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THE COLLEGE SETTLEMENTS ASSOCIATION.

“TO help the poor, one must understand them ; to understand them, one must live among them.”

This is the vital principle which underlies the work of the College Settlements Association. To provide a place where educated, refined people can live among the very poor and teach them by example, as well as by precept, to live better, nobler, and more useful lives, this is the aim of this institution. The idea is not a new one, it did not originate in this country, nor is it confined to college women. It first took form in the mind of an Oxford student, Arnold Toynbee, who, interested in the social problems of the day, spent one of his vacations among the poor of East London. Here, living among the wretched and degraded, he came to realize that the only way to elevate and improve them was to be one with them, to “help them to help themselves.”

During the remainder of his short life he labored for this end, and after his death, (in 1883), as a memorial to him, was founded Toynbee Hall. This is a building in one of the worst districts of London, which serves as a residence for University men, who desire to devote themselves for a longer or a shorter time to aiding their less fortunate fellow men, by the example of a cultured, honest, and manly life.

It is not a charity, in the common acceptation of the word. The work is done by means of clubs and classes, which are conducted by the resident members of the association. These members also work through the channels of the existing charity organizations, giving as much or as little of their time to this labor as they desire or can best afford.

Such, then, is the work in London, on the idea of which the College

Settlement in New York is based. It has, as yet, been in existence but two years, and the results it has achieved are, of necessity, neither great nor widespread. But it is not so much the actual results that we must take into account as the principles and feelings which lie beneath the work. Here we find true charity; which brings a blessing not only to the poor who are aided, but to the rich who aid. For, although the time which the Association has been in operation has been so limited, the material results accomplished are not to be by any means despised.

The settlement at No. 95 Rivington Street, is a place where a limited number of women, the majority of residents always being college women, can live close to the poor, whom they desire to help.

They do no "slumming"; they give no alms; but endeavor to become the true friends of those for whom they work. They strive to get a hold on the people through the children. To this end they form clubs for children of various ages, which are directed by the residents, and to which twenty or thirty children come once a week.

There are kitchen-garden, sewing, and gymnastic classes for the younger girls; and for the older, besides sewing and singing classes, are clubs in which some attempt is made to give them instruction in hygiene, history and science.

The younger boys have clubs in which singing and gymnastics with military drill are taught. Talks on various subjects are given, and games always occupy a part of the meeting. All these clubs are self-supporting, and require a small weekly fee, thus adding to the self-respect of the members. But herein, also, lies the most valid objection to the work, that by having everything paid for, no matter how small the price, only the more well-to-do of the very poor are reached. Those who most need help are beyond the reach of it.

In the building is a station of the "Penny Provident Fund," and the children and their friends are encouraged to save what they earn.

There is also a library of fifteen hundred volumes, and not only the club members, but about four hundred other children, take out books under the supervision of the residents.

During the summer months, excursions are planned to points near at

hand, that the tired mothers and children may have a glimpse of the country. A country home was opened in connection with the Rivington Street Settlement.

The noble work thus begun is supported almost entirely by college women, and the good it has done, and shall yet do, shall be the reward of their efforts and self-sacrifice.

The intention is not to enlarge this one settlement. but to multiply such stations until every poor district of every large city shall have a nucleus of refinement and noble influence, which, like 'the little leaven, will in time leaven the whole lump.'

LAURA STANLEY DICKEY, (*Psi Chapter.*)

STUDENT LIFE IN LEIPZIG.

OF the large number of American girls who go abroad every year, it is probable that more find their way to Leipzig than to any other German city. I mean, of course, girls of the *student* class, for Leipzig has comparatively little to offer to the tourist. A small art gallery it has, indeed; churches of some historic interest; narrow, winding streets, flanked on either side by mediæval houses; and an ancient palace and castle; but the Conservatory and the University are the glory of the city, and in these two institutions hundreds of hardworking young men and women from our own country have studied.

The fact that there are so many student girls in Leipzig, gives them certain privileges which they might not enjoy in other foreign cities. Very pleasant and busy lives these Conservatory girls lead. Their work is their pleasure and the six or seven hours of practice each day, while exhausting, give them at the end, a satisfied sense of something accomplished. Then for recreation, (as well as for study), there are the Opera and the glorious Gewandhaus Concerts, at which such musicians as Joachim, Sarasati, d'Albert, and Rubinstein are to be heard, and whose matchless orchestra, under the direction of the venerable Carl Reinecke, gives such enchanting interpretations of that grand music which has grown up in Germany and which can be equalled by no other nation. The divine har-

mony of Beethoven's V Symphony, given by the Gewandhaus Orchestra, is something never to be forgotten!

Within the last few years, American girls have been availing themselves of another advantage in Leipzig,— that is, of attending University lectures. The idea of women in a University is of course directly contrary to all a Teuton's views of propriety. It astonishes and horrifies him beyond measure to find that there actually are creatures so lost to decency as to desire such a thing. But the fact remains that the American girl *does* desire it, and what is more, she is accomplishing her end.

The situation at the University of Berlin was very interestingly given in THE KEY some time ago. At the University of Leipzig there is a rule which very positively forbids the admission of women as students; however, by direct application to the professors and instructors, permission can usually be obtained — not to enter as a student by any means — but to sit in the lecture room and listen. And this is about all the men students get with the exception of the privilege of paying a fee and going in for the examination.

Last year, the lectures of one of the professor were attended by twelve or fifteen women, each one equipped with a note book, pen and ink, taking notes as fast as any of the men, and, I am sure, deriving fully as much benefit. There was but one German among the number and her presence in the lecture room stood for an immense amount of courage. Such a step on the part of a German woman is attended with difficulties of which we Americans can have no idea.

The German students, while never impolite in the least, regard the innovation as a violation of their own sacred rights as men.

Three Kappas there were among the number, gladdened by the sight of the key in foreign lands, and appreciating, perhaps as never before, the deep significance of our fraternity bond.

BETA ZETA.

NOTE: Since the above was written, a newspaper paragraph states that women are now regularly enrolled as students at the University of Leipzig. If the report is true, this becomes, then, the first of the great German Universities to make this important change.

Alumnæ Department.

THE "DISPOSITION OF BADGES."

The recent legislation with regard to the disposition to be made of the badges of deceased Kappas has been the occasion of much comment. For many reasons, the existing laws on the subject, while probably the most practicable solution, do not seem entirely satisfactory. They put the badges of our sisters who have gone from us, not in the hands of the chapters to whom they were best known, but in those of an officer of the general fraternity, who will in time have a most embarrassing profusion of such relics. The practical—not to say the sentimental—disadvantages of this plan, if carried out to its logical consequences, must be apparent to all.

It seems to me, however, that the remedy lies, not in further legislation, but in individual and chapter action. A couple of chance remarks, dropped at the last convention, throw a good deal of side light on the problem. "When I die," said one very earnest member, "I want my key to be buried with me." This sentiment will be echoed by many, but to many of us also it does not seem quite the ideal solution. We would like the little gold badge that has meant so much to us to be the means of helping some one else when we are gone. The other remark was made by our Grand President in discussing this very question. "Of course," said she, "most members would rather get a new badge than buy one of the old ones. But I am sure that if any of us could have Mrs. Kuhns' badge for instance, we would much rather have that than a new one." This little speech seemed to open a new line of thought.

Few of us, perhaps, have realized what a great power the badges of honored alumnæ might become in the fraternity, or how this power might be given to each chapter through the bequests of its members. The individual chapters could hardly afford to buy the badges, but if each Kappa, dying, should bequeath her pin to her chapter, a great good might be accomplished. There is an immense force in associations. If every chapter kept among its archives a collection of the badges of its deceased

members, surely more and better uses could be found for them than if they reposed in a larger collection, in a single officer's keeping. When the new initiates came to be decorated for the first time with pin and colors, the old badges could be brought out, and on every novitiate's breast could shine the key that had brought help and inspiration for years to some departed sister; which perhaps had adorned some woman honored in wider circles than the fraternity's; and which in any event would seem like a loving message from some far-off, unknown friend whom the same mystic bond had held, and had helped to a fuller sympathy. These pins would carry a weight of associations which those of active members would lack, and would bring to the novitiate a new sense of the sacredness of fraternity ties. If the chapter did not wish to use the badges in this way, they could be placed in a special receptacle in the chapter hall, where they would be no less an inspiration to the members. The photographs of by-gone members are a precious possession, but the badges would have a deeper and tenderer meaning, for they would tell of a love that neither time, nor separation, nor the pursuits of active life could entirely quench.

There would always be special cases in which the securing and keeping of the badges would devolve upon the general fraternity, but some such plan as I have suggested would take the greater part of the strain from the general organization, and put the golden keys where they would do most good to active Kappas.

BERTHA KATHERINE KRAUSS. (*Beta Nu*, '92.)

INACTIVE MEMBERS.

In a late number of *THE KEY* an article entitled "Our Absent Sisters" claimed my attention. It was an earnest plea that the "old girls" be not forgotten by the active chapters. The article was a good one, and the sentiment I heartily endorse; but it seems to me that there are, as is true in most cases, two sides to the question. In view of this thought I

would enter on the pages of THE KEY a plea that Kappa be not forgotten by the "old girls."

As we pass from the college walls and take up our chosen vocations in the world without, we naturally leave behind us many of the petty interests and affairs that have formed so large a part of our college life. Distance separates many of us from our chapter, and even resident members find that the time, thought and effort we were wont to bestow upon our fraternity is now demanded by interests of more vital importance to us. Thus we allow ourselves to drift away and gradually become indifferent to what was once so dear, excusing our indifference with the thought that others have taken our place, and that we are no longer needed or missed from the circle.

A fraternity is largely judged (if not in the college world, at least in the world at large) by its alumnae and inactive members, and by the interests manifested by such members in its welfare and progress. Do we not still owe to our fraternity our loyalty and support—the best that we can give her? Should not Kappa be to us now the dearer, in that it is the tie that binds us to our absent friends, and links together our present with our past?

I believe the active chapter will still appreciate our letters, our occasional presence, our words of cheer and acts of helpfulness.

Let us see to it, dear "absent sisters," that we *do not allow* our chapter to forget us.

OMEGA ALUMNA.

ALUMNÆ AND THE CHAPTER LIBRARY.

Generalities may glitter, and a few expansive remarks to alumnae occasionally in regard to their duty may show off well; but for really helpful illumination, single specific lights thrown from this direction and that are much more servicable for those who would know their duty and for those who would profit from that duty done.

One subject on which I have seen no instructions for *alumnæ* is the chapter library. About this I offer a few suggestions to my fellows, and wait deferentially, ready to stand corrected if my youngers have other views.

The purpose and the limitations of the chapter library must be firmly kept in mind. Glad as they would be to join the minority, most of our chapters are without a chapter-house, perhaps even without a permanent abode. Under such conditions the volumes must indeed be few and select. A general caution, then, may form a preface—however good your intentions, do not embarrass the librarian and a nomadic chapter with inappropriate books. With access to private libraries, college and city libraries, the Kappas can at once shorten their catalogues greatly. The books for the chapter library are the books wanted and used by the society as a fraternity chapter and by the girls as fraternity members. Apart from the archives, which do not properly belong to the library, suitable books may be grouped under four heads: those relating to the chapter and the fraternity; those relating to other fraternities; such works as are useful in the conduct of the chapter; and books written by members of the chapter or the fraternity.

For the first class every chapter doubtless has a nucleus. Blue and white song-books in abundance, a file of *THE KEY*, the fraternity catalogue, find their places here; and here is an opportunity for the *alumnæ*. The increasing number of chapters whose names begin with "Beta" serves as a reminder that there are many new-comers on the roll of chapters since we became *alumnæ*; and when we look at our piles of old *KEYS* and wonder what is the best use for them, let us remember the chapters that would gladly carry back their files to the beginning. Books relating to other fraternities include such works as Baird's Manual, the journals of other fraternities, the new magazine known as *The College Fraternity*. Another chance for the *alumnæ*. If you are a subscriber to any publication, could you not pass each copy on to the chapter, after the fashion of a magazine club? Chapter treasuries cannot always afford the luxury of magazine subscriptions. On the shelf for the third group are to be found *Rules of Order*, a work or two on Greek customs with many a suggestion

for a tea or an entertainment, any books which, in the experience of the chapter, meet its wants. For the fourth class, books written by members of the chapter or the fraternity, the library is almost entirely dependent upon the alumnæ. Who of us that has attained to print would not delight to present our chapter a fresh volume "with the compliments of the author"? What chapter would not be happy to see the work of its alumnæ, and be proud to show the contributions made by Kappas to the world's thought?

I have never known that there is any restriction upon alumnæ in the matter of gifts, and I have yet to hear of a chapter that rejoices in a library fund.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Psi.

December twenty-ninth Jouett Smith, '94, was married to Dr. James Brady. They are now residing at Erie, Pa.

Cards have been received announcing the marriage of Anne DeWolf, '92, to Charles Mack. Mr. Mack was a member of the Cornell chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon. They will make their home in Sandusky, Ohio.

Laura Stanley Dickey, '92, has been a welcome guest of Psi for a short time.

Lambda.

Gertrude E. Wynn, formerly of '93, was married December 27, 1892, to Robert Tucker, a member of Phi Delta Theta.

Aurelia B. Wirick was married to Dr. J. H. Lawrence, February 2, 1893, at her home in Storm Lake, Iowa.

Jean L. Sisler, '91, is now teaching in the high school at Akron, O.

Minnie C. Fuller has charge of the Art Department at Buchtel College.

Beta Delta.

Belle Brewster has been visiting us the past week.

Elizabeth Alexander did not return to college after the Christmas vacation.

Miss Young from Lambda, is now taking post graduate work here.

Jessica Vaughn Penny, '92, who is teaching at Ishpheming, Mich., this year, was called home in December by the death of her father. She has now resumed her work.

Delta.

At Salem Ind., on the 25th of January, Harriet Caspar, '91, was married to Charles A. Rhett, a Sigma Chi.

Charles Anna Moore, '92, is teaching French in Vincennes University.

Mrs. Lena Adams Beck, wife of the professor of Latin, has been elected president of the state W. C. T. U. She was one of the charter members, and is competent to fill this high position.

Ida Loudon, '90, is the assistant in the Women's Gymnasium this year.

Iota.

Jessie Montgomery, who was initiated in 1886, is in San Antonio, Texas, on account of ill health.

Beta Zeta.

The members of Beta Zeta received, during vacation, cards announcing the wedding of Veda Shaffer and Logan Stephens at Davenport, December 27, 1892. Miss Shaffer was one of our most loyal Beta Zeta girls and Mr. Stephens was a member of Nebraska Alpha of Phi Delta Theta.

Sigma.

One of our associate members, Harriet M. Curtis was married Tuesday evening, December 12, 1892, to Frederick Shepherd.

Phi.

Emily H. Bright, '90, is agent for the Associated Charities of Boston, in one of the city wards.

Margaret Dodge, '90, has spent the winter in Boston. Her home is near Phi's chapter home, so that the girls have had the pleasure of being with her very often.

Lida Hiller, of '91, has been engaged in the good work of beginning a town public library for her home in Kahoka, Missouri. With the help of a friend, she succeeded in raising a good sum of money by subscription. The town then made an appropriation for the same object, and the library is now an established fact.

Eleanor C. Butler is receiving training as a nurse in St. Luke's Hospital, New York City.

The Parthenon.

THE literary work in the chapter meeting should be treated and considered as one of the elements which tends to the most useful and beneficial results that we obtain from our fraternity life. The question arises in our meetings, "What shall the nature of our work be?" There is the business which must be transacted. This gives us a knowledge of Parliamentary rules, but more than that, it strengthens the tie which binds us to Kappa. Shall this occupy our whole time or shall we discuss other fraternities in our college? And, indeed, should we discuss the logical power of the Faculty because they do not agree with us that *we* are *the* girls? What shall it be?

A course of literary work systematically arranged and pursued regularly, seems the most rational idea. To be sure, most of our colleges offer good literary courses, but it is impossible for classical students to realize much benefit from them. Then again, such a course does not treat — in a direct manner — the current literature of the day. It may incite the ambitious student to read the various monthlies, daily newspapers and literary news; but the average under-graduate (that is the faithful one), spends the greater part of his time in preparing lessons.

What the Literary Work in the Fraternity Should Be.

Our aims are not those of a society woman. Take the all-around work and general information and then a special branch. For our special branch why not take some form of literary work which is beneficial to both the classical and scientific student.

By planning and urging a course of literary work for each term, such as is now being given to us, we shall have another common interest in Kappa which will strengthen our honor and love for the fraternity. We shall thus become interested in something outside of our fraternity, and be less likely to see faults in those about us. Thus will our views become broader and help us to lay even greater honors upon the altar of our beloved fraternity, for "the glories of the possible are ours."

LAMBDA.

The Convention of '92 will long be remembered for many things, but chiefly for two: The recognition of *alumnæ* associations as factors in fraternity government, and the definite establishment of that new venture, the "second degree." At present, this force is so new and so small, that it is difficult to prophesy what its ultimate power will be. But those who have earned the right to wear the fleur-de-lis pendant, hope that the new force may prove to be the little leaven which shall leaven the whole lump. Perhaps the most immediate of its hoped-for benefits will be a wider diffusion of knowledge, among the individual members of the fraternity as a whole. Certainly there is room for much improvement in this respect. The conferring of the second degree, an honor to which every loyal Kappa should aspire, being strictly dependent on the candidates' aims and policy of her organization, will inevitably prove a strong incentive to the study of these branches. This, however, is rather a means than an end. Given the band of women thoroughly informed as to the past and present of the fraternity, and thoroughly alive to its interests; what shall their special work be? This problem still awaits its solution.

It is a wise provision that at present withholds the second degree from all below the junior year. The average Kappa is not fitted to receive it before this time. She needs a year or more of practical experience in

fraternity life, besides the technical knowledge, which might be gained by a few hours' study. It is in her junior year, too, that the average Kappa begins to appreciate her responsibilities as a college and fraternity woman. The newly initiated "lamb" give her a new sense of her dignity now that she is becoming one of the "older girls." She feels a new interest in them; a new desire to help them through the trials of the first years, to guard them from the temptations whose strength she perhaps knows from painful experience. Her views of life are broadening and deepening. She sees what a small part of her life as a whole this college and fraternity life may be, and yet how the influence at work in it will go on through all eternity for her. She is more sceptical as to the vastness of the amount of learning her diploma represents.

She has begun to learn the great truth that the life is more than intellectual as well as physical "meat and raiment." At this point in her career the second degree is open to her. The first initiation gave her a place in a limited circle of friends. She was singled out to become one of a group working toward certain noble ends. The idea of union was emphasized, she was made to feel that she was no longer alone, but part of an organic whole. At this first initiation, the chapter is necessarily first in the novice's mind. The idea of the general fraternity is naturally rather vague at this stage.

In the second initiation, the responsibility of the individual is made more prominent. The candidate is made to feel, in a new way, her duties toward her chapter and the fraternity at large, as well as her own personal part in making herself a worthy member of her order. At the same time, the fraternity spirit is not forgotten. The same thought of the whole and its parts is there, but it is the larger whole on which most stress is laid. Here we have no chapter, no limited group of girls personally known, but a band scattered all over the country, who will never meet all together at one place and time, never all become personal acquaintances. The first degree made her, in feeling at least, primarily a member of a chapter, only secondarily of the whole fraternity. The second degree answers her awakening sense of a wider world by making her primarily a member of a wider circle. This thought is the more impressive from the fact that the new

degree is at present conferred only at Conventions. For many reasons it might be advantageous to make this the permanent rule, although that might debar many from taking the higher degree.

I have tried to indicate, in very small part, what seems to me the meaning and mission of the second degree. Both will broaden and deepen with time, but the new pendant to the key will always make a step upward and forward.

BETA NU.

(The following essay on Preparatory Pledging is one of the two mentioned in Chi's chapter letter as sent to the girls in the upper classes of Minneapolis High Schools. The pledge was signed by every active member of each fraternity. We would suggest the subject of pledging preparatory students for discussion in the next Parthenon.—EDITOR'S NOTE.)

The full meaning and importance of a promise to join a fraternity is seldom comprehended by the one who makes it. The common thought is, that it is easy to give and doubly easy to retract. That is not the case. A promise, freely, voluntarily, consciously given, cannot be broken. A careless word should not commit you, but a pledge intelligently made should be inviolable.

Preparatory Pledging. Above all things, know exactly what your pledge implies. It means a life-long alliance of yourself and your interest to a particular fraternity; association practically limited to the members of that one fraternity during college years; as you have wisely or foolishly made your choice, close friendships which will enrich your life or uncongenial intimacies which will leave it barren. It is of the utmost importance that every girl understands how serious and final a step she is taking when she pledges herself.

The pledged girl is not approached by members of other fraternities, A mark has been set upon her. She is excluded from the different fraternity receptions, which take place during the opening weeks of college; all the small, natural ways which lead to her acquaintance with upper class girls and even her own freshman classmates are denied her. The pledge isolates her as the badge never will. She is purposely avoided, for any friendly overtures on the part of other Greeks would be considered dishonorable. The sense of fraternity honor among the women's fraternities at our University is not fictitious, and such tacit understandings are rigidly kept.

Customs and manners of rushing differ in each fraternity. Some are reserved and quiet and others are not. There are ways and ways of getting acquainted. Let not the attentions and favors technically known as "rushing," bury you under a deep sense of obligation. Discern the purely selfish, as well as the better side, of rushing and do not lose your judgment in a sense of gratitude. A firm resistance to this kind of seige should be continued, not only until you reach college, but for some time after your entrance. It is a matter hard enough to decide when you are right in the midst of all the fraternities of the University, to which one you would rather belong and from which you will gain the highest enjoyment and greatest good. You, as a thoughtful girl, should find it impossible to make a decision while in the High School.

Your sources of information, regarding the fraternities at the University, their relative standing, power and character, are likely to be unreliable. It is a manifest injustice, even absurdity, to derive information from one fraternity concerning itself and all others. Most outsiders are not qualified to give you an impartial view, as their knowledge is ordinarily limited to the prejudiced instruction of friends in particular fraternities. The only safe course for you to pursue is to see and study a fraternity with its college background for yourself.

A fraternity is not a literary or debating society; it is a close union of friends. You have a comprehension of the former; it blinds you to a true conception of the latter.

Your thoughts are distracted by a multiplicity of things during your senior year. Your time is filled. It might be just as well not to try and be a senior in the High School and a freshman at the University at the same time. Give each its proper place.

Your decision means so much to you, there is such danger that you will commit a grave error in making it, that the determination to give yourself all possible opportunities, all possible time for just observation and wise conclusions should be strong within you. In the words of the matron, who was advising a young girl about to marry, "don't ye be gettin' tied down too soon." If a fraternity seeks you for a member, it will desire you just as earnestly next year as this month. You are wanted for

yourself and your delay does change you. The very least you can do for yourself is to wait until September and see the fraternities in their grouping at the University. Nothing is lost by waiting and much may be gained.

There has always been a tacit agreement among the women's fraternities in the University of Minnesota, that students of preparatory or high schools should not be "rushed," nor given invitations to join until they had become regular University students.

The fraternity which last entered college did not enforce this custom. In order to maintain the traditional code of honor, and believing that the practice of preparatory pledging is unfair to the candidate for membership and detrimental to the best interests and ultimate good of the fraternity itself, four of the five women's fraternities have entered into the following compact:

We, the members of the undersigned women's fraternities, of the University Minnesota, do hereby pledge ourselves not to invite girls to join our respective fraternities until they shall have become duly registered students in the University of Minnesota; this pledge to be binding until February 1, 1894.

Signed, _____

One of the characteristic features of Syracuse University, and one in which we take great delight, is our musical department. The frequent opportunity which it offers to all our students, of becoming familiar with the best music, is of great value in cultivating and maintaining a high musical standard among us; and that this opportunity is fully appreciated, the crowded hall of the College of Fine Arts testifies whenever a recital is advertised. The music hall is a very beautiful room, with a seating capacity of about one thousand, while its exceptional acoustic properties add the beauty of utility to the mere gratification of the eye. The recitals are given every month by the students, and consist of a varied program of vocal, violin, piano and organ solos, which are enjoyed by large numbers of students and also by many of our city friends who avail themselves of this opportunity of gratifying their musical tastes.

Of our organ we are justly proud, for it is one of the finest in the

Musical
Recitals at
Syracuse.

country and when, at the bidding of student or professor, it rolls out its great volumes of sound, threatening to overwhelm us, or reaches our ears in soft, dreamy cadences we yield ourselves to the spell of the music and sit entranced till the vigorous applause with which the men encourage our budding geniuses, brings us rudely back to the realization of time and place.

Besides these public recitals there is a students' recital every Wednesday morning which, though it is intended especially for the musical students, many of the "Liberal Arts," enjoy attending. On these occasions students of any grade who have done specially good work, play or sing, quite informally, some piece which they have prepared as a lesson.

The increase in the extent and quality of the work done in this department has been marvelous since we have had the Crouse Memorial College with its exceptional facilities, and we are proud to number among the eight members on its Faculty, two Kappas, Carrie Crane, of Epsilon Chapter, and Ruth Guibault, one of our own charter members.

M. L. H. (*Beta Tau.*)

"Yet some there be that by due steps aspire
To lay their just hands on that golden key,
That opes the palace of eternity."

On a certain afternoon in every week, what is called a Home Library is open in a house in one of Boston's unhappy streets. Here the children of the neighborhood come for books, which are distributed by young women whom the children address as "teachers," but who are known to their college friends as members of Gamma Delta. Gamma Delta is an open society to which every girl in college is invited. This winter it has taken as its especial interest the work for poor children carried on by the Children's Aid Society of Boston. Hence the presence of college girls in charge of the Home Library, and hence the story of the Key of Heaven.

One afternoon I went down later than the other girls. When I had removed my cloak, one of the bright little fellows came up to me and said, pointing to my pin, with a twinkle of fun mingling with the earnestness of the

question: "Is that the key of heaven? The other teacher's got one on, too." He had doubtless seen the words as the title of a certain little book of devotions, and here were two persons wearing real keys, just alike. This key must be the key to something! I had just been reading Lowell's Essay on Dante, and the thought came to me, what Kappa will say that the key cannot be thought of as a help toward gaining entrance to that abode of the greatest good, where as Lowell says of Dante's conception, "the true, the good and the beautiful blend in the white light of God?" In that little story of George Macdonald's, the "golden key" set with sapphires, opened the way into the "land whence the shadows fall." Are not the two very similar, the child saying in his unconscious use of figure more than he knew, and the man putting his great thought into the sweet simplicity of a fairy tale? That little boy, with his grimy hands, his poor clothes, and his too great abundance of boyish spirit, has given me something to think about, something besides the best way of keeping him interested and moderately quiet for the hour that we were there. I am finding every day that our Kappa horizon broadens.

M. C. (*Phi.*)

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

PHI—BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

First of all Phi wishes to show her appreciation of the program which the Grand President has arranged for us. We enjoy it exceedingly; it is another new and strong bond between all Kappas, — a bond of closely united interests.

Our eight new Freshmen have proved a great addition and a great delight. This term we have missed one from our number very much, both in college-life and the chapter room,— Mary Prescott Hitchcock, Business Manager of THE KEY. She is teaching in Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin, and we are looking forward to the first of April, when we expect to have her with us again. Bertha Richmond of '95, is at college again for three weeks.

On Friday evening, February 10, the young woman's general society of Gamma Delta received their friends at the annual "Klatsch Collegium." Lida S. Penfield

served as hostess for the Junior table. Many of our Kappa alumnae were present, including our Grand President, Emily H. Bright. Miss Derby from Beta Nu was also present.

Upsilon chapter of Beta Theta Pi "has received," again in its chapter-house.

Our Seniors have adopted "cap and gown,"—a new departure for B. U. At the last Senior social, '93 elected its class-day officers. The Sophomores have just "buried the hatchet," and have received and entertained the Freshmen.

Margaret Dodge and Emilie A. Young gave Phi a very interesting account of the "Convention of '90."

Our spring examinations and recess are almost upon us ; the Faculty has made the students happy by granting a week of vacation instead of the customary two or three days.

With sunny greetings to Kappas, one and all!

BETA BETA — ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

Through the medium of THE KEY, we wish to introduce into the Kappa world our new girls. On Saturday evening, February eighteenth, Bertha E. Clarke, Frances C. Nearing and Dosia Bowman were made members of Beta Beta.

We are very enthusiastic over the new program of literary work and are expecting to derive much pleasure and profit therefrom. The plan of work is entirely different from any pursued by us before. It opens a wide field for thought and discussion. Then, too, it is interesting to feel that Kappas throughout the Fraternity are following the same line of work, and possibly at precisely the same time. One of our alumnae has already given us a very enjoyable "talk," as she termed it, on the work and aims of the W. C. T. U. We feel that we are fortunate in having a number of alumnae members in town who can occasionally meet with us. Perhaps they would find their way to No. 8 University Hall, Saturday evenings, oftener than they do, were they not always called upon to talk. But it is very pleasant and interesting for undergraduates to hear of the Kappa life of other days.

There has been a general sigh of relief, and a noticeable increase in the attendance at chapter meetings since midyear examinations. At that time even the best of students wear a preoccupied, anxious expression ; and when the "exams." are over at last the joyous fact has to be celebrated in various ways.

Since July, 1892, Prof. C. K. Gaines has been traveling abroad, seeing many places of note and interest in the British Isles, on the Continent, and up the Nile. He spent a large portion of his time in Greece and Rome, gathering information for his special line of work.

His return was awaited with great eagerness by all his friends, and particularly the students. He arrived in New York the last of January, and was there welcomed

with a reception and dinner given by the New York University Club. When he reached Canton he was most enthusiastically greeted and an informal reception in his honor was held at the residence of Dr. A. B. Hervey, President of the College of Letters and Science.

The first week in March, Dr. J. Coleman Adams of Brooklyn, New York, gave a series of historical lectures to the University. This course of lectures is always anticipated with much pleasure by the students; for the lectures are intensely interesting, not only from the subject-matter but from the graceful and earnest manner in which they are delivered.

It would not do to leave out of this news letter all account of our Phantom Social. It was given by Beta Beta in the College Chapel January twentieth. The idea of a Phantom Social may be new to some of our chapters; hence a few details may not be amiss.

A small admission fee was charged, and every lady was requested to bring a sheet and pillow-case. By means of these latter, they were transformed into very weird-looking ghosts, and all so effectually disguised that it was impossible to tell one from another. After the phantoms had glided slowly around to the funeral strains evoked by a sister-shade, an auction was held and one by one the phantoms were sold to the highest-bidder. No one was allowed to reveal her identity until all were sold, and so there was great amusement, when the sheets and pillow-cases were removed. Refreshments were then served; dancing and a social time occupied the remainder of the evening.

BETA TAU — SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Beta Tau sends fraternal greeting to all her sisters, far and near. She is enjoying thoroughly in her chapter-house the pleasures of a quiet home life, and wishes that all sister chapters might experience the same happiness.

Our chapter has suffered a great loss in the transfer of our loyal sister Geneva Tompkins to Northwestern University.

This winter term has been one of constant varied interest. Receptions and parties have occurred every week, of which Kappa Freshmen have given two, Kappa Sophomores two, and Margaret Brown entertained last night our active chapter and friends at her home.

Miss Everett, who resigned last term her position as vocal professor in the Fine Arts college, has been succeeded by Miss Lund who has given the most unbounded satisfaction to Faculty, students and general public.

On the evening of February 14 a concert for the benefit of the Base-Ball Association was given in Crouse College Music Hall, by members of the Faculty and the students. The program consisted of readings, vocal and instrumental music,

piano and violin solos, Glee Club songs, and selections by the Banjo Club and University Orchestra.

The University Congress recently held an open session at which the subject for debate was "The Single Tax Theory."

A course of lectures is being delivered here, of which the first was given February 13, by S. C. F. Dodd, of New York city, on "Aggregated Capital," the second, February 27, by Rev. C. Mills on "Problems of Poverty," and next Monday night Bishop Vincent will lecture on "The Chatauqua Idea." A course of five lectures on "Missions" by Dr. John Hall will follow soon.

Two literary societies have been formed by the Sophomore class to which however, all students are eligible. The work will be entirely literary, and will consist of debates, orations, essays, and possibly book reviews and criticisms. This will take the place of the time-honored custom of chapel orations and essays and a record of each person's work will be kept for inspection by the Faculty.

Dean Vernon, who supplants Dean Comfort in the Fine Arts College, is already winning the esteem and affection of the students.

Chancellor Sims recently gave his annual reception to the Senior class, which was pronounced enjoyable by all the guests.

Thus the winds and the snow storms have not been effectual in subduing the exuberant spirits of young Syracusans. Indeed coasting and skating have been indulged in to a large extent. We are glad to welcome back Professor Mace, who spent the first five weeks of this term in Chicago, lecturing on History and Political Science. I must not neglect to mention the athletic contest which took place in our gymnasium under the direction of Professor Scott and in which very creditable work was done.

PSI — CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter Psi has been enriched by six new members, Lucy Mott, '96, Isabelle Kittinger, '96, Ethel Stebbins, '95, Grace Lockett, Rosa C. Lang, and Lina G. VonUtassy. The two last were initiated last Saturday evening, February 25. Both occasions were very enjoyable and Psi feels proud of her new members.

This term is the traditional "carnival term," so named from the gayeties of Junior week. Both the Junior ball and Sophomore cotillion were brilliant affairs, fully equalling if not surpassing their predecessors. There were many visitors from a distance who came to enjoy and admire our beautiful University.

February 28 an enthusiastic audience had the privilege of hearing Paderewski play. Ithacans had had many struggles to persuade him to come but their efforts were fully repaid.

A Junior literary society has arisen in our midst named the Geodes. Chi Delta, a banqueting club, shows signs of returning animation.

Ithacans are rejoicing over the possession of the long hoped for electric car. It certainly was a greatly needed improvement, as any one who has had the pleasure (?) of walking up or down Buffalo Hill can testify.

Sage gave a dance to her numerous friends the eve of Washington's birthday. The Botanical Lecture room was opened and utilized by the dancers. The rooms were prettily decorated and the evening passed very pleasantly.

March first, Professor Corson gave a reading at Barnes Hall. Erastus Wiman lectured here this winter on Commercial Union with Canada, and Dr. Winslow Egyptologist, of Boston has also delivered a lecture.

Through the munificence of the late Judge Boardman's widow and daughter, Cornell now possesses the finest private law library in existence, the Moak library.

BETA ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

“Turn, turn my wheel! Turn round and round
Without a pause, without a sound!”

The rhythmical music of the ever turning wheel of time lulls restlessness to quiet; bridges over the busy hours of labor and study, the interest of which lies chiefly with the individual, and carries us to a night in January.

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Beta Alpha has widened her circle, Kappa allegiance has been pledged by four new members, and now with them, as with others, lies the chance — yea, the duty — to show the world that all the glory of the Ancient Greeks lies not buried in the past, and that to be a “Greek” means only an incentive, to live up to one's “great gifts' height.”

“Turn, turn my wheel !”

Again we see the rooms and hall. Brilliant lights shine forth from every point, doors stand open wide, and even corners catch and send back the reflection of the radiance. The air is redolent of flowers, not of mystery as before; the banquet room seems all in readiness; here too, we have the odor of the roses and their beauty only more keenly revealed to us by the gentle glow from the burning lamps. We cannot fail to recognize the Kappas as they pass to and fro, seemingly in tune with the occasion. Soon the numbers grow, and for three hours the air is filled with pleasantry. We see doctors, professors, students and friends, many of whom are distinguished men and women.

Beta Alpha is everywhere lending a charm to these hours, and surely proving that College students can be well-rounded women, able to enjoy the good in society, as well as to feel a deep allegiance for science and the arts.

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The lights are out, the guests have gone, midnight creeps on.

• "Stop, stop my wheel!"

GAMMA RHO — ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

There is a story told of an old woman who was asked to subscribe for a newspaper, but refused on the ground that when she wanted news she made some. When a news letter is to be written with no material, the old lady's enterprise is fully appreciated.

It was with some such idea of making news that Gamma Rho began the finishing of a new room which shall in future be dedicated to the gods of the Epicureans. Paper and paint are both of light and dark blue.

At the beginning of the term the town was aroused by fire at the College and the rear wing of Bentley Hall was discovered in flames. One can hardly imagine the excitement this caused, for nearly every citizen of Meadville seems to have at some time attended College. The night was bitterly cold and water could be obtained only with difficulty; but after hard work the flames were extinguished and Bentley was safe. The loss was small, not exceeding four or five hundred dollars.

The new Wilcox Hall of Science will probably be ready for occupancy by the first of next term.

The Faculty of the Conservatory of Music gave a recital at Hulings Hall recently. A reception was held afterwards.

Today a party of fifteen, mostly Conservatory students went to Cleveland to hear Paderewski play.

Our fourth anniversary was properly celebrated by a spread, our favorite way of rejoicing.

We were glad to receive a letter from THE KEY but the rapture was somewhat dampened by noticing that it was type-written.

Agnes Coe has left College.

Evelyn Luffer after spending the winter in New York, is with us again.

Marion Howe, who has been studying in Baltimore, will be with us next term.

Fannie Slater is with us again, having been out of College the first of the term.

BETA PROVINCE.

LAMBDA — BUCHEL COLLEGE.

Doubtless the Lambda girls were not the only ones who read Beta Tau's account of her new chapter house with feelings a little akin to envy. They saw

their own brightest day dream realized by a sister chapter, and heartily congratulated Beta Tau.

As we glanced around our little room that had often seemed so small to us, but which had always proved itself capable of holding not only the whole family, but the proverbial "one more," we realized that it had been the Kappa home for seventeen years. If walls could speak! Think of the initiations, the Kappa gatherings, the mysterious meetings, the hopes and fears to which these walls have been solemn witnesses for seventeen years. Girls have come, and girls have gone, but one pair of eyes — big yellow ones — has kept watch over them all with untiring faithfulness — our chapter owl's.

"Through every swift vicissitude
Of changeful time, unchanged it has stood."

From the ancient inscription over the door to the historic old sofa in the corner, all things have a different tale to tell. The pictures on the walls, the variously upholstered chairs, even the smallest trinkets on the mantle are surrounded with the atmosphere of their own peculiar associations. Some are the work of fingers long since accustomed to other employments; some of fingers now busied with duties of home; some are made sacred by the touch of those whose names are no longer on our earthly roll call, names now transferred to the Chapter Grand. After all, it would be hard for us to exchange our old hall, even for a much better one.

Never has Lambda had a more prosperous year than this. With her six new members her roll call numbers fifteen. Numerous little social gatherings have broken the monotonous routine of school work. Our three "fledgelings" in the senior preparatory year are watched with the greatest of care, and give promise of well paying us for all the anxiety expended upon them.

This year, for the first time, Buchtel College has observed the day set aside as Founder's Day without its founder's presence. But while Mr. Buchtel is no longer with us, the work he so well began is still continued. A new Hall of Science is under process of construction, and in the near future we hope to see many more such signs of prosperity.

BETA GAMMA — WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Time flies so fast now a-days, it seems as if we had hardly finished reading and enjoying one number of THE KEY before it is time for another to appear.

Wooster has not yet recovered from the state of rejoicing and festivity into which she was thrown by the success of Myron Jones, her representative at the State Contest. The time after his return was given up to receptions, banquets, and general rejoicings, and Wooster students felt the old college spirit revive and grow strong within them.

The Kappas had special reason to be jubilant over the result of the contest, as the conquering hero is one of her truest friends and admirers.

We have derived a great amount of enjoyment from our new chapter room this winter; how nice it would be if all the Kappas could take a peep at us some Saturday night. You would have to come in spirit, however, not in the body, for the room would not hold one-tenth of you. You would probably see us gathered around the fire popping corn, telling stories, or making the walls resound with our Kappa songs.

We indulged in an "informal feed," the first one of the year, not long ago and how we did enjoy it. It would be hard to describe the glories of the feast! Everything that girls call good was there in abundance, and the evening was such a success that we hope to spend others in the same way before the year is over.

Several very pretty and useful articles were added to the room at Christmas time, among others two pictures, one of which, a beautiful pastel, was painted by one of our members.

Beta Gamma has two new sisters to introduce, Isabel and Grace Ihrig, both of '96. The initiation, which took place January 14, was held at the home of Mrs. William Annat; it is needless to say that the evening was enjoyable for anything that takes place at Mrs. Annat's cannot be otherwise.

The Elective English class under the direction of Professor Bennet gave a Shakesperian entertainment the latter part of last term. The play given was Julius Cæsar, and, although no costuming was allowed, the different parts were rendered in such a way as to give great satisfaction to the audience.

Two of the characters were sustained by Kappas. Gertrude Robinson, as Portia, acted her part admirably and received so much commendation that it made the Kappas feel proud of their right to claim her as a sister.

Last Saturday evening we enjoyed having with us Helen Cornell who graduated last June. As she is teaching in Mansfield, not far from here, we hope that she will frequently be able to attend our meetings. Georgia McDowell, another of our last year's girls, who is also away teaching often spends a Saturday evening with us.

BETA DELTA — UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

A movement is on foot at the University of Michigan among the different sororities that bids fair to be a very beneficial one in its results. It was suggested by one of our alumnae, Alice Damon, who was with us about three months ago, and who submitted her plans to an inter-fraternity meeting which was held in one of the college lecture halls. The object of the movement is to bring about a more thoroughly friendly feeling between the different sororities, and between the sororities as a body and the independents. Great interest has been shown by all

the girls here, and next week the last inter-fraternity meeting is to be held, that the sororities may come to a very definite agreement with regard to more hearty co-operation in the work of the Woman's League, rushing on the campus, rushing parties, time of giving bids, attitude towards independents, etc.

Delta Gamma gave a very pleasant reception February 13. They entertained all the sororities besides many other friends. Last week the senior Delta Gammas also entertained the other girls of the senior class in a very enjoyable manner.

A bill has just passed the Senate that a $\frac{1}{8}$ mill tax shall be levied on the entire state revenue, to be devoted to the University. The Legislature is to visit the University March 10. We have strong hopes that they will grant us a large appropriation for the woman's gymnasium. The new gymnasium is nearly finished, and will be one of the most complete in the country.

The University of Michigan minstrels gave their annual entertainment February 25, as usual to a crowded house.

"The Castalian," the senior independent publication, will not be printed this year, owing to the fact that their plates which were sent east to be engraved, have been destroyed by fire.

Mrs. Wheeler gave a most delightful tea for the Kappas December 22, 1892, in honor of our guest, Alice Damon.

BETA NU — OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Beta Nu chapter after a long winter term finds herself with seventeen loyal girls, our latest addition being Marietta Cole, '96, who was initiated January twenty-first, at the home of Maude Smith. In place of our usual "initiation banquet" we had on the Friday evening following a reception, which was our first attempt this year at anything very elaborate. Mary Louise Hull, '94, opened her lovely home for us and a very pleasant evening was spent with our friends in dancing and progressive conversation. In this way we tried to pay some of our indebtedness to our friends of the University.

The cry has always been heretofore, why can't we be more sociable, while this winter has been almost too gay for real successful college work.

Phi Gamma Delta entertained with a series of receptions, Beta Theta Pi, with a fancy dress party, Sigma Nu, with a theatre party. At these our chapter was well represented.

With these and the numerous class sleigh-rides, receptions and the First Annual Reception of the Dormitory students, we have not complained of any lack of social good times.

The University is in a most prosperous condition; one of our new buildings, "Hayes Hall," devoted to Manual Training, has been completed, but as yet not equipped. It is the finest building architecturally on the campus and within its

spacious halls the young women are afforded better rooms. This fact has made us think life a little more worth living than it was in our old cramped quarters.

The out-look for Athletics here is not as bright as it might be. Our Faculty has passed laws allowing only merit students to enter the clubs, and as we all know the cost of a merit here, we have some doubts as to the results.

With pleasure always comes pain and we are called to mourn the death of Ex-President Hayes who was at the time of his death President of our Board of Trustees; it was also due to his efforts that Manual Training was introduced here.

For the first time in the history of the University death has entered the ranks of the young women; Eva Needles was taken away from us last week.

XI — ADRIAN COLLEGE.

Upon me devolves the painful duty of writing my first chapter letter, and what to say and how to say it, are questions bothering me very much. Many persons in writing letters, have a habit of commencing with a description of the weather, but is that proper in a chapter letter? Softly something whispers in my ear the little word "no." The letters in the last number of THE KEY were unusually interesting, so interesting in fact, that I am discouraged.

But we have joyful news again — another victory! Jessie King of Adrian will be initiated into the mysteries of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Saturday evening, March 4. She is a lovely girl and we feel very proud to win such a victory. We expect to have a jubilant time, for our City sisters will all be present.

We have adopted the plans and programs proposed by the Grand President, and find our literary sessions very interesting.

Our first Social this term was turned into a reception to our City sisters, some of whom are unable to meet with us very often. It was a decided success, and every one left with feelings of regret that we could not have a social every week.

On the evening of February 6, the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity was entertained at the home of Prof. Cornelius, who is an Alpha Tau. But the boys were not the only ones to enjoy this, for the girls were also invited, the ladies' fraternities being equally represented.

February 13, occurred the Box Social given by the Y. W. C. A., for the purpose of raising money to purchase new song books. Every one knows what a Box Social is like, so no need of giving particulars. But what a good time all did have! It was so amusing to watch the gentlemen hunting the owners of those wonderful and mysterious boxes. Supper having been served, an excellent program was rendered, after which, games were indulged in, and a good time in general was had.

Washington's birthday, February 22, was celebrated in an elaborate manner at the College, the Y. P. S. C. E., of the College Church, having charge of the entertainment. The reception rooms and halls were decorated in a manner suitable to the occasion, and a majority of the young people were dressed in true colonial style. Supper, both ancient and modern, was served and the dining-hall was a wonderfully attractive place. The program rendered that evening could not be surpassed, for it was excellent. Not till midnight did the guests begin to take their departure, all deciding that the Colonial Reception was one of the most enjoyable affairs ever attended.

We do not want our sister chapters to think that we are here for merely play, because good work is being done by all the students. As our work is interspersed with some fun we feel better prepared to do hard studying. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," you know.

We have had another honor conferred upon Kappa for Clara Coleman, '93, has been elected one of the Essayists on the literary contest which occurs Commencement week; we can truly say as did one of our sister chapters, "In fact, Kappa takes most of the honors."

Xi sends greetings, and wishes all the prosperity that she is enjoying.

KAPPA — HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Kappa chapter sends greeting to all her sister chapters, and our hearts are full of love for the great family of girls to which we belong.

The winter term is almost finished, and the rush that always comes at the end of a term has begun; we are all thinking of reviews and examinations, theses and essays.

Our meetings this term have been full of pleasure; we have adopted the regular program of work, and are devoting all the time possible to carrying it out.

January 26, the Delta Tau Delta fraternity took the Kappa sisterhood en masse for a sleigh-ride; we had a jolly time going to Litchfield twelve miles distant, where we were entertained at the home of one of the Deltas; after a very pleasant time, we came away, reaching home at an hour rather late for students to be abroad; but as we had permission we were perfectly safe.

Two of our members are rejoicing in beautiful new keys; every Kappa girl should have a key this summer of all times, for we must not run the risk of missing any of ourselves at the fair. Undoubtedly there will be many Kappas who will anxiously watch for keys while in Chicago during the summer.

The Kappas recently spent an evening at the home of President Mosher whose daughter is one of our members, and were entertained by Mrs. Mosher with a talk on the Art Galleries of Europe; we had also the pleasure of looking at a very fine collection of pictures.

Another one of our girls has married. Nora Masters became Mrs. Nora Masters Bell upon January 5, at the home of her parents in Grayling, Mich.

She and her husband are at home in Negaunee, Mich., Kappas especially invited to call. This is the third girl to 'Commit Matrimony,' within a year, from our very midst, as it were, surely it seems quite contagious.

Our circulating letter is voted a great success, and we all wait anxiously for its coming, and the message it brings from so many of our dear ones away.

One of the events of the term was a dramatic entertainment given by the Ladies' Literary Union.

Three of our girls took part and acquitted themselves in a most creditable manner, and Kappa looks with pride upon her promising amateur performers.

We must not forget to tell you that on a certain memorable evening in December, at Nellie Montgomery's pleasant home, Zoe Smith, Bessie Mosher, Grace Dewey, Nettie Dowd were pledged to Kappa Kappa Gamma with appropriate ceremonies. We are to be congratulated on having so many girls, who are residents of the city, since we are always heartily welcomed to their homes.

The Lotus Glee Club gave a concert February 21, the fifth entertainment upon the College Lecture course. It was very enjoyable; Miss Marshall, the elocutionist, quite charmed the audience.

While we in Hillsdale, are bringing all the strength of our intellects to bear on the problem, how to keep warm, and how to maintain a standing position on the icy streets, our musical sisters, Lena Seley Laurence and Zoe Smith, are away in the sunny Southland, singing with the Aeolian Quartette at Du Funiax Springs, Florida.

The German students were delightfully entertained by Miss Deering on February 22. The affair was, of course, as "Deutsch" as possible.

An elegant "Speise-Karte" at the plate of each guest was designed to be a help in ordering refreshments, but had it not been that the waiters were familiar with English, it is more than probable that some of those "first year students" would be still unserved. The evening passed with German songs, recitations and conversation.

To be sure the conversation, in most cases was limited to "Können Sie Deutsch sprechen?" "Ya, ein wenig, aber nicht sehr gut," but every one was happy and regretted that the time to say "Leben Sie wohl" came so soon.

March 1, Kappa scored another victory; in the Oratorical Contest of L. L. V. Society we carried off the honors, — Mrs. Leggett receiving the prize, and Florette Bonney having favorable mention.

As the contest was close we feel especially proud of our success.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

DELTA — INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter to THE KEY, we have lost two old numbers, and initiated two new ones, so that our numbers remain the same. Elsie Mason is in Cincinnati studying music. On account of the death of her father, on January 15, Augusta Buskirk has gone to Anderson, Indiana, where she will make home with an aunt.

On Saturday, February 5, we put the golden key on Edna Wood of Franklin, Ind., and Callie Kassebaum of Aurora, Ind.

A society of King's Daughters has been organized for the purpose of bringing together the girls who are in the different fraternities as well as those who are not members of any fraternity. We hope its present success will continue.

On February 4, the Alpha Zeta Betas gave their Foundation reception at the National Hotel. That was the first formal appearance of this sorority in public since its recent establishment. Its success is a mere indication of the future of this growing organization.

The Delta girls have adopted caps, similar to mortar boards. This is a little out of the ordinary at Indiana University and is attracting some notice.

We are glad to have with us this year Mrs. Conunons, who is a Kappa in spirit, but has never worn the mystic key. She is the wife of Dr. Conunons who has the chair of Economic and Social Science. He is a strong member of our faculty and she is an exceptional woman.

There is a rumor that Pi Beta Phi will establish a chapter at Indiana University. This will be the fourth sorority here.

February 21, Kappa Kappa Gamma received Kappa Alpha Theta and Alpha Zeta Beta, at the home of our pledged member, Jessie Carmichael. The pretty home was appropriately decorated; pink refreshments were served in the dining-room which was decorated with pink. The hatchet was buried and we all enjoyed the afternoon very much. All pronounced it a great success.

IOTA — DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Iota has been storing up energy against spring fever. Already that supply is being drawn upon and it often takes nothing less than a reminder of what Kappa studentship is and has been at De Pauw to resist the temptations of too frequent rambles over the sunny hills bursting into the beauty of early spring flowers.

With the semester beginning February 4, two of our girls who had been out the first of the year on account of ill health returned, and we welcomed them back right gladly.

The great solace one in the bonds of Kappa has in the grief of leaving, is the surety that her place is never filled, though she has left it. Other true Kappas come, the work goes on; and as the world is getting bigger and better, each year the Kappa ideal is raised a little higher. Yet those who have left and are leaving us have made such advancement possible and their niche in the heart of Kappa remains inviolate.

In this connection it will be of general interest to know that our delegate to the last convention, Sadie Louise Montgomery, is teaching kindergarten in Emporia, Kansas, Highland Place.

She was with us until January, and it goes without saying, to those who know her that we feel our loss; yet as far as steam and electricity make it possible we are one in the bonds of Kappa, indeed as well as in spirit.

Iota has found her plan of literary work as laid out for this year very satisfactory. The work in parliamentary law and current history is especially beneficial. Interesting discussions occur in which the problems of the period, the fate of men and nations, are fixed for all time.

Our usual monthly drawing-room was held Saturday evening. The pleasure of the evening was greatly increased by the presence of our friends among the ladies of the town.

On Friday night the fraternities of De Pauw, excepting those of the proverbially weaker sex, held their annual Pan-Hellenic banquet; about 2.30 in the morning, the inmates of Ladies' Hall and the houses in town, lodging Kappas, were aroused from sleep by

Roh! Rah! Ree!
Chi yi! Chi yee!
We yell, we yell!
For Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Under the cover of darkness and in proper silence waste paper baskets were lowered from the windows by means of trunk straps, ropes, etc., and then drawn up filled with cake, olives, bonbons, turkey, in fact the best portable part of a Pan-Hellenic banquet. After the basket had been relieved of the greater part of its burden, one of us chanced to observe that she was at last faithful—those, who did not at the time remember what the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen is, went back to the arms of Morpheus pondering over what could have been meant. The next morning we appeared at breakfast with smiles, but no appetites. In answer to numerous inquiries as to the advent of De Pauw's college annual, Iota pledges her word that the mirage will appear.

Greeting and best wishes to all.

ETA — UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Since the last letter was sent to THE KEY, Eta chapter has added three new girls to the ranks of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Mabel and Edith Robinson were initiated December 17, and on February 21, Mabel McCoy joined us. This latter initiation was one of the pleasantest and prettiest we have ever had, and in some of its features was unique. The occasion was made still more pleasant for us, by our having Kittie Hill, a former member of Upsilon, with us at the time.

A few weeks ago May Sanborn, '91, made us a short visit. We have with us this term, Ada Griswold '89, who is taking special work in Latin.

Eta feels that a great honor has to her in the honor and distinction that has been conferred upon Florence Bascom, '93.

Miss Bascom, who has recently been admitted as a candidate for the degree of Ph. D. from Johns Hopkins, is the first woman to take the examinations for that degree from that institution, and the first woman in the world to take the Doctor's degree from any institution for work done in geology.

Eta's girls rejoice with their Beta Tau sisters, in the fact that their chapter house is no longer an air castle, but a tangible reality. We wish them all the pleasure that can come from such a charming home, and, with them, realize that Kappa home-life is a strong link in the chain that binds chapter members together. Our home has recently been made more cozy and pleasant by additional chairs and rugs which were purchased with part of a generous check which was given to us last term by the father of one of our freshmen.

On January 17, occurred the inauguration of President Adams. All college exercises were suspended for the day, and in the afternoon, the inaugural ceremonies proper took place. The board of regents, and visitors, Gov. Peck and the members of the faculty attended in a body. The exercises were presided over by William Pitt Bartlett, chairman of the board of regents; and addresses were made by Prof. Freeman in behalf of the faculty; H. H. Jacobs, '93, on the part of the students, and James L. High, who represented the alumni.

Pres. James B. Angell of Ann Arbor, delivered an address on behalf of the sister university. Pres. Adams then delivered his inaugural address. In the evening occurred the alumni reception and inaugural ball, which was the largest and most brilliant social event of the season. Pres. and Mrs. Adams have already won the favor and kindly regard of the students, who consider them as personal friends.

And so, under the able administration of Pres. Adams and with the prospect of numerous additions and improvements, we are expecting that the University of Wisconsin will not only retain its high position among educational institutions, but will branch out into new fields and broader methods of work.

UPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Upsilon greets her sister chapters once more through your welcome pages, First of all we must introduce to you our newest sisters, Nina Paddock and Faerie Bartlett, who were initiated since our last letter. Genevra Tompkins, of Beta Tau, has come to us this term.

The winter term at Northwestern has been a very busy and pleasant one to us all. We have continued our monthly "At Homes" which we began last term. They have been held at the residences of Hattie Daniels, Edith Baker and Laura Whitlock, and have been well attended by our friends. We have endeavored to make some changes in refreshment or entertainment, so that something new or novel should appear each evening.

Valentine's eve, Grace Scripps, one of the resident alumnae of Upsilon, gave a party to the active chapter, alumnae and college men. The beautiful home of Miss Scripps was decorated with flowers in an attractive manner. Though the evening was a very disagreeable one and the icy pavements made walking almost impossible, yet no regrets were received and a pleasant evening was spent in progressive "Chautauqua." The prizes were heart-shaped, as were also the favors, containing a verse suitable to the day and its patron saint. Refreshments were served, in which, as far as possible, the heart shape was prominent.

During the splendid sleighing which we have enjoyed this winter, Delta Upsilon gave a sleighing party, to which, as to the other parties of the term, many of our girls were invited. Tau Kappa Phi, a local fraternity, and their friends also enjoyed the merry sleigh bells and an oyster supper as a fitting termination to the evening's enjoyment.

Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi and Phi Kappa Psi have each given an entertainment of some kind to their friends in the sororities.

Our Northwestern Glee and Banjo clubs have much improved this year and have made several successful trips; the longest one, to Minneapolis, they made in a palace car, stopping to give several concerts on their way. The annual concert of the clubs was given here February 21, at which a large audience was present and applauded to the echo. At the conclusion of the concert, prominent ladies of Evanston tendered the clubs a reception at the Evanston Club house, to which the Evanston Club, the Faculty of the University, the senior class, and the gentlemen of the Glee and Banjo clubs, with ladies, were invited.

During the term a course of lectures in political economy has been delivered by prominent business men and professors before the students in the University. The authorities have also established a series of monthly University sermons, to be delivered by prominent divines of all denominations. Those already given have been by Dr. Bristol, Bishop Newman, Methodist; Professor Swing, People's; Dr.

Barrows, Presbyterian, and Rev. Floyd Tompkins, Episcopal—all of Chicago, with the exception of Bishop Newman.

February 17, the fraternities of Northwestern held their Pan-Hellenic banquet in Chicago. They reported a large attendance and a pleasant time. The sororities hold their Pan-Hellenic, March 3, at the home of Miss Hitchcock, of Delta Gamma. The programme is to be a farce, in which the actresses are chosen from the different sororities. Each sorority is represented on the programme committee. We anticipate a pleasant time and hope to rival the men's fraternities in our celebration.

EPSILON — ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Happy greetings to the new Kappas introduced in the last KEY, and to all our sister chapters.

Agreeable to our contract with Kappa Alpha Theta we initiated no new girls until after the last letter was sent to THE KEY. Our new members, for whom we ask a hearty welcome, are Idelle B. Kerrick, Emily Wright, Hester Hart, Frances Walker, Hallie Long, Lillie Allen and Kate Burns. These are all true Kappas and we are very proud of them. We have now seventeen members and are enjoying our chapter work very much.

We are following the programs sent out by Miss Bright, with some exceptions. At present we are preparing an entertainment to be given soon in the Chapel, to which we will invite the Faculty, Greeks, and other friends of the fraternity.

First we have a short farce of four Shakesperian characters, "Place aux Dames"; after which is a group of fifteen "Grecian tableaux." After the entertainment we will have a short reception in one of the Society Halls. Charlotte Probasco, who spent some time studying in Boston, is drilling us.

"Spreads" have come to be the regular mode of celebrating any event; we have had several this term in our hall.

Oh! I had forgotten our last new member, "Demosthenes," a small goat presented to the fraternity by our "babies." We christened him Demosthenes because of his wonderful oratorical powers.

In February, Phi Delta Theta gave a "Private Theatrical" in their elegant halls. Two of the girls in the cast were "old" Kappas. After the drama the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing. We hear that Phi Delta Theta is preparing to give soon an open session.

With our prosperity we are glad to note also the prosperity of our University. By the untiring efforts of our President, Dr. Wilder, and the agent of the Wesleyan we have secured to us the liberal endowment of the late lamented Dr. Buck, one of the best friends the Wesleyan ever had.

We have secured a ball park which is to be fitted up as soon as the spring opens.

The Faculty have this term established a Junior contest. We have two girls in the class.

We are very happy to have with us again Clara May of last year, who is now in the Music College.

Alletta Burwell of Warpella spent some time with us last week.

Idelle B. Kerrick is soon to leave for Marietta, Georgia, where she will spend the remainder of the term recuperating.

DELTA PROVINCE.

CHI—MINNESOTA UNIVERSITY.

Chi chapter, after the usual restlessness following the first half of the college year, has settled down into comparative quiet.

The Pan-Hellenic questions were continually hanging over our heads until lately; in October our new girls took much of our time, and then came the duty of giving a Kappa party, which all Kappas entered into very willingly; but now we can rest from our labors, and give ourselves up to our studies and the uninterrupted enjoyment of our chapter.

About Commencement last year, a Pan-Hellenic meeting of the women's fraternities in the University was held for the purpose of discussing the advisability of forming a pledge compact. There has always been a tacit agreement among the fraternities, that preparatory or high school students were not to be "rushed," or given invitations to join, until they became regular students. Therefore at the Pan-Hellenic meeting a committee was appointed to bring affairs to a definite conclusion.

Owing to many interruptions, and small disagreements, this conclusion was not reached until a short time ago, when Kappa Alpha Theta, Delta Gamma, Pi Beta Phi and Kappa Kappa Gamma then decided to draw up and sign a written compact to hold good for one year, which contains certain resolutions which will make it impossible to invite high school girls to join any of these fraternities until they have become University students.

They propose to keep college institutions in their proper places, and not to let them merge into high school affairs. A copy of the resolutions prefaced by two short essays on fraternities and preparatory pledging, neatly bound in pamphlet form in white and gold, will be sent to the Senior and Junior girls of the prominent Minnesota high schools. Alpha Phi is the only fraternity not in the agreement.

This is an entirely new venture for our University, and will doubtless create a great deal of speculation in fraternity circles as to its outcome; but we have the

ernest conviction that it is the best thing to be done, and hearty approbation of the Faculty before us.

When this business was fairly off our hands, we turned our thoughts to pleasures, and as the result, on January 13, Chi chapter gave a dancing party at the home of Irma Glover, Minneapolis.

On the evening appointed, seven or eight owls looked down from mantels, book cases and piano with mild astonishment, to see the Kappa girls gliding around and around under the blue hangings and painted fleur-de-lis which decorated the rooms.

On the two following Mondays Chi chapter was at home to her friends, and then ended the Kappas' dissipation for the present.

Though we gained nine girls at initiation, we have temporarily lost two, as Lillian Best is enjoying the balmy weather of California, and Marcella Ragan is visiting in Tennessee.

Helen Sargent, who has been ill at home for the last eight weeks, will be heartily welcomed back next term.

Julia Thompson, one of our Kappa sisters whom the Kappas of '95 and '96 knew, until lately, only in name, after making a long visit at the home of her brother in Minneapolis, has now left us again, followed by the devoted love and admiration of all Chi.

BETA ZETA CHAPTER—UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Though Iowa has been truly "frozen over" this winter and it has been dangerous to venture far from home, our life at S. U. I. has been just as active and pleasant as in years when the elements were milder. Perhaps, indeed, the student found study and a warm fire more attractive. During these weeks of snow and ice, a Junior Annual has been taking form, and with the first warm days burst upon us with all its glory of dark red leather and old gold ribbon.

We have all been much interested in the change made this year by the faculty in the manner of distributing commencement honors. Always before the six members of the class receiving highest marks delivered orations, the first third of the class being on the honor roll. An innovation has been brought about, however, by class '93, who petitioned for an abolition of the old plan. The following method was decided upon. All members of the graduating class having averages above 85 per cent. are on the honor roll, which is divided into three grades, 85 per cent. to 90 per cent., 90 per cent. to 95 per cent., 95 per cent. to 100 per cent., all on the honor roll have the privilege of writing orations, the best six of which will decide the commencement speakers.

During the winter we have had the pleasure of hearing lectures by Archbishop Keane, James Whitcomb Riley, Robert Nourse, John J. Ingalls, and John Temple

Graves. Aside from these we have a course of University extension lectures. These are given one each week, by the different professors in the University.

Beta Zeta has pursued much the same course as during the past term. Our number is still the same though two girls have pledged themselves to us and we hope to present some new sisters with our next letter. Our weekly meetings retain the charm had in the beginning. There are rumors warning us that an original play is to be given next term.

In December Miss Calvin entertained us at her home and in January Mrs. Sawyer gave a Kappa Kensington party. February 22, the Kappas gave a fancy dress party at the home of Helen Copeland. About seventy guests were invited and the dainty costumes and pretty decorated rooms made a picture indeed. The general verdict seemed to be, "a very pleasant time."

St. Valentine surprised each member of Beta Zeta by sending very dainty remembrances painted with violets in light and dark blue and bearing in one corner Kappa Kappa Gamma, in the other "Sweets to the Sweet." These were gifts from our sister Mae Lomas.

PERSONALS.

Mae Lomas has returned to the University, having been absent several weeks on account of illness.

Miss Laura Clark and Miss Stella Price spent vacation in Iowa City.

THETA—MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.

The winter of 1893. has shared its storms and calms with Theta, but she has bravely withstood them all and has come out victorious. At the opening of the year we were sorry to lose one of our last initiates, Lura Gilliam, who was obliged to leave college on account of ill health. At the same time we gladly welcomed again Roberta Waugh who was with us in 1891. We have had as a visitor Mary Brockenbrough, who has been with us all winter. Monta Boyce also met with us last week.

How naturally the girls seem to fit in their old places when they return after an absence; introductions are almost unnecessary and there is no formal waiting for others to take the initiative; the Kappa spirit of kindness and goodwill makes itself felt before many meetings, and we feel as though we had always been friends.

The plan of literary work received from our President has met with a great deal of enthusiasm on the part of our girls and we hope to hear through this number of THE KEY that many chapters have adopted it. The "tie which binds" seems all the stronger when we know that the same work of a literary character is being carried on by many chapters.

As usual during the winter season, the social element has played a large part

in University circles. Chapters of Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Nu and Beta Theta Pi have entertained their friends with balls, that of the Phi Delta Theta being a masquerade on a very elaborate scale. Many of the Kappa girls added to the interest of each of these occasions.

A new and interesting feature of University social life since the holidays is the plan of receptions given by the faculty to the students. A certain number of the members of the faculty open their homes each Thursday evening, giving the busy student an opportunity to meet personally every member of the board of instructors. So far they have been very enjoyable as our girls can testify who have been among the receiving parties.

The Y. M. C. A. of the University has given a course of entertainments including Dr. Nourse, Remenyi the violinist, Elliot the humorist and the Lotus Glee Club. The Association owns a beautiful lot adjoining the University campus, and is about to erect a permanent home upon it.

The first Convention of the Beta Sigma Omicron society met in Columbia on February 21 and 23. This is a local society of young women, including both college girls and those not in school. They have only three chapters, all being in the state of Missouri.

Two of the six University buildings are completed, the Law, and the Mechanic Arts Hall, and the students of these departments are rejoicing to be in more commodious quarters.

February 22, being a holiday, Theta girls met in the afternoon with Lillie Porter, where we pledged our goodwill once more with a Kappa song and dance.

SIGMA—NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter to THE KEY, the Christmas vacation has come and gone. We are all glad to be together again, although we disliked the idea of returning to our studies.

The seventeenth of December we admitted "to the mystic shrine of Kappa" another sister, May C. Whiting, of whom, I think, we are justly proud. The seventeenth being our anniversary, we had previously arranged to have the alumnae and associate members residing in the city participate with us in a regular "Kappa feed" at the home of Stella Kirker. When Miss Whiting consented to join the chapter, we changed our plans some what; initiating her in the afternoon, in the presence of the active chapter, and then having the other girls for tea. The evening was pleasantly spent in singing Kappa songs and in hearing how "Billy" conducted himself when some of the older members were initiated.

The Phi Delta Thetas, Beta Theta Pis, Delta Gammas, Sigma Chis and Kappa Kappa Gammas have made arrangements to exchange periodicals. Each fraternity is allowed to keep another fraternity's magazine two weeks; it must then be for-

warded to the fraternity next in alphabetical order. On the back of the magazine is pasted a slip of paper bearing the date on which each fraternity received the magazine, and also the date on which it was forwarded. We think that in addition to the pleasure which we derive from this exchange, it will be a means of improving our chapter letters.

In the local oratorical contest, which took place a few weeks ago, there were seven contestants for first place. Among the number was one fraternity man, Mr. T. E. Wing, Phi Delta Theta. The fraternities were confident that Mr. Wing would win, nor were they disappointed. We were the more delighted, perhaps, because the "barbs" accuse us of having "a little money and no brains," although it is very noticeable, that in general class work the fraternity members usually take the lead. Since the contest, however, the "barbs" have had nothing to say. Mr. Wing will now represent the University at the State Contest which takes place the seventh of March in this city. Much to our satisfaction the "barbs" will have to support him, or work against their own University, as they will not be likely to do. We look forward with eagerness to the State Contest feeling confident of victory. Then "our orator" will go to the Inter-State Contest at Columbus, Ohio, where we hope that at least every member of Beta Nu Chapter will have the pleasure of hearing him and seeing him there carry off first honors.

Last spring, the University Dramatic Club was organized at the first entertainment, Saturday evening, December 10, "A Perjured Padulion," an emotional tragedy in five acts, was presented in the Chapel, for the benefit of the Athletic Association. The play was a satirical "take off" on University literary society life.

The fifteenth of February was Charter Day for the University of Nebraska. In the afternoon a reception was given by the Chancellor and Faculty to the Legislators, alumni and invited guests from the city. Over an hour was spent in friendly intercourse; then the company assembled in the Chapel where a musical programme was rendered. In the evening President Seth Low of Columbia College delivered an address at the Lansing Theatre. The Chancellor had provided seats for the legislators in the body of the house, but owing to an adjournment of the legislature for a week, there were but few members present. After eight o'clock no seats were reserved and the house was filled by people from the city.

Every one seemed to be interested in the World's Fair. Sigma reads with pleasure the items concerning the exhibits of the fraternities. We hope that the space allotted to them will not be curtailed much. Miss Barton, who has charge of the clay modelling department at our University, is modelling "The Nebraskan Athlete" for the Columbian Exhibition. The statute is life size and represents a sprinter in the "set" start with arms outstretched. One of the students is posing for Miss Barton.

The first of March the young ladies of the gymnasium are to give an exhibition. Each class will make a specialty of club-singing, dumb-bell exercises, wands,

or marching. Only the parents and friends of the performers will be admitted. The exhibition is to take the place of the examination which was at first decided upon.

OMEGA — KANSAS UNIVERSITY.

The Kappas in Omega chapter wonder if readers of THE KEY will care to hear anything from Kansas that does not come from Topeka. Our state capital has monopolized attention so entirely of late, that it seems almost useless for K. S. U. to attempt to get a word in edgewise. But as the small boy says, "Here goes."

To plunge *in medias res*, as last fall, foot-call was the topic of the day, we were not behind the times. We had a team, as several of the neighboring towns and states know to their sorrow, for the crimson carried victory in its wake last year. Of course after each battle there was rejoicing among those of us who remained at home. When in Lawrence the games are played on the McCook Athletic Field, which is about two blocks from the campus, and even in its incomplete state gives evidence that the generous donation by General McCook, has been employed in a way to produce the best results.

At the south end of Mount Oread, for such is the classic name of the hill we climb each day, are the principal buildings—the Main Building, of rough Ashler, with its recitation rooms, chapel, and spacious hall; the Chemistry Building which is stone, with brick trimmings; the electrical engineering shops and, last, Snow Hall, the Natural History Building and the handsomest of the four, is white stone, and named in honor of Professor F. H. Snow, now our Chancellor. There is a possibility in the near future of a Library Building, the library being, at present, a suite of rooms in the main building, and a dormitory for girls. About four blocks away, at the other end of Mount Oread, is the old University now used as the School of Law.

The winter, although a very cold one, has been enjoyed thoroughly by most of the students, as the skating on the river has been excellent, and since the ice lasted for two months there has been no need of neglecting lessons for it. The social world has been quite gay, and we think it was decidedly proven that the friends of Kappa are many.

We have entertained twice this year, on one occasion a few friends at a musical, and on February 10, gave our annual winter party.

There are three sororities in the University, Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Alpha Theta, and Kappa Kappa Gamma, six fraternities, besides two honorary fraternities. The honorary scientific, Sigma Xi, has elected six members from the class of '93, one of whom is a young woman. Of the six elected by Pi Beta Kappa, two are young women; during Commencement this society will choose two more members.

This past fall the Young Woman's Christian Association was organized, and is now in a flourishing condition, with apparent promise of steady growth.

Quite an innovation was an enterprise undertaken a short time ago by the non-fraternity students, who have hitherto remained quiescent, although in the majority. They have established a Student's Journal, and intend to make it, as the name indicates, a paper for all students.

According to a plan of the Faculty, this year our first classes are at half-past eight, instead of nine o'clock. The object was to put chapel exercises from 10.30 to 11, so more students could be present, though attendance is not compulsory.

The first two years the student must take those studies prescribed in his course, and the junior and senior work is optional. But from the beginning of the next college year '93-4, the entire four years' work will probably be elective.

Kappa Kappa Gamma has no cause of complaint this year, in regard to new members. In addition to the six girls mentioned in the last KEY, we now add the names of Edith Isbell, Topeka, and Dorcas McGowan, of Leavenworth. Both girls entered at the second term of college.

Omega has not a chapter house, nor has she a hall, but when we meet each Saturday afternoon at the home of one of the members, we do not seem to mind the absence of the one or the other very much. Our work goes on just the same, and, need it be added our fun.

Our crowning exploit was on the twenty-first of February, when we initiated our new members. This "ceremony" was at the home of one of our girls, who lives on the edge of the town. The house was placed at our disposal and we had made our plans to stay all night. We went early, and you can imagine how glad 'Our Pet' was to see the new candidates, for he has been penned up pretty closely all winter, lest he should take cold, poor dear, and be sick with *la grippe* when we should want him.

The initiates were disposed of first, and then till long after midnight the house rang with merriment, such as nineteen girls, and those girls good Kappas, know how to make. But even when 'lights out' had been sounded, woe to the poor girls who tried to sleep. For of the nineteen there were always several who had not succumbed to "nature's sweet restorer," and unruly tongues would wag in spite of sundry repetitions of "Girls, be quiet," coming in drowsy tones from different parts of the house. In the dead of night, when everything finally was still, one of our girls actually—but that's telling. If it were not, several of us "could a tale unfold," which, if it did not exactly "harrow up your soul," would make you laugh; you could not help it.

Now we are going to send our love to all the chapters and say good-bye till the next KEY, for we do not want you to get tired of Omega.

BETA EPSILON—BARNARD COLLEGE.

Since our last letter to THE KEY, Beta Epsilon has added four new members to its roll, and its (I cannot say "original") thirteen have now become seventeen. On the 9th of December we held our first initiation of the year and added to our number one junior, Miss Jones, and three sophomores, Miss Colgate, Miss Parsons, and Miss Lockwood. As it was almost a year since any initiation had been held in Beta Epsilon, we resolved that every effort should be expended to make the occasion all that it should be. The result was most successful; the masses of roses, the room lighted by thirteen candles only, added greatly to the beauty and impressiveness of the ceremony. Our only regret—and this regret came afterward—was that we might have had the Grand Secretary with us at the initiation had we but known she was in New York. A day or two later we had the pleasure of seeing her at Barnard College, and it was only then that we learned what might have been. She had come to New York that very Friday, but we had not known it.

Is there any loyal member of Kappa Kappa Gamma—and this, of course, means is there *any* member—who does not feel that the beautiful ceremony of initiation does more than any other thing toward the inspiration of the true ideals of fraternity life? As the vows are taken and renewed, each heart must be stirred with the desire to keep the fraternity always at its best; each must be moved to do her part toward carrying out its noblest aims. Is not this feeling of earnestness and high purpose one that should be fostered? Surely, then, it were a good thing for the life of each chapter that the initiations be not few and far between.

But fraternity life is not, and should not be, *all* initiation. I come, then, to the chapter's social life and to a new departure that we made in the Christmas holidays. For the last year and more our social meetings once a month have been marked with a succession of white stones, denoting singular (!) histrionic triumphs. For one day in each month, Beta Epsilon gives itself up to theatricals. So far all our plays had been given with marked simplicity of scenery, properties, and even *acting*—the one thing we piqued ourselves upon being *historic accuracy* and *stern realism* in point of costume. The same accuracy did not always, I fear, appear in our knowledge of what the playwright had intended his heroes and heroines and minor characters to *say*. However, the plays had always had a great *success d'estime* and had no end of fun both for actors and for spectators. So we resolved that on the last Saturday of the holidays Beta Epsilon should give a play to the whole undergraduate department of the college. We felt that it was not quite fair to keep so much fun all to ourselves; and, also, we may have been influenced by the lamentable ignorance displayed by our barbarian freshman class of twenty-seven as to the mere existence of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

The play was, of course, to be rather more elaborately worked up than previous ones had been. However, when the great day came there had been only one com-

plete rehearsal, and the cast was trusting much to luck and to the inspiring effect of make-up, scenery, and, above all, footlights. The play was a travesty of Shakespeare, with wit and sparkle added by our clever inserter of local hits. All the ingenuity and energy of the Kappa girls had been exerted toward making the thing a success. A stage had been improvised, a forest (of Christmas trees) secured, a gas stove supporting a round agate-ware pan converted into a cauldron, emitting green flame and dense clouds of smoke; and amid these scenes lovesick Lady Macbeth pursued her Romeo, ardent Romeo pursued his Ophelia, crazed Ophelia pursued her Launcelot Gobbo, and timid Launcelot fled before her, while the three weird sisters added witchery to the whole. The costumes were capital and changed our familiar college companions into mediæval stageland creatures in a truly astonishing way. One felt quite afraid of the witches for some days after all was over.

I must not linger over the performance itself. Suffice it to say that it went with considerable "go," and that the audience laughed much and often. Charming programmes and dainty favors had been provided for each guest, and the play was followed by dancing, light refreshments, and more dancing. If the guests enjoyed themselves as much as their hostesses enjoyed *them*, I think Beta Epsilon may score another success and mark the 7th of January with—what shall it be?—let us say this time, a red letter.

BETA ETA—LELAND STANFORD, JR., UNIVERSITY.

Beta Eta has begun this second Semester with very bright prospects. When college opened in Januray we felt sad at not seeing Mabel Cory and Edith Liliencrantz in their accustomed places.

Mabel Cory was compelled to remain away on account of ill health, but we are living in anticipation of having her with us again next year. Edith Lilientrantz has forsaken us for good and has commenced work in the Cooper's Medical College of San Francisco.

Since writing our last letter we have also had to part with one of our alumnae members, Mrs. Hopkins, who has gone to Arkansas.

Just before Christmas the students of our two great Western Universities were very much aroused over the Inter-Collegiate foot-ball game; some of you doubtless know that we had the two great Yale coaches Camp and McClung, we having Camp, and the U. C., McClung. Excitement was intense, for we already held the championship and the U. C. fully expected victory this year, but there's many a slip, and here there proved to be one, for the score was a tie; now we have to wait until next Thanksgiving to decide who shall carry off the laurels. The base-ball season is now at hand and Stanford this time is pretty sure of victory over our sister college. Then, too, it may not be long before we compete with many Eastern colleges in our athletic sports, for we now boast of a boat-club, ladies being admitted,

of over two hundred members. The new boat-house has been completed, and boats are expected every day. Mr. and Mrs. Stanford have just given eight hundred dollars to this club.

We have two new buildings ready for occupancy; one is an electrical power house, and is so large as to accommodate all the motors and large engines; the other is a black-smiths shop where are being placed thirty-two forges and lathes for fixing all machinery and doing plumbers work. Work has commenced in our new department in Horticulture, as Prof. Emory Smith has arrived.

Another new feature in our work, is a course given by Prof. Mary Sheldon Barnes in Pacific Slope History; it is very interesting and is attracting a great deal of attention.

Next Semester there will be a course in law offered; several prominent men have already accepted the offer to give lectures in that department among them Ex-President Harrison.

We have had a number of social events since our last letter. On the evening of December 21, Beta Eta and friends were the guests of Fanny Mitchell in Palo Alto. We all left the campus, about thirty of us, in the old landmark, "the long bus," and were cordially received by Miss Mitchell and her mother. Our Christmas examinations had just ended and we were then prepared for fun, all too quickly it was time to go home; after many good byes, for this was the last time we should meet together before the Christmas vacation, we started on our homeward way, making the night ring with college songs, and rejoicing that we had at last a Kappa sister who had a real home here and at whose house we were welcome. Our second social event was a genuine old-fashioned candy pull given to our men friends Friday evening, January 27. Our worthy president made the candy and it was a merry crowd of boys and girls, adorned with dainty aprons, who did the pulling. Of course they had the usual catastrophes; one would burn himself, another drop his candy, and so on, but these things helped to amuse the rest. After we were tired of pulling we quieted down to have the men entertain us; some of them recited, some sang, others played, and one accomplished fortune-teller told fortunes. At last we all gathered around the piano and sang college songs, ending with our own University song, "Hail Stanford, Hail."

On the last Saturday evening in January the Kappa Alpha Thetas gave their first "At Home." Their pretty parlors were filled with guests, who were royally entertained by the fifteen young hostesses. Their cards are out for the last Saturday of each month.

Stanford now boasts of another literary society, the Europa, organized by young men, with thirty members. This will cause more enthusiasm in that line, for it is already competing with the Alpha. Both have strong members and some lively debates, etc., are looked forward to. The Alpha has challenged the literary society at the University of California for a debate.

On Saturday, February 18, we gave an "At Home" to the Thetas. The Roble parlors were decorated with black and yellow pansies, the Theta flower, and a profusion of the two shades of violets. At one end of the parlors stood little white-covered tables set with daintiest china. Miss Kendall, a post-graduate from Indiana University, favored us with some instrumental music, and Mrs. Smith, a Theta, sang two or three selections. Chocolate, sandwiches and cake were served. Thus a very pleasant afternoon was spent.

We young ladies, being very enthusiastic about our reading-room in Roble, on February 24 gave a farce for its benefit. The participants were all students, and some of them showed considerable talent. We cleared about one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

There has been a cloud over our University for the last few days, caused by the death of Professor W. H. Miller, thus making the first vacancy in our Faculty. He was a graduate from Johns Hopkins University and was a wonderful scholar in mathematics. He had long been a victim of consumption, but he still attended to his duties in the class-room almost to the last, and endeared himself to all of his students. He was buried near the Stanford mausoleum.

The Phi Kappa Psis have moved into their handsome new chapter house and are soon to give a house-warming.

The Phi Delta Thetas have given two informal parties; the latter one was a dance, which, as it was a rare treat here, was unusually enjoyable to the favored few.

We were much pleased to hear of the prospective addition to our number in the person of Jennie Nita Angell, and we are trying to wait patiently for her coming.

We have been made rather lonely for the last three weeks by the absence of our corresponding secretary, Lizzie Chapman, who has been obliged to go home on account of illness. We expect, however, to have her with us again soon, as she is rapidly recovering.

Improvements in the way of cement walks are being made here. On either side of the beautiful mile driveway, from the University to the depot at Palto Alto, are being laid cement walks bordered by rows of large palm trees.

There are about one hundred girls in the dormitory. We Kappas received twenty last night and expect to entertain the rest at different times in the near future. We flatter ourselves that the effort was a success, although we realize that it is quite an undertaking.

NOTICES.

Important Notice to Corresponding Secretaries.

Corresponding Secretaries are requested to send to the July KEY Chapter Letters, *not* the usual Public Semi-Annual Reports made up of statistics. Send these to the October KEY instead. By this arrangement the summer issue will contain fresh accounts of Commencements and spring term work. It is difficult after college has closed to find chapter news for the autumn letters, and the substitution of Semi-Annuals for letters in that number will relieve the Corresponding Secretaries. Be sure to make this change, disregarding instructions of the Manual. The editors have authority for the request.

ELLA A. TITUS, *Editor-in-Chief.*

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COUNCIL SESSION.

The Grand Council will hold a session in Evanston, Illinois, June 17 to 24 inclusive. Candidates for the second degree will be examined during the week.

The following letter is sent to THE KEY by Upsilon chapter with the comment that the buildings mentioned are very comfortable and the gentlemen very reliable:—

EVANSTON, Ill., January 25, 1893.

To the Ladies of Kappa Kappa Gamma:

We wish to advise you that the authorities of Northwestern University have granted us the use of the Woman's Hall and College Cottage for the entertainment of college young ladies during the World's Fair. We are to assume business management of the buildings immediately after the closing of college in June. It is our purpose to secure parties of young ladies from the leading female and co-educational institutions of the United States and England, drawing on patronage from such colleges as Vassar, Wellesley, Lasell, Bryn Mawr, Ann Arbor, Wesleyan University, Macon, Ga., Ann Arbor, Madison, DePauw, etc. We desire further to co-operate with you and other young ladies' societies in making Evanston "Sorority Headquarters" during the Fair. This plan will bring the different chapters of your

own and other sororities into closer relation and prove beneficial to those interested

If the plan meets with your approval we should like your co-operation in attracting young ladies from other institutions and in getting the proper notices into your quarterlies. Will you kindly present this matter to your chapter at its next meeting.

Respectfully,

(Local Fraternity Tau Kappa Theta) CHAS. D. LOCKWOOD (Class of '93).

(Delta Upsilon) A. W. SKELSEY (Class of '95).

College and Fraternity Notes.

The Faculty of the Iowa State Agricultural College has a law suit on its hands, all on account of their efforts to suppress the Delta Tau Delta society, one of the Greek fraternities organized within the college. The action grows out of the expulsion of Orris W. Roberts and Charles Van Epps, two students of the college who would not, at the command of President Beardshear, withdraw their membership from the Delta Tau Delta society. Roberts hails from Harrison County, and not willing to sever his connection with either the fraternity or the college, began legal proceedings to determine whether the Faculty and the trustees have the legal right to do as they have done. Roberts' first intention was to apply to the courts for a writ of reinstatement, but as the school year was about expired, and as a decision could not be reached before the end of the term that plan was abandoned and it was decided to begin an action at law to test the rights of the students of the college as well as the power of the Faculty and trustees over the students in cases where their relations with the fraternities are involved.

The principal question to be passed upon by the court is whether in an institution maintained by public taxation, as the State Agricultural College is maintained, the right exists to make rules and regulations which practically amount to a discrimination between citizens. It is claimed that the fraternity has nothing to do with the college, that it is a separate and distinct affair, that it holds its meetings off the college grounds and outside of college hours, and that in no way interferes with the studies of the students or their moral welfare. It will, of course, be incumbent upon President Beardshear to show the minds of the students

are attracted away from their studies by their relations with the Delta Tau Delta society, and this will be no easy thing to do, for Roberts stands at the head of his class and his deportment in and out of school hours has been of the very highest order.—*The College Fraternity*.

The forty-seventh annual convention of the Grand Chapter, the governing body of Zeta Psi, was held in Boston, December 28, 29, 30.

Delta Delta Delta has established its eighth chapter in the University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt.

De Pauw has a new society in the school of music called the Phi Mu Epsilon.—*Sigma Nu Delta*.

Miss Harriet Hamilton, a Cornell student, Miss Caroline Miles, Ph.D., of Michigan University, and Miss Elizabeth Slade, A.B., of Wellesley College, are now members of the Faculty of the Chicago University, and are appointed to the English, psychology, and Greek departments respectively.—*Boston Herald*.

The oldest college in Chili is the "Instituto Nacional," which received its charter from the King of Spain more than one hundred years ago. In provincial days it was known as El Colegio de San Felipe, but in 1862 it was reorganized and renamed. It occupies a fine building on the Alameda, alongside the National University. The "Instituto" has an annual average attendance of 1,400 pupils, and the university about 1,000. The latter has a library of 10,000 volumes and all manner of scientific apparatus for the use of the students. It is divided into five faculties, and its course of study covers a period of six years, embracing mathematics, practical surveying, physics, natural history, chemistry, astronomy, cosmography, and other sciences, languages, ancient and modern, theology and medicine. There are 800 primary schools in Chili, with an average attendance of 170,000 children. About ten years ago Congress appropriated \$150,000 to introduce the best method of teaching, and to that end sent a learned professor to the United States and various parts of Europe

to study the systems of those countries and decide upon the most successful.—*The Chicago Tribune*.

The recent meeting of the University Settlement Society in New York, which was attended by Hon. William M. Evarts, Colonel William Jay, Rev. Stuart Dodge, Mrs. Elliott F. Shepard, Mrs. Josephine S. Lowell and other prominent people, represented the latest movement in philanthropy and was interesting in showing the new current of thought and work in improving the condition of the poor. Mr. Seth Low, the head of the society, struck at once the key-note of the new charity when he said: "The modern world has grown too large for the successful practice of the ancient virtue of almsgiving. Methods should be employed which would induce the backward classes to help themselves as much as possible." In country villages and small towns almsgiving may be feasible, because neighbors knowing one another understand the needs of the poorest. In large cities, indiscriminate almsgiving has been prevented by fraud and imposture. Its failure gave rise first to the Associated Charities, formed chiefly for the purposes of investigation, and lately to the University Settlements, the broader and nobler philanthropic organizations, whose idea is "social reform, based on contact with the beneficiaries."—*Boston Journal*.

The greatest change which has yet been brought about in the Wellesley College course will go into effect next fall. A new curriculum involves change in the conferring of degrees.

Up to this time there have been two regular courses — the scientific and classical — on the completion of which the students obtained respectively the bachelor of science and the bachelor of arts degrees.

The greatest difference which existed between the two, was that a certain amount of Greek was required for the classical course, while the scientific course demanded an extra year of mathematics, besides a modern language.

According to the new system, every student who has completed a certain number of hours beside the required work, is a candidate for the A. B. degree.

The changes in the curriculum have been frequent, with a growing tendency toward extended opportunities for electing.

One strong reason for this may be found in the fact that a large number of earnest students are preparing themselves for teaching, and, therefore, choose particular lines for specializing.

It is this which has led, in some colleges, to an adoption of the "group" system.

But in this departure Wellesley has seen fit not to adopt an entirely elective course, on the principle that a small amount of required study affords that more "all-round" knowledge which serves as a better foundation for specializing.

The new plan provides for ample freedom in election, by reducing required work to the lowest point desirable, and yet it aims so to guard this freedom that the fullest development of the student shall be secured.

To meet these ends, elective work is henceforth to be divided into two nearly equal parts.

Thus in regard to a certain number of electives, the student is under no control from the faculty; in regard to the remainder, she is under certain restrictions.

The work is so proportioned that about one-third of the amount necessary for a degree consists of electives, subject to the conditions just named.

The subjects absolutely required are mathematics, philosophy, English composition, physiology and hygiene and Bible study; every student must take also one language and two sciences.

To a large extent the required subjects will be taken in the early part of the course, while the later years will be left free for elective studies.

Freshmen entering next autumn will be placed upon the new curriculum, and upon completing the requisite number of courses will receive the degree of B.A.

No change in the entrance requirements will be made at present, but in the autumn of '95 ability to read easy prose in a third language will be ranked among requisites for admission. — *Boston Herald*.

Editorial.

LITERARY STUDY IN THE CHAPTER.

A certain professor in a Western college was once speaking to a Kappa on the subject of fraternities. Said the professor: "These societies may have been a great help in the early days of American colleges, when the study of English literature was less regarded than at present, and when the societies gave the only opportunity for good work in that direction. But with the excellent instruction that our colleges provide, I can see no place for the fraternity. It has outlived its usefulness." Like many people who have not an inside knowledge, he looked upon fraternities as being at best unions of literary clubs. Their nature, as we understand it, is something so different as to make this view tolerably amusing. Nevertheless, literary study has formed a valuable part of fraternity life, and continues to do so, in spite of the great improvement in college courses. It has its place as one of many factors that go to make the excellence of fraternities, but it enters into no competition with college work, since in method and spirit it is entirely distinct.

Although our professor overlooked this distinction, its secret is an open one: in the college work our attention is mainly directed to artistic excellence; in the chapter work we regard character as shown in the book we are studying. Character study as an aid to the development of character; this is the real value of our reading in the chapter, and in this our reading differs from the college course in spirit. When we come to method the difference is quite as obvious. In class, even when character study is attempted, it is likely to come in the shape of papers read by the students, or lectures delivered by the professor; profitable methods, indeed, but will any one maintain that they have the freshness and spontaneity of the talk that springs up among intimate friends who have been enjoying a book together?

Unreserved, personal discussion, perfectly feasible in chapter meeting, can hardly be ventured on in class before assembled classmates and under guidance from the professor's chair. For people are seldom willing to

speak of matters that touch closest, except in the presence of friends whose sympathy and comprehension are certain.

The plan for chapter meetings lately presented to Kappa Kappa Gamma shows clearly both the place and the office of literary study in our chapter meetings. It indicates the great importance of subjects other than literary by the far greater amount of time to be bestowed on them. But books are to have their turn, because of the great help they can give in the formation of character. The books recommended require very little time to be spent in preparation. The work could hardly frighten even those fraternity women who, drawing to the furthest extreme from the belief of our quoted professor, hold that literature should be rigidly "kept in its place" in the curriculum, and would have fraternity mean purely the delight of sociability. Indeed the professor would very likely open wide eyes of astonishment if he heard such "light reading" spoken of as literary work. But the books were chosen, not as difficult problems to be wrestled with, but as valuable studies of women's character; not with the purpose of turning chapter-rooms into "halls of learning," but of giving direction to our thoughts of what woman's life should mean. "Friendship for friendship's sake" is indeed the aim of fraternity, as THE KEY once said in earlier days; but the friendship that we seek for is the noble friendship that looks toward growth. As we talk over the women of books, telling what appeals to each of us personally in their experiences, what we think we should have done in their places, we come to understand more thoroughly what manner of women we and our Kappa friends are becoming, and what we wish to become.

COLLEGE SETTLEMENTS.

In view of the fact that college settlements are coming to form a noticeable feature in the philanthropic work of great cities, it has seemed to THE KEY that its readers would be glad to have in permanent form such a concise account of the origin and methods of the settlements as Miss Dickey has contributed. Already college women are carrying on

this work in Philadelphia. The February number of the *Wellesley Magazine* contains a fascinating description by Miss Vida Scudder of their life in St. Mary street, where, as she says, "ten years ago you could not have gone unless you were a man; and then you would have been obliged to seek the company of a policeman." Boston has several settlements. First and most widely known is Andover House, managed, as its name implies, by people connected with the Andover Theological Seminary. This House has formed a body of associate workers, both men and women. Very recently a lady in Albany, New York, gave to the house a memorial gift of two hundred and fifty dollars, to be used for a sociological library. A Boston University settlement has been established this winter. Wellesley College graduates, however, have the honor of being the first to form a settlement managed entirely by college women. Their work at Dennison House has started out with vigor and enthusiasm.

Exchanges.

The *Arrow* gives us, among several interesting articles, a letter from Leipsig. There is an irresistible fascination, to the American college women, connected with the very names of these foreign universities where her sisters are so slowly winning place and recognition.

As yet we've seen very little of the University, its students or customs. As you know, women are not regularly admitted as students, are here on sufferance and feel always as though they were pursuing their work under protest. We are addressed collectively as "Meine Herren," go to lectures, concerts, theatres, etc., on tickets labelled "Herren Studenten," for which we make our bow and thankfully take the gifts the gods allow—at half price. Last year some of our thoughtless country women made our course somewhat difficult and endangered the position of all women in the University. As a result the rules are stricter this year, and it is harder to gain admittance, and impossible in some cases. We called upon the professors whose lectures we wished to hear, armed with our best introductions and our meekest bearing, and in every case were treated in the most friendly manner. We enter the class rooms with as little ostentation as possible, keep our eyes on the professor or our note books and are utterly oblivious to everything and everybody except the dead heroes of literature. Later on we mean to be more observing, to tell you something of the German student *Vereine*, which mean to us at present rather pretty caps of the brightest shades of blue, red and green, with fine complexions and too often terribly scarred faces underneath.

We have passed and signalled a golden key of Kappa Kappa Gamma and a Kappa Alpha Theta Kite, besides several representatives of men's American fraternities.

Kappa Alpha Theta is always charming, always readable, and generally "to the point," but there is added to this the piquant savour of surprise for her readers, when, at the close of some article which has given birth to a strange suspicion, they come "plump" on a masculine name and realize that the heretical remarks to which that signature is appended are not the products of a good *Kappa Alpha Theta* pen. One cannot help wondering how it would seem to find an article in say the *Quarterly* of *Delta Kappa Epsilon* signed "Henrietta Smith, *Gamma Theta Beta*."

The *Shield* really seems thicker than usual, but a Convention number has excuse for ponderosity. We confess to a partiality to that portion of the number wherein the members exercise their wit and eloquence in responding to more or less appropriate toasts. Harvard's eloquent debater, Mr. A. P. Stone, in telling "What Iota is," told also some facts about old Harvard, that we are glad to repeat.

You are told all sorts of stories of the iniquities that exist at our college. Some perhaps are true. The greatest part of it is absolutely false. We come from a University that is as true and pure as any college that has a representation here in this delegation tonight. Our motto is truth and we intend to live up to it. Now, I ask you, do you believe frankly, sensibly, that the representatives of the largest University in this country are the men that a misrepresenting press and public often picture them to be? Do you believe that the types that are continually brought up to you are the types that represent my college? You have undoubtedly known in your own institution men whom you were not proud of, men whose lives did not reflect the light centered round your college. Let me remind you that a class of men that amount, say, to five or ten in a college where the total number is three hundred, becomes a class of men with a hundred members in a University whose membership is three thousand. That class, by its social position, is often prominently before you.

Do you think that the representatives of that University which was first founded 264 years ago, and has since then given you a line of illustrious men whose names are enrolled upon the history of the country, whose names are household words in every village in these United States, whose names are the history of your colleges — and a glorious history it is, do you believe that those men have as descendants in the present day the men they are often represented? Do you believe what people of no education have taken us to be, or will you take us in the light of the great men we present to you? Do you believe, when you go to Cambridge and look upon the grandest memorial in the United States to our soldier dead, and see name after name in its corridors, painted on tablet after tablet, that those men, only thirty years ago, have left a race of sons who are unworthy of them? Do you believe, when you see our University, stretching over acres in the heart of the thriving and populous city, when you see our professors, men who are revered everywhere do you believe that those men have instilled into our breasts principles that our not worthy and good?

The College Fraternity sustains the interest excited by the first few numbers, and seems to be supplying a real want among us. "Colgate and Her Fraternities," is a very interesting article in the January number, which takes up several institutions with their fraternities.

We are glad to find just after "A Case of Persecution and What May Come of It," a sensible bit of advice with regard to opposition to Faculty Laws.

The fraternity system is now so strongly entrenched as a permanent and recognized factor in the American University system, that it need stoop to no means other than the most honorable to achieve its purposes, or advance its interests. The confidence and respect of college authorities and of the community has been earned by a manifestation of dignity in purpose and uprightness in principle.

We are of the opinion that so-called "anti-fraternity laws" should be met by candid and open methods. Where antagonistic legislation prevails, it should be most heartily respected by the fraternities themselves. Let all honorable methods be used, and all possible influences be brought to bear for the repeal of the prohibitory laws. But while those laws are in force, let the fraternities begin their crusade against them by a dignified respect. A *sub-rosa* chapter maintained in violation of the laws of the institution cannot be a source of credit to its fraternity, and is apt to bring discredit on the entire system. We do not see how a man can wilfully defy and disobey the laws of the institution at which he is a student, and, what is worse, do so secretly, and still be in all respects the man the fraternity ideal would seek. If he would wear a Greek-letter badge let him attend an institution where he can do so. Whatever institution he attends let him assert his manliness and worth by obeying its laws.

The Shield of the Phi Kappa Psi is like all its contemporaries, troubled by the failure of corresponding secretaries to do their duty promptly and satisfactorily. Our own chapters have been exemplary of late, and we have only the hope that the good will persevere to mingle with our sympathy for *The Shield*.

The February *Journal* is pretty much taken up with matters of almost exclusively Kappa Alpha interest. The preservation of valuable fraternity documents is a question which seems to be agitating the thoughtful minds of the fraternity. Certainly, the loss of records and statistics is greatly to be deplored by any Greek letter society, and is a thing to be guarded against by the most careful precautions.

We found the discussion of "College Honors" very interesting. If there were a better understanding of the real worth and the real worthlessness of some different phases of our college life, there would be a more lively interest manifested in winning the right sort of honors, and less slavish "working for marks."

The old familiar question "Where shall we enter" is discussed again in the *Journal*, and since the subject is one that so nearly concerns every similar body at this time, we are interested in Kappa Alpha's views, and repeat some of them for our readers.

What, then, should be the character of the institutions that Kappa Alpha should enter? The officers and chartering power owe it to the fraternity at large, to members both active and alumni, to take no step which will tend to weaken it, but to preserve its present strength in every particular. The next duty incumbent upon them is to seek to strengthen and build it up.

Nothing so weakens or strengthens an Order as the establishment of chapters. It is that mysterious action in the life of fraternities which can not be undone, and which will invariably redound to good or ill for the entire organization.

There are two main subjects to be considered: First, the institution about to be entered; second, the men into whose hands the charter is to be placed. Unless both the institution and the men reach a standard of excellence of which the officers granting the charter are the sole judges, no charter should issue. It will not do to rely alone upon the excellence of the institution or alone upon the excellence of the men. The college and the men are twin requisites to a successful chapter.

Would we could arouse in our alumnæ such a penchant for writing letters to their magazine for giving to an admiring public the benefit of one's bright ideas, as is apparently prevalent among Sigma Nus. Here is a hint to our own honored and brilliant alumnæ!

Of all the matter in *The Quarterly*, we find the most interest, personally, among the Open Letters. Perhaps the memories of initiation rites are so sweet and strong to the fraternity — woman, perhaps because there is a little spur to natural curiosity in such discussions, at any rate for some reason, we always like to come across an article with some such title as this in *The Quarterly*, from which we quote, "The Ceremony of Initiation."

The chapter of which the writer was a member (Beta Theta) has been for years enlarging its ritual, until at the present it has a beautiful and elaborate ceremony, which requires the attention of more than the active chapter to produce, and which takes at least five hours so rehearse. Properties of considerable value have been accumulated, and the entire three stories of the chapter house are employed in the ceremony. During the initiation the utmost dignity is preserved, ill-treatment of the candidate is absolutely prohibited, and the spectators are requested to converse in whispers. The initiation is spectacular in the extreme, but every part of it is designed to impress upon the neophyte the cardinal virtues of manhood in Delta Kappa Epsilon. No man could ever forget such a ceremony, and it can be positively asserted that when the members gather in "reunions and meetings, and dwell in fond recollection upon the results and accomplishments of the flying terms or past years," they linger longest on their initiations "as a worthy element in the forces that have elevated their mental thought and strengthened their character for the emergencies and action of life." Instead of seeming "a blot upon the fair escutcheon of fraternity life," initiation seems the vivid revelation of the fraternity ideal, which is to remain the mathematical limit of their life endeavor. And this impression deepens as life rolls away, for time changes frigid facts to poetry, and as long as memory holds her dreamy sway the fleeting years cast a glamour over all the materiality of the initiatory rites and fancy builds the pure ideal.

What is a success with one chapter may be so in a greater or less degree with all, and along this line the existing abuses can be overcome. If reform we must have, let it be of such a nature as to serve as a safety valve for the undergraduate, and yet strengthen the mystic bond that binds us. Let the initiation personify the fraternity and endow it with attributes and life. In this way the Mystic Goddess may command as distinct a loyalty as does our country or our home, and then, indeed, shall our aims be accomplished in the development of "a pure and magnanimous manhood."

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