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REMINISCENCES OF IOTA.

REMINISCENCES — as we look at the word we need not rack our brains to be transported in thought to other days. Pleasant memories come quickly and easily ; and almost before we are aware of the change present surroundings vanish, other scenes rise before us, and we talk with friends of other years.

Just as the word reminiscence, in connection with college life, brings to mind *amo amat*, $x+y$, etc., so also, in connection with fraternity life, it recalls to my mind the time when the "popular girls," with their gallants, acted as escorts to their less fortunate sisters of the chapter, and saw them safe in the parental domicil. It reminds me also of the time when the celebration of Anniversary and Hallowe'en were mile-posts in our chapter life.

One Hallowe'en, especially, still fondly lingers in my memory. At the spirit hour of twelve, with mysterious signs and symbols known only to fraternity girls, we peered eagerly into the misty future ; gradually, in letters of light, there appeared to me the initials of him who now multiplies my joys and divides my sorrows.

One afternoon we chartered the band wagon and visited one of our alumnae who was teaching in the country. An old farmer, who seemed pleased with our merry company, presented us with an immense pumpkin. Now, the question was what should be done with it? A happy thought occurred to us, and, acting upon it, we presented the pumpkin to the boys of Phi Kappa Psi. Imagine our surprise when, at our next meeting, we saw one of the Phi Psi boys come marching up carrying upon his head a huge pumpkin pie, bearing this inscription: "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days."

Iota Chapter was established in April, 1874. We were not, like Beta, fully equipped with nicely decorated chapter rooms, Master Owl, and other paraphernalia, with which to woo the Kappa muse; but, full of enthusiasm and Western enterprise, six girls visited Bloomington, Ind., ostensibly to attend the State oratorical contest, but in reality to be initiated into the mystic circle of Kappa Kappa Gamma. It is unnecessary to speak of the pride with which the golden keys were displayed in the college halls, and the surprise depicted in the faces of the members of Kappa Alpha Theta, the only woman's fraternity represented there at that time.

The chapter grew rapidly in influence and numbers, and hearts beat forcibly with the subtle, yet powerful spirit of Kappa. Then great secrecy shrouded everything in connection with the fraternity, even the place of meeting being known only to the members. At first the meetings were of a social nature, but soon assumed more of the literary character, which has since been maintained.

We had from time to time enjoyed our full share of the public literary exercises connected with the University, but had never ventured to give a public performance under the auspices of the fraternity until the commencement of 1881, when we rendered a programme consisting of addresses, declamations, debate and poem, which proved to be one of the best entertainments of that commencement. The older members did the literary honors of the occasion, while the younger ones were content to shine in the humbler sphere of ushers resplendent in the blue and the blue.

An important event in our history, and one not soon to be forgotten by those of us present, was the initiation to honorary membership of Mrs. Mary Livermore; awed by the knowledge of her attainments, it was with much trepidation we met her at the appointed time for the initiation. Not many minutes passed, however, before, by her wonderful tact in conversation, we were made to feel acquainted and at ease. After the initiatory service she talked to us in an earnest, loving manner, thanking us for the favor to her, and urging us to be women in the highest sense of the word. Every one of us, I am sure, left the room feeling that she had had a glimpse into a stronger life, and inspired with a determination to make her influence felt for good in the world.

The subject of chapter houses, now being discussed, is an interesting one to us. Several years ago we became enthusiastic on the subject, secured a room, furnished it nicely, and enjoyed it for a season; but the mothers of several of the girls decided that it was more appropriate that we should meet at our homes. This, combined with other reasons, induced us to return to our former régime.

A WORD FROM THE HOME.

“I HAD made all arrangements to join the ‘College Settlement’ in New York when mother’s sickness interfered, and so I have turned nurse and housekeeper instead. Of course that is my place now, but I am anxious to be doing something that is worth while, something to help the world, be it ever so little.”

Such was the sentiment expressed by a graduate of two years’ standing at a recent Kappa banquet. The remark is suggestive of the present tendency among college-bred women.

The desire for learning merely for its own sake, or the delight in acquiring and possessing it, is becoming more and more a thing of the past, while the desire for thorough education for the sake of the good to be accomplished by its use is constantly increasing. Witness the number of institutions, clubs and circles formed and sustained by educated women, in college and out, for the simple helping of others. The “College Settlement” itself is an outgrowth of this desire. The prophecy that “higher education” would be only a barrier between the favored and educated and the unfavored and ignorant seems in a fair way to wait long for a fulfillment. Women, for the most part, recognize a precious talent in their education and are glad to use it for the advancement of all they can reach.

This is just what we want, just what the world needs; but there are some dangers threatening the woman who lives in the busy world acquiring and using knowledge unselfishly to which the mere scholarly recluse is not subjected. The demands on time, strength and sympathies are much

greater. The sense of responsibility often becomes a burden. Ignorance, indifference, frivolity, vice, sin and suffering are realities and cannot be laid aside as a closed book. The problems of every-day life are perplexing and the strain upon the sympathetic heart is tremendous. In no profession which the college woman may enter is she free from these things, if she keep herself in touch with the world's needs. As physician, as teacher, as preacher, lawyer or journalist, she hears the same cry, "Come over and help us." Nor is the home-maker exempt; on the other hand she has rather more than her share. What with opportunities for work and influence in the educational problems, the temperance reform, the mission fields abroad and at home, the Indian question, the negro's elevation, coupled with fields white for harvest in her own town among her next-door neighbors and her dearest duty to the home, the important question to her is not "Where shall I find work?" but "Which shall I turn to first?"

The time was when woman rightly sought to broaden her sphere of work. Today the thoughtful woman asks not how to widen her field but how to fulfil all that is already required of her.

The woman of today will prove herself indeed a rare creature if she passes through this "storm and stress" period of large opportunities, great responsibilities and almost universal demands without wrecking body and mind in the effort.

Three things occur to us as most excellent helps at such a time — physical vigor, clear mental insight and spiritual strength.

Fortunate the young woman who enters upon her work with a sound body, a strong unharmed constitution; more fortunate still she who having physical soundness knows well how to use and preserve her strength!

But the truth is that the majority are not splendid specimens of strength and endurance. In spite of gymnasia, dress reforms and health talks most of us are often sadly conscious of our imperfect bodies. Three generations hence it will not be so.

However, the next best thing to being strong is the knowing how to wisely use what little vigor you possess; an ability to do the greatest amount of work with the stock on hand with the least possible friction.

To do this a clear mental vision is necessary, a power to see clearly

what is essential and what insignificant though perhaps desirable, what is really important, and what trivial. This ability to see the real clearly enables one to relegate the various claims to their proper bounds—to pigeon-hole the unnecessary, though Mrs. Grundy scoff, and to prescribe the limits of even the most vital and pressing.

All honor to the woman who can say to Fashion, "Thus far shalt thou go and no farther"; to professional cares, "So much of my strength and time is yours; but you shall not have an atom of that which belongs to me alone. My time for sleep and recreation shall not be haunted by your ghosts!"; to society, "Your friend always, your slave never"; to church, "I will give all that He who said 'My burden is light' asks, but no man shall put a mortgage on what belongs to God alone"; to moral reforms, "My hearty coöperation within proper limits, but my heart's blood, not a drop."

It requires great courage to take and hold such a stand, and one must have the courage of clear convictions to do it.

The third element of power, spiritual strength, is at once a defensive and offensive weapon. There is no soul so safe from the tempest, so sure of outliving the storm, as the one "hid with Christ in God." The "Peace, be still" of our Elder Brother is more potent in producing a calm mind and heart and bringing the longed-for sleep than any sedative drug. At the same time he that is full of the Spirit has great power with men—and that, too, without making any effort to obtain it. We have met people whose very presence was an inspiration, a help, a comfort, because the life within was so pure and strong.

And spiritual strength is within the reach of all. Communion with the Father always brings harmony with His will, and that brings a strength to bear, to do, to lead, that is indeed "like the strength of ten."

Much depends upon this first generation of college graduates. Not all thoughtful persons consider the experiment of "higher education" for women a complete success. It is ours to so hold our own through these pioneer days that all question of its expediency will be done away with. We may well avail ourselves of all possible helps within and without.

MARION BUTTERFIELD KNIGHT (*Phi*), '85.

The Parthenon.

ΑΙ ΚΩΠΑΙ ΑΘΗΝΗΣ.

IN our present state of civilization the home is a prime necessity, an indispensable condition of the highest development. The student who leaves his childhood's home to come to college must find a new home in his new surroundings, and the best of all college homes is in The Home Spirit in the Fraternity. fraternity. For the true home spirit is in the fraternity itself, not in its rooms. Not every chapter can *have* a home, perhaps, but every chapter should *be* a home for its members, and if it is not it surely lacks one of the chief requisites.

The advantages of the chapter room are many, so many as to make it almost an essential, but most of them have already been pointed out in these pages.

A word for the chapter-house. In an institution which leaves its young women who come from a distance to find boarding places as best they can — or too often can *not* — the idea of a chapter house The Chapter House. which shall be a veritable home for homeless Kappas, is like a glimpse of the millennium.

The objection has been urged that the chapter-house is too exclusive. Why need there be any more exclusiveness than in any private family? The chapter-house need not be a temple or a secret shrine, but a real home, in which visitors may be received as in any other home, if desired, without interfering in the least with the secrets of the fraternity.

Of course there are many practical difficulties in the way of the ideal chapter house, difficulties so varied that each chapter must decide for itself. But a band of wide-awake, determined Kappas ought to be able to make the experiment, at least. It is certainly no more than their brothers have done. Let us hope that Kappa chapter-houses will be among the institutions of the future, and, like all other good homes, their influence must be for the right.

NU.

I believe that every true Kappa has as much interest in the fraternity after graduation as during her college course. But other duties may interfere, and prevent a regular attendance at fraternity meetings. Especially will this be the case when the chapter has no permanent location; that is, a member not in full active membership may often be kept away from meetings through ignorance as to which one particular place of a dozen or more is the appointed one.

Value of
Chapter Homes
to Alumnæ.

All of this will be avoided if the chapter has a home, a place where Kappas meet regularly to sing Kappa songs, to exchange thoughts, and to enjoy the pleasures that make fraternity life the inspiration of college life.

Thus the chapter room, filled as it should be with articles dear from association, will be a strong bond uniting old and new members in the one common purpose — development. Alumnæ, on entering this room, cannot fail to feel that, notwithstanding the new, strange faces, the dear old fraternity still lives.

SIGMA.

In this our enlightened day there is an unmistakable tendency toward what is known as “the sensible,” and so that which is to be popular, in the best sense of the word, must also be practical. There is, to be sure, in every community a certain class who live and possess simply for display; but for the large majority of people the demand is becoming greater every year for that which is “useful as well as ornamental.”

The Practical
Side.

This is seen, for example, in the household; for while we will not deny that many homes contain much in the line of bric-à-brac which is simply ornamental, yet it is well known to those who have had experience at bazaar tables and fairs, that that article is much the more “taking” which has some practical value attached to it.

As regards the procuring of Kappa homes, we would say that there is surely a very practical side to the question, which must be considered by nearly every chapter.

It is exceedingly delightful and fascinating to contemplate a half dozen Kappa girls sitting around a grate fire discussing Kappa secrets; but

many a chapter will be sadly disappointed if it starts out with this aim in view. Difficulties will present themselves in large numbers as the project advances, for the majority of our chapters will probably have to be content with a room minus the grate, at least for a time.

This is not said to discourage in any way having a Kappa room, and that as cosy a nest as possible; but we do think that it is well to consider at the outset the practical side as well as the æsthetic, and feel that it will save such disappointment if a small beginning is made, instead of starting out with such high aspirations as to bankrupt every girl, and thus dampen the pleasure in the new room.

Splendid times can be enjoyed in a room that is far from fairy-land, for the fairies are there, and the rest comes as the chapter makes its true permanent growth.

MARGARET L. ROBINSON (*Epsilon*).

The first step in the organization of a college, a church, a club, or any permanent institution is the acquiring of a local habitation. The individual effort and combined energy of the members are exerted to this end. A place at which the work of the organization may be carried on and the central life manifest itself is considered an absolute necessity. No successful work, no continuity of existence is otherwise possible. The college fraternity, no less than any other organized society, has need of such a centre — one that shall be centrifugal in diffusing inspiration, good will and assistance, and centripetal in attracting ardent, high-minded, devoted women.

Our fraternity, if it rests on a proper foundation, must advance with the progress of the time, and this demands more thorough work and improved methods. We can no more work without suitable equipment in the fraternity than we can in the class room. A chapter should always be in a position to *extend* hospitality, and it is a blight upon its best endeavors to be compelled to *accept* it instead. It is galling to be offered by a sympathetic fraternity in the same college the use of their room because we have none of our own. There are a number of rooms in this city where *Nu* chapter always receives a hearty welcome, but none of them is a Kappa

room, none is adapted to the needs of the chapter or sacred to its uses and property.

I hope it is not out of place to say, in an open letter, that we, as a chapter, could show better results in the way of work today, would be braver and more hopeful in spirit, if we had been born and brought up in a home.

However, practical suggestions are more desirable than a rambling discourse on the misfortunes of being unhoused.

My first suggestion is that the conservative policy favored by our ablest members in regard to the granting of new charters should be rigorously adhered to, and warmly supported by the fraternity at large. It seems to me that before a chapter takes upon itself the binding obligations of fraternity life, it should consider well how it is to be maintained, and whether its members are willing to give the requisite devotion, energy and effort for its proper support. Infinite harm can be done by the half-alive non-working chapters of a fraternity. This brings us to the subject of self-sacrifice, an element of all high endeavor and useful work, preëminently a requirement for satisfactory fraternity life.

If we are to have homes we must all, rich and poor, give according to our means. "Give until it hurts," I recently heard a bishop say in church, "give until you have to give up something else that you very much want; then your gift will count."

If every Kappa would do this, chapter rooms would spring up wherever there is a chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma. What a glorious thing it would be if we had not one homeless chapter! How many concentrated points of work and influence there would be.

One explanation of the difficulty of raising adequate funds for chapter expenses is found in the too prevalent idea that fraternity is a temporary thing, lasting only through a short term of college attendance. But have we fathomed the deepest signification and purpose of our fraternity when we take that view of it? Is it not something which, like our education, has its "commencement" in college, and goes on developing and growing with our life, sweetening and strengthening it in its complex relations, binding us with fond ties of memory and association to the past, and

revealing to us new possibilities in the larger life of humanity? We *alumnæ* (however recently we may have acquired that status) should have a fuller realization of this fact. It is our duty, our privilege, to hold up the hands of those who come after us. We owe them not only advice and a continual interest in their affairs, but the inspiration of our example in doing and sacrificing.

I have an ideal chapter-house ever present in my dreams — one vast in its possibilities rather than in its actuality. It gathers in the hapless girls otherwise at the mercy of boarding-houses; it has a vaguely charming room, somewhat as E. H. B. describes it in the *MARCH KEY*, a library, a receptacle for the archives, and a spacious hall. But the vision of this desirable ultimatum does not unfit me to appreciate the necessity of small beginnings. I should rejoice in the possession of one room, however small and mean, if it be our very own.

The first step costs—afterward we may go on with more rapid strides.

Personal effort, personal sacrifice, the recognition of the fraternity as a permanent institution, will, I believe, solve the question as to how each chapter of the fraternity may enjoy the privileges and opportunities of a house. Can we not, active and *alumnæ* members, each make a free-will offering, monthly, or quarterly, or yearly, in addition to the light *dues* exacted of us? Can we not devise some plan for raising money for this purpose? Vacation is at hand. It is a good time to give this subject serious and intelligent thought. Perhaps we can sow the seed if we are unable to reap the harvest of our effort, before we meet in convention next August.

About seventeen years ago there appeared a little book on the subject of "Sex in Education." Few small works have given rise to such discussion and criticism as followed the publication of this book. The New-fashioned Girl. The author held that mentally a woman is as capable of education as a man. But he contended that from her natural constitution as a woman, she cannot be educated as a man is, — hence not with him. If she attempts the continuous and systematic labor that a man thrives on, serious disorders will result, and she will become a physical wreck.

That this book caused a storm of opposition from the educated women of the land, goes without saying.

But Dr. Clarke's little book at least set the world to thinking. The conclusion was, that there is no good reason why women shall not be educated "as souls," in the words of Margaret Fuller, not as women. The results of this and similar discussions we are now enjoying in the extension of woman's higher culture and of co-education.

In the two decades that have passed since the appearance of "Sex in Education," I believe that Dr. Clarke's statement has been fairly disproved. The higher education of women is no longer an experiment. It has stood the test of trial and reached the stage of adoption. The girl has proved that she can endure hard and systematic study without injury to her health.

But the poor health of American women is proverbial, and Dr. Clarke did a service for his country when he attempted to find a cause for this calamity.

Hawthorne may ridicule the stolidness of the English matron ; but she can teach his own sylph-like countrywoman that strength is a possible feminine attribute. The American woman, if she will, can show her foreign sister in return, that a cultured mind and a sound body is a possible combination. For in this land of ours, woman has the greatest opportunities. In no other country is she shown such respect, allowed such freedom.

But let us be sure that under this full and grand existence there is a firm foundation — a perfect physical life.

That intellectual power, nay, even spiritual insight, depends upon physical strength, is accepted as a fact. No one doubts that irritability and melancholy are the results of degenerate nerves ; that Carlyle's temper and writings were much affected by the "diabolical arrangement called a stomach."

The gospel of health is beginning to be preached. Women as well as men are becoming converts. Everywhere can be seen signs of a happy change. The novelist no longer makes his heroine a doll, but a woman. The popular demand is for a new-fashioned girl — a girl of mind, of health,

of spirit. In the past a woman to be in style, must be ailing. A great object of envy was she who had many ills to pet.

A sensible woman is now ashamed of her disease, because she knows that it proves a violation of health's laws, and that it restricts her mental advancement. Gymnasiums for women are building. Physical culture clubs are forming. Society leaders who in the bad old times have been indifferent, if not opposed to muscular activity, are awakening to the needs of women and setting them a good example. "Frailty, thy name is woman," is fast becoming an echo of the past.

Women may cope with men in college or in the world, if they do not develop the mental at the expense of the physical, if they grant their bodies proper exercise and healthful dress. Make the conditions the same and the results will be the same. It is every woman's duty to care for her health. Her body is a sacred temple to be kept clean and pure for its own sake and for the sake of the divinity within.

LILLIE R. MOORE (*Lambda*).

College and Fraternity Notes.

The year of 1889-90 has been marked by what business men would call a "boom" in the higher education of women.

First, Barnard College, the Columbia Annex for women, opened with fourteen regular students; next, Pennsylvania State University declared for co-education; and now in June comes the news of the remarkable success of Miss Fawcett, at Cambridge, England; Miss Belcesco, at Paris, and Miss Reed at our own Harvard University.

Even conservative Germany has been drawn into the general movement, which, in that country, has taken the form of the Weimar Association, an account of which is given below, together with sketches of Miss Fawcett, Miss Reed and Miss Belcesco:

There is so much activity of thought and examination of educational issues today that one must have a hundred pairs of eyes to see it all. It would be enough to occupy one's hope and attention to study a single movement, — that in Germany looking to the higher education of women there.

An association for the purpose of securing advanced education for women was founded, just where it ought to have had its origin, at Weimar, in 1888. The ladies of the association forwarded to the Ministers of Education of Bavaria, Wurtemberg and Prussia a petition asking for the admission of women to the universities in these parts of the empire, urging the privilege of following certain scientific courses.

The petition was marked by a wise conservatism that neither asked nor favored the admission of women to the universities, but pleaded for the erection of public colleges similar to those for women in England, viz., Girton and Newnham.

After eight months, Minister von Gossler replied that women were already extensively employed as teachers, and that the best positions were open to those who would qualify themselves for them; that the government was already making generous provision for the training of women in the seminaries attached to girls' schools.

The petition has accomplished nothing directly. As soon as the attitude of the minister was known, the document was pigeon-holed by the Prussian House of Representatives. The indirect benefit, however, can hardly be estimated. The public press has taken up the cause and is eagerly discussing it pro and con. Influential leaders of public opinion are airing the arguments of the petitioners and are emphasizing them to the people. The conscience of the Prussian government is so pricked by this that it has lately sent an envoy to England *to inquire into the methods and workings of the English colleges for women.*

Moreover, a higher course of instruction for women who are to teach has been established in connection with the Victoria Lyceum at Berlin. The idea and method of this course are essentially the same as those of the universities, and it is thought that the Lyceum will develop into a university for women.

Another movement is the *Realkurse für Frauen*, just inaugurated at Berlin, which aims to give women advanced instruction in mathematics, physics, chemistry, political economy and German, the instruction being such as will make women more independent in their relations to modern life.

Parallel with all this is the decision of the Prussian ministry in regard to women teachers. In 1870, when men were scarce, because the war needed

so many of them, women were tried as teachers. Now it is decreed that wherever a female teacher's place becomes vacant it cannot be filled by a man, as was proposed by a provincial government, but must be filled by a woman. This is an entering wedge in the matter of higher education, and every one is watching eagerly for the outcome.

The whole position is better understood when one realizes that the girls of Germany enter school at seven or eight years of age and are graduated at fifteen or sixteen. "The last years are devoted to a furious cramming process, and at nineteen their education is merely a reminiscence." The ambitious and talented young women are obliged to go abroad to study, because they have no opportunity at home.

After all the longing eyes that able and appreciative women have cast at the opportunities for learning in Germany, is it any wonder that movements like that of the Weimar association are awaited with breathless interest? Germany does things so well and thoroughly that the imagination o'erleaps itself in picturing the final results of Germany's awakening to her obligations to women and to the state in this matter.

Miss Philippa Fawcett, daughter of the late Professor Fawcett, has carried off the highest honors at the June examinations at Cambridge University in England. Miss Fawcett is twenty-two years old, and is bracketed as the "superior of the male senior wrangler in the mathematical tripos." Two other young women, Miss Field and Miss Lea, were in the competition.

Mlle. Belcesco, a native of Roumania, has won the highest place among law graduates, having been recently awarded the degree of D.L. Mlle. Belcesco is a tall, handsome brunette, twenty-three years of age. She stood perfect in Latin and Greek. She is a warm friend of Carmen Sylva, the literary queen of Roumania. Mlle. Belcesco says when she returns home, she will only practice her profession in behalf of women who are too poor to pay counsel. "I don't want money," she is reported to have added, "as my father is wealthy."

The Sargent prize of \$100, which has just been awarded to Miss Helen Leah Reed for the best translation of the twenty-ninth ode of the third book of Horace, is the only prize open to competition from both men and women. It appears in the body of the catalogue as an offer to Harvard students and to students of the Society for the Collegiate Instruction for Women, which, being translated, means the "Annex girls."

In translating, Miss Reed adhered closely to the Latin, and her ode has the same number of lines—64—as the original.

Miss Reed, who is the daughter of Dr. Guilford S. Reed of Hotel Huntington, may fairly be claimed as a Boston girl, though she was born in St. John, N. B. The family removed to Boston when Miss Reed was very young, and have since resided in Cambridge and Boston, where Miss Reed has many interests, being a member of the Browning Club and other literary societies. She is also much interested in local charities.

Miss Helen Reed, when she graduated from the Cambridge high school, was the class poet, but she has since, except on a few occasions, sternly suppressed her muse. She has, however, done considerable literary and journalistic work for the *Chicago Tribune* and other papers, and also for the *Sunday Herald*, to which she has contributed several articles during the past month. She has compiled two books, each containing one of her poems, and she wrote the poetical souvenir of the Dickens carnival, which the Woman's Educational and Industrial Union issued several years ago. Another good piece of work was the compilation of a little volume of original contributions entitled "The City and the Sea," which was issued for the benefit of the Cambridge Hospital fund. Miss Reed will graduate from the Annex next week. She has no definite plans arranged for the future, but will engage in literary work, and it is safe to say she will be further heard from. She has paid a great deal of attention to original research in American history, under the direction of Professor Hart, and will continue in this line of work for the present.—*Boston Herald*.

Interviews with the leading professors of a large number of the universities and colleges of the country show a very general approval of Harvard's proposition to shorten the academic course. These institutions seems to be anxious that Harvard should lead off in this reform.

DePauw and Northwestern complain that while all other departments of their universities are prospering, the colleges of liberal arts are virtually losing ground. This is another indication of the fact that the student of today is seeking not a liberal education but business training.

It is reported that Phi Beta Kappa will shortly organize at DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind.

The fraternity press has been almost unanimous in its condemnation of the recent action of Delta Kappa Epsilon in "lifting" a chapter of Phi Delta Theta at the Minnesota State University. It is easy to understand

the desirability of a chapter in this prosperous young institution; but was the game worth the candle, D. K. E.?

Since the close of the college for the holidays, a new fraternity has made its appearance at Miami. On the evening of December 20, the old Kappa Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon was reorganized here with a membership of seven, one of whom is not a student, having graduated with '89. The men who have just become Greeks, are men of high standing in college, who a year ago formed a local society with a secret Greek name, and with red and green for their colors; an attempt was made to secure a charter from Alpha Delta Phi, but failing, application was made to Delta Kappa Epsilon, both of these fraternities having had chapters here before the close of the university in '73.—*Miami Correspondent of Phi Delta Theta Scroll.*

At Miami University, Beta Theta Pi is in the hall of the old Delta Kappa Epsilon Chapter, and the new Deke Chapter in the one of the old Alpha Delta Phi.

Clark Howell, the successor to Henry W. Grady as editor of the *Atlanta Constitution*, is a member of Southern Kappa Alpha, and is a young man of ability and energy.

A considerable stir has been occasioned among the young ladies by the action of Delta Gamma, looking toward the establishment of a chapter here.—*University of Kansas Correspondent of Beta Theta Pi.*

There is nothing new in fraternal circles, except the rumor of a prospective chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. There is lots of room for it here, and it would prove a formidable rival to the other sororities, one of which is languishing somewhat at present.—*Wisconsin University Correspondent of Phi Delta Theta Scroll.*

The charter of the parent chapter of Delta Gamma at Oxford Institute, Oxford, Miss., has been revoked.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

Delta Gamma has been "lopping off the branches" with a vengeance, of late. Where will the sword fall next?

Psi Upsilon has so far departed from its old-time conservatism as to establish chapters at the Universities of Pennsylvania, California and Minnesota.

Alleghany college has furnished many fraternity leaders. The general secretary of Phi Kappa Psi and his assistant are from Alleghany, and the *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly* is published by the local chapter.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

Kappa Kappa Gamma has revoked the charter of her Omicron situated at Simpson College, Iowa. This chapter has existed for about ten years, and we can merely conjecture that the status of the institution failed to keep apace with the fraternity's advancement, and so representation there became undesirable. The fraternity, however, has made good its loss by placing a chapter in the University of Pennsylvania. This latter is undoubtedly a good move for Kappa Kappa Gamma, being the first order to organize in the newly-established Woman's Department of the University.—*Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*.

Public Semi-Annual Reports.

BETA — ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Cora Morrison, '89,	Jessie V. Styles, '90,
Anne Woods, '89,	Alice Walker, '90,
Minnie Walker, '89,	Rose M. Libbie, '90,
Mary Atwood, '89,	Maud Wrigglesworth, '90,
Jessie Howe, '89,	Lucy Evelyn Wight, '91,
Anna L. West, '92,	Ella May Adams, '93,
Margaret Traver, '92,	Mary Green, '93,
Mary I. Ford, '92,	Nettie Robertson, '93,
Bridget Mahoney, '93,	Grace Lynde, '93.

Chapter: Number of active members, 18; total membership, 69; year's initiates, 6. All the Kappa girls of the Freshman class were elected by the Faculty to take part in the Freshman oratorical contest. Miss Green took the first prize and Miss Mahoney the second. Alice Walker and Evelyn Wight, members of the Board of Directors of *Laurentian*. Evelyn Wight, members of the Board of Directors of University Reading Room.

University: Number of Faculty in collegiate department, 7; number of students in collegiate department, 67. Men's fraternities: Beta Theta Phi, 19 members; Alpha Tau Omega, 15 members. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 18.

Beta Chapter spent a very enjoyable evening on February 16 with Miss Nellie Folsom, at her home in Hermon, N. Y.

Miss Mary Atwood gave an "at home" to the Kappas, March 1, in honor of the return of Miss Florence Lee, who has spent the winter in New York.

April 25, being the annual Tree Holiday of St. Lawrence, the Kappas planted their tree at 3.59 A. M., and afterward "breakfasted in their room "in the northeastern corner that's nearest the sky."

DELTA — INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Regina Bitner, '90,	Ida Loudon, '90,
Minne Faris, '90,	Harriet Casper, '91,
Anna Mosemiller, '91,	Anna Bowman Hoffman, '91,
Jennie Ewing, '92,	Lizzie Murdock, '92,
Emma Brant, '92,	Nola Long, '92,
Amy Brown, '93,	Nora Hunter, '93,
Bessie Hewson, '93,	Nell Showers, '93,
Anna Pote, '93,	Katharine Miller, '93,
Maude Sims, special work,	Nora Baker, special work,
Grace Perry, '94,	Lucy Hunter, '95,
Blanche Wicks, '95,	Attie Millis, '95.

Chapter: Number of active members, 21; number of members from establishment, 104; year's initiates, 7. Honors: Regina Bitner, chosen by the Faculty to speak at Commencement; Anna Mosemiller, declamation contest; Minne Faris, associate editor of the *Indiana Student*.

University: Number of Faculty in collegiate department, 35; number of students in collegiate department, 400. Men's fraternities: Beta Theta Pi, 20; Phi Delta Theta, 16; Phi Kappa Psi, 16; Phi Gamma Delta, 19; Sigma Chi, 17; Delta Tau Delta, 14. Women's fraternities: Kappa Alpha Theta, 24; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 21.

ZETA — IOWA UNIVERSITY

Active Members.

Salome Dugan, '90,
 Kate Legler, '90,
 Eluvia Wright, '90,
 Stella Price, '93,
 Cornelia Ingham, '93,

Helen Orton, '90,
 Sophia Moore, '92,
 Elizabeth Rees, '93,
 Laura Clarke, '93,
 Bertha Nichols, '93.

Chapter: Number of active members, 10; total membership, 46; year's initiates, 5. Honors and prizes: Three of our members have been elected Class Day speakers out of a class of forty-three.

University: Number of Faculty, 17, instructors 7; number of students in collegiate department, 296. Men's fraternities: Delta Tau Delta, 9; Beta Theta Pi, 15; Phi Delta Theta, 9; Phi Kappa Psi, 12. Women's fraternities: Pi Beta Phi, 12; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 18; Delta Gamma, 10.

ETA — WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

May Ela, '90,
 Flora Moseley, '90,
 Laura Barber, '91,
 Isabel Loomis, '91,
 May Sanborn, '91,
 Annie Armstrong, '91,
 Ottilie Schumann, '92,
 Agnes Bowen, '93,
 Georgia Kendall, '93,
 Jennie Pitman, '93,

Margaret Potter, '90,
 Tillie Bacon, '91,
 Eleanor Breese, '91,
 Blanche Powers, '91,
 Helen West, '91,
 Edith Locke, '92,
 Helen Thorp, '92,
 Frances Bowen, '93,
 Susie Main, '93,
 Breese Turner, '93.

Chapter: Number of active members, 20; number of members from establishment, 89; number of year's initiates, 7. Honors: Margaret Potter, Class Day appointment; Blanche Powers, on editorial staff of *Ægis*.

University: Number of Faculty in collegiate department, 48; number of students in collegiate department, 89; number of fellows, 9. Men's fraternities: Beta Theta Pi, 21; Phi Kappa Psi, 23; Chi Psi, 15. Phi

Delta Theta, 20 ; Sigma Chi, 16 ; Delta Upsilon, 20 ; Delta Tau Delta, 8. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 20 ; Delta Gamma, 19 ; Gamma Phi Beta, 12.

We are expecting daily the appearance of a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta.

This year a new course in electrical engineering has been established in the University. Commencement orations have been abolished by the Faculty, and now all efforts will be concentrated on the success of Class Day.

This year Senior rhetorical have been conducted on a new plan. The class was divided into two sides, and that one which received the highest average on its orations will be tendered a banquet by the losing side. Each side also choses four members to compete for the Lewis prize, formerly given for the best Commencement oration.

THETA — MISSOURI UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Gay Hancock, '90,	Etta Hancock, '90,
Alice Hancock, '92,	May Mansfield, '92,
Elizabeth Schweitzer, '93,	Mary Lucile Donnohue, '93,
Rosalie Broadhead, special,	Jessie Lyon, special,
Laura Long, post-graduate.	

Chapter: Number of active members, 9 ; total membership of chapter, 70 ; number of year's initiates, 3.

University: Number of Faculty, 25 ; number of academical students, 450. Men's fraternities: Phi Delta Theta, 19 ; Zeta Phi, 20 ; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 13 ; Sigma Nu, 17. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 9.

IOTA — DEPAUW UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

M. Sidelia Starr, '90,	Minnie Lulu Royse, '90,
Lulu Belle Ward, '90,	Ellen B. Atwater, '91,
Elizabeth A. Rose, '91,	Jessie S. Noble, '91,
Jessie L. Montgomery, '91,	Eleanor F. Wright, '91,

Hallie Hall, '91,	Halcyone McCurdy, '92,
Dessie O. Carns, '92,	Blanche Gelwick, '92,
Zella Byrde Ward, '92,	Cora Frances Ebbinghouse, '92,
Mary Bicknell, '93,	Bessie Ruth Herrick, '92,
E. Jean Nelson, '92,	Nellie Fatout, '92,
Anna Chaffee, '93,	Ollie Hays, '93,
Margaret Jean Patterson, '93	Sallie M. Marlatt, '93,
Emma J. Coffey, '93,	Lucile Marshall, '93,
Jessie Neff, '93,	Dora Lloyd, '93,
Minnie Beene, '93,	Birdie Neff, '93,
Nellie Hanna, '93,	Maude M. Stearns, '93,
Myrtle Grubb, associate,	Emma Bicknell, associate.

Chapter: Active members, 32; total membership, 154; year's initiates, 8. Sidelia Starr received fourth place on the oratorical. She is the second girl to speak on the oratorical at DePauw and the first to receive a delegateship. This was quite an honor, as DePauw ranks unusually high in oratory.

University: Number of Faculty, 15. Men's fraternities: Beta Theta Pi, 17; Phi Gamma Delta, 22; Sigma Chi, 12; Phi Kappa Psi, 21; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 22; Phi Delta Theta, 22; Delta Tau Delta, 14; Delta Upsilon, 17. Women's fraternities: Kappa Alpha Theta, 27; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 32; Alphi Chi Omega, 10; Alpha Phi, 17.

KAPPA — HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Active Members.

Shirley Holmes Smith, '90,	Winnifred A. Root, '90,
Harriette E. Rice, '90,	Dora Stamats, '90,
Edith Andrus, '91,	Nora Masters, '91,
Nellie Eastman, '91,	Libbie Eastman, '91,
Florence Keith, '92,	Dora Andrus, '92,
Ina Dunn, '92,	Alice Lane, '93,
Carrie Leverett, '93,	Kate Powell, '94.

Chapter: Active members, 14; total membership from chapter establishment, 70; year's initiates, 5. Honors: Dora Stamats, president of Senior class. Florence Keith, president of German Sodales Literary Society; Shirley Smith and Harriette Rice elected to represent the literary

societies of which they are members, with senior addresses on anniversary nights.

College: Number of faculty, 13; number of students in academic department, 333. Men's fraternities: Delta Tau Delta, 13; Phi Delta Theta, 13; Alpha Tau Omega, 10. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 14; Pi Beta Phi, 12.

LAMBDA — BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

Active Members.

Gertrude H. Matthews, '89,	Jennie L. Sisler, '91,
May E. Steves, '92,	Helen Typer, '92,
Lena O. Warner, '93,	Adda M. Buchtel, '93,
Alice C. Slade, '93,	Gertrude E. Wynn, '93,
Eva Dean, '93,	Otillia Poehlman, '93,
Clara Sheak, '93,	Gertrude Lewis,
Laura A. Findley.	Julia McGregor,
Dian Haynes, '94.	

Chapter: Number of active members, 16; total membership of chapter, 76; number of year's initiates, 5. Honors: Alice Slade, second prize in elocution contest.

College: Number of Faculty in collegiate department, 13; number of students in collegiate department, 105. Men's fraternities: Delta Tau Delta, 9; Phi Delta Theta, 12; Lone Star (local), 9. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 16; Delta Gamma, 13.

NU — OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Alberta D. Garber (P. G.), '90,	Mabel A. Basterdes, '90,
Alice H. Moodie, '90,	Nellie Talbot, '90,
Alice M. Beach, '91,	Martha Moses, '91,
Christine A. Houston, '92,	B. Katharine Krauss, '92,
Mignon Talbot, '92,	Carrie Wright, '92,
Clara Byers, '93,	Louise A. Merrill, '93.

Chapter: Number of active members, 12; total membership of chapter, 19; number of year's initiates, 3. Honors: Alice Moodie represented

her class on University Day ; Helen Semert represented Browning Literary Society on the oratorical contest ; Mabel Basterdes chosen as prophet, and Alice Moodie as historian for Class Day ; Nellie Talbot, Commencement appointment.

University : Number of Faculty, 21 ; number of students, 250. Men's fraternities : Phi Gamma Delta, 10 ; Phi Kappa Psi, 13 ; Sigma Chi, 7 ; Phi Delta Theta, 12 ; Chi Phi, 12 ; Beta Theta Pi, 16. Women's fraternities : Kappa Kappa Gamma, 12.

XI — ADRIAN COLLEGE.

Active Members.

Saidie Palmer,	Cora Palmer,
May McElroy,	Emma J. Johnston, '90,
Florence McClure, '90,	Mildred Graham, '92,
Ida Foster, '91,	Rose Talbott, '92,
	Jennie Hulse, '91.

Chapter : Number of active members, 9 ; total membership from chapter establishment, 46 ; number of year's initiates, 3. Honors : Florence McClure, editor-in-chief of *College World* and president of Lambda Phi Society ; Ida Foster, president of Star Society and chosen representative in inter-society contest to be held Commencement week.

College : Number of faculty in collegiate department, 8 ; number of students in collegiate department, 190. Men's fraternities : Alpha Tau Omega, 11 ; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 12 ; Delta Delta Delta, 10. Women's fraternities : Kappa Kappa Gamma, 9.

SIGMA — NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Rachael E. Manley, '90,	Avis Belle Manley, '93,
Ida C. Bonnell, '91,	Bertha McMillan, '93,
Stella Anna Kirker, '92,	Catherine D. Scothorn.

Chapter : Number of active members, 6 ; total membership from chapter establishment, 31 ; year's initiates, 1. No honors or prizes are given in the University.

University: Number of faculty in collegiate department, 19; number of students in collegiate department, 200. Men's fraternities in order of establishment: Sigma Chi, 11; Phi Delta Theta, 12; Beta Theta Pi, 7. Women's fraternities in order of establishment: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 6; Kappa Alpha Theta, 3; Delta Gamma, 5.

The University is at present without a chancellor, but acting Chancellor Bessey is very popular with the students, and the University has never before been in a more prosperous condition.

A change has been made in the Commencement exercises for this year, and instead of the usual orations an address will be given.

TAU — SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Mary D. Allis,	Lizzie S. Bridgeford,
Ellen L. Bryant, '90,	Mary E. Christy, '90,
Lena C. Hammond, '90,	Grace E. Townsend, '90,
Grace Hill,	Nellie K. Reilay,
Ida Cooley, '91,	Grace Carpenter, '91,
Libbie Ruland, '92,	Marian Coville, '92,
Georgia Ross, '92,	Mary E. Wright, '92,
Ella Hall, '92,	Kate Rollo, '92.
Margaret Tucker, '92,	Myra Husted, '92,
Louise Nicholson, '92,	Ella Orr, '92,
Clara Orr, '92,	Grace Ferris, '92,
Mary Avery, '93,	Myra Stephens, '93,
Marion Duncan, '93,	Kate Brown, '93,
Minnie Woodworth, '93,	Bessie Reed, '93,
May Reed, '93,	Margaret Brown, '93.

Chapter: Number of active members, 30; year's initiates, 12; total membership from establishment, 64.

University: Number of faculty in collegiate department, 46; number of students in collegiate department, 649. Men's fraternities: Delta Kappa Epsilon, 28; Delta Upsilon, 26; Psi Upsilon, 29; Phi Kappa Psi, 18; Phi Delta Theta, 30; Beta Theta Pi, 15. Women's fraternities: Alpha Phi, 28; Gamma Phi Beta, 36; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 30; Kappa Alpha Theta, 14.

UPSILON — ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Clara Tucker, '90,	Edith Clarke, '90,
Lizzie Brown, '90,	Amy Jarrett, '90,
Isabel Morse, '90,	Maude Smith, '92,
Effie Miller, '92,	Nettie Hunt, '92,
Fannie Mesuer, '92,	Bird Hewson, '92,
Hattie Caughran, '93.	

Chapter: Number of active members, 11; total membership from chapter establishment, 51; number of year's initiates, 3. Honors and prizes: Theresa Ludlow, '89, appointment to play at closing recital of Musical Conservatory; Clara Tucker, '90, position on editorial board of the *Northwestern*, our college paper; Maude Smith, '92, on Declamation contest.

University: Number of Faculty in College of Liberal Arts, 16; number of students in College of Liberal Arts, 253. Men's fraternities: Sigma Chi ('69), 13; Beta Theta Pi ('73), 11; Phi Kappa Psi ('64), 15; Delta Upsilon ('81), 21; Phi Delta Theta ('59), 8; Phi Kappa Sigma ('73), 7. Women's fraternities: Alpha Phi ('81), 17; Delta Gamma ('82), 8; Kappa Kappa Gamma ('82), 11; Kappa Alpha Theta ('87), 10; Gamma Phi Beta ('88), 8.

PHI — BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Sarah L. Bird, '90,	Emily H. Bright, '90,
Margaret B. Dodge, '90,	Mary L. Hinckley, '90,
Mary M. Kingsbury, '90,	Bertha L. Briggs, '91,
Agnes H. Chase, '91,	Bloomie P. Crook, '91,
Lida H. Hiller, '91,	Louise H. Morey, '91,
Helen H. Wadsworth, '91,	Anna M. Warren, '91,
Winifred Warren, '91.	Emilie A. Young, '91,
Eleanor C. Butler, '92,	Sarah E. Morse, '92,
Grace H. Parker, '92,	Lillian W. Sawyer, '92,
Alice R. Sheppard, '92,	Mabel M. Taylor, '92,
Ella A. Titus, '92,	Marion T. Wendell, '92,
Grace E. H. Casey, '93,	Alice M. Smith, '93,
Mary P. Hitchcock, special.	

Chapter: Number of active members, 25; total membership from chapter establishment, 72; years' initiates, 5. Honors: Mary M. Kingsbury, represented the women of the College of Liberal Arts at Commencement; Sarah M. Hobson, '87, represented the women of the Medical School on Commencement Day; Emilie A. Young, '91, has been elected editor-in-chief of the college magazine.

University: Number of Faculty in collegiate department, 22; number of students in collegiate department, 292. Men's fraternities: Beta Theta Pi, 23; Theta Delta Chi, 30; Delta Tau Delta, 12. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 25; Alpha Phi, 30; Gamma Phi Beta, 20; Delta Delta Delta, 23.

CHI — MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Edith Viola Phillips, '90,	Nellie Malura Cross, '91,
Martha V. Aukeny, '91,	Blanche P. Berry, '91,
Eveline V. W. Sammis, '92,	Stella B. Stearns, '92,
Mabel F. Austin, '92,	Elizabeth H. Mathes, '92,
Effie F. Ames, '92,	Lucy W. Leach, '92,
Clara J. Blake, special,	Jessie A. Pratt, special.
Julia K. Thompson, special,	Mary E. Hawley, special,
Anna Augusta Brown, special,	Rose Maude Upham, special,
Maude Best, special,	Minnie B. Phillips, special,
Mary A. Best, special,	Fanny D. Shuey, special,
Priscilla Grace Gilbert, associate member.	

Chapter: Number of active members, 21; total membership from chapter establishment, 60; number of year's initiates, 3. Honors and prizes: Edith V. Phillips, elected prophet of the senior class; Julia K. Thompson, elected poet of the special class; Effie F. Ames, elected editor on the board of the *Ariel*, the college paper; Elizabeth H. Mathes, elected editor on the board of the *Gopher*, the Junior annual, and elected secretary by the members of the board; Mabel F. Austin, elected editor on the *Gopher* board, and elected chairman of the literary committee on that board.

University: Number of Faculty in collegiate department—professors, 24, instructors, 5; number of students in collegiate department, 562.

Men's fraternities: Chi Psi ('74), 18; Theta Phi ('79), 20; Delta Tau Delta ('83), 13; Phi Kappa Psi ('88), 19; Sigma Chi ('88), 13; Beta Theta Pi ('89), 13; Delta Kappa Epsilon ('89), 26. The Addisonian Society is a very recent secret society, literary and social in its scope, and organized on a high moral basis. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, ('80) 21; Delta Gamma ('82), 18; Kappa Alpha Theta ('89), 16. Among the men's fraternities the chapter of Phi Delta has left its parent fraternity and joined Delta Kappa Epsilon.

PSI — CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Ida May Hill, '90,	Josephine Spencer, '92,
Julia Lorraine Melotte, '92,	Frances Tappan, '92
Anne De Wolfe, '93,	Amy Gerecke, '92
Laura Stanley Dickey, '92,	Mary Gillie Taylor, '93,
Minnie Bache Truman, '93	Emma Louise Sawyer, '93
Jennie Bonnell Grafft, '93,	Gertrude Wilder, '93,
Lucile Fowler Austin, special,	Louise Stevens Fagan, R. G.,
May Buchanan Livingston, spl,	Harriet Hinman Bisbee, '92,
Alinda Lathrop, '92.	

Chapter: Number of active members, 17; total membership from chapter establishment, 44; number of year's initiates, 9. Honors and prizes: Ida May Hill, Sigma Xi.

University: Number of Faculty in collegiate department, 115; students, 1306. Men's fraternities in order of establishment: Zeta Psi, 12; Chi Phi, 13; Kappa Alpha, 24; Alpha Delta Phi, 25; Phi Kappa Psi, 22; Chi Psi, 21; Delta Upsilon, 27; Delta Kappa Upsilon, 16; Theta Delta Chi, 16; Phi Delta Theta, 23; Beta Theta Pi, 23; Psi Upsilon, 24; Alpha Tau Omega, 27; Phi Gamma Delta, 17; Phi Delta Phi, 19; Phi Sigma Kappa, 19; Delta Tau Delta, 10; Alpha Zeta, 9. Women's fraternities: Kappa Alpha Theta, 20; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 17; Delta Gamma, 12; Alpha Phi, 17.

EVANSTON, Ill., May 9, 1890.

Whereas, in His infinite wisdom, it has pleased God to take unto Himself our beloved sister, Mrs. Nettie Rugg-Shutterly ; and

Whereas, we, the members of Upsilon Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma, mourn the loss of a faithful member and feel a deep sense of sorrow for Dr. E. E. Shutterly and Mr. and Mrs. Rugg in this their great affliction ; be it therefore

Resolved, that we extend to them our heartfelt sympathy, and pray that the God who "doeth all things well" may comfort them and keep them always in the peace which He alone can give.

By order of Upsilon Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

In Memoriam.

For the first time the Angel of Death has visited Upsilon Chapter and has borne away in his arms our dearly loved sister, Nettie Rugg-Shutterly.


Sorrow is always selfish ; we mourn not for the souls whom God has taken, but for our own loneliness and longing. Surely no one could wish for a soul once released to take on this life again ; for the happiest life has its cares, the easiest its burdens. And so we try to forget our sorrow and think only of the lesson which the life and death of Nettie Rugg-Shutterly have taught us.

All Kappas have lost a sister, but let us who knew her best tell you who live in distant places a little of the short, beautiful life that has been lived among us.

Five years ago "Nettie," as we love to call her, came from her home in New Lennox, Ill., to Northwestern University. She became a Kappa shortly after entering, and for two years took an active interest in the society. She was not able to finish the college course and left us to be at

home for a year. At the end of that time she married Dr. Eugene E. Shutterly and they made their home in South Evanston. We were all glad to feel that Nettie was again with us in reality, as she always was in love and sympathy. Hers was one of those simple, lovely souls that seem always in the sunlight of God's smile and must needs reflect it. One could not be with her and remember ignoble strifes, unworthy ideals, or petty jealousies. Her smile and word of sympathy brought out the best in each soul that met hers. Nettie has taught us that not beauty of feature, nor wealth, nor great intellect, makes a beautiful life, but only purity and goodness. Hard it is to see the Providence that makes dark and cheerless a home once so full of love and happiness—hard to understand why the lives that inspire only truth and nobleness should be so early taken from a world where they are so sorely needed. But as we looked through our tears for the last time at the lovely face that never lost its girlish innocence, its message seemed to be, "Dear ones, it is all right, and God knew best."

God always knows best; we can trust him; and when we saw the little gold key she loved so dearly still on her breast we thought, Nettie has solved now the mysteries we cannot know, ways that we cannot tell; God has unlocked to her the secrets of the happier land, for the motto of the little key has been graven not only in the gold but in her every word and deed, in life itself.



Editorial.

ONLY two months before Convention! Two months that may seem short or long according as they are measured by our duties or desires. To the zealous delegate the time must seem absurdly inadequate. So many plans to be considered, so many people to be consulted, so many letters to be written; — and only two months for it all! Why, twice the time would not suffice. The only possible way out of confusion is through the systemization of work and the concentration of energy upon a few important issues. These last will vary of course with the different Chapters; nevertheless, there are a few questions of equal import to all, and upon these every delegate should be prepared beforehand to speak and, to speak decidedly.

Remember that Convention is not the place for preparation but for action. If after consulting with delegates from other Chapters you find occasion to change your mind, well and good. But let no important measures be lost, or useless laws carried, through the weak shilly-shallying of delegates who have postponed consideration of these subjects until their arrival at Convention.

“But what are these important questions?” For the most part such as can be discussed to better advantage through inter-chapter correspondence than through the pages of the KEY. Still there are a few which it may be well to mention here.

I. *The Equalization of Convention Expenses.* Upon this question there should be no hesitation. We are already long behind other fraternities in settling this matter.

II. *Chapter Houses.* If Kappa Kappa Gamma is to retain her high standing among her sister fraternities she must take some step toward the erection of Chapter Houses; either by the formation of a stock company, the establishment of a fund, or some similar method.

III. *Salaried Editors.* In this connection we can do no better than

to quote the editorial opinion of the *Delta Gamma Anchora*, which is very much to the point :

“ Editorial duties often conflict seriously with college duties, and one or the other, usually the latter, has to suffer. But the publishing chapter is by no means the only sufferer in this state of affairs. The further increase in the growth and value of *Anchora* demands an amount of time and care which young women in active college life do not have to give at all in the measure required. We therefore urge upon the chapters the importance of considering the question of having a salaried editor. Can we not afford to increase our subscriptions by enough to offer some inducement to an alumna to take our journal and give her undivided time and attention to it. We hope that chapters will take this matter into serious consideration, and we should be glad to hear the opinions you have upon the subject.”

Necessity, not expediency, explains the existence of the Greek-letter society. Fraternities are because they must be, not because it is convenient that they should be: otherwise they would long since have been killed off by persistent opposition. In some way the fraternity idea must be expressed; the chapter and council, badge and password, are merely a convenient means of expression. Moreover, they are only one means; there is no disloyalty in such an admission; even though the average Greek persists in appropriating to his own and similar organizations both the name and spirit of fraternity. The only real disloyalty is disloyalty to the fraternity principle; the disloyalty that exalts the means to the dignity of an end, attempts a “corner” in friendship as it would in pork or potatoes.

Not until we Greeks rid ourselves of such notions as these, and recognize as co-fraternities all organizations possessing needs and ambitions in common with ourselves, shall we attain to a Pan-Hellenism worthy of the name.

Nor by “organizations” would I limit our interests to bodies boasting constitutions, governments and the like.

The Federation of Women’s Clubs that met in New York City a few

weeks since formed an assembly both significant and inspiring; yet no more significant nor inspiring than the little circle of farmers' wives and daughters whose fraternal feeling finds expression in the "Home" columns of the agricultural journals. Indeed, to the earnest fraternity man or woman nothing is more impressive than the persistent struggle of the fraternal instinct against the most unfavorable conditions. No matter how seemingly slight are the ties that unite these pathetic "sisterhoods," no matter how grotesque the appeals to the "dear sisters" for a new crochet pattern or sure cure for toothache, the underlying spirit is in every case the same as that which establishes chapters and shapes constitutions—a spirit which we Greeks should not only recognize but also encourage by every means within our power.

Few chapters have been established under such favorable conditions as Beta Alpha of Kappa Kappa Gamma. To be "first in the field" is in itself a fair guarantee of success. To be not only the first chapter of a woman's fraternity, but the first women to enter college; to open paths and establish traditions for both a chapter and a college, that is to render success almost inevitable.

To our youngest chapter at the University of Pennsylvania we extend hearty welcome and sincere hopes for continued prosperity.

An examination of the subscription list has convinced the editor that the chief lack of THE KEY is in articles of real interest to the *alumnæ*.

Open letters upon questions of fraternity policy do not specially appeal to the graduate. After Commencement Papers are directed to the undergraduate rather than to those whose paths in life are already marked out. Chapter letters bristle with strange names and unfamiliar allusions. Even the *alumnæ* personals are more tantalizing than satisfactory.

What THE KEY needs most of all, just at present, is, (1) *Chapter Reminiscences*, and (2), *Brief Biographies of Prominent Alumnæ*.

Of the Reminiscences THE KEY has spoken once before. Old letters, records, documents, journals — any material of this sort would form the basis for articles of permanent value.

The Biographies explain themselves. One hundred and fifty to three hundred words concerning the life and work of your successful doctors, writers or teachers? That should be an easy task to any girl who has the interests of her chapter and her chapter's *alumnæ* at heart.

Of course such work as this takes time. Still you have the summer before you; and the summer is the best time for seeing the graduates who are scattered far and wide during the winter months. Call upon those who live near you; ask for a sight of their old letters and "memorabilia books," explain the needs of THE KEY and the work which they can do for it; and then in the fall send the results of your inquiries to the editor. This is the way and the only way in which THE KEY can be raised to the position that it should occupy in the esteem of both undergraduates and *alumnæ*.

Exchanges.

The Phi Gamma Delta for June is a good number of a good magazine. It is a pleasure to read this quarterly. It is interesting, the departments are well-balanced, it is thoroughly alive. Its Greek news is recent and to the point. This issue also gives a full number of chapter letters. An article on the "Un-fraternity man" ought to do a good work, for it describes the chapter drag with great accuracy. The only trouble is, the member who is such a hindrance isn't likely to read that article, or if he should chance upon it, it is improbable that it would occur to him that he was the man so vividly portrayed. (This "he" is generic. We venture to say that the vanity is not unknown in feminine circles.) *The Quarterly's* view on Pan-Hellenism is too well-known to repeat.

However, speaking of Pan-Hellenism, our eye lights on that self-constituted organ of Greek organization, *The Palm*. We believe that the spirit manifested by this magazine is in the right direction. The most loyal fraternity men and women are those who are most thoroughly interested in the promotion of high fraternity aims and ideals rather than in personal aggrandizement. The question arises, however, how is fealty to one's own order to be united with fealty to the proposed general organization? And this question yet remains to be answered. Our own views of the case may be summed up as follows: We believe that a Pan-Hellenic Congress would be a good thing. But we are of the opinion that the mission of such a conference would not be legislative, but rather, moral. Sets of resolutions could be drawn up declaring the general principles of fraternity. It would also be of use to place on record the combined news of the different orders represented in regard to the mutual relations of these orders; some system of interfraternity courtesy, such as some form to be agreed upon in regard to the announcement of the election of new secretaries, the change in magazine management, announcement of dismissed members, etc. Such regulations would be of great convenience to all. But a central board of government would be a different and more impracticable notion. In the first place, the comparison that *The Palm* makes between this federation and the United States Government is not wholly felicitous. The United States would hardly have drawn up a constitution ignorant of the constitution of the component States. We see no plan for general fraternity management that is feasible. As we look at it, loyalty must be paid to one's own order and legislation must be made by the order to which one has sworn fidelity. Pan-Hellenism that means an extension of good feeling, the recognition of common aims, and even the regulation of interfraternity courtesy, is an unmixed good. But further than this we cannot at present go. In the meantime, we are glad to read *The Palm*, and await with pleasure its plans in the future.

The Chi Phi Quarterly, April, presents an interesting article on affiliation. It suggests the desirability of a man's taking with him a certificate on leaving his own chapter, and without severing his relations from his chapter in any way, being an affiliated member of any other chapter near which he may reside. Such affiliation would in Mr. Moore's view necessitate some small fee, upon the payment of which he should have all the privileges of the chapter to which he is affiliated with the exception of the right to vote—a right which belongs only to chapter members themselves. This plan would doubtless be of value in a good many cases where actual transference in membership would be undesired, but where more was wanted than the general fraternity relation. We fancy that this plan of *Chi Phi's* is in operation among some of the Greek orders already. The system has much to recommend it.

The Rainbow has always been a welcome visitor to our sanctum, and of late years nothing but words of praise could be said. It would certainly be unfair to expect from a new management such an excellent magazine as was edited by the lamented Mr. Phillips. In time we may again witness *The Rainbow* in all its former brightness, but now the prismatic colors are somewhat dimmed. We miss the man-of-the-world quality, that distinguished Delta Tau's organ in days gone by. The make-up of the paper is provincial. There is, however, much to commend. The Chapter letters show genuine enthusiasm. The articles of the greatest interest are the symposium on "Fraternity and Morality," the Division Conference Reports, and a notice of the recent founding of the Pittsburg Alumni Association. We quote from the symposium:

"Too often we forget that the strength of a fraternity lies in men, not in colleges. Let us place the premium where it belongs. Let our requirements be twofold—institutions of high standing and men of high standing. It should be the climax of every man's ambition for his fraternity to have the standard so high and so generally observed, that none but good men, in none but good colleges, should be the representation of the fraternity."

The February number of the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* opens with sketches of five of their prominent alumni—Attorney-General Miller, Rev. Wm. Faunce, the late Hon. Orlow Chapman, Solicitor-General of the United States, President Andrews, of Brown, and the late Hon. Wm. Birss, of Chicago. Portraits of these worthies add greatly to the general interest of the magazine. We are especially glad to hear of President Andrews, that beneath his official dignity an ardent love for the fraternity *silently* smoulders, awaiting the opportunity for an outburst. Is it our duty to warn Brown University of an explosion?

Three of the eighty pages are filled with editorials—and stars: especially stars. The exchange department, however, is not only interesting but good-natured; a combination possible only to an exchange editor of the highest genius.

The poets of *Delta Upsilon* we cannot commend, and gladly pass over to Rossiter

Johnson, who seems to have them in mind in his "Old Words to Young Writers," when he says:

"It is desirable that the young, and especially the ambitious writer, should understand clearly what is possible to him in his youth, and what is probably impossible. A cultivated and graceful style may be attained by a young man or woman who comprehends to some extent the genius of our language, will study the best models, and knows how to practice self-criticism; but good creative work, except in the lighter kinds of poetry, has seldom or never been accomplished by a very young person. I know of no novel that has permanent value being written by an author under thirty years of age. When a young writer is discouraged by editorial refusals of his manuscript, he should understand that it may not be because he does not write well, but because he has substantially nothing to say. The great facts of human experience cannot be evolved from one's inner consciousness; you must live them before you can know them. The public that reads to be entertained and instructed cares little for any facts, feelings or observations you may offer it at second-hand, no matter how skilful your phraseology. But one may learn to till the ground before he has a farm of his own to cultivate."

Anchora for April has no need to reproach itself for the failing that it observes in Phi Kappa Psi's publication—lack of matter interesting to the fraternity world at large. For the question, "How Can We Make Our College Course Count Most?" is of interest, not only to the fraternity world, but to all thoughtful persons engaged in such a course. An earnest discussion of this question, under the head of "Chapter Opinions," opens the number. The following may perhaps serve to represent a good array of sensible "opinions" and practical suggestions. "What we want to secure is, not the mere formal training of our mental powers, but the discipline and culture which should come from knowledge, and though we devote most of our attention to development in some particular way, we must not forget that our college study should bring about the enlargement of the whole nature."


Then we find personals, chapter letters, and a few pages of editorials, the last concerned with Delta Gamma affairs. A fervent spirit of loyalty to Delta Gamma pervades every line of the chapter letters, most of which contain descriptions of a certain delightful "Re-union Day." The boundary between enthusiasm and "gush" is extremely narrow. In view of this fact we hesitate to say that *Anchora's* chapter letters even approach the wrong side of the boundary. Doubtless it is better to run a slight risk of seeming unduly "girlish" than to fall into a too monotonous and conventional style of writing.

There is also an instructive article on "Female Education in Ireland." But alas! that a magazine which protests justly against the use of the word "sororities" should allow "Female Education" to appear in its pages!

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