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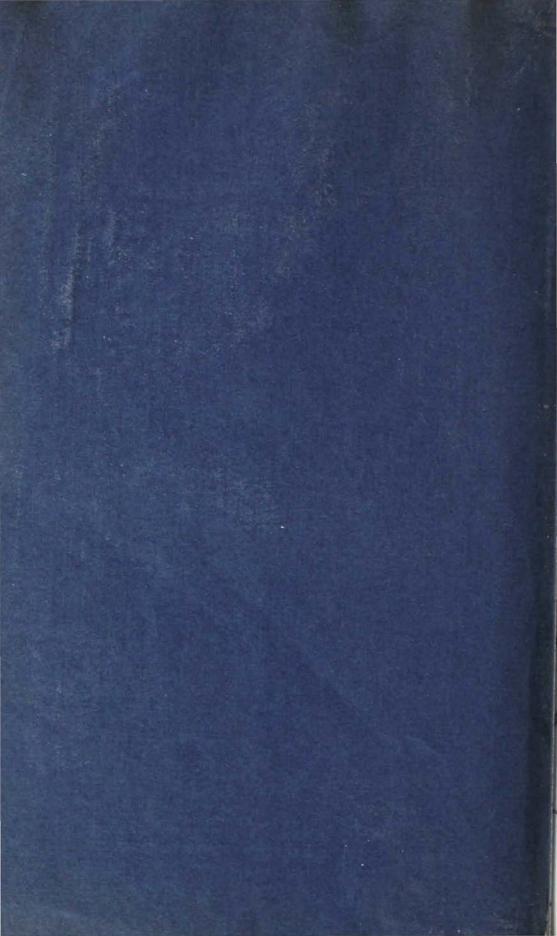
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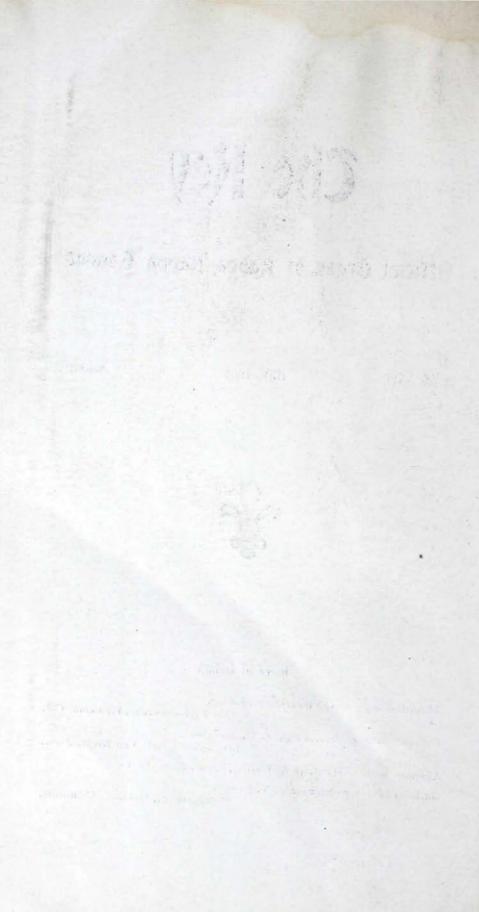
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#### The University of Montana

By C. A. Duniway

For a little more than thirteen years the University of Montana has been serving the people of the state. Its graduating classes have been small in numbers, but they have done honor to their alma mater by becoming useful citizens—some of them by occupying positions of distinction. For the whole period of the institution's life, its students have largely obtained their secondary as well as their collegiate instruction from the faculty of the university in its preparatory department. too, three years of preparation beyond the eighth grade have satisfied the entrance requirements until the freshman class came to enter last September. It is evident from these facts that here has been a developing college, meeting the needs of the constituency in which it was established, but not assuming to be an advanced leader among educational institutions.

Today a new emphasis is beginning to be clear in the administrative policy of the university. This is soon to be wholly a collegiate institution, without a trace of a preparatory department. In fact, next September will see on this campus no student who will be ranked as "preparatory." The university will find its constituency almost wholly in the graduating classes of high schools, within or without the state, the exceptions being some few mature persons who may seek collegiate education without having graduated from secondary



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schools. Being enabled thus to build its work entirely upon approved courses of high schools requiring four years of study, the university becomes truly an "institution of higher education," the only one in the state having this standard.

The tendency of Montana's sons and daughters to seek collegiate training in "the East" ought not to be so marked when once the new status of their own state university becomes appreciated. If not the very best, at least a very good, education will be available "at home." Here there will be no vain striving after big things, but sincere efforts to provide good equipment, a good library, a good faculty. Graduate instruction must remain incidental for a few years at least, in this "teaching college of undergraduates." The faculty will themselves engage in research, and they may lead a few choice students into original investigation, but this cannot be a main feature of their work.

The present resources of the university enable it to realize the reasonable ideal thus consciously held. More than this, certain professional departments, especially in engineering and the new field of forestry, are established, and are giving good training. Other similar departments will be added soon, probably law being the next to come. Of course more and more resources will be needed for this expanding activity, but the people of Montana may be relied upon to give the institution whatever it clearly requires in order to serve the state effectively. So this visible university, with its forty acres of campus, its five buildings, its library and laboratories, its shops, its faculty of twenty-one professors and instructors, its registered student body of one hundred and eighty-five men and women, is a sure prophecy of a better and greater University of Montana; as Montana develops, so develops its state university.



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#### Installation of Beta Phi

By Harriet Armstrong, Chi

On March twentieth, Delta Sigma became Beta Phi chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma, the first chapter of a woman's national fraternity established in the University of Montana.

The installation was held at the home of M)s. H. I. Wilkinson, and with Mrs. Canby as installing officer. The service was as impressive and beautiful as Kappas know it can be.

It was a very great pleasure for Delta Sigma to have Mrs. Canby with them at this time, for it was she who inspected them last year and they admire her so much that they feel it a special privilege to have their Kappa life begun under her guidance. Mrs. Canby arrived on Thursday night and was entertained during her visit at the girls' suite at the dormitory. In her honor there was a tea at the home of Mrs. Wilkinson on Friday afternoon, and a theater party that night.

Olive Powles, as the representative from Beta Pi chapter, arrived Friday night and was a guest at the home of Mrs. J. R. Toole.

Mrs. Canby, Miss Powles, and Harriet Armstrong, of Chi, who is spending the winter in Missoula, were the only Kappas present for the installation.

Delta Sigma was founded four years ago, by six girls, and since that time has worked steadily for a charter of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Being situated as they are, far from other chapters, they have seen very few Kappas and have had little help from any one, for which reason their persistent efforts have been hard.

The installation was held Saturday at two o'clock. Owing to the ruling of last convention, all girls whose names were on the petition sent to the fraternity last year were eligible as charter members, and so four girls who had left college returned to be installed with the others. All of them were living away from Missoula.

One took a stage ride of thirty miles, and another, the first Delta Sigma bride, came from her new home in Butte.

After the installation of seventeen charter members, Beta Phi held her first meeting, after which eight girls were initiated, two of these being charter members of Delta Sigma who had left college some time ago, but returned this year to go on with their college work.

The banquet was held at eight o'clock, in a private dining room of "Ye Olde Inn." The table was most artistically decorated with candles, ribbons, and place cards in the Kappa blues, and a center piece of Delta Sigma's flowers, pink carnations. During the banquet, letters and telegrams were read from our chapters and alumnæ associations, from chapters of other fraternities in the university, and from members of Delta Sigma who had left college before the granting of the charter.

May Murphy acted as a most gracious toastmistress, and the following toasts were responded to: "Beta Phi in Montana," Alene MacGregor; "Realization," Anabel Ross; "From Beta Pi," Olive Powles; "What the Fraternity Will Mean to You," Harriet Armstrong; "The Fraternity World," Mrs. W. W. Canby.

The new chapter gave Mrs. Canby, as a token of their appreciation of all she had done for them and of their affection for her, a picture by Mr. E. S. Paxson, one of the well-known western artists. The subject was one characteristic of the state,—an Indian and a buffalo. It will be greatly prized by Mrs. Canby because of its beauty and associations.

Delta Sigma was a well-organized local society and held a prominent place in college affairs. There is every reason to believe that Kappa Kappa Gamma will always be glad that she granted a charter at the University of Montana, and that Beta Phi will prove herself to be a strong chapter of the fraternity.

#### An Evil

By A. F. Knersteiner, Professor of Romance Languages, Indiana State University

Various members of the faculty, and particularly the librarian of the university, have repeatedly commented on the fact that our students are not readers. In what may be called the historical departments, this deficiency often makes itself painfully felt. This condition is by no means peculiar to Indiana University. Whether it is worse here than in other universities of equal standing, I cannot say. But, being interested in this question, I have made inquiries. I find that some students, who have time to read, prefer to dance, but the number of these is small. Conscientious students. who are at the same time above the average, assure me that they have not the time to read, that their work takes all the time that can reasonably be given to books. On questioning these students more closely, I found that a number of them were carrying extra work. Yet I have become convinced that, in some departments at least, students are being pushed too hard.

The pushing arises, I believe, from two causes: first, most departments seem to be haunted by the fear that they may be considered "snap" departments. I confess that until three years ago this fear had a great influence on my administration of the department of Romance languages. Since then I have learned by retrospect and by observation of the present that courses may be easy and yet valuable. I believe that the value of a course depends not so much on what a teacher "gets out" of his students as it does on what he has to give them. I should pick out as two extremes two departments of this university, both of which stand high in the opinion of the students. One of these is regarded as an easy department, the other as a difficult one. Harvard graduates have told me repeatedly that the courses which most profoundly influenced them were the courses of Professor Norton, and Geology 4 of

Professor Shaler, all of them usually regarded as

"snap" courses.

But where the fear of being considered a "snap" department does not exist, there is, at least in two cases within my knowledge, the feeling that a teacher must, in sheer self-defense, drive his students. As one man expressed it to me: "If I do not give long assign-

ments, the students will slight my work."

The second and what I believe to be the more powerful cause dates back a number of years. With the beginning of the previous presidential administration, the degree of Ph. D. was practically abolished. I still believe that this was a wise step. At that time the institution was not sufficiently equipped to justify the giving of a Ph. D. without cheapening the degree. I also believe that the time has come for the development of our graduate work. To go back, however, to my original contention. The abolition of the Ph. D. had a curious effect, probably not intended or foreseen by the head of the university. The ambitious teacher, whose heart was set on graduate work, simply crowded the graduate work into the under-graduate classes. result is that we have a condition here which is anomalous so far as most of the great universities are concerned. We encourage under-graduate students to do seminary and research work. As long as this condition exists, the teacher who is eager to have his students do seminary and research work will crowd them to the limit.

The remedy, it appears to me, is twofold: first, a cutting down of the amount of extra work which students may take. This could be done by setting the limit at eighteen hours for those whose lowest mark is B, and at twenty hours for those who receive A in all their courses.

Another proposed remedy along this line is to reduce the number of required hours per week to twelve, *i. e.*, to demand only one hundred and forty-four hours for graduation. I believe this plan to be undesirable for two reasons.

First, the relief would be only a temporary one. Teachers would feel more at liberty than ever to crowd their students, and it would not be long before the old evil would return. The second objection I believe to be even more serious than the first. Under-graduate students are none too prone to diversify their studies, and that a certain diversity of study is desirable for the under-graduate is sound pedagogic doctrine and is the basis for our present course of study. It may be answered that by observing the same proportions as now in the various groups, the diversity will be just as great as before. While this is true, it should be remembered that diversity is intensified by frequent meetings of the students and teacher. To take two extreme cases, the student who meets each of five teachers three times a week receives more stimulus from the diversity of his courses than the students who meet each of the same five teachers only once a week, granting such a possibility. The stimulus that comes from personal contact is too valuable to reduce.

The second remedy seems to me more important than the first: to discourage seminary and research work among under-graduates, and allow only graduates to do such work. I find this doctrine is followed at Harvard, Johns Hopkins, and Columbia. I believe, as I said above, that in this respect Indiana University occupies an anomalous position. The carrying out of such a remedy would probably mean a temporary decrease in the number of students in our seminaries and in the research courses, and in some instances a total absence of such students. But such a condition would not last long, and the students who would then come

would be more mature and better prepared.

The effect of such an adjustment, i. e., of relegating under-graduate and graduate courses to their proper places, would I believe, be, first—the under-graduates doing strictly under-graduate work would be pushed less hard and would have more time for reading.

It would be easier to enforce our new course of study. The unwillingness of many members of the

faculty to confine their students to the number of hours prescribed is evident from the many exceptions that have been made. Once members of the faculty could be persuaded that the proper place for seminaries and for research work is in the graduate school, the pressure to allow students to go beyond the required number of hours would be considerably less. And once these courses were set aside for graduates only, doubtless the advanced courses would follow, until the stream of work which now threatens to overflow the banks of under-graduate life would return to its natural bed.

The result would be a stronger graduate school. Our students would have a broader basis on which to work. Their minds would be better developed. That there is a reaction against the narrow research man, is clear. And the reaction is fully justified. The great

scientists are not the narrow ones.

#### Parthenon

From the time we enter as freshmen and are initiated into Kappa Kappa Gamma, we constantly hear the expression, "Kappa spirit." I wonder just how many of us actually realize what that mysterious, idealistic phrase means, and how many of us really have it.

Surely it means love, the truest, deepest, most sincere love, the kind which expands our hearts to include each girl, and which makes us see her faults and correct them in the gentlest way; which makes us unselfish, kindly, gentle, broad-minded, forgiving; which places us on a plane far above petty jealousy, secret envy, bitter cynicism, and sharp criticism; which makes us a help and not a stumbling-block to those about us.

There is no truer test of character than life in a chapter house. To live in a "family" of fifteen or sixteen girls for ten months of the year must greatly develop a girl's character in one way or another. In her endeavors to adapt herself to the various temperaments, to say and do the right thing at the right time, to control her own temper under provocation, to make the best of things, and to look at everything in the best light possible, to consider matters from the standpoint of Kappa and not of self; she gains a knowledge of human character which is a liberal education in itself.

The "spirit" which a freshman will have depends greatly on the example set by the upper classmen. If they are critical, she will criticise; if they are conservative, she will follow their example, if she is at all easily influenced. However, though a heavy responsibility rests on the shoulders of the long-suffering upper classmen, the freshmen are not exempt from it themselves. They quickly learn to use their own individualities in fraternity matters, so much depends on the attitude they take in the beginning. It is the fresh, energetic enthusiasm which they bring into Kappa that gives new life and strength and courage to those who

realize how much it is to each girl to have a full appreciation of all that Kappa should mean to her and to those about her.

How can we maintain this true Kappa spirit? How can we so fill the hearts of incoming freshmen with it, that it will influence their lives as it should? By keeping constantly before us the meaning, the purpose, the ideals of Kappa Kappa Gamma, by showing in our own attitude toward those with whom we come in contact how large a place it fills in our lives.

CARRIE ONG, Delta.

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The girl in the co-educational college has a weighty responsibility if she will but stop and Co-Coucation consider. The question of college training for women is no more than settled by the world at large than one special phase of it is thrust back upon them, the girl educated as a man and in his institutions. The decision given by the publica public jealous as yet upon this subject-rests very largely upon the present-day girls who are taking their college courses in co-educational institutions. If the co-educational system is going to do either of the two things that the unendorsing public predicts, it can expect its death knell sooner or later. These evils are the degeneration of college life through exaggerated social activity and the making of masculine femininity.

There may be a possibility, but there certainly is no necessity, for co-education's robbing the American girl of her femininity and refinement. Since her life after college is to be one in common with the men of her social sphere, why may she not obtain and cultivate among men the refinement which is to afterward thrive among men? In fact, her womanliness of character should be strengthened and made more genuine in this daily classroom association with her fellow-students. No assumed role will do here—all she claims must be genuinely her own possession. There is little opportunity for a girl to "pose" in co-educational life. The

frank relation existing here is far more a critically exacting one, untempered by any leniency for sex, than is found in any social intercourse, and it offers unbounded opportunity for a girl to realize what is expected of her. The college man places the standards of his sister student high and does very little excusing for her.

If, however, we would have co-education receive its due recognition, it is imposed upon us to make its virtues unquestionably evident. The college girl is the person to see that the refinement of her university is all that it should be; little mercy should be granted the girl who wantonly lowers a university standard of true womanliness by word or deed. It is the college girl's responsibility to see that she does not prove a disastrous social distraction, as little toleration is due the girl who lowers the intellectual standard of her fellowwomen!

As long as a national slur is made against the refinement of American girls, it is surely a matter worthy of the college girl's consideration. If our universities are not the agents of true refinement, one is rather at sea as to where it may be found. As long as it is not found there, there are many girls who will never receive what is really no more than their heritage. The college dormitory, the fraternity house, the lecture room, can train a girl in culture and refinement more genuine, more lasting, and, in this day, more urgent than can any boarding school parlor.

If the girl in co-educational universities volunteers to perform the functions of an amusing entertainer and diverting plaything, she can feel confident of receiving a fitting and suitable return for all she puts into her college life. She sacrifices the unequaled opportunity of meeting men upon a plane other than merely social. If, on the other hand, she shows herself to be a thoroughly capable and sympathetic fellow-student, her position is one universally respected and conceded to be an incentive in college life.

With a field so extensive and an influence so potent, a more live and vital interest should be manifested. As an organized college woman, the fraternity girl has even a greater power in her hands for raising, if necessary, and at least protecting, the standards of culture and studentship in our co-educational universities.

MARY ALICE GILMORE.

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The was a keen disappointment to many of us not to attend convention last year. We feel as if some very deep experiences in Kappa life were missed; but the silver lining behind our cloud was found in the enthusiastic reports that were brought home and in the accounts printed in The Key.

We can almost live over, with our more fortunate sisters, those few happy days, so full of work and fun, new ideas, and new friendships, with all they meant in the broadening of Kappa ideals and sympathy.

One of the thoughts which seemed unusually impressive and worthy of our careful consideration was suggested by President Crawford's address, in speaking of the vital things in our lives.

The wide-awake college girl has so many ways to turn, such a variety of duties and pleasures to claim her attention and drain her energies, that it is not surprising if occasionally the object, the purpose of it all, is dimmed and neglected. There is a proper balance which must be maintained, and the unimportant things, dazzling as they so often are, must not be emphasized beyond their worth.

Now, especially, when thoughts of rushing and of eligible members are temporarily in the background, may we not lose sight of our ideals, but endeavor to gain that poise of character which will judge clearly and calmly, ever remembering the things that are vital.

The Kappa who combines her Christian ideals with those of her fraternity will surely be a power and a delight to all those with whom she is associated. She will seldom need to be censured for her thoughtless treatment of the classmate who is outside her circle, and she will prove herself to be the master of the little things, the petty prejudices which play such a big part in preserving or marring the unity of her chapter. Above all, she will have that enduring love and sympathy, so rich and abounding, which will carry all before it, and make her life so much more worth the living.

I remember reading in The Key some time ago of the Parthenon Evening, one chapter has established. After the little social gatherings, with perhaps some of the alumnæ present, Kappa ideals and aims were discussed and some of the Parthenon articles reread, to find a neglected suggestion or new idea which had been overlooked. Would it not be well for more of us to adopt a similar plan as a splendid opportunity to understand each other better, and give us a more definite idea of what it is we are striving for and whether or not we are accomplishing our aim?

MARY MARQUIS, Epsilon.

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It is probably true that every freshman Freshman holds higher fraternity ideals than the real-Coity of the first few months after initiation Operation. seems to justify. The long-talked-of college fraternity, the songs of rushing season, the beautiful initiation, are all remembered in sharp contrast to the details of early freshman life. These details seem to be the important things; the ideals apparently are forgotten. The disappointment, which is a result, is due to one of two things: either, according to her own ideal standards, the freshman does not find the upper class girl perfect, or else she does not understand her position as a new member of the organization.

If the first is the reason, this is a splendid place in which to apply that phrase of our Kappa Symphony which says: "To hold no one to any standard which I cannot maintain for myself." It is not that the standards are lower, but that the upper class girl is no more able to attain the perfect standard than is any one.

If she does not understand her position as a freshman in the fraternity, perhaps she fails to realize that the daily duties assigned to her are but a part of the division of labor of the fraternity, that the chapter which she has entered is organized under the leadership of the former members who have been trained by previous experience in the fraternity; that the influence and responsibility of a freshman are personal rather than official until she shall prove herself. It is only natural for most girls to want a reason for the place assigned to them as new members of the fraternity, and I believe that this understanding is usually all that is necessary to make model freshmen. This understanding depends both on the older girls and on the fresh-The older girls should talk with, rather than to the freshman, and the freshman's feeling ought to be that of co-operation rather than obedience. It is certainly true that often it is as unpleasant for the upper class girl to correct a freshman as it is for the freshman to be corrected. If this correction were recognized on both sides as an impersonal duty, much of the unpleasantness pertaining to it would be eliminated.

This mutual understanding is the basis for fresh-

man co-operation.

MARY AMORET PATCHIN, Beta Lambda.

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"Chi Ninety-six" is beginning to feel that it has been a long time since her active Kappa days were ended. To-day she is in a retrospective mood and she is wondering if she has been the best possible alumna to the chapter that brought her so much happiness during her four college years and ever since. She has felt that fraternity life was a beautiful preparation, not an end in itself, and that in order to wear the key worthily she must apply Kappa ideals to all the relations of life. As the old saying runs, "A

jack of all trades is master of none," and, in trying to fill her place in the world better because of the ideals that she learned to cherish in her college days, she has not had as much time to devote to her chapter as she would have liked. Of late our attention has been called to the success of the methods of one of our rivals. As her members have left college, they have apparently devoted their whole time to their chapter, especially in the matter of rushing. The result is they have built up an exceptionally strong chapter, but they themselves, with a few exceptions, have occupied a very small place in the life of the city. If, in order to be a good fraternity woman, one must not develop along other lines, are fraternities worth while? Is it not more of a credit to a chapter to have produced well-rounded women, who are better prepared to do woman's work in the world because of the influence their fraternity has had in the formation of their characters? Ninety-six feels sure that you all agree with her in the abstract, but, on the other hand, the narrower policy seems so marvelously successful that one is tempted to waver in her firm convictions. We love Kappa as loyally as we did in the long ago, and we should like to be the sort of alumnæ that would be the greatest credit to her. Have we gone about it in the right way? What think you all?

ALICE C. WEBB, Chi, '96.

#### **Editorial**

In these days of conservatism it is not very often that we have the privilege of welcoming a new chapter into Kappa Kappa Gamma. Our last baby is fully two years old. She no longer needs our hand to guide her uncertain steps, but is able to stand and walk alone. We were beginning to feel a little lonely with no one dependent on us, when a small girl in the west expressed her desire to adopt Kappa Kappa Gamma as her mother. We found her worthy in every way to be a member of our great family, and we know she will become one of our strongest and noblest daughters. To Beta Phi we extend a most hearty welcome.

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One of the first, if not the first college to change from a freshman to a sophomore fraternity pledge day was Barnard, and we are all watching with interest the result. The following letter gives a concise summing up of the reasons for this change:

To the Editor of The Key:

Dear Madam: I have been asked to state the reasons why it seemed advisable at Barnard College to change the fraternity pledge day from the freshman to the sophomore year.

The plan seemed to be to the advantage of both freshmen and sophomores. By removal of pledge day from the freshman year, it was hoped that the student would be able to lead a more normal first year at college. That is, that it would be possible for her to have a widespread acquaintance among her own class mates and with upper classmen, to form her friendships gradually, and to be free from the feeling that attentions she might receive had any deep-seated motive.

Having had a first year of this kind, a student in her second year would have some foundation on which to base her fraternity preferences. She would be acquainted with the students from among whom she was to choose her particular friends, and she would have

greater maturity of judgment.

The plan also transfers "rushing" to the second year. However much we deprecate the practice of "rushing," when carried to the extremes sometimes met with, and this feeling is, I know, as strong among fraternity as non-fraternity members, we must nevertheless, acknowledge that it does exist. Rushing, however, does less harm to the sophomore than to the freshman. The former knows the penalty of neglecting college duties in favor of social obligations, something that the freshman often learns by too bitter experience. The student has gained, by her second year, a sense of balance, is able better to adjust her time and energy to meet widely divergent demands upon them, and is less apt to be carried away by attentions she may receive.

As the plan has been in operation but a year, it is perhaps too early to draw conclusions as to its efficacy. I have therefore stated briefly the arguments which led to the adoption of the plan and hope that time will favor

their value.

Very sincerely yours,

MARIE REIMER,

Chairman of the Faculty Committee on Student Organization, Barnard College.

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Commencement is a word that will soon be upon the lips of every college student. How well this closing of our college life is named can only be understood by the student who has gone out from our university halls and seen how truly her life has begun once more. Up to this time all of her days have been similar. Between the grammar school and the college is not a great step; it is merely a progression, a development. But now she leaves all this behind and enters upon an entirely new method of life. She adopts a profession or becomes a home-maker, and in either case the task before her is a serious one. The girl who is to enter a profession must first decide upon the work she is to take up, and this demands careful thought. She should not drift into the first work that is offered, but should, as far as possible, select some work in which she will take joy and pride; one that she feels is essential, that will be of use to the community, that will ennoble and enrich herself. Real success is not measured by the amount brought home in the pocket, but by what you attain in character and the help you have been to your fellow-men. This can only be obtained by hard, determined work and self-sacrifice.

Not less important and perhaps more difficult is the work of the home-maker. It is a task to which as a rule the student is unaccustomed, and she has much to learn. She complains that the days slip by and that she seems to accomplish nothing; she longs to leave her simple, homely tasks and have a share in the "world's work." But let her wait for a year or two and then look about her. If she has lifted the burden of household cares from the tired shoulders of her mother, if by her presence she has made home a bright and cheerful spot in her father's strenuous life, if she has helped to shape the characters of younger brothers and sisters, or having a home of her own, has made that the sweetest and most restful place in the world to the man she has married, has she not succeeded grandly and beautifully?

Commencement is here and it means the beginning of a new life to every graduate. Let each take up her work bravely and earnestly and the result will spell

success.

#### Initiates

#### Beta Epsilon

Katharine Gay Charlotte M. Hodge Susan B. Minor Charlotte Verlage

Mary Bartow Polhemus Natalie Stewart Kate Huntington Yiemann

#### Beta Alpha

Sarah Evelyn Miles

Alice Marie Rodman

#### Gamma Rho

Josephine Shryock

#### Beta Upsilon

Susan Smith Agnes Cady

Myrtle Chaney Anne Brooke

#### Lambda

Maggie Scott Cruickshank Lillian Pence Mary Virginia Conner Dene Marie Herriff Naomi Belle Pittman Katherine Louise Otis

#### Beta Delta

Mary Louise Powers

Lillian Scott

#### Xi

Mabelle Price Margaret Mathews Lucile Goucher Josephine Lambie

#### Kappa

Zora Sawyer Laura Thompson Fern McLoed Neta Sawyer Hallie Jennison

#### Delta

Mary Crawford Wright Mildred Stonex Katherine Ambert Parsons

#### **Jota**

Frances Zable

Alice Trout

#### Mu

Hallie McKern Juel Cochrane Mary Montgomery Catherine Martin

#### The Key

#### Upsilon

Sarah Harris Gertrude Carter Helen McCarrell Louise Goffe Jess Dobson Clara Williams Agusta Wallis Louise Ray

Janet Ferguson Dorothy Pattee Jean Simpson Chi

Grace Stellwgen Ranghild Hobe Claudia Gowan

Helen Ross Ethel Foster Margaret Ellston Etheline Baskett Louise Quarles Helen Weber Alice Yates Theta

Elizabeth Walker Helen Chapell Rebecca Harris Mary Baskett Florence Schultz Agnes Walker

Irene Bailey Annie Dennis Florence Hanna Alice Kate Sigma

Evelyn Polleys Doris Wood France Westervelt

Ethelynd Wilifred

Omega

Flora Knox

Minnie Robertson Helen Lake Mary Batts Mary Glover Nettie May Wilkes Annie Campbell May Delle Campbell Lucile Borden Beta Pi

Nora Crain Helen Grant Louise Bonner Helen Harrison Sarah Sanborn Mattie Gooch Rebecca Masterson

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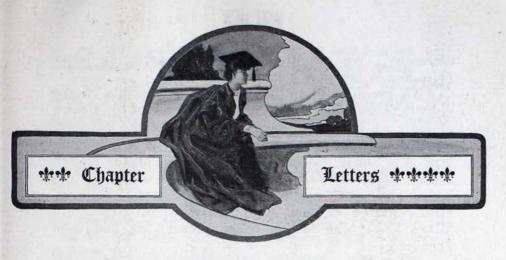
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#### Alpha Province

#### Phi-University of Boston

Once more Phi sends greetings to you all!

Since our last letter, we have had a very enjoyable visit from Miss Bailey, who was with us about four days. Our alumnæ helped us to welcome her with a reception at the College Club, and we were very glad to be able to take her to the annual girls' banquet, which came during that week.

On February twelfth, we had an afternoon valentine party at our rooms, on which occasion we were more than glad to have with us, in addition to Miss Bailey, Miss Alice Haskell, Barnard, now teaching at Wellesley College in the English department; Miss Laurastine Marquis, Illinois Wesleyan, now studying at Simmons College; and Miss Margaret Stecker, Cornell, beside several of our own alumnæ.

We have also had news of several other Kappas now in Boston, and are trying to become better acquainted. Miss Sue Davis, who is studying at the New England Conservatory of Music, is also taking a course with us at Boston University, and we have been very glad to meet her at our college.

Estelle Ingalls, '09, was married to Mr. Richard Hanson Lansing, of Rochester, New York, on January twenty-third. Several of our girls were present at the ceremony. We recently had a very interesting letter from her in her new home.

An event of great interest to the students in the university was the conferring of the Order of the Crown of Italy on Professor James Geddes, for the advancement of the knowledge of Italian literature in this country. The honor was conferred in chapel, by the Italian consul, before the faculty, a large number of the student body, and many members of the Circolo Italiano. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, Mrs. Julia Ward Howe was unable to be present, as had been arranged.

Ethel Ham, '09, has just undergone an operation

for appendicitis, but is recovering rapidly.

Elizabeth Jackson, '09, has been elected valedictorian of her class.

Florence McArdle, '12, has been made vice-president of her class.

On April twenty-third, we expect to produce "The Kleptomaniac," by Margaret Cameron.

MARION EDWARDS TREADWELL.

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#### Beta Epsilon—Barnard College

The last few months have been filled by the final "rushing" of the sophomores. On January sixth, we had a silhouette party for them at Hilda Wood's; on March fourth, Jean Disbrow, '07, gave them a tea; on March seventeenth there was a cobweb and St. Patrick's Day party at Hilda Wood's; and on Friday evening, April second, Helena Fischer gave the last party, which was particularly enjoyable because several of the graduates from out of town were able to be there on account of their Easter holidays.

The other festivities of the chapter have consisted of a "spread" on February fifth; the Kappa alumnæ luncheon, February twenty-seventh, which a large part of the chapter attended, and the Beta Sigma party for us on March sixth, where we sang and visited and enjoyed a particularly pleasant convention reunion.

The freshman show, "Notashow," was on March fifth. The Greek games, between the freshmen and sophomores, were on March twenty-sixth. The sophomores won by a score of twenty-eight points to twenty-three, but the freshmen won the chorus, one of the chief events. The games were beautifully planned and carried out.

The undergraduate play, on April sixteenth and seventeenth, is to be "Twelfth Night." Owing to the size of our stage, it is to be given in the Ben Greet fashion, without scenery.

The 1910 "Mortarboard," the college year book and junior class book, has just been published. Dorothy Kirchwey is editor-in-chief, and Harriet Fox, Mary Bailey, and Lilian Egleston (ex officio) are on the board.

Mary Bailey, '10, has just been elected president of the Young Women's Christian Association for next year, to succeed Winifred Barrows, '09.

Pledge Day was Monday, April fifth, for the sophomore class. All the girls we wanted, and asked, have accepted. The initiation is to be Saturday evening, April tenth, at the home of Comfort Tiffany, '09. Owing to the sophomore pledge day rules, this is our first big initiation for two years, and we are looking forward to it with much eagerness.

MARY WITTER BAILEY.

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#### Bsi-Cornell University

Greetings to all the Kappas:

Psi has had a very successful year and hopes all

the chapters have had the same.

The interclass basketball games have just been played, and Kappa was well represented on the teams by Katharine Eaton, '10; Wilhelmine Wissmann, '11; Mariana McCaulley, '12; and Cynthia Seelye, '12.

We are making preparations for our dance to be given May eleventh. We expect to have many of our alumnæ with us and are anticipating a good time.

Margaret Riggs, Mariana McCaulley, and Cynthia Seelye did not go home for the Easter recess. They

enjoyed the visit of Edith Read very much.

WILHELMINE WISSMANN.

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#### Beta Tau-Syracuse University

Miss Margaret Brown, '93, one of our city alumnæ,

is now chaperone at the chapter house.

On the twenty-fifth of February we gave a reception to our alumnæ and city friends in the afternoon and to the college people and faculty in the evening.

Marguerite Stuart, '09, has been elected class

prophetess.

Marion Lusk and Mary Evans have been initiated into Boar's Head.

One of our alumnæ gave us a delightful afternoon at her open camp in the hills not far from the city. Mrs. Wallace, another of our alumnæ, gave us a jolly

evening at a candy pull.

Miss Ruth Paxon, of Beta Zeta, while holding a series of meetings for women here in college, was the guest of the chapter. She was present at one of our meetings, and talked to us of Kappas and Kappa ideals.

HELEN BEATTIE.

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#### Beta Alpha—University of Pennsylvania

At a meeting on January fourteenth, Dorothy Keeney reminded us (as she has periodically since October) of our intention to invite the Beta Sigmas to town. We thought it well to act on her suggestion at once, as this would permit our having them as guests at initiation on February sixth. I expressed some concern at not limiting our invitation to a definite number, for the dining room at the Bramble home, despite the bay

window added since last initiation, accommodates twenty-eight only. However, the other members felt confident that no more than ten girls would accept.

Yet I could not help thinking: "What if eleven should agree to come? Just which one of the initiates will be doomed to move around the doorpost into the next room? I have it! Alice is small, and will not be missed."

A reply came, saying that probably ten girls would be able to visit Philadelphia at the time stated. They would arrive on Friday.

"Ten!" We were safe! And my letter to Alice concerning her possible exile to another room might be thrown into the scrap basket.

We also received a note from Swarthmore, saying that a number of Kappas would be present at our Friday evening "stunt."

On February fifth, Beta Sigma arrived, dined at the girls' houses as arranged, and then met at Hildegard Rodman's home, where the three chapters spent a most enjoyable evening.

Initiation was held at the home of Anna Bramble on February sixth. We were very happy to have with us at that time so many Kappas from Adelphi College, who were good enough to show us how, a few years ago, "they sang their way into the fraternity."

The next day, Beta Sigma, chaperoned by us, inspected Swarthmore and dined with Beta Iota, who returned us safe in town at train time.

Beta Alpha celebrated her nineteenth birthday on March twentieth by a party at the Rodman home. This date is the birthday of our Montana chapter, also.

Mrs. Osborne Hopwood (Josephine Reed, B. S., '05), who has been living in Marion, Indiana, has returned to Philadelphia. Martha Shoemaker, of the active chapter, visited Mrs. Hopwood during the last few days of her residence in Marion.

We have recently had the pleasure of a short visit from Miss Margaret Bailey, our Grand Registrar.

BESSIE G. HANLEY.

#### Beta Jota-Swarthmore College

Greetings to all Kappas:

Another college year is rapidly drawing to a close, and it is with a certain regret that we anticipate commencement, as it is then that we are to lose one of our strongest and truest friends, our only senior, Susanne Willets. But sorrow and joy always go hand in hand, and every Beta Iota is looking forward with great pleasure to the annual house party, which is to be held at

Taylorsville, on the Delaware, in June.

This year has been an exceedingly happy and prosperous one for us so far, and we have been unusually fortunate in having had with us, from time to time, so many new friends as well as our old ones. In February, Beta Alpha gave a reception in honor of their visitors from Beta Sigma, and a cordial invitation was also extended to Beta Iota. During the stay of our Brooklyn sisters in Philadelphia, we were honored by a flying visit from them, and shall always look back to that day with the greatest pleasure. We have also been favored by a visit from our Grand Registrar, Margaret Bailey; Charlotte Baber, of the Cornell chapter; and Marguerite Rose and Katherine Kessler, both ex-'10, Swarthmore. Katherine Kessler is now continuing her studies at State College, Pennsylvania.

At the annual luncheon of the chapter held Saturday, March thirteenth, at the Bellevue-Stratford, Philadelphia, there were forty-five present, including both alumnæ and active chapter. It proved to be a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The next day a great many of our alumnæ were in Swarthmore and at college, and we spent another delightful day together.

"Feeds" seem to be Beta Iota's specialty, for during the last few months we have had several of them. One was given in honor of Marguerite Rose and Katherine Kessler, at the home of one of the girls, and another was held at college in celebration of the twin birthdays of two of our sophomores. These evenings spent together are always pleasant and serve only to strengthen our loyalty and friendship. Helen Lukens entertained the chapter at a five-hundred party given at her home, and Edna Jones gave a dance at the new club house on February twenty-seventh.

In college affairs, Beta Iota has been taking an active part. Both Susanne Willets and Marie Sellers made the varsity gymnasium teams, and the class teams in the gymnasium contest as well. Our senior was also elected president of the Women's Student Government Association of the college. The Somerville Literary Society of Swarthmore holds its annual business meeting in April after the termination of the spring vacation. and two of our girls are to take part in the old English Morris dances, which are to serve as a portion of the entertainment provided for the afternoon program.

Alda Hill Preston, '07, has announced her engagement to Mr. Paul Lum, Phi Gamma Delta, from Cornell.

Swarthmore has just completed one of the most successful basketball seasons perhaps ever known in the entire history of the college. The team was made up of excellent material, and throughout the whole schedule did not suffer one defeat, in spite of the fact that all the opposing teams were of the first rank, and indeed worthy opponents. Mainly through the influence and efforts of the students, baseball is to be established at Swarthmore, this spring, for the first time. As sufficient funds were lacking for its support, a circus was given in the men's gymnasium, which was indeed novel and original, and the proceeds are to be used for all the necessary expenses.

Beta Iota sends heartiest greetings to all, and extends a most cordial welcome to Kappa's new chapter,

Beta Phi.

Edna Clayton Jones.

## Samma Rho-Allegheny College

Greeting:

The alumnæ of Meadville gave the active chapter a tea at Lorena Palm's in honor of Gamma Rho's birthday, February fourteenth.

Matilda Drake has been compelled to leave college

on account of her ill health.

Anna Hayward, having completed her college work, is not with us this term. She returns in June for commencement.

We are very glad to have Marie Gaston in the active chapter this year.

As soon as possible after the Easter vacation, we shall entertain Kappa Alpha Theta and Alpha Chi Omega with an original farce, "Bags and Ribbons."

Allegheny has just finished a basketball season as victorious as ever. After the Carnegie Tech game, Gamma Rho gave an informal reception in Hulings Hall parlor for the home and visiting teams.

March fourteenth we initiated Josephine Shryock,

of Meadville, who entered college in February.

April eleventh to thirteenth will be given up to the Thoburn Jubilee, the fiftieth celebration of the beginning of Bishop Thoburn's career in India. The Bishop, an alumnus of Allegheny, is now living in Meadville.

EMMA GILLETT.

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# Beta Province

## Lambda—Buchtel College

Ruby Eentschler, who attended the University of Wisconsin last semester, is spending a few weeks at her home in Akron, Ohio, before continuing her studies at the University of Chicago.

Six of the Beta Gamma girls attended the dance which our alumnæ gave for us on January twenty-ninth. March ninth, the following girls were pledged: Maggie Cruickshank, Dene Herriff, Lillian Pence, Naomi Pittman, Katherine Otis, and May Conner.

March eleventh, Helen Knight entertained in honor

of the pledges.

Owing to our late pledge day, which came five weeks after the opening of the second semester, we had only two rushing parties this year, the first a "progressive dinner," consisting of five courses; the second a "week-end party" at the home of Helen Harter. Both proved quite successful.

MARTHA E. FORD.

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#### Beta Gamma - Wooster University

This term has been filled with interesting events for Beta Gamma. We held initiation on January fifteenth, in the fraternity hall. Beside our town alumnæ, our guests were Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Dalgleish, of Cleveland, Ohio; Miss Malloy, of Beta Nu; Miss Hart, of Lambda; Miss Mowry and Miss Felger, of Mansfield, Ohio, and last, but not least, our Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Parke R. Kolbe.

After initiation service, we held a banquet, at which several of the guests and chapter members gave very clever toasts

We were very sorry to lose one of our girls, Glendale Dunlap, early in the year. She was called to her home in Arlington, New Jersey, on account of sickness and has not been able to return.

On January twenty-ninth, six Beta Gamma girls went to Akron, Ohio, for a Kappa dance given by the girls at Buchtel. They were entertained beautifully and the dance was a great success. A little later, Mrs. Kolbe came to make us her official visit. In her honor we gave a reception in the hall and a dance in one of the town houses. We were very glad to have her with us, and certainly enjoyed her visit. Since then, our patronesses gave us a party on March eleventh, which

was described in the Wooster paper as "the greatest social event of the season."

On March eighteenth, the chapter gave its midwinter party, a dinner of eight courses. Sixty-four people were seated at small tables, which were decorated in true Kappa fashion, with the double blue everywhere in evidence. The ice was served in papier-mache cups made to look like the natural fleur-de-lis, and the ice cream was molded in the form of dainty little owls. Candles with blue shades furnished the lights, and the house was trimmed in smilax and artificial fleur-de-lis. The menus were printed on light blue paper and enclosed in a dark blue leather folder, with the Greek letters in gilt on the outside. The gentlemen progressed after each course.

Miss Mowry, of Mansfield, and Miss Miller, of Canton, Ohio, were the only out-of-town guests.

MARGARET BROWNE.

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#### Beta Ru—Ohio State University

Beta Nu had the pleasure of a visit from Mrs. Kolbe, the Grand Treasurer, the second week in March. One of our alumnæ, Mrs. Walter Beebe, very kindly placed her home at the disposal of the chapter for Mrs. Kolbe's entertainment. Mrs. Beebe gave a reception, on the night of Mrs. Kolbe's arrival, for the alumnæ and active chapter, to meet their guest. A tea was given later in the week, to which the girls of the other fraternities were invited. The alumnæ and active chapter entertained with "spreads." Mrs. Kolbe has done us a great deal of good, both on account of her personality and the inspiration that she brought as a member of the Grand Council. We regretted to see her visit come to an end.

The annual formal dance was given February fifth.

The Strollers, the university dramatic club, will present "When a Man's Single" the twenty-third of March.

"Twelfth Night" will be given by the Browning Literary Society on the campus, this spring, after the

order of the Ben Greet players.

Ohio State girls are to have an innovation this year in the form of a "campus day." The four classes are to take part in the program of songs and dances. It is to be held on the campus, and with this as a setting will certainly be a success.

BERRY CARROLL.

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#### Beta Delta—University of Michigan

Beta Delta sends greetings to all Kappas, and introduces, through the pages of The Key, two new freshmen, Mary Louise Powers and Lillian Scott.

Many Kappas will be interested in knowing that Mrs. Mallory, one of our best loved grand presidents, is living in Ann Arbor. All who know Mrs. Mallory will understand how glad we are to claim her as one of us.

On February thirteenth, we entertained our patronesses, mothers, and friends with a play, "Pro and Con," at the chapter house.

On February fourteenth, we celebrated the saint's day with an old-fashioned valentine box at breakfast, and a jolly valentine dinner decorated with strings and strings of little red hearts.

On February twenty-seventh, we gave an informal dance.

In accordance with a custom begun last year, Kappa and several other fraternities are at home to their friends on certain afternoons. These informal teas are a pleasant and convenient means of meeting college girls and the wives of the faculty.

At present most of the junior girls in the university are working hard on the play, "Eds and Co," which they will present for the senior girls on March twenty-seventh. The play will be followed by a dance.

On April second, at the Michigan women's banquet, the juniors will repeat their play, and each of the other classes will assist in the evening's program.

On the third of April, the Women's League will give a vaudeville show to aid in the purchase of an athletic field for the girls of Michigan.

ELEANOR WHEELER.

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#### Xi-Adrian College

Since the last issue of The Key, Adrian has installed in the chapel a new pipe organ costing twenty thousand dollars. It is run by electric power, has four manuals, a concave pedal board, and over two thousand pipes. This organ places the music department of Adrian on a par with any other college.

On Saturday afternoon, February twentieth, Maebelle Price, Margaret Matthews, Lucile Goucher, and Josephine Lambie were initiated into the mystic circle of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Several of the alumnæ were present; also Misses Sawyer, Gurney, Eliot, Miner, and French, with Miss Cold as chaperone, from Kappa chapter, and Miss Lucy Jennings, of Richwood, Ohio. After the initiation, a three-course luncheon was served in the chapter hall. All felt more closely united in the mystic bonds of Kappa.

Miss Helen E. Brittain, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, is wearing the double blue.

Lucile Goucher, Maebelle Price, Josephine Lambie, Edwinea Windrem, and Mrs. Florence Swift Morden, of Xi chapter, attended initiation and a banquet given by Kappa chapter at Hillsdale, Saturday, February thirteenth. Kappa enthusiasm ran high, and Xi felt glad for a sister chapter so near and for such true fraternity fellowship.

Xi sends greetings to all the chapters.

EDWINEA C. WINDREM.

## Kappa—Hillsdale College

Harriet French, '10, was chosen by the student body as Hillsdale's representative in the State oratorical contest held at Kalamazoo. She returned with the first honor, causing much rejoicing among the students.

For one of the winter evenings we planned a sleigh ride. But when the time came there was no snow. Undaunted, a hayrack ride to Reading was substituted. We were entertained at the home of Hazel Fenton, who left nothing undone which would add to our enjoyment.

Recently the Delta Tau Delta fraternity gave a very elaborate banquet. Keys were quite noticeable, and it was soon discovered that over half of the ladies present were them. They reported much enjoyment to those who were not fortunate enough to attend.

A few weeks ago the active chapter invited all Kappas, near enough to be able to attend, to witness the initiation of three girls, Fern McLeod, Neta Sawyer, and Hallie Jennison. Before the initiation, which occurred at six o'clock, the guests were entertained at a Kappa luncheon at the Smith Hotel. Our alumnæ responded to some very interesting toasts. Xi chapter was with us and was represented by a very interesting toast given by Edwinea Windrem. Kappa's quartet helped to pass the time quickly.

Beside the three new members just mentioned, we have two others who have not yet been introduced to distant Kappas, Lura Thompson and Zora Sawyer. They were initiated quite a while previous to the luncheon.

When the faculty announced the new members of the *Collegian* staff, our college paper, it was found that two of the members were also members of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Xi chapter gave Kappa chapter a very hearty invitation to attend their initiation. As many as were at liberty accepted; the rest remained at home in sackcloth and ashes because of their misfortune. From the stories

told, those who went were most elaborately entertained

and daintily dined.

Kappa chapter feels itself fast becoming an oratorical success, as both first and second places were taken by us on the Ladies' Literary Union contest. The prizes were taken by Faith Elliott and Joy Mauck, both of '11.

One evening we were very pleasantly surprised by the appearance of our alumnæ at our doors, bringing many baskets and packages of good things to eat. We think our alumnæ still have the Kappa spirit.

We have had so many birthdays in our midst that we could not let them go by unnoticed, so we have started the custom of observing them with four o'clock

teas attended only by active members.

Not only in oratorical and journalistic fields do we feel honored. The vice-president and several other officers of the Young Women's Christian Association are

girls who wear the golden key.

When Mary Ward Phelps, who has been in Japan as the wife of a Young Men's Christian Association secretary, returned to her home for a vacation, she showed her old-time loyalty to the Kappas by bringing with her the most beautiful table that Kappas could wish to possess and presenting our chapter with it. It is hand carved in a design of fleur-de-lis, wrought by the natives of Japan. We wish all chapters could come and see our treasured possession.

LUTIE THAYER.

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# Gamma Province

#### Delta—Indiana State University

The winter term at Indiana closed on the twentysixth of March. The last week has been devoted to examinations and the girls have nearly all gone home for the spring vacation.

We have initiated three new girls this term: Mildred Stonex, '11; Mary Wright, '12; and Katherine

Parsons, '12.

Miss Caroline Dayton, of Chi, visited the university during March in connection with Young Women's Christian Association work.

Helen Hicks, ex-'11, has gone to Boston to attend the Conservatory of Music.

Irene Neal, '11, has been elected to membership in Le Cercle Français.

The four sororities have set apart the last Friday afternoon of every month as an "at home" day for their alumnæ and friends.

On the evening of January fifth, at her home in Rushville, Luella Amos, ex-'09, was married to Charles Crumpacker, Phi Gamma Delta.

The Panthygatric, a fancy dress ball, held annually by the four sororities, took place in the Student Building on the evening of March sixth. Kappa Alpha Theta was hostess.

We were entertained on February twenty-second at a charming George Washington party at the home of Mrs. Horace Hoffman.

Several of the alumnæ came back for short visits during the term.

MARGUERITE GRIFFITH.

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## Jota De Pauw University

DEAR KAPPA SISTERS:

With another term of the year nearing the end, we are once more face to face with final examinations. The term has been a busy one from beginning to end. On January thirtieth occurred our Iota alumnæ banquet at the Columbia Club, Indianapolis. Almost the entire active chapter attended, and, with alumnæ Kappa husbands and friends, the number was in the neighborhood of a hundred. The business meeting was held in the Columbia Club parlors at half after two, the banquet at half after five o'clock.

Early in the term we pledged Frances Zabel, and she was initiated February thirteenth.

After the banquet, our attention was turned to the annual valentine minstrel entertainment, which was given this year in the home of Mrs. Donner, on Tuesday, February sixteenth. In the afternoon was a matinee for the mothers and faculty ladies, and in the evening the performance for the college men. The affair was the success it usually is in Elsie Naylor's capable hands, her fraternity song making an especially great "hit."

On February twelfth occurred the state oratorical contest, in which our De Pauw man failed for the first time in years to make a place. He was a credit to us, however, even in defeat, and won general approval and

respect.

On Saturday and Monday, February twentieth and twenty-second, was held the carnival given annually for athletics. The "pike," with its merry-go-round, maze shows, and such attractions, was a scene of great festivity. Our repetition of the minstrel show drew crowds both evenings and won loud praises. The profit is said to be somewhat over four hundred dollars.

On March tenth, our president, Dr. McConnell, was inaugurated, and the occasion was one of great interest

in our college year.

Much interest is being taken in the Young Women's Christian Association work, and, at the recent election Florence Brown was made president of that organization.

With Iota's best wishes for all Kappas for a successful completion of the year.

MARY ALIA GILMORE.

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#### Mu-Butler College

In the first day of our term, at a "spread," we pledged Juel Cochrane, of Spencer, Indiana.

On January fifteenth, all reported a splendid time

at an informal dance at Gertrude Pruitt's.

On January thirtieth, we initiated Hallie McKern, of Thorntown, who was pledged during the fall term,

and Juel Cochrane, of Spencer.

The Butler Dramatic Club gave its first performance of "Best Laid Plans" on February eighth. Elizabeth Bogert, one of our seniors, was leading lady. We were all very proud of her.

Friday, February twenty-sixth, we gave our annual

winter term dance. It proved a great success.

March sixth, Kappa entertained, at a dinner party, several prospective new girls.

We enjoyed a Kappa meeting on Saint Patrick's Day at the home of our president's wife, Mrs. Howe.

Work has begun on the play for the class day exercises in June. Two of our girls are to take leading parts.

Just at present, all Mu Kappas are "cramming" for examinations, which come this week. Then for a glorious spring vacation!

MARGUERITE HUBBARD.

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## Eta-University of Wisconsin

The University of Wisconsin is already well started in its second semester of work, since examinations and the "Junior Prom" festivities are over. A large number of the Kappas attended "Prom" this year, and they all considered it unusually successful.

On March twelfth, the Kappas gave their spring

dancing party at the Woman's Building.

Eta takes pleasure in announcing a new pledge, Ruth Davies, of Milwaukee, who entered college this semester.

The sophomores entertained the chapter at social meeting, March twenty-second, with a minstrel show,

which was exceedingly clever.

We are looking forward with great pleasure to the university circus on April third. It is given only once in two years and is a great event in college circles.

The marriage of Agnes Bowen to Mr. George K. Meneely, A A P took place at the home of her sister, Mrs. Francis Sarles, at Antigo, Wisconsin, on February eighth.

HOPE MUNSON.

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## Beta Lambda—University of Illinois

DEAR KAPPA SISTERS:

With the second semester always comes our gayest social life. With all the fraternity annuals and informals, not to speak of other dances, receptions, plays, and what not, one must work hard not to let more important matters slip into the background. We gave our own annual, Friday, March fifth. It was a dinner dance, and differed from preceding formals in that we stopped dancing as nearly as possible at twelve, in accordance with a recent request of the dean of women. Helen Kendall, ex-'07, was here for the party, and so were a number of sisters and home friends of our girls.

Antoinette and Bertha Schwarzkopf went to Bloomington for the Epsilon annual and were entertained most beautifully.

Beta Lambda gave her annual banquet April twentyfourth. We had with us a large number of our alumnæ for a grand reunion.

Bess Eiker, ex-'09, who is teaching in Sparta, came back for a short visit the first of April. Margaret Pouk, ex-'10, was also here for a short stay in March.

President and Mrs. James entertained the Kappas and Phi Psis together at the President's house, Friday, March twenty-sixth. Of the latter fraternity both President James and his son are members. In spite of the bad weather, we certainly enjoyed ourselves most thoroughly.

With the beginning of this semester, Genevieve Rorher left us to teach in the high school at Clinton, Illinois. She will return to take her degree in June. Bertha Schwarzkopf, '10, and Helen James, '10, both have returned to school, however, so our number is increased rather than diminished. Margaret Herdman, '10, has been elected president of the Young Women's Christian Association for the coming year.

Helen Milligan, '10, Katherine Halsey, and Ruth Felmley, '10, were recently elected to Illiola Literary

Society.

Beta Lambda is getting out a copy of Anita Perrin's Kappa Symphony, in the form of the arts and crafts mottoes. The work is engraved and hand illumined on rough, neutral tan paper, with the illuminating in blue and blue. The price per copy ready to be mounted and framed is twenty-five cents.

Wishing you a happy end of the college year, we

remain yours in Kappa love.

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#### Apsilon—Porthwestern University

DEAR KAPPA SISTERS:

Upsilon has welcomed eight new Kappas, who have worn the key since February twentieth. We had a beautiful initiation at the Bradley home, and we were glad to have with us many Chicago and Evanston alumnæ. Fifty-four Kappas sat down at the banquet, and we did have such a fine time!

We have had visits from several Kappas, among them being Elsie Wrate, Myrtle Strickler, Nina Vest,

Eunice Lovejoy, and Frances Northrup.

The annual inter-sorority matinee dance took place at Ravinia Casino, January sixteenth, and Pan-Hellenic

"Prom." February twelfth.

We have been royally entertained at many "stunts" by our town girls—a picnic supper at Margaret Ridlon's, slumber parties at Clara Harris' and Helen McCarrell's, a Saint Patrick's party at Louise Goffe's given by Louise Goffe and Helen Taggart, a "five-hundred"

party at the Harris' home, where we entertained some prospective Northwestern girls, and many other cozy times. We are certainly fortunate to have so many splendid town girls who are so generous with their homes.

Our formal party took place April sixteenth, and we had many of our alumnæ here for a few days at that

time. Of course we had a grand reunion.

We are already planning for commencement, when we hope for many jolly times. Dean Lutkin, of the Music School, is planning a great musical festival with a chorus of five hundred voices; ten of our girls will sing in this chorus. Madame Schumann-Heink and several other artists will be here, as will also the Thomas Orchestra. How proud we will be to attend this great concert in our new gymnasium!

Upsilon sends greetings to Kappas everywhere, especially our new chapter, for whom we were so proud to wear the blue and blue March twentieth, and wishes them all success for the future. May you all have had

as splendid a year as we!

MARY C. HOTCHKISS.

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#### Epsilon—Illinois Wesleyan

The engagement has been announced of Everetta Roe, '09, to Louis S. Kuhn, Sigma Chi, Weslevan, '06.

Since our last letter to The Key, Epsilon was at home at Kappa Hall in honor of the thirty-fifth chapter anniversary. Our mothers, alumnæ, the faculty, and all the fraternities of Wesleyan were guests.

January fifteenth, we pledged Eualia Robinson to Kappa Kappa Gamma. We initiated her on the evening of February thirteenth, at the home of Bernadine Brand. After initiation service, the Kappa Club treated us to an old-fashioned "spread."

Among this term's rushing parties were an indoor picnic at the home of Louise Leaton, and a children's party at the home of Myra Jarrett.

During the month of February the active girls had a little sewing party at Bernice Green's home in honor of Grace Gould, of California, who was a guest of Myra Sinclair.

Elizabeth McClure, '05, entertained the active chapter of Kappa and Phi Gamma Delta with an advertising party on the evening of January twelfth.

The Wesleyan banquet, an interesting annual event, was held at the Illinois Hotel, February nineteenth. Ruth Green responded to the toast, "The Juniors."

One of Kappa's prettiest parties was the annual dance given by active and alumnæ members, at Cooper Hall, March sixth. Antoinette and Bertha Swartzkopf, from Beta Lambda, and Miss Stevens, from Eta, were guests.

ELSIE F. WELCH.

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# Delta Province

#### Chi-University of Minnesota

The second year of the interfraternity contract, not to pledge before April, is drawing to a close, and Chi finds it hard to think of anything else. Pledge day came April third, and in the next number of The Key we will introduce a fine new class of freshmen.

According to this year's rules, each fraternity was allowed but one party, and all of these came during March. Ours came March thirteenth, and was in three parts. First we had a tea at Mr. Walker's beautiful art gallery, to which all of the alumnæ were asked to meet the freshmen. Then came a dinner for forty-eight freshmen, active members, and alumnæ at Mrs. Fletcher Walker's. Last came a most beautiful cotillion, led by Miss Elizabeth Hawley and Betty Bullard. Everything went off so smoothly that we cannot but feel that the whole thing was a great success.

February twenty-second we gave an informal at Alice Shevlin Hall. The decorations, even to the candies, were red, white, and blue.

February twentieth we gave a small, informal luncheon for Lillian Gowan, of Duluth, in Alice Shevlin Hall.

The legislature is being agitated again as regards a dormitory for women at Minnesota, and we hope that the efforts this year will bear some fruit.

Helen Painter, '10, has been elected president of the Young Women's Christian Association.

FLORENCE HARDICK.

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#### Theta-Missouri State University

This semester, Theta is glad to present to the Kappa world her two initiates, Florence Schultz and Agnes Walker. Also, we are proud to see wearing the two blues, Mrs. Sidney Calvert, the wife of a member of the faculty.

About January first, the local sorority, Delta Psi, was granted a national charter from Kappa Alpha Theta. The installation took place February twelfth. Kappa Kappa Gamma entertained the new Thetas at a morning chocolate February thirteenth.

The Kappas have called a Pan-Hellenic Council, which has been reorganized under a permanent constitution. Efforts will be made to regulate rushing and social events. It is hoped that within a year a late pledge day will be established.

A Council of University Women has recently been formed to manage all affairs pertaining to the girls and to take in charge all flagrant violations of university customs and ideals. There are thirteen members, four of whom are Kappas: Mary Jesse, Mary Paxton, Ruth Eversole, and Margaret Elston. Mary Jesse, '09, has been chosen president of this council.

This year, the Kappas have been entertaining the fraternities, in the order of their founding, at matinee dances on Saturdays.

The Kappas have been entertained recently at informal dances given by the Alpha Tau Omega and the Phi Kappa Psi fraternities.

Mary Paxton, '10, is associate editor of the Girl's Independent.

Wishing all the chapters a successful rushing season.

SADIE CRAIG.

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#### Omega—University of Kansas

Another honor has come to Kappa Kappa Gamma. Amy Merstetter, one of our seniors, was elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

We have gained two new members, Ethelyn Wilifred and Flora Knox, and a new pledge, Bertha Dack. After the initiation, the juniors and seniors of the chapter entertained the freshmen and sophomores with a kettle-drum, at which all the girls dressed as sunbonnet babies. The chief attraction was a fishing pond where each one got some appropriate present.

We have lost one of our best girls. Florence Hoopes was compelled to leave school on account of ill health. We are hoping to see her back next year.

In January, we gave our annual reception for the sorority girls of the university. This has proved an excellent way for meeting and becoming better acquainted with the girls of the other sororities.

The movement for student government which has been talked of at the university for so long seems at last to be really materializing. I feel sure that in a few years we will have a well-organized government by the student body. The majority of the girls have received the plan enthusiastically. The junior and senior girls have passed resolutions to regulate week-night dates, hours for closing houses, and the number and lateness of parties. The girls of the two lower classes will do this in the near future. On March twenty-fifth, the chancellor called a mass meeting of the boys to consider the matter. We are proud of the fact that it was the girls who succeeded in getting the new movement

started. The plan is to have one government for the girls and one for the boys and a common council at the head.

During the last month the junior and senior girls of the university have each given an informal party in the gymnasium. These create a good fellowship among the girls, because they bring together all kinds of girls.

A chapter of the college branch of the Equal Suffrage Association has been founded at the university. It was started by Caroline Lexow, a Kappa. Immediately after we had organized, we were so fortunate as to have Mrs. Olympia Brown Willis talk to us. Mrs. Willis took an active part in the equal suffrage campaign in Kansas in 1867.

HELEN PHILLIPS.

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# Epsilon Province

#### Beta Mu-Colorado State University

Kappa Sisters, Greetings:

Since our last letter, Beta Mu has been doing various and exciting things. Beside keeping our good New Year resolutions in regard to studies, we have had many social interests.

On January fifteenth, we entertained the Sigma Nu fraternity at an informal dance, given in the chapter house. Also, on February twenty-seventh, the local chapter of Phi Delta Theta was entertained in the chapter house by a dance.

Beta Mu gave a tea for the men's fraternities on the afternoon of January tenth, and it was pronounced

by all a great success.

One of the prettiest affairs of the year was the "Trip Around the World," given on the evening of March sixteenth, by the women's fraternities. Each chapter house represented some country and served suitable refreshments and gave some novel entertainment. The Kappa Kappa Gamma house was turned into "Beautiful Japan." The money taken in was

given to the Young Women's Christian Association, to be used to send delegates to their summer conference.

Ruth Harrison, our affiliate from Delta, has been called to her home in Denver because of the illness of her mother, which will prevent her from completing the semester's work.

Two informal matinee dances were given in the chapter house on February twenty-second and March eighth.

Basketball has become the center of attraction among the women's fraternities in the University of Colorado. We played our first inter-sorority game on the evening of March eighteenth. Kappa was defeated by Chi Omega by a score of nine to two.

The banquet which is given by the alumnæ to Beta Mu each year to commemorate the founding of our chapter was held April third, in Denver. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

An event which is being looked forward to with much interest is High School Day, May tenth, when the various high schools hold a contest of athletic ability. We expect to have with us a number of out-of-town guests.

Beta Mu sends best greetings to all Kappas.

Lenore Broome.

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#### Beta Xi—University of Texas

With the beginning of the winter term, Kappa found herself in the midst of rushing again. Three were pledged Kappa. After initiation, we had a "spread" in honor of the initiates. Quite a number of toasts were given, which every one enjoyed.

The Kappa alumnæ in Austin have organized a Kappa Club, which is to meet once a month. The object of the club is to bring the alumnæ closer together and to help the active chapter in rushing, furnishing the house, and in any other way.

We have enjoyed having with us this winter for a short visit Mrs. Bray, from Beta Tau, and Mrs. Mitchell, from Omega chapter. It seems rather natural to have Mrs. Bray with us again. She lived in Austin until two or three years ago and always took so much interest in the Kappas. We were unable to see very much of Mrs. Mitchell, for she was in Austin only a few days.

We have been trying in every way to obtain more things for our house, either ornamental or useful. Each class has decided by the end of the year to leave something to the house. In this way, and with the aid of the Kappa Club and alumnæ out of Austin, we expect gradually to get our house nicely furnished. Harriet Cooper, of Cleburne, and her mother gave us a dozen silver spoons, and Mrs. Stratton gave us some bread and butter plates.

The girls who stay in the house are planning to give a "stunt party" for the freshmen some time this week. This will be the first time that we have entertained the freshmen since the seniors gave them a party. One of the freshmen, Nora Crane, gave them a party several weeks ago. We only hope that we will be as successful in entertaining them as she was.

We have had the honor of having with us this year Mr. William Jennings Bryan and President Elliot, of Harvard University. This is the first visit President Elliot has made the university, and we were all very

much interested in hearing him speak.

Last week was one of hard study for the greater part of the university students. It was examination week, a week that is dreaded by nearly every student. It certainly is a joy to have examinations out of the way, although we have not found out yet whether we came through with flying colors. A large crowd of the students have gone home to take a rest for the first week of the new term, since the first week is never very busy.

WILLIE-PEARL GARDNER.

## Beta Omicron—Tulare University

Especial Greetings to Beta Phi:

For the past few weeks we have been especially interested in basketball at Newcomb, as it is basketball season. There have already been several big games between the different classes, and on the sixteenth of April there will be a game between the college team and the alumnæ team. We are going to "root" most enthusiastically for the college team, of course. We have the additional interest of having one of our members. Hilda Phelps, captain of the college team.

We have had few entertainments in the chapter lately, but different girls have given a series of school

luncheons in the room.

Since the last issue of The Key, we have initiated Sarah Pipes.

Kittie Monroe has announced her engagement to

Gustaf Westfeldt.

The engagement of Charlotte Prentiss to William Hardin is also announced.

As this is our last chapter letter this session, we now wish the merriest kind of a vacation for all Kappas.

CLIFFORD DRAKE.

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#### Pi-University of California

Pi chapter gave their annual reception on February eighteenth.

Roberta Haslett, '11, is attending Stanford Uni-

versity.

Mrs. Parks took dinner with Pi chapter and addressed the women students of the university in the evening.

Miss Katherine Jewell Everts, Chi, visited the Kappa house while she was in California. She gave several delightful readings around the bay. Helen Dickinson, vice-president of the class of '11, had charge of the charter day dinner.

Marjorie Stanton, '12, made the varsity basketball team.

The sophomores and freshmen entertained at the Kappa house in March in the form of a week-end house party.

Mrs. Allan, Beta Beta, visited Pi chapter during the term.

Bessie Yates, '11, has just been elected president of the Young Women's Christian Association.

Varina Morrow, '05, who has been general secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association for the past three years, has left for an extended trip in the East and in Europe. Marian Morrow, '06, accompanied her.

Lillie Margaret Sherman, '09, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Almira Johnson, '09, is the only girl who has been asked to speak at the commencement exercises.

Jean Tyson, '12, has left for Europe to be away several months.

Emilie Harrold, '12, entertained the chapter on Saturday, April tenth, at her home in Fruitvale.

Four of the Kappas were in the opera, "The Gondoliers," given by the Treble Clef Society of the university.

EDITH HARMON.

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## Beta Pi-University of Washington

In January, our freshmen entertained us with a baby party, and a week later our chapter gave a formal dance, to which a representative from each sorority was invited. The whole house was beautifully decorated with greens and butterflies, and everything was carried out in the same spring-like scheme.

We are sorry to report that one of our freshman pledges, Madeline Chapin, has left college.

May Lyon, ex-'11, has returned from a two months'

visit in California.

During the week, we had as a visitor Marjorie Moran, ex-'09, who is to be married in May to Randolph Perry Scudder, U. S. N.

Last week, Olive Powles, '09, was present at the installation of our new Beta Phi chapter in Montana, as our official representative. She says that we have good reason to be proud of our twenty-five new Kappas. Here's to them!

ELLEN F. HOWE.

# Alumnae Association Reports

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Our association numbers forty-four, twenty-two active and twenty-two associate members.

Four chapters are represented: Psi, two; Beta Beta, one; Beta Delta, two; and Beta Tau, thirty-nine.

All necessary business has this year been transacted by an executive board consisting of the president, secretary, and treasurer, together with three others appointed by the president. Four business meetings have been held to date. Thus we have been enabled to make our monthly meetings from October to June of an entirely social nature.

Our members were arranged in eight committees. Each committee of about six or eight members was to have charge and pay the expense of one social affair. Suggestions were made as to the nature of these meetings, but the decision was left to the committees.

The first in October was a supper party, at which our delegate gave her report of convention. Mabel Potter Daggett, associate editor of the *Delineator*, also gave an interesting informal talk on journalism.

In November, the husbands and brothers were our honored guests at a very attractive dinner party.

The December meeting was in the nature of a Japanese garden party. A Japanese student at the university gave a very complete description of the dress, customs, and manners of her country women.

In January, we had an evening of music.

In February, a thimble party.

The March meeting was a tea, our mothers and sisters to be included.

In April, a luncheon, some kind of an evening entertainment for May, and the alumnæ banquet at commencement time.

This plan, new to us, has proved entirely successful thus far.

Each and every one has had a part in the entertaining. An interest has been aroused, not alone from the variety and attractiveness of the meetings, but from each one feeling she had a duty to perform and was thus brought into active association with us.

Greetings and best wishes to all the chapters, active

and associate.

GRACE FRANC WIGHT.

# Philadelphia

The association has at present a membership of sixteen active and six associate members. Having met requirements, we are now a part of the National Association. All meetings this year have been held in the chapter room, 3245 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, and have been of a social nature. Our members are so scattered that we find it difficult to have a large attendance. Through our associate membership we keep in touch with distant Kappas, our list of associate members including Kappas in Washington, D. C., Oregon, Kentucky, and New York. After each meeting, a circular letter is sent by the secretary to the associate members and those active members who are not able to attend the meetings.

Many of the alumnæ were entertained on the evening of February fifth at the home of Hildegarde Rodman, as the guests of the active chapter, to meet

Kappas from Beta Sigma and Beta Iota.

The chapters represented in the association are: Psi, one; Delta, one; Beta Iota, one; Omega, one; Beta Alpha, eighteen.

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#### **Jota**

Iota Alumnæ Association has held four meetings during the year. The most enjoyable one was the fifth annual reunion and dinner, which was held in Indianapolis on January thirtieth, at the Columbia Club. The afternoon meeting was a short business session, and at the dinner there were ninety-four guests, including

twenty husbands and men friends.

Our president, Harriet Harding, served as toast-mistress for the evening and called for the following toasts: "Our Annual Rejuvenation," Mrs. Annie Payne Ader; "Kappa Pan-Hellenism," Mrs. E. Jean Nelson Penfield; "The Ins and Outs," Mrs. Lillian Wiggs Gatch; "Das Ewig Weihliche," Mr. Walter Werking; "The Other Side of the Question," Mrs. Bertha Clark Tucker; "Kappa Daughters," Florence Coombs; "De Pauw in the Hearts of Iota," Myrta Smith.

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#### Falls Cities

The Falls Cities Alumnae Association was formed last June with sixteen members—five from Delta, four from Iota, three from Beta Alpha, two from Mu, and one each from Beta Mu and Upsilon, rather a large number of chapters represented for such a small number of members. The members live in Louisville, Kentucky, and New Albany and Jeffersonville, Indiana, and the meetings are held alternately in the three cities in September, November, January, March and June. The election of officers occurs at the meeting in June.

The members are very enthusiastic over the association, particularly as some of them have had no fraternity relationships for a long time. Indeed, it was a surprise to some of us to find how many Kappas

were in our midst.

Not only have we had the pleasure of seeing and knowing our own members, but at some of the meetings we have had visiting Kappas with us who have brought news from either active chapters or alumnæ associations, and, having no chapter in either of our three cities, we are always glad for an active member to meet with us, bringing the enthusiasm, ambitions and ideals of a more newly made Kappa. We have also come in close contact with the fraternity at large, for Sallie

Barclay, our president, attended convention and brought back glowing accounts of the things done there.

A program committee plans for the meetings, and at the last meeting several members were appointed to correspond with representatives of different alumnæ associations with a view to improving our meetings in every way possible, and doing perhaps some definite work which other associations have found profitable.

February, the twenty-second, the Beta Alphas rejoiced to have in their city Dr. Penniman, of the University of Pennsylvania, who spoke in Louisville in behalf of the newly established University of Louisville. So far from our alma mater, it was a great treat to hear one of our faculty again.

JULIA HODGES LEWIS.

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#### Milwaukee

The Milwaukee Association has at the present time a membership of twenty-one active and four associate members. Three chapters are represented: Eta, twenty-

two; Delta, two; Beta Lambda, one.

We meet on the first Friday of each month, transact whatever business there may be, and spend the remainder of the time over our teacups. During the past year there were nine meetings, all more or less social, save one, which was called to reconstruct our organization and conform it to the requirements for membership in the National Association. We are happy to report that we have now met all such requirements.

META STARKE KILLKHEFER.

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#### Minnesota

The annual meeting of the Minnesota Alumnæ Association was held January sixteenth at the home of Kate Fairchild. At this meeting the association was reorganized. The new constitution places the management and control of the affairs of the association in the hands of a

board of directors consisting of nine members. We feel that we have made a step in the right direction, for the method will be much more business-like and the members will have more time to become better acquainted with each other. The association has a membership of about one hundred and thirty. Meetings are held about once a month.

The alumnæ were entertained at a dinner given by the active chapter in Shevlin Hall, the women's building. About seventy-five Kappas were present. It was such a pleasure for both the chapter and alumnæ that we hope to be able to have more such affairs during the winter.

The Kappa scholarship has been given to a student at the university who is an exceptionally brilliant and deserving girl. Hitherto this scholarship has been used only by Kappas, but we are glad to be able to help one so worthy outside of Kappa.

The association would like to keep in closer touch with any Kappas who may come to the city. Please notify Miss Alice Webb, the president of the alumnæ association, 2755 Hennepin Avenue, telephone South

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Since the last report, Pi Alumnæ Association has held its bi-monthly meetings at the homes of its members around the bay and at the chapter house in Berkelev.

We have welcomed some new members, entertained the active chapter, and enjoyed the report of the delegate to convention, Eva Powell.

In October, our president, Mrs. Graupner, presented a set of resolutions toward owning our own home. These were adopted, and now we are bending all our efforts that way.

Our annual luncheon was very jolly this year, due to the efforts of our new president, Mrs. McLaughlin. MARION WILSON.

# In Memoriam

## Frances Wilde Smith

Mrs. Walter Smith (Frances Wilde) died at her home in Tiffin, Ohio, in July, 1908, leaving two little children, the youngest but a few days old. Her loss brought sadness not only to Iota, but also to the St. Louis Alumnæ Association, of which she was a very active member, both when she was a teacher in the Yeatman High School and after her marriage as long as Professor Smith remained at Washington University.

#### Ora Wakeman Holt

Kappa Kappa Gamma mourns the death of Ora Wakeman Holt, for several years an active member of Upsilon chapter. She died in Chicago, April eighth, after an illness of five days. The noble and endearing qualities of her character made her beloved by all. In the death of this member of the fraternity, every Kappa Kappa Gamma must feel a personal loss.



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#### Phi

Miss M. Louise Dyer, '08, is teaching in the Everett High School.

Miss Blanche Van Auken, of the St. Louis alumnæ chapter, sailed for Europe in June. For the last two years she has been resting from regular teaching by

acting as private tutor.

Mrs. Frederick Mann (Grace Hitchcock), president of the St. Louis alumnæ chapter, was made happy in June by the arrival of a second daughter. As Mr. Mann is professor of architecture in Washington University, Mrs. Mann may be said to represent the Kappas there.

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#### Beta Epsilon

Caroline Lexow, '04, has recently come back from a trip in the interest of the suffrage movement. She went to Wisconsin, Northwestern, Illinois, Cornell, Kansas, Nebraska, etc., and was delightfully entertained by Kappas everywhere.

Alice Haskell, '06, who is teaching at Wellesley, is in New York for Easter. She is going abroad this

summer.

Katherine Doty, '04, is going to spend the summer abroad.

Marguerite Newland, '08, and May Newland, '06, are to spend the summer in Europe. Laura Armstrong, '08, is going across with them to join her father in Europe.

Elizabeth Fox, '08, is to teach this summer in one of the vacation Bible schools in New York City.

Margaret Bailey, '07, Grand Registrar, has recently officially visited Phi, and spent a day with Beta Alpha and Beta Iota. This winter she has been a member of the woman's executive committee of the vacation Bible school, representing Barnard.

Laura and Clairette Armstrong, '08, and Margaret Bailey, '07, spent inauguration week in Washington with Barbour Walker, '07.

A performance of the "Englishman's Home" was given under the auspices of the Barnard alumize on March twenty-fifth for the benefit of the Students' Aid Fund. About \$1,500 was cleared. Mary Eaton, '02, was in charge of the undertaking.

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# Psi

Born.—To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Templeton Cushman Jackson (Elizabeth Meserole Rhodes, '97), on January twenty-fifth, a daughter, Winifred Williams.

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#### Beta Tau

Mrs. Mary A. Morriss (Mary Jones) occasionally favors the St. Louis alumnæ association with solos. She has been kept so busy lately, however, between giving music lessons and singing at churches and other places, that the association often misses her at the meetings.

#### Beta Jota

Born.—To Mrs. Charles G. Hodge (Hallie H. Haines, '96), on January twenty-third, nineteen hundred nine, a son, Jean Rittenhouse Hodge.

BORN.—To Mrs. George Satterthwaite (Inez Lord, '03), on March thirteenth, nineteen hundred nine, a son.

The engagement of Alda Hill Preston, '07, to Paul

Bentley Lum, '07, Cornell, is announced.

Winifred Neville Craig, '05, and Walter Gee, K E, will be married in June.

Ella Cannon Levis, '07, expects to return this month from Sicily. She has spent the past year traveling on the continent.

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#### Gamma Rho

Among the alumnæ back to spend the holidays in Meadville were Helen McClintock, Beaver Falls; Ethel Gaston-Hawkins, Brooklyn, New York; Ethel Fowler, Tidioute; Ada Palm, Evangeline Parsons-Morrison, Pittsburg; Josephine Howe and Marion Howe, New York.

Jessie Marvin, ex-'03, is teaching in the Business High School at Mt. Vernon, New York.

Gertrude Dowler, ex-'05, is doing kindergarten work in New Castle.

Born.—To Judge and Mrs. Prather, Meadville, December tenth, a son.

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#### Beta Gamma

Anita Boyce, '07, was married to Mr. George Billman, Beta Theta Pi, on February third, in Jalopa, Mexico. They will make their home in Cleveland, Ohio.

Edith Reese, '07, has been made principal of the high school in Girard, Pennsylvania.

Emmeline McSweeney, '96, is in Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, suffering from an injury to her knee.

#### Beta Delta

Frederika Hine, '05, has been compelled, on account of ill health, to give up her position in the Bay City, Michigan High School.

Olive Hynes is editor of the Quincy Herald, at

Quincy, Illinois.

A son was born February twenty-fourth to Mr. and Mrs. Orrin K. Earl (Dorothea Rouse, '05), at 2731 Harrison Street, Evanston, Illinois.

Mildred Hinsdale has been teaching in Grand

Rapids, Michigan, this year.

Olive J. Rouech is with her sister in Douglas, Arizona.

Mrs. Stowell Smith (Olive Wines) has moved with her husband and two children to the Pacific Coast, where Mr. Smith is employed by the Forestry Service.

Elma Bailey, '05, has resigned from her position in the Wallace, Idaho, schools. She and her mother will spend the summer in Ann Arbor.

Mildred Honacker, Clara Trueblood, and Blanche

Enyeart will spend the summer abroad.

Mrs. Le Roy Tuley (Zayda Noe, '04), whose marriage occurred in September, is living in Alton, Illinois.

Miss Ethel Trash is the sole representative of Beta Delta in St. Louis, where she is spending the year.

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Mrs. Hattie Rowley Gladden, of Fairchance, Pennsylvania, spent the week of March twentieth visiting relatives in Adrian.

Miss Alice McAfee, '07, has been spending the winter with Miss Olive Neer at Catawba, Ohio.

Mrs. Jennie Gilkey Boyd is spending the winter in Los Angeles, California.

Born.—To Mrs. Mary McCollum Ramsey, January

nineteenth, a son, Willis Lane.

Miss Bertha Krause, of Ottawa, Ohio, formerly of Xi chapter, is visiting friends in Adrian. Born.—To Mrs. Myrtle McCollum Waterman, March second, a son, Willfred Cyrus.

Mrs. Mattie Burr Hood attended the inauguration

at Washington, the week of March third.

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## Kappa

At a dinner party Saturday evening, January sixteenth, at her home in Frankfort, Michigan, Frances Woodward announced her engagement to Charles Howell, of Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. Daisy Prideaux Cook, of Pittsburg, made a visit to her mother and friends of this city, on her way to Los Angeles, California, where her future home

will be.

Mrs. Mary Ward Phelps, whose husband is a Young Men's Christian Association secretary in Japan, is spending her furlough at the home of her parents, Professor and Mrs. Ward, of Hillsdale.

During February occurred the marriage of Dorothy

Hollister to Mr. Schuyler, of Buffalo.

Mrs. Elva Bailey Griffin and her twin daughters, of Waterloo, Iowa, are expected April third, to spend the summer with relatives in Hillsdale.

Mrs. E. P. Lyon (Nellie Eastman) spent two years in St. Louis before the chapter discovered her, but they are trying to make up for lost time, for they realize what a valuable friend they missed in that time.

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#### Delta

Mrs. E. S. Brodix (Nellie Coffin) represents Delta in the St. Louis Alumnæ chapter. She is much interested in the philanthropic work of Christ Church Cathedral, especially in connection with the Newsboys' Club, with which she has been working for several years. Her son, who used to delight the audiences at the cathedral with his singing in the boy choir, will graduate from McKinley High School in a year and enter college.

#### **Jota**

Mrs. J. E. Brown (Etta Haldstock, '77), who spent several weeks in Indianapolis, visiting, returned to Los Angeles in January.

Mr. and Mrs. James Nelson (Grace Johnson, '86) are now settled in a beautiful new home in Greencastle.

Ota Bartlett, '90, has gone abroad for a several months' stay in Germany.

Mrs. A. F. Fay, '81, of Urbana, Illinois, attended the reunion in Indianapolis on January thirtieth, and later spent some time with Mrs. W. J. Snyder (Minnie Zeller) in Brazil.

Mrs. Guy Walker (Minnie Royse, '87) came from New York City for the reunion on January thirtieth.

Mabel and Alice Pavey are spending the winter in Houston, Texas.

Mrs. M. H. Lichliter (Gertrude Larimore, '00) is a resident of St. Louis, where Mr. Lichliter is pastor of Maple Avenue Church. Address, 5652 Cates Avenue.

Margaret Guthrie, '97, is teaching in the Belmont School, at Belmont, California. She will return East in the summer.

Mrs. E. R. Downing (Grace Manning) and Lucia May Manning, '91, have returned from several r onths' stay abroad.

Achsah Fargo, who has been living in Portland, Oregon, for several years, was married in December to Mr. Giltner, of Anderson, Indiana.

Mame Trueblood is teaching in Goshen, India na.

Mr. and Mrs. George Poucher (Sara Darby) have a new daughter, Ruth.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Watts are in Columbus, Dhio, for the winter, at Hotel Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Zimmerman (Edythe G pe) are living at Gary, Indiana.

Lillian Hart is teaching at Clinton, Indiana.

Married.—Anne Chowning Shackleford and Carl Stephens. At home, Anderson, Indiana.

Lottie L. Stoner is teaching in Michigan C·ty, Indiana.

Born.—A son, to Dr. and Mrs. Hults (Elma Haworth), Kokomo, Indiana.

Lalah Randle, '07, is teaching German in the high

school at New Albany, Indiana.

Married.—Mary Denman and Paul Dee. At home, Newton, Indiana.

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## Theta

Mrs. Clayton Williams, nee Grace Parker, '08, has

been visiting at the Kappa house.

Ruth Fitzgerald, Beth Patterson, and Margaret McDaniel visited at the Kappa house a few days in March.

Leota Dockery, of Kirksville, Missouri, is visiting

at the Kappa house.

The engagement of Alice Johnston, '08, to Dr. Robert Foster, Twelfth United States Cavalry, has been announced.

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## Sigma

Mrs. Theodore Westermann (May Whiting), ex-Grand President, is home again, much to the joy of the St. Louis alumnæ. Part of last year was spent in Salt Lake City, where Mr. Westermann, of the firm of Westermann & Touder, public accountants, has been estab lishing a branch office. Despite all the assertions of newspapers as to college and public life unfitting women for being home-makers, Mrs. Westermann seems to take just as much interest in domestic affairs as she did in college or fraternity.

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## Pi

On April eighteenth, Aileen Guppy was married to Mr. Edward B. Gould, a graduate of the University of California. Mr. and Mrs. Gould will reside at Lindsay, Tulare County, California.

Born.—To Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Oddie (Alice Trainer), a daughter.

Eva Powell has been re-elected president of Ebell, the largest woman's club on the Pacific Coast.

Cornelia McKinne has been re-elected president of the California branch of the Collegiate Alumnæ.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Palmer (Florence Mason) are spending the summer in Wales.

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## Syracuse Alumnae Association

Eva Bryan, '99, spent last summer in Paris, perfecting her knowledge of French. She is now teaching French in the high school in Ithaca, New York. As she is near Cornell University, she is given an opportunity for acquaintance with Psi chapter.

Bessie A. Reed, '93, is at the head of the vocal department in Waterloo Conservatory, Waterloo, Iowa.

Minnie E. Woodworth, '93, is taking post-graduate work for the degree of Ph. D. in Syracuse University. She is thus able to resume her connection with Kappa affairs.

Ella Wallace Wells, '07, is residing in Quebec, Canada, for the winter, at 47 Maple Avenue.

Mrs. Charles Marks (Adelaide Bliss, '87) has removed from Kenwood, New York, to 20 Oakwood Road, Newtonville, Massachusetts.

Bertha Jewell, '07, is living in Sidney, New York, where she is teaching English in the high school.

Marjorie Gardner, '07, is teaching mathematics in

the high school at Fort Plains, New York.

Grace Henderson, '06, is teaching English in the high school at Manasquan, New Jersey. Her engagement to Arthur Clyde Lewis, instructor in mathematics in Morris High School, is announced.

Frances H. Thayer, who was Beta Tau's delegate to the 1904 convention, is now located in Gridley, California, where she has a position in the high school.

Bertha Angell, '07, who completed her course at Smith after two years in Syracuse University, is now

teaching in Waverly, New York.

Ella S. Blakeslee, '85, who was founder of Beta Tau chapter and delegate to the 1884 convention, expects to go to Europe about April first, visiting England, France, and Switzerland.

Cora Williams, '07, was married October twentieth, nineteen hundred eight, to Irving Smallwood, Phi Kappa Psi, Syracuse, '05. They reside in Baldwinsville, which is so near Syracuse that Mrs. Smallwood is able to be an active member of the Syracuse Association.

Elizabeth Tanner, ex-'99, was married in the fall to Mr. Albert Eckel, a promising young lawyer of Syra-

cuse. They live at 709 Westcott Street.

Born.—To Reverend and Mrs. Adolphus Linfield (Bessie Millard, '98), a son, Willard A. They reside in East Manchester, New Hampshire, 962 Valley Street.

Born.—To Mr. and Mrs. William Macon (Maude Andrus, '99), of Brooklyn, in May, nineteen hundred

eight, a daughter, Louise Clivia.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Boyden (Ruth Henderson, ex-'06) died October twenty-first, nineteen hundred eight, aged fourteen months.

Julia Hillis, '05, is now in the Children's Library

in Brooklyn.

Ellen Bryant Moore, '87, made an extensive trip in Europe with her husband during the summer of nineteen hundred eight.

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# Philadelphia Alumnae Association

Born.—To Mr. and Mrs. Lacey H. Evans (Helen E. Euston, '03), October twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred eight, a son, Theodore Evans the Second.

Born.—To Mr. and Mrs. John L. Blackman (Ethel Hayes, '99), August twelfth, nineteen hundred eight, a son, John Leroy Blackman, Jr.

Clara Custis Miller has left Philadelphia and is now teaching at St. Mary's School, Garden City, Long Island, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Osborne Hopwood (Josephine L. Reed, '04) have returned to Philadelphia. Mr. Hopwood has accepted a position as instructor in the Central High School, Philadelphia.

Dr. and Mrs. Everett Franklin Phillips (Mary H. Geisler, '02) have just returned to Washington, D. C., after a visit to Mrs. Phillips' home in Germantown.

Alice Lenore Davison, Ph. D., '04, has lately received an appointment as assistant chemist in the Bureau of Chemistry, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. She is making her home with Dr. and Mrs. Karl Corley (Ida Hill), in Washington.

C. Edna Bramble, '04, has lately entertained the Grand Registrar of Kappa Kappa Gamma at her home in Roxborough.

Mrs. M. H. Lichliter, the first corresponding secretary of the Pittsburg Alumnæ Association, who for some years has resided at Olean, New York, has taken up her residence in St. Louis, Missouri, where her husband is pastor of the Maple Avenue M. E. Church.

Mrs. T. C. Blaisdell, one of Pennsylvania Alumnæ Association's charter members, is residing in Lansing, Michigan.

Mrs. W. A. Philips, another charter member of Pennsylvania Alumnæ Association, has removed to Greeley, Colorado. Her husband is pastor of one of the United Presbyterian churches.

Pennsylvania Alumnæ Association was well represented at the convention by at least ten members.

# Chicago Alumnae Association

There have been many gatherings of Chicago alumnæ during this past month in honor of Emily L. Nichols, whose marriage to Merle Trees, '07, φ Δ Θ, occurred January second, nineteen hundred nine.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sweet (Ada Dalzell, Br), a girl, December sixth, nineteen hundred eight.

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#### St. Louis Alumnae Association

The St. Louis Thetas boast of having the largest representation in the alumnæ association, eight members—Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. North, Mrs. Gates, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Thomas and Miss Post.

Mrs. J. T. M. Johnston (Florence Brooks) is spending the year in Europe partly in search of better health for herself and for her daughter, Margaret. Margaret was graduated from Mary Institute in June, and had planned to enter college this last fall.

Mrs. Charles Collins (Madeline Branham), who entered the association as a bride in nineteen hundred

and seven, is also spending the year in Europe.

Mrs. Thomas (Minnie Louise Russell) recently entertained the association at Lennox Hall, of which she is the head. This is the second year of Lennox Hall, a college preparatory school for young ladies, in which at present about fifty are enrolled.

Miss Ida Post entertained the association at her delightful old country place in Pattonville in June. A number of tried and trusty Kappa supporters were

present with their wives.

Mrs. Guy Thompson and Mrs. Emmet North have been missed from the meetings for some time, as their homes have demanded their care.

Mrs. Don Gates (Edith Seymour), now of Wilmar, Arkansas, was in the association long enough before her marriage to make many friends. She entertained the

association in April.

Mrs. Franklin Miller (Maude Barnes) came to the association as a bride in nineteen hundred and seven. She will entertain the association in January.

Upsilon has two representatives in the St. Louis

alumnæ association-Mrs. Witter and Mrs. Burton.

Mrs. Charles Witter (Katherine Janes) has been one of the leaders in the association for years, and many happy hours have been spent by the association in her home. She spent the summer with Mr. Witter at the University of Chicago. Mr. Witter is one of the leading grammar school principals, and president of the Society of Pedagogy of St. Louis.

Mrs. Burton (Mary King) is one of the new members whom the St. Louis association has been very glad

to welcome.

Mrs. Charlton Beck, to the great regret of the association (among whom she was a general favorite), has moved to New York City.

Iota has had six representatives in the St. Louis Alumnae Association—Mrs. Walter Smith (Frances Wilde, at rest July, nineteen hundred and eight), Mrs. Charles Houts, Mrs. Claude Hall, Miss Katherine Burlingame, Mrs. Licklighter, and Miss Ellen Atwater.

Mrs. Charles Houts (Eleanor Wright) gave a luncheon party to the association in November. Mrs. Houts is one of the most loyal of Kappas, as well as a charming hostess and the best of mothers.

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## New York Kappas

The annual reunion and luncheon of Kappas living in and near New York was held at The Ansonia, February twenty-seventh, at ten o'clock. The completeness of the arrangements was due to the indefatigable Mrs. Mary Morgan-Brewer, Delta, '96, and her committee of Delta girls.

As each girl arrived, her name and chapter were pinned on her. Members of chapters were seated together. There were twenty-one chapters represented, Beta Epsilon having the largest number—sixteen. Two of these were delegates sent by the active chapter.

The menu was a success, and while the speeches were generally impromptu, they were none the less

greatly enjoyed.

Mrs. Minnie Royse-Walker, Iota, as president of the New York Alumnæ Association, led in the opening responsive service. After this, Beta Sigma members sang a song. We were especially pleased to have Mrs. Elizabeth Gowdy-Baker, Alpha, '84, tell of the closing days of our mother chapter. This is probably the first time a member of Alpha has attended a Kappa affair in twenty years, and she promises it will not be the last.

All were charmed to hear Mrs. Lew Henry-Hoover, Beta Eta, '98, who was introduced as the most traveled Kappa. She has traveled with her husband on his business journeys into the interior of every continent—over three hundred thousand miles, and five times around the globe. For several years they have lived in London, but a trip to California is a yearly occurrence of no moment to them.

Miss Harriette Curtiss, Beta Tau, alumnæ secretary, gave greetings and spoke of the place of alumnæ in the fraternity body politic.

Margaret Bailey, Beta Epsilon, '07, Grand Regis-

trar, told of her recent visit to Phi.

Dr. Mary Crawford, Psi, '05, was presented because she has been elected head of the hospital staff of the Williamsburg Hospital. This is the first time a woman has held such a position, and all Kappas are proud of "Mollie."

Mrs. Jessie Cassidy-Saunders, Psi, who is doing special work at Columbia in architecture, along the line of apartment construction, asked Kappas to allow her to study their apartments.

Mrs. E. Jean Nelson-Penfield, Iota, '93, asked all Kappas who were interested in woman's suffrage to sign the petitions she and Mrs. Saunders had, which are parts of the monster petition to go to Congress. After two songs from Beta Epsilon, the regular closing services ended the formalities.

Girls gathered in groups for further visits. Members of Beta Tau held a chapter house committee meeting, and it was not until six o'clock that the last Kappa left the hotel.

Kappas from out of town were Miss Blankenberg, Beta Iota; Mrs. Lew Henry-Hoover, Beta Eta; Mrs. William L. Wallace and Miss Harriette Curtiss, Beta Tau; and Miss Caroline Crawford, Psi.

To all Kappas who are considering a place for a summer outing, I would speak of Chautauqua, New York. All know what Chautauqua means, with its beautiful lake, its unique institutions and numerous advantages. Among these may be mentioned the fact that many college people gather here and many fraternity members.

Last July, after several Pan-Hellenic meetings, a Pan-Hellenic banquet was arranged, with Mrs. Minnie Royse Walker as chairman. Forty-two fraternity girls attended. It was such a success that it was unanimously voted to make it a regular part of the season's program. Mrs. Arthur E. Bestor, Pi Beta Phi, of Franklin College, Indiana, and wife of the director of the institution, was made permanent chairman. The college women's fraternity register, which was started by Miss Iliff, Gamma Phi Beta, was placed in her hands and will be open to the public in the information bureau.

The regular meetings of Kappas are announced each week in the *Daily Chautauquan*. The Kappa register is at the cottage of Mrs. Lillian Hunter, Lambda, where all will receive a cordial greeting.

MINNIE ROYSE WALKER, Iota.

# Exchanges

By Elizabeth Rhodes Jackson

Exchanges that receive three copies of The Key are asked to send exchange copies to Miss Edith Stoner, 1529 Wabash Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri; Mrs. Frederick W. Potter, 26 Pacific Avenue, Piedmont, California; Mrs. Ralph T. C. Jackson, 169 Locust Street, Fall River, Massachusetts.

Acknowledgment is herewith made, with thanks, of the following exchanges:

December: Kappa Alpha Journal.

January: Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta, Garnet and White of Alpha Chi Rho, Shield of Phi Kappa Psi, Aglaia of Phi Mu, Beta Theta Pi, Arrow of Pi Beta Phi.

February: Delta Chi Quarterly, Alpha Phi Quar-

terly, Beta Theta Pi, Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.

March: Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Shield of Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Upsilon Quarterly.

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Pi Beta Phi has entered the University of Toronto, where Kappa Alpha Theta and Alpha Phi already have chapters. The *Arrow* shows a diversified and attractive group of charter members of the Canadian chapter.

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Delta Delta Delta has entered Stanford University.

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The article of chief interest in the exchanges this quarter is the "Chapter House Symposium" conducted by the Delta Upsilon Quarterly. In making the following quotations, I have omitted much that is valuable in the way of detail, but have kept the general line of argument, in the contribution by Edward Eugene McDermott on "The Chapter House and Its Effect on the Fraternity."

The college fraternity has had three pretty distinct periods of existence and its meeting place during each of these periods has been a fair index to the status of the organization.

The first period was marked by profound secrecy on the part of the fraternity, and bitter opposition on the part of the faculty and the public. The meeting place was a student's room; not infrequently it was a protected nook in the woods, or more often a cellar under some dormitory, reached through a trap-door in the floor of a devoted member's room. The brilliant, aggressive, intrepid young men of those days were naturally drawn to the fraternity because of the very spice of the adventure. Later, many of these same men became members of college faculties. Naturally enough, the hostility of the faculty, when it was re-enforced by a sprinkling of these men, began to relax and the fraternity passed into its second stage of existence—toleration. During this period a room was frequently hired over a downtown store. This was the meeting place. Some of the earliest "chapter halls" were erected at this time.

Finally the advantage of closer association among the members was recognized and the relative unimportance of the secrets admitted—at least tacitly. Then it was that the fraternity entered upon the third and present stage of its development. It bought or rented a dwelling house, frequently installed the entire undergraduate membership therein, and began the regular family life that has characterized it for the past quarter of a century. It is as private but scarcely more secret than any other family. It is with this third period, the chapterhouse as a home, that this paper is chiefly concerned.

Has this home life—which has undoubtedly come to stay—been beneficial or harmful to the fraternity as a whole and to its individual members? Let us see. To gather facts for an intelligent answer to this question a circular letter was addressed to members of eleven different fraternities, and to the presidents, deans and registrars of numerous leading universities.

One hundred and thirty-two answers were received to the question—"What are the chief benefits of student life in the chapterhouse?"

The answers are varied, but a vast majority mention intimate and lasting friendship. To show the general sentiment a few may be read.

First, from the students:

"Subordination of selfish and personal interests to the general good."

"Close fellowship and sense of chapter responsibility."

"Executive work in management of fraternity."

"Sense of responsibility placed upon upperclassmen."

From the presidents and deans:

"Means of reaching students in matters of discipline."

"A good chapter-house is a fair substitute for home life."

"Oversight by older men-especially by young graduates."

"Comradeship, co-operation, group tradition and responsibility; fairly good board and room."

"College loyalty."

"Good manners; close friendship with some men worth knowing; national fraternity better than local clique; experience in handling business affairs and avoiding collective disgrace."

Now let us look at the other side. One hundred and forty-eight answers were received to the question—"what are the chief dangers to be guarded against in the chapter-house?"

One hundred and ten, or seventy-five per cent, placed waste of time first. Other answers are scattering but interesting.

It becomes very apparent after reading all these letters that there are benefits and there are dangers. But whatever the benefits and dangers, we may be sure of one thing. The fraternity is here to stay and whether it grows better or worse will depend upon our treatment of it. The fraternity is as much a fixture in the university as the university itself is a fixture in the community. Its problems are the university's problems, for the most part, and the university's problems are its problems. Why not accept it, therefore, as a permanent factor in college life, study its problems sympathetically and scientifically, and make it in every case what it is in some cases—a power for good?

One of these problems which belong to both the university and the fraternity is the decline of scholarship. To prove that there has been a decline an effort was made to gather statistics at two points of time—1886 and 1906. The effort was not altogether successful, for while the figures for the later period were easily secured, those for the earlier were not easily procurable and not complete enough to be entirely reliable. But they do point to two conclusions with considerable certainty. The first is that scholarship is declining and social life arising in the fraternities.

The second is that this change is going on much more rapidly in the West than in the East.

The first tendency is shown by the fact that twenty years ago the five following college interests stood in the order here named: Scholarship, Oratory and Debate, Literary distinction, Athletic honors, Social mention.

(These five are taken because they stand out prominently in all the reports and records.)

The relative place that these interests now hold in the minds of fraternity men is quite reversed, as the following figures show: Of the mention in college publications which fraternity men think it worth while to make of themselves and their achievements to-day, nearly 33 1-3 per cent. is social distinction and less than 13 per cent. is honors in scholarships. Or to put it in another way, out of every 951 times that fraternity men deliberately call attention to their activities as things worthy of special consideration, 308 are social, 289 athletic, 153 literary, 124 scholarship and 77 public speaking.

Admitting that there has been a decline, it is important but difficult to name all the causes. Let us look for a moment at two or three.

It is believed by many who have studied this problem, and whose opinions are worthy of respect, that the decline in scholarship and consequent rise of lighter substitutes is due in part to the absence of personal and daily contact between student and instructor, and in part to the unlimited introduction of electives and culture courses.

This absence of daily contact between student and instructor is due very largely to the unprecedented growth of American universities. The last quarter of a century has been pre-eminently a period of great university building. These institutions have become great machines—almost as soulless as the corporations—which have no time for individuals, ruthlessly crush down those who can not take care of themselves and allow the socially inclined to live a butterfly life.

Second among the causes mentioned above is the sudden adoption of the unlimited elective system and coincident with this the free introduction of the so-called "culture studies"—lecture courses in which the professor is expected to do all the studying and reciting and his students all the listening and criticising.

There is an old-fashioned notion, pretty well exploded now, that the way to develop the mind is to apply it vigorously five or six hours every day, six days every week, and nine months every year during four years, to subjects that demand concentration—such as mathematics, Greek, Latin, physics and philosophy.

The new attitude toward study is admirably expressed by a motto which is said to be prominently displayed in the private rooms of nearly every student in a well-known girls' college in the East—"Don't let your college work interfere with your college life!" And again it is expressed by a remark which I recently overheard one student make to another, "These confounded studies take so much of a man's time!"—as though the chief business of the student were to amuse himself, and anything which stood in the way of this was an intolerable nuisance.

Is it not possible that a third and contributory cause of the decline in scholarship is found in the modern chapter-house, which furnishes such a comfortable home-life among congenial spirits and offers such abundant opportunity for dissipation of time and energy?

At any rate we have a problem in the decline, and the question arises as to whether the modern fraternity, through its chapter-house system, can assist the university in solving it, for at least this one of the university's problems is the fraternity's problem.

To determine this the question was asked, in the circular letter referred to,—

"What does the present day fraternity need most in order to be of the greatest service to its members?"

Several things become apparent to one who reads all these responses. The fraternity chapter-house is a potent factor for good or for evil. Whether it develops into the one or the other depends upon how it is handled. The fact that the answers are so frequently diametrically opposed shows that conditions vary widely in different chapters of the same fraternity and proves that no man can safely judge a fraternity as a whole who knows but a single chapter in a single university.

It is not contended here that the fraternity can accomplish the impossible, but that it can do in every chapter what it is now doing in the best. It can, for example,

 Prevent a man of studious habits from becoming a mere grind, a bookworm, a recluse, by forcing him out into society.

2. It can prevent a man of strong social inclination from wasting time to the detriment of his mental development.

 It can tone up a boy of good mind but slovenly habits and tone down a dude and prevent him from becoming the laughing-stock of sensible people.

4. It can prevent vulgar language, coarse manners and loafing in the chapter-house; and dishonesty and immorality everywhere as things unworthy a Greek-letter man.

It can do all these things and many more. In fact, what the well-organized, well-regulated fraternity can do with its men in four years is almost incredible to the outsider, because the outsider does not realize the tremendous hold that the fraternity gets upon its men. Such a fraternity receives into its ranks an undeveloped boy and sends forth, four years later, a man of poise, polish and not infrequently power.

But some one says this is an ideal—a condition impossible of attainment. Not at all. It now exists in the best chapters of the best fraternities. All that is contended here is that all the chapters can be made as good as the best.

The movement to employ all the time of a general secretary, a traveling, paid official, is being watched with interest, and much is hoped for from him. His broad views resulting from intimate knowledge of local conditions in all the chapters will enable him to offer wise counsel. But one man can not accomplish everything and the bulk of the work must be done for every chapter by the local, resident alumni. They are its natural guardians. Generally they own the chapter-house and its elaborate furnishings. They place these valuable equipments in the hands of their younger brothers.

What is more natural, what is more reasonable than that they should demand an accounting—not primarily in a material way, for this is relatively unimportant; but in an intellectual, moral, social, man-developing way? This is the plain duty of the alumni and it should be their privilege.

The Delta Upsilon Quarterly submitted galley proofs of the preceding article in advance to the editors

of all the fraternity magazines, with the request that they should not be used before a uniform date, and an invitation to join in the symposium with an expression of views on the chapter-house question, from experience. The contributions of the editors and of the leading educators, to whom also the article was submitted, are all of interest, but I am able to quote only a few, and those only in part.

#### From Carlton H. Hayes, National Secretary Alpha Chi Rho

National workers in Alpha Chi Rho are aware of the chapter-house problem and are working for its solution. Every chapter has a committee on scholarship, consisting usually of two upperclassmen and one graduate—preferably a junior instructor at the college or university—whose duties are to keep a list of cuts or debars and a full record of term standing in every course, to counsel on choice of electives, and to supervise whatever tutorings may be necessary. Furthermore, the members of this committee confer with the instructors each term on the work of every underclassman in the chapter.

Our graduate organization is intended to co-operate constantly with the undergraduate chapters. When a man leaves college he becomes a member ipso facto of his graduate chapter, and each graduate chapter elects not only a president and a secretary-treasurer to perform the routine duties usually pertaining to similar organizations, but also a resident, who resides with the undergraduate chapter wherever practicable, and is its adviser, counsellor and special friend. He makes reports in addition to the regular undergraduate reports to the secretary-treasurer of the graduate chapter and to the national organization. Of course these residents have to be chosen with great care-they must know and love the fraternity well; they must have the confidence of the younger brothers; they must be resourceful, tactful, optimistic and yet firm. They have a wonderful opportunity, and although the system is as yet hardly more than in embryo with us, we nevertheless have the right to expect, I believe, that it will give us great and good results.

Then, too, there are compulsory annual visits of inspection by the president of the fraternity, examination by the national council of house rules and national oversight of their general enforcement. These measures would amount to little were there not several energetic graduates in each chapter thoroughly imbued with the principles of the fraternity who make a special point of associating with the undergraduates at the house, drawing them into truly serious conversation, interesting them in the arts and sciences, in the things of the mind, endeavoring to make of them cultured university gentlemen and brothers.

And even this graduate work will amount to little in Alpha Chi Rho or in any other fraternity if ideals are laughed at or lost. Our younger brothers must have ideals; they must be taught that study and culture are valuable, that religion is not self-condemned, that time is not to be wasted, that honesty and temperance are virtues and not drawbacks.

#### From John H. DeWitt, President of Phi Delta Theta

First. Chapter-houses must not be extravagantly maintained. They should not be acquired by incurring an enormous debt which the chapters and their alumni can not reasonably undertake to pay; and they should not be so sumptuous that their occupants will live in a style very disproportionate to their means.

Second. Life in a chapter-house and the college work of each member of the chapter should be under close supervision. This supervision should come from within the fraternity. Competent and influential upperclassmen should carefully supervise the younger members, and the management of the house should be in part by the alumni. Every chapter-house should be governed by a set of sensible and reasonable rules which should be enforced as a part of this supervision.

#### From E. P. Lyon, Worthy Grand Chief, Alpha Tau Omega

Now, as to remedies which may be applied. I will state that I have for two years been laboring on this same problem. I mean the creation of a different sentiment and spirit among the undergraduates in regard to this matter, and the revival in them of the idea that scholarship should be the principal aim of the student in college. I have attempted to arouse this spirit by means of circular letters to all the chapters, by addresses at banquets and other fraternity meetings and by urging prominent members of the fraternity on all occasions to speak in favor of higher scholarship.

In addition, I have instituted several minor methods of directing the attention of the men in the chapters towards scholarly attainments. I have had prepared a form of honorary certificate, which is granted to every Alpha Tau who on graduating from college takes distinguished rank in scholarship, oratory or debate, or who is elected to Phi Beta Kappa or to any of the other honorary societies. The winners of these certificates are mentioned in my circular letters to the chapters and in the fraternity's journal. I have also instituted a semi-annual report concerning scholarship, which each chapter is required to make through the province chief to me. This report contains the names of all undergraduates, who during the previous semester have been conditioned or who have failed in any subject. The province chiefs and myself then do all we can to imbue the delinquents with the idea that they must do better.

Still a third method which is assisting us in getting an improvement along scholarship lines is that of inspections. Our province chiefs are required to visit all chapters at frequent intervals, and when on these visits they are required to call upon the president or registrar of the institution and inquire into the scholarship and behavior of our men. We also urge each chapter to have a committee of upperclassmen to watch carefully over the younger and see that they attend to their work. By all of these methods I feel that we are getting considerable improvement, and I hope that before many years have passed by we may have quite different ideals in force in regard to the desirability of high scholastic achievement.

#### From Ralph S. Kent, Ex-President Province Beta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon

One chapter has the following plan: A corporation owns the house, and only those who have contributed or invested a certain amount are shareholders. The house is rented to the chapter at an annual rental sufficient to pay expenses of the corporation and provide a sinking fund, etc. A board of nine directors, two of whom are chapter members, is elected annually by the shareholders, and this board has active supervision of the house. It meets at least twice a year at the house, and requires a written report from each chapter officer, and monthly reports from the chief financial officer of the chapter on a special form. The meetings of the board usually occupy two days at a week-end, and the active men carry their troubles, petty and great, to the board or to some member of it, and thus things are kept within proper limits.

This plan has worked admirably. The best traditions of the fraternity are kept alive, pitfalls are avoided, and older, more experienced men keep practical ideals before the younger men. What is equally desirable also results, viz.: it keeps the alumni interested.

## From Guy T. Viskniskki, Editor of the Kappa Sigma Caduceus

If I have read aright the article on "The Chapter-House and Its Effect on the Fraternity," its author's chief concern is about scholarship. I know of plenty of men who have done splendid work in the classroom—been the pride of their professors, and all that. Were these men—fraternity men all—mentioned in their chapter letters for their performance of an ordinary duty? No. Yet they were talked of in the letters when they ran third in the half-mile, were members of some prom committee, or went out with the football squad.

Why were they mentioned then? Simply because what they did in athletics, or in a social way, was out of the ordinary—was news, in the accepted sense of the word. But what they did in the classroom was not news; it was an every-day occurrence, something expected and done as a matter of course, and, hence, clearly not news. News is the chronicling of phenomena, and the college world rightly holds that it is not phenomenal to do good work in the classroom. I am of the opinion that an examination of the scholarship of fraternity men as it appears on the books of the colleges would compare favorably with the so-called lost, strayed or stolen scholarship of the glamorous past and with that of the non-fraternity man of to-day.

#### From Stephen Hart, Delta Chi

I wish to dissent from one of the propositions laid down by Professor McDermott. I did not find a low moral atmosphere in the fraternities at the university which I attended, either in my own undergraduate chapter, Beta, nor in my chapter of Delta Chi in the law school, nor, so far as my acquaintance has extended, in the chapters of other fraternities. I found very little in the way of unfavorable influences which I felt called upon to combat, but, on the contrary, there is much to inspire and encourage a man so that I have always felt that the fraternity did me a great deal more good than I was ever able to do in return. This, so far as I am able to learn, is the common experience of fraternity men. At the same time I am sensible of the fact that I might have stood higher in scholarship had I been a non-fraternity man, for unquestionably fraternity life leads a man into other activities and leaves less time for study, but I believe most men would rather forego the advantages of high standing in scholarship than to lose the advantages of the association and training they receive in chapter-house life.

#### From George L. Holstein, Grand Regent, Kappa Psi

The fraternity system has come to stay, despite the opposition of certain prominent college faculties, and will continue to bring together men of congenial temperaments, just as sure as the colleges will continue to instruct the youth of the country. Divide your student body into groups and place them in college dormitories and what have you got? A selected set of students working under a system similar to the fraternity groups without the desirable features of congeniality, group endeavor and group responsibility. Which is the more desirable? A group as above depicted or one in which every member endeavors to maintain a certain standard of morality, has an interest in the welfare of every other member and in which he bears a certain brotherly affection for every other member. Organized effort is ever superior to effort without direction, and the fraternity chapter must necessarily be a greater power among college students than a group without a common aim.

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The Arrow has a useful discussion of ways and means of securing chapter-house property, under the title, "The Chapter House—a Practical Problem." This is followed by a comprehensive report of "How Our Chapters Are Housed," made by provinces and summarized. It gives the average size of each chapter, the housing conditions of the chapter and of chapters of other fraternities at the same college, the method of meeting expenses, and details of chapteronage and

house management. Some of the chapters that own houses have contributed full details of the method by which the house was acquired. Out of thirty-nine chapters, four own houses, and one a lodge, and sixteen rent houses. A table is given, showing statistics of chapter houses owned or rented by the fraternities belonging to the Woman's National Pan-Hellenic Association. from which it appears that Alpha Phi owns three houses and rents four; Alpha Chi Omega owns one and rents eight; Gamma Phi Beta owns four and rents three; Delta Gamma owns two and rents thirteen; Kappa Alpha Theta owns five houses and two lodges and rents eight houses; Kappa Kappa Gamma owns two (at Stanford and Wisconsin) and rents twelve; and Chi Omega owns one and rents three. From an article on "The Chapter House-Its Possibilities and Dangers," the following quotations are made:

Opponents of the chapter-house system claim that it tends to degrade scholarship. Pi Beta Phi has already taken radical action in this direction. Every chapter is required to maintain a scholarship committee whose duty it is to keep in constant touch with the work of every active member and to report to the Grand Council. At least once in two years, an official representative of the fraternity visits each chapter and consults the dean and other members of the faculty of each college visited. Chapters which for two successive years are reported, through the college authorities, as deficient in scholarship, forfeit the right to charters, if at the end of two years there is no improvement. An examination of the house rules of the chapters shows that hours for study are insisted upon and enforced. If the requirements of the fraternity set the standard high enough there can be no ground for criticism since the girls living in the chapterhouses have to attain the national standard. There are practical suggestions wherein the chapter-house may be of use in the matter of scholarship. The house committee may make special rules, taking away certain privileges from those who have fallen below a given grade. The dean, or other members of the faculty, may be asked to meet with the chapter at stated times. Where a member of the faculty is a Pi Beta Phi and can live in the house, she is of great value to the girls, bridging over, in a way, that gulf which too often exists between faculty and students. The suggestion has been made that each house employ an alumna tutor to serve somewhat the same office as the English preceptors serve. Statistics show conclusively that many girls who otherwise would not have completed their college course, do so because of the ties of the fraternity and the fraternity-house.

At a recent convention of the National Religious Education Association in Chicago, at which a number of fraternity men were present, resolutions were adopted to further the organizing of a Pan-Hellenic Association.

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Following a suggestion by the editor of the  $\Delta$  T Quarterly, representatives of the Greek-letter journals dined together at the Salmagundi Club, 14 West Twelfth street, New York, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. The invitation is extended to the staff of every fraternity magazine. The hospitality of the club was extended through the courtesy of Mr. Frank F. Rogers, editor of the  $\Delta$  T  $\Delta$  Rainbow.—Record.

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A feature of the Phi Delta Theta convention at Miami was a model initiation held in the chapter hall of the new memorial chapter house.

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Delta Upsilon reports the following business transacted at its seventy-fourth convention:

"Variously the meeting weighed and approved the following: Ordering the revision of the fraternity constitution and by-laws; revision of the initiation ritual; an appropriation for instituting and carrying on the Decennial Bureau; declaring that Theta Nu Epsilon comes under the definition of Art. II, Sec. 4, of the fraternity constitution; the preparation of uniform record books and initiate roll-books for chapters; authorizing the council to gather material for a book of chapter methods and standards; an appropriation to prepare a set of lantern slides to illustrate the fraternity's history and life; the establishment of a two-dollar per capita tax on initiates as a means of providing the fraternity with a convention fund and an equalization fund; the appointment of an alumni committee to take provisional steps toward organizing an alumni corporation under the title of 'The Trustees of Delta Upsilon'; the publication of a large edition of the Record, and making plans for a fitting celebration by alumni organizations and chapters of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the fraternity's birth."

Commenting on Delta Upsilon's appropriation for clerical work, looking to the merging of much of the administrative work under the "Decennial Bureau," The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta says:

Delta Upsilon has adopted what we believe to be one of the most important pieces of policy for the fraternity system, and one that will contribute more to the advancement of any fraternity in the next ten years than most any other thing that can be named. Three other fraternities have had such a plan in operation for a number of years, and its value has been made clearly evident to the general fraternity world. The average man has no idea of the volume of clerical and routine work that is demanded of the various officers of a fraternity. This concentration of the routine and clerical work of the different offices in the hands of one man makes for greater efficiency and secures more satisfactory results. We believe that the fraternities which early adopt this plan will be the leaders of the Greek world.

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The deaconess bonnet and the red cross are recognized by all classes of people as badges which insure protection and reverence; so let us live that our badge may call to mind not merely a secret organization of ordinary women, but a band of women and girls whose lives are consecrated to a noble and uplifting work.—Alpha Phi Quarterly.

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# College Notes

By Elizabeth Rhodes Jackson

Stanford has adopted government by a "University Conference," representing both faculty and students.

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President Eliot, of Harvard, in his annual report, urges a three-year course for the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He says that the present standard of labor under the four-year program is deplorably low.

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Columbia has established a lecture course in professional citizenship. Lectures on the practical workings as well as the theories of government will be given by officers of the Bureau of Municipal Research. According to *The Scroll*, an aeronautic course is also to be given, and two students have enrolled in it.

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At the annual convention of the Association of Cosmopolitan Clubs at Ann Arbor, Mich., which has chapters at seventeen colleges with a total membership of 1,500 students, representing nine nations, a resolution was adopted requesting the United States Bureau of Education to publish a pamphlet giving comparative rates of tuition and cost of living at leading American and foreign universities. Plans were formulated looking to the publication of the national songs of all nations.—

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Phi Beta Kappa has two Chinese initiates this year, one at Cornell and one at Yale.

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At the last session of the Kansas legislature, a bill was passed abolishing secret societies in high schools. One member of the legislature, who does not discriminate between such organizations and college fraternities, is said to be preparing a bill to abolish secret societies at the State colleges and universities.

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The University of Chicago now trains students for the consular service. A new department has been added to the numerous schools of the institution, and beginning with the summer term in June courses of instruction were given. The course is one of three years, and two years of college work are required before a student can enter the department. Upon graduation, the students will be recommended to the President of the United States for appointment. Professor Charles Edward Merriam is the head of the new department. Among the required study courses, eight are in the languages, one in economic geography, two in statistics, one in commerce, one in elementary law, one in commercial law, one in international law, one in the history of diplomacy, one in the history of South America, and one in the history of the Far East .- Alpha Phi Quarterly.

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The following announcement is made in the catalogue of Brown University: "In 1909 a first prize of \$40.00 and a second prize of \$25.00 are to be awarded to the best argumentative essay of from 3,000 to 5,000 words on the subject, 'Should the students of Brown University take action to prevent the establishment of new fraternities?'"

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The language societies at the University of Michigan are to co-operate in the production of a college play that will be unusual. The Deutscher Verein, the Cercle Français, the Sociedad Espanola, the Scandinavian Society, and the Cosmopolitan Club all are to take part.

The play, however, is to be all in English, a comedy dealing with the ideas of a professor who falls asleep and dreams of a universal college in which all nations are represented. Apparently the idea is to have the various nations represented by proper types. Michigan has a large foreign student population.—New York Sun.

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The first woman Rhodes scholar has arrived in London in connection with the scheme for founding scholarships for women on the lines of the scholarships for men founded by Cecil Rhodes. The scheme was formulated in 1905 by Mme. Thayer, then chairman of the education committee of the Society of American Women in London, who is devoting her life to carrying out its development. Miss Clara Howard, the scholar in question, who was entered for a year of post-graduate study at Girton, is from Columbia University, and her scholarship was raised by the Society of American Women in London, the nucleus being subscribed by the education committee during Mme. Thayer's chairmanship. Miss Howard arrives among us with a brilliant record. The women Rhodes scholars will in future be chosen by competitive examinations. There was hardly time for this, however, in this case, and thus Miss Howard was chosen on the recommendation of Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, the wife of the American Ambassador in London, and of Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University.—The Lady's Pictorial.

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The Russian minister of public instruction has forbidden women to attend university lectures in the future, but permits those to complete their studies at universities who have already received permission, and whose transfer to higher educational institutions for women is impossible.—Alpha Phi Quarterly.

# From the Magazine World

By Elizabeth Rhodes Jackson

The December magazine of the Association of Collegiate Alumnæ gives the proceedings of the annual meeting held in San Francisco and Los Angeles last August and September. In a paper on "The Control of Student Life," Mary Bidwell Breed, adviser of women at the University of Missouri, considers the social conditions in a large State university and the methods of control, and comes to the conclusion that "the control of college social life must begin in the home." That part of her discussion which deals with conditions and their regulation by fraternities merits quotation:

Nearly all of these students come from coeducational high schools and show the somewhat precocious sophistication that too many such high schools engender. To determine how and why the crude familiarities of Tommy Atkins and his sweetheart should have penetrated in this country into social strata far above Tommy's would be an interesting social study. It is already a social fact that a large class of American girls, especially in the Middle West, is to-day demonstrating something new under the sun—that a certain grace and social ease, a serene self respect and an interest in intellectual things can be combined in one person, with a code of conduct that would ordinarily be taken most charitably as evidence of coarseness and vulgarity. The university, as it is in loco parentis, must deal with a problem that lies heavily upon the thoughtful parent, and deal with it in an aggravated form, on a large scale.

You may say this is not a university question. Ten years ago perhaps it was not, but conditions in coeducation are changing. The old type of "co-ed," whose purpose was work, now occupies the background in university life. She goes on her quiet way, strong in numbers, but inconspicuous. On the other hand, every observer knows that the girl who goes to college "for a good time" is rapidly multiplying, even in the hard-working Middle West. The Middle West does work hard. To an impartial spectator, one of the most striking differences between the students in the East and in the West is the amount of time they put in over books. The average western student would be a grind in any eastern college. But into this grinding group of students enters the butterfly, the girl who goes to college to make her debut. The girl from the thinly settled states, from the farm or the ranch or the small town, comes up to be initiated into a sorority and to dance six nights in the week; just as another girl, far away, comes

up to make her bow before royalty and to whirl through a London season. But the first girl's mother stays at home and economizes and wears her eyes out over embroidered frocks. A certain sort of mother, who has spent her own girlhood in the struggle with more primitive conditions, determines, in her dim revolt from hardship, in her characteristic desire to get on, that her daughter Pearl shall be a lady.

Above all, first and last, Pearl is to do as she pleases; the more widely she departs from the parental walk in life, and the more completely she becomes a law unto herself, the more nearly is the purpose of her education accomplished. All older people are to her bores and impediments. If I were a dramatist, I might present to you two scenes that play themselves over every year in life of a Dean of Women. The first is that of the over-worked father, accompanying his eighteenyear-old daughter to my office to register. The girl monopolizes the talking, and the father watches her with mingled pride and uneasiness; but before she takes him away, he manages to confide to me that Gladys has always had things pretty much her own way, but that he assures me she is not at all spoilt. The second scene is with the woman who lives in the university town, whose daughter takes enough university work to be in the student set, and who asks me if I can not prevent her daughter from going to so many dances-she is entirely unable to keep Maybelle at home. Maybelle is so very popular.

Mr. Clarence F. Birdseye, of New York, has recently published a book called "Individual Training in Our Colleges". He points out that the modern university exercises practically no control over about ninety per cent of the students' time, and that this is necessarily the case under a faculty of investigators and extreme specialists. The student therefore gets no training as an individual. Mr. Birdseye dwells convincingly on the need for individual training, shows that it can be gotten only by personal work at close range, and then elaborates a plan for furnishing it through the Greek letter secret societies -the fraternities and sororities. After all the denunciations of Greek letter organizations, after their expulsion from certain colleges and their curbing in others, it is naive and refreshing to have a perfectly serious proposition like this of Mr. Birdseye put before us; but he states his case very persuasively. Mr. Birdseye, however, would have us believe that the millenium will dawn when there are enough Greek letter chapters in each university to take in all the fraternity material and when these chapters shall be under careful, sufficient control by their respective national organizations. While I know sororities well from the outside, it is only from the outside and only from the point of view of the university official. What I have to say is therefore given for what it is worth as coming from a disinterested spectator. And in general, let me preface my remarks by stating that I think there is no inherent impossibility in Mr. Birdseye's plan, and that the difficulties in the way of its realization at present are not in themselves insurmountable by people who are willing to wait for results. The theoretical, aside from the practical, difficulty is that even a perfect realization of this plan would cover only part of the field.

It is quite evident that the great national sororities-and I speak only of these, not of local or smaller organizations-are built up on ideals forever unattainable in practice, and therefore admirably fitted permanently to stimulate effort. These sororities have a tremendous weight of tradition, and all over the Middle West their social prestige is recognized. They are admirable administrative machines. In fact, their solidity and organic individuality make the outsider wonder and admire. Their alumnae includes a majority of the strongest women graduates of the great universities, and these thoughtful alumnae are keenly alive to the opportunities of their sororities. One prominent sorority woman, who was one of the leaders in organizing the Inter-Sorority Conference said that the future of coeducation, and therefore the future of the higher education of women in the Middle West, lies with the sororities. It is certainly true that the sororities could destroy coeducation in spite of all efforts on the part of academic authorities to prevent, short of expelling those sororities. And though the sororities could never cover the whole field to be controlled, they could, if they would, practically maintain coeducation; for they could do so much, if they really lived up to their own possibilities, that other problems of social life would solve themselves easily.

A sorority may, and often does, give a group of girls a really home-like place to live in. It gives its members considerable training in executive work of various kinds. It nearly always gives a girl a certain social ease; and if its own social usages are correct, it will transform an awkward girl into a young woman of charming manner. A good sorority fosters the spirit of layalty and esprit de corps that girls so especially need to have developed; and it teaches a girl to keep a secret, to adjust herself cheerfully to difficulties, to subordinate her selfish interests to the good of others. In a properly managed chapter, the freshmen learn to accept guidance from the seniors, and the seniors have the inestimable benefit of being responsible for the good of the freshmen. In fact, if all underclassmen were docile and amenable to wise seniors, and if all upperclassmen were busy setting examples to freshmen, again we should have the dawn of a millenium. Meantime, far as we are from this condition, I cheerfully bear witness to the good work of sororities, and I am willing to defend the thesis that the average sorority girl is better equipped for the vicissitudes of after life than her classmate who has lived in the average student boarding house.

I think I have given a fair idea of the elements of sorority strength. There are, I think two inherent weaknesses, each itself the reverse side of a great strength. The first weakness results from the inevitable nature of the bond. Once initiated, the girl belongs to the sorority, to have its stamp put upon her, to be molded for life. And yet every year, mistakes are made in forming this adamantine bond. The usual method of avoiding these mistakes, by postponing, the choice for a year, safeguards both the chapter and the individual, but introduces a new problem—that is, what to do with freshmen.

Under a system of late pledging, the freshmen are left in that Limbo—or shall we call it, in their case, Ante-Purgatory?—where hover the girls who are not sorority material. The second inherent weakness of the sorority lies in its exclusions. One can not choose one's exclusive circle without leaving things outside. In general, sororities, being human institutions, have the defects of their qualities.

Now if they had only such defects, why could we not look forward to an immediate Utopia under Greek letter auspices? Let us recall the fact that the sorority chapter is simply a small group of girls arbitrarily marked off from the rest of that student body whose makeup and characteristics I described in the first part of this paper. A chapter contains nearly all the component elements of the student body-the descendant of colonial governors and the granddaughter of the peasant. While it is still true that the sororities take most of the girls who are in the best sense strong socially, they also take in ever increasing numbers the girls of the chapter social standards, the girls who are trying to better their social positions. Gladys and Maybelle often "make" the best chapter. For one girl who is chosen for goodbreeding and general ability, two or three-or more, shall I say?-are chosen for their gowns, their coiffures, and the names they can show on dance programs. Too often a girl is virtually chosen, not by the sorority members, but by the suffrages of interested fraternities. In the rapid changes of student personnel one never knows when a chapter may pass entirely into the control of its own foolish and frivolous element, when the only seniors there are to guide freshmen are girls whose careers not even the sorority alumnae try to justify. I have seen chapters lapse into such social bankruptcy, and while present social conditions and standards prevail, what better can the average chapter do than avoid such periods of lapse and keep the cheaper element down to a minimum? It is significant that writers on these questions usually assume that the social dissipation that menaces coeducation is confined to the Greek letter circle. Student opinion tacitly assumes the identification of the Greek letter world with the world of the frivolous, of the less worthy aims. These assumptions are probably as just as any generalization can be. Thoughtful sorority alumnae do not gainsay them. In fact, one sorority woman, well known in educational circles, who spends much of her time working for her own organization, told me recently that she expected the Greek letter organizations, within the next fifty years, to perish from their own internal corruption.

I should say then, that just as a great social problem in the university is imported into it by the entrance of students of cheap and low social standards and usages, so the greatest weakness of the sororities at present is a social weakness, taken on by them from their environment; and that this social weakness is a fatal obstacle in the way of their carrying out any such system of social control as is suggested by Mr. Birdseye. Another and only less serious obstacle is

a financial one. I pass over this lightly, important as it is; but as long as some of the oldest sororities can not afford to send an official visitor to their chapter for more than a few days every other year, and as long as many chapters have no adequate funds for securing the right sort of chaperons to preside in their houses, so long will there be a financial obstacle in the way of sorority perfection.





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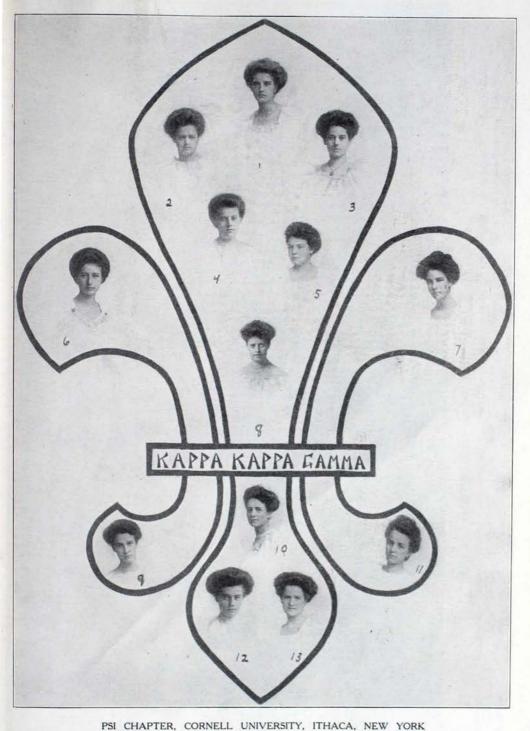
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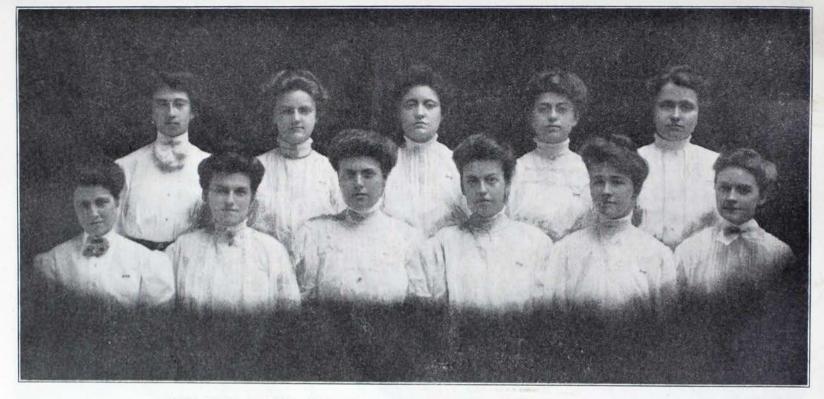
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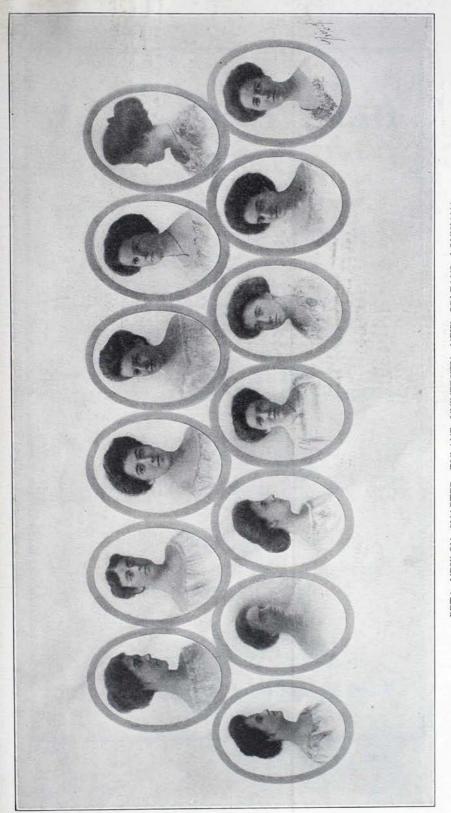


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