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## *PHOTOGRAPHIC IMPRESSIONS.*

The barrier between the artistic and skillful amateur and the professional photographer is so slight that circumstances may at any time evolve the latter from the former, and, whatever may be said about the methods, opportunities and scope of photography, is almost equally applicable to both.

I am an amateur but at one time I had to assume the rôle of a professional. I think it may be more helpful to any one who is interested in the subject to give the results of my personal experience and observation than to present an abstract theoretical discussion of "Photography as an Occupation for Women." In the first place, I will state it as my opinion, derived from the experience referred to, that a woman with artistic and business ability can make a good living, from \$1,000 to \$3,000 per annum, or even more if circumstances are favorable, that she will feel her interest growing with the development of the work and that there is ample scope for the exercise of individuality and originality.

I had taken perhaps a dozen pictures, that is, I had pressed the button of a small hand camera that many times, when I awoke one morning to find myself with a studio on my hands. My friend who owned it was ill and there was no one else to take hold of it. She had established a reputation for doing excellent and prompt work, and there were matters of importance that demanded immediate attention. At this critical moment the forewoman who had been in the studio for two years and understood all the details of its management departed and shortly afterwards another employée who possessed considerable experience also left. As it was a busy time of the year I was unable to obtain any but green help.

If there had been any way out of it, I should not have dared to undertake the task. Almost all of the customers were wealthy people, willing to pay good prices but exacting first class work in return. Despair settled down upon me as I saw a succession of cameras brought in and deposited before me with a request that I develop the films and plates which they contained as promptly as possible. I did not know even how to remove them from their holders. But I set myself firmly to the task, consulted authorities and locked myself into the dark room where I carried on the struggle far into the night. Some plates I marred sadly in my ignorance of how to handle them, and a number of films were ruined before I realized what was happening to them, but happily some few survived and I tried to keep my courage up by thinking of them and forgetting my failures, or trying to forget them. The truth was that they would not "down" and I had many bad days and nights on account of them. The developing, however, became easier with each successive attempt and in a short time a failure became the exception instead of the rule. I even gained such proficiency that I knew when to retard or assist development and how to reduce a dense negative or strengthen a weak one. But presently all the developer that I had found in stock was used and I had to make a fresh supply. The owner of the studio had a formula for making it in wholesale quantities both for her own use and for selling to her customers. The process was laborious and if I made a mistake I would lose much time, labor and money. It was a critical moment when I made the test but to my great relief it worked perfectly.

A phase of the business that I had to learn at considerable expense was the silvering of paper. It could be bought ready prepared for use, but it is not so permanent and the tradition of the studio demanded that I should silver as many sheets as I would need on the day on which I intended to print. Silver cost at that time about \$7 a pound, and the making, care and use of the silver bath was therefore an item that demanded the most careful and painstaking attention. As it was impossible for me to get to the studio early enough to silver and dry the paper so that it should be ready for the day's printing, I had to entrust it to a young man whom I had hired and whom I instructed thoroughly in the process. It makes me shudder yet to think of the amount



of paper that boy spoiled and the liberality with which he coated walls, tables and floor with the precious metal. Of course the ruined paper was turned into the "waste" and we got something back from it in that way and I have regretted that I did not take up the floor as I am sure that the silver it contained would have amply repaid for the trouble and expense.

Having had such a costly experience with the silver, I determined that when it came to preparing the gold for the toning bath, I should attend to it myself and take every precaution against loss. I went accordingly to an expert and capable photographer and asked for the formula for cutting up gold. I mixed my acids in the exact proportions that he had written down for my guidance and awaited results. Alas, the gold persisted in its beautiful metallic state. I got fumes but nothing else for my trouble. That night I looked at the insurance papers and felt that I should not mourn greatly if a fire should accidentally carry off the studio and its contents and my perplexities with them.

The next day I went to the photographer who had given me the formula for reducing the gold and discovered that he had made the error which had caused me so much trouble. In writing down the quantities of acids he had transposed two figures. After that I had no trouble with my gold.

A difficulty that met me on the threshold of my new experience was the authority and knowledge with which people persisted in investing me, asking me to explain why their cameras would not work, why their negatives were failures and other matters that were quite as inexplicable to me as to them. But what I did not know about photography I made up in diplomacy and put off exposure by temporizing. "Leave your camera with me until you come in again and I will examine it," I would say suavely and meanwhile I would read up in photographic manuals, experiment and consult experts until I was crammed for the interview and could discuss the matter with a fair show of intelligence.

One of the most ironical features of the situation was the applications for personal instruction that were made to me, my predecessor having set the thing going by giving lessons in the use of the camera and other photographic processes. If I followed in her footsteps my limitations could scarcely help being

discovered. Fortunately I could plead with entire truthfulness the stress of other business which would not permit me to go into this to any extent.

A few days after I had entered upon my work a profitable and desirable customer appeared and asked me to go to her country place to make a number of views which she wanted to have bound in albums and distributed among her friends. She had not been having good results with her camera for some time and as she was unusually particular about these she did not want to take any risks. I did not dare refuse the order but I quaked exceedingly over the prospect. I put her off a week and during that time I spent every minute I could taking pictures and studying the eccentricities of cameras. I went, took the pictures, came home and developed them and found them all excellent with the exception of two views which I had inconsiderately placed upon one plate.

A paper, for which my friend had been accustomed to making photographs for half tone reproductions, ordered a half dozen 8x10 views one day early in my experience, and in newspaper fashion wanted them at once. I knew that photographs must be clear and accurate for half tone work and I had never used a large camera but it would not do to disappoint this editor so I started forth on my task with outward boldness but with inward trepidation. The fortune which favors innocence and ignorance stood by me in my efforts and if the results were not quite what my friend could have obtained, they passed the editorial scrutiny and were accepted without comment.

I found commercial photography to be one of the most profitable branches of the business. At first I hired an expert operator to make the negatives for me, but as soon as I acquired a little skill I undertook it myself. For one large house we photographed hundreds of samples of their wares, mounting the prints on cloth to be made up in book form and used by their travelling salesmen. From this one firm we received from \$40 to \$80 per month. One of the advantages of this kind of work was that it came at the time of year when there was the least rush of other business.

Summer is the harvest time for amateur photographic work. June is the equipment period when tourists buy their cameras and



supplies. All through the summer there is a great deal of developing and printing coming in, and in August, September and October, one is simply overwhelmed with work. Cameras that have been all over Europe, in the mountains or at the beaches are brought in by eager owners who can hardly wait to find out what they have been able to get, and as soon as the developing is done they want a dozen prints forthwith from every negative that contains the shadow of a figure. When this work is out of the way there is a lull until the Christmas flurry livens things up a bit. After that there is a decided drop which lasts until spring with the exception of the commercial work referred to and the loading up and developing for people who go South in the late winter.

I conducted the photographic business for more than a year and despite the obstacles and drawbacks with which I had to contend was fairly successful. The first few months merely paid expenses,—which were far heavier than they should have been legitimately,—the profits came in the later months and had I kept the business I am confident that I could have made it pay much better the second year than I did the first. The woman to whom I sold it, is making more than a living out of it and she was not a person of broad business ideas or experience. I feel, therefore, in the light of my own experience and that of my more successful predecessor that I can recommend photography as being a profitable and interesting occupation if a woman has a taste for that kind of work, a capacity for business and is willing to work hard. But if any one of these qualifications is lacking, I should advise her not to go into it. In any event, it is far better to specialize, in my opinion.

Photography has come to cover so much ground and so many people dabble in it, that the opportunity for success lies almost wholly in the ability to excel in some one branch. Portrait work is the most interesting but it is also the most difficult form of photographic art. It requires the best of apparatus, equipment and conditions, artistic taste of a high order and long experience and training. The woman who has achieved the highest success in this kind of work is Miss Frances Johnson of Washington, D. C. I think she was the pioneer in it. She has made a specialty of the portraits of women and children and has obtained excellent results. Among her sitters have been almost every

woman prominent in social or political circles in Washington within the past fifteen years. The best pictures Mrs. Cleveland ever had were Miss Johnson's work and a recent one of Mrs. Sherman, wife of the Secretary of State, is considered the most satisfactory likeness of her that any photographer has ever obtained. There are women in New York, Boston and other cities who are doing similar work although I think none has the prestige of artistic or financial success which Miss Johnson enjoys.

General view work is interesting and admits of considerable originality in selection and composition. It is well to remember that a mere landscape or seascape is not nearly so attractive to most people as if it contains a bit of life. Animals are interesting subjects and if one learns their ways and has patience with them, they will give most satisfactory results. I knew a man who never photographed anything but dogs, cats and pigeons, but his collection was one of great value. Photographs of churches, public buildings, historic edifices, and private dwellings are easy to make and easy to sell. Interior views of handsome residences are so much in demand that it would almost make a business by itself, and especially if one is prepared to take the members of the family in the familiar surroundings of their own home.

One of the most successful photographers I know is a college woman who calls herself an amateur but whose work is far more artistic and finished than that of any professional. She has a genius for finding happy subjects, and her work is much sought after by artists for studies. A great deal of her work has been done in the neighborhood of her summer home on the New England coast,—and by the way, yachts, steamers and all kinds of craft, fisherman, sailors and all people who live on or near the water, are among the best subjects that a photographer can specialize upon. There is a fascination about them that appeals to almost every one and they are to be commended both from a practical and from an artistic standpoint. The college woman to whom I referred has hundreds of negatives pertaining to sea and river. The lobster man, the fisherman with his nets, the weather beaten sailor, spray dashing against the rocks, sail boats standing out to sea, the skilled oarsman upon the river and similar objects have been caught under their most characteristic conditions. When she turns from the water she is equally happy in her choice



of subjects. She shows an old man smoking his pipe at his cottage door or eating his simple repast at a homely board, a child stooping to pluck the blossoms in a daisy field, a girl in peasant costume emerging from the woods with a bundle of fagots on her back or plucking the ears of corn as she makes her way through a cornfield,--whatever it is she gives it the artist's touch that cannot fail to make it a thing of permanent value. Such work is an inspiration to all photographers.

At the present time there is no way in which the photographer may specialize more profitably than for purposes of illustration. Almost all papers and magazines are profusely illustrated, so much so that many of them deserve to be called picture papers and books rather than by any other name. On this subject also what I may say is deduced from my own experience. Sometimes it seems as if the chief requisite for profitable newspaper work is picture making or picture getting. Every story must be illustrated and the more pictures one can get the better, that is the better the editor will like it and the better it will be for the reporter's pocket. Photographs frequently constitute the only excuse an article has for appearing. If the editor of the Sunday paper sees a member of his staff with some fairly attractive photographs, his attention is at once caught and he exclaims with enthusiasm, "Good stuff! Write a story around those pictures and let me have it for next Sunday."

People from outside find it hard work to sell copy to the editors but if they come armed with good photographs, they are sure to gain a hearing. Ever since the Maine disaster and affairs in Cuba have been demanding so large a share of the public attention, all kinds of queer looking individuals have been coming into the newspaper office with which I am connected with bundles of photographs under their arms representing battle ships, seamen, emaciated reconcentrados or anything having any bearing upon the present difficulties and dangers, and going out without the bundles but with money in their pockets.

If a building burns and you have a picture of it, you can sell it. If you have an exclusive photograph of a famous man or woman who meets with an accident or fatality, you can get good money for it. If you have a photograph of anything connected with a crime, a disaster, a celebration, or any occurrence of public interest, a newspaper will be glad to buy it from you.

Not only the daily and Sunday papers but the great illustrated weeklies are constantly seeking new and interesting subjects. One can cover a large part of her expenses by picking up odd and interesting photographic bits while traveling, writing just enough to carry them and selling them to papers or magazines. Here is a field that is not overcrowded.

Many books are also illustrated with photographs. A Boston photographer has spent the greater part of a year in the older settlements of New England, photographing colonial houses, exterior and interior, making special plates of old fashioned furniture, china and silver. These are to be brought out in book form, the edition to be as elaborate as it is limited. Another photographic illustrator of books confines himself almost exclusively to hospital and technical subjects for medical works. This is work that commands a good price, so good that he has found that it pays him to drop his other work and devote himself to it.

Photography of today is so many sided that it is impossible in an article of this length to do more than call attention to some of its important uses. There are certain fundamentals that every one who wishes to take up the work seriously must learn. When they have been mastered, one's own taste and inclination will suggest the special branch that will be most congenial, most profitable and most desirable from every point of view.

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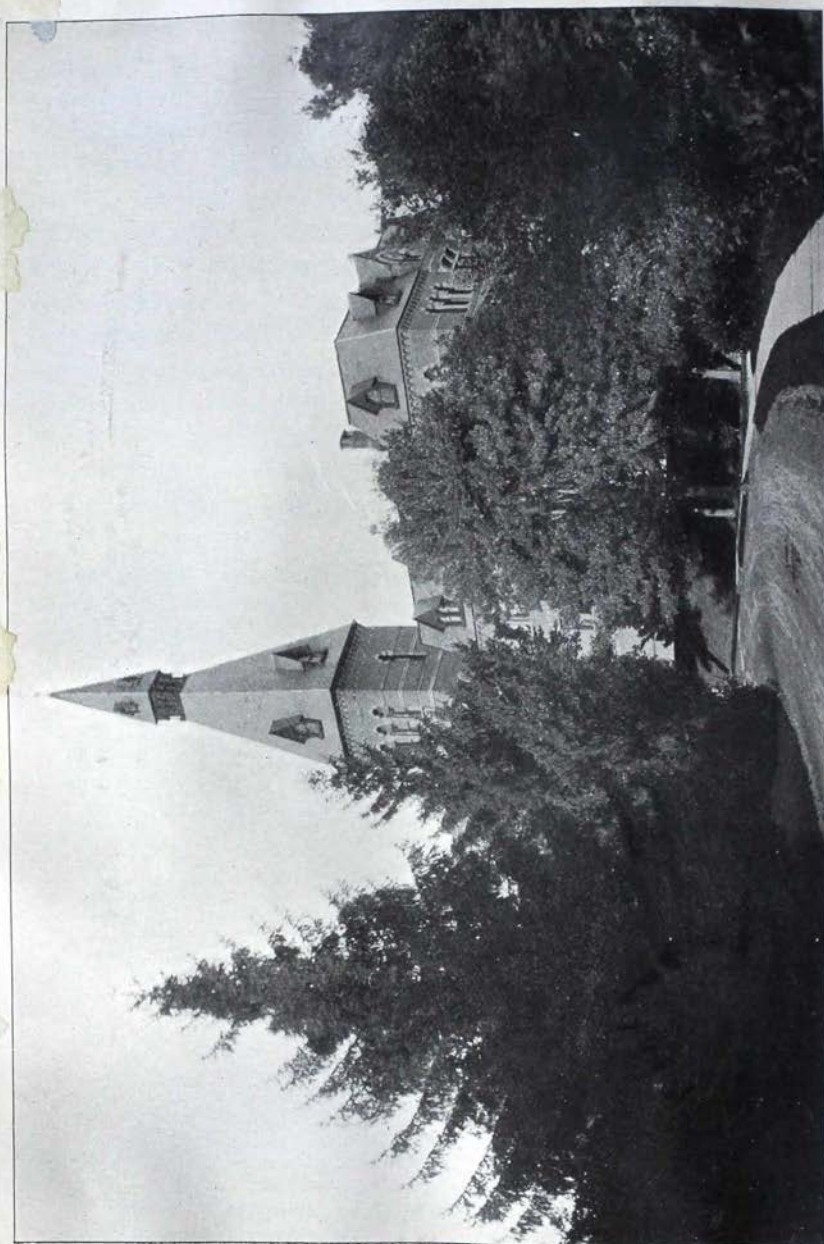
### *LIFE IN SAGE.*

Surely the subject has the merit of being comprehensive if nothing more! How the thoughts and memories come crowding back in tumultuous confusion. The bright and the sombre hand in hand. The glad and the sad in the softening perspective of time, meet and mingle in unwonted harmony. "Bathed in the tenderest purple of distance" will these impressions be ere long for many who shall leave Cornell and Sage perhaps never to return.

To begin in the good old fashioned way, once upon a time a Freshman came to Cornell and was domiciled in Sage. For the first few days she dared not leave the straight and narrow path of

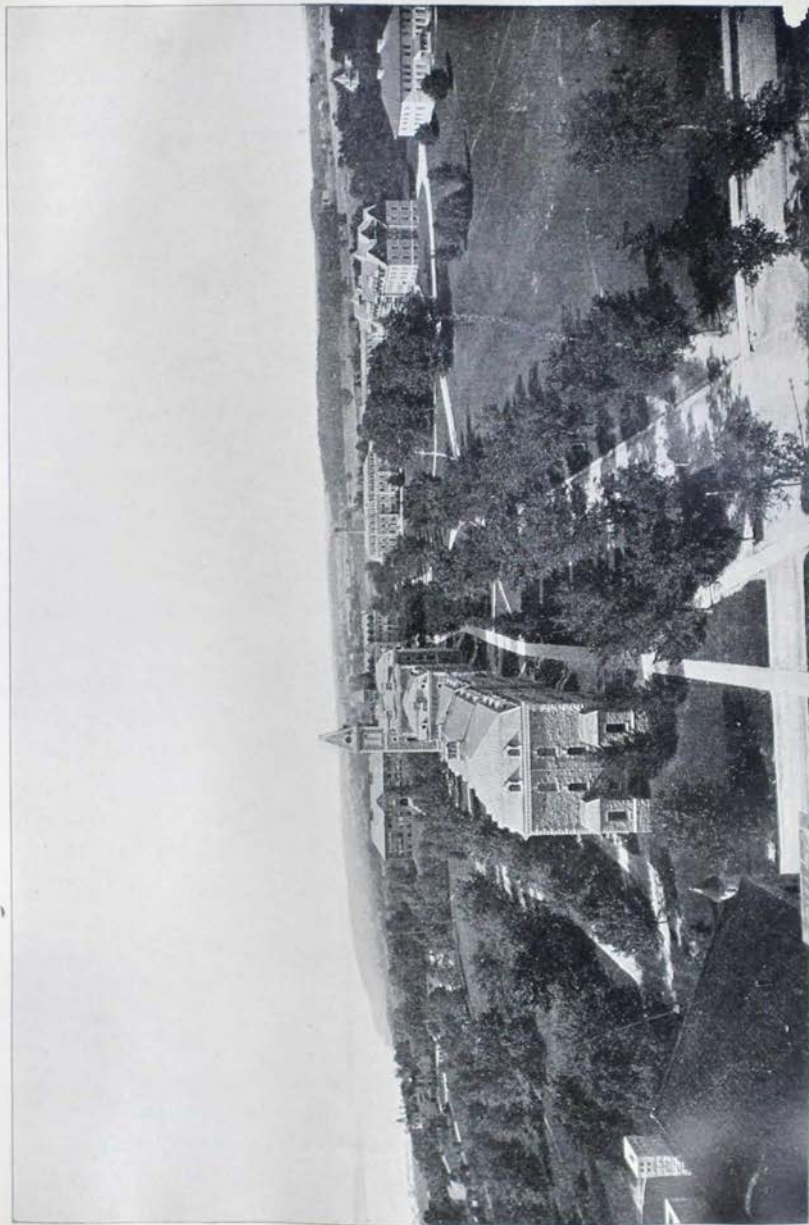






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the main corridors for fear of losing herself in the many others that extended in the labyrinthian style in all directions. There are many delightful rooms in this ample dormitory, and our Freshman found herself in one that commanded an uninterrupted view of the glory of the hills and the changeful beauty of Cayuga. The cottage just across the avenue is more modern and homelike than Sage itself—with its queer little corners, low, broad windows and its peculiar adaptability to being made picturesque, yet to the girl who has been sheltered by its walls, Sage will ever have its charm.

Next our young Freshman became utterly bewildered by the gracious attentions showered upon her. She was invited to spreads of all descriptions, but at each the "fudge" was omnipresent; she took walks with charming girls who seemed unaccountably anxious to win her regard; she went to candy pulls and all sorts of progressive parties in pleased wonderment and gratitude to think that she was being appreciated at last; she went to fraternity teas which were most delightful affairs; and she was so unsophisticated that she never dreamed that she was being rushed by one or more of the fraternities here. Of course all Freshmen are not thus fortunate, but those who are, awake on pledge day to the meaning of it all, and so begin that part of college life which yields many pleasant and helpful hours.

Let us take a typical day of life in Sage: At a quarter of seven, the clangorous bell frightens away the dreams, and if one has an "eight o'clock," she reluctantly yawns herself into her daily garb, and takes her way to the dining room to decide between "sausage and poached eggs." If so fortunate as to have a later recitation, she slumbers calmly on till the chimes warn her that further delay will probably cost her breakfast. There are some losses, however, that can be borne with equanimity.

Then she either arranges her rooms and makes a nine o'clock or else studies for a later recitation. Generally speaking, the hours from eight to one are parceled out in lectures and recitations, many students spending "between hours" in the library studying or reading. There are but few classes in the afternoons so these for the most part are spent in laboratory work from three to five. But there are hosts of ways to spend one's afternoons—studying, rowing, walking, and this vicinity abounds in delight-

ful walks always accompanied by the ripple of running streams and the silvery gleam of waterfalls, repairing those ravages which time and the laundry are always making in one's wardrobe, and last, but not least, satisfactory, lazily dallying away the whole afternoon in the thousand and one ways so ready to one's hand.

"Gym" work is compulsory during the first two years usually taking up a half hour every day except Saturday, but yields no credit. Juniors and Seniors are therefore exempt from this requirement, but may, if they choose, take the advanced course valued at two hours. In the first or second week in May when the vagaries of April have been succeeded by the sunny smiles of her younger sister, outdoor exercises are substituted for work in the "gym"; the tennis courts are alive with flying figures that describe all sorts of parabolic curves in the awkwardness of learning a new game. The Inlet is cheered by visions of feminine enthusiasts ambitious to achieve the invincible "Courtney stroke." The roads bloom with a new kind of flower, or bicycles and basket ball woos from the "ologies" to the field.

During the fall and winter terms after dinner the girls invariably dance for a half hour, in the "Gym," which probably accounts for the fact that if Sage girls dance at all, they usually do so very well. When this is over, there is a general scattering—some to "grind" either at the library or in their rooms, on the doors of which frequently appear appalling signs to keep out uninvited guests; some to write letters, some to visit, some to be visited. Quiet hours are imperative after ten o'clock and are usually pretty well observed, except when some spread has been too abundant to be consumed between the hours of eight and ten, and an occasional stifled shriek or suppressed giggle tells that the fun is still on. The next morning, it begins all over again, and so the days round into weeks, the weeks to terms, and the terms at last to years.

But the routine is often interrupted by events both pleasant and otherwise. The otherwise refers to "prelims" and "finals", when midnight coffee brews and lunches become necessary to sustain the aspiring soul in its toil along the flowery path of knowledge. Some of the pleasant interruptions are the dances and there are many to which a Sage girl may be asked. She very often is thus invited unless she neglects the social side of life entirely and



develops into a "dig". There are the military hops, the assemblies, fraternity dances, those of Junior and Senior week, and those given by the Post Graduate Club in the Sage gymnasium, all of them most enjoyable affairs.

The three literary societies: Wayside, Aftermath and Sen- nightly, besides their regular meetings, frequently provide delightful entertainment in the shape of lectures, plays, or dances. On Hallowe'en, the Wayside invited Sage to a masquerade in the gymnasium, where all sorts of queer pranks were played and the fun waxed fast and furious. The stateliest girls laid aside their dignity and romped as they did when they "played princess" in the garret with an apron for a train.

The Dramatic Club gives many pleasant little plays in the Botanical Lecture Room which boasts a veritable stage and drop curtain obtained through the indefatigable efforts of some of its members. This club develops wonderful dramatic ability from most unsuspected corners and reveals to an admiring feminine public many an embryo Siddons.

Perhaps the gymnasium is most attractive on the night of the Anti-Junior whose purpose is sufficiently obvious from its name. The room is tastefully decorated and lined along its sides with fraternity boxes which are quite admirable reproductions of the Alpha Delta's and Psi U's over in the Armory. Most of the dancers are in costume giving a kaleidoscopic effect of grace and color. Gallant cavaliers with powdered hair, dressed in long coats and knickerbockers of a bygone day make love to debonair little maids in bewitching empire gowns—knights of the twentieth century in golf suits or evening dress, romp through a two-step with demure, white-capped Puritans; Highland lads and Indian braves guide through the dreaminess of the waltz the Queen of Hearts, and the witch of Endor; the immortal George and tranquil Martha exchange stately bows with Thomas Jefferson and Dolly Madison; while Romeo forgets to dance as he clasps with manly fervor his slender Juliet. Ah! it is a merry time—when hearts are gay and lives are fresh and young and sweet—and—an eight o'clock next morning!

But a word about the secret societies; The Hexenkreis, The Raven and Serpent (paraphrased into Bird and Worm) and The Fish. Mysterious badges—skull and crossbones, an undulating

worm in graceful contortions about a nondescript sort of bird, a tin fish and a piece of fish net—appear on old girls and new like mushrooms in a night, and with a certain peculiarity. No one dare lay a profane finger upon their brass or copper sanctity. Their wearers preserve a discreet silence on all related topics, and cultivate a blank stare that would put the Medusa to shame when assailed by some inquisitive fellow student. We suspect that such meaningless expressions and suggestive silences are indicative of the character of the societies in question—they furnish absolutely no food for thought or expression and only take in those whose mental incapacity renders them eligible.

On Sunday, the day's occupations are hallowed into new form, and thoughts are drawn away to that which is better than the most profound of Christianless erudition. There are Bible classes at half-past nine, chapel at eleven, and vespers at five under the auspices of the Cornell University Christian Association which also conducts other meetings during the week. Some of the girls go down street to church instead of chapel and many also attend the Ithaca churches in the evening. After tea, the girls usually gather about the piano in the drawing-room and sing for a half hour or more, their fresh young voices breaking the Sabbath stillness in the vespers of the closing day.

The half perhaps is all that has been told, but if one wishes a glimpse of typical, wholesome college life, let her room in Sage. With these recollections will mingle the memory of Cayuga's liquid grace beneath the moonlight,—of the library tower against the twilight sky,—the last kiss of the sun upon the everlasting hills,—all stamping upon mind and heart an ineffaceable picture of "our own, our fair Cornell."

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*Alumnae Department.**PERIPATETIC.*

For years it has been the hope of the chapters and of the Grand Council that some way might be devised whereby the Grand Council might visit the chapters at no lengthy intervals. For many reasons this hope has never been realized in any completeness. About five years ago when Miss Austin of Chi was Grand Secretary, she visited the chapters of Delta Province. Various individual visits have since been made by one and another of the Grand Council as necessity or convenience dictated. During April of this year, according to the wish of the Grand Council, it was my pleasant duty to visit the chapters of Alpha province.

My own practical experiment has convinced me that such visits may be of great value to Grand Council and to chapters. Those who have done such general fraternity work as Grand Council duties entail understand how one gradually builds up one's idea of a chapter,—how one learns that certain chapters always attend to correspondence promptly and carefully—that their manuscripts always come on time and in good shape, that all reports are made out carefully and willingly ; one learns as well other curious facts—that mails are very slow from some regions, that something always prevents certain reports from coming in till the last minute or later, that paper is very scarce in some parts of the country if recourse to green wrapping paper is any evidence. While one learns to know each chapter by the ways in which it expresses itself, a personal acquaintance will, I think, rarely contradict the conception of a chapter one has gradually formed, and it cannot fail to give to guest and hostess a fuller, quicker sympathy and a common bond of pleasant experiences.

The pleasure I take in remembering my visits make me hope that a few glimpses of what and whom I saw may give to those to whom Alpha province is merely a "geographical division" a little better knowledge of the same and the pleasure which is commensurate with the knowledge.

In a big brick building on Beacon hill with the new court house opposite and the state house a block away in the other direction is the College of Liberal Arts of Boston University. If we should

enter the big door about noon we would see at one corner of the platform of the large hall which we should find before us, a group of girls busily eating lunch. Probably we should find them wearing keys, for that corner well deserves its name of Kappa corner.

On the next floor in the Parthenon, the women's study, we might find another group in one of the circular ends with the comfortable couches, or about one of the curious chairs which flank the fireplace—chairs built for one but where two sit more happily. One Kappa and probably more we should be sure to find in the college library where Miss Armstrong whom the Conventions of 1894 and 1896 will remember, is librarian in charge.

Phi's own quarters are a few doors round the corner in the Twentieth Century Club house. The third floor belongs to Kappa—to Mrs. Ware better known to the fraternity as Charlotte Burrell, Grand President 1884-1888, and to Phi. Here the chapter holds its weekly meetings—here the Boston Alumnae Association holds its meetings once in two weeks,—here one dresses for some evening reception,—here one stays when Grand Opera makes the last suburban train an impossibility. Phi is usually called a city chapter. More accurately it would be called a suburban chapter, for almost all its members live just out the city in one direction or another. The chapter must therefore hold its meetings in the afternoon. Deciding which afternoon is a struggle which recurs with each new term and each new program, for finding even one hour in the week when twenty-five girls are free is not an easy task.

Only a few hours' ride away is another city chapter, Beta Epsilon, as typical of New York as Phi is of Boston. At Boston University fraternities are ignored. At Columbia, one fraternity was carefully provided for when the new buildings were built at Morningside Heights. At that time Beta Epsilon was the only chapter in Barnard College. Her name appears in the plans and in the building near the head of the main staircase is a room whose door shows by its enormous golden key that it belongs to the fraternity alone. The other chapters who have entered Barnard since have rooms in the college building but not so pleasantly nor so permanently located as this of Beta Epsilon's. The chapter has already told of their beautiful view of Grant's tomb and the Hudson. They might tell too, of the pillow in white and



the blues which no one may touch, of the big program posted on the door showing at a glance where each girl is every hour of the day, and of the beautiful fireplace with the pillars supporting the mantel high above one's head. The chapter room sees the girls in all their spare hours. So much time is spent by them together here that they find that they need a chapter meeting but once in two weeks. I wish that I might tell of the two days I spent with the chapter, of the different girls I met, of the things I saw and perhaps of the little homesick feeling with which I left New York one Sunday morning.

That Sunday afternoon found me in Philadelphia, the home of Beta Alpha. Only ten miles away at Swarthmore is another chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Beta Iota. It is strange to see how differently situated the two chapters are. At Swarthmore, co-education is complete. At the University of Pennsylvania, the position of women is by no means assured. But one college course is open to women, the biology course leading to B.S. A two year course in biology is also open, and all post graduate work. Beta Alpha is enthusiastic if small. Their meetings must be held in the evening for their college work keeps them busy in laboratory or lecture room from nine in the morning until five at night. Their chapter room is in Bennett Hall, the women's dormitory, and was obtained largely through the influence of Miss Hitchcock, an alumna of Beta Alpha and new dean of women at University of Pennsylvania.

Swarthmore College admits graduates of certain Friends' schools without further examination. The average age of the students is probably lower than that of the ordinary college. Here the chapter has no chapter room but holds its meetings in the room of one or another of the girls, usually in a certain corner room so full of Kappa symbols that I should think the occupants would sometimes wonder whether the room was their own or the chapter's. Swarthmore, unlike most colleges where fraternities flourish, has a strong women's literary society, the Somerville. Each spring comes the annual reunion day, when all the women are released from college duties that they may entertain their guests. Each year the society gives a one year scholarship to a woman of the graduating class. At the beginning of the spring term the awarding committee tell the

women of the senior class the name of the successful candidate. This they keep a profound secret until the public announcement is made on Somerville Day. The college buildings stand on a hill near the railway station. As I arrived there in a driving snow storm I did not see them until the next morning when so many of the chapter took me down to the train which was to carry Miss Gillespie and myself to town. We parted at Philadelphia, Miss Gillespie and I, in the hope of meeting next summer at Lincoln. Her sister is delegate-elect, and she means to see with her this Convention in place of the last which she would have seen as delegate if illness had not prevented.

One day at Evanston at the 1896 Convention the girls from Gamma Rho came to me and begged that they might have a visit from the Grand Council soon. They very rarely saw members from other chapters, they said, and they had been much disappointed that the Grand Council Session that was to be held with them could not be held in the college term when they were able to entertain. I promised then that some one of the Grand Council should visit them before the next convention and the indefinite wish that I might myself be the visitor was realized after an all night ride from Philadelphia. Convention seemed but extended when I found Miss Colter at the station. Up the hill we went to find the chapter. In one corner of the women's dormitory, Huling's Hall, is a room which serves apparently chiefly as a stopping place for all who wear the key as they pass up or down, in or out. Nominally the room belongs to one of Gamma Rho's pledged girls,—for the little while I was at Meadville it was mine. The other two rooms which belong distinctly to Kappas are at the top of the building. The front room with the fleur-de-lis paper, the piano and the song books is the chapter-room proper. Opposite is the dining room with the posters. These posters we have heard of, but they must be seen to be appreciated. Seen they often are they tell me, in Meadville for no fair is considered complete without their poster show.

Gamma Rho reminded me of Beta Nu, as I heard them sing, and sing, and sing. No chapter singing is to be thought of without the same little pledged lady who is supposed to own the corner room. Always willing, never tiring, "Charlotte's" voice is in great demand.



At Syracuse, I saw Alpha Province's only chapter house. A chapter house is certainly a joy, but hardly a continuous joy if the anxious conversations I heard about getting a different house for next year is any evidence. Beta Tau has plenty of energy and courage and I have no doubt that all plans for the fall are already completed. Beta Tau is another of Alpha Province's large chapters, for at Syracuse as at Boston University all chapters are large.

Honesty compels me to say that I do not remember all their names. I shall not forget though the long evening we sat and talked and talked freely and frankly about all the things in which Beta Tau was interested. Syracuse has a curious system of arranging her courses,—but for that we shall have more time at Convention.

A five hours ride carried me to Canton in the northwestern part of the state. At Watertown a member of Beta Beta found me, and the last part of the journey was spent in recalling mutual acquaintances.

At the station we found many of the chapter whom I met later in the evening in their room. The next evening saw us all in the new gymnasium at the annual dance of Alpha Tau Omega. That the dance was coming that evening I had not known. The kindness of everyone, however, soon put the uninvited guest at her ease. Each of the fraternities gives some sort of a large party once a year. The men's fraternities, dances; Beta Theta Pi in the fall and Alpha Tau Omega in the spring. Saturday afternoon soon came and my train which was to take me back to Boston. When I left many of the chapter gathered at the station. As the train drew out I heard the Kappa call—once—twice—three times. My visit to Alpha Province was at an end.

BERTHA P. RICHMOND.

### *SIGNS AND SIGNIFICATIONS.*

Two most enthusiastic banquet-reunions this spring—a college and a fraternity gathering, have inspired me to hold even more firmly to belief in the value of ideals and moreover to the value of the insignia that are expressive of such ideals. At the college gathering, alumnae unknown to one another seemed to have a certain kinship and a very powerful incentive for conversation

because of the fact that many wore Greek-letter pins of different fraternities.

In the significant words of the husband of an Alumna Kappa, a lawyer who toasted his profession, the *jus civile* was merged in the *jus gentium*, the particular interest forgotten, and well so for a time, in the larger, general relation. Pan-Hellenism grows out of such acceptance of the *jus gentium*, and between two of those present on this night the talk soon turned to it and to the admirable plan of the Washington Pi Beta Phi Chapter and Alumnae who have found out as far as possible all fraternity women in the city and have instituted monthly meetings when all shall come together in recognition of their community of spirit.

The significance of fraternity life, its significations, are two, as distance from active chapter life presents them; first, the schooling and development of the individual through social relations, the educational value of the resolve to look for the good ever and in all, to learn to see fifteen or twenty girls *as they are*, not in outward appearance, not in their acts, but in that light of Love and Sisterhood, as they are in that "perfect whole" of which each is an integral part. Then, having formulated and lived in this *jus civile*, the second signification naturally is recognition of the common spirit and the possibility of extension of sympathy. In one sentence, fraternity is an expression of the one end sought under various aspects—Aspiration. To speak of the fraternity as narrow is a confusion of terms. For true fraternity is breadth and the particular fraternity organization is narrow only when its spirit is misunderstood or perverted. To speak of it as narrowing is but to express human limitation, which, however, can be overcome, most surely by the will to advance, to rest not in the *jus civile* but in the *jus gentium*. Now, after advocating a policy of extension of sympathy and interest, it may seem somewhat incongruous to put the query for which this paper especially stands: Why do Kappas, and other fraternity women no doubt, so often appear without the signs, the fleur-de-lis and the key, or other particular badge? The writer has never heard a satisfactory reason for this seeming indifference to the beauty and helpfulness of these outward material signs? Is it a weakness in a Kappa to wear daily the key, if the key has at any time stood to her for a help and an inspiration?



Surely the clinging to the badge of early association is no sign of arrested development and Kappa feeling is not to be put on and off by mere caprices!

Back of all insignia is an idea—there would be no glory in blue stars and bars of red and white, if back of it all were not the idea of country, which is after all the true reality. And the large is potentially in the small. Out of *jus civile* comes the *jus gentium*. Out of a knowledge of the chapter and devotion to a few girls and common working together comes the power to do and be in a mightier way. So let us see the colors and the keys where Greeks are gathered and among the barbarians of the school-rooms and offices where we as alumnae endeavor to make life fair and lovely.

M. H. C., *Phi*.

### *The Parthenon.*

In the fraternity world as well as in the state, a system of government is the result of growth and development. Here as elsewhere the theory of evolution is recognized and what is best fitted for existence survives in the many changes necessarily made in accordance with the changes in the organism itself, if we may so designate the large body of women known as Kappa Kappa Gamma

"Geographical Distribution."

Among the customs in this society which are worth preserving is that of electing the officers of the Grand Council from provinces which are composed of chapters combined according to their geographical positions. To do away with these limitations would be abandoning a systematic arrangement which has served its purpose well. As it is now, in case of an emergency the president of each province can be consulted and advise the chapter under her jurisdiction, in a comparatively short time while if these divisions did not exist the members of the Grand Council might be very near to some chapters and a great distance from the others.

We may also try to convince ourselves and sincerely feel that those who have the oversight of the fraternity, will not be prejudiced in favor of any section, but if these should all be elected from one part of the country there would be room for complaint, while now Eastern, Western and Central universities and colleges feel as though they are equally represented on the Council.

Then how would we regulate province conventions or what would we substitute in their places? In the last few years some of the chapters have had the pleasure of attending such gatherings as these, and they have been encouraged by the fraternity, as it believes as much intercourse as possible between the chapters is highly beneficial. With the non-existence of provinces, meetings of this kind could not be held.

By all means let us retain a feature of our government which has so much to recommend it and to which so few objections can be made.

MARY B. POTTER, *Theta*.



It seems to me that there are specials and specials, and because some girls who are in every way worthy to become Kappas, happen to take special courses because they are best suited to their conditions, we do very wrong to rule them out.

**The Special Student.** At Pennsylvania the courses are not all open to women and it frequently happens that the most desirable girls want to take the courses that are not open to them. They can be admitted if they will agree to be specials, that is to take certain branches and not expect a degree. Such students pass the regular entrance examinations, and the regular term examinations, and are not likely to be thoughtless, frivolous girls; but since they unfortunately are called specials they would not be eligible if the fraternity were to pass a decree against specials.

Any student who satisfies the regular entrance requirements and becomes an integral part of the college ought, it seems to me, to be eligible for membership in our fraternity. As far as experience goes, from which we can judge best, we have had some of these specials in our chapter and have found them firm and loyal.

If we are going to make any rule concerning them it ought to define a special and exclude those who would not be required to pass the entrance examinations or who would specialize to such an extent that the greatest part of their time would be spent away from the college and its life. Of course, if girls are frivolous and thoughtless we do not want them. All Kappas know this and we follow this policy in selecting our members from among the regular students. Since there are quite as many thoughtless ones among the regular students as among the specials, merely excluding specials would not exclude them. We can only choose the best girls and if our judgment has been true they in turn will choose only the best from all grades.

ANNIE B. SARGENT, *Beta Alpha*.

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Among the good works recently done by the fraternity, not the least has been the publishing of an up-to-date catalogue. The value of this is very great, and the chapter which has so faithfully performed the work deserves the highest meed of praise and gratitude.

It seems to me, however, that there is a still more crying need—that for a fraternity history. Of course every chapter has the different fraternity documents, but these are scattered; and it is a great task to gather from such varied sources the knowledge which every loyal Kappa should have of her fraternity. There are many items of great interest concerning the founding and early history, which though important, *in the course of time have been lost*. Above all, the chapters know very little about each other, whether of the founding or the present life. Every chapter has its own individuality, which differentiates it from all the others. Could we become acquainted with this, and thus get into the inner life of all the chapters, our bond would be a bond of union indeed.

A Fraternity History might be of inestimable value by presenting in brief form the leading facts of our origin and progress. Let it be secret and for private circulation alone. Then include in it all important documents that have been published as well as the general history. I have no doubt that the result would amply repay all the care and expense of the undertaking.

*Theta.*

How far should the class standing of a girl influence a chapter in choosing or refusing her for membership? Probably this question has arisen many times in various chapters. As experience has the world over been found to be the best teacher, so again it has proved to us that a chapter should not be influenced to any great degree in choosing or refusing a girl according to her class standing.

**Class Standing.**

First, we should ask the question whether the girl is going to be congenial? If so, we look further and try to ascertain whether the girl has in her the ability to make a valuable fraternity member. In order to make a valuable member she must be what the world needs, namely, "an all around girl", the girl who works regardless of marks, the girl who is not only faithfully strengthening her mind, but likewise her character and her social standing. Such a girl is going to make a broad woman and her influence is to be felt very greatly, not only in the fraternity but outside of it. Granting a few ex-



ceptions, it is a well-known fact that the girls who succeed in obtaining the highest class standing are generally those who have to spend most of their time with their books, who are what the college world terms grinds. They may be all right in their sphere, but that may be a narrow one, for how often among teachers do we find those who have succeeded in storing away much knowledge, but are unable to impart it; while on the other hand, those from whom we learn the most are the people who have broadened their minds not only by books, but by a social and moral development.

In many colleges, circumstances are such that a girl must be asked before her examination marks are posted. We cannot always rely on past records because often the girls who have done the best work in their preparatory classes, fail to do this when they are in college and *vice versa*.

Let us remember that what the world and the fraternity needs is the broad girl at her best,—and this is what the fraternity woman should be.

EMMA VICTORINE SMITH, *Beta Tau*.

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If it is not too late, may we enter a protest against a rather unworthy insinuation which has just come to our notice in the April issue of *The Arrow*? On page 181 of this journal, among the Exchanges, we find the following:—" . . . we read in a certain chapter letter that that chapter had never had an invitation refused,—a statement which we suspect is not quite in accord with the facts."

Although all mention of names is carefully avoided, we recognize ourselves in this description,—indeed, we are proud to do so. We regret extremely that we should appear to outsiders as being careless in the keeping of our records, or worse still, as wilfully misrepresenting the facts of the case. Of course, it is quite possible that in the experience of our esteemed contemporary *The Arrow*, a chapter whose invitation has never been refused may be unknown; but, with only inexperience as an excuse, it hardly seems worthy of an official fraternity organ to cast doubts on the accuracy of a definite statement contained in the magazine of another fraternity,—a statement, by the way, which we here re-

peat and for the truth of which we vouch. It might help to satisfy the incredulous to know that the conditions at our college have been somewhat different from those in other colleges; that until the fall of 1896, our fraternity was the only one represented here, and for this reason, perhaps, its invitations have usually been regarded as rather desirable, and not to be lightly refused. All this we might have mentioned earlier, had we imagined that our simple statement of fact was likely to be challenged. We bring it forward now, regretting that we have put so severe a strain on the credulity of our contemporaries,—and fully prepared to furnish more detailed proof, if this be required to establish our reputation for accuracy and moderation.

*Beta Epsilon.*

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Every chapter should be heard on all important issues affecting the interests of our fraternity before formal action is taken. Epsilon therefore wishes to present her views of the matter in hand.

**Time of Convention.** Many of our sisters are limited as to time and means which they can appropriate for summer outings and they make convention their recreation for that year. This brings a number of girls to convention who could not attend were the date fixed during the school year. We all know how much numbers have to do with the interest, enthusiasm and success of any enterprise. Therefore, we want all who can possibly do so to attend our conventions.

If the time were changed, as has been suggested, fewer visitors would be able to be present. Many could not leave their college duties, the time taken for the trip and convention greatly interfering with their studies.

Not only to the visiting sisters, but also to the chapter acting as hostess, would it be a great interruption in the performance of their specific duties. Many weeks have to be spent by the entertaining chapter, in arranging for the entertainment and amusement of its guests. Thus the worry and anxiety for the success of the convention would divert their minds from their studies and seriously affect the quality of the regular college work.

Lastly, the time consumed by convention would have to be shortened as no chapter should be interrupted in their college cur-



riculum for an entire week. We all know how precious the time is at convention. So much has to be crowded into such a short time. How could we possibly shorten the length of convention?

Epsilon wishes to know the opinions of the other chapters concerning the change of time.

C. L. D., *Epsilon*.

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It has been a disappointment to me that the convention, which is of utmost importance to every Kappa, should be held in the hot, disagreeable month of August, when our aspirations silently steal away and a hammock in a cool spot seems the

Another Aspect. only thing that makes life worth living. We no longer look upon the delegate as she starts out on her long and dusty journey with the envy we did a few months before, and we have our doubts whether our own courage would have been sufficient for the undertaking, had we been the chosen one. Why not change all this, and by holding the convention sometime during the school year, make the journey one of pleasure, so that at the end, there would meet a band of bright and happy Kappas, ready to think and act for the benefit of their loved fraternity? Then the delegate could experience the student life and festivities of other colleges than her own, she would be able to make many acquaintances which she otherwise could not, and often could even benefit her own college by seeing others in session. Surely, this would be compensation for the few hours hard work which making up lessons necessitates.

RHEA HUGILL, *Lambda*.

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While our Chapter's delegate and perhaps one or two other of our members are planning to go to the Convention next August, the whole chapter is united in wishing to attend a national convention of our fraternity. This means that we would like to be

One more. in a position, as Sigma is, to entertain a convention in Ann Arbor. But this is practically impossible in a college where most of the students do not live in the town and are too far away to come back

in August as that would necessitate another journey home and back since college does not open till the last of September. For this reason we of Ann Arbor cannot entertain a convention, as long as the time for holding it continues as it is now. And this must be true also in other colleges where the same circumstances prevail.

So we would urge, if not a permanent change, at least that in cases like our own, an exception be made, whereby the convention might be held the last week in October. The chief objection to this, is, of course, that a ten days' or two weeks absence interrupts college work, but if the convention in October were simply the exception, then these interruptions would occur not oftener than once in six or eight years, and the benefits of a national fraternity meeting during the academic year, are so apparent, that they seem to us to entirely outweigh the objection. And does it not seem unfair that chapters whose members are non-residents during the summer, should be entirely and permanently deprived of the advantages of a convention?

FLORENCE WALKER, *Beta Delta*.



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## ALPHA PROVINCE.

## PHI—BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

## CHAPTER LETTER.

Two more days and Phi Chapter, that has boasted of twenty members all the year, can then boast of but fourteen. Five of her girls will have obtained the title of alumnae by graduation, and one, Miss Young, has left college.

In her five graduates Phi takes great pride and wishes them all success in their future undertakings. To Miss Young, whose delightful personality and elevating influence is greatly missed in our chapter, we extend the same sincere wish. That these girls would not more gladly be simple active members than alumnae, we active members have not the slightest doubt.

On May 13, at "The Tuileries", we celebrated our sixteenth annual banquet, and were greatly favored by having in our midst Miss Hale from Chi, who added to the enjoyment of the evening by her clever toast.

Phi girls, old and new, gathered together on Thursday, June 2, in Lynn at the home of Miss Forbes, one of our '98 alumnae, to attend the annual Kappa picnic, and we all had a jolly time. Some of the more timid members of Phi objected to the place chosen for the picnic, on account of its proximity to Battery, but to most of us the situation added great delight.

That all the girls united in the strong bond of friendship in Kappa Kappa Gamma may have a most delightful and happy vacation is the sincere wish of twenty Phi's.

## BETA EPSILON—BARNARD COLLEGE.

*Active Members.*

Elsie Worthington Clews, '96,	Agnes Crawford Laycraft, '99,
Louise Brisbin Dunn, '97,	Cerise Emily Agnes Carman, '99,
Maude Wilcox, '97,	Alice Duer, '99,
Clara de Lissa Berg, '98,	Virginia Crocheron Gildersleeve, '99,
Ella Roselle Lathrop, '98,	Marjorie Jacobi, '99,
Anna Emilie Helene Meyer, '98,	Helen Cole, '00,
Eleanor Francis Osborne, '98,	Mary Loockerman Goldsborough, '00,
Susan Isabella Myers, '98,	Florence Leslie Kyle, '00,
Edith Parker Striker, '99,	Mary Lavinia Eaton, '01,
Alle Stillwell, '99,	Madaline Heroy, '01.

*Chapter*.—Number of active members, 20; year's initiates, 6. Honor: History medal and graduate Greek scholarship, Susan I. Myers.

*College*.—Number of faculty, 74. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 20; Alpha Omicron Pi, 8; Kappa Alpha Theta, 11.

#### CHAPTER LETTER.

The increasing number and importance of secret societies at Barnard during the last year has led to the establishment, this spring, of a Pan-Hellenic compact, signed by representatives of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta, and Alpha Omicron Pi. According to the terms of the compact, no one of the fraternities is to pledge, ask, or in any marked way prejudice in its favor any member of the Freshman class before a certain date in the second college term. We hope by these means to avoid the necessity of choosing new members hurriedly and carelessly, and of rushing the Freshmen too eagerly, which at best seems but an undignified proceeding. Moreover, the candidates at Barnard, which has never been a dormitory college, although some dormitories are now being erected, makes rushing particularly difficult and undesirable, and we are greatly pleased that the other fraternities have entered so cordially into the compact scheme.

Since last exchanging greetings with the other chapters, we have had the pleasure of entertaining our Grand President, and, through her, of getting into closer personal sympathy than ever before with the rest of the fraternity.

The end of the college year, though pleasant in many respects, must still be deplored by us, for with Commencement we shall lose half a dozen of our choicest spirits. One of the Kappas of '98, however, has received a graduate scholarship in Greek, and we shall welcome her back next year with more than ordinary enthusiasm. To all of our sister chapters we wish a very happy summer, and another winter as happy and prosperous as the last has been.

PSI—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

#### CHAPTER LETTER.

Probably the proverb in regard to nations to the effect that "happy are the nations whose annals are brief" can be applied to chapters as well. Psi has little to record of the spring of '98



except that it has been one of the happiest that its members can look back upon.

The heavy rains retarded the lovely spring weather which usually adorns our Cornell Campus but when the waters had abated, the flowers and grass sprang up in a night and the Campus never looked lovelier, the woods and gorges more inviting or the cascades and falls more magnificent.

One of the pleasantest events of the spring term was a visit from our Grand President. She was with us a few days and attended one of our chapter meetings and a tea given in her honor at the home of Ethel and Mabel Stebbins where we had a delightful opportunity of getting acquainted with her.

Delta Gamma became hostess this term as Alpha Phi did last term and entertained some of her friends on two occasions at pleasant, informal afternoon teas.

Of course there are some of our members who leave us this June—Christabel Forsythe Fiske and Edith Read, our seniors; Ellen Bliss Talbot, P. G.; Edna Martin McNary who entered 1900 but has completed her two years term of medical preparatory; and Frances Talbot Littleton and Adelaide Hayes Dovey, our specials whom though they have been with us but a year we feel are as closely bound to us as if they had been here longer. Frances Littleton may return to Cornell within two years and we will be happy indeed to welcome her back again. We will miss these friends more than we can tell. If Psi had one wish to gratify she would choose that those who depart this June might be with us another year. But "wha's the gude o' wishing?" Perhaps some summer we may meet together again for a few weeks to camp in some cool, pine-sheltered nook of the Adirondacks or on the shore of Lake George. Such a camping out was once Psi's experience and she has never forgotten it.

To all members of Kappa Kappa Gamma, especially to those favored ones who will attend our Convention, we wish a pleasant and profitable summer.

## BETA BETA—ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

*Active Members.*

Helen Alsy Clemence, '98,	Mary Blanche Barlow, '01,
Marguerite P. Liotard, '98,	Mabel Harlan Benner, '01,
Alice Cary Atwood, '99,	Mary Vilura Conkey, '01,
Amy Lulu Lyon, '99,	Mina Louise Freeman, '01,
Jessie Thatcher Robertson, '99,	Harriett De Lance Jackson, '01,
Harriet Elinor Shaw, '99,	Grace Willey Sherwood, '01,
Catherine Susan Stallman, '99,	Ione Alena Jillson, (sp.),
Margaret Rebecca Austin, '00,	Helen Mavarette Probst, (sp.)

*Chapter*:—Number of active members, 16; total membership from chapter establishment, 131; number of year's initiates, 7. Honors conferred by faculty: Helen Clemence chosen Commencement Speaker. Highest grade in her class. Honors conferred by students: Ione A. Jillson, College Personals on the *Laurentian*; members of College Senate, Helen Clemence, Amy L. Lyon and Margaret Austin.

*University*:—Number in faculty in collegiate department, 10; number of students in collegiate department, 126; number of women in collegiate department, 33. Men's fraternities: Beta Theta Pi, 25; Alpha Tau Omega, 26. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 16; Delta Delta Delta, 13.

## CHAPTER LETTER.

Since our last letter we have been in the very depths of college work. Commencement is not far distant, when we lose two girls whose presence among us will be greatly missed. It is an inspiration to know them going out into the world true Kappas. May Kappa always mean to them what it does now.

Just at the close of our spring vacation we received a visit from Miss Richmond, our Grand President. Her account of the other chapters in our province was very interesting.

In May we entertained the students and faculties of the University with a cotillion. This event gave us an opportunity to introduce two Kappa alumnae—Charlotte David, of Beta Tau, and Ola Esterly, of Beta Gamma. Many pretty figures and favors made the cotillion a treat. It has never been a very great task for us to entertain, because of our town alumnae. They have played the part of the fairy godmother to perfection.

With greetings to you all.



## BETA TAU—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

There is one subject of surpassing interest just now for Beta Tau and this subject is as gratifying as it is interesting. It would be difficult to imagine a happier chapter of girls than we are over the fact that a new chapter house is being built for us on plans approved by us and will be ready for occupancy when college opens in the autumn. Do you wonder that we are interested in it? The house is to be three stories high, with a long chapter hall and other appointments to delight the heart of a fraternity girl. The number will be 718 Irving Avenue just two doors from where we now are, so that we can watch the progress day by day. We shall soon tell you more in detail about it.

Another reason for happiness in Beta Tau is that we have three new sisters to introduce, Mabel Yeomans, '00, Carrie Riker, '01, and Bessie H. Goodale, '01. They were initiated in April and since then have repeatedly proven that they are strong girls and loyal Kappas.

Our annual alumnae banquet is to be held June 3 in the Vanderbilt Hotel. Josephine Miller will act as toastmistress. The alumnae and associate members make great efforts to attend and so the banquet is always a great delight and source of inspiration.

As usual, Florence Carpenter has opened her cottage at Sylvan Beach for the girls and we expect to camp there for two weeks after college closes. It is one of the most delightful times in the year for Syracuse Kappas.

On Decoration Day the entire chapter was entertained by Anna Giddings, Mary Connell and Reba Willard who all live in Baldwinsville. Some of the girls went on wheels, others on the train and then a steam launch, made festive with the two blues, took us up the river to the Connell Camp. After lunch we took a twenty-five mile trip on the launch around the river. The woods re-echoed with the Kappa songs and call and a hearty "three times three" for the Baldwinsville girls.

Ruth Guibault, '86, Margaret Telfer, '98, and Edith Osborne, '00, have each entertained the girls at their respective homes.

There is only one thing to mar our happiness and that is the thought of the girls who leave us this year. Minnie Hasbrook, Marie Cary, Florence Carpenter, Elizabeth Conklin, Margaret

Telfer and Elizabeth Janes all graduate. It would be impossible to tell you how they will be missed for none who are now in the chapter can remember when these girls were not the same faithful sisters. Their memory will be an inspiration to us when they are no longer with us and we hope that they will not go away too far but be, at least, active alumnae.

Eva Bryan is so far recovered that she is to take up her work again in the autumn. She has been able to be on the hill during examination week and to take her examinations.

#### BETA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

##### *Active Members.*

E. Quintard St. John, '97,	Sarah P. Miller, '99,
Emma N. Fraser, '98,	Annie B. Sargent, '99,
Helen M. Pennington, '98,	Eleanor E. Hayes, '01,
Julia B. Hodges, (sp.)	

*Chapter*.:—Number of active members, 7; total membership from chapter establishment, 41; number of year's initiates, 2.

*University*.:—Number of faculty, 53; instructors and lecturers, 58; number of students, 938; number of women, about 100. Men's fraternities: Delta Phi, Delta Psi, Phi Kappa Sigma, Zeta Psi, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Delta Theta, Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Gamma Delta, Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Chi, Delta Upsilon, Psi Upsilon, Kappa Sigma, Beta Theta Pi, Alpha Chi Rho, Phi Delta Phi, Nu Sigma Nu, Phi Alpha Sigma, Alpha Mu, Pi Omega, Delta Sigma Delta, Mu Phi Alpha. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 7.

##### CHAPTER LETTER.

Since our last letter Beta Alpha has been one of the fortunate chapters visited by our Grand President. We were so anxious to meet her and talk with her, and realize now more than ever how unfortunate it is that our President, or at least some member of our Grand Council, cannot see more of the active chapters in their own homes. We hope the time is not far distant when an annual tour can be made among the chapters.

Just now Beta Alpha is in the midst of excitement over examinations, Commencement, and the final parting. This year we lose two of our members, Emma Fraser, who has just taken the degree of Ph.D., and of whom we are very proud, and Julia Hodges, who will return to her home in Kentucky. We feel that in losing these two girls we lose two of our truest Kappas.



By the time the July KEY appears we will all have separated for the vacation, and Beta Alpha hopes that all the Kappas may have a delightful and beneficial vacation and that many of them will be gathered at the Convention in August.

BETA IOTA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

Accept as warm a greeting from us as the weather is at present. Since our last letter to THE KEY we have initiated Fannie Cheyney, of Media, Pa.

During April we enjoyed a visit from the Grand President. It was certainly very pleasant to have her with us even for so short a time. Now we all feel a little closer to the Grand Council for having personally known one of its members.

The reception and Commencement exercises were thoroughly enjoyed by all the Kappas, although there was a feeling of sadness when we realized that our two Kappa graduates, Edna M. Nicholl and Virginia Gillespie, would not be with us next year. We expect nearly all the remainder of the chapter back in the fall.

This year Beta Iota had her annual fraternity picture taken with the girls wearing shirt waists instead of evening dresses, and we had them finished in the effect of Rembrandt mounting, so we are much pleased with them.

The Pennsylvania Alpha of Pi Beta Phi royally entertained Kappa Alpha Theta and Beta Iota at the home of Mrs. William Bauer, of Wilmington, Del., in May. We drove part of the way and then took the train. There were fifty of us in all and, of course, we had a jolly time.

After college closed Beta Iota had a camping party at Brown's Mills in the Pines. There were fourteen Kappas there and we had a delightful time. We were in Hon. George Pfeiffer's cottage and Mr. and Mrs. Pfeiffer were with us.

That every Kappa Kappa Gamma may have a delightful vacation is the wish of Beta Iota.

GAMMA RHO—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

What a beautiful quiet time the spring term is for simply enjoying our fraternity life and finding out many facts concerning its organization and history. Yet how sad when we think of the girls who will not be with us next year, at least, not as active

members. This year Gamma Rho is in a very enviable position for she loses only one member, Mary Colter, whom you all know as our former corresponding Secretary. We consider ourselves very fortunate at Allegheny because so many of our members are town girls, who even after they graduate have the greatest interest in the welfare of the fraternity and can still give much aid to the active members by their presence at fraternity meetings and by their wise counsel.

Since our last letter Gamma Rho has had the pleasure of entertaining our Grand President. We all agree that the visit was most enjoyable and most profitable and we wish we might see more of our Grand Council and sister chapters.

Last Saturday night Gamma Rho entertained the other two fraternities which are at Allegheny. For entertainment we gave the farce "Serious Situation in Ned Burleigh's Room," which was published in the Harvard Stories. We found it a most delightful little play.

Gamma Rho sends her best wishes to all her sister chapters and hopes they may have a very pleasant summer vacation.

### BETA PROVINCE.

#### LAMBDA—BUCHTEL COLLEGE

##### *Active Members.*

Edith Estelle Mallison, '98,	Clementina Jones Barber, '00,
Bertha Margaret Huston, '99,	Leona Susan Reed, '00,
Celia Rosalind Mallison, '99,	Rhea Walpole Hughill, '00,
Mary Lincoln Foote, '99,	Maude Herndon, '01.

*Chapter*:—Number of active members, 8; total membership from chapter establishment, 129; number of year's initiates, 2.

*College*:—Number of members in faculty, 12; number of students, 91; number of women, 50. Men's fraternities: Lone Star (local), 9; Alpha Zeta Epsilon (local), 14. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 8; Delta Gamma, 11.

#### CHAPTER LETTER.

Vacation is almost here, and though we are all looking forward to it with much pleasure, still we hate to think of parting for the summer. Our one Senior, Edith Mallison, graduates, of course,



but we hope to have her with us often next year, as she lives in Akron. We are happy over refurnishing our Fraternity Hall and can hardly wait until it is all finished.

Two of our girls, Nellie Dague, and Clementina Barber, while visiting in Columbus a short time ago, had the pleasure of meeting some of our Beta Nu sisters and came home very enthusiastic over the O. S. U. girls.

The college women, assisted by the chorus and Miss Musson, pianist, gave a gymnasium exhibit three nights this month, which was very successful. The drills were excellent and the music good, while the minstrels were very amusing.

Lambda has lost one of her brightest girls, Jane Bowman, who left us on account of the serious illness of her father and after his death did not return. We sympathise with her most sincerely.

Lambda has three marriages to announce: Carrie Bell and Harry Worthy Clark; Grace Stanley and Walter Akers; Daisy Commins and E. L. Joy.

#### BETA GAMMA—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Our last recitations are finished, we are in the midst of examinations and then comes our reward—vacation—vacation and rest, longed for by more than one tired school girl, for our last term has been a very busy one both within and without the classroom. The past year has seemed so short yet when we look back upon it we find it has been crowded full of solid study plus—for variety's sake—parties, receptions, drives and many a good jolly time of the true college sort—things, always to be remembered.

On May 15 the chapter honored the memory of its founders and celebrated by contributing to a birthday box for the benefit of the chapter rooms. We were most kindly and liberally remembered by some of the more recently graduated sisters.

With the coming of commencement we shall have many of the old girls back, when Kappa enthusiasm will run high, and for that reunion we are preparing a banquet and an initiation when Mary Moore and Ada Pennell will don the key.

This will be the last chapter meeting of the year and we will say good bye reluctantly to our four seniors of whom we are most proud. There is but one other, Mary Mateer, whom we are sorry to say we are going to lose this June, the others are all looking

forward to returning next year and in the meantime we will await the convention and its reports.

Wishing most heartily the happiest of vacations to all!

BETA NU—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

In the absence of our corresponding secretary, Dorothy Canfield, it is my lot to tell our Kappa sisters what a joyous Spring it has been to Beta Nu. I speak in the past for it seems as though with the parting of the girls the pleasantest part of the season will be taken. Moreover, with the approaching commencement we must bid a regretful farewell to our Senior, Mabel Rice, a most enthusiastic and sympathetic sister. Besides the hard study which fills the life of all University students, it has been our good fortune to have many pleasant social events. During the April vacation we were very delightfully entertained at the home of Margaret and Henrietta Kauffman.

In view of Dorothy Canfield's trip abroad one of our Alumnae entertained with an informal company. Some Gibson pictures were very successfully given, after which we had the usual jolly time that we always have at our Kappa gatherings.

The night before Dorothy Canfield left she took part in a play given by the girls of O. S. U. in the interest of the Athletic Association and covered herself with glory. Another one of our girls, Elizabeth Baldwin, had a minor part which she rendered with unusual skill. During this Spring term we have enjoyed a visit from Miss Dague of Lambda and one from Miss Green of Mu.

May 20 was our annual High School day when our university is thrown open to visitors from all the High Schools in Ohio. On that day we gave an informal luncheon at the Kauffman's to which we invited a few girls who expect to come to college next year.

The Friday before Commencement, June 10, Beta Nu is to give a garden party for our senior at the home of Maud and Maybelle Raymond and our alumnae will also give a formal reception to which we are looking forward with great pleasure.

Last of all comes our annual house party, which will be given in Central College, fourteen miles from Columbus, at the home of



an aunt of one of the girls. We are anticipating even a better time than last year.

Beta Nu wishes her sister chapters a most enjoyable vacation.

#### BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

We girls of Beta Delta, and especially we seniors, are now beginning to fully realize that in a very short time our college work for this year will be over. To us the four years have seemed but a little while, and we do not like to think that we shall not all be together again here. Probably, this letter will be read after we have left beautiful Ann Arbor, and gone to our widely separated homes. But we will know that each is thinking of all the others.

This is the year for the Beta Delta reunion, and we are expecting a large number of our girls of other years to be with us at Commencement time. There will be two Kappa houses during that week, for our new house is to be the home of our alumnae during their stay with us.

With the month of May, came the annual musical festival under the direction of the University Musical Society. The festival of this year, was, as in previous years, a great treat to us. Gadski was the great attraction, and many other noted artists appeared at the concerts.

We are wondering if there is as much war enthusiasm among the students of all other colleges as there is among those of the U. of M. Many U. of M. men are already at the front, and of those remaining, a large number have enlisted, and formed a battalion which may be seen drilling on the campus in the evenings. The leisure time of the girls is spent in stitching on "housewives" for the soldiers. Every student wears our country's colors.

And now, just in closing, we are thinking of those other colors that we love—the light and dark blue—and of the girls who will wear them, and sing of them at Convention in August. To them, and to all Kappas, Beta Delta sends warmest greetings.

#### XI—ADRIAN COLLEGE.

##### *Active Members.*

Florence Reynolds, '98,  
Jennie Gilkey, '99,  
Addie Chase, '99,  
Ada Meikle, '00,

Clara Haines, '01,  
Harriet Tayer, '01,  
Blanche Wheeler, (sp.),  
Margaret Knapp, (sp.)

*Chapter*.—Number of active members, 8; total membership from chapter establishment, 104; number of year's initiates, 5.

*College*.—Number of faculty, 16; number of students, 175; number of women, 75. Men's fraternities: Alpha Tau Omega, 11; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 14. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 8; Delta Delta Delta, 9.

#### CHAPTER LETTER.

With this, the last chapter letter of this year, Xi wishes that each one of her sisters may enjoy the vacation as never before, and hopes that each member may return to her chapter filled with enthusiasm and loyalty for the fraternity, so that the coming year may be the most pleasant and prosperous in our history.

We hope many of us may meet with Sigma in August and enjoy the friendships which we shall make.

One very pleasant feature of this year has been our "Kappa Wheeling Club." Nearly every girl has a wheel from which the blue and blue waves as we go rambling through the city or country.

We have had many good times besides our regular work and fraternity study. We have had pleasant visits from two of our alumnae: Mary Cole and Sadie Palmer. We are always glad to see our older members take an interest in our work.

Xi again wishes that every Kappa may have a pleasant and profitable vacation, and that every one may return with renewed zeal for the coming year.

#### KAPPA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

##### *Active Members.*

Florence Stetsin, '98,	Julia Turner, '00,
Emily Sage, '99,	May Gurnee, '00,
Zoe Smith, '99,	Willa Wood, '00,
Rose McDougal, '99,	Sarah Putnam, '00,
Rose Langworthy, '99,	Elva Bailey, '01,
Cora Bailey, '99,	Grace Daley, '01,
	Daisy Prideaux, '01.

*Chapter*.—Number of active members, 13; total membership from chapter establishment, 116; number of initiates, 6. Honors: Zoe Smith, prize in Maggie Ambler Oratorical Contest.

*College*.—Number of faculty in collegiate department, 24; number of students in collegiate department, 363. Men's fraternities: Alpha Tau Omega, 15; Delta Tau Delta, 9. Women's fraternities: Pi Beta Phi, 9; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 13.



## CHAPTER LETTER.

First of all Kappa has a new pledgling to introduce to you, Libbie Cilley, who became one of our number a few weeks ago. This is one of the many reasons for our happy mood this spring and some of the others are the pleasant evenings spent with Mrs. Harvey and Mrs. McDonald ; the nice weather ; the preparations which are being made to have our College campus graded and to put in new walks and a driveway ; the anticipation of the long summer vacation and then the Convention,—which but few of us can attend but where we are all going to be present in thought and send our very best wishes.

The first Inter-collegiate Oratorical Contest of Michigan was held here May 6 and for several days Hillsdale was the scene of exciting times. The contestants and delegates from the other colleges : Hope, Albion, Adrian, State Normal, Kalamazoo, Olivet and State Agricultural College,—were met by the Hillsdale students that afternoon in the Ladies' Literary Halls and here, enthusiasm, which had not been lacking, increased for each college was made to feel that she was to contest with her equals and that the honor was not to be won easily. Albion carried away the prize and Miss Joy of that place gained it for them. Hillsdale was second,—standing one point behind, this being for deficiency in delivery.

A pleasant vacation to all, a grand success for our seniors and an enthusiastic convention is the wish of Kappa.

## GAMMA PROVINCE.

## DELTA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Although the membership of Delta is less this term than it has been for some time, we feel much nearer to each other on that account. We have four graduates this year, Frances Hawkins, Florence Hawkins, Emma Zeis and Mary Kolb, and although we are very proud of them, we are sorry to think that they will be with us no longer. When they donned the caps and gowns they became doubly dear to us, because we realized fully how soon they were to leave us.

We have entertained informally once this term at the chapter house, and on Friday, May 27, Antoinette Duncan and her mother gave us the use of their lovely home for an open meeting, which was quite successful.

The state Federation of Clubs was held in Bloomington, May 1. We gave a buckboard party for all the attending Kappas, and in that way made quite a number of pleasant acquaintances. Mrs. Beulah Parks Frazier, the Vice President of the club, was a Kappa.

Mrs. A. V. Faris very kindly entertained us Saturday night, May 21, several of the alumnae members being present. They told us of the interesting and exciting conflicts they had met with Theta in the days when there were very few women in the University. We are trying to form a Kappa Club among the resident members and the prospects are very favorable. With their help we feel that we are sure of a successful rushing season next fall.

Delta hopes that all Kappas may enjoy the vacation so near at hand.

#### IOTA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

##### *Active Members.*

Myrtle Switzer, '98,	Matilda Bowman, '00,
Mary Mitchell, '98,	Nellie Landes, '00,
Harriet McCoy, '98,	Marion Wood, '00,
Myrtle Madalen, '98,	Ethel Chaffee, '01,
Bertha Reed, '98,	Hallie Landes, '01,
Margaret Guthrie, '99,	Lucy Poucher, '01,
Lena Byrd, '99,	Mabel Pavey, '01,
Stella W. Hawkins, '99,	Ione Haworth, '01,
Gertrude Laumore, '00,	Netta Armstrong, '01.

*Chapter*:—Number of active members, 18; total membership from chapter establishment, 230; number of year's initiates, 10.

*University*:—Number of faculty in collegiate department, 30; number of students in collegiate department, 562. Men's fraternities in order of establishment: Delta Kappa Epsilon, 23; Beta Theta Pi, 18; Phi Gamma Delta, 15; Delta Tau Delta, 9; Phi Delta Theta, 26; Sigma Chi, 20; Phi Kappa Psi, 23; Delta Upsilon, 16; Sigma Nu, 14. Women's fraternities: Kappa Alpha Theta, 26; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 18; Alpha Phi, 23; Alpha Chi Omega, 24; Phi Mu Epsilon, 21.

#### CHAPTER LETTER.

Commencement is here with its season of gayety and the school year will soon be ended. The term examinations are over and



everyone is planning for a few days of pleasure before leaving college and its many pleasant surroundings.

Since the last letter was written to *THE KEY*, we have initiated a new girl, Netta Armstrong, of Marion, Ind. Though entering college at the last term, she is already an enthusiastic Kappa.

Besides entertaining informally many times this year and having our regular monthly "At Home" days, we entertained about two hundred of our college friends on the evening of May 16. The lawn was lighted with Japanese lanterns and our chapter house was decorated very prettily. We invited representatives from each of the girls' fraternities, as well as many of our student friends.

We are looking forward now to our annual reunion to be held next Monday morning. Very many of Iota's alumnae members are coming back and will tell us of their experiences in Kappa Kappa Gamma.

This has been a very happy year at DePauw in many ways and especially so for the Kappas. We have enjoyed our chapter house very much and as the year draws to a close we begin to feel how much we shall miss the girls, who graduate this Spring.

Iota wishes her sister chapters a happy vacation.

#### MU—UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

##### *Active Members.*

Bess Campbell, '99,  
Mary Marsee, '99,  
Mary Deputy, '00,  
Bertha Mason, '00,  
Edith Keay, '00,

Anne Butler, '00,  
Ethel Cleland, '00,  
Effie Blount, '00,  
Blanche Noel, '00,  
Grace Gookin, '01,

Mabel Craycraft, '01.

*Chapter*:—Number of active members, 11; total membership from chapter establishment, 104; number of year's initiates, 4. Honors: Edith Keay, Bess Campbell, Ethel Cleland, on *Collegian* staff.

#### CHAPTER LETTER.

The spring term at Butler has been a very delightful one. The weather has been beautiful and Kappas have been kept busy attending dances, informal fraternity parties and tennis parties on our beautiful campus. On the evening of May 9, Mu and her alumnae entertained in their turn and a very pretty and enjoyable

dance was given at the home of May Brayton, an alumna, in Indianapolis.

Our chapter has found a firm friend in the newly organized Kappa Club of Indianapolis. We have greatly appreciated the opportunity its members have given us of meeting and knowing so many whose loyalty to Kappa bonds is strong and lasting. We heartily wish that every chapter could have such a club near it as a help and an inspiration.

As commencement joys approach, we are continually congratulating ourselves that this year Mu loses no members by graduation. We are looking forward very much to expected commencement visits from two of our last year's girls, Nellie Green and Mary Eddy. It will not be long until we shall be meeting at Lincoln so it is not "Good-bye" but, "Auf Wiedersehen"!

#### ETA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Eta sends greeting to her sister chapters and hopes to be present with a goodly number to greet them personally at the convention.

Our annual Kappa party was held on May 6. The hall was beautifully decorated, the music fine, and the dancing so enjoyable that it was impossible to realize that the evening had really passed when the kindly chaperones arose as a signal for departure.

On Field Day the representative of Kappa Kappa Gamma in the inter-sorority handicap race won for us the gorgeous scarlet banner embroidered with golden letters. When we saw the light and dark blue come out ahead, instinctively there arose a cloud of waving light and dark blue flags.

The rushing season has already begun and is being carried on vigorously in spite of the coming examinations. We are happy in one pledgling, Nell Parkinson.

The alumnae have organized and are systematically working to help the active chapter. On one afternoon of every week the home of some alumna is open to us. They have planned a picnic, a steamboat party, luncheons, and many other things which will be of invaluable assistance in this busy time of rushing.



## UPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

*Active Members.*

Louise Martha Taylor, '98,	Celia Anna Drew, '00,
Lila Keyes, '99,	Gertrude H. Reed, '00,
Myrtle May Dickson, '99,	Daisy Dean Sheppard, '01,
Elizabeth Raymond, '00,	Edith Louise Whiteside, (sp.),
Theodora Wiserla Irvine, (sp.)	

*Chapter*:—Number of active members, 9; total membership from chapter establishment, 99; number of year's initiates, 2. Honors: Louise Taylor, Vice-President of Class of '98; Myrtle Dickson, Secretary of Class of '99, member of *Syllabus* Board, Society Editor of *The Northwestern*.

*University*:—Number of faculty, 43; number of liberal arts students, 407; number of women in College of Liberal Arts, 203. Men's fraternities: Sigma Chi, 18; Phi Kappa Sigma, 8; Beta Theta Pi, 18; Phi Kappa Psi, 10; Delta Upsilon, 17; Delta Tau Delta, 20; Theta Nu Epsilon, 15; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 6; Deru (local), 9; Sigma Nu, 10. Women's fraternities: Alpha Chi, 13; Delta Gamma, 13; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 9; Kappa Alpha Theta, 14; Gamma Phi Beta, 12; Zeta Chi Eta (local), 10; Omega Psi, 30; Delta Delta Delta, 15; Alpha Chi Omega, 18.

## CHAPTER LETTER.

Since the publication of the last KEY there has been such a dearth of news at Northwestern that the mere thought of the news letter has caused the poor corresponding secretary to gnash her teeth in agonies of despair. But there are two things to which all corresponding secretaries might as well become reconciled first as last; namely the collection of the April tax, and the manufacturing of the inevitable chapter letter.

Still do not think that we have not had many enjoyable spreads, at home's, and receptions given us by our alumnae and town girls. They have been very generous in offering us their hospitalities, and you all know how much this wee taste of home life has been appreciated by us, so description and detail are unnecessary. The dearth only appears when I search for something positively unique to describe.

Upsilon's chapter life this year has been delightful to all the girls and we feel that this has been one of the happiest and most profitable years that we have ever enjoyed. It has been so filled with harmony and with the warmest friendship that we disband for the vacation with great reluctance. But Convention is now our watchword and when we wish to be especially cheering to a

downcast sister, we say "Try to bear up, it is only two months until convention." Unless something unexpected happens, Upsilon will have several representatives at Lincoln and we are eagerly looking forward to that one short week in August, which we are to spend with our other Kappa sisters.

#### EPSILON—ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Very little in the social way has happened in Epsilon since our last letter to THE KEY. The spring has passed rapidly, our school work occupying most of our attention.

From the beginning of the new year we devoted a portion of our fraternity meetings to the study of fraternity government. We hope our examination papers will show our time has not been spent in vain.

Our plan for the spring term is most delightful. We have a short literary programme each meeting, which is varied by an original paper, a short story, a paper on the colleges where our fraternity is found, and other interesting features. At the conclusion of the meeting, two of the girls furnish light refreshments. We are planning a picnic in the woods for our last meeting this term.

The Kappa Club has been very fortunate in securing Madam Vera de Blumenthal, a native Russian, to give two lectures before the Club on "Russian History" and "Russian Literature." "Russia" has been the topic studied by the Club this year. Admission to the lectures was by ticket, thus not only the Kappa girls but also their friends desiring to hear the lectures could attend. The first of these lectures was given February 17, at the home of Mrs. Emily Beath Welch. The last May 26, at the home of Grace Loudon.

Lucy Bates visited friends in Evanston during April. While there she met several Upsilon girls, and was delighted with their hospitality.

We were happy to meet Maude Crowder, of Omega, while she visited friends in our city. What a pleasant thing it is to hear reports of other chapters from their own members.

One of the most pleasant occasions of the year was a "War" party given by the Kappa Club to the active chapter. This was



a novel entertainment. It was held at the home of Mrs. Margaret Langstaff Van Leer, May 5. Each member of the club read a short article describing some part of the army and navy and comparing the fighting forces of the United States and Spain. These articles were interspersed with patriotic music, consisting of solos, duets, and choruses. Great enthusiasm was aroused.

No pains were spared in decorating the house; our national colors and those of Cuba were used in profusion. Huge flags and bunting formed portiers at the doors, and the window curtains were bordered with small flags. The dining table was elaborately trimmed with red, white and blue ribbons, and red and white carnations. Even the confectionery and ice cream were made in our national colors. Cuban flags were displayed in conspicuous places. Each guest received a tiny flag as a souvenir. We had among our guests Katherine Godman, of Xi, and Maude Crowder, of Omega.

May 14 the active chapter had a spread at the beautiful home of Bessie Welty. Dancing was the principal amusement.

An oratorical contest, between several high schools and the preparatory department of the Wesleyan, was held in this city in May. We were all pleased that the Illinois Wesleyan Preparatory Department won first place.

A feeling of sadness comes to us when we remember that before another letter is sent to THE KEY many of our dear sisters will have completed their college course and will, perhaps, leave the chapter room never to return—at any rate, never to return as the dignified senior.

During the summer months the sisters will be many miles apart, but can they not plan for a reunion at our convention in Lincoln? What chapter will carry the banner for having the largest number of members present?

## DELTA PROVINCE.

## CHI—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

*Active Members.*

Agnes Emily Belden, P. G.,	Mabel Perrin Stone, '00,
Inez Rodger, P. G.,	Vera Louise Morey, '01,
Mabel Robinson, P. G.,	Marjorie Alice Higbee, '01,
Bessie Adelaide Williams, '99,	Florence Kiehle, '01,
Georgena Frances Kennedy, '99,	Ellen Annette Janney, '01,
Alice Evelyn Craig, '99,	Margaret McMillan, '01,
Eliza Young Marchand, '00,	Jessie Lightener Schulten, (sp.),
Susanne Helmer Watson, '00,	Laura Alice Warner, (sp.),
Clare Amelia Cross, '00,	Grace Trask, (sp.),
Lucy Beatrice Hart, (sp.)	

*Chapter*:—Number of active members, 19; total membership from chapter establishment, 126; number of year's initiates, 11. Honors: Mabel Stone, member of the *Gopher* Board.

*University*:—Number of faculty in collegiate department, 161; number of students in the collegiate department, 2,825; number of women, 469. Men's fraternities: Chi Psi, 24; Phi Delta Theta, 17; Delta Tau Delta, 18; Phi Kappa Psi, 19; Sigma Chi, 11; Beta Theta Pi, 30; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 17; Phi Gamma Delta, 22; Delta Upsilon, 26; Psi Upsilon, 27; Alpha Delta Phi, 12; Delta Chi, 15; Theta Delta Chi, 18; Delta Sigma Delta, 12; Theta Nu Epsilon, 14; Psi Omega, 12; Phi Alpha Gamma, 14; Nu Sigma Nu, 17; Phi Delta Phi, 22; Kappa Phi Upsilon, 16. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 19; Delta Gamma, 16; Kappa Alpha Theta, 18; Alpha Phi, 18; Delta Delta Delta, 13.

## CHAPTER LETTER.

By the time that this letter is read the members of most of the chapters will be far from each other, but we of Chi are very fortunate in not being separated during the summer. Nearly all of us live in Minneapolis and so do not lose sight of one another although the pleasant daily intercourse of college life is not possible. And it is just because it is not possible that this time of the year makes us very sad. This year we do not lose many from our active chapter but, as usual, we feel that we cannot do without the girls who do go. During the year we have had in the chapter three post-graduates; one, Inez Rodger is from Iota chapter and so has given us that insight into the life of other chapters and that sympathy with them which we all long for. Another, Agnes Belden has by taking a master's degree made us all feel rather learned.



Here at Minnesota the Psi Upsilon Convention has been for a time a rival of the war in arousing interest and excitement. Chi chapter gave the convention a reception and the next night had the pleasure of again meeting the delegates at the Convention Ball. Indeed the talk over that has only just now given place to anticipation of the Senior Promenade. These have been our greatest gayeties. Still, we have had several delightfully cozy evening meetings in our rooms and the annual banquet on April 21, the anniversary of the founding of our chapter—gave us a chance to become better acquainted with our alumnae, as we listened to the toasts, full of nonsense or of serious intent as might be. So, the term has come to a close, examinations are over, and we are free to enjoy Commencement week with only that inevitable feeling of sorrow which comes with the necessity of stopping, even for two or three months, our chapter life.

#### BETA ZETA—IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Beta Zeta has a new member whom you have not met before, Anna Barrett, '01, initiated on May 23. She had been promised to us for quite a while and now that she at last belongs to us we are proud and happy to introduce her to you.

Summer is now upon us but we must recall events of early spring in order that we may share them with our sister chapters.

In the latter part of March, Beta Zeta entertained the two other women's fraternities here, Delta Gamma and Pi Beta Phi, at a "dancelet" and you will never know what a merry time we had until you try the same thing yourselves.

Mrs. Rockwood, one of our resident alumnae members, entertained the chapter two weeks ago in honor of one of our alumnae members, Stella Price Brown who is visiting here.

One of the most eagerly anticipated events of the spring term is our annual picnic. This year on one of those beautiful May Saturdays we went, with baskets and cushions, to a boat-house about three miles away on the river's edge, there we rowed and lunched and sang our Kappa songs and passed a very happy afternoon.

We are proud in having three of our Kappa graduates chosen for members of Phi Beta Kappa. We had a surprise spread for these girls, Ida Kriechbaum, Ruth Paxson and Mary Lytle, and toasts appropriate to the occasion were given.

Last Saturday we had a little jaunt up the river in honor of a visitor, Esther Miller from Upsilon.

Commencement is near at hand and now, more than ever, the bonds of Kappa Kappa Gamma seem dearer and closer as we realize that we must give up five girls whose worth has made them dear to us all. Our graduates are Maud St. John, Ida Kriechbaum, Ruth Paxson, Mary Lytle and Marion Morton.

Beta Zeta wishes you all a very pleasant vacation.

#### THETA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

##### *Active Members.*

Jessie Blair, '98,	Emily Guitar, '00,
Mary B. Potter, '99,	Irene Blair, '01,
Ida E. Howard, '99,	Ida Dobyns, '01,
Edith DeBolt, '00,	Ethel DeBolt, (sp.),
Mabel Phelps, '00,	Francis F. Sims, (sp.)

*Chapter*:—Number of active members, 10; total membership from chapter establishment, 108; number of year's initiates, 5. Honors: Jessie Blair, cum laude; Emily Guitar, Secretary of Sophomore Class; Ethel DeBolt, Captain of girl's military battalion and captain of basket-ball team; Mabel Phelps, second lieutenant.

*University*:—Number of faculty, 45; number of students, 818. Men's fraternities: Phi Delta Theta, 19; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 20; Beta Theta Pi, 16; Sigma Nu, 20; Sigma Chi, 17; Kappa Alpha, 19; Phi Delta Phi, 23; Theta Nu Epsilon, 15; Pi Beta Beta (local), 9. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 10.

#### SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

##### *Active Members.*

May Colson, '98,	Adelloyd Whiting, '00,
Cora Cropsey, '98,	Ethel Collins, '01,
Frances Gere, '98,	Nelle Holdbrook, '01,
Grace Broudy, '99,	Emma Outcutt, '01,
Ellen Gere, '99,	Edna Wetzell, '01,
Dora Hurley, '99,	Margaret Winger, '01,
Clara Hammond, '00,	Daisy Hauck, music,
Mabel Richards, '00,	Laura Houtz, music,

Eleanor Raymond, music.

*Chapter*:—Number of active members, 17; total membership from chapter establishment, 75; number of year's initiates, 6.

*University*:—Number of faculty and instructors, 75; number of students, 1,915; number of women, 878. Men's fraternities: Sigma Chi, 18; Phi Delta Theta, 18; Beta Theta Pi, 24; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 17; Delta Tau Delta,



19; Phi Kappa Psi, 25; Phi Delta Phi, —; Kappa Sigma, 16; Alpha Tau Omega, 17. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 17; Delta Gamma, 8; Delta Delta Delta, 15; Pi Beta Phi, 20; Kappa Alpha Theta, 16.

## CHAPTER LETTER.

This being the last letter before convention Sigma wishes to say again that she hopes for a large attendance, and that many will be able to come who so far have not expected that they could.

Since the last issue of *THE KEY* we have initiated two new members, Edna Wetzel, of Omaha, and Ethel Collins, of Wahoo. Like all initiations, this was a very pleasant affair.

On May 19, Sigma celebrated her fourteenth birthday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gere. So many of these birthdays have been held there that we have come to regard it quite as a matter of course that they should be. The alumnae was very urgently requested to attend, and in case of their not being able to come in person to send a letter to be read. A large number of these were received and we were fortunate enough to have with us an alumnae, Ida Bonnell Ottstott, of Chicago, who responded to a toast. Nell Greggs, who had returned only that day from New York, where she had been studying voice, was also present. Other toasts were called for, and the girls all received new enthusiasm, especially concerning convention.

Commencement is at hand and Sigma graduates three girls this spring—two from the academic college, Cora Cropsey and Frances Gere, and one from the music school, May Colson.

Just now Nebraska is much interested in the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, which opens June 1. We all expect to visit Omaha during the summer and see the Exposition thoroughly. With this and the convention most of us feel that we will not go away for a summer vacation, as we will have quite enough on our hands at home.

## OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

The lines have fallen in pleasant places for Omega during the past four months and it was with deep regret that we parted for the summer since it is hardly to be hoped that we will all meet again. We feel certain that never before has Omega had a year of such prosperity, and fortune has smiled upon us.

Since the last letter three new sisters have come to grace our merry band of maidens: Belle Jones, Daisy Wickstrum and Chattie Hobson and we are sure that they came among us with at least a part of the joy with which we received them, and that they will feel this joy more and more as they grow more used to Kappahood. In our initiation we again omitted the "funny" part, having only the ritual and banquet, however, we called on each new girl for impromptu toasts after the others were given and they acquitted themselves charmingly.

Our annual party was given on the twenty-second of April and was declared by all to be the social event of the season. We gave a dancing party at Phythian Hall and we had the walls and ceiling of the hall draped in white bunting. In the center of the ceiling was a wheel of incandescent lights and from this to the four corners and four sides of the ceiling were draped streamers of yellow bunting hung with two hundred electric jets tinted yellow. A frieze of pink roses, a yard wide and twenty-six yards long was arranged on the railing of the balcony and in the midst of the roses were the letters "Kappa Kappa Gamma" in red poppies. The Palace Arch scenery from the Opera House was placed at the end of the hall and in front of this palms were arranged while amidst their green leaves sparkled electric jets. This bower was occupied by Steinburg's orchestra from Topeka. At each corner of the room were tables covered with flowers where ices were served during the evening. Immense mirrors were arranged so that they reflected the gay scene and the lights, and added to the beauty of the hall. Most charming of all, at least to the Kappas, was the key which was about two yards long and covered with pink carnations. Three dozen tiny electric jets of white and green imitated the diamonds and emeralds of a pin. This was placed on the wall opposite the entrance and palms were banked up to it. Our party was said to be the finest ever given in Lawrence and we were very proud of its success.

Two of our Kappa girls had prominent parts in a play given the last week of school by the K. U. Dramatic Club and we had a Kappa line party in their honor. We are always present where our sisters are concerned and we may sincerely say that we were very proud of our stars in this case.

Omega's brain is all a whirl with the idea of building a chapter



house of her own and if we have as energetic girls in the future as we have in the past year we think that our visions will be realized. We tried to secure a chapter house for next year but failed on account of the scarcity of desirable houses, so the plan of building presents itself to us.

A number of old Kappas have visited us this spring among them were Pauline Chandler, Effie Proud, Ella Anderson and Mrs. Daniels. Two of our girls graduate this year. Mary Addison and Issie Potts and they will be missed very much in our chapter.

We are very fortunate in that several of us will attend the convention this year, and those who can not go will at least be present in spirit, but if wishes counted for aught Omega would attend in a body.

#### PI—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

##### *Active Members.*

Edith Putnam Dart, '98,	Blanche Terrill, '99,
Ella Aileen Guppy, '98,	Ethelynd H. McClymonds, '99,
Ruth L. Rising, '98,	Edyth Adams, '00,
Gertrude M. Scott, '98,	Ethel Catton, '00,
Florence E. Mason, '98,	Eva Powell, '00,
Grace Esther Dibble, '98,	Mary Isabel Stockton, '00,
Edith Valerie Henrici, '98,	Anna Marie Jennings, '00,
Florence Jones, '98,	Ella V. Pattiani, '00,
Mary E. Bell, '98,	Georgie Carden, '00,
Alice Stuart Rising, '99,	Alice Humphreys, '01,
Cornelia McKinne, '99,	Mabel F. Ruch, '01.

*Chapter*:—Number of active members, 22; total membership from chapter establishment, 28; number of year's initiates, 7. Honors: Grace Esther Dibble and Edith Valerie Henrici, holders of Phoebe Hearst Scholarships; Mary E. Bell, editor of *University Magazine* and associate editor of *Overland Magazine*; Blanche Terrill, leading part in '99's Junior farce; Cornelia McKinne and Alice Rising, editors on '99's *Annual* staff.

*University*:—Number of faculty, 149; number of students, 2,281; number of women students, 659. Men's fraternities: Zeta Psi, 8; Chi Phi, 17; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 22; Beta Theta Pi, 21; Phi Delta Theta, 19; Sigma Chi, 9; Phi Gamma Delta, 13; Sigma Nu, 21; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 18; Chi Psi, 14; Kappa Alpha, 12; Delta Upsilon, 27; Delta Tau Delta, 13. Women's fraternities: Kappa Alpha Theta, 21; Gamma Phi Beta, 18; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 22.

## CHAPTER LETTER.

The summer of ninety-eight ends our first year as members of Kappa Kappa Gamma. To the five girls who graduate now, the past year will ever be remembered as one of the happiest of their college life; to the undergraduates, left behind, the past will serve as an impetus to keep the standard in the future as high as it has been before.

One of our greatest pleasures during the year has been the success of our Club House. It was our first attempt at house-keeping and thanks to the skillful and thrifty management of Ruth Rising it has been run so well that we feel encouraged to keep it next year.

We have done very little entertaining this semester except our usual "At Homes."

Our examinations have come and gone and we have been enjoying vacation since early May.

The State of California has been suffering terribly for want of rain and we have all been so anxious to have it, but it seemed very inopportune that one of our largest storms should come during Commencement week. The rain began the night of the Senior Ball and continued till Commencement day and although every one suffered some inconvenience it did not keep us from the Class day luncheons given by the men's fraternities, the Class day exercises, the President's reception and the reception given by Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, our College benefactress.

This reception will long be remembered by the Class of 1898. It was given to the graduating class, at Mrs. Hearst's country home near Pleasanton. The guests were conveyed to the beautiful home in a special train, were met by carriages at the station, and, after a drive of about two miles, reached the house where a most ideal reception was held.

This summer about a dozen of our girls are together at the country house of one of them, in Santa Cruz.

How much all of us should like to go to the convention this year, but we must leave that pleasure to Alice Rising, our delegate and Blanche Terrill, who goes with her on her way to the Emerson School of Oratory in Boston.

We hope that they can tell you how much Kappa Kappa Gamma has been to us, and will bring home to us suggestions from our more experienced Kappa sisters,



## BETA ETA—LELAND STANFORD JR. UNIVERSITY.

*Active Members.*

Bonnie Burckhalter, '98,	Susie Louise Dyer, '99,
Lou Henry, '98,	Mayme Merritt, '99,
Gertrude Martin, '98,	Ida Welner, '99,
Winifred Paine, '98,	Edna Hobson, '00,
Julia Tubbs, '98,	Carrie Goodhue, '00,
Stella Stearns, '98,	Clara Martin, '00,
Sarah Cory, '99,	Rowena Merritt, 01,
Winifred Morgan, '01.	

*Chapter*:—Number of active members, 15; total membership from chapter establishment, 40; number of year's initiates, 4.

*University*:—Number of faculty in collegiate department, 115; number of students in collegiate department, 1,224; number of women, 458. Men's fraternities: Beta Psi, 16; Phi Delta Theta, 12; Phi Kappa Psi, 17; Sigma Nu, 12; Sigma Chi, 12; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 23; Delta Tau Delta, 20; Theta Nu Epsilon, 41; Beta Theta Pi, 16; Chi Psi, 9; Kappa Alpha, 12; Delta Upsilon, 26; Phi Delta Phi, 16. Women's fraternities: Kappa Alpha Theta, 18; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 17; Delta Gamma, 16.

## CHAPTER LETTER.

An alumnae sits down to write these tidings from Beta Eta,—an alumnae who, but this morning, was an undergraduate. In consequence, heart and mind are so full of the leave-taking of people, of places, of things that she feels, that there is little else of interest to tell.

We have been concerned for the past month with examinations, the theses, and all the rest of the final work that is just beginning to come to most of the eastern chapters. Toward the last more gaiety crept in, and the past week has been naught else but festivity—although to many there was too much of sadness mingled for us to feel it true gaiety.

Commencement week itself,—class day exercises, senior farce and ball, alumni meetings and luncheon, a reception by Mrs. Stanford, and our own unique promenade concert in the long arcades of the Quadrangle succeeded one another, while fraternity functions filled all the spare moments between. One of the pleasantest of these was the Kappa dinner given by the undergraduates to the members of 1898, at which were welcomed also representatives of Pi and the old girls. Alas, that affectionate term has a two-fold dear meaning to some of us who look at it

from the other side for the first time: Bonnie Burckhalter, our class historian; Lou Henry, Winifred Paine, and Gertrude Martin—the wearers of the key in the class of 1898. And it may safely be affirmed that there cannot be found four members of Stanford '98 who turn away from the "low red roofs of fluted tile and walls of yellow stone" with greater reluctance. And it was a sad crowd which watched a train speed swiftly away, bearing on the rear platform Edith Beck, of Iota. As a souvenir of her year at Stanford with Beta Eta she is authorized to write M.A. after her name. We hope that some of you will send us others who, in one year, will take such a warm spot in our hearts.

The members of Beta Eta who will gather together again in the autumn, and those who leave to return no more, join in wishing each and every chapter as successful a final month's work as ours has proven and a very merry summer.



### ***College and Fraternity Notes.***

Phi Gamma Delta is considering a change in government.

Phi Delta Theta has withdrawn its Hillsdale, Mich. and Lansing, Mich. charters, this action taking effect on commencement day, 1898. The charter at Lansing is withdrawn because of the low standard of the school; the charter at Hillsdale on account of the decrease in attendance and lack of suitable material.

In the last two and a half years eight Phi Delta Theta charters have been withdrawn or surrendered. Two of these, Wooster and Buchtel are suspended until next convention, when they will be withdrawn unless their revival is justified by improved conditions.

The Cambridge Syndicate made a very exhaustive inquiry into all the conditions bearing upon their problem of admitting women to degrees, and, in view of the evidence, recommended that the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts and Doctor of Science and Letters be conferred by diploma upon women, but that degrees in divinity and medicine should not be conferred on them. It is not proposed to confer membership of the university upon women, nor to open any examination to which they are not now admitted. Five members who do not sign the majority report have circulated a paper indicating the course which they believe preferable. They advise that the university confer upon women who pass a tripos examination a special diploma bearing some such title as *Magistra in Litteris* or *Magistra in Scientia*. The suggestion emanating from Oxford that steps should be taken for combining the existing women's colleges in a separate university for women did not meet the approval of the syndicate. Two considerations weighed most in the final decision, first the evidence offered that women students who pass the Cambridge examination are hindered in their after careers by want of a degree, and second the certainty that other universities, notably London, offer superior inducements for earnest women because of the value attaching to a time-honored degree. Of 162 professors responding to special inquiries as to the effect of the presence of women students at their lectures, 141 reported such presence, 24 recognized inconveniences in the same, 16 advantages, 76 neither. During the year 1895-'96 the number of women attending lectures in classes

with men was 455. Oxford, Cambridge and Trinity College (University of Dublin) are the only universities in Great Britain and Ireland from whose degrees women are now excluded.—*The Independent*.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has reëntered Cornell ; Alpha Tau Omega has entered the University of Texas ; Sigma Nu has gone into Northwestern ; Delta Tau Delta has granted a charter at the University of California, and Kappa Sigma has initiated four chapters within a year at Brown, Richmond, Washington and Jefferson and the University of Missouri.

The Chicago University, according to the last catalogue, has the largest proportion of female students of any of the great universities in the country. The total number of students in attendance last term was 1,156, of whom 697 were men and 459 were women, or 60 per cent of the former and 40 per cent of the latter. If the divinity school is omitted, and only the graduate and undergraduate departments are considered, there are found 532 men and 445 women, or 54 per cent of the former to 46 per cent of the latter ; and if the undergraduate department alone is taken into account, the difference between the sexes is very small, the members being 337 men to 312 women, or 51 per cent of the former to 49 per cent of the latter. It might be inferred from this that co-education is much more of a success in the west than in the east, and that western women are more anxious to obtain the advantages of higher education than eastern women. The real explanation is, however, as the *Philadelphia Press* points out, that the west has no women's colleges of a high class like Bryn Mawr, Vassar, Baltimore and Wellesley and western women seeking a college education have to avail themselves of the co-educational privileges of the large universities.—*Buffalo Commercial Advertiser*.

The semi-centennial Convention of Theta Delta Chi was held at the Windsor Hotel, New York City, February 8, 9 and 10. Abel Beach of Iowa City, one of the two living founders of the fraternity was present. Beautiful souvenirs of the banquet were issued with *fac simile* autographs of all the guests.

To assist in carrying out the action of the Board, Colonel Joseph M. Bennett has presented to the University four houses on Wal-



nut Street, adjoining Bennett Hall, located at Thirty-fourth and Walnut Streets, the estimated value of which, including the ground, is said to be \$80,000. For the present these houses will be used as they now stand, but in course of time it is expected to raze these to the ground and in their place erect a structure to be devoted exclusively to the needs of the women students. The carrying out of the project, it is said, will result in property and buildings worth about \$500,000. The gift of Colonel Bennett, which was acknowledged yesterday, adds to his liberality of eight years ago, when he presented to the institution the structure now named Bennett Hall, in honor of the donor, and an endowment fund of \$17,500 for fellowships.—*Philadelphia Ledger*.

From *The Scroll* we learn that Herbert B. Moyer, of Norristown, Pa., is at work on a Manual for the Σ. A. E. Fraternity on the plan of the Φ. Δ. Θ. Manual. Kappa Alpha has already followed the lead of Φ. Δ. Θ. in this regard, the former K. C., Brother Ammen, having, before his retirement, issued the handy and useful little compend, "K. A. in '97." The Phi Manual was first published in 1886, and came from the pen of Mr. Walter B. Palmer, who also edited the second and latest edition which appeared last October.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

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### Editorial.

A prolonged search for the members of a chapter, so totally extinguished that not even the name of one member is known, has led up to the question whether Kappa Kappa Gamma was aloof in the seemingly disproportionate number of dead chapters which it possesses. A consultation with Mr. Baird's fraternity "Manual" brought forth results so interesting and so unexpected that they are given here for the benefit of the members of the fraternity who may never have thought of the matter. A little reflection will show how significant the list is of the line along which all the women's fraternities have been developing during their thirty years' existence.

Alpha Phi, founded at Syracuse University in 1872, has no dead chapters.

Delta Delta Delta, founded at Boston in 1888 has no dead chapters.

Delta Gamma, founded at the University of Mississippi in 1872, has withdrawn nine chapters, from St. Lawrence University, Western Reserve University, Fulton Female College, Hanover College, Franklin College, Bolivar College, Fairmount College, Water Valley Institute and the University of Mississippi. In addition to these there were chapters at Tehuacuna, Texas; Greenville, Miss.; Ward's Seminary, Nashville, Tenn. and Chambersburg, Pa., but nothing more is known of them as they were short lived.

Gamma Phi Beta, founded at Syracuse University in 1874, has no dead chapters.

Kappa Alpha Theta, founded at De Pauw University in 1870, has withdrawn ten chapters, from Morris Hill College, Butler University, Ohio University, University of Michigan (afterwards re-established), Ohio Wesleyan University, Simpson College, Wesleyan University, University of Southern California, University of Toronto and University of the Pacific and have lately "transferred" their chapter at the Illinois Wesleyan University to the University of Illinois.

Kappa Kappa Gamma, founded at Monmouth College in 1870, has withdrawn ten chapters, from Monmouth College, Simpson College, University of Cincinnati, Rockford Seminary, Lasell Seminary, Ohio Wesleyan University, Franklin College, University of California (afterwards re-established), Knox College and Smithson College.

Pi Beta Phi, founded at Monmouth in 1867, has withdrawn eight chapters, Monmouth College, De Pauw University, Carthage College, Fairfield, Ia., Burlington, Ia., York Methodist College, Callanan College and Hastings College. Of these two were associate chapters.

It is interesting to note that Delta Gamma, Pi Beta Phi and Kappa Kappa Gamma were all compelled to withdraw their Alpha chapters. So much of own early history is shrouded in obscurity that it is almost impossible to know the real conditions which have given us these dead chapters. Beta chapter, for example, at Knox College, was compelled to conceal even the names of its members because of the strong anti-fraternity feeling. But the



work upon the new catalogue has proved one remarkable thing ; that, on the whole, the alumnae of our inactive chapters are as much interested and as enthusiastic for the fraternity as the members of the active chapters.

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Every member of the fraternity who can buy, beg or borrow her way to Lincoln should go to the August convention. Those who have attended one convention will need no urging, but to those who have never seen a convention, we would say that it is an absolutely unique experience and one never to be regretted. It is by far the most interesting trip you could choose for your summer vacation. You may have spent vacations traveling in the east, west, north or south, in this country or many others ; or in visiting many friends and entertaining scores of guests but you will find that convention is far different from all of these and far better than any of them. You may have nodded your way through the Alps, yawned in the Yosemite and napped before the Taj Mahal, yet you can be assured that at convention you will neither slumber nor sleep—your neighbors will see to that.

From a social point of view the programme which Sigma offers is more attractive than ever before and the important matters which are to be discussed in the business sessions will not permit a dull moment even to the alumnae. Added to all other attractions is the possibility of having one of the fraternity's founders with us and the surety of a glimpse of the Trans-Mississippi Exposition in company with congenial spirits.

But the real charm of convention is deeper than this and lies in the fact that the making of friends is an unfailing pleasure and the inspiration which one finds in meeting the friends from many chapters in many colleges is a feeling which 'age cannot stale nor custom wither'.

Let every one come and aid in making this the happiest convention in our history.

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The unsatisfactory state of the reports in this number of the magazine recalls *Kappa's* protest against the abuse of the word "honors". It is pleasant for the chapters to be represented in all college activities and the fraternity is glad to know of the success of any of its members but the honors usually mentioned—

elections to class offices or offices in some literary society—are doubtful. Such elections may denote real merit but are likely to mean only a certain number of votes cast for some other candidate for office.

The only honors which really deserve enumeration in these reports are those which are awarded for some real work and are conferred by the faculty or some of its members—a commencement address, a fellowship, or election to Phi Beta Kappa or Sigma Xi.

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By mistake, the article entitled "The President and the Chapter" which appeared in the April KEY, was signed with the Grand Registrar's name when it should have been credited to Mabel Rice of Beta Nu. The article was read at the Beta Province Convention of 1897.

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Two bits of news about well known Kappa Kappa Gammas have come too late for the Alumnae Department. One, a clipping from the *New York Tribune*, June 11, is as follows:

A substantial evidence of self-sacrifice for the sake of their country is afforded by the taking up of a military nurse's duties by the daughter of Secretary Long, Miss Margaret Long, with some of her friends at the Johns Hopkins Medical School of Baltimore. The young women who go with Miss Long are the Misses Dorothy Reid, Mabel Austin, daughter of ex-Governor Austin of Minnesota, and Mabel Simis. They have already reported to the Naval Hospital at Brooklyn to nurse the wounded and sick sailors who were sent up from Sampson's fleet on the Solace.

The other is the announcement that Florence Winger of Sigma and Grace Dolson of Psi have been appointed to fellowships in the department of philosophy at Cornell University.

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Will the readers of THE KEY please be a little blind to the faults which may occur in this issue of the magazine? Owing to an unforeseen delay it was necessary to leave the proof-reading entirely in the hands of the printers and to dispense with the revisions which are sometimes made.



### Exchanges.

In the cursory survey which it is necessary to give the exchanges this month, only those things are selected which seem to have some particular value for Kappa Kappa Gamma.

From the *Shield of Phi Kappa Psi* we learn that Phi Kappa Psi held its convention, known as the "Grand Arch Council," in Philadelphia, April 13, 14 and 15, and some valuable suggestions were offered by the *Shield*, which are reproduced here for the benefit of our own delegates :

" Bring a copy of the Constitution with you.

Be on hand promptly at the hour when each session is to be called.

Come uninstructed, but prepared to present the policy of your Chapter.

Remember that Chapter reports should be written.

Be sure and bring your credentials, duly signed by the presiding officer and the recording secretary, with the Chapter seal stamped thereon.

Attend every meeting, and refrain from running around the city when the Council is in session. The Entertainment Committee has planned plenty of side affairs for recreation.

As soon as you arrive make yourself known. If you should be missed by the receiving committee at the railway station, hasten at once to headquarters and present yourself."

From the *Scroll of Phi Delta Theta* comes the following excerpt which we commend to every delegate in the hope that some uniform and permanent scheme of record keeping may be devised at our next Convention :—

" In explaining my plan for a condensed catalogue, I have consumed so much of *The Scroll's* valuable space, that I must be comparatively brief in writing about the importance of having a permanent officer, called a catalogue compiler or editor, whose duty it should be to collect such information as would be useful in getting out a new edition of the catalogue. This officer should be gathering catalogue material all the time, and he should receive all the assistance that can be given to him by the Historian of the General Council, the Editor of *The Scroll*, the Fraternity Librarian and other officers. He should obtain from every institution where there is a Phi Delta Theta chapter a copy of each issue of its annual catalogue and each issue of its alumni catalogue. The information concerning members derived from these sources, from *The Scroll* and *The Palladium*, from annual circular letters and the annual reports of chapters, and from other reliable sources,

should be promptly and systematically recorded by him, so that at any time a new edition of the fraternity catalogue may be issued with the least possible delay. The National Convention, when it considers a new edition desirable, should make provision for the publication, and the catalogue editor, with the approval of the General Council, should be empowered to choose an assistant or assistants.

Unless an office like this is established I predict more trouble about issuing a catalogue. Should we delay longer it will not be easy to find a man who will be willing to assume the task of preparing a new edition for the press. He would have to hunt up many old records, widely scattered and incomplete. Every year the work of keeping informed about the changes of members becomes greater, as the membership increases so rapidly. Therefore, it would certainly be wise for the Fraternity to have an officer whose special business it would be to collect data against the time it will be needed for a new catalogue. If this is done a new edition could be published with little annoyance, short delay, and really a considerable saving in the cost of the preliminary work.

Before concluding, I wish to urge that chapters should be supplied with roll-books of uniform design. Our National Convention in 1891 adopted a resolution directing that such books should be printed and a copy furnished each chapter. On account of the expense, the General Council has not carried this resolution into effect. The object of the book is to provide a place for entering every important fact concerning a member. Much of the data needed to perfect a member's record can be recorded during his stay at college, and a number of the more important facts should be entered on the night of his initiation. Most chapters have very incomplete lists of members, in some cases only the signatures to the Bond, which usually are not full names. Years after a man has left college it may be very hard to ascertain his full name. The chapter minutes must be referred to for dates of initiation. Often the minutes are imperfectly kept, and sometimes they are lost. I opine that the reason the Historian of the General Council has so much trouble in getting chapter historians to fill the annual statistical reports every year is that the historians have to hunt for the facts in so many places. But if each chapter had a properly ruled book, with a space for every necessary personal entry, the historian doubtless would take some degree of pride in following the instructions to record promptly important information about members as soon as received; and, with this book at hand, it would be a very easy matter for him to make out a statistical report for the H. G. C."

From an editorial in the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* is taken a paragraph concerning the alumnus and his continued relations to



the fraternity. While our conditions are not quite the same, there is no reason why some arrangement of the kind which Mr. Penfield suggests should not equally fit our needs :

"The question has arisen whether it would not be well to establish an actual alumni association membership. The plan that has been suggested is that when a man graduates from college, he shall pledge himself to sustain active alumni relations to the fraternity, paying \$1 a year for a period of ten years. The payment of this \$1 will represent his membership in the universal alumni association, and will entitle him to receive a copy of the *Quarterly* regularly for the year, together with the Annual and any other official literature published by the fraternity. His membership in the alumni association would be recognized by the printed list appearing in the Annual each year, and in this way each chapter would be able to keep in touch more nearly and perfectly with the chapter alumni, sending them letters concerning the chapter doings, and being of mutual advantage to both graduates and undergraduates. While our alumni have been loyal and true, there exists a gap somewhere between the alumni interest and the undergraduate life, and the Council is of the opinion that the establishment of a general alumni association, such as has been suggested here, would be most helpful to the life of the individual alumni clubs, and productive of great good for the fraternity life as a whole."

The *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly* has an excellent article entitled "What will He Do with It." We venture to quote a part of it for the benefit of our seniors.

"And probably the most troublesome question which presents itself at this period of a man's career is as to the choice of his work. And two dangers are ever imminent in this matter. Many men with whom the conviction is that life is under a special dispensation of providence, look upon their life work as a matter to be settled aside from their own volition ; that a call, an inspiration or a divine afflatus will come from within to direct their paths in the line of their destined activity ; that their own judgment is to be kept in subordination and that they should wait patiently to be called to their life work. Without meaning to reflect upon the convictions of many men to whom such a call has come, we do feel convinced that to most men no such inspiration comes. To the great body of mankind, the determination of this question is a mere matter of the will. The great English jurist, James Fitzjames Stevens, when he came to leave Cambridge, felt discouraged and disconsolate at the result of his collegiate experience. He had failed to justify the high hopes of his friends and himself.

Thereupon he took up the determination of his career in a very utilitarian way. He weighed his characteristics and his fitness for the law and the ministry. He checked off upon paper his powers and possibilities of success in the several works of life for which he had been prepared. In other words, he looked upon the determination of his life work as a problem to be determined by evidence, by internal evidence it is true, but based upon the qualifications of which he felt himself possessed. And after days of deep reflection he determined upon the law and became one of England's greatest jurists. And he became such largely by an exercise of the will. He felt no peculiar aptitude for any one of several professions; in fact, his work as a journalist and as an author lives rather than his work as a lawyer. And what was true of Stevens is equally true of most of us. Our careers are what we make of them, and we make of them in large measure, what we will."