAPPINESS

Oh Happiness, I know your face
 More gracious is, indeed,
 Than green hills in the dawn's embrace,
 Than dancing sunkissed reed;
 More beautiful than autumn red,
 Than daisied-field or holly,
 Than childhood's careless golden head,
 Yet I am melancholy.

Oh Happiness though sweet your smile,
 Your glance is not for me;
 I try to coax you all the while,
 You march past willfully;
 Dear Happiness, Time goeth too,
 Full soon too late 'twill be,
 So when you pass, I wish that you
 Would sometimes smile on me.

Fair are the summer lands at night,
 Moonlight and ferny dell;
 Earth seems a place of rare delight
 Where all things must be well;
 Yet, Happiness my rainbow dreams
 Like youth and love are fleeting,
 Anon on me your radiance gleams
 Then Sorrow gives me greeting.

SARAH HARBINE WEAVER, *Beta Nu.*

WHERE BETA BETA LIVES

ELEANOR M. ALDRIDGE, B B, '17

You can't beat them for spirit up at St. Lawrence, the home of our newest chapter. Eleanor Aldridge tells you about it in this article. She has brown eyes and brown hair and red cheeks and a smile—and besides, cousin Egbert of Red Gap would call her "some little writer." Isn't She?

The wind is blowing a gale—and it is cold! The ground is white with soft innocent looking snow—but wait! just a moment please—it's not so innocent as we'd like to think. Just beneath that fair covering the ground is also covered with ice and—oh excuse me just a minute please—there! I couldn't miss that, you see, a particularly dignified young man—a sophomore of course—was laboring under the impression that he was a fly. He tried to walk up college hill, and was much chagrined to find that he had not let his right foot know what his left foot—oh well, he is up again, but now he prefers the "minuet side step" to the bold advance of the fly.

I know this is all a waste of time but the weather is one of our unique features up here at St. Lawrence, and please observe, I am writing about St. Lawrence University. Hello, people, the North salutes you! It's cold up here. We have it forty degrees below zero but we love it. We go coasting and sleighing and snow-shoeing. Did you ever go snow-shoeing? Didn't you feel like a ferry-boat the first time? I did. And I wasn't polite at all but stepped all over my own feet. But now!—I can jump off drifts that are six—seven—eight—nine—well I can.

If I were writing this article with a view toward securing more students for my Alma Mater now I would just go on to say something like this, I suppose.

"Dear little ambitious, would-be collegiates, my college—I beg your pardon—my university—for St. Lawrence possesses, besides the college of Arts and Sciences, an Agricultural School, a Theological School, a Law School and a Domestic Science

School, is "*The* college of the country." But that is not the reason I'm writing this—so I won't.

Instead I'll tell you, St. Lawrence is up in the northern part of New York State—almost on the St. Lawrence river, in a little town that is spelled C-a-n-t-o-n, and, if you come from down state, before you leave home you pronounce it Can-ton like the Chinese city, but when you return home for your first Christmas vacation you politely correct your family's pronunciation and say *Canton*! It is a little town, and the college on the hill is small too, in numbers, but it's great in spirit. Within two weeks after you are enrolled every one knows you by your first name and sings out "Hello there" in a hail-fellow-well-met sort of spirit across the campus. Now I seem to be on the trail of the "small college versus the large college" idea. I must get off it. Let's see—fraternities—coeducation—you know we are co-educational. Does everybody believe in coeducation? Come up here and you will. Really the spirit is wonderful. You know when a girl attends classes with a man, when she meets him in the morning, when she knows her hat is on crooked and her hair has refused to look right, she learns to really know him, and laughs at the idea of "superior man" who was made for woman to attract and hold—no I am not a suffragist but "a man's a man for a' that." And we see a lot of men up here—too much you say? No—enough. Our college men respect our college women—they don't go out of town for their partners for dances—and they go on "hikes" and "picnics" with us in the best sort of spirit. Let a man and woman strive together toward a common goal of education in its truest sense, and you will have an ideal companionship, an abolishment of flirtation, a comrade spirit similar to that of the "little boy and girl" age, only a matured friendship, a reliable one and a purer, truer attitude toward this poor abused old world.

OCCUPATIONS

KATHARINE SPRAGUE ALVORD

This is our lucky number. Miss Alvord, one of the few vocational experts in the United States, begins for THE KEY her series on vocational guidance. Now we have a really worthwhile department for this important subject. Come, now, everybody—what do you want to be?

SOME FACTORS IN VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE FOR COLLEGE WOMEN

The time is passed when the public questions the desirability of industrial education. It has been accepted as a needful part of the educational system, and one which brings its rewards a hundred fold to the community through better service and more prosperous and contented citizens.

Out of this wide-spread demand for industrial education has grown vocational guidance, which is the steering gear for this new movement. As Sneddon points out in "The Problems of Vocational Education," the fundamental principle guiding us in Vocational Education is "a broad social point of view" and that the world needs "more rather than less liberal education provided it does not close the door to ultimate vocational efficiency." It seems as though this exactly expresses what the movement in colleges and universities must mean—a formulation of cultural studies that enables the woman to get joy out of life at the same time that she is earning a living.

It is trite to say anything about the large increase of women in professional or semi-professional vocations in the last two decades but we must understand that as more women have gone from the home because of changing conditions, so more must be assisted to find the work for which they are fitted, and thus become a factor in the economic field. It is now the usual and not the extraordinary thing for the girl graduating from the high school to enter college, and she expects to become self-supporting after her college course. For years she has gone into teaching because her course in college fitted her for that profession, because it was made easy for her to get a position after graduating, and because

the salary, though small, was sure and fixed. There is no vocation that brings more joy and satisfaction than teaching for the one who likes it and who is fitted for it, but to go into that profession because one follows the line of least resistance brings discouragement and unhappiness to the worker and dissatisfaction to the patrons. Therefore if vocational guidance during the college course can keep in mind the qualifications of the student and at the same time assist the student to become a woman of deeper, truer culture, who understands the "broad social point of view" then vocational education can be counted upon to have a place.

FOR OPPORTUNITIES OTHER THAN TEACHING

It is because of this growing need that some colleges and universities have taken up vocational guidance among young women in order that the graduates may go out prepared in the best possible way to become workers. The impetus to this was given by the Association of Collegiate Alumnae which, since 1910, has had a committee on Vocational Opportunities other than Teaching. Their work has been investigative and has resulted in a very helpful and valuable bulletin, giving classified information about the different vocations for women. Even a more important part of the work of the Association has been the establishment of the placement bureaus in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Richmond, Virginia, and Pittsburgh. In this they followed the work of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union of Boston, with this difference that they emphasized the work of trained women and assisted them to find positions for which they were best fitted. This placement by the bureaus presupposes an investigation of the conditions of women's work which is a very necessary feature, for they are equipped to make a comprehensive study of the openings already existing, and to develop resources for the trained woman.

GUIDANCE SHOULD BEGIN AT MIDDLE OF COLLEGE COURSE

Of course, before placement comes the guidance of the undergraduates. Although there can be no hard and fast rule about this, a very natural time for this to begin is at the end of the sophomore year in college after some foundation has been laid and when the choice of majors and minors in college work is imminent. The adviser needs to have not only the sympathy and un-

derstanding of people, but also a knowledge of the conditions, the requirements and the demands for particular vocations. Indeed, the ideal adviser should be an individual of such wisdom and understanding both of the practical and the ideal that the type is still in a state of evolution, although one is optimistic enough to believe that sometime she may arrive.

FROM OFFICE TO LANDSCAPE GARDENING

The emphasis which is laid on the sympathetic study of the applicant cannot be over-stated. The adviser must understand the physical conditions, the habits of mind, the disposition and previous interests or experiences of the applicant, for it is only when the data is full that satisfactory advice can be given. Perhaps this can be made clear by two recent interviews that have come under my personal observation. A young woman who graduated five years ago, taught botany three years, broke down nervously, has worked in a lawyer's office two years, and is now uncertain what she wants to do. She has four brothers who are lawyers, and she likes the part of the work which brings her in contact with people. Her interest aside from this is in gardening; she has always taken a keen delight in working out of doors, and at one time she had hoped to have a greenhouse. After the preliminary talk, she was advised to investigate the work of a landscape gardener or horticulturist, with the possibility of taking a short course to fit her for this work.

FROM TEACHING TO NURSING

An undergraduate came at the end of her freshman year to discuss her plans. She was a fine looking girl with superb health, who had taught and knew she did not care to continue. She had thought that she wanted to study medicine with the hope of becoming a medical missionary, but the years of preparation were more than she could look forward to, although she expected to have three years more for study. She was advised to direct her work in such a way during the next year that she might take up a nurse's training for which she had a genuine liking. These are only two examples of many students who have come for help and while it is too early to say just what the outcome will be, both of these two young women are working toward a definite goal, rather than scattering their energies. The choice of a voca-

tion must be made by the student and by some other person for her, but the adviser should have the situation in hand well enough to be a very ready help.

I do not pretend to say that this will solve all the social and economic problems, but if college students can go out knowing themselves, their limitations and capacities, knowing what the community needs and where their trained minds can be used, then time and unrest have been saved. The trained worker takes satisfaction in doing her work, she does it better, and because of that, the salaries are better.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED

All Kappas are invited to ask questions about any profession. Miss Sprague will answer them in the next KEY, if sent to Editor soon.

1. What lines of work are included in the vocation of a civic worker? M. A.

Answer. A civic worker is really doing work in the department of social service, for the aroused public conscience has placed the work outside of politics and has put it in the class of service requiring experts who understand the needs of society. There are many lines of work in this vocation which are open to a woman trained in sociology, economics, and kindred subjects. To name only a few: investigators or field workers dealing with the problems of relief and elimination of dependency; inspectors of state institutions, of places of employment, of conditions of employment or special problems concerning women and children; organizer of welfare work or the work of improving the conditions of shops and factories; statistical work dealing with the interpretation of facts and figures relating to industry; work relating to state supervision of child labor.

For the most part, the salaries are subjective, depending on the ideas of the locality and the appointments are made after a civil service examination has been passed by the candidate.

2. What opportunities are there for positions in business writing? I have taken several courses in English Composition in college. A. B. S.

Answer. The position of advertising writer in large business houses or on newspapers is becoming a recognized vocation for women. During the last month, the Chicago Collegiate Bureau of Occupations had a call for a woman equipped for such work at a salary from fifteen to eighteen hundred dollars a year.

Naturally, the applicant must have some elementary knowledge of economics and psychology beside the technique of the particular subject.

Y. W. C. A. JUBILEE

The Young Women's Christian Association the country over, is celebrating this month of February, 1916, its fiftieth birthday, and because it possesses eternal youth it is calling this birthday celebration a Jubilee. On the evening of the first day of February practically every Young Woman's Christian Association in the United States gathered together its members for a banquet. Can you realize what that means? It means that every woman in the United States who is interested in the coming of the Kingdom of God had an opportunity to join with other women in a fellowship that ought to kindle the world into friendliness that night! Think of the psychology of such an event! And, if you've never been persuaded that mind-things control external things, watch for the results that will follow this Jubilee at which women will meet to do honor to the courage of the past and to plan for a greater future! No college woman who goes to a Jubilee banquet will ever again need to feel that she has no allegiance, that she belongs to no great movement.

JUBILEE COMMITTEE.

KAPPAS KNOWN TO FAME

LALAH RANDLE WARNER

Department Editor

Have you heard of Tarbell's Guide to the International Sunday-School Lessons? Who has not? Read about the woman by whose unflagging work and energy and originality these guides are each year compiled. And also about a former Editor of *THE KEY* who lives in California and has written a book about it. And about our tennis champion, Hazel Hotchkiss, Δ. Who'll suggest a Known-to-Fame for the next number?

DR. MARTHA TARBELL, *Iota*, '84

Writer

You ask me to tell you about Martha Tarbell, and in complying, I wish that I possessed her own gifted pen in order that I might adequately depict her choice gifts of mind and heart.

Her birthplace was in Ontario, Canada. Her father was the late Dr. H. S. Tarbell, formerly Superintendent of Schools of Indianapolis, and later of Providence, a scholarly man recognized during his life as a leading educator in the East and Middle West, so that Martha through close companionship with him as much as through the advantages of college and travel had rare opportunity for cultivating the talents which were inherently hers.

As a student in De Pauw University she was both brilliant and thorough, doing the four years' course in three years. With no knowledge of Greek previous to entering, she worked under a tutor for two terms and then went ahead with a class that had had nearly five years work, astonishing alike the Professor and her fellow students.

During her senior year she won the most important debate of the college—an intersociety contest in which she competed with representatives of the two men's literary societies.

At her graduation she was one of three chosen by the faculty to deliver an oration at the commencement exercises.

However, her college life was not all work. She had an active interest in all student activities, and if it were permissible to strike a reminiscent vein I could tell of many merry frolics in which we indulged together.



DR. MARTHA TARBELL

After graduating in '84 she spent the following year in study in Germany and has made several later trips to Europe, Palestine and Africa.

Of college degrees she has many, receiving A.B. in '84 and A.M. in '87 from De Pauw and A.M. in '94 and Ph.D. in '97 from Brown—being the first woman to be granted a Ph.D. from Brown and perhaps yet the only one.

She and her father were joint-authors of three series of language lessons and two series of geographies.

She is author of *In the Master's Country*, published by George H. Doran Company and has other books in preparation.

But the work by which she is best known is *Tarbell's Guide to the International Sunday School Lessons* published by Fleming H. Revell Company. Eleven volumes have been published and the twelfth is in preparation. A recent review of the eleventh volume characterizes it as "clear, comprehensive, convenient, scholarly, popular, judicious, fresh and every way helpful."

The task of having this large volume ready for the publishers each year at a stated time would seem enough for one person of ordinary strength; but Martha is not a woman of selfish interests and she maintains active membership in the Woman's Club of Orange, being chairman of the Art Department, and is a member of the Essex County College Women's Club, Mosaic Club, Alliance Francaise des Oranges, and Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumnae Association of New York.

She and her mother live happily together in East Orange, not far from her sister and her boys, to all of whom she is devoted.

SUSIE KELLY FAY, *Iota*, '86.

ELIZABETH GRAY POTTER, *Pi*, '96

Writer

Elizabeth Gray Potter is a California woman through and through. She was born in Oakland, California, where she was graduated from the grammar and high schools, and then entered the University of California in the neighboring town of Berkeley. Her college course was interrupted by a six months' journey in Europe, and since that time she has taken several extended trips abroad. A few years ago, also, she completed the two years'



MRS. ELIZABETH GRAY POTTER

course in the Library School at Albany, New York, and the following year delivered lectures in the Library School at the University of Wisconsin.

During her college course Elizabeth Gray was one of the students who applied for a charter of Kappa Kappa Gamma, and later she became one of the charter members of Pi chapter. She was always very active in the fraternity, and a few years after her graduation from college was the delegate of Pi Alumnae Association to the fraternity convention at Columbia. Here she was appointed Historian of Kappa Kappa Gamma, and two years later was elected Editor of *THE KEY*, a position which she filled most ably for six years. During these years she wrote also a number of successful short stories. She again represented Pi Alumnae Association at the last convention at Estes Park, and is now the Chairman of the Fraternity Committee on Philanthropic Work.

After her marriage to Mr. Frederick Potter, she lived for a short time in Kansas, but soon came back with him to California, and since his death has been living in her own home in Piedmont. About three months ago, she and her sister, Mabel Thayer Gray, published a most charming book, *The Lure of San Francisco*, which has been a source of great delight to its readers, those who are familiar with the "City by the Sea," and those who are not. As Mrs. Potter goes on with her writing, her friends are predicting for her a most successful future.

ELEANOR V. V. BENNET, *Pi*, '96.

HAZEL HOTCHKISS WIGHTMAN, *Pi*, '11

Tennis Champion

As Hazel Hotchkiss, this true-blue Kappa played a brilliant part in the limelight of the athletic stage. As Hazel Wightman, she is also filling the larger rôle of wife and mother. She is content to exchange the plaudits won by her skill on the tennis courts for the domesticity of her New England home.

Far, indeed, is this new home in Brookline, Massachusetts, from that of her parents in Berkeley, California. Hazel is a native of this sunny state. Here she spent her girlhood, living the wholesome outdoor life of her four brothers. An only sister



HAZEL HOTCHKISS WIGHTMAN

naturally would have to join in their sports. Since baseball and football were under the ban, she turned to tennis. Her victory in the first tournament she entered, in 1902, was prophetic of the long chain of victories that were ultimately to make her our National Woman Tennis Champion.

During five eventful years at the University of California, she won all the annual intercollegiate and championship matches. But Hazel was always well-balanced in her activities. Her creditable college work vouched for that. A Prytanean honor society pin is a souvenir of those days. Her degree was granted in 1911.

In June of that year, Hazel Virginia scored the greatest triumph of her career.—For it was then that she and Mr. George Wightman met. A romance of balls and net resulted—a fitting climax. The match begun on the eastern courts was destined to be an unending one. Their engagement followed within a few months; their marriage, in February, 1912.

As evidence that matrimony does not prove fatal to serious study, one may cite the case of Mr. Wightman. With Hazel to inspire and encourage him, he finished his course at the Harvard Law School, and was subsequently admitted to the bar. Mr. Wightman shares his wife's enthusiasm for music and sports. But even tennis is secondary; their real interests are centered in their home-life.

There are two future laurel holders—to uphold the traditions of their parents. They are, George, Junior—a manly laddie of three, and winsome Virginia—a baby of fifteen months. To these sturdy, alert children, Mrs. Wightman is a wise and devoted mother. Her unaffected simplicity and quiet strength endear her to her friends. Those who know Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman only for her achievements in tennis, should learn to know her for herself—for her sincerity, her constancy, and true womanliness.

CAMILLA D. CLARKE, *Pi*, '13.

(In the fall of 1915, Mrs. Wightman defeated Molla Bjurstedt, the Norwegian champion, in nine straight games at the Rockaway Hunting Club on Long Island. Miss Clarke writes that Mrs. Wightman was too modest to give her the tennis "dope" she wanted and preferred to be presented in her present rôle.—THE EDITOR.)

KAPPAS IN BOOK AND MAGAZINE

LALAH RANDLE WARNER

BOOKS

The Ethel Morton Books by Mabel Shippie Clarke Smith, Phi, '87, formerly associate editor of *The Chautauquan*. A series of six juveniles for girls from twelve to sixteen, of the "how-to-do" brand, giving directions for swimming, for gardening, house decorating, celebrating holidays, and making all sorts of things. Published by the New York Book Company, New York City. Price, 50 cents each; \$3.00 for the set.

English Sonnets, edited by Laura E. Lockwood, Omega, '91, Professor of English Literature in Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts. Published by Houghton Mifflin Company.

PAMPHLETS

Folk-Song of Nebraska and the Central West (Publications of the Nebraska Academy of Science), by Louise Pound, Sigma, '92, Associate Professor of the English Language, The University of Nebraska. A Syllabus of Mid-Western Folk-Song, including Songs of British or Scottish Origin, Pioneer and Western Songs, Dialogue or Two-Part Songs, Negro or Pseudo-Negro Songs, Songs dealing with Indian Material, Nursery Rhymes, etc.

British and American Pronunciations Retrospect and Prospect by Louise Pound, Sigma, '92. Reprinted from *The School Review*, Vol. XXIII, No. 6, June 1915.

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Emerson as a Romantic by Louise Pound, Sigma, '92, in *The Mid-West Quarterly*, January, 1915.

The May, a Poem by Alice Iner Miller, Beta Epsilon, '99, in *Scribner's Magazine* for October, 1915.

Instruction in Social Hygiene by Emily Ray George, Beta Alpha, '96, in *School and Society* for September, 1915.

Shall Biological Failures Be Our Teachers? by Emily Ray Gregory, Beta Alpha, '96, in *School and Society* for October 1915. A defense of the unmarried woman teacher on physiological and psychological grounds.

I 'Accuse, Not Her But Her Fan, a unique and charmingly illustrated article on fans, by Marie Beynon Lyons, Beta Sigma, '09, in *Vogue* for November 15, 1915. The Vanity Number.

Scarfs by Marie Beynon Lyons, Beta Sigma, '09, in *Vogue* for December 1, 1915. "In the Hands of the Marquise de Saint-Armand These Seemingly Simple Things Became a Silken Snare, Disarming as a French Smile, Naive as a French Lie, Subtle and Devious as a French Truth."

A Paper on Plot by Lalah Randle Warner, Iota, '07, in *The Educator-Journal* for October, 1915.

The Brooch, a short story, by Lalah Randle Warner, Iota '07, in *The Chicago Daily News*, October, 1915.

Will Kappa writers please notify this editor, Mrs. Everett Warner, 717 West Charles Street, of their published works as soon as they appear. Brief reviews will be given where complimentary copies of books are sent.

In Memoriam

Whereas, it has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to call unto Himself, Barbara Boynton, '16, and

Whereas, she was intimately known by many of us and was noted for her high ideals, proved by her faithful service to the fraternity, be it

Resolved, that we, Psi chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma, make known to her family the sincere respect and esteem in which we hold her memory and the deep sympathy we extend to them, and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to her family, and be published in THE KEY.

Adopted, January 9, 1916.

ELSIE BOTSFORD.

EVELYN THORP.

LOUISE C. BENTLEY.

PARTHENON

**Honor in
College Life**

This is to be a plea for honor in college. I refer not to the so-called "honor system," for that is too large a subject to be taken up briefly, but to honor of the good old sort which sometimes seems to have perished from the face of the earth with the days of chivalry and hoop skirts.

Why is it that girls do not think more about honor than they do? Certainly most of the petty dishonorable acts committed by college girls must be charged up to thoughtlessness, but thoughtlessness is no virtue, so what I wish to do is to emphasize the fact that a deep and vital matter is being neglected. It may be harsh to say that a great many girls do not care at all about speaking the truth, but from my limited observation, that seems to be the case. For example, in this university a certain amount of chapel credit is required; it is secured by dropping into a box at the door on the days one goes to chapel a card reading: "I was present at chapel on such and such a date," with one's name signed at the bottom. Now the number of people who send in cards by their friends on days when they do not go to chapel is perfectly stupendous for a day and age in which gentlemen are commonly supposed to speak the truth, (and with gentlemen, let us hope, ladies!) Apparently the fact that by doing so one is signing one's name to a deliberate lie never enters most peoples' heads. This is only one of many examples I might cite which are probably perfectly familiar to you. This may be quibbling about a small point but on the other hand something much deeper and finer may be involved. Lies are not beautiful and they are not good; and even to the point of being touchy when it is even jokingly made light of, we should maintain our honor intact. For centuries women were regarded as having only one virtue; in the new awakening that has come may not all women feel that they have an independent honor of another sort, comparable to and in fact the same as that of a man? Can we not all feel that we should at least be true, whatever we are not? We who are Kappas should try to be a little finer than dull mediocrity, and nothing can be fine, nor beautiful, nor good, without being true and honorable in the highest sense.

HESTER WALRATH, *Upsilon*.

Thought for Others

Life in a chapter house is a failure unless it develops in each individual girl a thoughtfulness for others. Where there are so many to be hurt or helped we cannot but think twice before most of our actions.

Being late to meals interferes with others who are in a hurry; noise in the halls interrupts study; carelessly kept rooms put another girl to shame before a guest.

Thus we may continue to name special instances until we come to the realization that fraternity itself is teaching us just that one thing—to think for others before ourselves. And doing this, we are offering the supreme justification for the existence of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

MARIAN PYLE, *Beta Tau*, '16.

Don't Be Mannish

It was not so long ago that a "coed" was regarded by the average university man as a joke. A girl's school was the place for her—why should they want to make their way into a university? The very meaning of the word university is enough.

As the present feminist movement has spread over the country more and more women have entered places where heretofore only men have trod. How has she been received? Each woman can answer this question for herself, for it depends on herself—her own moral character—what the public thinks of her. Often at college a "coed" thinks that things will come her way no matter what she does. Because the majority of students are men, she may think that it would be well to cultivate mannish ways. She can shriek her lungs out in a mass meeting or at a big game, she can talk and laugh loudly on the street, she can wear extreme and startling clothes, she can do a thousand and one things to attract attention. A girl will be pardoned just because she is a girl.

We all know she is wrong. It is just this kind of girl who is giving the feminine half of the university its reputation. Let us all strive to overshadow such girls with pure and noble ideals, Kappa ideals, and do it for the sake of our sisters who are coming to college after us.

UNSIGNED.

Lost Art of Hospitality

Those of us who have once worn the Sigma in Delta, feel that it was only a stepping stone to the key; but we do not feel that we have laid off its true meaning with the donning of the key, with its deeper significance. We have the sentiment once a Kappa always a Kappa, and that we gladly greet any sister that wears the insignia of our fraternity.

Yet how often do we really carry out that idea? How often do we make the sister that stands at our door, feel decidedly that she is "out of it," and that she is in a difficult situation that she would give anything to get out of? The alumna that comes back finds that active girl engrossed in her own affairs; she finds the house door open, but she finds the doors to the hearts of the girls locked securely against her.

How much worse is this when the Kappa is an out-of-town girl. She does not know the life of the university, and more than likely is deeply interested in it; yet it would take a mental and physical explosion to get any information from the girls. All they volunteer is that the "college has 3,000 students; that there are 314 acres in the campus and that I like it very much." None of which is what she really wants to know.

But well may she consider herself fortunate if she gets no worse treatment than this. They at least have been polite to her, and though she leaves the house keenly disappointed, she nevertheless has the feeling that perhaps it was her fault that she could not fall in with the girls better. She can blame her own lack of personality. But she has not been ignored. And pride is not so deeply hurt by indifference as no acknowledgement of existence.

When eight Kappas made a 1,000 mile trip south to witness the opening of interscholastic relations with a large southern institution, and visited the chapter there, they naturally expected a greeting that would more than repay them for the distance they had travelled, and they wanted to carry back to the sisters at home a message of real help and affection to further represent the hearty welcome that had been accorded them on every hand from the rival institution. And they were ignored. They couldn't even fight back, which every girl loves to do. They simply hadn't any adversaries. With the exception of two or three girls in the house, no one else seemed to know they were there. Like poor

old Peter Grimm, they wandered around and no one could see them. They returned home indignant. They had left with their hearts full, and they had been sent home empty.

RUTH THOMPSON, *Beta Pi*.

Social Service

Social Service has come to occupy a prominent place among world activities. Thinking people have begun to realize what it means to the nation to allow so many of its young people to grow up untrained because of poverty and lack of opportunities. Ways and means for conducting this great work are discussed much more now than they were a few years ago.

Most of us remember the time when any one spoke of social service in any way, that they usually meant a little visiting among the poor and needy, while they also saw to it that baskets of food and clothing were carried to these people at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and that was the end of it all.

Now many people are regularly employed, who work for the benefit of those who are less fortunate than some of us.

Foreign people are helped wonderfully. The lower classes come here and know absolutely nothing of our customs. Many of the social clubs have classes for these people where they can at least learn to read and write our language. If they are really interested they can get other things too, so that when they care to become naturalized citizens of the U. S. they will have a fair start toward making good ones.

Almost every city of any size has its District Nurses' Association or some such organization. These can be supported privately by some wealthy person of the community or can be provided for in some way out of public funds. The nurses employed here go about the city taking care of the sick reported to them, and of course taking care of any new cases they find. Thus many families have the very best of medical care when they are unable to provide for a nurse in their homes. This keeps up the health of a community, and there is less danger of ever having a serious epidemic. Such an organization is valuable.

Charity organizations are not directly under Social Service but their work is along much the same line. The people employed visit poor and destitute families. If they find them worthy of

help, the charities give it. The one aim of an organization of this kind is to put the people under its care on a self supporting basis. Try to make them independent and careful.

During the past few months, my attention has been called to a kind of social service put into practice by one of the large factories here. Their work corresponds to that done by visiting nurses. A regular corps of doctor and nurses in connection with the hospital of the factory go about and give the best medical aid possible to the employees who are ill or were injured doing their work at the factory. This is a great help to the employees because some of the wages are not high enough to warrant a long absence from work and also a large doctor bill.

Social Service has been making very rapid strides in the last few years. May its advance be the same in the next few years so everyone can be happy and prosperous.

RACHAEL FLEMING, *Lambda*.

Preparedness In these days, one hears the word preparedness on every hand and it appears to be considered very essential to the life of a nation. Just as vital and necessary, it seems to me, is preparedness for the college fraternity girl who is building her life out of all its crowding possibilities. We all acknowledge that it is to better prepare us for our place in life that we come to college, yet I fear we often lose our ideal in the humdrum work of every day. Charlotte Brontë has said that "Submission, courage, exertion, these seem to be the weapons with which we must fight life's long battle" and we as fraternity girls, striving to fight life's battle well, ought to be prepared in these qualities to some degree.

It is often mighty hard to be submissive, isn't it? When a particularly distasteful task is assigned us, it is very difficult to say cheerfully, "All right, I'll do it." When we have worked hard and longed very much for something, and then it passes us by to some one who has really not earned it, it is hard to say, "I am not discouraged, I shall try again." Yet this quality of submission will add much to our life. Are we preparing for it?

It is often hard to be physically courageous, but it is ten times harder to be morally courageous, and have the strength of our convictions. Most of us have our high standards of right and

wrong, but it is hard to live up to them. It often takes courage to say, "I don't believe it is right; I am not going to do it." Have we prepared ourselves for this?

Most of us have a great deal of energy but so much of it is wrongly spent. If some of this misdirected energy were turned to deeds of kindness, helpful acts and kind words, how much better off the world would be. Then too, if we would use a great deal of energy in practising and making real our fraternity ideals, fraternity would have a deeper meaning than ever before. Have we prepared to do this?

HELEN M. DAVISON, *Gamma Rho*.

Kappa Vows What do they mean to you? Are they constantly before you in your work and play, or are they mere words which you repeat once a week, unmindful of their true significance?

Are you one of those who unjustly criticise their sisters? Have you not often looked upon one of your group with disfavor and perhaps through your few sharp little phrases caused her much unhappiness? Few of us are not guilty of having gossiped to one Kappa about another.

Who are we to speak slightly of another Kappa? We have all spoken the same vows and none is more a member than the other. Is it not possible for you and me to have more love in our hearts? If love fills all the corners and nooks then we have no room for fault-finding, ridicule nor anger. If we are all eagerly trying to follow our motto we have no time to speak sneeringly of our sisters.

Instead of constantly telling our roommates the petty faults of another member, and spoiling the sweetness of our own lives, let us forget the trivialities and through our love and influence benefit others.

The best resolution with which to start the new year is, "I, each day, will think over the meaning of my fraternity and live up to my Kappa Vows."

JANE WATERS.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

KATHARINE SPRAGUE ALVORD

The readers of *THE KEY* will be as much pleased as the writers that Miss Katharine Sprague Alvord has consented to take charge of our vocational department. Miss Alvord is Dean of Women at De Pauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, and besides all the duties that her office entails, is taking upon herself this extra work, because, as she said, she is vitally interested in vocational guidance, and because she likes to do her part for *THE KEY*—a spirit which we thunderously applaud. In the December, 1913, *KEY* she was among the Kappas Known to Fame, and from that account we quote, although it is not up-to-date:

"Beta Delta enrolls among her alumnae the first and at present the only Vocational Adviser for university women in the United States—Katharine Sprague Alvord, of the University of Wisconsin. After graduation she taught for a time in high schools in Michigan and Ohio and later in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Normal. There she was noted for her keen and sympathetic interest in the welfare of the girls in the school. So it was not strange, after taking her M.A. at Columbia in 1908, that she should be called to the University of Wisconsin as Mistress of Chadbourne Hall, the women's dormitory. Here, among other things, the problem of occupations other than teaching for university women, and the preparation therefore presented itself. Practically without guidance she set about its solution with her customary energy, and in a new field has become an authority. Recently under her direction, the university has published a bulletin naming thirty different occupations and the studies preparatory to them, which is very valuable for vocational workers."

FRATERNITY EXTENSION

What other arguments are there against judicious fraternity extension besides these?

1. We always used to be known as a conservative fraternity.
2. It is nicer to be conservative.

3. We are so fine ourselves, that there couldn't possibly be many more people like us.

Some of our members feel this way, we regret to say. Not that we are rabidly socialistic, and feverishly rushing around the country seeking out colleges where we may place chapters. But these are our reasons why we approve of judicious extension:

1. In the old days the percentage of women who went to college was inestimably smaller than today. Consequently there is more possible material today, and the modern college girl is just as fine a type as the strong-minded pioneer college women.

2. If a group of earnest, womanly and splendidly normal girls works tirelessly for a Kappa charter for several years, and so proves its purpose, it will bring to us fine enthusiasm and spirit that we cannot afford to miss.

3. If the personnel of the petitioning group is carefully investigated by a grand officer and an active girl, *and if the college standing is absolutely assured*—then the recommendations of that council member and the active Kappa should have some weight.

4. Our largest chapters are not necessarily our best, nor are our smallest. We must have both. Large chapters in large colleges should not blackball petitioners in small colleges because they do not know the possibilities in a small group in a small college.

5. Old chapters sometimes run down. New life is always needed in an organization.

6. If your fraternity is a good thing, share it with others.

7. The United States is a big place, but after you've traveled in most of it you find the American college girl is about the same all over. No locality has a monopoly on refinement, social grace or good character.

THE GRAND REGISTRAR SPEAKS

Miss Estelle Kyle, the Grand Registrar, asks us to print a bit of important advice for chapter registrars. C. R.'s please read:

Cards for card catalogue file may be obtained from the Director of the Catalogue, Miss Mary Scattergood, *not from the Grand Registrar.*

Please send cards for the National Catalogue to the Director of the Catalogue, Miss Scattergood, *not to the Grand Registrar.*

AND SPEAKING OF BUSINESSLIKE METHODS

We often receive complaints about KEYS not arriving. Sometimes, we regret to say, it is our fault, or the publisher's, or the mail's. We print this letter, which was the final chapter in a much heated correspondence last year. It is just to show that sometimes, *sometimes*, college girls are not the most businesslike people in the world.

"Will you please pardon my very great delay in answering your letter concerning the subscriptions to THE KEY for ——— chapter. In packing up to come away on my vacation I misplaced your letter and have only just found it. I am sorry you were troubled about the matter, for the blame rests at our end, not at yours. The difficulty was that our KEY correspondent is a very absent-minded person, and did not attend to her duties. She collected our subscriptions before Christmas last year, for THE KEY from February to May, and then forgot to send the money to you. She told us she had sent the draft, evidently thinking she had done so, and it was only just before school closed that she found that she hadn't. So that is the reason that we have not received our KEYS, and the fault is ours, not yours. Perhaps I have not the matter just straight yet, but I shall endeavor next fall to fix it up so that there shall be no more difficulty. I am sorry we have disturbed you about it."

RULE-BREAKERS FOR FEBRUARY

Rules for chapter letter writing were printed in the October KEY. Correspondents who did not cut out the page for frequent reference, should do so now. It is never too late to keep rules. These are the forgetters this month.

Letters not on official paper: Beta Tau, Upsilon, Delta, Sigma, Beta Phi.

Typewriting not double-spaced: Psi.

Late letters. Beta Lambda, Iota, Phi, Chi, Beta Beta, Beta Sigma, Mu, Beta Zeta.

THOSE CHAPTER LETTERS AGAIN

Have you heard the new motto?—"A Bigger, Better and Brighter Chapter Letter Department!" (Will the City Fathers

of Boston, Mass., lend us those three B's, which they invented for their "Boost Boston" campaign?)

This month we have slumped a little. There are five chapters not heard from. Last number was our record for attendance—only one was missing. Our hopes were high for a continuation of such good work, but no doubt the Christmas holidays interfered with the regular routine of the chapter correspondents, for we dropped this time. Still, we were encouraged when we read in a Kappa Alpha Theta *Journal* last fall that all letters were in that number but five—the best showing in the editor's term of office, ten or twelve years. Then we read elsewhere that while Miss Louise Fitch was editor of the *Trident* of Delta Delta Delta *not one chapter letter was missing in ten years!* And she never had to write twice to any chapter about anything.

What are you going to do for the May number, correspondents? Is it to be a 100% department? Remember the rules.

CHAPTER LETTERS

No letter received from:

Elizabeth Platt, *Beta Delta*, University of Michigan.

Frances F. Mauck, *Kappa*, Hillsdale, Michigan.

Ruth Thomas, *Eta*, University of Wisconsin.

*Mar'an Reed, *Beta Omega*, University of Oregon.

Estelle Cook, *Pi*, University of California.

Next letter due April 1.

*Third consecutive omission. Chapter will kindly appoint a new KEY correspondent.

ALPHA PROVINCE TRUE-BLUE FRESHMEN

Phi, Boston University

Our last rushing party was held in Newton at the home of Mrs. Burnham. The dining room was prettily decorated with roses and with our double blue. Kewpies with broad Kappa sashes were given as favors. After dinner we performed the most wonderful of stunts. Caruso and Tetrassini favored us with heart-rending duets. Marjorie Colton did character singing. Humpty-Dumpty danced, and several pantomimes were cleverly acted in which yours truly had an 'umble part. We danced until the wee-sma' hours and ended with a good old-fashioned Virginia Reel. Is it any wonder those coveted freshmen have answered Kappa's call? But first I must tell you who they are. They are Elenor Brackett, Marion Clark, Marjorie Clark, Marjorie Coles, Adeline Cox, Doris Holmes, Evelyn Jenkins, Olive Kirschner, Marguerite Miller, Katharine Sullivan and Beatrice Woodman. I wish you might all judge for yourselves. Words fail me in trying to describe them. And already they have shown themselves to be true-blue Kappas, full of ambition, energy and enthusiasm, taking us all back to dear old freshman days.

Pledge day we gave a spread at our apartment, and you should have heard our new girls sing, "and now my heart is proudly beating 'neath a knot of blue and blue." Our spirits ran high, and it seemed as if we all lived again that wonderful service, through their happiness.

The following week the freshmen entertained us in true Kappa fashion. Such looks! And such performances! And most precious of all was the song they wrote for us. They are already Kappas, through and through. You can well understand how eagerly we are looking forward to initiation. Next week is mid-years, and then the long-looked-for time will be here.

Katharine Sullivan is president of the freshman class. When "affairs of state" do not weigh too heavily upon her, she keeps us in gales of laughter.

The French club gave a successful tea for the benefit of wounded soldiers for whom they are caring. We were proud of Corrine Côté, who, as president, made a most charming hostess. Marjorie Colton sang, and

with Evelyn Jenkins and Doris Holmes, took part in a French drill. Elinor Crooker played a violin solo.

We were guests of Delta Delta Delta during rushing season at a tea. It is good to see the friendly spirit being fostered among the fraternities.

This Christmas we sent about two dozen dolls to the Christian Home. We had a glorious time dressing them. Our chapter rooms were verily converted into a nursery.

Just now we are planning a dance and also a tea. There are so many things which we want to do that we do not know where to begin.

We are looking forward to a visit from our Province President. And also there is much talk among us of Convention.

This has been such a happy and successful year so far—our hearts are beating high with hope, and at this glad New Year our love goes out to all our sister Kappas, where'er they may be, who too are seeking Ideal.

The happiest of New Years to you all.

PAULINE DORION.

DOINGS OF THE POSSIBLE PAUMANAKANS

Beta Sigma, Adelphi College

Our rushing season is ended, and we are glad to tell you that we have pledged every one of the girls we bid: Elise Pando, Alice Doyé, Margery Flanagan, Margaret Crane, Mary Ranous, and Priscilla Wing. We should like to tell you about each one of them but as we are sure they will make themselves famous later on we shall only mention here that Elise is the third Beta Sigma in her family, and that Priscilla is a Kappa sister-in-law-to-be, if you know what we mean!

We look back happily on a rushing season that has been so successful, on our banquet and pledging night. We had a Thanksgiving-time banquet, November 22, to be exact, at Grace Corey's home. Our distinguished alumnae came, our two ex-members of the Grand Council, our KEY editor, our province president, our efficiency expert, our *Vogue* editor, and our member who made the ascent of "a mountain no other woman ever climbed!" Some of them even took part in the entertainment. You would have enjoyed seeing our ex-Grand Council member with her sandaled toes pathetically upturned as "Julie Caesar" dying dramatically! We had our time-honored Freshman Quartet, the Howling Sports, arrayed in fathers' and brothers' clothes. Marion Sturges, our affiliate from Psi played several cello selections. And thanks to Beta Tau, who gave us the suggestion, "Eliza crossed the ice," while the human waves beneath her rose and fell; so did Eliza, but there were no casualties.

Bid day was December 15, and we pledged our freshmen that evening before supper. Fortunately it was a supper meeting night. (See page 381 of THE KEY for December, 1915.) Not mid-year examinations nor gripe epidemics nor any other thing can change the date of supper meetings, except (feminine word!) vacation or some such soul-stirring event.

At the next supper meeting, Dr. and Mrs. Blodgett, our new president and his wife, are to be with us. The idea of giving them a Panhellenic tea was discussed and vetoed a while ago. It seems quite natural, however, for Dr. and Mrs. Blodgett to be the guests of the separate fraternities, as of any of the other college societies.

Beta Sigma has, of course, been sharing in other college activities. Marion Richards was chairman of our successful Sophomore Tea. Mildred Downey is editor-in-chief and Ines Pando art editor of the *Oracle*, our annual, and judging from what we hear we expect great things.

Speaking of periodicals, a new one is to be published at Adelphi, known as *The Paumanak*. The name means "Long Island," but please do not ask us how or why! A cash prize has been offered for the best explanation of the name, or perhaps it is for a word rhyming with it or both. We recommend the attempt to all Kappas who find their pocketbooks thin since Christmas, and to all brave souls who rejoice in struggling with the if-not-impossible-still-highly-improbable. And we do hope that when that large hearted philanthropist, of whom we all dream, endows our college with a billion, he will not insist that it be called the University of Paumanak!

With this pious hope for ourselves, and every good wish for all Kappas in 1916, the possible Paumanakans of Beta Sigma salute you.

ROSALIE B. GEER.

RIDING TO HOUNDS

Beta Alpha, University of Pennsylvania

Excitement buoys up the Kappas of Beta Alpha. Rushing has full sway and the girls are just trying their hardest. Owing to the large increase in the number of freshmen this year and the difficulties involved in selecting, we had almost forty freshmen at the first rushing party on the Saturday after our camp fire meeting in the Lansdowne woods. We did have fun, too. We had a genuine fox hunt, in which the clever foxes escaped the hounds and hunters. The Beta Alpha girls were divided into three groups, the foxes, the hounds, and the hunters. The freshmen drew lots for their places. The chase started from Mary Boyd's home, went up through the Wissahickon to the Monastery and back again to Evelyn Why's. The hunters and hounds finally mixed and went along in a bunch. They lost the trail of confetti, and so had one or two more miles of tramping through picturesque country. The day was ideal and the outing a decided change from schoolwork. It was the first party, accompanied by inevitable confusion of names and faces, but it was a success.

On December 11, the second rushing party came off at Katharine Dougherty's. It was a straw ride—an unusual thing for this time of year, you may say, but you would have enjoyed it as much as we did. Even the elements seemed to favor us. The evening was just cold enough to be crisp, and the stars and moon shone on a merry party in two loads,

drawn away by "our owls for steeds of our chariots fine." We sang every song known to college songbooks and some original variations. About half-past nine, we alighted again, feeling tired, happy, and hungry. With-in, a chafing-dish supper removed the hunger speedily. Unfortunately the evening was all too short, but many a slumber party continued the fun until stern mothers interfered.

The third Kappa party will be given at the home of Clara Evans, and Beta Alpha will tell about it in the next letter. It will be a "Christmas Revel" for about fifteen freshmen. We know it will be a joyful revel in spite of the fact that many of our girls are away, or victims of grippe.

Two more rushing parties, and then this stage will be over. Our teas come as ever on the third Friday of each month. In this way and many others, the Kappa girls are striving to show true college and fraternity spirit. Before another letter is written, "mid-year examinations" will have been taken! In these, Beta Alpha wishes every chapter success.

Esther Miller, our president, visited Beta Iota one night, and told us of our wonderful sister chapter. We hope they will visit us soon, for we wait to welcome them with open arms!

May this New Year bring to all Kappa chapters the success for which they hope.

MARY H. BOYD.

SUPERLATIVE FRESHMEN

Beta Iota, Swarthmore College

On December 4, we had our first chapter dance of the season. It was held at the Woman's Clubhouse in the village. Dr. and Mrs. Brooks, and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas were the chaperons. We all had a fine time, especially the freshmen, who seemed delighted with their first Kappa dance.

Before going any further, I want to say how proud we are of our freshmen. Isabel Briggs won first prize for the best Latin examination in the freshman class. Elizabeth Frorer, Mildred Tily and Isabel Briggs are eligible to Somerville Literary Society.

The last week of college was filled with plans for Christmas parties. On the night of our last meeting before the holidays we had a Christmas party in the chapter room. Santa Claus left us a Christmas tree at the bottom of which was a present for each girl. After several hours of "chatting" we said good-night and went off to dream of Santa Claus and big red chimneys. You see—we haven't grown up yet!

Friday night before vacation we had our table Christmas parties in the dining room. Each table had a Christmas tree, the usual decorations, and best of all, a real turkey dinner. After dinner everyone went to the college dance in the men's gymnasium. This dance was a happy ending for the first part of the college year.

Beta Iota wishes to all her sister chapters a bright and successful New Year.

LOUISE KER LEWIS.

BETA PROVINCE

WEIGHTY PROBLEMS AT CORNELL

Psi, Cornell University

Thanksgiving at Cornell was one day long—at that time a cause of much lament, but now of rejoicing, for January sixth is the postponed date of return to campus.

As we look back, the two months past seem to have been those of anticipation and realization, that is, as far as Kappa and holidays are concerned. Pledging of November 4 was followed by initiation on December 11 of the nine girls whom we welcome very heartily to our hearts. When you meet them at Convention, we doubt not but that you'll do the same. Mary Hull and Julia Melotte were with us. Julia was our guest of honor at our Kappa Christmas party, and a right merry time had we. Our chapter friend, Phyllis Rudd, Pi Beta Phi, gave us a wonderful surprise in the form of a serving tray for the chapter room.

Amidst all our gaiety, we, the fraternities, of which there are seven, have met with two serious obstacles. If any of you have suggestions resulting from experience in such matters, do send them to us. The questions are sophomore pledge day and fraternity houses. The former question arose last year, only to be rejected for the year 1915-1916. There were comparatively a great number of entering girls this year and the system of rushing that was used, seemed to prove itself satisfactory and to be the best for Cornell. Now with larger classes about to enter our college, what has happened is that there are not enough dormitories to go round. As it was this year, many of the freshmen had to be sent to outside houses, approved houses in town. It has become a growing opinion that it is the freshmen, of all people, for whom rooms in the dormitory should be reserved. In that case, it would be the necessary and proper sequence, that the older girls go out. Then it was thought best that such a move be taken by the fraternity girls—each group taking a separate house. At our last meetings, votes were taken in regard to this, and after the Panhellenic meeting, in January, we shall know the results.

It necessarily followed, that if the fraternities lived by themselves, a much longer period would be necessary in which to get acquainted with the new girls. So sophomore pledge day, which has seemed to some of the Cornell girls, an ideal custom, may after all, as a result of growth in the University, be attained in the near future. In our next exchange of news, we shall probably be able to let you know the pros and cons, and perhaps the decisions.

One of the best happenings of the Christmas season at Cornell, has been the singing of Christmas carols. They were sung by some of the girls in the balcony of our Old English Dining Hall, around an Ithaca Christmas tree. Then the same choir, in English fashion, sang as waits, at President Schurman's home, and at Andrew D. White's, where they were invited afterwards, to go in and listen to some charming tales of

reminiscence of Dr. White's, as they sat about the Yule log in the big fireplace. On our day of departure, we heard the same beautiful carols as the choir came through the corridors, instead of the rising bell, tabooed for one day at least.

We wish you all good fortune in your problems and joys, as we enter the New Year of 1916.

MARION W. GUSHEE.

BILLY-SUNDAY-QUIET IN SYRACUSE

Beta Tau, Syracuse

Before one realizes, it is almost Christmas vacation. The time does seem to pass so quickly, and especially at college. Our chapter has been working unusually hard this year trying for the scholarship cup which is awarded by Panhellenic every fall to the sorority having the highest average.

There have not been many social events, due to the campaign that Billy Sunday has been carrying on in Syracuse for seven weeks. Early in the fall we gave a tea for our chaperon, Miss Osterhout, and shortly before that was our freshman dance. Since Billy Sunday has been here the sororities have held no dances and very few social events.

In accordance with a usual custom we had a Christmas tree for twenty poor children. We entertained them all at our home with a supper, games, a tree, Santa Claus, and lots of presents. We girls seemed to enjoy it as much as the children did.

All of the girls went home for Christmas vacation except one. Her home is in Japan, and so she spent Christmas vacation with one of the Kappas in Watertown.

After vacation we hope everyone will come back all rested up, because then come the awful and long dreaded "mid-years."

Beta Tau sends greetings and best wishes for the coming year!

MARGARET C. ABEL.

MOST ORIGINAL CHAPTER LETTER

See who wins this title in May.

Beta Psi, Toronto University

A glance at the calendar nearing the end of December reminds us that January 1 approaches. Well, this is no season of the year to be scribe anyway, and dreams of a literary career fade away before relentless and stony hearted editors, blue pencil in hand, while visions of the next KEY, "Chapter letters late—Beta Psi" have haunted us so, that even the plum pudding was flat and tasteless. But a confession worse than this trembles—on the tip of our pen; the editor's new address is dust unto dust, ashes to ashes and what's more, several hundred miles away. Is it Irwin Cobb who says, to be efficient means to be punctual, careful and systematic? Then behold Inefficiency to the *n*th power on its knees before the editor!

Yes, we realize this isn't supposed to be a confession or treatise on efficiency but a news letter due January 1 ("There comes my fit again"). However, through the maze of Christmas cards, baggage checks and general upheaval, about all we are capable of recollecting is that last banquet at a new gem of a tea room with two about-to-be-initiates, mute and appealing, not even aroused by the ices. We prefer to introduce our initiates as they were later, Helen St. John, '18 (previously initiated), Eleanor Mews, '18, and Katharine St. John, '19 (commonly known as Kitty, but strong objection raised by the said person to that undignified appellation appearing in print). Eleanor, dark, rosy, soft brown eyes, sings, oh rejoice with us, for no more do we go off tune at initiation. Katharine and Helen with energy and good humor enough to even maintain the most cheerful of countenances through the mental agony of late chapter letters, always accompany each other when a timorous lover approaches. Dark eyes and hair they also possess (Kitty's curls) magnetic smiles and abilities such that our antifriends have already picked out Helen as future president of Lit.

Socially, Victoria is very quiet, for with our boys still enlisting every day, receptions and dances are somewhat empty things and little informal parties merely, take their place. "Hikes," a most popular form of diversion were so numerous that chaperons, sweaters and wieners had to be rounded up at a moment's notice, so in the midst of class hikes, executive hikes, etc., Beta Psi was quite out of fashion and waited till all were over to embark in a few teas. Otherwise we are calm and unexcited as ever, knitting (nothing new, you say) except for some who let such little things as basketball bother them. They say Victoria won the championship this year although we ourselves hardly know basketball from cricket but anyway we know we were at a feed in Alice Hamill's room (roast duck) to celebrate something. There was no doubt about the rink, however, and that gloomy wintry day, "Early Greek Philosophers" became quite thrilling to the accompaniment of the hose in the athletic field, which meant a week of skating before Christmas.

Rumors blow in from our graduates of '15 and such fragments we pass on. Gertrude Patrick is attending normal in Regina; Mabel, on the faculty in the Agricultural College, Winnipeg; Mary Holmes, on the Household Science faculty, Toronto University; Gertrude Meredith, pupil dietitian in Vancouver General Hospital; "Lexa" Denne, our Province President who has been keeping a watchful eye on this faltering and erring chapter goes to Victoria, B. C., to accept a position in the provincial Normal School, at the beginning of the New Year.

Dare we, in concluding, offer our humble best wishes for the New Year to the editor and all Kappas and then crawl out?

BEATRICE G. WINTERS.

HAPPY BEGINNING AT CANTON

Beta Beta, St. Lawrence University

We want you all to know that at our initiatory banquet, December 11, 1915, Athena presided with stately dignity and graciousness. In prosaic terms, our beautiful bust of the goddess was set high in a white Doric temple and lighted by delicate pink lights, but in reality, Athena herself looked down upon us out of the sun rise in which she was born. All the doors of the room were hung with strings of pink roses and the place cards for the banquet were dainty hand-painted baskets filled with flowers. But most wonderful of all, Athena's hand-maidens, seven girls, beautiful with their Greek robes and trays of roses, were Beta Beta's newest members.

It was a lively, joyous time—from the reading of the "pat" personal jingles, in which "Midge" Aldridge had eulogized and censured all our best and worst qualities, to the end when we cruelly called upon the initiates for extemporaneous speeches. It would not be fair to tell all they said, for, really, they were too happy to be entirely responsible. However, Beta Tau will be interested to know that Miriam Johnson had "waited fifteen months for this and now I'm—well—just tickled to death!"

Our initiates are: Miriam Johnson, Canton, N. Y.; (sophomore) Mildred Delnoce, New Rochelle, N. Y.; Doris Brace, Buffalo, N. Y.; Grace Dromey, Canton, N. Y.; Dorothy Singlehurst, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dorothy Slocum, Far Rockaway, N. Y.; Ruth VanBuskirk, Bayonne, N. J. They make up a many-sided, clever, and lively bunch—strong in a sincere class spirit which should easily be redirected into the larger ideal of chapter and fraternity unity.

The Brooklyn and New Jersey girls came back from vacation with enthusiastic stories of good times with other Kappas.

On Thursday, December 30, the Beta Beta girls attended a party given by Rosalie Geer, Beta Sigma, and they had "just a real, cozy Kappa time."

Friday, December 31, the Zeta Phi and Beta Beta Alumnae received at the home of Miss Mildred Seitz in Brooklyn. There our girls and Beta Sigma again met. We, who are not lucky enough to live near the great metropolis, feel that the rest of our girls have been most fortunate in meeting so many other Kappas. They have brought back to the chapter a great deal of inspiration, and a concrete bit of the idea of "nationalism."

I have left to the last an event very near our hearts. On Monday night, December 13, we held our customary mid-year meeting with our alumnae. At that time they presented to us, with appropriate ceremony, the original charter of the Beta Chapter. Although worn and scarred, it is now framed and hung in our chapter room—a constant reminder of the loving and study loyalty and trust of our alumnae, of the deep and wide heritage which is ours in the name of Kappa.

DORIS E. PERRY.

GAMMA PROVINCE

CLEVER FRESHMEN AT ALLEGHENY

Gamma Rho, Allegheny College

Bidding day was November 13 this year, and it was a most exciting time. Every bid which we sent was accepted, and you may imagine how proudly and joyfully we led our seven pledges over to the football game that afternoon. That evening we gave a dinner for them in our chapter rooms. The evening was spent in singing songs, which were echoed by the sophomores in the kitchen.

Instead of waiting until the second semester for initiation, we decided to have it on the Saturday following Thanksgiving, November 27. Several alumnae came back on Wednesday for a share of our Thanksgiving dinner.

On Friday night we had a party at the home of one of the town girls for the freshmen and alumnae. The juniors entertained us with an original song in costume, and the freshmen showed us initiation as they thought it was going to be, which proved to be more original than the junior song.

Initiation followed the next night in our rooms. Almost twenty-five alumnae were there, and it was beautiful, as it always is. We initiated Bessie Preston, a junior, Laura Sturdevant, a sophomore, and Madeleine Rishell, Ruth Mumaw, Lucile Richards, Claire Gates, Lucile Dunbar, and Cecil Edwards, freshmen.

This fall one of our seniors, Helen Gates, became president of the Student Government in the girls' dormitory and nine Kappas are helping to swell the chorus in the Girls' Glee Club.

HELEN EASTERWOOD.

WEST VIRGINIA JOTTINGS

Beta Upsilon, University of West Virginia

It is almost time for the Christmas holidays and we are all busy studying for tests and getting ready to go home.

Myra Nefflen substituted in the Fairmount High School for three weeks in November.

We had several guests on November 10: Edna Arnold and Lou Lanham of Weston, Jessie Jacobs of Fairmount, Lucile Stealey, and Alice Gilpin of Clarksburg, and Blanche Wessel of Mannington.

On November 11, we gave an informal party at the chapter rooms where we spent the greater part of the evening dancing.

Louise Kumler spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Anna Mary Marshall. On Saturday, November 27, they visited Katharine Kumler at Mannington.

Katheryn Alger, Myra Nefflen, and Frances Kinsey were members of a house party during the Thanksgiving holidays at Mr. Earl Smith's home in Fairmount.

Helen Tavenner of Parkersburg visited Kappas and friends here the week following Thanksgiving.

Eva Savage spent the Thanksgiving holidays visiting friends in Clarksburg.

Born, on November 26, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl G. Bachman (Susan Smith) a son.

Myra Nefflen and Katheryn Alger have been invited to become members of Education Club.

On December 13, our pledges gave us a party. After a box party at the Strand Theatre a luncheon was most attractively served at the Manhattan restaurant.

HALLIE STEALEY.

CUPID BUSY IN AKRON

Lambda, Municipal University of Akron

Greetings to everyone this glad New Year.

Lambda has had a scarcity of interesting events on account of social affairs outside the Kappa chapter.

We initiated Florence Tanner at the home of Arminta Henne after which we served refreshments and sang Kappa songs.

Josephine Joy who came home from the University of Wisconsin for Thanksgiving entertained our chapter on Friday afternoon.

During Thanksgiving week we had another wedding, Katherine Blanchard, '15, was married to Albert Joy. Love seems to have come to our alumnae in showers this year, for we have had ten weddings since last spring.

December 4 the actives entertained the alumnae at an informal reception in our chapter rooms. December 17 we had our annual Christmas spread and tree in the rooms. The presents all represented some jokes on the girls, and they were accompanied by poems.

Each class gave something to the rooms. The seniors and juniors gave a skin with our crest; the sophomores, a mahogany electric lamp, and the freshmen, the shade for the lamp.

The alumnae gave many lovely and useful things which we have needed.

It was a jolly Christmas party, and a happy way to spend our last day together before vacation.

Once again Lambda sends greetings, and wishes every chapter a happy New Year.

FRANCES M. WHIGAM.

WORTHY PANHELLENIC WORK

Beta Nu, Ohio State University

"Since brevity is the soul of wit,

And tediousness the limbs and outward flourishes,

I will be brief:" so sayeth Shakespeare. However, lack of news, rather than a desire to be witty, makes it necessary that this letter be a short one.

That old fellow Santy filled our stocking with all sorts of nice things and right on top he placed a new pledge. She is Marian Tinsley and, of course, like all Christmas gifts, she was the very thing we wanted.

Our social events this year have been few, a spread every other week being the only interruptions to an uneventful and "comfy" existence. At one of these spreads our pledges happily surprised and entertained us by presenting a clever farce *Our Lysander*. Just now we are bending all our efforts toward winning the scholarship cup next year and with the help of our eight energetic freshmen our dream shows promise of becoming a reality.

The college Panhellenic joined forces with the city Panhellenic in conducting a Christmas shop, the proceeds forming part of a loan and aid fund to assist deserving college women to pursue a course of instruction at the university. Students and alumnae responded so well that the sum of \$160 was raised in two days. Because of this year's success, plans are on foot to make the bazaar an annual affair.

Jerreta Taylor has this year been elected to Theta Sigma Phi, Browning Dramatic Club and History Club.

Mary Dickerson has been elected to the Philosophy Club.

Two of our pledges Mary Bonnet and Eleanor Anawalt have been chosen members of the French Club.

Olga Elfritz is a member of the student council.

On December 22, a baby daughter was born to Mrs. Meyer Stanley (Marie Kowns).

And while the tower clock ticks—we wish you a most happy year.

DORCAS LEACHMAN.

WAR RELIEF WORK

Beta Rho, University of Cincinnati

We read with something like envy the letters in the December KEY from chapters which have already pledged their new girls. Beta Rho entertained the rushees for the first time with a dinner party at Hilda Baun's on December 18. Small tables, with their Christmasy red-shaded candles and holly, were placed in the music room and the dining room, where the mantelpiece held a great golden key, illuminated after the moon fashion and banked with holly. After the last course, the lights were turned out and by candle light we sang our dear old Kappa songs. The rest of the evening was taken up by "stunts" planned by each table during dinner. Even after the last guest had gone, the excitement did not cease, for nine of us stayed all night.

On December 27 we gave our annual dance at "The Pirouette," which was decorated with southern smilax and holly wreaths. Mr. Roudebush and Kitty Mitchell, our guest from Beta Chi, led the grand march. Supper was served about 12:00 o'clock at small candle-lit, carnation decorated tables, under the balcony.

Our Christmas festivities end with open house on January 1.

Before the holidays, war relief work began at the University under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A. and with Carolyn McGown as chairman, bandage rolling and the cutting and folding of gauze are pursued with diligence on Friday afternoons in the office of the Dean of Women, Miss McVea, who reads aloud while the girls work.

We continue to have delightful Woman's League parties with usually a program, refreshments, and dancing in the Girls' Room, and Y. W. C. A. gatherings, the last of which was an exhibition of dolls dressed by the Y. W. C. A. members for poor children and those in the hospitals at Christmas time.

Just now, Beta Rho is planning and looking forward to its second rush party. By the time this letter reaches you, we, too, expect to have a goodly array of pledges.

Greetings to you all from Beta Rho.

EUGENIA L. REMELIN.

DELTA PROVINCE

GAVE "EVERYCOED," A PARODY

Iota, De Pauw University

It seems a long time since the last KEY letter was sent. The first event of importance was our Old Gold Day entertainment. With the much needed assistance of Mrs. Donner we gave a parody on *Everywoman*, called *Everycoed*. This showed the college girl entering school in pursuit of a diploma. It followed her through her many experiences, featuring our latest—"Its a long way to a Diploma by the Greeks and Picture Show." She finally finds "Diploma" by following the instruction of "Study."

We are all very happy over our new grand piano. By paying in installments we have been able to have the piano at once; so that we are now enjoying that to which we had looked forward for such a long time.

This year has seen the development of a new Home Economics Department at De Pauw, which we all welcome heartily. It occupies the old art building. The new gymnasium is another acquisition of which we are proud. We hope to see it completed in the spring.

A new name was added to the loving cup which contains the names of freshmen making scholarship records. It was that of Josephine Dages.

Duzer Du, our dramatic club, present *The Servant in the House* as its play this year. Everyone thought it most admirably rendered, especially for amateurs. We were most happy to be represented by Lu Ethel Davis, who took the part of Martha, the Vicar's wife. We surely were proud of Lu Ethel, the rôle being a difficult one to take.

The University choir presented *The Messiah* shortly before the Christmas vacation. Meharry Hall was filled twice with an enthusiastic audience. Mildred Chandler, Florence Bogle, Catherine Allison, and Florence Storms are members of the choir.

There are several offices which Kappa has the honor of holding, which have not been mentioned. They are: Virginia McNutt, treasurer of the sophomore class; Mildred Chandler, treasurer of the Girls' Athletic Association; Catherine Cox, secretary of senior class; Esse Summers, Florence Storms, and Rose Singleton, members of the *Mirage* board; and Jean Morris, treasurer of the Civic League.

Kappa could not pass Christmas without having a Santa Claus. Our Christmas party occurred on the Monday before vacation began. Of course we had a tree and a Santa Claus, too, and what funny presents he brought! We cannot tell jokes on ourselves, but the presents were cleverly gotten up.

It seems a month to us since we left Greencastle to spend our Christmas at home. To many of us it was hard to come back, but we all welcome the sight of old De Pauw and especially of all the girls.

Iota wishes all the most prosperous year for 1916.

KATHARINE BENEDICT.

Mu, Butler College

One of the first fraternity affairs since the pledging of our new girls was the Halloween dance given by the freshmen for the actives at the home of Margaret Lahr. In addition to the decorations which carried out the spirit of the day—we were all required to dress our “tackiest”—and what is more fun than that?

Following this party the pledges gave their annual “stunt.” The home of Katharine Kautz was transformed into a theater, and we assembled the night of November 22 to see the Sigma-in-Delta Co. give their performance. Printed programs were handed us as we were ushered to our seats. The pledges showed unusual talent in their songs and musical selections. The program was varied, and included some playlets which were clever “take-offs” on the actives. It ended with a stereopticon lecture by Katherine Kautz. The traits of the actives were well discussed “pro” and “con” while we saw ourselves thrown upon a screen not only as we now are, but as we were in the early months of our life.

We initiated Henrietta Cochrane and Esther Murphy on November 23 at the home of Elsie Felt in Irvington. The next night was the annual Junior Prom.

Each fraternity is allowed but one formal dance a term, and ours came on the night of December 18 at the Turnverein. It was a Christmas dance, and followed the annual Christmas party which the Kappa Club gives for the actives each year. The party was held in the afternoon at the home of Mrs. Hunter in Indianapolis. Gifts were exchanged, and the Christmas spirit and the hospitality of the older Kappas led to a most enjoyable affair.

The last fraternity meeting of the year was held on December 20 at the home of Edith and Charity Hendren. There was a spread followed

by the active and pledge meeting and an exchange of penny gifts of all varieties. It was one of the finest meetings of the year.

The Mu Club entertained the chapter with a spread at the home of Clara Nelson before the holidays.

Last year was the first year for an Indiana Kappa State Dance. It was such a success that we are doing our best to make it an annual affair and as much of a success this year. It is to be held at the Claypool Hotel, February 12. Mu extends to all Kappas an urgent invitation to attend our Indiana State Dance, as it is to be one of the loveliest of Kappa parties.

Butler now has four men's national fraternities, a chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha having been granted in December to a former local fraternity.

During the holidays Miss Margaret Boyer and Fred Shortemeier, Delta Tau Delta, were married at the home of President and Mrs. Thomas Carr Howe. Mr. and Mrs. Shortemeier are living in Woodruff Place.

Mu sends greetings and best wishes to all Kappas for the new year.

EDITHA NEWSOM.

KAPPA OUTRANKS REST IN SCHOLARSHIP

Delta, University of Indiana.

Delta's seventeen pledges are rapidly developing into real Kappas, and we are eagerly looking forward to the time when they can be initiated. We were especially proud of one of them, Helen Blood, who took the part of Amal, the principal character in Tagore's, *The Post-Office*, which was presented just before the holidays, by the Garrick Club, the University's new dramatic organization. Ruth Alexander, '18, and Marion Grimes, '17, also had parts in the play. The performance was excellent, and the general opinion was that it far exceeded most amateur productions.

Ruth Weatherly, '16, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa at the fall election. The comparative grades for last spring were published late this fall, and it was found that Kappa outranked all other organizations in the percentage of A's and B's. We are anxiously hoping that we may keep up this record. An interesting fact in connection with the comparative averages published is that the average for all girls in the University is higher than the highest average for a men's organization.

We are purchasing two Oriental rugs for the chapter house, with the senior present and gifts from alumnae, and if any of you come to visit us, we will let you walk on them.

The last event before we separated for the holidays was our Christmas party, at which our paper, the *Spectator*, was read. It was dedicated to the freshmen, and there were many and varied literary contributions from all the girls. We usually bring twenty-five cent presents, but this year we gave the money for the poor of the city, instead. After the "party" we sang Kappa songs on the porch in the moonlight. As they say in the local papers, "all departed at a late hour."

DORIS HOFFMAN.

RAISING SCHOLARSHIP STANDARDS

Beta Chi, University of Kentucky

First of all, Beta Chi extends to every Kappa many wishes for the happiest New Year that may be had.

The return of the girls to college from our Christmas holiday means hard work until the final examinations the last of January. We are not, however, standing altogether in awe of that day, for then we hope that we shall have the pleasure of introducing five new true blue Kappas. Our rushing season, although a strenuous one, ended very satisfactorily for us.

Our chapter has had a recent visit from Miss Elizabeth Bogert, our Province President. Her enthusiasm over convention seemed to surge through everyone of us and now it pervades the atmosphere. Our alumnae entertained beautifully in her honor at dinner at the home of Sara Carter.

Miss Bogert indorsed very strongly the step which Beta Chi has taken towards raising its standard of scholarship by its adoption of the card catalogue system of grading, and we hope we shall be successful in taking Kappa to the top of the ladder instead of letting her lag back into subordinate positions.

We are broken-hearted at having to lose Katherine Mitchell, one of our seniors, who has accepted a position at the head of the department of Home Economics in Bowling Green, Kentucky. This work serves as a substitute for the practice teaching required for graduation in June.

Elizabeth Cary, who on account of illness did not graduate with her class in 1913, returned this year and will be graduated in January. She was chosen a member of "Staff Crown," the women's honorary senior society of the University.

Elizabeth Rhodes, of this year's class, has also left us to accept a position as teacher of district school near Lexington.

Beta Chi has the pleasure of announcing the engagement of Sarah R. Marshall, one of its charter members, to Mr. Thomas J. Wertenbaker of Princeton University. The wedding will take place in the early summer.

Let the Irishman's motto be ours, "May our happiest days of 1915 be our saddest of the year to come."

MILDRED TAYLOR.

EPSILON PROVINCE

PLEDGES ARE THE CATERERS

Xi, Adrian College

Our last rushing party proved to be a success. We were rewarded in all our efforts to make it so by pledging everyone of the girls whom we rushed. We entertained the girls at a slumber party in South Hall, and in the morning gave a breakfast for them in the chapter rooms. We were very glad to have Mildred Armstrong, '14, with us that morning. Our two

pledges served the dainty breakfast at small tables on which were bouquets of chrysanthemums. Afterwards we sang Kappa songs, and then danced.

We are proud to announce that Doris Adair, Sophia Bevins, Lelia Chamberlain, Catherine Henderson, Delila Judd, all of Adrian, Eloise Walker of Steubenville, Ohio, and Faye Rees of Castleton, Ill., are wearing the double blue.

On December 4, we initiated Doris Adair, Delila Judd and Gertrude Miller into the myteries of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Our pledges prepared the spread, and the favors were little booklets of double blue. Mildred Armstrong and Ruth Anthony were our guests.

Doris Adair, Grace Poucher, Gertrude Miller and Hazel Potts have leading parts in a play to be given by Lambda Phi literary society.

Xi sends greetings and best wishes to all.

HAZEL POTTS.

ZETA PROVINCE

MADE \$850 AT FAIR FOR NEW HOUSE

Chi, University of Minnesota

The holidays are over, and now we are all bending assiduously over our books in preparation for "finals." We are looking back upon good times as faint glimmerings of the past. Our New Year's reception at the home of Mr. Allan, and the New Year's dance at the Saint Paul Country Club, we feel, were revelries as of days gone by. The huge boxes of candy we had a week or so ago, when Caroline Beach and Elizabeth Tryon, two of our seniors, announced their engagements, were one of those grand, glorious feasts back in the dim ages of the gods. Then we were gay, pleasure-loving mortals; now we are stern students.

But even in this time of dread we are looking forward to the future. We are planning how many attractive things the eight hundred and fifty dollars we made at our fair, will buy for our house; the house whose rooms we are now eagerly watching the men plaster. We are thinking of the fun it will be to put down the rug the chapter bought for the living room, and already in our imaginations we have had our meetings there, and have chatted together in front of the big fireplace in the living room.

We have planned a rummage sale for the first days after examinations. We hope to join the alumnae in giving an Easter Fair, and the success of our last year's vaudeville has inspired us with the desire to have another one this year. Elizabeth Tryon has already invited the chapter to a Valentine party which she will give at her home. It is the custom of Chi to always have a Valentine party, and for the girls to give each other joke valentines. These parties have been put down as among the best times on Chi's Good Time calendar. So with looking forward to the brightness of the future, and back to the good times of the past, we find that the present period of labor is not, after all, so bad.

RACHAEL LYNCH.

BARNUM'S RIVALS AT EVANSTON

Upsilon, Northwestern University

I am writing this letter at home during our two weeks of Christmas vacation, and I've committed one of the unpardonable offenses by forgetting my official stationery for it.

We have not been very gay since our last letter. We gave our semester dance on October 30. It was a trial for a while, because we had invited more men than there were girls in the chapter and available alumnae. However, we had a lovely time, and all went well during the dance.

Then our attention was turned to the circus. Every year the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. give a circus for their treasuries, and the stunts are given by the organization on the campus. A committee judges from the synopses submitted, about twelve of the most presentable stunts, and these are given in rings just as in a real circus. Our stunt was a series of circus stunts. We had two bare-back riders, whose horses were saw horses, with shining white reins. Then we had two trained bears and a lion that danced in a cage and performed similar capers. We had also Japanese tight rope walkers, who performed on a narrow board. And our last stunt was a dive by Dare-Devil Daphne, who jumped into a tub of water from a stepladder. Our stunt was awarded second prize. The last feature of the circus was a sorority relay race, run by five men chosen by each sorority, who wore the sorority colors. Our men won the race by a long distance, and we added another cup to our row.

During Thanksgiving vacation, Pauline Bundy was married. Pauline was in our chapter last year for just that year and she married a Sigma Chi from Illinois, who is a young lawyer in her home town, Centralia, Illinois. Mildred Pfeiffer, '15, and Katherine Stevens, '16, were bridesmaids, and Marie Purmort, Evelyn Guthrie, Minnie Anderson and Marion Thornton also attended. They have succeeded in making the rest of us twice as sorry that we were not there, by relating the joyous times they had. Pauline and Mr. Wham went East on their honeymoon trip, and are now at home in Centralia.

Our last gay time was our Christmas party the Thursday night before vacation. The freshmen gave their stunt at the same time, so the party was at the home of one of the freshmen, Harriet Hopkins, in Evanston. Their stunt was so clever. They represented a hypnotist and five of his subjects. The first was Paderewski, Lillian Billows, who played in perfect imitation. The second was the Castles, Millet Davis and Grace Melner, who danced some of their newest steps. Then Pavlowa, in her "Evolution of the Butterfly" dance, by Nancy Knight. And last of all was the superb Madame Schumann-Heink, who was really Harriet herself. We were convulsed by the time it ended. They had a Christmas tree with a funny gift for each one of the chapter and alumnae. We had drawn names and bought the gifts that were corresponding hits for it. It was so gay and festive that we hated to break it up, but next day we said good-bye and went home for the Christmas holidays.

HELEN F. SEEGAR.

LARGE BANQUET FOLLOWS INITIATION

Epsilon, Illinois Wesleyan

To stop a moment in the midst of all this Christmas spirit and holiday gayety and collect one's scattered thoughts enough to write a KEY letter does seem a bit hard—especially to write one that won't be so awfully "out of joint" when read in the February KEY.

Epsilon Kappas have been going along much as usual lately, a good share of work sugared now and again with play and parties. But by far the most exciting event for all of us this year was our annual initiation. It was held Saturday, December 4, at the home of Margaret Marquis at five o'clock. Following, at eight o'clock, a banquet was given at the Illinois Hotel at which there were about seventy present. We now have four new Kappas, of whom we are more than proud, and we love them more every day, and wonder how we ever got along without them.

On the Friday evening before the Christmas vacation, we had our annual Christmas Party with a Christmas tree, a real-live Santa Claus and gifts for every one—just "funny" ones you know, with little verses attached explaining (or attempting to) their significance. Then we gave the Hall a real gift of some new silverware.

We of Epsilon send our heartiest greetings and best wishes to all sister chapters.

VERNA HARRISON.

ILLINOIS' "HOME-COMING" FESTIVITIES

Beta Lambda, University of Illinois

On November 1, 2, and 3 Illinois had its greatest annual Home-coming with the big football game with Minnesota, freshman-sophomore sack rush, and the jolly crowd of alumni shouting "howdy" across the campus to old classmates, professors and even janitors. Our house was teeming with old Kappas, who kept us young things agog with yarns of bygone days. We had the pleasure of entertaining Florence Claney, Upsilon, and Florence McKowan, Chi. There were seventy-five at the banquet, the largest in Beta Lambda's history.

The freshmen dismissed from the banquet early, dashed home to dress up for their "stunt," a real live cabaret with very genteel menus and programs in French. The sisters seated at little tables, sipped cider, nibbled little pumpkin pies and languidly toyed with chocolate cigarettes as they watched fancy dancing, a little one act skit or listened to Ruth Liggett sing characteristic songs.

In *Green Stockings*, the Home-coming play, Mae Sexauer played the difficult part of "Aunt Ida" with great skill.

Our freshmen have stepped into school activities. Jane Curtis is president of the freshman Illinae. Lois Evans is secretary-treasurer of the same, and Dean Kyle appointed Daisy Martin chairman of the executive committee.

Marvine Campbell has been elected to Alethenai Literary Society. Jean Mason and Marvine Campbell have made the Athletic Association. Rowena Kohl and Laura Bardwell have parts in *The Winter's Tale*, given under the auspices of the literary societies.

Helen Gabel, '17, has announced her engagement to Olin Archer, '17.

On December 29 Katherine Seaman, '15, was married to Elmer F. Blakesley, '11, Phi Gamma Delta.

MILDRED DREW.

ETA PROVINCE

GOOD PANHELLENIC SPIRIT

Beta Zeta, University of Iowa

Beta Zeta chapter is still in the throes of semester rushing for freshmen. As yet we have given no parties for them, but in January we shall give two teas to which freshmen will be invited. Pledge day is to be February 22.

One of our sophomores, Edith McGrew, was forced to leave school for the remainder of the year because of her health, and we feel the loss terribly. Edith is one of true Kappa worth, and we sincerely hope that she will be with us next year.

There was a great epidemic of the grippe at Iowa City just before the holiday vacation. The hospital was full, and several of our girls were very sick with it.

The Monday evening before the holidays we entertained the Delta Gammas with a Christmas tree and party. Games were played and it afforded us fine opportunity to show them that we can give successful parties to other sororities, as well as to rushees. We are entertaining each sorority in turn and are glad to become good friends with each member of all of them.

In the past couple of months we have had Kappas from other chapters visit us in our home at Iowa City, and we have enjoyed it very much. Beta Zeta extends a hearty invitation to every Kappa to spend her time at our house while in Iowa City.

With best wishes for the New Year.

RUTH BEWSHER.

DAMPENED ARDOR AT MISSOURI GAME

Theta, University of Missouri

On November 8, we initiated eight of our freshmen, who came to the university with advanced standing. They were: Avise Hamilton, Cecil Stone, Eleanor Taylor, Bertha Leslie, Dorothy Sihler, Julia Cave, and Frances Peck.

Last year Panhellenic decided that the freshmen of each fraternity should entertain the freshmen of the other fraternities at some kind of informal "getting acquainted" party. The plan was such a success that

it is being tried again this year. Our turn came the first part of November, when the freshmen, assisted by a few upperclassmen, gave an afternoon dance.

The long planned for Thanksgiving game between Kansas and Missouri was a decided disappointment in many ways. Though the morning was cloudy the parade, which always precedes the game, was a success. The woman's float represented both M. U. and K. U. In front was a black "M" formed of girls' heads thrust through a yellow panel, and in the back was a red "K" formed in the same way on a blue panel. Kappas who rode were: Dorothy Sihler, June Van Norstrand, Jessie Hill, Avis Hamilton, and Florence Smith.

In the afternoon everyone dressed up for the occasion and, pinning a huge yellow chrysanthemum on her coat, started for the game. By the end of the first quarter it had begun to rain and the pessimists, who had brought umbrellas, were blocking the view of the optimists, who had been sure it could not rain on the great day. Though it continued to rain during the entire game, many stayed till the sad end. Others came home early, too drenched and miserable to be even loyal. The house was full of wet, dripping clothes steaming on radiators, and of guests and girls who vibrated between the windows which overlooked the athletic field, and their drying clothes. By six o'clock, however, we were more or less dry and ready for our turkey dinner.

That the big game day is also alumni day was shown by the number of "old girls" who returned. They were: Mrs. J. Edgar Stewart (Gertrude McLean), '13, Marion Sanders, '14, Katherine Wells, '13, Katherine Mize, '14, Georgia Sturges, '09, Berenice Sturges, '12, Margaret Mackey, '13, Margaret Corbin, ex-'13, Edna Williams, '09, Mrs. F. C. Brocius (Jessie Wooldridge), ex-'08, Gertrude Cosgrove, ex-'09, Mrs. Stephen Owen (Elsie Warren), Frances Yeater, '15.

In spite of our hostile feelings toward Kansas, we were delighted to have Virginia Lucas and Helen Hurst of Omega with us again. Esther Wheeler, from Sigma, also visited us a few days and we only regret that, because of the crowd and rush, we did not become better acquainted with her.

Gladys Udell, who is president of the Student Self-Government Association, has been initiated into L. S. V., an honorary secret society of senior women. As only six women are elected from the class each year, we always feel it an honor to have a Kappa chosen.

Geneva Drinkwater, Mary Louise Brown, and Florence Smith each made a class hockey team, and several of the freshmen made the squad.

Bertha Leslie was taken into Delta Tau Kappa, a woman's English club.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Miller (Faith Pearse) a son.

During the first part of December we gave a Christmas dance for a number of town girls who will soon enter the university. The house was decorated in Christmas colors and cedar branches.

The next day the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity entertained us at a thé dansant.

On December 11 the men's and women's Panhellenics joined in giving a vaudeville to raise money for the Armenian Relief Fund. Four Kappas, Grace Pearse, Winifred Winter, Avis Hamilton, and Lulu Hazard, joined with four Pi Phis in giving a Yama Yama song and dance. About three hundred dollars was raised.

The Monday before school closed we had our annual Christmas tree. All sat in front of an open fire in the chapter room and sang Kappa songs until Santa Claus came to distribute our gifts. From then on we did nothing but laugh, for Santa (Ruth Fitzgerald) is the jolliest person in the house, and the presents themselves were enough to make anyone shout.

Dorothy Thompson is to be married to Edwin Patterson on December 28, at her home in Columbia. Mr. Patterson is a professor in the law department of Texas University.

We enjoyed the short visits of Mrs. Christy (Caroline Mabry) from Sigma, and Mrs. Hull (Mary Shore Walker).

MARY GUINN.

KAPPA INVITED TO JOIN FORD PEACE PARTY

Omega, Kansas University

Since our last letter, many things have happened for Omega.

Blanche Mullen, '16, was chosen by a committee composed of Chancellor Frank Strong, Mrs. Eustace Brown, Advisor of Women, and several members of the faculty as the K. U. girl to go to Europe with the Henry Ford Peace Party. We were all sorry that Blanche was unable to go, but she had good reasons for not going. Her parents thought that it would not be safe for her to cross the Atlantic at the present time, and besides Blanche had a severe cold.

Helen Dawson, '16, was recently elected vice-president of the Women's Student Government Association, but on account of her Y. W. work, she could not accept the office. If Helen could have accepted the office, Omega would have had two members in the association, since Blanche Mullen is president.

On November 13 we enjoyed a visit from fourteen Kappas from Sigma chapter, who came to attend the Kansas-Nebraska game. As usual the Nebraskans won with a score of 33-0.

Helen Clark and Ruth Foster have been elected to the Dramatic Club. Madeline Natchman, '15, was married on November 20 to Mr. Bruce Hurd, Beta Theta Pi. They are at home at Abeline, Kansas.

On December 15, we had our annual Christmas dinner and tree. Each girl received an inexpensive little present with an appropriate verse. After dinner, the freshmen gave a clever farce in which they displayed much talent. Instead of exchanging presents this year, we gave our money to the house. Santa was unusually good to Omega this year. The Lawrence Alumnae Association gave us a handsome rug for our west parlor. Mrs.

Eva Herman, our matron, gave us a set of cut glass sherbet glasses, and our freshmen gave us a dozen and a half engraved teaspoons. Mrs. O. W. Lucas, the mother of one of our girls, sent us a beautiful electrolier.

Our nine pledges are working hard and we hope to initiate all of them in February after the finals. Omega wishes all Kappa chapters a happy and prosperous year.

LYDIA L. AINSWORTH.

ALUMNAE COME BEARING CANNED FRUIT

Sigma, Nebraska University

Christmas found every one in Sigma chapter ready for a vacation and we celebrated with our annual Christmas tree. The alumnae were here with a supply of canned fruit which was greatly appreciated, as well as many beautiful gifts for our house, from the girls.

Fifteen active girls, accompanied by Miss Louise Pound, Province President, went to Lawrence for the Kansas-Nebraska game, and were guests at the Kappa house during the day. The girls are loud in their praises of the Omega chapter, of their new home, and the warm hospitality of the Kansas Kappas.

We were glad to have with us again Fay Teel, who has been at Berkeley since fall.

The death of Mrs. Burr Latta (Adelaide Thomas) comes as severe shock to all her friends. Her sickness was of short duration, a complication of pneumonia and diphtheria.

Our house is filled to overflowing this year. With nine freshmen living in the house we are obliged to use all available space.

Dramatics occupies its customary place with us, with Ella Williams playing the lead in *Believe Me Xantippe*, Lucille Becker, Camille and Lucille Leyda in dramatic club, and five girls in Kosmet Club.

Best of wishes to every Kappa in Sigma for a bright and happy New Year.

DORIS CLARKE.

CONVENTION INTEREST BEGINS

Beta Mu, University of Colorado

Beta Mu gave a dance for her pledges on November 19. We are all hoping that we may have ten new Kappas at our next dance.

Before leaving for vacation we had our annual Christmas party, at which the freshmen, dressed in bright red gowns and wearing sprigs of holly in their hair, marched down the stairs singing a song to Kappa. The presents were then distributed around the Christmas tree, the freshmen reading original poems. It was a pretty party, and we were especially proud of our pledges.

Georgie Belle Musser took the part in a sketch given for the benefit of the Congregational Church. It proved to be a success.

We are getting excited about our next convention and hope we may have many representatives there.

JUNE J. MAGNAN.

THETA PROVINCE

SLUMBER PARTIES IN OKLAHOMA

Beta Theta, University of Oklahoma

Beta Theta has spent a busy autumn, so as the holidays draw nearer there is a spirit of relaxation growing, which will reach its culmination on the night before the university closes for the vacation on December 17. On this evening there will be a Christmas spread and slumber party for the girls who live in town, as well as for those who have good fortune to live in the chapter house.

This year, instead of giving individual gifts, we shall club together and buy something practical for our living room.

During the year we have had many delightful visits from alumnae, parents, and friends. Our last visitor, Miss Helen Devine, president of Theta Province, brought us many helpful suggestions from Beta Xi and Beta Omicron.

The woman's annual "Mixer," which took place on December 9, was a success. At least two hundred young women gathered for a jolly good time, such as only college women know.

The pledges have presented the chapter with a beautiful Kappa sheepskin.

The holiday meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was a most enjoyable affair. The girls took their sewing bags to the Restroom of the Administration Building and spent several hours dressing dolls for the poor children of Norman. Some of the girls took their ukeleles and sang college songs at different times during the afternoon.

By the time the next issue of *THE KEY* reaches you, Oklahoma University will have added Alpha Chi Omega to its list of sororities.

Beta Theta wishes all chapters a happy and prosperous New Year.

LOTTIE ANITA CONLAN.

POST-CHRISTMAS TREE AT TEXAS

Beta Xi, Texas University

It has been such a short time since my November letter to you, and I told you so much news then, that there seems hardly to be anything interesting left for this letter. However, Thanksgiving has come in the meantime, and, as has been our custom for many years, we entertained with a reception on Friday afternoon, the day after Thanksgiving, for the visiting alumnae who had come back to the university for the great game between Texas and Notre Dame. This is always a delightful occasion for all of us, for more of our alumnae are together then, than at any other

time, and it is an excellent opportunity for the newer girls in the fraternity to meet them.

Two weeks ago we had a stunt party for our freshmen, and a world of fun it was! Mary Berry, Katherine Peers, and Gladys Scaling were the stunt stars. The party wound up with our turning out the lights and gathering around an open fire where we toasted marshmallows, and ate fruit, and sang Kappa songs. We find that such parties are an excellent way of implanting Kappa spirit in the freshmen.

Final examinations are upon us now, and all is work. As soon as we come back again after the holidays we shall have our Kappa Christmas tree, at which time each girl will give something for the fraternity house. Sometimes several girls go in together and give really lovely things, like table silver and pieces of furniture that no one girl could give.

Beta Xi sends greetings and the best Christmas wishes to all the sister chapters everywhere.

RUTH HALL.

PRAISE FOR THE ALUMNAE

Beta Omicron, Tulane University

Every day Beta Omicron grows prouder of its alumnae. They are untiring in their work and interest, and help wonderfully with the rushing. Fraternity meetings are seldom without one or two of them, and once each month they hold their own meeting, inviting us up for tea afterwards. Really they are almost as active as the chapter itself. It is beautiful to see how fast the Kappa bond holds, despite the fact that the alumnae have outside interests which are different from those of our active college life. It was they who first thought of doing over our room. We wrote you about that last time. Well, it is finished now, and we wish you all could see it. Everything is so cozy, and one of the best decorators of the city has done his best in making it artistic. The woodwork is a delicate ivory, the furniture light to match. Draperies of rich amber silk with heavier blue at the openings, while the shades on the little lights around the room and the tall lamp standing at one end, harmonize. There is a big, soft, new "comfy" couch too. I think we enjoy that most of all, and there is not one of us who does not sink down into it, with a grateful sigh, and murmur; "Just to think the alumnae did it all!"

About two or three weeks ago we had the pleasure of entertaining our province president, Miss Helen Devine. We found her charming, and only regretted that we could not have the pleasure of keeping her longer. She arrived just as we were about to leave on our annual house party, and we very joyfully took her along. She proved to be quite an addition too, for we shall never forget how we all crowded around her before the great log fire while she entertained us with her interesting talk. She told us things which we all knew, but which no Kappa ever tires of hearing, we think she has made us realize more than ever before, the grandeur and beauty of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Speaking of our house party. It is one of a series which we have during the year at "Lucile's" lovely summer home on the gulf coast. "The" house party is always the first and most important to us, for it is purely a Kappa one. No rushees are allowed; there is no strain of entertaining. It is our private affair.

There have been two weddings in our Kappa family here. One, Earl Richmond, who married Lieutenant Carruth and is now living in Washington; and Hester Craig. The latter married Mr. Flowers of Vicksburg, and will make her home there.

The scholarship cup for 1914-15 has not yet been awarded, owing to some delay in Panhellenic, but the last report found Beta Omicron in the lead. We are all delighted over the prospects of winning it and hope that we won't be beaten by one point as we were last year.

Beta Omicron sends her best wishes to all her "true blue" sisters.

HARRISON HESTER.

IOTA PROVINCE

BEST KIND OF CHRISTMAS PARTY

Beta Phi Chapter, University of Montana

Once again the semester is drawing to a close. The rush of dances, dinners, teas and college fun is giving way to a serious pursuit of knowledge for examinations and final papers are looming large before everyone. In spite of this, however, we are looking forward to two events of importance which will occur within the next month. One of these is our formal dinner-dance and last affair during the rushing season, and the other is pledge day itself which comes between semesters. So in our next letter, we hope to introduce you to a number of new and attractive Kappa sisters.

Looking back over our past pleasures, one of the most enjoyable of all was the informal reception which we gave on that day of great excitement for the University of Montana when the Montana and Syracuse football teams played to a score of 6-6. It was given for the Syracuse football men and several hundred of the students of the university called and enjoyed meeting the visitors before going on to the dance given for them at the gymnasium.

During the months of November and December, we have entertained at a number of informal teas at the chapter house. Two girls acted as hostesses each time and we have found it an excellent way to become better acquainted with the freshmen as well as help in keeping in closer touch with the Alumni.

Last but not least I must tell you about the change we made this year in our annual Christmas party. The house was decked in Christmas greens, and in one corner of the living room was the gaily lighted Christmas tree, the presents and all the other things that are a part of our festivity, but instead of the gifts with their jesting jingles which we usually

chose for each other, the tree was loaded with toys for the forty poor children whom we had invited to our party. They were all between the ages of three and nine years, and the frolic with the many bright colored balloons, which came before supper was served, was enjoyed as much by the grown-ups who helped with the entertainment, as by the children. After supper, Santa Claus (Alberta Stone) distributed the toys and candy from the tree, and we took the children home, declaring that this was the best Christmas party we had ever had.

JESSIE RAILSBACK.

NEW SCHOLARSHIP FOR WOMEN

Beta Pi, University of Washington

The past semester at Washington has seen the establishment of a scholarship fund for entering freshmen women. Never before in the history of the university has there been a scholarship offered to women. This fund of \$2,000, bearing \$100 interest annually, has been established in memory of the late dean of women, Miss Isabella Austin, and has been raised by the subscriptions of various campus organizations and local collegiate associations. Candidates for the scholarship will be chosen from all the high schools throughout the state and submitted to the faculty committee in charge of the fund.

The most important event in Beta Pi the past semester was the wedding of Rozelle Milburne, '15, and John McFee, '14, a Phi Gamma Delta, and the brother of a Kappa, Jean McFee. The wedding was the first ever held at the chapter house, and occurred on November 30.

Our informal this year was an experiment. It was a "cut-in" dance, something new at Washington, with a dozen more men than there were girls. It proved a decided success. The only other twelve o'clock dance was a sophomore-junior party at the home of Rosamond Parsons on December 3. This dance was also an innovation, the music being furnished by a banjo and an accordion.

During three days of Christmas vacation the sophomores gave a house party at the summer home of Anne Holmes at South Beach on Puget Sound. Although many of the out-of-town girls could not attend, it was one of the jolly good times that every girl will always remember.

Our housemother, Mrs. John L. Locke, has returned from a trip East and says she will remain with us for two years more while her son attends Stanford University.

MARGARET CRAHAN.

NEW RUSHING RULES

Beta Eta, Stanford University

Beta Eta has been greatly interested this semester in helping to settle the rushing question. There has been a complete innovation in rushing rules, and instead of the usual three to five weeks season there is to be a

matriculation pledge day with all rushing carried on in the summer. The house will be open one week before college to carry on such rushing as we think necessary. We are to do our bidding through a lawyer. We are all doubtful as to how this system will work out, but we are in hopes that it will do away with some of the worst evils found in rushing as we do now.

Five seniors graduate this Christmas—Madeline Turner, Dorothy Cooper, Dorothy Day, Margaret Cory, and Margaret Forbes. We were very proud when Margaret Forbes made Phi Beta Kappa. Madeline Turner and Ellen Andrews, who graduates in May, were elected to Cap and Gown, the senior honor society. Once more Madeline Turner has won a Tennis Cup, this time with the help of Ethel Lee, one of our freshmen.

With the closing of the Exposition we lose hopes of seeing many of our Eastern sisters for some time. Nevertheless, we are here just the same and even if the Exposition is not, our welcome is as hearty as ever to any Kappa.

With all good wishes for the New Year to you all.

DORIS M. SEYMOUR.

DIRECTORY OF MEETINGS

CHAPTERS

Any member of Kappa Kappa Gamma is cordially invited to attend meetings of the active chapters.

PHI

meets every Thursday afternoon at five o'clock at the chapter rooms, 10 Museum Road, Boston, Mass.

BETA ALPHA

meets once a week alternating Wednesday evenings at half-past seven and Thursday evenings at half-past five at the Kappa room, 306 Women's Dormitory, University of Pennsylvania, 122 S. 24th Street, Philadelphia.

BETA IOTA

meets at seven-thirty on Wednesday evenings in a room set aside as a chapter room, in the girls' dormitories, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

PSI

meets in Room 29, Sage College, Ithaca, N. Y., every Saturday evening at 7:30.

BETA TAU

meets every Friday evening at seven-thirty o'clock in the chapter house at 907 Walnut Avenue, Syracuse, New York.

BETA PSI

meets every second Saturday at eight o'clock at the homes of the girls in the city. Definite information may be had by telephoning Miss Helen Scott, Hillcrest 227.

GAMMA RHO

meets every Saturday night at eight o'clock in the chapter rooms on the fourth floor of Hulings Hall, Meadville, Pennsylvania.

BETA UPSILON

meets every Tuesday evening, at 6:45, chapter room in the White Building, High Street, Morgantown, West Virginia.

LAMBDA

meets every Tuesday evening at 7:30 on the third floor of Curtice Cottage, campus of Akron University.

BETA NU

meets at the homes of the different members in Columbus, Ohio every other Saturday evening at five thirty. Marguerite Heiner, 47 S. Champion Avenue, will give definite information concerning meetings. Telephone—Citizen 2631.

BETA RHO

meets every other Saturday afternoon, at the homes of the girls.

IOTA

meets Saturday evenings.

MU

will hold meetings at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoons at the homes of the Irvington girls. By calling Irv. 352—(old Phone), the place may be learned.

DELTA

meets every Monday evening at the chapter house in Forest Place, Bloomington, Indiana.

BETA CHI

meets on Thursday afternoon at four o'clock at the fraternity house on Maxwell Street, Lexington, Kentucky.

BETA DELTA

meets in the chapter house, on the corner of Church Street, 1204 Hill Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

XI

meets at half after seven o'clock on Saturday evenings, in the chapter rooms, in South Hall, Adrian College, Adrian, Michigan.

KAPPA

meets every Saturday night at seven-thirty in the chapter rooms at the college, Hillsdale, Michigan. Communicate through Marion Willoughby, 225 West Street. Telephone 171R.

CHI

meets every Tuesday at 5 p. m., at 316 16th Avenue S. E., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

ETA

meets every Monday evening at seven p. m., at the chapter house, 425 Park Street, Madison, Wisconsin.

UPSILON

meets on Monday afternoon from five to six o'clock in Room 62, Willard Hall, Evanston.

EPSILON

meets on Monday afternoons at four-thirty in the Kappa Hall in the main building of the university.

BETA LAMBDA

meets every Monday evening in the chapter house, 502 Chalmers Avenue, Champaign, Illinois.

BETA ZETA

holds fraternity meetings at seven o'clock every Monday evening in the chapter house, 431 East Jefferson Street, Iowa City.

THETA

meets Monday evening at seven at the chapter house, 600 Rollins Street, Columbia Mission.

OMEGA

meets every Monday evening at seven o'clock at the chapter house, 1602 Louisiana Street, Lawrence, Kansas.

SIGMA

meets on Monday evening at seven-thirty o'clock at the fraternity house, 330 North 14th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

BETA MU

meets in the Kappa house, 1221 University Avenue, Boulder, Colorado, at seven on Monday evenings during the college year.

BETA THETA

meets every Monday evening at 7:30 at the Kappa House, 535 University Boulevard, Norman, Oklahoma.

BETA XI

meets on Saturday at two o'clock in the chapter house at 2308 Rio Grande Street, Austin, Texas.

BETA OMICRON

meets every Friday afternoon at four o'clock.

BETA PHI

meets every Monday evening at eight o'clock at the chapter house, 330 Connell Ave., Missoula, Montana.

BETA PI

meets every Monday from four to six, at the chapter house, 4504 18th Avenue, North East, Seattle, Washington.

BETA OMEGA

meets every Monday evening at seven o'clock in the chapter house.

PI

meets every Monday evening, at seven-thirty, in the chapter room of the Kappa house, 2725 Channing Way.

BETA ETA

meets in the chapter house at Stanford University every Monday evening at seven-thirty.

BETA SIGMA

meets every Wednesday afternoon at the College House, 22 Cambridge Place, Brooklyn, N. Y. Supper meetings first and third Wednesdays. We are glad to welcome any Kappas who are in Brooklyn or New York.

MINNESOTA CLUB

meets the third Friday of each month. For places of meeting address, Miss Mary Knight, 3220 Chicago Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

LINCOLN CLUB

meets for luncheon at the Lincoln Hotel at 12:30 the second Saturday of each month.

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATIONS

BOSTON ASSOCIATION

meets the first Saturday of each month during the college year. For places of meeting, address Miss Florence McArdle, 284 Park Street, Dorchester Center, Massachusetts.

NEW YORK ASSOCIATION

meets the third Saturday in October, November, January, February, March and April. For places of meeting, address Mrs. G. M. Walker, 924 West End Avenue, New York City.

PHILADELPHIA ASSOCIATION

meets once a month except in July and August, alternating Saturday afternoons and Tuesday evenings. For exact dates and places of meeting, address Miss Sophia E. Foell, 5711 Kingsessing Avenue, West Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Phone, Woodland 4074L.

BETA IOTA ASSOCIATION

meets in January, March, May and October, on the second Saturday in the month. For dates and places of meeting, address Miss Susanne Willets, 219 Greenwood Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey.

SYRACUSE ASSOCIATION

meets once a month. For dates and places of meeting, address Miss Georgia A. Wells, 1520 S. State Street, Syracuse, New York.

WESTERN NEW YORK ASSOCIATION

meets in January, March, May, June, September and November. For dates and places of meeting, address Mrs. Byron A. Johnson, 511 Woodbine Avenue, Rochester, New York.

COLUMBUS ASSOCIATION

meets the third Saturday of each month. For places, address Miss Mabel Baldwin, 41 Twelfth Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

FRANKLIN NU ASSOCIATION

For dates and places of meeting address Mrs. H. N. Coons, 414 E. Pearl Street, Lebanon, Indiana.

INDIANAPOLIS ASSOCIATION

meets the third Saturday of each month. For places of meeting, address Miss Adelaide Smith, 2262 Central Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, ASSOCIATION

meets the first Monday of each month at the houses of the members. For places of meeting, address Miss Leafy Davis, 513 E. 8th St., Bloomington, Indiana.

SOUTH BEND ASSOCIATION

meets the first Monday in October, December, March and May. For places of meeting, address Mrs. Eli F. Seebirt, 507 N. Saint Joseph Street, South Bend, Indiana.

CHICAGO ASSOCIATION

meets the last Saturday in each month from September through April, at the Chicago College Club, Stevens Building, 16 N. Wabash Avenue, Chicago. Address Mrs. C. M. Marston, 812 E. 53 S., Chicago.

NORTH SHORE ASSOCIATION

meets the first Wednesday in every month for luncheon at the homes of the members. For places of meeting, address Mrs. John A. Manley, 735 Seward Street, Evanston, Illinois.

MILWAUKEE ASSOCIATION

meets the third Friday of each month from September to June at the homes of the members. For places, address Mrs. Nathan Wilkinson, 301 38th St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, ASSOCIATION

meets twice a month from September to June. For places and dates, address Miss Agnes C. Loudon, 1007 N. Prairie, Bloomington, Illinois.

ST. LOUIS ASSOCIATION

meets for luncheon at one o'clock on the third Saturday of each month from October through June. For places, address Mrs. Ralph B. Miller, 1915 A Union Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

KANSAS CITY ASSOCIATION

meets the first Saturday of each month. For places of meeting, address Miss Hazel B. Clark, 3644 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

DENVER ASSOCIATION

meets the last Saturday in each month from September to June. For places of meeting, address Mrs. Charles N. More, 1320 Race Avenue, Denver, Colorado.

PI ASSOCIATION

meets the first week of every second month, beginning with January; also on the third Monday of every month from four to six when tea is served in the alumnae room at the Kappa house, 2725 Channing Way. For places of meeting, address Miss Margaret Witter, 2301 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, California.

LOS ANGELES ASSOCIATION

meets monthly at the homes of the members. For dates and places, address Miss I. Marie Lindsley, 349 E Ave., Los Angeles, California.

PORTLAND ASSOCIATION

meets once a month at the homes of the members. For places and dates, address Miss Margaret Griffin, 488 E. 27th Avenue N., Portland, Oregon.

CINCINNATI ASSOCIATION

For dates and places of meeting, address Miss Freda Gleason, 2005 Delaware Avenue, Norwood, Ohio.

BETA XI ASSOCIATION

For dates and places of meeting, address Miss Katherine A. Searcy, Brenham, Texas.

DALLAS ASSOCIATION

meets monthly from September to June. For places, address Mrs. H. R. Davis, 1523 Hughes Circle, Dallas, Texas.

CLUBS

PITTSBURGH CLUB

meets for four o'clock tea on the first Saturday of November, February and May in McCreery's lunchroom. Address Miss Bertha Miller, 203 Donaghy Ave., Butler, Pa.

LAMBDA CLUB

meets for luncheon the first Saturday of each month at one o'clock at the Portage Hotel. Address Miss Ruth Harter, 544 Market Street, Akron, Ohio.

FALLS CITIES CLUB

meets the second Saturday in January, March, May, September and November. For places, address Miss Frances Hartley, Beharrell Avenue, New Albany, Indiana.

IOTA

meets every evening at 6:45 at the chapter house, Greencastle, Indiana.
Address Mrs. Helen O. Sigmund, Crawfordsville, Indiana.

ADRIAN CLUB

meets once a month at the homes of the members. For places and dates, address Mrs. Florence Worden, 141½ W. Maumee Street, Adrian, Michigan.

CHI CLUB

meets the third Friday of each month. For places of meeting address Mrs. George M. Gillette, The Plaza, Minneapolis, Minn.

IOWA CITY CLUB

meets the second Friday of each month at the homes of the members.
Address Mrs. Willis Mercer, 326 Johnson Street, Iowa City, Iowa.

OMAHA CLUB

meets the first Saturday of every month at the homes of the members.
Address Miss Mary Alice Duval, 4902 Underwood Avenue, Dundee, Omaha, Nebraska.

SEATTLE CLUB

meets the first Saturday of each month at the homes of the members.
For places of meeting, address Miss Lois Bronson, 239 29th Avenue N., Seattle, Washington.

CLEVELAND CLUB

Address Miss Florence M. Rogers, 3261 E. 132 Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

BETA GAMMA CLUB

Address Miss Florence McClure, Larwell Street, Wooster, Ohio.

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SARAH B. HARRIS

*Grand Vice-president and Alumnae Editor***TWENTY-SIX ON THE TWENTY-SEVENTH**

June 27 is the time, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, is the place. Will you be there? If you cannot come and so get the inspiration first hand, see to it that a delegate is sent from your association that she may bring it home in some measure.

According to our standing rules, as amended by the last Convention, "each alumnae association may have

(a) Voting privileges as follows:

- (1) On the establishment of chapters.
- (2) On the withdrawal of charters.
- (3) On the dismissal of alumnae members in case of appeal to Convention.

(4) On the reestablishment of alumnae members.

(b) A delegate to Convention who shall have

- (1) The privilege of the floor.
- (2) Committee representation.
- (3) A vote on the election of Grand Officers and in all matters pertaining to Alumnae Associations."

Do we alumnae appreciate this privilege which our younger sisters have voted to us? Do we realize what it may mean to us as a fraternity if only we choose to take advantage of it? I am sure that we do. Well, then, have you sent in the names of your delegate and alternates? The only way to show our appreciation is by turning out a large delegation of "wise heads," women of longer and broader experience, who may help our active sisters in their efforts to make Kappa Kappa Gamma a growing, living fraternity that we can always be proud of, a real power for good.

At the last Convention, August, 1914, delegates from thirteen alumnae associations responded to the roll call. We now have twenty-six associations that may have the privilege of representation. Can we not have a delegate from every one of the twenty-six?

The effect of a large delegation of alumnae at Convention will be fourfold: the effect on the individual alumnae attending—their increased usefulness as Kappas, and as members of your

association; the effect on your whole association of coming into close, working touch with the fraternity nationally; the effect on active delegates of seeing their older sisters in Kappa vitally and enthusiastically interested in their fraternity after years away from college and active fraternity life; and the effect on our fraternity as a whole of having active and alumnae members join forces for the same end.

SARAH B. HARRIS.

CULTIVATE FRIENDSHIP

Young people are warned to exercise to keep their bodies fit, they are given opportunities to cultivate their minds to make themselves more desirable companions and more useful citizens, they are developed spiritually in every way work and prayer can devise, but this one little practical bit of advice is seldom heard.

Old doggerel chants:

He who hath a thousand friends
Hath not one friend to spare;
But he who hath one enemy
Will meet him everywhere.

It is human and youthful to feel that one can make himself so sweet, entertaining and inspiring, in a word so attractive that friends will flock to him. Those attributes are the seeds of friendship. But they can no more grow the plant than any other seeds can grow the plants which come from them, without cultivation.

One of the sweetest flowers of life is friendship. Think of it as a flower. Cultivate your garden. You want more than one kind of flower. You want more than one flower of a kind. You need a booky friend, an athletic friend, a spiritual friend, a nature loving friend. Seek out such. Send the one a book that you like, play tennis with the other, talk and pray with the third. It is not unworthy to seek friendship. It is in the highest sense fine to go more than the often mentioned "half way."

It is altogether easier to start a garden in the spring than in the fall. Results show more quickly. So in your young days, in your college days is the natural time to consciously start this garden of friendship. Your choice of an intellectual friend may not be a classmate. It may be some one at home who cannot go to college. Stick to him. But you are likely to see two or three

men and women in college whom you want to know. Don't be afraid to show that desire. Avow it. There is a good deal of needless loneliness in life. If anyone wanted to know you, wouldn't you be pleased? Similarly this other person will be glad to learn your preference, but if by chance he can not reciprocate, you have committed no moral fault, the only kind worth worrying about, in seeking his friendship.

I am writing these few lines hurriedly on Christmas at a distance of fifteen years from college and many miles from college friends. In the next room are several presents and many cards from friends of college days. God was very good to me in the friendships He blessed me with the beginnings of, when I was young.

If I had it to do over again I would try to help Him more. I would remember this one's birthday and go to that one's wedding. I would express my appreciation of what another did for me in a certain exigency of my life instead of bottling up my feeling in English Stoicism. Paul planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. You plant and water in this garden of friendship, and an increase that is sure to bless you and others will follow. I wish Kappas could take advice.

HARRIETTE CURTISS GAYLORD, *Beta Tau*, 1900.

KAPPAS OF THE FUTURE

From a superficial reading of current literature, many have formed the opinion that the social status of woman is undergoing a rapid change. A more careful examination of the facts would show that this is not the case.

While the last census would indicate that half our women are unmarried, the fact is often overlooked that this includes women of all ages, from childhood to the greatest age. The proportion of women who marry today is not materially different from the proportion which married a quarter of a century ago, and about eighty seven per cent of women of marriageable age have married, are now married and will continue to marry. The number of divorces may have increased, but this does not signify that marriage relations have become worse. It shows however, that more separations have become legal. The birthrate is increasing. There is nothing to show that a revolutionary change is taking

place in the number of women who are self-supporting. Women are now finding occupations more suitable for them than in the days gone by, and they are better preparing themselves for the work upon which they are relying for self-support. Is it any wonder that many women that have been obliged to take up the tasks of men, have been successful?

The thoughts of women are undergoing a change for the better. Her horizon is broadening. She sees and contemplates more and larger things than did the woman of the past. The Kappa of the future will not differ greatly from the Kappa of today, or the Kappa of long ago. She will be a woman. The same loves, the same sympathies, and the same hopes will animate her. She may have a greater knowledge; if so, it will only strengthen her womanly qualities, and enable her to give broader sympathy and help.

AUGUSTA P. GILLETTE,
Minnesota Alumnae Club.

A NEW WOMAN'S BUILDING

How to secure that new Woman's Building is the subject that is stirring fraternity circles at Northwestern University just now. It is of especial interest to the fraternities, for the present places of meeting are decidedly inadequate—even faculty members admit that fact. The new Woman's Building will provide, not only a large assembly hall where college and fraternity functions may be held, but each fraternity and literary society is to have a large private chapter room, with kitchenette adjoining.

The women at Northwestern are not allowed fraternity houses, but live in dormitories. This has its advantages of course, but when one considers the chapter rooms, the aspect changes. These rooms are on the fourth floor of Willard Hall, the largest of the women's dormitories. Time was when the Kappa room was about the most pretentious of them all, but as the number of fraternities increased, our room was divided, until the result is a pathetically small, poorly ventilated room. When the active chapter is large, the alumnae are almost forced to stay away from meetings, literally from want of air, or else divide into relays, each taking her turn.

Now the question is how to finance this wonderful dream building. The Women's Club of Evanston and the University Guild are taking an active interest, but the fraternities are naturally most vitally concerned, so we are all busily scheming to swell the building fund. The Kappas, both active and alumnae, have been among the most enthusiastic workers. Every possible afternoon tea or bridge party has been converted into a benefit, until it has become the popular thing to inquire, upon accepting any invitation, "Shall I bring a dime?" Our purses are fairly leaking a stream of dimes—most inconvenient at holiday time.

A wonderful concert was given by the United States Marine Band, under the auspices of the Women's Athletic Association, the proceeds going to the building fund. This was the biggest undertaking so far. It was held in the University Gymnasium. The Kappas received a silver loving cup as a reward for selling the most tickets. Then came the inevitable Tag Day, which proved most profitable.

With the New Year come new ideas, so you may all expect to hear of the completion of our Woman's Building at no distant date, for "When a woman will, she will."

MABELLE PERRIN MANLEY, *Upsilon*,
Secretary, North Shore Alumnae Association.

MAKE MORE FRIENDS

Viewing my college life in retrospect, the old perennial query presents itself—how to bring to a fraternity that ardent enthusiasm and passionate loyalty to ideals which ever characterize the more valued members, without allowing that same loyalty to transcend the claims of the larger college life, or to ignore the fact that other fraternities may contain potential friends. In smaller colleges the rivalry between leading fraternities is apt to become so bitter that only extremely broad-minded members of either side ever become even ordinarily friendly. Immaturity draws a hard and fast line—on this side, white; on that, black. "My fraternity, right or wrong" is its motto. Members of one's own fraternity are always everything that is lovely, sweet and desirable; the characteristics of that other crowd are better passed over in pitying silence.

But as one leaves college life behind for the larger life of the world, one meets here and there many Greek-letter girls, not of one's own sacred three-letter designation, and they are perfectly charming, interesting girls with the same college ideals as our own. We even remember, perhaps, some of our own members who have not proven dependable friends; and in spite of ourselves and the wish to be loyal, mental comparisons are made. Then our sense of justice demands that we admit we have not held a monopoly of all feminine brains and charms. In the hurry and stress of college life, it is not easy to take time to reach out for these other friendships, and besides, we are usually so supremely satisfied with our close friends within the fraternity circle. But since leaving college some of my casual acquaintanceships there have ripened into valued friendships of today; and so I want to just add my word toward pointing out neglected opportunities for enlarging the number of that most precious possession in the world—one's friends.

EDNA MARION PLACE,
South Bend Alumnae Association.

"BY THEIR FRUITS YE SHALL KNOW THEM"

It is not only to the alumnae of the present that I address this article, but even more especially to the active Kappas, the alumnae of the future; for it is to them that Kappa looks for the fulfillment of those things in which we older ones have failed or only partially succeeded.

I think we are all conscious of the spirit of social responsibility that is dominating the world of today; the feeling that we are concerned with more than our own individual pleasures and welfare. Each of us is responsible, in some measure, for the destiny of the whole race; we must shape our thoughts, our efforts, our lives toward bettering the conditions of our fellow beings. We must work, we must progress, not only as individuals but as associations, as institutions, as communities, as nations, as a race. That is the spirit of today, and it is growing rapidly in intensity.

Now, I ask you, as Kappas, what are we doing to hold our place in this world of social endeavor? Are we justifying Kappa ideals in the light of this new spirit? Are we doing more than cling together in a purely selfish association for pleasure?

Kappas, do you know that there is a surprising number of alumnae of all ages who have no time to give to Kappa; who are too busy with other things to join forces with the alumnae associations? Kappa is relegated to the self of childish things; a happy memory, perhaps, but not worth the serious consideration of mature minds.

But, if it be true that Kappa is not worth while when the college days are over, then surely it cannot have been worth so very much when we were in college; and we all know that it was worth a great deal.

And it is the alumnae who must justify Kappa's worth and even her right to exist; who must show to the world the result of Kappa's inspiration and ideals; must make Kappa's influence count. And many of the associations are doing these things. Every individual Kappa, however, must do her share that the name of Kappa may be honored and its meaning revealed.

Let each active girl carry out into the world a determination to express the ideals of the Kappa that she loves, and let each alumna strive that the fruits of our Kappa love may be an everlasting activity in the world of service, a desire to give ourselves to the advancement of knowledge and the spirit of Universal Love.

CLARA WILLIAMS SMITH, *Upsilon*,
Kansas City Alumnae Association.

JUSTIFICATIONS

When a Kappa stops to look back at her active fraternity life through the vista of years out of college, she realizes that the distance has given her a somewhat different perspective and that the old views do not look quite the same. By some magic of time, things which in that long ago seemed so important seem now so little, and others have become so wonderfully magnified.

Forever the "girl view" and the "mother view" of life must differ, and only in a sympathetic comparison of concepts can the breath and depths of truth be reached; so perhaps it is sometimes well for active Kappas to hear and consider a message from the alumnae whose point of view is a little different, but to whom the little golden key is still just as dear.

Today from the alumnae point of view, one great fact is clearly defined against the background of many fraternity problems—one fact which it is of paramount importance for Kappas to face—the fraternity idea is on probation in the college world, and that its justification must come through conclusive proof of the moral, intellectual and social usefulness it serves in the community.

As one of the largest women's fraternities in the country, a great burden of this proof rests with Kappa Kappa Gamma, and in assuming the responsibility and privilege of the burden there are two points which must not be overlooked or underestimated in value.

First—the necessity of Kappas in all active chapters sustaining broad general interests in "out of fraternity" matters. The progressive broadmindedness of Kappas toward world interests, national interests, and college interests should bear witness everywhere that Kappa Kappa Gamma represents an organized body of intelligent young womanhood united in the determination to stand in the front ranks of progressive thought and action in every line. There are so many philanthropies everywhere waiting for women's helping hands. In all these activities there is a place for Kappas: There is work for Kappas in the world's work—near home. Would it not be more democratic and a bit more wise for us to urge upon our active chapter an expenditure of energy in these needed broad fields, where others outside of the fraternity are working too, rather than to center the fraternity's activity in one Kappa philanthropic enterprise?

And the second point toward which Kappas must look in proving fraternity worthiness is to the great importance that lies in the chapters keeping up high standards of scholarship. It is absolutely necessary, if fraternities expect to live in the college world, honored and unassailed, that they be active in holding up standards of first class scholarship among their members. In chapter bidding, if it were known that Kappa Kappa Gamma stood only for high scholarship, we should have taken another long step toward our justification.

College is, in the first place, an intellectual center, and intellect has little to do with mobs. It puts its premium upon individualism. And so each chapter's aim should be a chapter of personalities—not to have the longest chapter roll but the most honor-

able names. Let it be said everywhere—Kappa Kappa Gamma is, next to the honorary fraternities, the hardest to make—it has the most wide-awake, capable, progressive women of the college—the women who stand for the things that really count.

JOSEPHINE REED HOPWOOD, *Beta Alpha,*
Philadelphia Alumnae Association.

FOR FRATERNITIES

An alumna of some ten years standing finds it difficult to turn back the hands of the dial and write once more "an article for THE KEY." The stock subjects—Rushing, Our Relations to the Nonfraternity Women, The Alumnae, Scholarship, etc., seem ever new to the enthusiastic young freshman, and her mind teems with original thoughts which she longs to impart to the waiting world; but for the alumna—fourteen years of reading THE KEY have proved her undoing.

Enthusiasm? Originality? Alas, "Where are the snows of yesteryear?" An alumna is prone to self-questioning, and—death to enthusiasm—to doubts as to whether fraternities are really worth while, or whether they are "much ado about nothing." But after due deliberation and much sifting of wheat from chaff, we reach our verdict and render our decision for the defendant.

Fraternities supply an actual need, a keenly felt craving for companionship. Man—and also woman—is a gregarious animal, not happy when alone, and loving company of his fellows. The various clubs—whose names are legion and whose activities are manifold—the fraternal orders, the organized social activities of church groups and school groups, bear witness to the power of this trait.

In the colleges and universities where national fraternities do not exist, man's social instincts lead to the formation of clubs and of local fraternities. These organizations satisfy the cravings of the social spirit and so justify their existence. But, if the same attention were directed to these organizations as to the national fraternities, it would be found that they are fully as "snobbish and undemocratic" as any fraternity of them all. On the other hand, these local clubs lack the virtues which membership in a national organization brings even to its weakest chapter. The national fraternity upholds a high ideal, its local chapters

are under the close supervision of an impartial governing body outside of the local organization, its members receive inspiration and stimulus from conventions where all sections of the country are represented, and last of all the members of a national fraternity receive constant incentives toward better scholarship, better and nobler living.

So much for the active chapter of a national fraternity; now for the alumnae association. Of all clubs surely the alumnae club is the most democratic. The woman of wealth and leisure, the busy housekeeper, the suffragist, the social worker, the teacher, the business woman meet here on common ground and discuss common interests. The likenesses, the differences, the common interests, the varied interests, make the alumnae association unique and give to each member a broader, saner, more sympathetic point of view.

Would you give this up, alumna sister? And as of old, the answer comes, "No, not I."

GRACE PARKER, *Epsilon*,
Bloomington, Illinois, Association.

THE INDIANAPOLIS PANHELLENIC ASSOCIATION

The Indianapolis Panhellenic Association, which is in its second year, was organized according to the plan of the National Congress, and has representatives from sixteen of the eighteen fraternities recognized by that body. Of the five hundred or more fraternity women in Indianapolis, Kappa Kappa Gamma claims one hundred and fifty, and Kappa Alpha Theta, one hundred. This has no bearing on the work of the Panhellenic, however, since the unit plan of representation was adopted and the lone representative of her fraternity, if she have a degree, can be as vital a force as if she had a hundred back of her. A broad fraternal spirit has characterized this organization from the first. All recognize it as a universal fraternity for which our individual fraternities prepared the appreciation.

Last year much time was spent in perfecting the organization, in educating the Greek world, and in laying the foundation for some constructive work toward a scholarship. We were fortunate in having Mrs. Parmelee, Delta Delta Delta, as our guest for a tea which was our first general meeting. We caught the

contagion of her enthusiasm and responded to her suggestion to study the problems of our nearest local Panhellenics and strive to help them. At a luncheon later in the year we had an address from Miss Helen Bennett who explained her work as manager of the Collegiate Bureau of Occupations. She was interested to find by vote that of the hundred and more women present, about fifteen were self-supporting and only three of the fifteen had occupations other than teaching. Since five of the seven members of the executive committee were teachers, this point was appreciated.

This year a definite program is being carried out in laying a foundation for a scholarship fund. A moving picture house was leased one night and almost a hundred dollars was realized. Many people were glad to patronize such a cause. A chain of fraternity teas is to be inaugurated the first of the new year, by the executive committee. Then each member of that committee will entertain ten (from at least three different fraternities), who will in turn be hostesses to another ten.

The Panhellenic has been fortunate in the personnel of the leaders who have organized and are working out the plans. Mrs. C. A. Harris, president of the Panhellenic this year, is the president of the Indianapolis Alumnae Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma and is the Kappa alumna member of the local Panhellenic Association of Butler College. Last year's president was Miss Hope Davis, at that time grand vice-president of Kappa Alpha Theta, and since made grand president. Miss Martha Railsback, who is a grand officer of her fraternity, Delta Zeta, is treasurer of the Panhellenic. Miss Railsback was a delegate to the National Panhellenic Congress from Delta Zeta, but besides writing her impressions of that meeting for *Banta's Greek Exchange* she gave us a splendid account of its proceedings. With these and other women more or less prominent in their respective fraternities, we will not lack in leadership and executive control.

ADELAIDE SMITH,

Indianapolis, Alumnae Association.

BETA IOTA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Wood (Elizabeth Cadwalader, 1911) on October 24, whose name is John Henry Wood, Jr.

At a luncheon given at her home in West Chester, Pennsylvania, the last part of October, Martha Sharpless, 1913, announced her engagement to Henry Lawrence Hess, Delta Upsilon, Swarthmore, 1911. They are to be married in April and will live in Baltimore, Maryland.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hunt (Edith Baker, 1911) in October, a daughter named Elizabeth Anne.

Sarah Sheppard, 1915, is teaching at Rockaway, New Jersey.

BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Sidell (Mary Marquis), a son.

Many of our alumnae members are spending the holidays in Bloomington. Nellie Parritt Shreve of Huntsville, Alabama, Elizabeth Roe Thode of Burlington, Iowa, Elizabeth McClure Bicket of Chicago, Carrie Atkinson Ainsworth of Mason City, Ethel Tryner McCurdy of Chicago and Mary Marquis Sidell of Joliet, Illinois are among the number.

Miss Charlotte Probasco has just returned from an extended visit in New York and Philadelphia.

Miss Hilda Buescher who is teacher of German in the Chicago Heights High School, spent the vacation with her parents in Bloomington.

AGNES GRACE LOWDON.

KANSAS CITY ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Mae Kelly, Omega, was married in October to Edward Morris, Sigma Chi.

Ruth Walker, Omega, will marry Mr. Harold Woodbury, Sigma Chi, November 10.

Another wedding in Kansas City this month will be that of Miss Ida Simmons, Upsilon, to Dr. Ferris, former pastor of the Independence Avenue Methodist Church of this city.

In October a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Grover (Helen Weber, Theta).

Hazel Clark is teaching school in Lawton, Oklahoma.

In addition to the annual contribution of fifty dollars to the Kappa scholarship fund, the Kansas City Alumnae Association will contribute toward a fund in connection with one of the high schools in the city, which fund will be used to enable girls to complete their high school education who would otherwise be unable to do so.

This association is also working with the local Panhellenic in aiding to equip an outdoor room in one of the grammar schools where delicate and tubercular children may receive their schooling. Our part was to give the dishes.

CLARA WILLIAMS SMITH.

SEATTLE CLUB

The first meeting of our Kappa social year was a Fox Trot Frolic given at the home of Doris and Lois Bronson. The Dinner on the Zone held at Mrs. F. W. Hurlburt's was quite "Zone-like" with all its carnival appointments and gayly costumed guests. Our December meeting at Leila Parker's was devoted to Christmas sewing.

The engagement of Alberta Cram, ex-'14, to Mr. Magnus Crawford of this city was recently announced.

Doris Bronson's engagement to Crawford Morrell, Kappa Sigma, Michigan, was made known at the Senior Luncheon in June.

The engagement of Margaret Corey, '11, and Dr. Donald Trueblood, Johns Hopkins, has also been announced.

Mrs. Thomas Mesdag (Marion Blethen) has a son, born in October.

Mrs. Cecil Dexter (Jessie Campbell) has a son, born in November.

Mrs. Russel Wayland (Fanchon Bories) of Juneau, Alaska, has been visiting friends in Seattle during the last two months.

HAZEL F. RANDOLPH.

COLUMBUS ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Darrow Sage (Eliza Barcus) of Orange, N. J., was the guest of Columbus relatives during December.

Mr. and Mrs. Meyer H. Stanley (Marie Stanley) of Dayton announce the birth of a daughter, who is to be christened Sara Jane.

The engagement of Miss Augusta Menefee to Mr. Hugh Huntington of Columbus is announced. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie M. Wells (Ona Menefee) of Upper Sandusky spent the holidays at the Menefee home.

Miss Florence Welling is studying music in New York this winter.

Announcement was made last week of the engagement of Miss Marie Fahl to Mr. Jacob A. Shawan, Jr., of Columbus.

MABEL BALDWIN.

PHILADELPHIA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Born to Mrs. Evelyn Miles Keller, a daughter, in July; and in November, a son was born to Mrs. Hildegard Rodman Campbell.

Our annual luncheon was held on Saturday, December 11.

BETA XI ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

The active chapter entertained the Austin Alumnae and visiting Kappas with a tea November 28.

Madie Dealey, Lucile Baby, Maydelle Campbell, Mrs. C. V. Dilly, Grace Prather, Pauline Thornton, Ruth Potts, Mrs. Bowie Duncan, and Mrs. Hal Thompson enjoyed the Thanksgiving festivities at Austin.

The regular monthly meeting of the Austin Alumnae in November, was held with Mrs. John La Puelle, as hostess.

Mrs. N. M. Crain (Beryl Rathbone) was the guest of her mother at the Kappa house in November.

Among the Kappas who enjoyed the A. and M.-Texas game at College Station were Margaret Clarkson, Ruth Potts, Mrs. John La Prelle, Mrs. Bowie Duncan, Mrs. F. T. Baldwin, Mrs. Walter Montieth, Mrs. Albert Stone, and Katherine Searcy.

The Houston Alumnae meet the third Tuesday in every month. The November meeting was held with Mrs. C. S. Preston, the December meeting with Mrs. Wallace Kelley.

Helen Putnam is principal of Park Place School.

Sarah Roach, B O, is a senior at Rice Institute.

Mrs. Wallace Kelly has been visiting in Lexington, Ky.

Mrs. R. G. Caldwell and Mrs. H. B. Weiser, the Kappa brides, were among the honorees of a large reception given by Mrs. Edgar C. Lovett.

Mrs. Vera Peck Willis is a special reporter for the *Chronicle*.

The Palestine Alumnae meet monthly for luncheon at the Redlands Hotel.

Mrs. George Newell was a recent visitor in Palestine.

Mrs. Herbert Shephard was the guest of Mrs. Herbert Smith in November. Fanny Campbell entertained with a luncheon in her honor.

Mrs. G. W. Burkitt, Jr., has become a member of the Palestine Association.

KATHERINE A. SEARCY.

THE CINCINNATI ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

The last meeting of the Association was held at the home of Miss Ethel Innes. Our newly elected president is Mrs. Carroll Beck. The plans of the executive board were submitted and discussed. Because of the newness of the Kappa world to most of the members, it was decided to make a study of the history of the fraternity, its constitution and by-laws; some one member to lead the discussion at each meeting.

After the business meeting, Mrs. Carroll Beck, Miss Gertrude Avey, Miss Ethel Innes and Miss Lottie Wiedemar, who had traveled through the West, told us of their delightful experiences of seeing the "Golden Key" so far from home and of being so cordially welcomed by its wearers.

We miss two of our very earnest workers, Miss Emma Eger, who is spending the winter in Panama and Miss Bertha Baehr, who has accepted a position as teacher of history and Latin in the Mt. Sterling High School; but we gladly welcome Miss Margaret Moore of Beta Gamma, who expects to be with us this winter.

We wish to announce that every Saturday, between one and two o'clock, all Kappas are invited to meet at the Shillito Lunchroom.

ELIZABETH LINNARD.

OMAHA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

On October 30 the association held its first meeting of the year at the home of Alice Duval. This was a business meeting at which time Mrs. George Tunison was elected president and Miss Lucy Harte, secretary-treasurer. We have decided to become a chartered Alumnae Association with a membership of about forty from Omaha and Council Bluffs, meeting at the homes of members on the last Saturday of each month. We met the Saturday after Thanksgiving with Miss Harte to hem and mark table linen as a Christmas gift to the active chapter at Lincoln.

A resolution of condolence was extended to Mrs. Clifford Calkins (Helen Sholes) on the recent death of her father.

Helen Thomas, '14, Helen Sorenson, '14, and Ruth McDonald, '13, have returned from a summer on the Pacific Coast visiting school friends. They also attended the Kappa Day at the exposition. Miss McDonald was delegate from the Omaha branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae to the biennial convention at San Francisco.

Miss Lucy Harte has returned from an extended visit with her brother in Canada and is now teaching domestic science in the Dundee school.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Davis (Nan Cunningham) have returned to Omaha to live after an absence of two years.

Miss Otis Hassler was married to George Tunison, Delta Upsilon, in August. They will make their home in Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hopewell (Ola Belle Hervey) of Tekamah, Neb., are spending the week in Omaha as the guests of her parents.

Miss Helen Thomas is head of the department of sewing in the Council Bluffs schools.

Miss Agnes Russell, '13, is giving private lessons in German.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clark (Ruth Baker) of Mosier, Ore., are spending the winter here with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brainard (Edna Baker).

WESTERN NEW YORK ASSOCIATION

During Thanksgiving week Christina Thorpe, Florence Sayer, Marguerite McFarlane, Helen Sherwood and Eloise Green, all alumnae of Beta Tau, were in the city for the State Teachers' Convention.

Rita Parker, Dorothy Boggs and Helen Comstock from Beta Tau attended the Student Volunteer Convention held in this city in December.

CHERRIE SUTTON.

INDIANAPOLIS ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Roberts (Edna Carroll, Iota), have moved to this city from Knightstown, Ind., and live at 2249 N. Delaware Street.

The marriage of Miss Helen Davis, Delta, to Mr. Neal Smith of New York City, is announced to take place in February.

We can now give the addresses of two of the fall brides, Mrs. Wm. H. Remy (Isabel Hughes, Iowa), 1713 N. New Jersey Street and Mrs. Robert Gilliland (Winona Montgomery, Iowa), 726 E. 23rd Street.

Miss Isabel Kimple, Delta, with her mother, has recently moved to the Winter Apartments. She took a prominent part in the Old Melodies Concert, a Christmas benefit program, given by the choirs of the city.

Mrs. Frank Coombs (Ethel Campbell, Iowa), of Lebanon, Ind., who is vice-president of our association, has been seriously ill, but is improving slowly.

Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Avery (Florence Coombs, Iowa), are the proud parents of Franklin Bruce Avery, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Pulliam have moved to Franklin, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cannon (Etell Ham, Iowa), have announced the birth of their second child, George Cannon, Jr.

Mrs. C. A. Harris, Delta, who is president of our Alumnae Association, has been chosen president of the City Panhellenic.

ADELAIDE SMITH.

DENVER ASSOCIATION

Our Denver Alumnae Association had the pleasure of entertaining Mrs. Minnie Royce Walker at a tea this fall, when she was en route from San Francisco to New York.

On December 4, our monthly luncheon was held with Mrs. N. K. McClees, Mrs. Garwood and Mrs. Argall assisting.

We inaugurated our new plan for raising money for the Scholarship Fund. Each member of the association having a birthday during the month brought as many pennies as she was years old; and also some articles to be auctioned off at the luncheon, for the benefit of the Fund. It is hoped that this novel method of raising money within our own ranks, will be successful in adding to our \$50 pledge for the Scholarship Fund. Our luncheons are well attended—between thirty and thirty-five being present each month. We have reduced our dues to \$1.50 a year—which includes our Panhellenic dues (fifty cents a year) and we expect to have a larger membership than ever before.

At Christmas we sent baskets of food, fruit and gifts to ten or twelve old ladies.

On December 31, at the home of Miss Katherine Morley we entertained the active Beta Mu chapter. Misses Nelson, Musses, Potter and Malone (all Beta Mu girls) will assist Miss Morley as hostesses.

A Happy New Year to all Kappas.

LOUISE BALARD MORE.

MU ALUMNAE CLUB

On December 4, the Mu Alumnae Club entertained the active girls and their pledges with a Christmas spread at the home of Miss Clara

Nelson. During the evening, the guests were entertained with readings by Miss Verde Bishop of Palastine, Ill., a guest of Miss Irma Brayton, and songs by little Mary Ann Huggins. Mrs. Edna Trueblood Hadley of Washington State came to spend the holidays with her parents in Indianapolis.

On December 18, the Indianapolis Kappa Club held its regular Christmas party with Mrs. Ellis Hunter in her new home in North Delaware Street.

That same evening, the active chapter gave a dance at the Turnverein, which was largely attended by both actives and alumnae.

Our vice-president, Mrs. Charles C. Harris, was elected president of the Indianapolis Panhellenic. Mrs. Harris is also president of the Indianapolis Kappa Club.

Miss Ruth Allerdice and Miss Elizabeth Brayton, who are taking an agricultural course in Chicago University, spent the holidays with their parents in Indianapolis.

Miss Ruth Henderson was home during the Christmas holidays, also Mrs. Arthur Johnson (May Brayton) of Chattanooga, Tenn., visited relatives and friends here.

Miss Clara Nelson was the house guest of Miss Mary Cravens in New York City during the holiday season. We expect to hear something about the Convention next summer on her return home.

Miss Mabel Felt, who took her Y. W. C. A. training at Detroit, has been appointed Department Store Secretary for the Indianapolis territory. We are glad to have her back in the city, as we hope she will be able to find time to attend most of our meetings.

Miss Pearl Forsythe is progressing nicely after a very serious and complicated operation. We hope for her speedy recovery.

EDITH L. HUGGINS.

PORTLAND ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Florence Nowland Davidson of Beta Delta poured at our recent tea in honor of our Beta Omega sisters who came home for vacation.

Mrs. Robert Tucker, Lambda, has recently returned from a visit to her son in New York.

Mary Becktel Patrick, Omega, visited her Kansas home this summer.

Marie Williams of Omega is teaching domestic science here in the Washington High School.

Irene Hazard Gerlinger, Pi, is fast becoming the leading woman in the state along educational lines.

This summer we were fortunate enough to have Mrs. Leaphart with us, but for only one little luncheon. We are eagerly anticipating her next visit.

Edith Holloway, Delta, is teaching in the Jefferson High School of this city.

Edna Converse of Pi chapter is in the Newberg High School.

Zola Green Jeffers, Epsilon, is a recent addition to our numbers. Her attractive sister, Mary Green, also of Epsilon, visited her this summer.

Mary Des Brisay of Beta Mu spent the vacation with her sister, Helen Des Brisay Jones, who is also a Colorado Kappa. Her stay was too short to suit us.

Genevieve Cooper is attending the Oregon Normal at Monmouth.

Marguerite Rohse, Olga Poulsen, Loretta Showers and Ethel Loucks are teaching in Portland.

Neta Bartlett Haslop and Florence Avery Rice are both in Pendleton.

Marjorie Cogswell has become the wife of Tom Donaca, a Phi Delta of Oregon.

Jennie Lilly, our local alumnae president, is now Mrs. Carl B. Neal.

Ruth Hardie is teaching in the Grants Pass High School.

Little Alice Louise has gladdened the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leigh M. Huggins (Alice Larsen).

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Goodrich Williams (Clementine Cutler) have a small daughter who has been named Florence Ellen.

Helen Holbrook Conklin and Frances Young are in Eugene.

Hazel Wightman has announced her engagement to Mr. Harry Bastion of this city.

Carolyn Dunston Kerr has gone to San Diego to be near her husband, who is a lieutenant in the navy.

Fairy Leach Miller is living in Newberg.

Gladys Cartwright is teaching at Dallas.

Edith Slusser Gulick entertained Kappa last month at her residence in Alameda Park.

Lilla Irvin Leach is moving into her attractive new bungalow.

OLIVE DONNELL VINTON.

SAINT LOUIS ASSOCIATION

Sara Pauline Bundy, our new Upsilon member, became Mrs. Charles Wham on November 27, and will continue to live in Centralia, Ill.

Mrs. Paul Simmons (Anna Mary Mills, Theta), is now living in St. Louis and was present at our November luncheon.

Mrs. Robert Gardner Miller (Anne Stratton, Beta Xi), who has been ill, is now able to be up again.

Mrs. Theodore Westermann (May C. Whiting, Sigma), founder, and for years a devoted officer, of the association, writes us interestingly from her new home, 31 Kraft Avenue, Bronxville, N. Y.

On December 4, one hundred thirty-three Greek women attended the first annual luncheon of the Panhellenic Association of St. Louis. Miss Lillian Russell, who chanced to take luncheon in the same building, gave a clever impromptu talk. There were two brief talks on present day fraternity affairs, and a most pleasing description by Mrs. Jessie L. Gaynor, Pi Beta Phi, of the composition of some of her famous songs. Her daughter, Miss Rose Gaynor, won our hearts when she sang several of the songs whose story we had just heard.

MINNESOTA ALUMNAE CLUB

Our new chapter house will be finished in February.

Our fair was a great success. We cleared \$852 which will help to furnish our new home.

At the alumnae meeting held at Mrs. Arnold's, Mrs. William Case, Beta Tau, gave a number of songs which were greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Case will soon move to Toronto.

Three of our alumnae, Helen Billau, Margaret Miles and Margery Roe are living in New York City keeping house together. They are studying art, library work and philanthropy. Miss Billau has been elected president of the Studio Club, which is a great honor. Mercy Bowen of St. Paul will join them the first of the year as she is going to New York to study photography.

Ellen Hastings and Leslie D. Bailey were married October 5, at Elk River and are now living at Rochester, Minn. Claire Ferguson and Roy Bergstrorssen were married in November and are now living in Pipestone, Minn.

Margaret Greer and Mildred McEnnery are in charge of the library at Central High School. Esther Davis is teaching in Alexandria, Minn. Helen Day teaches in Blake Junior School. Grace Stellwagon has been appointed secretary to the manager of the Associated Charities. Claudia Gowen is teaching in Duluth. Dorothy Shearer is doing kindergarten work at Harriet School. Alice Anderson is studying at the Y. W. C. A. National Training School in New York City.

I want to introduce three little Kappas: A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Kiehle (Claire Cross). A girl of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gaynor (Janette Lynch). A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cobb (Helen Robertson).

Helen Billau is at the School of Applied Design for Women, New York City, and has just been elected president of the Studio Club and lives at the same address—35 East 62nd Street.

Alice Anderson is at the National Training School of the Young Women's Christian Association in New York.

Mary Miles is studying library work and living at the Ely Club.

Marjorie Rowe is studying secretaryship and living at the same address.

Katherine Everts has just gone to New York to give a two weeks' course of lectures at Columbia. She then returns to Berkeley to take charge of a festival to be given by the University of California, where she has been for the last five months, teaching in the university.

AUGUSTA P. GILLETTE.

SIGMA ALUMNÆ

Louise Pound, Sigma, with Miss C. B. Neely of Chicago as partner, won the Central Western tennis championship in women's doubles at Kansas City in June, 1915, and the Western championship in women's doubles at Lake Forest (The Onwentsia Club) in August, 1915.

Miss Neely and Miss Pound also won the women's doubles at the Chicago Beach Hotel invitation tournament in July, and with Mr. W. T. Hayes as partner, Miss Pound won the mixed doubles.

EXCHANGES

Kindly send exchange magazines to Miss Eva Powell, 2703 Dwight Way, Berkeley, Cal.; Mrs. Howard B. Mullin, 175 West 94th St., New York, N. Y.; Miss Rose Affolter, Riverside, Cal.

We acknowledge receipt of

September—*Banta's Greek Exchange*.

October—*Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi.

November—*Eleusis* of Chi Omega, *Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega, *Aglaia* of Phi Mu, *Kappa Alpha Theta*, *To Dragma* of Alpha Omicron Pi, *Anchora* of Delta Gamma, *Sigma Kappa Triangle*, *Angelos*, of Kappa Delta, *Phi Gamma Delta*, *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma, *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta, *Trident* of Delta Delta Delta.

December—*Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi, *Phi Gamma Delta*, *Phi Chi Quarterly*.

You all who do not have the privilege of nosing your way through twenty (average) chapter letters multiplied by about a dozen (magazines) may not experience the thrill of internal applause with which we were stirred on reading "An Analysis of the Chapter Letter" in the *Garnet and White*, extracts of which article we are about to append. Though written to, for, about and at the "Brothers" it applies so aptly to the "Sisters" as well. May each chapter correspondent read it and consider it more or less personal.

The chapter letter is the editor's staple and the editor's tribulation. No matter what other elements go to make up the fraternity magazine, no matter though college presidents may write able articles on education, or national officers expound the fraternity's principles out of the depth of their experience and wisdom; this, after all, is but contingent; and the fixed quantity (and what a quantity of it there is!) is always the information, indifferently spelled and badly worded, that "Ham" Jones attended the pink tea on the 24th inst. given by "Zip" Johnson's sisters; that there were lots of eats; that the chapter has planned *thé dansant* to be given in honor of these and other chapter peaches on the fourth of next month, and issues a cordial invitation to all brothers to be present; etc., etc. The letter always beginning with the mystic words "We have just completed the first term of the most prosperous year in our history, and have added to the roll of the chapter the five best men in the entering class"; and ending with the formula "We extend to all the sister

chapters a cordial greeting, and would like them to come and see us in our house."

The National Editor is paid according to the number of feet of blue pencil he can use in a year. And although the salary thus earned is not available for pocket money, but goes into the treasury of the publication, it is real money for all that. A page of *The Garnet and White*, for instance, costs about two dollars; and six inches of blue pencil costs five cents. That five cents worth of pencil will do to line out six hundred and fifty-seven pages of matter beginning "The beautiful spring weather has nearly gone, but it is always spring in the hopes of the chapter to make this year the most successful," etc. (extract from a late chapter letter. N. B. It was extracted before publication).

Let us have some rules for omission which may suggest others. Cut out information which is common to all chapters and to all years, and hence is wearisome; as for instance, "Examinations have occupied the attention of our brothers for two weeks"; "The brothers have returned from the Christmas holidays, which were crowded with enjoyable incidents and scenes," etc. . . . "Winter has come again, and the ground is covered with a cloak of dazzling whiteness. . ." Such stuff is easy to write and hard to read. The item "We are eagerly looking out for new material, and are hoping before the end of the term to increase our numbers and our chapter strength" is also overworked. The item "The recorder is waiting anxiously for dinner, and intends shortly after to enjoy a brief period of refreshing sleep" has not yet appeared, but no doubt will have its turn in the eternal flux of word combinations apparently uninfluenced by any directing mind.

Lots of words may be saved in describing the future, which is notoriously uncertain. Cut out forecasts of the great things your new men are going to be and do. We'll believe it when we see it. Like Kipling's "Banderlog" in *The Jungle Book*, a chapter can easily work itself up into a high state of self-satisfaction and stagnation by reciting on every possible occasion all the wonderful deeds they are going to do.

When you have written your letter, it is a good thing to get some brother to typewrite it neatly on 8½ by 11 paper, omitting as he does so the first and last sentences (list of visitors excepted). The Editor will probably do this latter anyway, unless you have got right down to your information at the beginning, and left off as soon as you are through, taking good wishes to other chapters and offers of hospitality for granted.

Don't think you are the only fraternity on the campus. You may be the best. But if any other fraternity has moved into a new house, or achieved some special distinction, or won, as, you hope to do next year, four out of five of all Phi Beta Kappa keys, or had a bad fire, or entertained the President of the United States, don't be bashful about sounding their praises. Some day they may sound yours.

If the Greek Press would dwell more upon the sacredness of the element of secrecy, and less upon its mysteriousness, it would go far to

remove misconceptions from the mind of those to whom *omne ignotum est pro magnifico*. Meanwhile it would be well for the societies represented, in the Interfraternity Conference to assure all who have misgivings, that the secrecy of fraternity conceals in not one case, matters obnoxious to morals or good citizenship, or ulterior plans or purposes hostile to the well-being of the individual or of the colleges of which all good fraternity men are loyal sons.—*Garnet and White*.

COLLEGE AND THE FRATERNITY

You who have read Mr. Pope will remember he said that the reason that man had not a microscopic eye was very simple—man was not a fly.

Now the fraternity must not assume the eye of the fly—for our legislators have already begun to cry "Swat the fly." We must retain a man's vision with our man's organ. We must neither magnify nor reduce—that is the province of the microscope. Again, Arnold urges us to see life clearly and to see it whole. And the problem of fraternity life is to see fraternity life clearly and to see it in its proper proportion to all life.

Life is the greatest, college life is less, and fraternity life still less. The whole is greater than any of its parts and the fraternity life is a part of college life—a glorious part, a fine part, but nevertheless a *part*.—*Aglaia* of Phi Mu.

The following is a sort of bird's-eye view of the various fraternities mentioned. From the Phi Mu *Aglaia*.

WHAT OTHER FRATERNITIES HAVE DONE

The following facts about our sister fraternities, as presented in their reports to the Panhellenic Congress, are of general interest.

Pi Beta Phi allows no girl with conditions to hold a chapter office, or to represent her chapter at convention.

Kappa Alpha Theta has put a ban on the use of the word sorority, as being philologically absurd, and has substituted the more dignified and significant word fraternity in its stead. This fraternity is now a sustaining member of the peace party.

Kappa Kappa Gamma stresses a fuller use of province presidents. It is their plan, in the two years that elapse between conventions, to have the province presidents do the chapter visiting the first year, and the grand council officers the second. They report that this plan has been most successful.

Gamma Phi Beta emphasizes social work.

Alpha Xi Delta held an open meeting at convention, with special stress on Panhellenic matters. They demand a twelve-hour credit for initiation.

Alpha Chi Omega has completely revised its membership requirements by dropping all music qualifications. They are planning a new edition of the fraternity history.

Delta Delta Delta has simplified its constitution and made it public. They are planning a new catalogue, and a second edition of the fraternity history.

Chi Omega believes that rushing is an incident to all organized social life, and stresses choice and not competition in the gaining of members. Their alumnae chapters are now identified with city federations of women's clubs, and they are considering joining the national federation as an organization.

Sigma Kappa emphasizes the relation of the fraternity to the college by taking part in all college improvements, and by offering scholarships.

Zeta Tau Alpha has triennial conventions now.

Alpha Delta Pi has instituted a scholarship fund as a memorial to its founders.

Delta Zeta has adopted the big sister idea.

Kappa Delta has revised its directory and published a songbook, and now offers scholarship cups to all chapters making a general average of ninety and over.

It is interesting to know the purpose better stated as ideals of the Peace Party of which Kappa Alpha Theta has become a member.

PLATFORM

THE PURPOSE of this organization is to enlist all American women in arousing the nations to respect the sacredness of human life and to abolish war. The following is adopted as our platform:

1. The immediate calling of a convention of neutral nations in the interest of early peace.
2. Limitation of armaments and the nationalization of their manufacture.
3. Organized opposition to militarism in our own country.
4. Education of youth in the ideals of peace.
5. Democratic control of foreign policies.
6. The further humanizing of governments by the extension of the franchise to women.
7. "Concert of Nations" to supersede "Balance of Power."
8. Action toward the gradual organization of the world to substitute Law for War.
9. The substitution of an international police for rival armies and navies.
10. Removal of the economic causes of war.
11. The appointment by our Government of a commission of men and women with an adequate appropriation, to promote international peace.—
Kappa Alpha Theta.

Other items from this magazine showing the fraternity's earnestness of purpose and lofty ideals are these:

The Scholarship Fund we still have with us. When the committee reported that twelve girls had, through the assistance of this fund, received their degrees in June, there was great enthusiasm. Under new convention legislation, some \$7,000 is available for these loans in 1915-16. The stunt-party and the *Thé dansant* were contributors to the fund; while the cook books of California dishes proved popular souvenirs, too. These books are still to be had and indeed are eager to help you cook delightful dishes in return for a modest addition to the Scholarship Fund. Christmas is coming.

One message repeats itself over and over in our minds as we read of this rushing season, of this list of pledges. It is of the utmost importance that chapters consider for membership only those girls who at least hope to continue their college courses to graduation. Answer that question as qualification before voting on a proposed new member, and vote in *no one* who is not in college for a full course. If, because of hasty pledging forced as it is by Panhellenic or college conditions in many places, you have pledges who are not expecting to stay in college for a degree, let them remain pledges until they change their minds, or until the pledge expires by statutory limitations. There is no place for such girls within the ranks of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Most everyone had a convention last summer out where the sun goes down and some of those allowed real, weighty business to interfere with the scores of alluring attractions, and in their solemn council came to many wise conclusions. We state briefly some questions considered and acted upon.

Kappa Delta presented scholarship cups to two chapters having an average of ninety per cent or over for 1914-15.

Created the office of supervisor of social work. Ordered that no girl who fails in any study can hold a chapter office until the failure is made up and no girl who fails in any study after her freshman year can represent the chapter at convention.

Sigma Kappa speaks best for herself in this short paragraph.

Perhaps two of the largest problems considered at our splendid, broad Convention were Extension and a National Philanthropy. By Extension I do not mean extension for our own selfish ends solely, but extension that others may feel the beauty and inspiration of our Sigma Kappa ideals and be helped to live a higher and better life because of that for which our little gold Triangle stands. To this end we have started an Extension Fund and with this, we shall expand until all shall sing with us "Hail, Sigma Kappa, Hail."

Alpha Chi Omega changed its musical requirement policy to allow the fraternity to enter any college or university of approved standing, authorized the beginning of a scholarship fund and made life subscriptions to *The Lyre* compulsory.

Kappa Alpha Theta had a wonderful time and passed the following resolution:

A resolution passed by convention. "Inasmuch as the word fraternity is derived from *fraternities*, an abstract feminine Latin noun, meaning brotherhood, applying to both men and women, and inasmuch as there is no corresponding Latin word for *soror* be it resolved that we avoid '*sorority*,' and incorrect word, and instruct freshmen to this effect."

Delta Gamma devoted much time to the question of expansion, Mr. George Banta, the only masculine Delta Gamma gave an interesting address on this topic.

The fraternity reports a scholarship fund of over \$4,000.

Delta Delta Delta established an endowment for a visiting delegate fund.

Wouldn't the idea of having to exhort people in college to study, to coax them with silver loving cups to study and even to threaten them with dire consequences if they don't study—wouldn't the idea make Abraham Lincoln, for instance, laugh?

UTILIZATION OF TIME—The average student should consider more carefully the true significance and value of scholarship. He should learn to make more out of his college and fraternity opportunities. Let him readjust his mental values and see if scholarship is not really the main business of his college career. There is time enough in college for everything—that is the glorious thing about college life. It is the only period in our whole existence when we have time enough for everything—time for study, for athletics, for mingling with our friends, for amusement, for reading, for society. Never again will most of us have the opportunity for all these things. Let the student, then, divide his time properly among these different factors of college life—let him divide his time in proportion to the value of each of these lines. In the great majority of cases, there are no excuses for scholarship deficiencies.—*Phi Gamma Delta*.

ON CHAPTER HOUSES

Nowadays, most chapters live in houses. These should be homes, properly supervised. A home is conducted upon the theory that ladies are always present. How many fraternity houses subject themselves to this test? Is the conduct of the members toward one another and the lan-

guage in constant use, even at the table, such as would be employed were your mother or sister present? If not, you are neglecting one of the simplest things that will go a long way toward making your chapter a power in your community. Americans are, peculiarly, believers in the "home life." If you agree with them, make your "home life" what it should be and see how soon you will occupy a higher position in the life of your college.—The *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi.

Our chapters should anticipate the dean and faculty in making the right kind of house rules—not waiting to have such rules forced upon them. They should provide the best environment for the development of each individual, in both scholarship and character. If the nervous, high-strung girl needs rest and quiet, she should have them; courtesy and unselfishness demand this. The atmosphere of a fraternity house should be that of a cultured home, where each member shows consideration for the opinions of others. Right here the question of the observance of the Sabbath should be brought to our attention. Personally, I feel that receptions, banquets and fraternity meetings are not in harmony with the spirit of the day. Should those who have been brought up to regard these things as a violation of their religious principles be forced to participate in such gatherings?

The fraternity house should also set a standard for housekeeping in the community. It is of vital importance to the health and happiness of its members, that they should be furnished wholesome nourishing food, and that the house should be kept in a neat sanitary manner.

Anchora of Delta Gamma.

Unless you can say something pleasant about a competing fraternity it is well not to say anything.—*Phi Chi Quarterly*.

Would that some genius would take the rush out of rushing. One chapter has had the rushing period shortened and complains of the increased strenuousness; another has had it extended and sends out the same wail. We are helpless!

The latest thing in fraternities is Phi Mu Sigma, a Sunday School fraternity. Explained in the *Greek Exchange*:

The fraternity has three aims: 1. To attract the young man to Sunday school class, hold him there, and eventually lead him into church membership. 2. To build up the young man in every way that God intended; physically, mentally and spiritually. 3. To form a closer union between the young men in the various Sunday schools. The Fraternity is interdenominational. Any Sunday school is entitled to a chapter. The minimum age limit is sixteen years, but there is no maximum limit. Many pastors and superintendents come in as charter members, others as sustaining members (the honorary degree).

The Eleusis for November is a social service number full of splendid articles and stories and showing the excellent work Chi Omega is doing in this field.

Kappa Sigma has launched a subscription campaign by which they hope to reach 8,000 alumni. Dividing the chapters into three classes, a prize of fifty dollars is offered to the chapter in each class making the largest increase in percentage of its alumni on the subscription list.

And speaking of subscriptions Alpha Delta Pi and Delta Delta Delta at their last conferences made life subscriptions compulsory. Pi Beta Phi and Phi Mu also have this ruling.

In giving a report of the Panhellenic Congress, *To Dragma*, among other items gives this.

The Committee on Secrecy reported that in every case there was a wish for the abatement of secrecy. Some few fraternities expressed their willingness to file their constitution and by-laws with the Secretaries of State in the states in which they have chapters. The majority wished to keep the ritual, motto, and signs secret. Four wished to keep all chapter business secret.

PANHELLENIC SURVEY

ROSE AFFOLTER

In reading an account in nearly every chapter letter that that chapter had secured the finest or grandest or loveliest or dearest pledges reminds us of the advice of Wallace Irwin to one aspiring to write: "Take a club, and kill all the adjectives."

Granting the superiority of all the pledges we find other topics of interest in the letters.

SIGMA KAPPA

BOSTON

On April 24, Delta girls went to the Dorchester Home for Incurables and entertained the patients with a musical and literary program. Dainty little programs tied with lavender ribbon and printed in violet ink announced the numbers. We closed by singing Sweetest Flower, and giving the Sigma Kappa yell, and that part of the program pleased our audience more than anything else.

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN

No social event could have been carried out more enjoyably than the Panhellenic breakfast given at the Country Club this spring. All of the sororities at Wesleyan and many others were well represented. The new Wesleyan Panhellenic Scholarship cup has been won this year by Kappa Delta. In order to own it, they must win it three years in succession. We Sigmas sincerely congratulate the Kappa Deltas, but, between ourselves, we know we are going to try to give them a hard fight for it next year.

ILLINOIS

Our self-government association is now an established one. We have twenty organized units outside the sororities which makes a total of thirty-one units. Each unit has a President or head. Once a week these units meet just like the sororities. The Presidents meet with Miss Kyle, the Dean of Women, and are advised by her.

DENVER UNIVERSITY

The evening of April 30 was High School night. At the request of the Chancellor, it was not a rushing stunt. All the sororities and fraternities joined with the rest of the school in welcoming our guests who came from Denver's five High Schools. The evening was a success in every way. One fact worthy of note is that the sororities agreed to wear no pins during the evening.

WASHINGTON

One of the last social events, if such it may be called, and the last song feast, was the Community Sing held on the steps of the Auditorium.

The whole University community was invited and they occupied seats in front of the building, while the students sat on the steps. The University band accompanied the singing, which was led by Dean Glen of the College of Fine Arts. A picture taken on this occasion was printed in one of the July numbers of *Leslie's* magazine.

DELTA GAMMA

We are planning a series of entertainments for our freshmen in the near future, but not until they have become properly acclimated to their college work. This we can not overlook, for after our splendid scholarship of last year we have a reputation and aim to live up to.

CALIFORNIA

This year Gamma has planned a formal reception for the Faculty of the University of California to take the place of the numerous faculty dinners we have always given during the semester.

TORONTO

When our last chapter letter was written we were looking forward to convocation and the house party. Convocation was especially interesting this year, in spite of the fact that the usual social functions were lacking—the long line of seniors in the traditional black cap and gown being broken here and there by the service khaki of the soldier members of the outgoing year. The most impressive point of the ceremony was reached when degrees were conferred *in absentia* on the two members of the class of 1915 who had fallen in battle.

College will seem even stranger this year than last, as so many more of the varsity men have left for the front after having received the commissions for which they had been qualifying so long in the Officers' Training Corps. We shall also feel the loss very keenly of ten of our professors who have already gone to the front. A number of varsity men have also obtained commissions in the Royal Flying Corps, as one of the largest aviation schools in the Empire is situated a few miles from Toronto.

KAPPA ALPHA THETA

NEBRASKA

Among the fourteen women's fraternities at Nebraska, Kappa Alpha Theta ranked second in scholarship, last semester—Kappa Kappa Gamma beating us by the very small margin, one-tenth of one per cent!

CORNELL

We made up our minds in the spring that we would change our tactics somewhat this fall. We had been a little too satisfied with ourselves as we were each year, to do our best work in adding new members, and had thought more about the impressions the freshmen were making upon us than of how we impressed them. So consequently it happened that several who had the making of good Thetas in them thought us rather aloof and reserved, and, though we flatter ourselves that they admired us ex-

tremely, nevertheless they joined other groups offering them greater welcome.

ALPHA CHI OMEGA

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

We are proud to announce this semester that Alpha Chi Omega stands first in scholarship among men's and women's fraternities in the University, with nine-tenths of her grades above B, and no failures.

COLORADO

The Big Sister Committee of the University has done a great deal of good, by helping the freshmen—their little sisters—to register, and find board and room, and get acquainted.

OHIO

An innovation in the field of intersorority functions occurred when Director St. John announced as one of the events of the Inter-mural Track meet last year, an intersorority relay race. Each sorority selected and bid the men whom they desired to represent them in the race and they wore the colors of their respective sororities. We gave boxes of candy as favors to our men. Alpha Phi won, with Phi Mu ranking third.

MISSOURI

Panhellenic dinners begin October the nineteenth. At these dinners each sorority entertains four representatives from another sorority.

Last year a plan was decided upon by which the freshmen of each sorority entertained all the freshmen of the other sororities.

KAPPA DELTA

NORTHWESTERN

The Woman's League has urged each girl in the University to earn one dollar before November 1 for this same building fund. The sororities have taken minimum pledges of \$300, payable in five years, and the literary societies have each promised \$100.

KENTUCKY

The annual Panhellenic Banquet for all sorority women of the University will be given at the Phoenix Hotel, October 18. At this banquet the Panhellenic Scholarship Cup will be presented to the sorority having the highest average for '14-'15. We won it for '13-'14, and will keep it permanently if we are the fortunate ones at the banquet. Here's hoping!



HOOTS



WHAT, O, WHAT IS A SLUMBER PARTY?

(From the Beta Alpha chapter letter: "Many a slumber party continued the fun until stern mothers interfered." *Philadelphia!*)

Xi: "We entertained the girls at a slumber party in South Hall."

Beta Theta: "On this evening there will be a Christmas spread and slumber party for the girls who live in town.")

What, O what, is a slumber party?
Somebody kindly tell.
I can't just see
What the thing can be,
But I think I'd like it well.

When do you give these slumber parties?
Morning, noon or night?
Is the first prize for
The snappiest snore
Or the mouth that shuts up tight?

O, of course! You call a slumber party
(How stupid I was before!)
A formal tea
Or a faculty spree
Or any old thing that's a bore.

No?—Aren't these your slumber parties?
O tell me, I'm dying to hear.
Come be a good scout,
Let the secret come out,
And tell why the Ma's interfere.

Dear Hoots:

I was touched by the little melodrama in the last KEY, entitled *And She was so Young*. I had to explain the joke to my roommate, but that is no slam on the joke, for the roommate is English. I resolved to send you something—here it is.

(By the way, I live on the coast and I am "majoring" in philosophy.)

A PSYCHOLOGICAL TEST

(A Nature Tale by Myself)

A noisy Oyster and a Clam went sailing out to sea,
And in mid-ocean soon they thought they lost identity;

To a connoisseur of taste they went.

He yelled, "Dear Sirs, it's a case of scent,

The only way to tell the diff

Is to cook you both and get a whiff

Of the stews you make." Then the clam cried louder,

"I don't make stew—I make chowder!"

D. E. P., *Beta Beta*.

"What is that piece of cord tied around your finger for?"

"My roommate put it there to remind me to post a letter."

"And did you post it?"

"No, she forgot to give it to me."

A tutor who tutored to toot
Once tutored two tooters to toot,
But we feel he'd be doing his doot
If he'd tutor some hooters to hoot.

SOME PERSONALITIES TO BE AT CONVENTION

First will be Miss Eva Powell,
Highest priestess of the owl.
Sarah Harris too will come.
She's the head of all alum.
Mary Leaphart with her notes,
Reading all the long repotes.
Martha Willets—take a look—
She's the Kappa pocketbook.
Who's the tall one with the smile?
That's the Registrar, E. Kyle.
Last, the inky editor,
And now the Council has the floor.

LOGICAL

Professor—"How is it I haven't seen you at chapel lately?"

Sophomore—"I haven't been."

The Key

EVERYBODY

Did anyone mention
A Kappa convention?
Just count upon me to be there.
I have no intention
Of missing convention,
For Kappa I go anywhere.

THIS IS SLIGHTLY SENTIMENTAL

Far above Cayuga's waters
With their double blue,
Lives a band of Kappa daughters,
Psi, then, here's to you!
Psi, Psi, dear old Psi,
Planning now for June,
You've the love of Kappa sisters
Who will meet you soon.





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