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REPORT OF THE NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

BY HARRIET BLAKESLEE WALLACE, Chairman.

We have been requested to make honorable mention of chapters having the relatively highest standing in scholarship.

It is extremely difficult to make a just comparison of the work of the chapters, because the reports from different institutions show so great a difference in the system of marking. It is therefore quite possible that the names of some chapters that have done equally fine work with those mentioned may be omitted from the following lists. We have, however, taken the utmost pains to judge of the reports as completely and as fairly as possible.

We find that some institutions place most of the best student work in the second grade, which we class as "Good;" while other universities mark nearly all good work in the first grade, which we call "Excellent." On this account it seems more just to add the counts in these first two grades and give commendation to those chapters having the largest percentage of these counts, provided also that they have practically no failures reported.

The chapters whose records for the year 1909-1910 give the best showing according to this standard are: Beta Alpha; Kappa; Beta Upsilon.

Next to these stand Beta Delta; Xi; Lambda; Beta Lambda.

Those who have the smallest percentage of work graded "Poor" or "Failed" are: Beta Alpha; Kappa; Iota; Beta Upsilon; Lambda; Beta Mu.

Beta Delta had five graduates last June who were elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Many other chapters have a large majority of high grade work, but some of them have also a percentage of failure which lowers the average for the chapter.

From three chapters no report has been received:—Beta Nu; Chi; Beta Omicron.

THE ENGLISHWOMEN'S REVOLUTION

BY NORA BLATCH DE FOREST, PSI.

To fully understand the significance of the so called "suffragette" movement in England we must briefly review the chain of events that led up to it.

There was no women's rights movement in England prior to 1832 for the simple reason that up to that time women had the same franchise rights as men. The property qualifications were, however, very strict so that few women could exercise the right of voting. The passing of the Reform Bill in that year broadened the franchise for men, but the women were thereby deprived of their rights, although they had worked and fought for the reform of the laws affecting the franchise side by side with the male citizens.

The agitation for women suffrage really began in 1840 when the English and American women delegates were excluded from the World's Anti-slavery Convention. Among them were Lucretia Mott and my grandmother, Elizabeth Cady Stanton. The action of that Convention aroused the women of both hemispheres. But the question of women's rights in England did not come into political prominence until John Stuart Mill was elected in 1863. On May 20th, 1867 he introduced the first woman suffrage bill in the form of an amendment to the People's Bill, a measure which proposed the further extension of the franchise to men. From that year the movement grew. Innumerable in-door meetings were held and petitions signed, but for all the long years from 1867 to 1905 the methods were academic. They were tiring and uninspiring for the workers, lacking in advertising qualities. Year after year meetings were held and propaganda speeches made, year after year the suffrage bill was introduced, read twice and referred to committee where it died amidst the gibes of the English law makers. Between the years 1866 and 1877 there were presented to Parliament 9563 petitions with 2, 953, 848 signatures, by far the largest number of petitions and signatures received by that body on any subject; but they excited only a few brief newspaper comments and caused not even a ripple on political waters. Then women started to question candidates at election time, according to English custom, but

were answered with scant courtesy or not at all, although male electors were always answered, however stupid or galling their questions. The women then tried working and canvassing at elections and this proved successful in that they actually succeeded by 1898 in obtaining a favorable ante-election pledge from 400 out of the 700 odd members of Parliament. It was then found, however, that pledges from private members amounted to very little, as no contentious measure was ever passed in the form of a private member's bill. Such a measure has to be embodied in the platform of the Cabinet in order to stand any chance of passing. And so the women were again checkmated.

During all these long years of work the patience of the women had been tried to its utmost. University women chafed under the indignity of being refused a degree on graduation. Imagine the feelings of Mrs. Fawcett when her daughter was refused the degree of Cambridge University, although she passed above the Senior Wrangler of the year, or of Mrs. Pankhurst on finding the legal profession closed to her daughter, although the latter is acknowledged to have the most brilliant legal mind of any graduate of the University of Manchester. These two women, Mrs. Fawcett and Mrs. Pankhurst, stand at the head of the two great wings of the suffrage movement in England to-day. But the University women are not the only class to suffer under the laws. In England the father is the only legal guardian of the children, and his word is law on their education and upbringing. The divorce law is a crying evil. Whereas a man need only prove infidelity to obtain a divorce, a woman must prove both her husband's infidelity and his cruelty as well, and there have been flagrant cases in court, where women have been compelled to live with unfaithful or cruelly abusive men, because only one of the counts could be proved.

The government, too, is hard on women working outside the home; and the way a government treats its own employees is an example to the private interests of the country. In England, women teachers are paid one half as much as men teachers, and when traveling, their daily allowance is 75% of the men's, which forces them to live in cheaper hotels and to eat poorer food. On government contract work, although the gov-

ernment requires proper conditions and a minimum wage for men employed by the subcontractors, no such stipulation is made for women so employed. Last spring a case was brought to court of a woman who tried to commit suicide. Her plea was that she was gradually starving to death and she wished to end the agony. She could earn, try as she would, but four shillings a week. Her employer was called to court. He was one of the subcontractors on government work. He explained that competition was so keen that he could not afford to pay more wages than his competitors. He said that if only the government would specify a minimum wage for women as they did for men, the difficulty would be removed.

With the dawn of the twentieth century the fire which had smouldered for fifty years was flickering into flame. The resentment of the college women, the bitterness of unfortunate wives and mothers, the despair of the sweated workers had reached a point where something had to happen. And something did happen.

On the evening of October thirteenth, 1905, there was a great Liberal meeting in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester. Sitting in a box were two quiet looking girls. Calm yet determined were their faces, but revolt was in their souls. These two women typified the two extremes of society, the highly bred college woman, and the poor mill hand. They were Chrystabel Pankhurst and Annie Kenney.

After several men had arisen and asked questions and had had them answered, Annie Kenney arose with, "What are you going to do about giving women votes?" "That is not a political issue; it need not be answered," was the reply. "Sit down," "Sit down," came the cry from all over the hall. For fifty years women had sat down humiliated, but Annie Kenney remained standing. "I ask you again"—there was an uproar, threats were made, fists were shaken; but Annie Kenney braced herself with the thought of her sixty thousand sweated fellow workers in the cotton mills and she remained standing. The two youthful figures stood together and continued to demand an answer until set upon by an angry mob of Liberals. Annie Kenney was the younger and frailer of the two, and Chrystabel Pankhurst warded

off the blows with her hand. And her hand was lacerated and bled, and the blood fell from her hand on Annie Kenney. It was the first blood shed in the women's revolution, and it was the blood of one woman given to protect another. They were dragged, shoved, yea, even kicked out of the hall. Mrs. Pankhurst, who was present, told me that she saw her daughter kicked by men who had known her as a little child, men who had posed as her friends. Chrystabel Pankhurst and Annie Kenney started to hold a protest meeting outside, but they were arrested. Arraigned in the police court next day, they were charged with obstruction and assault, and were sentenced to two weeks in jail with the option of a fine. To the amazement of all, they refused to pay the fine and were imprisoned. The next day for the first time in the history of the movement, suffrage commanded the biggest headlines in every newspaper in the country. Everyone was talking of the rights and wrongs of women. So great was the public clamor that the prisoners were released.

That was the Englishwomen's Boston tea party. Soon after that the Women's Social and Political Union sprang into prominence. From that day to this over three hundred women have gone to jail for the cause, serving a combined sentence of over nine years. Women have given to this one society alone \$450,000. I have read the list of donations every week for the past three years, and often tears would come to my eyes involuntarily as I read such items as,

Ann Smith, for tram fare saved by walking to work...one shilling
Jessie Brown, money saved for my vacation.....ten shillings

But the women have given more than their vacations and their energy; they have given themselves, wholly, unflinchingly.

When the Liberal government first imprisoned women, it thought to cow them and force them back into the dull submission of the past centuries. It put them into the third division, the division of drunkards, prostitutes, and thieves. They were stripped and put in prison clothes and subjected to solitary confinement. Men political prisoners have always been put in the first division, and as a protest the suffragettes refused to submit to prison discipline. But the government found that persecution is not the cure for discontent. For each suffragette imprisoned

ten new volunteers sprang up. The procession shown in the picture, in honour of Miss Phillips, is one of the three hundred such that have taken place in the last five years and shows the way the prisoners are welcomed on their release.

The women directed their energies especially against the Cabinet, as they held the key to the situation. After about a year all political gatherings were closed to women entirely, and they were forced to use strategy to get in at all and to hide under the platform or on the roof. On the other hand the cabinet minister who was to address the meeting had to use equal ingenuity to escape the suffrage sympathizers outside. One case is on record where the prime minister made his exit from a hall by means of a parcels post chute.

Then the women resorted to the Right of Petition, an ancient right of the subject to lay his grievance directly before the king or the king's representative, the prime minister. Every class of citizens had always been received, delegations of ministers, of labor men, and also of women when petitioning for certain reforms; but the suffragettes were met by a triple cordon of police every time.

I was in England at the time of the great deputation of October thirteenth, 1908, and I took part. My uncle is secretary to the chief of Scotland Yard and I was staying at his house at the time. Naturally he does not like the suffragette methods as they have kept him up till all hours of the night for the past five years. Having heard so much in condemnation, I decided to see it all with my own eyes. I made a reconnoitering expedition during the afternoon. Already seven thousand police in three cordons blocked all the roads leading to Parliament Square; already curious crowds were beginning to gather. At seven o'clock I returned. I had never before seen such a mass of humanity gathered in one place. With great difficulty I managed to reach Caxton Hall from which the delegations started. Just as I got there one delegation was coming out and I joined them. It was composed of dignified, quiet women, walking two and two; they carried no weapons, not even umbrellas, and looked very much like any body of business women dressed in walking suits. As we approached the police cordons, the pressure became terrific. At last we were there: I knew it because a policeman planted



PARADE IN HONOR OF MISS PHILLIPS, THE SCOTSWOMAN, ON HER RELEASE FROM HOLLOWAY JAIL.

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his fist firmly against my throat, and pushed with all his might. I gasped and tried to edge off at one side, and at this moment the attention of the police was attracted elsewhere. Mary Leigh, as we afterwards found out, had seized the horses of two mounted police by the bridles, one in each hand, and had charged the cordon. The men on the horses were helpless and Mrs. Leigh was only stopped at the entrance to the house of Parliament. At length I found myself outside that terrible crush, standing beside one of the delegation. I remarked to her how futile it was for women, unarmed, to pit their strength against men. She agreed, but pointed out that the suffragettes did not fight,—they passively resisted; and their strength lay in forcing the government to take more and more violent measures against them, which aroused the sympathy of the country in their favor. She had been a music teacher before the women's war broke out, but since she was imprisoned she had lost her pupils. "I am an outlaw," she said simply. I noticed her worn dress and painfully thin face and suddenly I realized what that woman had gone through for liberty. One hundred women were arrested that night. I wonder to how many of them it meant loss of earning capacity and social ostracism.

Up to that time, except in a few rare instances, the women had not raised a hand in self-defense, but a change came the next year. Miss Wallace Dunlop was sentenced for a very long term for some technical crime. She decided to refuse to eat the prison food and thus originated the hunger strike. After ninety-one hours of starvation she was released. The hunger strike was then adopted by all the women prisoners, but the others did not get off so easily and several fasted six and one-half days before release. It is a remarkable fact that never has a common criminal carried through the hunger strike. Some soldiers in a military prison tried it soon after Miss Dunlop, but gave it up after two days. Nothing proves more conclusively than this the spiritual and moral courage that lies behind those women.

For sometime it had been quite evident in court (and one judge admitted it at a public meeting) that the entire treatment of the suffragettes was not decided by the judges at all, but by the home secretary and the cabinet. With the change of home secretary came a change of policy, which is further proof. After

about six months of hunger strikes there began to be talk of forcible feeding. This consists in forcing a stiff rubber tube down into the stomach by way of the nose or the mouth and pouring in liquid food. The process causes swelling and inflammation of the mucous membrane and vomiting. The practice has been used in Russian prisons (for aside from the suffragettes only Russian revolutionists have had the courage to go through the hunger strike) and the English press was foremost in condemnation of the brutal Russian methods; but it was decided that forcible feeding is legal and should be used. From that moment, prison for a suffragette meant torture, sickness, and even permanent injury in many cases, and yet thirty women went through the hunger strike. Many of these are still on the sick list. Charlotte Marsh was forcibly fed three times a day for three months, until her sentence was over. To avoid a demonstration in her honor the prison authorities sent her out in a cab in the dead of night. For weeks only a few intimate friends could see her, for she was so weak and frail, and yet we hear people say, "suffragettes go to prison for notoriety." A rather high price for notoriety, don't you think? Most of us would think it too a high a price for liberty even, but not so the suffragettes.

And bitterness crept into the hearts of the women. If you knew a friend was being tortured within a prison and you had appealed in vain to the authority that mal-treated her, would it not be a very mild form of resentment to break the windows of his office and surround him and knock his hat off? Wouldn't you rather have all your windows smashed and lose every hat you possessed than go through forcible feeding? In this very month of January, 1911, we have heard of the death of Mrs. Mary Clark, two days after her release from Holloway jail, and of Miss Henria Leach Williams, as the result of brutal treatment received while taking part in a deputation.

It was snobbery and not humanity that finally brought Parliament to its senses. We all know the story, a story which will figure in ballads and poems in the years to come. Lady Constance Lytton was arrested in Newcastle and sentenced to prison. She started the hunger strike, but the prison physician at once found that she had a weak heart, and she was released. She secured a doctor's certificate to prove the falsity of this statement, but it was

ignored. A few months later an uncomfortable rumor reached the home secretary,—a certain Jane Wharton was being forcibly fed in Liverpool prison and it was suspected that Jane Wharton was not her real name. It developed that Jane Wharton was Lady Constance Lytton. As Jane Wharton, her heart had been considered quite able to stand forcible feeding, but when her identity was discovered she was at once released. The release, however, came too late to save the face of the home secretary. Shortly after this event Mr. Gladstone resigned the office of home secretary and was sent to South Africa.

Under the leadership of Lord Lytton, Lady Constance Lytton's brother, a conciliation committee was formed, consisting of members of all parties. This committee drew up a bill giving the Parliamentary vote to those women who already had the municipal vote. The bill passed its second reading with a majority of 110, a larger majority than even the Lloyd-George budget received. And one great change was noted: in the past the discussion of the bill had always been interspersed with coarse jokes about women; last year for the first time Parliament treated the bill seriously; the members seemed anxious to avoid goading the women to still more violent measures and frankly admitted their fear of a suffragette outbreak. It was then that this last outbreak took place, when the women broke the windows in Downing Street, went in deputations to Parliament, and jostled the prime minister and Mr. Birrell. The women who did these acts were not the sweated workers of the factory or the women of the slums, but the most prominent women of the land, wives and daughters of the nobility, college women, professional women, women who could not bear to live in luxury and self-indulgence for the haunting thoughts of the wrongs done to poor sweated women workers and slave wives of dissipated husbands and the torture to which their colleagues had been subjected. In that last deputation there walked such women as Lady Constance Lytton, Mrs. Brailsford, Mrs. Bertha Ayrton, the famous scientist, Dr. Garret Anderson, the first woman to be elected mayor in England, and Mrs. Cobden Sanderson, daughter of John Cobden.

In this article I have not attempted to tell you of all the activities of the suffragettes. Suffice it to say that they have held over fifty thousand meetings in the six years of their exist-

ence, have built up a weekly paper with a circulation of eighty thousand, have raised \$450,000 and have held great parades in London and Edinboro. In the last one in London twenty thousand women marched, representing every trade and profession, and including delegations from all the chief towns of the British Isles. They have held two meetings in Hyde Park, each of which was attended by half a million people, the largest political gathering in history. And let it not be said that suffragette tactics have been a failure, for Washington State was won largely by their use. The Washington women adopted open air meetings, poster-pasting expeditions and parades. They published a campaign paper named after its English sister, "Votes for Women," and built on the same lines, which was mailed to two hundred and fifty thousand voters. The only reason that the women in Washington did not have to go to prison was because the men of Washington are not so obstinate and pig headed as John Bull. And within the last few days the Convention of Women Voters at Tacoma has strongly endorsed the advertising methods used in Washington, and recommends them to suffragists in all the states.

Let us look upon this great revolution of women, called derisively the "suffragette" movement, with a vision undimmed by conventional prejudices. Let us acknowledge that the martyrs of the past are the saints of the present, and realize that the "hooligan suffragettes" of today will be the heroines of tomorrow.

SUGGESTIONS

BY MINETTA T. TAYLOR, IOTA

The May KEY's account of various plans for escaping the really serious troubles of the rush season interested me very much. Postponing rushing till the sophomore year looks fairly good; but I fear that sub-acute rushing will be done during the whole freshman year and the long strain may be almost as bad as the short struggle. And the short struggle, somewhat lessened in intensity, must come, too, and will be little better at the beginning of the sophomore year, the most exciting time in the whole college course. Suppose, instead, it were an inter-sorority law or custom that each sorority should receive applications for mem-

bership, up to the candidate's senior year in college? That each application should have the indorsement of two or three persons to make it worth the sorority's consideration? That no attentions to the applicant, beyond those of ordinary acquaintance, should be permitted? Each sorority would then have peace and time to study and opportunity to know well those who really preferred it and would become members as soon as permitted. The sorority would be in its normal position of conferring a desired honor after due consideration of the applicant and her record. The candidate could serenely study the merits of each sorority and decide, from all the facts, which to choose or whether to choose none. Of course, there would be a little mild coaxing of applicants; but special attentions being prohibited and a great necessity for scholarship and a good showing existing in the sorority, there would not be much opportunity or inducement for trespassing on the agreement. All the sharp edge of rivalry would be off. The applicant would really choose instead of being dragged into camp and the choice would be so deliberate that it could not cause much excitement. Each sorority would be more likely to get congenial members. At first the largest and most influential would get the most applications; but presently candidates would understand that they were choosing a college home and would seek persons like themselves. The women outside of fraternities, too, would be better placed. No one could call them the rejected because character and circumstances would prevent many strong individuals from applying to any sorority and their choice would be shown by the records. Barnard's plan is beautiful and just right; but I judge that human nature will not allow it to last long unless it has some outside protection like this suggestion of mine. Of course, a large chapter would be needed to keep sorority houses filled.

Passing to another subject of great interest, why limit all chapters to the same number of members? In a small college it gives too much room, in a large one it is unjustly cramping. Leave the limit to the chapter; or make it a certain per cent. of the attendance of women at the college.

IMPRESSIONS OF A GERMAN UNIVERSITY

BY MARY FLAGLER RUE, Beta Sigma

After having decided to take a Ph. D. in Germany instead of in America, and, with much thought and consultation, having picked the very best man in your subject within the Kaiser's realms, you sally forth; if you are wise, armed with every degree, diploma, certificate, and reward of merit you can honestly lay your hands upon. The more seals the better. If you are a bit shaky on your German, you will probably arrive in mid-summer, and, hurrying from your steamer to your destination, you will devote your days to German conversation lessons and short walks, and your nights to hours of impossible German grammar rules, in a completely deserted town. When you emerge from this comparative seclusion and bravely attempt to address a bowing shopkeeper or a stray student in your best German, he will quickly reply in English. Do not let this annoy or abash you. You will soon find it is not because your hearers do not understand your hard earned "Deutsch," but they prefer to practice their English. A story is told of one student about to come up for his degree, who had tried every method of practicing his English on the German student rooming next to him and failed. The American finally told his neighbor that if he himself spoke no better English than the German did, he would never allow anyone to hear him speak it. I believe this was effectual for a few days. But if your German is already a matter of pride, you may do as one American student did who arrived in Amsterdam on the fourteenth of October. He hurried by the night train through the Rhine country to Heidelberg so that he would be there on the fifteenth when the University opens, only to find the town deserted. The University does open its doors on the fifteenth, but that in no way compels the German students to return to their Alma Mater at that date. They arrive any time during the next few weeks. November twenty-eighth is the latest possible entrance date for the winter semester. Soon the town is brightened up with the red, green, baby blue, and canary yellow of the "Korps" students' caps, and the main street becomes crowded in the afternoons with the promenading of caps, canes, scars, and the students pertaining thereto.

Some time during these weeks you present your cherished papers and have them taken away from you to be put into the archives of the university. You write out as much of your family history as you can remember in German, and if you have not already done so, you acquire a passport. You trot from one office to another on this day or that. You decide what courses you must take, what courses your professors expect you to take, and what you really want to take, and therefrom make your selection. You rush to the "Quästur" and pay your money, and at last you are invited to the "Aula," where the "Pro Rector" receives you into the University, tells you your privileges and, if it be Heidelberg, presents you with a small bill poster announcing in large black letters in Latin that the Grand Duke is delighted that you have become a citizen of his university. Last but not least, you carry away in your pocket a small bit of cardboard which is a "Legitimation Karte." With this in your possession, the police cannot arrest you, you can buy all your concert tickets at greatly reduced rates, your credit in town is unlimited, you can get a discount on all of your books, in fact you are no longer one of the common herd of humanity,—you are a thing apart. You are a really matriculated student in a real German University.

You have entered and are quite ready to settle down to a good long term of work, that is, unless you are a chemistry student; and then you are preparing for a series of all-inclusive examinations known as "Verbands." There exists a sort of trade-union among the chemistry professors by which all students who have not taken the chemistry exit examinations from the German "Gymnasium" must take the entrance ones for the German University. They are liable to include anything you have ever learned in any chemistry course you have ever taken. They last from four to seven days and bring you into contact with most of the professors in the chemistry department.

No matter what you are working at, you have just settled down to a long winter's term when you hear rumors of a holiday. It comes, it is celebrated, it is soon followed by another, and still another, on indefinitely. These are generally birthdays, the University's, the Kaiser's, the Grand Duke's, and then perhaps the wedding anniversary of some royalty. For one celebration or another, holidays are always on the horizon. The Christmas

holidays are scheduled to last about two weeks, but the students always leave early and are detained in coming back. One professor announced to his class that the following day he would lecture on a certain subject which was due later in the term, because when they came to that they would be gone. In the spring there is a month's holiday, which spreads itself out to about six weeks.

As may be easily seen, there exists no cut system in Germany. A student in a German university chooses his courses, pays his fees, goes to a lecture, and after the lecture sees to it that he gets the professor's signature on his paper. He may go or not during the term, and if he goes again to one of the last lectures and again procures the desired signature, he is registered as having completed that course. There are absolutely no examinations after entrance until a student goes up for his Ph. D. He presents himself for this examination when he has been in the university a sufficient number of semesters and has written a thesis which has been accepted by his own professor and he feels himself prepared to submit to the ordeal. The German students coming from the "Gymnasia," can make their degree in three or four years. The length of time seems to be a matter of taste. One young gentleman, after remaining thirteen semesters with no immediate prospect of moving on, was called for and taken home by his mother, who found a university education a bit expensive. An American student with an A. M. can do it in about four semesters. Formerly the time was shortened in exceptional cases. The Germans, however, got wind of a rumor that Americans bragged that it was an easy matter to obtain their degrees in Germany, and a minimum time of four semesters was accordingly set and is rather strictly adhered to.

As a rule German professors are pleased to have American students under them, as they are there for a purpose and make the best of their time. The ordinary German student takes university life rather calmly until the end approaches, and then with marvelous endurance he puts in from fourteen to sixteen hours of study a day for perhaps a month or six weeks together. The arrangement of his work rests entirely with himself.

There is little of what we would call college life in a German university. There are no dormitories. The students room where

they please. There are generally about five "Korps" in a university and only a very small proportion of the students are members of these societies. These "Korps" are the aristocracy of the university, and their members are generally the only students much in evidence at university celebrations. Each "Korps" has its own colors and caps and its own costumes for dress occasions, handed down to it from the Middle Ages. They present a very marvelous appearance when in gala attire, but to a practical American student accustomed to our own democratic notions occurs the question, "What is the use?" He finally accepts the "Korps" as a medieval survival which the university has not yet outgrown. The "Korps" man looks upon himself as the backbone of the real university life. When a man comes to a university and joins a "Korps," the first year he must be at the "Kneipe" or drinking bout of the "Korps" every night. This naturally prevents a great deal of studying. Later on he goes only a certain number of nights a week and later still he becomes free to go only as he pleases. The "Korps" men wear the caps of their "Korps" and are rarely seen talking with men of another colored cap. They still carry on the old custom of dueling, the main object of which seems to be to cover the left side of the face with hideous scars, of which they are extremely proud. This dueling is done with the arms held above the shoulder level and almost entirely with the wrist motion. They use "Schläger," which are a kind of swords with long flexible blades and sharp tips. The men are well protected everywhere but in a few choice spots which they reserve for the scars. The cuts are ugly but not often dangerous, and the play is stopped before the bleeding becomes too great. After fighting in three duels, a man is entitled to wear the band of his "Korps" diagonally across his chest. This dueling represents all the recognized athletics of the German university. To be sure, the men walk to some restaurant of an afternoon and have coffee or beer and then walk back again, but athletics in our sense of the word is a thing unknown to them.

Besides the "Korps" there are other less important societies known as "Verbindungen." Some of these "Verbindungen" fight and some do not. There is a Roman Catholic "Verbindung" which does not fight. These Verbindungen" also have caps and colors but they are not socially equal to the "Korps." The

"Korps" and the "Verbindungen" include scarcely more than a third of the whole number of students. Most of the other students belong to what is known as the "Freie Studentenschaft" which is an organization whose object seems to be to counter-balance the other societies. The different departments of the universities have clubs in connection with their work. These clubs have occasional social evenings of speech-making and health drinking. The students and professors go to some hall and drink together for a whole evening, with a speech interposed now and then. This somewhat tends to debar the girl students from the social life of the university, although at one dinner given in a public hall in Heidelberg to celebrate the founding of the university, there were present about three hundred men and seven girls. These girls were not at all embarrassed and joined in the health drinking each time a "Prosit" was given.

According to American ideas, the girls are not well provided for in the universities. There are no dormitories. There is absolutely no supervision. A girl enters on an equal footing with a man and lives where she pleases and goes and comes as she pleases. She is responsible to herself alone. University education for women seems to be a comparatively new idea in Germany, and the "Hausfrau" still seems to embody the highest ideal of most German girls. There are no separate colleges or universities for the girls. If they go at all, they must go to the men's universities and take what they can get. They are still few in numbers compared to the men. They impress one as being the pioneers of higher education for women in Germany.

The same lectures are attended alike by men and women. All lectures are scheduled to begin on the hour but it is understood that that means quarter past the hour. The students begin to assemble at the hour, and fifteen minutes later, the door opens, the professor enters, makes his bow and begins his lecture, not even waiting to reach his reading desk. A German professor stands to deliver his lecture, and when he has once begun he continues until the gong sounds for the next hour, when he makes for the door, probably saying his last word just as the door is reached. Although there is no penalty for lateness, the students themselves object to being interrupted by late comers and make them as uncomfortable as possible. When a student enters late,

he is greeted by a shuffling of feet which lasts from the time he comes in until he reaches his seat, sometimes making it necessary for the professor to pause in his lecture. Women are not excluded from these little attentions. The seats are chosen at the beginning of the course by attaching a visiting card to the desired desk.

After a student has completed the number of semesters required of him and has had his thesis or "*Arbeit*" accepted by his professor, he begins to study for his examination in earnest. When he feels himself sufficiently well prepared, a day is arranged for it to take place. Before the examination takes place it is the custom for a man to make a formal call on each of the examiners. He is supposed to go between twelve and one o'clock in the day time, attired in a full dress suit.

The examination lasts two or three hours and is entirely oral. There are four grades of passing, so one is nearly sure to pull out with one or another of them and to find himself a full fledged Doctor of Philosophy.

If you are an American student in Germany you will probably turn your steps toward home a wiser being and a better American

THE KAPPA TOUR OF EUROPE

Arrangements for the Kappa tour, visiting Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Belgium, France, England, and Scotland have now been completed and the organization of the party is well under way. After careful investigation and correspondence with many tour agencies, the management of the Kappa Party has been placed in the hands of Akers and Folkman, 733 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. Akers and Folkman are World Tourist Agents and handle tickets for both the Thomas Cook and Clark companies. Owing to special facilities in the way of well qualified local guides, fully accredited hotels and pensions, and other unusually desirable features, combined with an exceptionally low rate, the offer of Akers and Folkman was found to be the most satisfactory for the pleasure, comfort, and convenience of the party. The party will be limited in number and nearly one-half of the reservations have already been taken. Any Kappas interested in further details concerning the tour may address Akers and Folkman, or if they prefer, Mrs. Roth or Mrs. Lamb.

DAILY PROGRAM

NEW YORK—

Wed., June 21—Sail at 12 (noon) on the 11,000 ton, twin-screw, Hamburg-American Steamship "Batavia."

Thurs., July 6—Due at Naples.

NAPLES—

Thurs., July 6—P. M. National Museum, etc.

Fri., July 7—Excursion to Capri. Night at Sorrento.

Sat., July 8—A. M., Via Cliff Drive to Pompeii. P. M. Naples. Evening train to Rome.

ROME—

Sun., July 9—No program.

Mon., July 10—A. M. Picture Gallery of the Vatican, Sistine Chapel, P. M. Palatine Hill.

Tues., July 11—A. M. St. Peter's, Sculpture of the Vatican. P. M. Drive including the Colosseum, Appian Way, Quo Vadis, Catacombs, St. Paul, etc.

Wed., July 12—A. M. "The Aurora," Capitoline Hill, Mammertine Prison. P. M. Drive including St. John in Lateran, Scala Santa, St. Pietro in Vincoli, Pantheon, Trajan's Forum, Fountain of Trevi, Capuchin Church, Pincian Hill.

Thurs., July 13—A. M. No program. P. M. Quirinal Palace, Barberini Gallery. Evening train to Florence.

FLORENCE—

Fri., July 14—A. M. Uffizzi Gallery. P. M. Bargello, Santa Croce, Baptistry, Duomo.

Sat., July 15—A. M. Palazzo Vecchio, Loggia dei Lanzi, Ponte Vecchio, Pitti Palace. P. M. San Marco Academy, Santa Maria Novella.

Sun., July 16—A. M. No program. P. M. San Lorenzo, Boboli Garden.

Mon., July 17—A. M. No program. P. M. Train to Venice.

VENICE—

Tues., July 18—A. M. St. Mark's, Doges' Palace, Bridge of Sighs. P. M. Grand Canal—by gondolas.

Wed., July 19—A. M. Academy. P. M. Lido.

MILAN—

Thurs., July 20—A. M. Train to Milan. Cathedral, "Last Supper."

ITALIAN LAKES—

Thurs., July 20—P. M. Two hours' sail on Lake Maggiore to Baveno.

Fri., July 21—Via Simplon route to Zermatt.

ZERMATT—

Fri., July 21—P. M. Gornergrat excursion can be arranged.

Sat., July 22—A. M. Via train down the Rhone Valley to Montreux on Lake Geneva.

CASTLE OF CHILLON—

Sat., July 22—P. M. Visit Castle and proceed via mountain railway to Interlaken.

INTERLAKEN—

Sun., July 23—Choice of excursions at private expense: Schynige Platte, Kleine Scheidegg, or Murren.

Mon., July 24—A.M. Via Lake Brienz, Brunig Pass and Lake Lucerne to Lucerne.

LUCERNE—

Mon., July 24—P. M. The following excursions are suggested: to Tell's Chapel by steamboat on Lake Lucerne; to Gutsch by cable tramway; to Drei Linden by carriage or on foot.

Tues., July 25—A. M. Lion of Lucerne. Mediaeval Bridges. P. M. Train via Lake Constance to Munich.

MUNICH—

Wed., July 26—A. M. Glyptothek, Old Pinakothek, Royal Palace—11 A. M. prompt. P. M. Drive about city and train to Nuremburg.

NÜREMBERG—

Thurs., July 27—Drive about city and visit castle. 10:30 train to Dresden.

DRESDEN—

Fri., July 28—A. M. Picture Gallery, Green Vault, Johanneum Museum. P. M. Drive through city and parks. Late train to Berlin—two hours' ride.

BERLIN—

Sat., July 29—A. M. Royal Museums, National Gallery, Royal Palace, Rathaus. P. M. Charlottenburg, Monument of Victory, Sieges-Allee, Reichstags-Gebäude, Thiergarten.

Sun., July 30—An excursion to Spreewald is suggested.

Mon., July 31—A. M. Excursion to Potsdam to visit the Babelsberg and Sanssouci Palaces can be arranged. P. M. No program prepared.

FRANKFORT—

Tues., Aug. 1—8:00 A. M. Express to Frankfort. Afternoon drive, including all points of interest.

Wed., Aug. 2—8:00 A. M. Express to Beibrich and the Rhine boat.

RHINE—

Wed., Aug. 2—Express steamer to Cologne. Visit Cathedral.

AMSTERDAM—

Thurs., Aug. 3—A. M. Train to Amsterdam. Ryks Museum.

ISLAND OF MARKEN—

Thurs., Aug. 3—P. M. Excursion to the fishing village of Marken in the Zuyder Zee.

HAGUE—

Fri., Aug. 4—A. M. Royal Palace, House-in-the Woods, Museum. P.M. 3:10 train to Brussels.

BRUSSELS—

Sat., Aug. 5—Market Place, Hotel de Ville, Guild Hall, Royal Palace. Excursion to Waterloo can be arranged. Afternoon or evening train to Paris.

PARIS—

Sun., Aug. 6—Late afternoon drive in the Bois de Boulogne.

Mon., Aug. 7—No program.

Tues., Aug. 8—A. M. Galleries of the Louvre. P. M. Drive, including Arch of Triumph, Trocadero, Napoleon's Tomb, Pantheon, Notre Dame, Ste. Chapelle, Place de l'Opera, Place Vendome, Madeline, Place de la Concorde, Garden of the Tuileries, Champs Elysees.

Wed., Aug. 9—All day drive to Versailles.

Thurs., Aug. 10—A. M. Luxemburg Museum. P. M. Pere Lachaise Cemetery.

Fri., Aug. 11—A. M. House of Victor Hugo. P. M. To London.

LONDON—

Sat., Aug. 12—A. M. Parliament Houses, Westminster Abbey. P. M. National Gallery, Tate Gallery, Leighton House.

Sun., Aug. 13—Services at St. Paul's and Westminster Abbey.

Mon., Aug. 14—A. M. Tower of London, British Museum. P. M. Wallace Collection. Bus ride to Hampstead.

Tues., Aug. 15—Drive, including "Old Curiosity Shop," the Temple, Old Cheshire Cheese Inn, St. Paul's, London Bridge, Bank of England, Guildhall, St. Giles, St. Bartholomew, Charter House, White Hall, St. James' Palace, Buckingham Palace, Hyde Park, Rotten Row, The Mall, Piccadilly, Kensington Palace, Albert Memorial, So. Kensington Museum, etc.

Wed., Aug. 16—Excursion to Hampton Court can be arranged.

WINDSOR—

Thurs., Aug. 17—A. M. Windsor Castle. P. M. To Oxford.

OXFORD—

Thurs., Aug. 17—P. M. Oxford Colleges.

WARWICK—

Fri., Aug. 18—A. M. Visit Castle, drive to Kenilworth.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON—

Fri., Aug. 18—P. M. Shakespeare's Birthplace, Church, drive to Shottery. Evening train to Chester.

CHESTER—

Sat., Aug. 19—A. M. Cathedral. Walk round the wall. P. M. Train to Windemere, coach to Ambleside.

ENGLISH LAKES—

Sun., Aug. 20—At Ambleside. Walk to Stock Gill Force for the view.

Mon., Aug. 21—A. M. Coach to Keswick. P. M. Train to Melrose.

MELROSE—

Tues., Aug. 22—A. M. Melrose Abbey. Drive to Abbotsford. One hour's ride to Edinburgh.

EDINBURGH—

Tues., Aug. 22—P. M. Drive, including Castle, Holyrood Palace, etc.

Wed., Aug. 23—A. M. No program. One hour's ride to Stirling.

STIRLING—

Wed., Aug. 23—P. M. Visit the Castle.

TROSSACHS—

Thurs., Aug. 24—Through the Trossachs, and via steamboat on Loch Katrine and Lock Lomond to Glasgow.

AYR—

Fri., Aug. 25—A. M. Excursion to Ayr can be arranged.

GLASGOW—

Fri., Aug. 25—P. M. Cathedral, Museum.

Sat., Aug. 26—Sail on the new 15,700 ton, twin-screw, Donaldson Line Steamship "Saturnia."

MONTREAL—

Sun., Sept. 3—Due at Montreal.

DURATION 75 DAYS. COST \$430.

A payment of \$50 secures membership. The remainder is due May fifteenth.

The price includes hotel accommodations, with a meat breakfast and evening dinner, gratuities to hotel servants, railroad porters and guards, transportation of one suitcase for the entire trip, and a steamer trunk for the ocean voyage.

The price does not include midday lunches, drives, admissions, steamer fees and laundry bills.

Although a daily program is prepared, and competent lecturers can be secured, members of the party may be independent in their sightseeing.

PARTHENON

*The All Around
Fraternity.*

We have always heard a great deal about the all around college girl. She was pointed out to us, when we first climbed the hill in our freshman year, as a being to be both envied and emulated; and from that time on, her prestige has continually increased. Early we recognized her as a power in our exclusive, but all important college world, and as a power which could neither be gainsaid nor destroyed.

Yet unwilling to bestow too lavish praise on one individual, we grudgingly assert that she has been overfavored by the gods and stands on vantage ground. The class to which she belongs has a very limited membership because the qualifications make all but a few, ineligible. It is true we cannot all be all around college girls. It is an aim towards which all should strive, yet human nature will not permit everyone to attain it.

Granting that all this is true, we find a solution and a remedy for nature's defect in the fraternity system. If we can not by ourselves be all around college girls, we can at least be parts of an all around fraternity. Not every one can both lead Prom. and make Phi Beta Kappa, not every one can expend an equal amount of zeal on hockey and Anglo Saxon; nor can every one go in for Y. W. C. A. work with the same zest with which they take up dramatics, yet every one in every fraternity should be eligible to one of these things. Then by a very simple operation in arithmetic, the aggregate abilities of the various members should constitute a strong all around fraternity.

Surely the power of the many should not be less than the power of the individual, although at times it almost seems as if this were true. It may be because the fraternity too often lacks that quality which dominates the whole personality of the all around girl, the quality of enthusiasm, the spirit which goes in for everything with the energy of winning, and loses only when there is no possibility of success.

The all around college girl has many advantages which the fraternity may well envy. It must be rather gratifying to be considered a power in all affairs of import; it must be very pleasant to work with people of varying interests and widely diversi-

fied opinions, yet at the same time working for the same ends for which you are working.

We believe and believe rightly that the Kappa key binds us together so closely that what one does benefits the whole, and what one dares, inspires all to do likewise. If then our golden key worn by many girls, yet typifying one, should gleam brightly wherever students are gathered together for student good, we should all, individually and collectively, be immensely benefited. The all around college girl would have a serious rival and, best of all, there would be no more menacing talk about the uselessness of the fraternity in college life.

E. ADELAIDE EVANS, Eta.

*True Service
to Kappa.*

What a fraternity stands for as a whole, or what it means to us as individuals, are questions often in our minds, and the conclusions are often vague, and though fundamentally the same, are generally different. At one time it is the unity, at another, the ideals, that appeal to us most, but the strongest, most permanent impression of all is that secure feeling of love for which the name "Fraternity" is the outward expression. It is this that for a long time, and sometimes throughout an individual's fraternity experience, is the stimulus for all action, whether in fraternity or in school. Though the interests may be extremely varied, this idea of love and all that it brings to the personal self remains the guiding force. This inner security, though it is the most beautiful phase of fraternity life and is always necessary as a foundation for usefulness, may in the early developments or in the narrower conceptions tend toward selfishness, or at least the outward appearance of selfishness. We are apt to become so absorbed in our fraternity interests that a spirit of self-satisfaction enters in and we lose sight of the larger, broader opportunities of a fraternity girl. Because of our life in Kappa we owe a double debt to the school and to all the activities of which we may become an active part.

The deeper the feeling of love in the inner life, the broader the field of experience in the world about us, and the greater the ability to make others feel the depth of it all. The world in

general, and our own individual schools in particular, have no way of judging our fraternity and its ideals, other than from what we say and what we do in every day life. This outside service then is not only extremely worth while for its own sake, but it is in itself the highest tribute to Kappa, in that it is the visible reflection of the truest, deepest inner strength and love.

FLORENCE LEECH, Beta Phi.

*The Cold Water
Habit.*

Cold water has its virtues—so many virtues in fact that just the mention of the name calls forth many charming visions of babbling brooks, ocean voyages, temperance meetings and what not. In certain cases such as fainting and the like it is the most excellent remedy and one should not hesitate to throw it in the face of a person so afflicted.

But it is against the promiscuous use of the fluid that we would warn our sister Kappas, for it is easy to form the habit of throwing cold water and it is such a bad habit. Of course we do not refer to the few drops cast down on the heads of innocent serenaders wandering about the campus, but it is rather to the figurative meaning of the phrase that we would call your attention.

All no doubt have heard older persons speak of this evil which we shall call the cold water habit and they have said no doubt that those persons who are most addicted to it are generally those who have accomplished least in life. Perhaps that is true, but there are so many ways and so many places to throw cold water that even the most successful Kappa may fall if she be not wary.

Especially are those college interests which lie outside the realm of fraternity life in danger of being submerged. We often meet girls who are so engrossed in fraternity life that they feel it a bore to go to those gatherings where they meet the student body at large, and then we meet others who go but feel it their duty to criticize everything which they do not find to their taste, and then wonder why no college organization but the fraternity succeeds.

When certain movements are being organized in the university there are ever those ready to say, "Oh that will not succeed." When the annual is printed, others refuse to subscribe. When the literary society meets, another refuses to take part in the program; and thus little by little the cold water habit is formed.

Perhaps we think it a little thing to stay away from church receptions, Y. W. C. A. meetings, foot ball rallies, and in fact from all those gatherings to which the general student body is invited; perhaps they bore us and we do not wish to make the effort, but it is just such little things as these that help to round out our lives and to give us a broader view point. There is no reason why one should grow narrow who comes in sympathetic contact with her fellow creatures. Then surely no college woman should have this to answer for, because we have opportunities to meet and mingle with many kinds of the human species, and if we fail to do our duty, not only do we throw cold water on the works of others but we injure ourselves in that we lose our opportunity of growing.

So let us beware, dear Kappas, and during this New Year may all Kappas be found taking more active interest in functions outside the fraternity, for truly it is by mingling with our fellowmen that we learn to know and sympathize with them and so help to realize the Kappa ideals.

BETA CHI.

A Four Years' College Course. Just as every Kappa should stand for high scholarship, so should every Kappa stand for the completion of a four years' college course. For the strength of the chapter does not depend upon the number of girls who are taken into active membership—splendid as their qualities may be—but upon the energy and the achievements of the girls who stay in college.

How many classes of Kappa freshmen are graduated with an equal number of Kappa seniors? Far too few. Herein lies one of the greatest problems with which the individual chapter has to deal, for girls who drop out of college weaken not only the class to which they belong, but the whole chapter; whereas, the class which does go through college is the strongest unit in the chapter,

because it has gained the full significance of Kappa, which combines an equal share of work and pleasure.

Then, too, when a girl is initiated into Kappa, does she not take upon herself the responsibility of her fraternity? This means a responsibility which should last for four years, and no less; a responsibility which involves active duty; for, in order to become a Kappa in every sense of the word, one must experience all the different phases of chapter life and, as each year presents a new and very difficult phase, one must complete the four years' course in order to obtain the richest and fullest benefits from Kappa.

There are so many benefits to be derived from the four years of college, especially in connection with fraternity life, and they are so well known by those who have experienced them, that it seems almost trite to enumerate any of them. But, the matter of Kappa friendship is one not lightly to be passed over, for Kappa friendship, if rightly formed, means lifelong friendship. But true Kappa friendship does not develop in one or two years. It takes the four stages of college life—from freshman to senior—to make one realize all that is in Kappa and all that can be received from Kappa.

Thus, the four years' college life brings not only the degree, which marks the completion of a task from a scholastic viewpoint, but with it comes the broadening and enriching of one's life with a variety of experiences unobtainable in any other way.

EMILIE E. HARROLD, Pi.

*Fraternity
and the
Small College.*

The place of fraternity in the small college has always, since the founding of fraternities, been a much debated question. Are they of value to the social and intellectual life of the college community, or is it true, as some maintain, that the fraternity is a drawback to the fullest development of the student in the small college?

Certainly it will be admitted by any who have investigated the matter, that the fraternity girl in the small college holds a most responsible, and also a rather difficult position. She must be a leader, or it will be thought that she has been chosen arbitra-

rily, and not because of any ability she may possess. On the other hand, if she is a leader and commands the situation, there is danger that it will seem that fraternity is being forced in to dominate other phases of the college life.

Thus her problem is not in any sense an easy one. She must always be represented in the important movements (Y. W. C. A. for example), else she is frivolous and does not stand for the highest. But, on the other hand, she must give to the independent girl positions as good as those she holds if she does not wish the independent to feel rather "out of it."

In spite of all these precarious circumstances, the fraternity girl has within her grasp a power great enough to compensate for all other unpleasantnesses. This is the power to aid those about her by the example and influence of her life. This is necessarily true to a greater extent in the small college where the contact with other girls is much more intimate than in the larger school. Opportunities in the way of friendship, unknown to the university girl, are daily offered to the girl who is pursuing her course in a smaller institution. She has chances to aid not only the girls in her own chapter, but a larger circle to whom her influence may be most helpful.

FAITH ELLIOTT, Kappa.

EDITORIAL

The editor has wished many times for leisure to reply personally to the kindly wishes that have come to her, and through her to the fraternity, since her appointment. From Eastern and Western and Northern and Southern chapters, from alumnae, and from officers of other fraternities have come such friendly greetings, especially during the holidays, that it seemed too bad that appreciative replies had to be crowded out by the immediate demands of editorial business, and condensed into the pages of THE KEY. Particularly welcome as an evidence of inter-fraternity helpfulness, was a letter from Mrs. Theiss, editor of *The Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi, with a newspaper clipping in relation to Miss Gildersleeve's appointment. "You see," wrote Mrs. Theiss, "I am assuming that you share the fraternity editor's usual avidity for 'news of our distinguished alumnae.'"

The appointment of Virginia Crocheron Gildersleeve, Beta Epsilon, '99, as Dean of Barnard College, is noteworthy. The New York Sun says of her in a long interview:—

"As a student, a graduate, a tutor and an instructor on the faculty, Miss Gildersleeve steps into the office of dean with all the Barnard experience and insight possible to one woman."

The thanks of the fraternity are due Mrs. Lyndon Hickok Tracy for her service to Kappa as Custodian of the Badge. It is with regret that her resignation is accepted. Chapter secretaries will please note that the new Custodian of the Badge is Cleora Clark Wheeler, 1376 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

It is a matter of time for newcomers into the Kappa world to learn the names that may be a matter of course to the old-timers. Mrs. William Lewis Wallace (Harriet Blakeslee) has been chairman of the National Scholarship Committee since 1908, and she needs no introduction to those Kappas who attended the Madison and Meadville Conventions. Our newer members will be interested to know that she is a charter member of Beta Tau chapter, a graduate of Syracuse with the Mus B. degree, and since 1895 has resided in Syracuse where her husband is a surgeon.

Nora Blatch de Forest, Psi, who contributes the article on "The English Women's Revolution," is a graduate of the college of Civil Engineering of Cornell University in the class of 1905. She received the diploma of Sigma Xi on graduation. After graduation she accepted a position with the American Bridge Company of New York, and later was appointed Assistant Engineer on the board of Water Supply, which is constructing the new water supply for Greater New York. In 1906 she was elected to Junior membership in the American Society of Civil Engineers, being the first woman to apply for membership. She is also a member of the Cornell Society of Civil Engineers and of the Women's University Club and the Cornell Alumnae Association. In 1908, she married Mr. Lee de Forest, the inventor. She now has a little daughter a year and a half old. She still continues her professional work, and is at present associated with a steel construction firm as designing engineer. Mrs. de Forest is a granddaughter of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, who called the first woman's rights convention in this country. She is on the executive board of the Women's Political Union, of which her mother, Mrs. Harriot Stanton Blatch, is president, and is active in the suffrage work in New York. As she is half English herself, and has seen the English suffragette struggle at close range, she can describe this historical movement from a point of view that we fail to get from the British newspaper reporters.

Be sure to read "Suggestions" by Minetta Taylor, Iota, for you will find something worth discussing in chapter meeting. And then open your files of *THE KEY* and skim the back numbers from 1882 to 1886, when Miss Taylor was editor of the pioneer magazine she founded; and you will find other helpful discussions of problems that we have not yet outgrown.

Mary Flagler Rue, Beta Sigma, 1906, was married to John Davison Rue, Jr., Princeton, 1906, on the thirtieth of June, 1909. Soon after the wedding, they sailed for Europe, and spent seven months in Heidelberg and six months in Zürich. Since their return, they have been living in Princeton, New Jersey. Mrs. Rue contributed to this number "Impressions of a German University."

CHAPTER LETTERS

ALPHA PROVINCE

PHI, BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

It is never too late to wish one a happy Christmas and a merry New Year, so Phi wishes you all the happiness and merriness that a Christmas and a New Year can hold!

We have had several festive affairs since our last letter to you. On Friday evening, December ninth, the freshmen gave a reception to the faculty, class officers, and members of the staff of the college publications. A jolly good time was reported to the left-outs. On Friday evening, December sixteenth, the junior class gave the annual reception to the entering class. This year a Christmas tree hung with dainty toys for the freshmen was the chief center of attraction. We had a college dance on Friday evening, January sixth, at Curry Hall, under the auspices of Gamma Delta, the organization controlling college social affairs for the girls. A costume basket-ball game in the gym. gave us "heaps of fun" on December twenty-first.

Then of course we had our own little Christmas celebration at the rooms the last night before vacation, and the "slams" and especially the chafing-dish supper put us all in a truly holiday spirit.

We are having the college sings weekly now, and they surely have a reward in the lively college spirit which shows itself there.

We are honored too, as well as having good times, for Margaret South, '12, has been elected to the "Hub" staff, and the "Hub" is the annual junior publication.

Among our other pleasures, we have mightily enjoyed having with us at several of our meetings and good times, Margaret Ridlon and Gladys Powers, Kappas from Northwestern, who are spending the winter in Boston.

In closing, Phi again says, a prosperous 1911 to you all!

BETA EPSILON, BARNARD COLLEGE

Without doubt, the thing which has brought Beta Epsilon the greatest joy this year has been the election of Miss Virginia

Gildersleeve, 1899, to the deanship at Barnard. Miss Gildersleeve has for some years been instructor of English here besides being a graduate of Barnard, and is consequently well-known to the student body at large. The general enthusiasm which prevailed throughout the college when the news was announced, showed, beyond question, that everyone joined with Beta Epsilon in happiness at the thought that a woman so eminently fitted in all respects for this great responsibility had, after three years, been chosen by the president and the trustees.

The annual initiation of Beta Epsilon was held on December the seventeenth at the home of Comfort Tiffany, 1910. Beta Epsilon takes pleasure in introducing four new members, Mary Stewart, Helen Dana, Priscilla Lockwood, and Evelyn Cameron. We were glad to have with us that evening a number of out-of-town Kappas, among them Miss Carden, Pi, Miss White, Beta Delta, and Miss Terry, Eta.

In "Trelawney of the Wells," the junior play, presented on December the second and third, Eleanor Doty, 1912, played the part of Arthur Gower.

CHARLOTTE VERLAGE.

BETA SIGMA, ADELPHI COLLEGE.

"Rushing" (or rather a painful suspense, for "rushing" was prohibited) is over for Beta Sigma, and very happily so, for all the girls we asked have accepted. On Friday, December sixteenth, we pledged one junior, Chloe Skilton, and five freshmen, Idell Scott, Agnes England, Elsie Hayward, Ella Dutcher, and Emily Botsford. One other freshman was asked and accepted but cannot be pledged yet because she may not be able to join. Our one rushing party for the freshmen was given on December third at the home of Ethel Andrews of Psi and it was a great success in every respect. A play came first and then a dinner—both very enjoyable—but what made the party especially successful was the fact that so many of our alumnae were able to be there. Our next Chapter event will be initiation, which we hope will take place in a short time.

Three Beta Sigmas were fortunate enough to be invited to Beta Epsilon's initiation on December seventeenth, and it is some-

thing that will always be prominent in "those memories that only a Kappa knows." It was a great pleasure to us also to talk over Convention and see Convention pictures.

On New Year's eve the chapter had an informal dance and we were glad to have some of our new pledges with us for their first Kappa festivity.

Our "Reading"—given for the benefit of a College scholarship—comes on January sixth. We are hoping very ardently for success. The junior play will be given January fourteenth. Helen Brady and Chloe Skilton have the principal parts.

Athletics at Adelphi have experienced quite a revolution this year as Women's Rules have been introduced in basket ball. The change has not lessened the enthusiasm, however, and the inter-class games are still occasions for a great display of class loyalty. An indoor meet is being planned and hockey and tennis are very popular.

A Happy New Year to all Kappas.

JEANNETTE COMSTOCK.

PSI, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

The rushing of freshmen still takes up all our spare time, and we are anxiously awaiting the results of January nineteenth, the date set for pledge day. For the one party allowed in this non-rushing season, we gave a dinner and theatre party. Just before we left for the Christmas vacation, the date of pledge day was published in the University paper.

We have been particularly fortunate this semester in having three of our alumnae visit us—Jane Gouinlock, '08, Agnes Gouinlock, '08, and Charlotte Baber, '08. Their visits were all too short to satisfy the chapter.

We are glad to take this opportunity to thank them and the other alumnae who donated the beautiful cabinet for our chapter archives. We have long been in need of something to hold the fraternity literature, and appreciate the gift very much.

Schiller's "Wilhelm Tell" was very successfully given by the Deutscher Verein of Cornell University, with Wilhelmine Wissmann in the leading woman's part.

With best wishes for all Kappas,

LUCY SHEPARD CRAWFORD.

BETA TAU, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Elizabeth Debble, '11, president of the "Women's League" was sent by the league as delegate to a student government conference held at Lynchburg, Virginia.

Alice Egbert, '11, has one of the leading parts in the play to be given by the dramatic club in senior week.

A series of very interesting and instructive lectures are being given under the auspices of the Syracuse Historical Association. The lecturers are all men of nation-wide reputation.

French and German plays are to be given shortly and many have tried out for the parts. Helene Cooke, '12, was fortunate enough to secure a part in the French play.

Beta Tau had an especially merry time at the Christmas tree this year. Each gift was accompanied by an appropriate and clever verse of poetry.

A delightful surprise was given us when the freshmen presented the chapter with a very beautiful picture for the library.

Junior Week, ending December seventeenth, was a very busy and happy one for many of the girls. Monday night of that week the Boar's Head Dramatic Club gave a play entitled "The Coach," written by a 1910 graduate of Syracuse. Dances given by different men's fraternities followed, and the week closed Thursday night with the "junior prom," one of the largest and most looked forward to of all college functions.

Beta Tau sends best wishes to all the chapters for a happy and prosperous New Year.

JEAN CAMERON.

BETA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

In our last letter to *THE KEY* we told you of the resignation of our provost, Mr. Charles Curtis Harrison, to take effect December thirty-first, 1910. At that time the one to take his place had not yet been named. Now, we have to tell you that our vice-provost, Dr. Edgar Fahs Smith, has been made provost-elect. Dr. Smith has for years been the head of the department of chemistry, and is widely known for the work he has done in the field of electro-chemistry. He seems to be the one man of the many to take up the work that Mr. Harrison has carried so

far; for, as one of our city papers said at the time of his election, "not only is he fitted in every way for the position, but"—and this means much to us—"he is beloved by the entire student body, popular and thoroughly liked by the alumni, and respected by the faculty." On the day that his election became known, November sixteenth, the deans of the various departments granted a holiday to the students, and great was the demonstration that followed. A wonderful bon-fire on Franklin Field ended the day of rejoicing.

On the evening of December sixteenth, the student body gave Provost and Mrs. Harrison a grand reception in the gymnasium.

Another recent event of great interest to the girls of Pennsylvania, and particularly to us Kappas, was the election of membership in the Sigma Xi Society of Dr. Sarah P. Miller, Dr. Fanny R. M. Hitchcock, and Dr. Mary E. Pennington. Never before has the society been open to women, and it has been largely through the influence of the president of the society, Dr. Schwatt, a professor of mathematics at Pennsylvania, and Dr. Smith that women are now eligible to membership.

Rushing is over; pledge day is past; Kappa has been successful. We are happy to tell you that the three invitations issued have all been accepted and we hope shortly to introduce to you, Sophie Foell, Achsah Lippincott, and Gretchen Carow.

We are looking forward eagerly to the holidays. If you could peep into our room on Wednesday afternoons, before and after business meetings, you surely would think you had happened upon an industrious Dorcas society; Christmas is everywhere, on our lips, in our fingers, and in our hearts.

S. EVELYN MILES.

BETA IOTA, SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

We have started on our second semester work. Every one is glad that mid-year examinations are over. Now we can settle down to regular work and more recreation.

On November fifteenth we initiated five freshman girls into Kappa Kappa Gamma. They are Gertrude Wood, Laura Parry, Rachel Shoemaker, Dorothea Fitch, and Victoria Lesley.

A new "Acting Drama" course has been started this year

which is very successful. "The Bluebird" and "The Knight of the Burning Pestle" have been produced.

The girls of the sophomore class gave a play on January twentieth called "Lucky 13." There was a large attendance and the play was surely a success.

Preparations are being made and money being raised to pay for an auditorium that is needed for Swarthmore College. Now that dancing on the campus is allowed we want a hall and a general place for college activities.

Every Friday afternoon one of the Kappa day students invites us to her home, where we sew and have some little refreshments. This plan was especially beneficial around Christmas time for a great many of us found minutes for work that would otherwise have been neglected.

The Saturday night before Christmas we had a Kappa Christmas tree. Each girl made a little gift and then lots were drawn so that every girl received something. We then had a fine dinner in the college dining-room, followed by a dance.

MARTHA A. SHARPLES.

GAMMA RHO, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Mary Smith, 'II, and Jean McKenzie, 'II, were elected to membership in the Classical Club.

Virginia Beyer, ex-'13, visited the chapter for a week this month.

A new dramatic organization called Klee-O-Kleet has been formed among some of the college girls. Kappa has several members in it.

Revival meetings were held one week during November, for the men of the college. Rev. Mr. Brown of Franklin, Pennsylvania led the meetings, which were very successful.

The annual Thanksgiving party given by the girls for the college men was a great success.

We gave a little informal reception in the chapter rooms December third for our town alumnae. Mrs. Harriet Kraus Curtze of Erie, Pennsylvania, was present.

ROSE WILLIAMS.

BETA UPSILON—WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY.

Beta Upsilon takes pleasure in introducing into Kappa Kappa Gamma four new members, Herma Shriver, Juanita Bartlett, Grace Gardner Neil, and Elizabeth Cooke.

The initiation was held at the home of Pauline Theakston, November fifteenth.

December third, a kitchen shower was given by Mrs. John H. Cox for Agnes Cady.

December tenth, Mrs. Madison Stathers, one of our alumnae, gave a shower for Agnes Cady.

December sixteenth, an informal reception was held at the Cady home.

December seventeenth, the marriage of Agnes Cady and Prof. Oliver Perry Chitwood took place. It was a noon wedding held in the Baptist church at Morgantown. Prof. Chitwood is the Professor of European History in the West Virginia University.

LOUISE STEALEY.

BETA PROVINCE

LAMBDA, BUCHEL COLLEGE.

Life at Buchtel has become quieter again although the "campaign fire" is still smoldering. We have been working for a permanent endowment of \$300,000. The first week in December a whirlwind campaign of Akron was carried on by prominent citizens and friends of Buchtel College. Friday of that same week was proclaimed as "Students' Day." Squads of four students each were assigned certain districts to canvass. At six o'clock all the canvassers met at the Windsor Hotel for supper, and after this the various reports were announced. The enthusiasm was exceedingly great and there was much mirth at the funny experiences related by the students.

The Woman's League gave a supper, December ninth, at Crouse Gymnasium in honor of the "gridiron heroes." All the students and the faculty were present. After supper, the football team entertained those present with a minstrel show and dance.

Through the aid of Miss Lyons of the city association, a branch of the Y. W. C. A. has been established at Buchtel. Two

meetings have been held and all tends toward a successful future. Ethel Davies, '12, was elected president.

Ruth Lee, '13, was initiated December fifteenth at the home of Kathrine Otis.

December sixteenth our annual Christmas spread was held in the rooms. Mary Conner and Laurine Wanamaker, who had returned from Washington, D. C., for the holidays, were present.

Kathrine Otis entertained December thirtieth for the Kappas who were spending the holidays in Akron.

Success for 1911.

MAY RINEHART.

BETA GAMMA, WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

As our first school term has come to a close, and happy thoughts of Christmas and the holidays fill our minds, we look back over the past week of college and fraternity activities and feel that they have passed quickly and pleasantly. Wooster is a place where students are never at a loss as to how to put in their time. It is often said that there is more than enough outside of the regular school work, to keep us occupied, but as our professors do not seem to realize this fact we are kept doubly busy, and often find ourselves wondering how we are to survive our strenuous life.

The chief topic of interest to the college and its friends during these days is our new endowment fund. For several months President Holden has been making every effort to raise six hundred thousand dollars for this fund, which will increase the endowment of the University to over a million, and the time allowed for raising this amount expires on December thirty-first. With the exception of a very small sum this money has been procured, and we feel certain the rest will soon be forthcoming, bringing great things to Wooster in the near future. One hundred thousand dollars is to be used in the building of a new dormitory, and an equal sum will be devoted to the erection of a new gymnasium, which we need very badly.

Though Wooster is being thus blessed, not long ago we suffered a loss which no material prosperity can repay. This was the death of our well known and beloved Dr. Scovel, formerly president of the college, and since then professor of sociology

and history. Dr. Scovel was well known and honored throughout our country and in foreign lands, on account of his great share in the international peace and reform movements, and his place in all this work will be hard to fill.

As concerns our fraternity life, everything has been running quietly and pleasantly this past term. One of our rushing "stunts" which seemed to make quite a "hit" with the new girls, was a drive to Lodi—about sixteen miles distant—and a few happy hours spent in the pretty Lodi Inn. Kappa songs lent much pleasure to this occasion, as they have to many others. Our bid-day does not come until February twelfth, but we have no fears of the result, and in the meantime we are making the most of our privileges of being Kappas. After nearly all of our weekly fraternity meetings we enjoy a spread furnished by some of the girls. One evening our six sisters of older Kappas, all freshmen this year, gave the chapter a delicious supper in our fraternity hall. Our hall has always been a pretty place, but just lately we have been taking still more pride in it, for some of our alumnae have presented us with several fine new chairs, to which we have added new rugs. We wish our Kappa sisters from other colleges might pay us a visit and see our new furnishings—and with this wish goes another for a very happy and successful New Year to you all.

MARY E. COMPTON.

BETA NU, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Beta Nu announces the pledging of Ona and Augusta Menefee.

The new library building, for which an appropriation was made last winter, is being erected. It will be the only building in the oval around which all the other buildings are erected.

The Woman's Council, of which Helen Zellar is president, will urge the movement among the legislators this winter for a much needed woman's building.

A supper under the auspices of the Woman's Council was given in the gymnasium on November tenth. Five "stunts" were arranged, and presented by different organizations of the college. Helen Hayward, Helen Gardner and Hazel Zellar took part in "Young Lochinvar."

The date of our formal dance is February twenty-fourth and we expect to introduce seven new members at that time.

December twenty-fourth the chapter gave a Christmas party for ten poor children. We had a tree and presented each one with useful presents.

BESS TAYLOR.

BETA DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Beta Delta Chapter is very proud of her new house, which is just about completed now. We all feel quit cozy and homelike again. On the twenty-third of November we held a reception and dance in our parlors in honor of the pledges this year. The affair was very successful and every one had an excellent time. We held initiation followed by a banquet on the twenty-sixth of November. Quite a number of our alumnae from Detroit, Ann Arbor, and other places were present. We received a number of lovely presents at this time for our house. The annual freshmen spread given by the sophomore girls of the university to the freshmen was held December tenth in Barbour Gymnasium. It was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. The main features of the evening were a promenade ending in the formation of the letter M followed by dancing. December fourteenth was the date of the first performance of "The Crimson Chest," our new college play. It was written by two of the college men, and the music was composed by three of our College men who have written the music for the operas in the last three years.

We held a rushing party Friday night, December sixteenth at "The Crimson Chest," and Saturday morning we gave a sleigh-ride. We sent home two pledges from this rushing party—Helen Gamble and Kathleen Holznagle. Everyone is preparing to go home for Christmas now; our vacation begins the nineteenth of December and lasts till the fourth of January. We all feel the need of a rest after such a strenuous three months of college work and getting our house in habitable condition.

Miss Hunt, one of our patronesses, held a reception December tenth, in our new house, for the faculty wives of the university.

JESSIE E. DUCKWALL.

XI, ADRIAN COLLEGE.

Xi has proudly added seven new girls to its numbers, thus making one of the largest chapters in its history. And, prouder still, Kappa was successful with four conflicts. The pledges are Helen and Marion Hitchings, Ruth Anthony, Lena Christy, Belle Peters McKee, Ada Elson and Mildred Armstrong.

The annual pledge banquet was held Saturday evening, December third, at the Colonial Home. Covers were laid for thirty. The tables were decorated with blue and blue and softly lighted with candalabra. At the close of the banquet Miss Palmer, as toastmistress, introduced the following toasts:

Kappa Reminiscences.....	Miss Van Auken
Kappa's Progress.....	Miss Reynolds
Kappa Kappa Gamma.....	Miss Mindrem
Spikedom.....	Miss Armstrong

The pledges very cleverly and pleasantly entertained the active girls Saturday evening, November nineteenth, with a mock wedding and spread.

During Thanksgiving week the Kappas enjoyed an unusual number of spreads, as several Kappas received Thanksgiving boxes.

The faculty reception which was given Tuesday evening, October twenty-sixth, was an unusual success.

One of the jolliest events of the year, so far, was the Hallowe'en masquerade party, given Monday evening, October thirty-first.

ELMA ELLIS.

KAPPA, HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Kappa Chapter has initiated Amy Willoughby and Louise Hawes, and pledged Grace Brandon, all second year girls. We are planning to invite four Freshmen, whom we shall bid February eleventh.

We recently gave a dinner party at the home of Joy Mauck.

Prof. Leroy Waterman of the Theological Department has been sent to London by the University of Chicago to read Syrian inscriptions in the British Museum.

The college has been busy with the society contests and Jan-

uary eighteenth we shall have the local oratorical contest, which will decide who will represent Hillsdale at the State Contest.

February twenty-second we shall have our annual college banquet, for which the most extensive preparations are being made.

NETA SAWYER.

GAMMA PROVINCE

DELTA, INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Delta was well represented in the elections of the various departmental clubs this year. Helen Andrews was chosen to membership in Goethe Gesellschaft, the German club, and Daphne Hoffman to Le Cercle Français. The English Club elected Leafy Davis and Helen Andrews as members. Mary Wright was elected to the Mathematics Club and is also a charter member of the Spanish Club.

The annual Woman's League masquerade ball was held December second. This social function offers one of the best opportunities to get acquainted with non-sorority girls and those of other sororities, and a great deal of interest in it is unusually shown.

The new science building, which has been under construction during the past year is now completed and occupied by classes. It is to be dedicated on Foundation Day, January twentieth.

"Strut and Fret" presented George Ade's "The College Widow" November thirtieth. Several Kappas were in the cast.

We have remodelled the chapter house this term. Two new rooms have been built and the house fixed up generally.

Miss Atwood, of Xi chapter, made us a short visit.

Elizabeth Deming, ex-'12, of St. Paul, Minnesota, spent a week with us.

Ethel Smith, ex-'12, arrived home from National Park Seminary last week to spend the holidays.

Prof. and Mrs. Alfred Brooks (formerly Ruth Steele, '10) have returned from a three-months trip in Europe, and are now at home in Bloomington.

IOTA, DEPAUW UNIVERSITY.

Iota is now well started on a most happy and successful year. Studentship is once again our watchword, and every member of the fraternity is striving still to keep our standing among the highest. We feel that studentship is always a thing to be praised and striven for, if it may be gained without the neglect of our many other duties. In other words, our ideal is not the "dig" or "grind," but the all round student, and we do not believe this to be an ideal too high to be realized.

One of the most eventful incidents of the semester, was our "At Home" to the town women. As a means of entertainment, we gave a little play called "Miss Mabel." It was short and interesting, and took well. We feel that the affair was truly a success.

The college has afforded us opportunity for great pleasure this year, by bringing to our platform some of the best performers in the state. On December thirteenth, Maud Powell gave us a most wonderful and delightful violin concert, and we have scheduled many other numbers equally good.

Another most enjoyable evening was given us by the Y. W. C. A. girls, who put on the play "Our Mutual Friend," December fifth. It was extremely well done, and financially quite a success.

Our freshmen are now initiated, and they have slipped into their places as "Kappas" splendidly. A more loyal and earnest class would be hard to find, and we are more than glad to have them with us.

As we are now entering upon a new year, Iota sends her best wishes to all the chapters and to all Kappas.

KATHARYN R. MOORE.

MU, BUTLER COLLEGE.

We wish to introduce our new pledge, Mabel Felt. We expect to initiate our ten pledges near the beginning of the new term.

The faculty of Butler has made a ruling that the grades of each fraternity shall be averaged and posted. Of course we are hoping that our grades stand well toward the top.

Mary Cravens, an associate member of Mu, who lives in Ir-

vington, gave a dinner party for the active girls and pledges on December eighth.

Catherine Martin, who is in Illinois University this year, visited her Kappa sisters during vacation.

The president of Butler, in an address to the girls just before the holidays, recommended some new rules for the students which are causing a good deal of comment. For instance, he recommended that each girl should address the other girls as "Miss," and the young men as "Mr." while in school, disregarding the fact that some of the students have been life-long friends.

Mrs. Hallie McKern Nevin visited the Kappas at the College Residence before vacation.

Mrs. Edna Wallace Cathcart, '97, visited the Kappas in December.

ETA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

On December fourth, the freshman class entertained the chapter with a very clever original stunt.

At six o'clock, on the morning of December twenty-third, all the girls assembled in the chapter room for our annual Christmas tree. Rowe Wright made a most amusing Santa Claus, and the "slam" presents were very appropriate.

We have taken over from the Chapter House Association the management of our dining room and kitchen, and in the second semester we expect to take charge of the running of the entire house. So far we have been very successful and hope to continue so.

A Wisconsin Dramatic Society has been organized here for the reading, translating, and producing of modern plays. Ten Etas are among the members of this society.

LOIS WAKEFIELD.

BETA LAMBDA, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

The thought uppermost in everyone's mind of late has been that of Christmas holidays—but a few weeks since to be looked forward to, and now to be looked back upon. Naturally university activities have been colored by this atmosphere, and are represented most typically by the annual Christmas concert of the

university choral society and orchestra, assisted by professional soloists, at which the "Messiah" was given.

Another organization, the Y. W. C. A., always shows its Christmas spirit by dressing and sending to a Chicago settlement about one hundred dolls, which are on exhibition at the local Association house for one afternoon, in connection with a sale of candy, Japanese art ware, calendars, etc.

The Illinois Student's Union is making elaborate preparations for the presentation January fourteenth of a musical comedy, "The Maid of the Moon." As this is the organization's initial attempt along this line, its success or failure is awaited with some interest.

The latest Pan-Hellenic undertaking is the inauguration of an intersorority formal party. The date of the first function has been set for February sixth, and seven members from each sorority will attend.

Kappas who were spending the holidays in Chicago were delightfully entertained there at luncheon on December thirtieth, by Eleanor Perry, '09, now head of the department of English at Epworth College, Oklahoma.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Eleanor Aldrich, '13, to S. W. Weed, of Potsdam, N. Y., a graduate of the Clarkson School of Technology.

ELISABETH PARR.

UPSILON, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

On November thirteenth, three of our freshmen, Eleanor Hanna, Helen Spielman and Mae Spitler, who had advanced credits, were initiated.

Mrs. Gault gave a tea to the Kappas for her niece, Miss Lowrie, from Lambda Chapter, who was visiting her for a few weeks.

Northwestern sororities are not allowed to have chapter houses and have had to have their fraternity rooms in the Woman's dormitory. We are trying now to put through a plan for building a house containing all the fraternity rooms with a large hall on the first floor. We hope that this idea will be accepted.

The freshmen entertained the other girls most delightfully at a Christmas party at the Williams' on December sixteenth. They

gave some pretty sketches interspersed with original songs. Then the older girls had a Christmas tree from which were distributed presents to every one.

Dorothy Sage has been elected president of the Cercle Français. The office of president has been held now by a Kappa for three years in succession.

EPSILON, ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Epsilon celebrated the thirty-seventh anniversary of her founding, November twenty-fifth, at the home of Helen Read.

Illinois Wesleyan university won the state championship of minor colleges in foot ball. Epsilon entertained the members of the team on December second.

The annual Christmas party was given in Kappa Hall, December twenty-first, after the final examination was over.

Two of our freshmen, Constance Ferguson and Margaret Merwin, are on the Honor Roll, having received all first grades.

Wesleyan has a fine basket ball team this year and hopes to win another state championship.

Ruth McIntosh entertained with a tea December thirtieth in honor of Florine Gobin and Lois Iliff of Greencastle, Ind.

Wesleyan won second place in the oratorical contest of the minor colleges of the state.

Beginning with the winter term, the Young Women's Christian Association will hold its meetings during the chapel hour once a week, so that more girls may attend.

ANNA STANSBURY.

DELTA PROVINCE

CHI, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

The event which has taken the attention of all Minnesota people is the election of our new president.

President Northrop resigned last year and every one has been wondering ever since who would be chosen to take his place. At the last meeting of the Regents of the University, Dean Vincent of the Academic College of Chicago University was elected. He is to come to us in April. President Northrop has the love

and reverence of every student here, and we all mourn the fact that we must lose him, but we are looking forward to Dean Vincent's administration with very great confidence.

We are all very happy over the good fortune which has come to the men of the University. The legislature has voted them \$175,000 for a men's Union Building, something they have needed for a long time.

This fall, after all of the foot-ball games here, Chi kept open house for all of our college friends. The teas were all well attended. Chi started doing this two years ago and this year almost every fraternity and sorority followed our example.

Winnifred Lind, one of our last year's freshmen, has been at Monticello, St. Louis, this year. She came home for the holidays and Mrs. Lind invited all the chapter to her home for an informal dancing party, as a surprise for Winnifred.

The girl's Glee Club is going to put on a Japanese operetta early in January. Ruth Jackson, one of our Sophomores, has been given the leading part.

Chi has sent out invitations to all the Academic faculty, and to all our alumnae, college, and city friends for a reception, Monday, January the second, at the home of Jeannette Lynch, one of our freshmen. The hours are from four to seven. After the reception the chapter girls are going to entertain at an informal dance.

We were glad to have Frances Steever, from Upsilon, with us at one of our meetings this fall.

Early in November we gave an informal dancing party in Shevlin to introduce our new Freshmen.

BETA ZETA, IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

We have two new pledges to introduce to you all: Caroline Newcombe and Dean Newcombe.

Dorothy Musser, '11, returned from a four months' trip to Japan the first of December, and has been entertaining us all with her delightful accounts of this interesting little country.

Mary Helen Letts, '08, has announced her engagement to Earl Brown, '05, Phi Kappa Psi, of Emmetsburg.

Mathilda Hanke entertained the chapter at a dinner January tenth.

Things are rather uneventful just at present as everyone is busy preparing for the semester examinations which come next week. But we are looking forward to the Junior Promenade which will follow soon after and will mean many happy visits with the several old girls who are planning to return for it.

GRACE WHITLEY.

THETA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

Theta's interests are chiefly absorbed in mid-semester finals at this season, so we have little news. We are busy, too, planning to rush several girls after the examinations are over. We have no rules for second semester rushing, so it is doubly important that we get dates with our rushees, as it is "first come, first served."

We are also very enthusiastic over a new chapter house, which we intend to build in the near future.

Best wishes to all chapters.

HAZEL CARTER.

SIGMA, NEBRASKA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Christmas has come and gone, and semester examinations are fast approaching. This will mean even greater exertion in our school work.

Our annual Christmas tree party took place at the chapter house December nineteenth. All the gifts were given as a joke and the accompanying verses made clear the sender's intention. Every one entered heartily into the spirit of it, and we had a very pleasant time.

On Saturday, December tenth, we gave a reception for our alumnae to meet our freshmen. The mothers of the freshmen were also invited, and all seemed to enjoy getting acquainted with each other.

Sigma feels very proud of her new pledge, Carol White, who put on the colors at the close of our mid-semester rushing, December sixth.

The regents of Nebraska have presented a report to Governor Shallenberger concerning the consolidation of the Agricultural College with the University proper. The present plan of main-

taining two plants is too costly, and the growth of the University is restricted by the high price of land. This question has been under consideration for some time and it is to be hoped that it will be definitely settled soon.

Sigma sends her best wishes to all Kappas for a happy and successful New Year.

MAUD BIRKBY.

OMEGA, KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Our scholarship blanks, sent four times during the year to those members of the faculty under whom we have classes, were returned just before the Christmas vacation. We were very much pleased with the results and feel sure that if we continue we shall rank high in scholarship. The grades of the freshmen were especially gratifying.

A number of the girls have been elected members of the dramatic clubs of the University and have shown marked ability in the productions.

The faculty teas given every month by the wives of the professors have been regularly attended and have been a means of bringing the girls into closer contact with non-fraternity girls and on more intimate terms with the faculty.

We have found our plan of entertaining the entire chapters of the different fraternities at tea on Sunday evenings very successful.

Ethelynne Williford will not be in school the second term. She will continue her study of music under Sherwood in Chicago.

Bernice Brown has been compelled to leave school on account of ill health.

MARYZITA CAHILL.

EPSILON PROVINCE

BETA MU, COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Just before Thanksgiving everybody was very much excited over the smallpox scare and the resulting vaccination. Every student had to be vaccinated or leave school. All social functions were postponed, and as a result of this precaution the dread dis-

ease is forgotten. Our pledges gave their postponed dance December tenth and the chapter all agreed that it was the best dance ever given for us.

We had our annual Thanksgiving dinner the Thursday night before vacation, and thirty girls were present. Each had a limerick which she had to read aloud at the table. Our usual Christmas tree was held at the house December twentieth. Many of our alumnae were with us and we had a Kappa reunion. Each girl received a little present with fitting poetry attached, which Santa Claus read aloud while the girl stood waiting for her present. After the gifts were all distributed, Santa gave us all a delightful spread of Christmas "goodies." We find that these "jollifications" just before we scatter for the holidays increase our Kappa enthusiasm.

The most exciting event of the year was the club house carnival given to raise money to build a club house for the men. Every organization had some sort of booth and a prize was offered to the women's organization and one to the men's organization making the most money. The Kappas gave two choruses, the Floradora and the Seesaw choruses, and won the handsome chair. All the other stunts, which varied from grand opera and aeroplanes to "Tubbing a Freshman," were good, and over five hundred dollars was cleared.

Almost everybody has gone home for the holidays but the Greeks that remained over were delightfully entertained by the Delta Gammas at a house dance on December twenty-seventh. We are looking forward with dread to the finals, but we are already planning for initiation which comes the first of the second semester.

KATE NELSON.

BETA XI, TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

Beta Xi began the fall term with seventeen of the active girls back and several of the alumnae who came down to help rush. As a result of a strenuous and successful rushing season, we have eleven splendid pledges of whom we expect to make eleven splendid Kappas. Initiation will take place on January fifth, and will be followed by the usual banquet at the Driskell Hotel.

The other five sororities initiated early in the fall; but Kappa voluntarily adopted a rule that has been forced on the men's fraternities by the faculty,—that no freshman can be initiated till after the fall term and then only if a certain percentage (C average in our case) has been made.

There is a large increase in the attendance at the University this year, and the faculty has been increased accordingly. The regents are planning several new buildings, and in a few years the campus will be enlarged.

There have been three Kappa-Phi Delta Theta weddings this fall, those of Annie McCormick and J. C. Muse of Dallas, of May Shelmire of Dallas and Bowie Duncan of Egypt, Texas, and of Fannie West Harris of Henderson and Alec Pope of Dallas.

BETA OMICRON, TULANE UNIVERSITY.

The students of Newcomb have been doing all they can to govern themselves. They have organized a student body, which has helped the college greatly and which also gives the girls more college spirit. The students are at present trying to organize a committee to maintain a high moral standard in the college.

Nearly every one of the active chapter left the college before the Christmas holidays began, so we did not have our annual Christmas tree.

We have been giving a series of luncheons in the rooms for the rushees. We have already had four which were all great successes. A great many of the alumnae come to these luncheons and they do more rushing than we are able to do.

The local Pan-Hellenic is trying to have a shorter rushing season, but a great deal of work will have to be done before it can be accomplished. At present we only initiate Sophomores, so we have a whole year of rushing, which is hard on both the fraternities and the freshmen. So the Pan-Hellenic is trying to get the faculty to allow us to initiate freshmen in February.

There are four of our last year's graduates who are débutantes this season, Gladys Moulton, Sarah Pipes, Elizabeth Ficklen and Marion Monroe. They are all being much entertained.

BETA CHI, UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY.

The last meeting that Beta Chi holds before burying our respective noses in our books for the finals was a most enjoyable affair. After the discussion of the business, we danced and made merry generally. A mock wedding created quite a little amusement. On this happy occasion, Mr. Marius M. Rodes led Mary Kaye Alves to the altar.

Barret Smith was elected a delegate to the Y. W. C. A. convention, held at Nashville, Tennessee, during the month of November.

Judge Henry Banker will assume the duties of his office as President of the University of Kentucky at the beginning of the year.

MIRIAM COULTER TAYLOR.

ZETA PROVINCE

PI, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

Perhaps the event most worth chronicling since our last letter to the KEY, is the "big" foot-ball game between California and Stanford. The game was on the California field this year, and several of the Stanford Kappas came to our house for an informal luncheon first, and we all enjoyed that, of course. But the glorious part of the day was that we *won* and it was the blue and gold caps that were thrown over the goal-posts in the wild serpentine that followed, instead of the cardinal.

Two of our girls, Emilie Harrold and Mildred Porter, were in the junior farce, which was given in November, in Oakland, and several went to the "Prom" which followed in the evening.

Pi has given two informal dances this term.

JULIETTE PERRIN.

BETA ETA, LELAND STANFORD, JR. UNIVERSITY.

Beta Eta opened this semester with eight strong freshmen, making nineteen girls in the house: Joyce Waud, Marguerite Boyd, Jean Valentine, Margaret Gilchrist, Wilma Halsted, Laura Stevick, Marion Ward, Betty Funsten. For the first time we tried a long rushing season, last semester, of twelve weeks. It

was the first step toward a sophomore pledge day. The result speaks for itself—eight freshmen, the best ever. And it is certain that Beta Eta chapter will make a strong fight for a long rushing season next year.

Our sophomores are all living in the attic, a large room with eight alcoves. The girls have worked hard painting the floor, burlaping the entire room, and adding artistic touches here and there. Each alcove has its draperies in a different color, and I must say that the whole effect is unique and attractive.

Lillian Farnsworth, '10, our post graduate, left college this Christmas, but we are hoping that she will return next year. Miriam Harris, '10, also a post graduate, completed her work this Christmas.

For the first time in the history of Stanford, the girls are going to indulge in athletics. We have built a fine boat house, and are looking forward to many swims in the lake. We are also going to have a crew, from which sport we expect to derive a great deal of pleasure.

Beta Eta hopes that all her sister chapters are receiving as much joy as she from one source or another.

EDITH A. BULL.

BETA PI, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON.

Beta Pi is now in the midst of her Christmas vacation, which will last about ten days. Then in a month will come initiation and another rushing season. The local Pan-Hellenic has decided that in February the entertaining shall be limited to lunch and dinner dates only, and that the rushee must be home by nine o'clock. Beta Pi is very anxious for a semester rushing season but not all of the other ten sororities feel that we are ready for a long season.

The evening before vacation began we had a Christmas tree at the house. This year we decided that in place of remembering one another we would give something to the house. Aside from the house presents, a remembrance was placed on the tree for each girl, costing not over ten or fifteen cents. This was lots of fun and the house has a new supply of china, silver, linen, and various other things it needed.

Lucile Talbot, a pledge, has been elected a member of the Dramatic Club and given a part in "An American Citizen," which will be given after the holidays.

Louise Hill of Chi took lunch with us last week and we were very glad to meet her. Margaret Corey, '11, is a member of the Tolo Club, a senior honorary society.

Marguerite Gage, '11, and Aryeness Roeder, '12, are at home in Bellingham, Washington. Frances Stevenson has been obliged to leave college on account of illness but we hope that she will be able to return next semester.

HELEN T. HARDING.

BETA PHI, UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA.

Our pledge day came on October twenty-ninth, at the end of a rushing season that was extremely strenuous, though altogether worth while when we consider the results. We pledged five freshmen: Josephine Hunt, Edna Brandenburg, Josephine Polleys, Hazel Murphy, and Farrar Kennett. Because of the local Pan-hellenic ruling, that before initiation each candidate shall have completed at least twelve hours work, our initiation will not take place until second semester.

The school year, as it began with an unusual increase in enrollment of students and in the addition of new faculty members, has continued with the same success and progress. The football season was an unusually successful one this season and ended with the Thanksgiving game, which won for us the state championship for another year. At present, all the interests in athletics are centered on basketball and we are planning a series of games to be played after the Christmas vacation.

For some time everyone has been unusually busy with school work that had to be disposed of before the holidays. On Friday the sixteenth school was dismissed and it is to be re-opened January third. The annual Christmas celebration of the Hi Jinx was given Thursday the fifteenth. It is a time when all the students join together in their original expression of the spirit and good feeling experienced at this season, and this year's program showed more than ordinary cleverness.

Edna Fox, a 1910 graduate, was the guest of Margaret and Abbie Lucy for two weeks in November.

Jane Evans, of Beta Eta chapter, visited her sister Mrs. Frieze, of Missoula, during the month of November.

FLORENCE LEECH.

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION REPORTS

NEW YORK ASSOCIATION.

The regular meeting of the New York Alumnae Association was held at the home of Mrs. Minnie Royse-Walker, January twenty-first. Fifty Kappas partook of the luncheon served by a committee. An address book of all Kappas living in or near New York is in preparation. The invitation of Mrs. Webb to hold a "Silver Tea" in her tea room in West 32nd St., Saturday afternoon, February fourth, from three to five, was accepted with thanks. The money received is to go to the scholarship fund which the association has begun with much enthusiasm. Mrs. Mary Morgan-Brewer, Delta, is chairman of this committee.

Miss Myrtle E. White, Beta Delta, 1910, who is investigating places of residence for women in the different colleges, gave a most interesting talk on the University of Michigan, its history, condition and problems. Miss White won a place in the hearts of New York Kappas at once, and we are sorry she is not to be with us permanently. That is one of the unfortunate things for a city association, and the city association is one of the delightful things for transient Kappas.

Miss Theodora U. Irvine, Upsilon, left her classes to come and read most delightfully for us. Mrs. Jean Nelson-Penfield, Iota, sang in her usual charming way. The increased attendance, interest and sociability, since the luncheons were inaugurated is sufficient proof of their desirability.

The February meeting of the New York Alumnae will be held at the home of Mrs. Minnie Marks-Wolf, Omega, 600 W. 138th St., on the eighteenth. Luncheon at one o'clock.

M. R. W.

NOTICE.

The annual luncheon and reunion of all members of Kappa Kappa Gamma will be held under the direction of the New York Alumnae Association, March eighteenth, at one o'clock, at the Hotel Latham, East 28th St. Tickets are \$1.50 and may be ordered of Mrs. A. E. Selleninger, 104 E. 31st St. All Kappas, alumnae and active, are most cordially invited and urged to attend.

FALLS CITIES ASSOCIATION.

The Falls Cities' Association, in the first letter of the New Year, wishes success to all other alumnae and active chapters of the fraternity.

Several of our members have left the neighborhood of the Ohio Falls, and the circle is somewhat smaller now. Then we are busy women, and cannot always find time for the meetings. It is hoped that the luncheon occurring twice during the year may assist in bringing Kappas together socially.

In the last two years girls from our vicinity have been initiated into active chapters, and thus there is promise of keeping up the organization in the future.

LUCIE POUCHER.

MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Alumnae Association will be held January twenty-first at the home of Mrs. Fletcher Walker. This has been an active and enjoyable year for the association. Regular meetings are held about once every two months, with informal sewing bees and bridges coming in between. The membership is about one hundred twenty-five, an increase of fifteen over last year.

New Year's Day, the active chapter gave a reception to the alumnae and the faculty and college friends of the chapter at the home of Jeannette Lynch. The New Year's reception is one of Chi's old established customs.

Of especial interest was the visit of Mrs. Robert Ware (Charlotte Barrell), former Grand President, who came here to speak before the Woman's Club of Minneapolis. On January tenth Mrs. Wilcox, vice-president of our association, entertained for Mrs. Ware at dinner, and on the following day, Mrs. Eggleston opened her home for a delightful Kappa tea in honor of Mrs. Ware. Mrs. Ware told us something of her work at "Warelands," touching more particularly upon the personal side of her work, and charmed us all with her winning personality. At the time of the convention of 1888, Mrs. Ware was in Minneapolis, and has many warm friends among the Kappas here.

Among the things undertaken by the association this year is

the raising of a fund to assist the active girls in the maintenance of the chapter apartment. Having seen what the chapter house means to the girls, the alumnae are glad to assist in financing the proposition. At present there are three girls and the chap-eron, Miss Donaldson, living there.

The association members desire to say again that they will appreciate having any Kappas who come to the Twin Cities to reside or who are just passing through, notify them, so that they may make their acquaintance. The card of the Minnesota Association will be found in the back of THE KEY.

MARJORIE EDWARDS.

ALUMNAE PERSONALS

FALLS CITIES ASSOCIATION.

Born, to Mrs. George Lewis (Julia Hodge, Beta Alpha) of Louisville, a daughter.

Ada Frank, Iota, of Jeffersonville, has written several playlets for local entertainments.

PHI.

Mabel R. Case, '09, is secretary to Professor Hurd at Amherst Agricultural College.

Elizabeth J. Jackson, '09, is teaching at Littleton, Mass.

Ethel Ham, '09, is back at Clinton, Conn. this year.

Florence Felton, '09, is at Tabor Academy, Marion, Mass.

Eleanor Cummings, '08, is assistant in gymnasium work in the Y. W. C. A. in Dayton, Ohio.

Beatrice Gair, '10, has a position with the Women's Auxiliary Massachusetts Civil Service Reform.

Ethel Kirkton, '10, is teaching in Wrentham, Mass.

BETA EPSILON.

Eleanor Hunsdon, 1908, and Bertha Firebaugh, 1910, are teaching at Miss Davidge's School for Girls.

Elizabeth Fox, 1908, is again acting as instructor at Oberlin College.

BETA SIGMA.

On November second, Susan Ireland was married to Dr. Convas Lane Markham.

The engagement of Neva Haight to Mr. J. William Schulze, Delta Sigma Pi, New York University, was announced at a luncheon given to Dora Stone Foote, Florence Boole, Belle Wall and Clare Wentworth, Beta Sigma, and Bertha Hawley, Beta Upsilon.

PSI.

Mrs. Arthur Gordon, (Alice Holbert), '08, has a son.

Margaret Stecker, '05, has returned to Cornell to work for an M. A.

Sara F. Burns, '10, is teaching in a boarding school in Portland, Maine.

Margaret H. Riggs, '10, is teaching in a boarding school in Wayne, Pa.

BETA ALPHA.

Mrs. M. E. Canby, (Mary Griffith), is at Grant's Pass, Oregon. "Mr. Canby and she are living on a farm where they have an apple orchard of five hundred trees, a pear orchard of two hundred and twenty trees, five hundred grape vines, and they propose to set out two hundred peach trees."

Miss Mary E. Pennington, '92, Ph. D., '95, has just returned from Vienna, where she was the representative of the United States Government at a congress that met for the purpose of discussing refrigerating methods.

Mrs. Phillips, (Mary Geisler), at present is in Philadelphia.

Dr. Sarah P. Miller and Dr. Mary E. Pennington have been elected to membership in Sigma Xi Society.

BETA IOTA.

Born September 26, 1910, to Robert C. and Frances W. (Cheairs) Manning, '95, a daughter, Katherine.

Married November 19, 1910, Mary Louise Bartlett, '04, to Mr. Skipwith Peyton Coale.

BETA GAMMA.

Eleanor Douglass, ex-'10, married Mr. Roy Routzahn of Macon, Ga., on Dec. 29, 1910.

Edith Jones, 1910, returned home from abroad in November, and later visited the chapter.

Marjorie Strain, 1910, and Mabel Smiley, 1910, visited the chapter in October.

Edna Endly, 1913, is in Drexel this year.

Edith Raudabaugh, 1914, went to Ohio State, and Jean Kirk, 1913, to Smith College, while Florence Hattery, 1912, is at home.

Lucy Kinney, 1908, who taught in Kentucky last year, is now at her home in Wooster.

Catherine Vance, 1907, is at Columbia University this year.

Elenita Allis, 1906, returned in December from a year's travel abroad.

Margaret Frame, 1905, has gone to China as a missionary.

Mrs. Clara J. Eversole, an honorary member of Beta Gamma in 1881, died at her late home in Aurora, Ohio, in July, 1910.

BETA DELTA.

Myrtle E. White, '10, is making an investigation of women's dormitories throughout the East. The University of Michigan has appointed her to make an official report on halls of residence for college women.

XI.

Josephine Newkirk, ex-'09, is spending the winter months in the south.

Mrs. Hood has returned from a year's travel abroad.

Miss Josephine Hall spent Christmas vacation in Columbus, Ohio.

Miss Jesso Byers has returned to her home in Steubenville, Ohio, after several months travel in the Western states.

MU.

The Alumnae Club of Kappa Kappa Gamma in Indianapolis entertained the active girls and pledges of Mu, at a Christmas party on December third.

BETA LAMBDA.

The following engagements are announced:—

Fay Armstrong, ex-'13, to C. S. Crosby, Delta Tau Delta, ex-'13.

Dorothy Putnam, ex-'12, to Roy Sherry, Delta Upsilon, '10.

Orma Innes, '10, to Chester Smith, of Rushville, Indiana.

Lilah Richmond, ex-'13, to Brace M. Baldwin of Prophetstown, Illinois.

Lena Thurston, ex-'09, to Karl Monrad, chemist, a graduate of Cornell.

Born, to Mr. Ralph G. Cornell and Alice Eager Cornell, ex-'09, a daughter, Helen May, on November 23, at Aurora, Illinois.

UPSILON.

An Alumnae Chapter has just been started in Evanston. Notices were sent out to all the alumnae and a meeting was held at which Mrs. Ferry was elected President, Clara Harris, secretary, and Helen McCarrell, treasurer.

The engagement of Frances Northrop to Mr. Frederick Rolins was announced.

EPSILON.

The wedding of Bernice Brock, '08, and Mr. Merle Ainsworth, Sigma Nu, took place December twenty-eighth. The bridesmaids were Bernadine Brand, Mary Winter, Bertha Coyle, Mabel Brock, Mary Marquis, and Louie Howell.

Mary Winter, ex-'11, visited friends in Bloomington during the holidays.

Virginia Sinclair, '00, one of the three traveling students' secretaries of the South Central territory of Young Women's Christian Association, who gives five months of the academic year to this work, is spending two months at her home in Normal.

Mrs. John Jones, formerly Miss Davidson, of Iota chapter, is living in Normal, where her husband is pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mrs. Van Ness (Mary Lucy Probasco), who is now living in Chicago, spent Christmas here with her mother.

Mrs. George F. Dick, Jr., (Althea Marsh), Beta Lambda, is living in Bloomington.

Letta Brock is planning to take a party abroad for three months next summer. Several Kappas will be in the party.

On Saturday, January seventh, Flora Warlow gave a party, announcing the engagement of Mae Stover, '10, to John Dameron, '10, Sigma Chi, the wedding to take place in February.

CHI.

Kappa has lost a loyal friend in the death of Alfred E. Dickey, husband of June Clarke Dickey of Chi, which occurred November twenty-ninth at Minneapolis. Mr. Dickey was a Phi Kappa Psi. He attended Stanford University and later graduated from De Pauw University. Mr. Dickey was greatly interested in all college and fraternity affairs and his loss will be keenly felt by his many friends.

Marjorie Bullard, '06, is teaching Domestic Science at Alexandria, Minn.

Polly Bullard, '06, has a position in the High School at Eveleth, Minn.

Janet Ferguson and Jean Simpson are attending Stout Institute, Menominee, Wis.

Florence Watson, '03, is teaching at Evanston, Ill.

Two Chi girls are attending Eastern colleges this year. They are Kathryn Bruchholz, who is a senior at Goucher College, and Louise Clemens, a sophomore at Smith College.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Seavey Moor Bailey (Flora Edwards, '03), a son, Seavey Moor Bailey, Jr., December fourth.

BETA ZETA.

Miss Ruth Paxson sails February fifteenth to superintend the student Y. W. C. A. movement in China. Peking will be her headquarters.

SIGMA.

Edith Wilson, '09, was married to Paul Bell, Beta Theta Pi, December first. They expect to make their home in California.

Mrs. Albertson (Hazel Hanna), '10, is spending Christmas with her parents in California.

Betty Penny expects to leave December thirtieth to spend the remainder of the winter in Florida.

Ethel Burkett, '09, who has been studying music in Europe the past two years is expected home the early part of March.

Mrs. Fauner, (Verna Jouvenat), who was married last September, spent the holidays in Lincoln with her family.

OMEGA.

The marriage of Helen Graham, '10, and Mr. Clay Bride Shinn, '10, Sigma Nu, will take place at the home of the bride in Holton, Kansas, on the afternoon of January the fourteenth at four o'clock.

Maude Browne, '10, spent a week with us before the Christmas vacation.

Edith Earl of Newton, Kansas, spent a few days with us last month. She came to attend the Sigma Chi masquerade.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Young (Minta Schmitz), '10, are now living in Lawrence. Mr. Young is assistant professor of chemistry.

Mary Bechtel, '10, and Marguerite Bierer came down to attend the Phi Kappa Psi Christmas dinner.

BETA MU.

Grace and Josephine Frawley have returned from Europe and are at home in Denver.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry McClain (Rebecca Kesner), a baby girl.

Mrs. William Jones (Helen De Brisay), '10, is visiting her parents in town.

Alma Culver and Lenore Broome, '10, are teaching in the high school at Monte Vista.

Lila Shackelford, ex-'12, is attending the State Normal at Greeley.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Lucas (Edith Johnson), a baby girl.

Mrs. Suydam (Neata Clark), one of our charter members, visited the chapter this fall.

Laura Williams, Anna Helen Alfred, and Rose Affolter toured Europe last summer.

The marriage of Ethel Stewart and W. E. Wolff occurred this fall.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Rathyon, a son.

KATE NELSON.

BETA CHI.

On Wednesday, December the sixteenth, Katherine Temple Hopson was married to Mr. Robert Hamilton of New York. The wedding was very quiet on account of the illness of a member of the bride's family.

PI.

Gladys Buchanan, '10, went abroad in June and does not expect to return to Berkeley until late in the spring.

Ethlyn Dulin has announced her engagement to Mr. James R. Brehm of Wilkeson, Washington.

Pattie Chickering, '10, returned in December from a five months' trip abroad.

Mrs. Ralph P. Merritt (Varina Morrow) and her husband have returned from a trip abroad and will live in Oakland.

Born to Mrs. Charles S. Davidson (Mary R. Blossom), a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Gould (Aileen Guppy), a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George T. Gerlinger (Irene Hazard), a daughter.

Beatrice Simpson, '08, is abroad with her mother.

Georgia Carden is taking up special work at Columbia this winter.

Marion Morrow is studying singing in New York.

Grace Dibble is spending a year abroad.

BETA PHI.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Weisel of Henderson, a daughter, on November thirteenth.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Mills, of Butte, a daughter, on November thirtieth.

EXCHANGES

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September: *Alpha Phi Quarterly*.

October: *Beta Theta Pi*, *The Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma, *The Phi Chi Fraternity Quarterly*, *The Circle* of Zeta Psi.

November: *Kappa Alpha Theta*, *The Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega, *Alpha Gamma Delta Quarterly*, *Sigma Kappa Triangle*, *The Aglaia* of Phi Mu, *The Mask* of Kappa Psi, *Themis* of Zeta Tau Alpha, *The Anchora* of Delta Gamma, *The Garnet and White* of Alpha Chi Rho, *The Circle* of Zeta Psi, *The Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi, *The Angelos* of Kappa Delta, *The Aglaia* of Phi Mu, *Beta Theta Pi*, *The Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma, *The Delta* of Sigma Nu, *The Bent* of Tau Beta Pi, *The Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta.

December: *Delta Chi Quarterly*, *The Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi, *The Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

The November *Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega is an anniversary number and contains interesting reminiscences of the early days of the fraternity, and tales of the struggles of the pioneer grand presidents and editors. It has, too, wonderful photographs of charter members and early dignitaries, who didn't wear "rats," but did wear "frizzes," and who scorned the "hobble skirt," but were partial to tight fitting waists adorned with several dozen buttons down the front. These pictures of the belles of two decades ago no doubt must have prompted the present-day chapters to exclaim "Shall we *ever* look as queer as that?" You will, present-day chapters,—we all shall look just as "queer" to our chapters in 1936.

Twenty-nine marriages reported in the Sigma Alpha Epsilon *Record* for December. Of all our exchanges, this holds the palm in the matrimonial line.

The chapter secretary of Alpha Chi Rho doesn't dare have his letter late. When secretaries are delinquent, the editor of *The Garnet and White* prints the tardy missives placarded "One Week Late," or "Two Weeks Late." Then the chapter that owns the disgraceful letter is properly ashamed.

The Circle of Zeta Psi for November contains a most readable account of the fraternity's convention last summer in Colorado. Illustrating it are some "good-time" snapshots, which should surely call out an even larger delegation for the next convention.

Each girl in the Arkansas Chapter of Pi Beta Phi presents a book to the college library at the time of her graduation.

A man of affairs, prominent in the business world and conspicuous in the fraternity, contributes the following to *The Caduceus of Kappa Sigma*.

"Twenty-five or thirty years ago college fraternities did not occupy the prominent position nor have the great influence in college affairs which they have today. In their earlier days they did not look on the serious side of things and their main purpose seemed to be forming lasting friendships through congenial fellows being thrown constantly together, principally during their times of leisure. Having no special object in view a spirit of clannishness was created, bringing in its train bitter feelings in college politics and in many instances doing harm, where had their influence been properly used much good might have resulted.

"Conditions have changed, and the college fraternity of today stands for all that is proper and helpful for those students who have been honored with membership. In this evolution to a higher plane, however, there is one phase of the situation which has not kept pace with the advancement. In the old days when a young man was invited to join a fraternity it was only after mature deliberation. He was known to the other fellows of the chapter and they, one and all, felt that he was such a one as they would be willing to greet as brother and as a friend, one whom they would be proud to entertain in their homes and to extend every courtesy possible. How different is it today during the rushing. A likely looking fellow is grabbed the minute he sets foot on the college campus or he may be hauled off of the train and is rushed off and initiated

into a fraternity before he knows his own mind. If he demurs he will probably be wine and dine and goodness knows what else until he is almost forced to consent to initiation. Such a course brings about a useless extravagance which college boys, as a rule, can ill afford, but worst of all, the fraternities are taking in men of whom they know nothing and perhaps the men know nothing of the fraternity which they are joining. Such procedure is absolutely wrong and illogical. It can not be in any sense fraternal and in the end loses many good men to the fraternities."

The all-around girl is discussed thus in the *Sigma Kappa Triangle* by one of the underclassmen:

"The all-round fraternity girl is also the all-round girl at home, at college, and in the church. She is the girl who will leave her work for a little while to amuse the youngest member of the family. She will often cheerfully give up part of her recreation hour to help mother with the house-work or the mending. In college she possesses that rare quality known as college spirit; yet she applies herself with the same energy to working out the syntax in her Latin lesson or a difficult geometry problem as to a good basketball game or a tennis set. Nor is she exclusive and inclined to look down on her mates if she has more advantages than they.

Last and best of all, she is a Christian, a girl who is willing to do her part in the church and do it well whether the part is large or small.

The girl who can fill these places and who can wear a smile even though things go wrong, is the girl who in the fraternity will be loyal to her sisters and will be willing to work long and faithfully for the welfare of the society.

The home-keeping alumna is thus extolled in the *Kappa Alpha Theta* for November:

Returning home after graduation, with the requisite will and self-effacement, the college women may soon be at work in the profession of good citizenship. Her first, last, and hardest duty will be to discriminate between meddling and helpfulness, between revolution and evolution, between fads and the forward march.

A bluebird may suggest an Audubon society, an old book a town library a neighboring tenement a housing bill. An afternoon over the teacups may evolve a club of intellectual power, or lead to lecture courses, tuberculosis sanatoriums, better schools, or raise a thousand questions of education and social economy. A sewing school may end in factory inspection, or a municipal house cleaning result from typhoid in the coachman's family. As the demand is made, this citizen must wash dishes or make speeches, dress dolls or write papers on Maeterlink, play checkers with a grandfather or worry a city council about public play grounds. While the heroine and the genius go forth to earn bread for the family and praise

for self, she must live quietly at home, today doing the little things, tomorrow, perhaps, the big things, for which heroine and genius have no time.

Alumnae frequently complain that their active chapters do not make them feel at home when they revisit them. In an article headed "Hospitality Toward the Alumnus," the *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi gives a few points to the under-cordial "actives." It is here quoted:

How often an alumnus, several years out of college, comes back to his chapter-house to renew old associations and revive priceless memories, only to meet with a half-hearted welcome and strained frigidity on the part of the new men. Of course the crowd is changed. Perhaps there are only two or three present who were in college when the visitor was a student; perhaps there are none of his time left. But that is no reason why his reception should not be an enthusiastic one. To the contrary, it is even a greater reason why his welcome should be hearty and sincere, even effusive if necessary. A sense of loneliness, almost isolation, pervades the mind of the returned fraternity man when he enters his old house and looks upon a chapter of strange faces. A warm handshaking and cordial manner on the part of all those around at the time of arrival will eradicate this sense of being alone, of being one of a crowd long since drifted apart for life.

If the visiting alumnus receives a cordial greeting, he departs with the idea instilled in him of becoming one of those cooperative, interested alumni—the kind of alumni that every chapter needs. On the other hand, if he has met with but a luke warm reception, he leaves with a downcast lump in his throat (perhaps a plebeian affliction, but nevertheless full of meaning); he is through the toll-gate of the path leading to the field of "white elephants," to the realms of disinterested, indifferent, almost embittered alumni—a worthless, even harmful, burden of the Greek letter society.

In addition to being in harmony with the undying spirit of Phi Psi, animated hospitality is a requisite of the gentleman. Therefore, let the freshman, at the beginning of his fraternity life, become imbued with the spirit of the true host towards the visiting alumnus—perhaps one of those through whose tireless efforts your present comfortable chapter-house was built. Do not misinterpret me. The duty or pleasure (however it is looked upon) of cordiality toward the returned alumnus should not fall upon the perhaps already overlooked freshman alone, but should be exercised by the older and better-fitted men as well.

It may often cost the active men an effort to display this kindly, considerate hospitality. But rather spend an effort than cost the Chapter what may later prove a loyal, cooperating alumnus. Make your conversation with him interesting and vivacious. Speak of Fraternity mat-

ters that will appeal to him. Tell him of any possible recent visits of men he knew, or of any important changes in the life or routine of the Chapter.

At any cost, do not let him go away embittered or with undermined Fraternity traditions. Impress him with the fact that the spirit of Phi Kappa Psi is binding, all-pervading, eternal.

The Angelos of Kappa Delta tells "How to Demoralize a Good Chapter." The following are the rules:

1. Never speak well of other sororities—your own has too little glory to share it.
2. Snub non-fraternity girls—undoubtedly they have no qualities superior to your own.
3. Don't sympathize with the younger girls—doubtless you were never a freshman yourself.
4. Criticise the chaperon—she has only a dozen or more girls to please, and surely she can manage that easily.
5. Let the Senior girls be conscientious students—one is desperately busy when a Sophomore.
6. Don't observe the right of privacy of the other girls in the house—of course there is never a time when one needs to become acquainted with one's self.
7. Weigh all your own actions in the balance of self-gratification—the reputation of the chapter will be sustained by the other members.
8. Forget that closest intimacy needs truest consideration.
9. Don't subscribe for "*The Angelos*"—you can read some one else's and the magazine will be published just the same.

Among the accounts of the convention of Beta Theta Pi fraternity published in the *Beta Theta Pi* for October was one by "we of the silver grays" which deals with the question of weak chapters. The following is quoted from this excellent account:

One thing only seemed a jarring note. The present-day spirit of the fraternity, as evidenced by the speeches of many of its active members was a surprise and a disappointment to me. Speaker after speaker gave as his principal reason for his wish that the charter of some chapter be withdrawn that, in the spiking season, the Alpha Deltas or the Chi Psis at his college had told the man rushed that the Betas had a poor chapter at Blank College, and that thereby his chapter lost pledges. This was given in all seriousness by many delegates as a good and sufficient reason for the withdrawal of Beta from Blank College!

It would take an oil-immersion lens to detect any fraternal spirit in this attitude. I had always supposed that the idea of mutual aid was one of the foundation stones of our fraternity. Let us suppose, for the sake

of argument, that the Beta chapter at Blank College is weak, as the other fraternities say that it is. Can there be any higher degree of true fraternal spirit than the rallying on the part of brother chapters to the support of the weak chapter at Blank College? Conversely, can there be anything more disheartening than the abandonment of that chapter by the other chapters of Beta Theta Pi, merely because it needs help, or because the members of rival fraternities say it is a joke chapter? Of what earthly use are fraternity brothers or brother chapters who are brothers only when it is of advantage to them to be, and who propose to cast you adrift if their fraternity relationship calls for sacrifice on their part?

This seems to me to be a complete reversal of the spirit of Beta Theta Pi as it was in my day, and to constitute a real menace to its perpetuity. Let us get back to first principles; let us read our ritual with a full realization of the beautiful and noble principles contained therein; then will Beta Theta Pi be a true and enduring brotherhood.

Substitute "The Key" for "The Arrow," and "Kappa Kappa Gamma" for "Pi Beta Phi," and the following will be good reading for all Kappas:

It seems to me that the true value of *The Arrow* as a compendium of chapter and fraternity history; as a prospectus, catalogue and advertisement of colleges and universities, and as a medium for the discussion of matters relating to the interests of the college world, men and women, fraternity and non-fraternity, is not properly appreciated. How many chapters devote stated meetings each year to a careful consideration of chapter history as it is recorded four times each year in *The Arrow* and once every two years in the report of the delegate to convention? Would not such a study tend to a better acquaintance with the "old grads" and a greater feeling of loyalty and enthusiasm for the present chapter which is today a monument to their endeavor. Would not this be a good study for the meetings soon after the new girls have entered the chapter? And as for general Pi Phi history, this is volume XXVII, you know, and a careful study of the file would show a most wonderful development, which is history.

How many of you are really vitally interested in the problems of the colleges and universities where Pi Beta Phi has chapters? There are forty-two of them besides your own. Do you appreciate some at least, of the difficulties, the successes, the developments of these different institutions due so largely to their environment? Have you ever stopped to consider how the girls entering colleges of east and west, north and south, city and country, denominational or otherwise, must have come from widely diverse environments and must be possessed of very different aims and purposes, and yet how the ideals of all find in Pi Beta Phi some fit expressions? You, who have been to convention know that distance and locality count for nothing and that fraternity enthusiasm is a great leveler.

COLLEGE NOTES

BY KATHERINE TOBIN MULLIN.

John D. Rockefeller in December severed his connection with the board of trustees of the University of Chicago, and as a final donation presented that university with \$10,000,000. He stipulated that it was not to be used for another new building.

At Columbia University, New York City, the value of the property belonging to fraternities is said to exceed \$1,000,000.

Professor Frank W. Nicholson, secretary of the faculty of Wesleyan University gave an address at a meeting of the Brown University Teachers' Association. His subject was "College Failures; Responsibility of the School and the Home." He said in part:

"College failures are of various types. There are failures in scholarship and there are failures in character. There are positive and negative failures. A positive failure in scholarship may be defined as one who, through inadequate preparation, ignorance of how to study, or laziness, is dropped from college, being unable to keep up with his class; a negative failure in scholarship is one who, though he may graduate, has not obtained from the college course what his natural ability might have made possible—an honor man by nature, but a member of the last third of his class by choice; the term includes those who, frequently by the advice of friends, and sometimes even of their parents, come to college with the idea that study is a secondary consideration, and that the best education is to be derived from intercourse with one's fellows, and from engaging without restraint in the distractions, athletic and other, of college life. A positive failure in character is made known to the world by the action of the faculty in suspending or expelling for immorality or breach of college rules; the negative failures in character are much more numerous, although they are known to few outside their immediate circle of acquaintances. They comprise the young men who fail to take the place which they might in the moral life of the community; who lack strength of will to resist public opinion when it takes a wrong direction, and who let themselves drift with the tide, instead of striking out on an independent course. They are the sport of every random impulse, and the prey of every casual temptation. They fail to build for themselves strong characters, and they leave college flabbier in morals than when they entered."

Chin Son Yung, P. G., of Soochow, China, won first prize in the second annual extemporaneous oratorical contest given by the Zelosophic

Society at the University of Pennsylvania. The prize was a large silver cup valued at \$50.—*American College.*

For the first time in the history of Brown University, it is said, a colored student, Gough Decatur McDaniels of Baltimore, won the Gaston medal, the most valuable prize offered by the university, by his excellence of delivery of his original oration, "A Plea for Liberia," at Manning Hall. The honor of winning the Gaston prize carries with it the right to deliver the same address at the commencement exercises.—*American College.*

Women students at the University of Wisconsin made a fine record in the Phi Beta Kappa honor fraternity elections this spring, fourteen of the twenty new members being girls—nine seniors and five juniors.—*American College.*

There has come to be so widespread an interest in the subject of photography, that the University of Kansas, which is always on the look-out for subjects that will meet a popular demand, has decided to offer courses in photographic work. It is not definitely announced when this department will be opened, as it will take some time to provide the necessary equipment.

Professor Goldwin Smith at his death left \$900,000 to Cornell University.

Thirty-seven universities abroad were founded before 1420. A few of them whose names are familiar are : Oxford, England, founded 1200; University of Paris, 1200; University of Parma, 1222; University of Salamanca, Spain, 1243; Cambridge University, 1257; University of Vienna, Austria, 1365; Heidelberg University, Germany, 1386; St. Andrew's University, Scotland, 1411.—*American College.*

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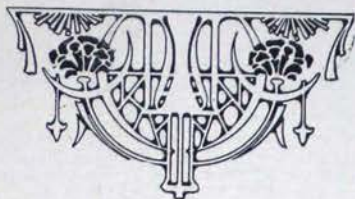
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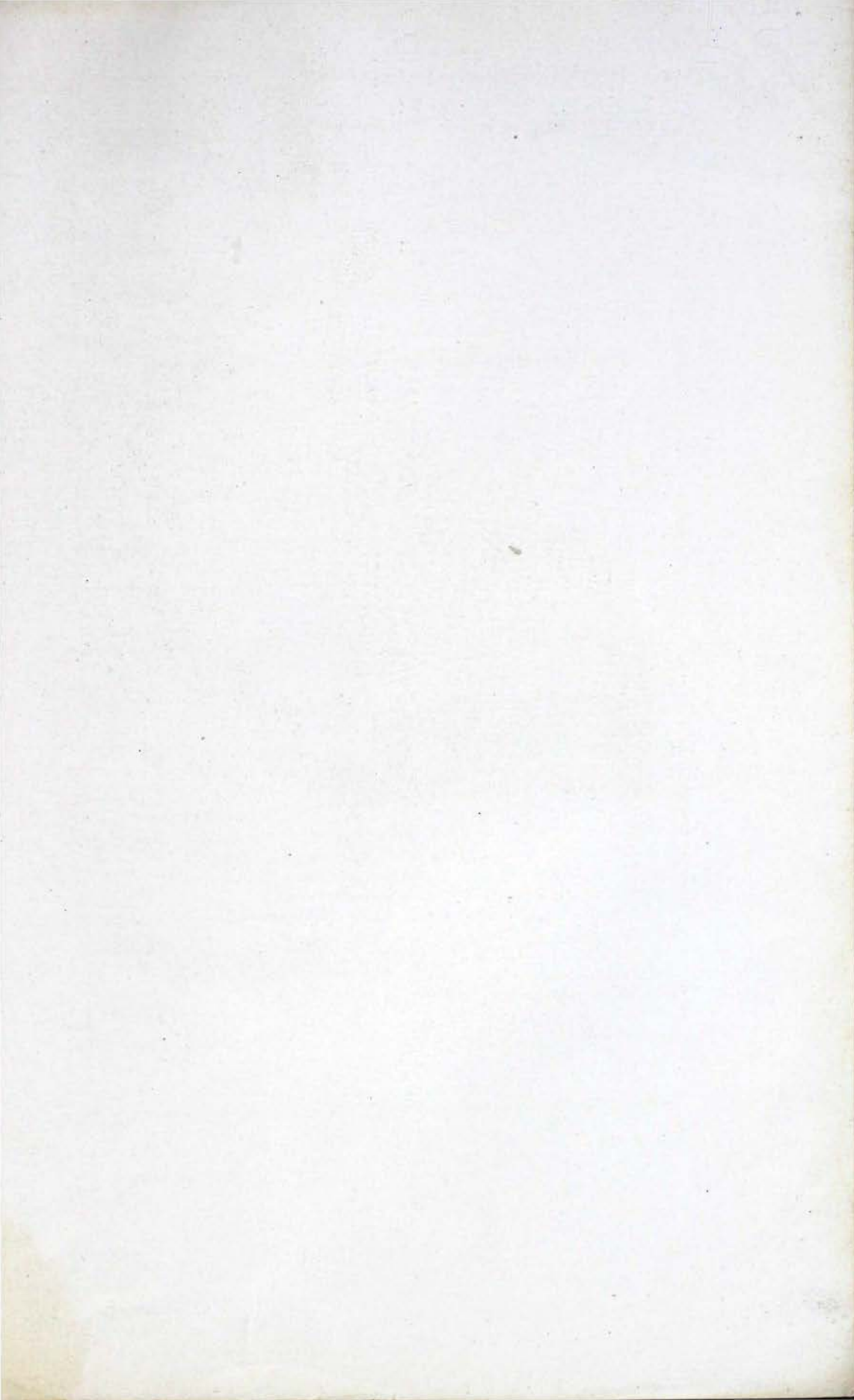
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