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## OUR INITIATES.

A Toast, November 27, '96.

Initiates—initiates!

The very word my heart elates ;  
They are so sweet, they are so fair,  
They are so dear, they are such rare  
And priceless pearls for us to wear  
Oh, happy we ! Proud K. K. G.

Initiates—initiates !

How strong the tie that word creates !  
A tie to wish, a bond to keep ;  
Like home love sure, like home love deep,  
A sister's love wakes ne'er to sleep.  
Oh, happy she named K. K. G.

M. A. L., *Psi*.

## LIFE AMONG THE WOMEN STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.

The women students of the University of Toronto certainly have little of which to complain ; for, while enjoying the educational advantages offered by a university whose undergraduate courses compare favorably with the best of the American Colleges, the social life also is varied and pleasant, so that there is little danger of culture becoming one-sided.

When the newly matriculated freshman first enters the classic walls of " University College " and finds her way to the lofty rooms reserved in the eastern wing for women students, she is welcomed by the kind faced lady superintendent, with whom she

registers and by whom she is directed to the Registrar's office, introduced to other girls and initiated into all the preliminaries.

After she has enrolled with the various professors she is ready to begin work in earnest and soon gets into the routine of college lectures and life.

Toronto University differs from most American universities in its system of honor courses; and as this system does not seem to be very generally understood on this side the line, a few words of explanation might be appropriate.

There are eleven Honor Departments, viz.:—I, Classics; II, Modern Languages; III, English and History; IV, Oriental Languages; V, History; VI, Political Science; VII, Philosophy; VIII, Mathematics and Physics; IX, Natural Science; X, Chemistry and Mineralogy; XI, Physics and Chemistry. Each of these Honor Courses is supplemented by a number of pass subjects, in which the student is obliged to pass an examination, thus preventing him from confining himself too closely to his special department.

For instance, an honor student in Modern Language has, in addition to his honor subjects, to take examinations in the first year in Latin, Mathematics, Physics or Biology. In the second year in Latin, History, Psychology. In the third year in History. By the time he reaches the fourth year the student is allowed to wholly concentrate his attention upon his Honor Department.

Besides the honor courses there is a general course for those who do not care to specialize, but wish to have more general knowledge. It is the old question as to which is better, to look at the world through a whole window of smoke-bedimmed glass, or through one pane which if small is clear, and in these modern times the man who knows one thing, and knows it well, usually makes himself felt more effectually, and is of more use to his fellow creatures, than he who knows a little of everything and not much of anything.

The general course has not hitherto been very popular in Toronto, except among those who—usually through the unkindness of the examiners—find the accurate knowledge required in their Honor Department too galling to their would-be widely cultured souls. Thus the distinctive advantage of study in Toronto is that one can specialize almost from the beginning of one's course.



But to turn to lighter matters. In connection with each course there is a club or association, as the Classical Association, the Modern Language Club, the Mathematical Society, etc. These clubs usually meet weekly for an hour or two after afternoon lectures, and papers are read on topics more or less closely connected with the course. These societies are student organizations, though usually one of the professors fills the office of Honorary President, and the professors are frequently kind enough to attend the meetings and aid in the discussions which follow the papers. Open meetings and receptions are given during the winter by these organizations.

Then there are the class societies, whose receptions, or, more technically speaking, "social evenings" give the students an opportunity of becoming better acquainted with each other. These receptions usually take the form of promenade concerts and many pleasant hours are whiled away to the music of Glionna's orchestra.

The societies mentioned already are, of course, common to the men and women of the university.

Among those which belong exclusively to the girls are, first and foremost, "The Woman's Literary Society," a most flourishing and successful organization. Here the bashful girl learns to hear the sound of her own voice without quaking in every limb, and the debates, which are one of the main features of the programmes, are entered into with great spirit and liveliness. Music is never wanting, and the girl with a head for business is happy in tearing the constitution to pieces or in valiantly upholding it as inclination dictates. One feature which is much appreciated by the girl who finds it hard to keep up her newspaper reading is that every month a literary report and a political report are brought in by girls who have been appointed to this task. Graduates usually undertake the duty of preparing these summaries.

Early in October, the Woman's Literary Society opens the season by giving a reception to the "Freshettes." As each girl enters the dressing room she is approached by committee girls who adorn her with a badge of ribbon, yellow for the freshmen, blue for the sophomores, pink for the juniors, and white for the seniors, the graduates present usually being decorated with

all these colors. This simple device prevents the guileless freshman from wounding the pride of the senior who is doing her best to be impressive, by innocently asking if she is "in the first year too?" After the first introductions are over the affair becomes very informal. Some bright and original idea is usually carried out in the way of entertaining, and everything is done to give the new girls a pleasant foretaste of the delights of university life.

The Literary Society also during the winter gives a reception to the Faculty and to the "Faculty's wives" together with the officers of the different societies around college.

In connection with the Literary Society is the "Ladies' Glee Club" whose membership numbers about fifty. Very good work has been done by the club and its public appearances in connection with the annual University Glee Club concerts have been enthusiastically greeted.

Then there are the "Ladies' Tennis Club," the "Ladies' Fencing Club" and last but not least the Y. W. C. Association at whose meetings many a tired, homesick girl has been cheered and comforted.

But a description of life in Toronto ought not to omit mention of the snow which usually covers the ground for several weeks after Christmas. Gay, sleighing parties are then in order, and after a half day's study nothing more refreshing or exhilarating could be imagined than a drive in the bracing Canadian air. There are weeks of good skating, too, to be enjoyed by those fond of this sort of exercise.

Many other things might be mentioned which go to make university life something more than a mere grind; such as the festivities of Commencement and the "At Homes" of professors' wives, but the event of the year is the *Conversazione*. Then the beautiful main building, which is said to be the finest specimen of Norman-French architecture on the continent, is seen in new beauty. The spacious halls and long corridors brilliantly lighted and gaily decorated with flags and bunting, the flowers, the palms, the pretty gowns,—all go to make up a scene which will long live in the memory of the girl who has been so fortunate as to spend her undergraduate days within those gray old walls.

But as she mingles with the gay throng she cannot help a certain feeling of sadness in the thought that it will soon all be over,



her 'Varsity days will be done, and she will have to tear herself away from dear associations. It is then that she finds herself fervently echoing the sentiment of the old college "envoy" :

"Three-score and ten, a wise man said,  
Were our years to be :  
Three-score and six I give him back,  
Four are enough for me.  
Four in these corridors,  
Four in these halls of ours,  
These give me Heavenly Pow'rs,  
'Tis life for me. "

*Beta Alpha.*

### TRIFLES, LIGHT AS AIR.

One day a thought passed through my cerebrum and gliding along the path of least resistance, left certain hieroglyphics inscribed thereupon, which being interpreted by the motor nerves of the vocal organs, spake after this wise :

"The very best thing that has ever come into your life has been friendship, hasn't it? By friendship, meaning not superficial acquaintance, on the strength of which you make remarks more or less original about the weather and air observations more or less to the point concerning current events, but that something which exists between congenial souls, those who probe each other to the depth and bring to utterance all that lies there in concealment and perhaps unconsciousness. Those are your friends whose feelings and interests, conceptions and purposes you know all about, with whom there need be silence on no subject, from fashions and politics to religion and love, or in whose presence there may be the eloquent silence which is often the best expression."

Following in the wake of this thought came another and left this impression engraved upon the plastic cells of grey matter :

"This friendship that has so enriched your life has been formed largely within fraternal bonds. From that sunshiny April day when those two Kappas came running upstairs to your room with the breathless announcement that they had come to 'spike' you, until your last visit as an alumna to sister alumnæ when you

carried into effect the unwritten law that 'where two or more Kappas are gathered together, a picture shall be taken of the group of them,' the friendship of Kappa girls has been like a broad shaft of sunlight penetrating with warmth and brightness the might-have-been chill and dreariness of your life."

"That certainly does seem to be a fact," I admitted, "but why are these things so?" In quick response flitted across another little thought:

"Because that is the very essence of the fraternity. The chapter said to you, 'Come thou with us,' probably because its members saw something in you to like, and you accepted the invitation undoubtedly because you saw a great deal in them to love and admire."

"That's true, too," I murmured, and the next thought came stealing silently along:

"And after you entered the mystic circle you found the ties so close and strong that friendships, and genuine ones, too, seemed the most natural thing in the world. You came into just the sort of contact needed for knowing and loving each other."

Then the train of thoughts whisked off out of sight and was followed by a light, airy troop called "fancies," which came not in single, logical succession, but piled in pell-mell, pictures and images elbowing each other around in a very distracting fashion. And presently as they all alike grew dim to my vision a final thought came hurrying in, bringing up a rather lonesome and tardy rear. It lingered long enough, however, to make a lasting impression and to deepen what had gone before, and its message was this:

"Since this fraternal friendship has been sweetness and light in your own life, don't store it away and let it accumulate in ponderous proportions. Distribute it again. Be a true friend yourself, not only to sister Kappas, but to all women. Send the bright spirit out into circulation like a shining coin that will double and treble its value if put to the right use.

And so shall fraternal love and helpfulness, blest faculty of the human heart, go on from its starting point in the chapter, widening and deepening and so adding in rich treasure to the wealth of human life.

T. E. P., *Beta Zeta*, '95.



**A SERIOUS PROBLEM.**

After the excitement of an initiation, there comes a lull in which each chapter pauses for breath, and to consider—not what it has all been about—but rather what are to be the immediate results attendant upon the enlargement of its circle by the new claimant to its friendship.

All of us must remember well what were our feelings between the time of our election and initiation—feelings which reached their climax when we at last felt that we were indeed part of the mystic sisterhood of Kappa Kappa Gamma, and most of us, I fancy, laid upon ourselves in private pledges of what we should strive to accomplish in the realization of Kappa ideals. Although I do not wish to be pessimistic, the question persistently obtrudes itself upon my thoughts of past and present, whether these lofty aspirations have been, as a rule fulfilled, or whether, after rushing and initiation there comes a feeling of work accomplished and a consequent cessation of effort, on the part of the chapter which leads the initiated to question whether there really be so very much to the fraternity and fraternity life after all. I would not suggest for an instant that Kappa and all that the name implies, does not become more dear to each of us as time goes on. It is perhaps this very fact of the deep sympathy among the older members which makes them forget that to the newer sisters it is as yet only potential—a thing to be attained ; and, in consequence there comes a certain relaxation of feeling on the part of the initiates, leading, in some cases at least, to partial coldness which, although it may be only of short duration is detrimental in its effects on chapter life, and greatly to be lamented.

Possibly this question of what to do with initiates does not trouble chapters in colleges where there are chapter rooms and dormitory life, but to those of us to whom these things are merely names, the problem is one of serious importance.

A. C. W. *Beta Epsilon.*

**THE WHOLE DUTY OF THE INITIATE.**

The Jungle is large and the Cub he is small. Let him think and be still.—*Jungle Book.*

There are certain vows taken by candidates upon their initiation into any of the national fraternities. The number of these varies with the different characters of the different organizations

but in a general way, they fall into two classes ; the pledges to the general order and the pledges to the specific branch of which the candidate wishes to become a member.

The first class is likely to include a general pledge of loyalty to the membership of the order and a promise to uphold its principles, while the second class probably consists of a promise of loyalty to the members of the chapter joined and a pledge of obedience to its officers.

How shall these vows be fulfilled ? What does the initiate owe the general fraternity and how can she best justify the chapter for its choice of her ?

First of all, she must realize that the purposes of the fraternity are of a serious nature, that it is meant to be an aid not a hindrance to growth, and that, if its purposes be fulfilled, it is to be a lifelong joy to her, not simply one of the pleasures of her college course. She must constantly keep in mind the fact that the principles underlying Kappa Kappa Gamma are the principles which form the basis of all right thinking and right living and that she is to dwell upon them until they become a fact of her life and are reflected in her conduct. This is the deeper significance of the fraternity.

Apart from the spiritual side of the fraternity, there are duties of a practical nature which confront the initiate. In assuming new ties, she has gained new responsibilities. She is now responsible to her fraternity for what she does and is. A fraternity is only successful when it develops its members instead of dwarfing them. A girl comes to the college hoping for the best education that can be obtained. This education may in after years be the means of earning her livelihood or may only mean those resources of mind which make life a constant blessing. But whatever education is to mean to her, it must not be neglected for the new friends and social pleasures from which she has formerly been exempt but which the fraternity has brought her. Kappa Kappa Gamma does not expect all its members to become Phi Beta Kappas or Sigma Xis, neither does it wish them to be grinds but it holds them responsible for good, honest, earnest college work. Heretofore the initiate was responsible to herself alone for her behavior, now the fraternity shares her triumphs and her sorrows. If she is a careless student, Kappa Kappa



Gamma suffers with her ; if her manners are disagreeable, her fraternity is blamed ; if she is indiscreet, her chapter is judged by her and chapters have frequently received undeserved condemnation through the thoughtlessness of some one girl.

Next, an initiate should know something of the history of her fraternity that she may understand how it has come to mean so much in the lives of many educated women. This will require time and some diligent study but it is necessary to an appreciation of the fraternity's value. She must try to realize that there are other chapters who are working for the same aims for which she is striving and who are ready to give her their loyalty and expect her loyalty in return. She will find this study interesting and it will help to give her breadth of view.

In her chapter the initiate needs most of all two qualities, the spirit of love and the spirit of modesty ; of love because love is the corner stone of all fraternity life and prompts the loyalty which is due to other members ; of modesty because she will find that even here she has much to learn. The chapter has a higher aim than outsiders are wont to fancy. It is not an eating club, a musical organization, an athletic society, nor even a caucus. It is sometimes well if these things be added unto it but they are in no way the purpose for which the chapter is formed. The chapter is for mutual helpfulness, for the nurture of good fellowship and the development of character. If the initiate fully understands this, she will feel that the advice and even the criticism which she is likely to receive from some older members is meant to help her, not to hurt her and later she will be surprised to find in how many ways her fraternity life has benefitted her.

### *Alumnæ Department.*

The later numbers of *THE KEY* have contained articles bearing upon the subject, "What Fraternity Life Means," and long ere this each member of Kappa Kappa Gamma has answered this all important question for herself. Of course, each one does not arrive at the same conclusion, but the member active, and the member alumna, arrive at different views. To the alumna the ties are closer and, situated as she is, she looks at the question both as a member and to a certain degree, as an outsider. It is much harder for the college member to look at the matter as an outsider would, for her zeal for the cause and the influence of the girls give her a more one-sided view. She is not apt to think how a thing will look to the uninitiated, when the reasons for her action are so clear to herself, but outsiders are compelled to judge by appearances, and we all know appearances are proverbially deceitful.

Much of the criticism of fraternities is deserved, for when one judges a society by its members and the members are neglectful of their duty, or thoughtless of it, they do not suffer alone, but their fraternity must suffer with them. We are not apt to remember that what happens to the individual, happens to the fraternity. We wonder if the member active realizes her influence and the influence of her fraternity? It is hard when all or nearly all one's best friends belong to one's fraternity not to stop with them, instead of making friends with the girls outside, but if when in college we limit ourselves to fraternity life alone, we rob ourselves, our views become narrow instead of broad, and we find that we are not ready for our "sphere of usefulness" when the time comes.

*THE KEY* once gave us the thought of the fraternity's influence being in concentric circles. But how many chapters ever go beyond the innermost circle? If they do not, are they seeking the highest good of which fraternity life is capable? Probably more than one fraternity in rushing a desirable member, has found her prejudiced by the clannish tendencies of fraternities. One girl, although desiring to join, did not accept an invitation, but said: "If I ever join a fraternity it will be to prove that I



could belong, yet not neglect old friends or fail to make new ones outside of my own fraternity." When such a case occurs, surely fraternities fail in their mission. Let us not have the key's message to us thus contorted, nor let its adoption show that we have deliberately chosen a certain few, for if such be the case we deprive ourselves of many true and lifelong friends.

*Beta Zeta.*

As soon as a convention is over all enthusiastic Kappas are busy acquainting themselves with the many changes that have been made in fraternity rules and regulations. But along with this study of the things that are, are we not also thinking of matters fruitful for discussion at the next convention?

The first thing that suggests itself to Beta Delta is the time of holding the convention itself. For many reasons it would seem best to fix the time within the school year. In the first place, such a change would enable the visiting members to see something of the workings of our respective colleges and universities. An insight would also be offered into the general Greek world, and some idea could be gained of the standing of the chapter in which we are most interested. Is not Beta Delta repeating the experience of many a sister chapter when she says that the names upon her chapter roll represent nearly as many states? With such a widely scattered membership, it would be quite as impossible for the chapter to entertain the convention as it would be for each individual member to accept the hospitality of a far eastern or western sister chapter.

*Beta Delta, '95.*

#### THE NEW YORK ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Kappa alumnae of New York city and vicinity was called at Barnard College for Friday, December fifth. Sixteen alumnae, representing Psi, Beta Beta, Beta Epsilon, Beta Eta, and Beta Tau chapters were present. The active chapter of Barnard College very pleasantly entertained the alumnae during the early part of the afternoon, and then the meeting was called to



order for the transaction of business, Miss Charlotte Smith of Psi acting as chairman. It was decided to form a New York Alumnae Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma, which should meet four times during each year, at the homes of its members. Miss Romer of Beta Tau was elected secretary, and an executive committee, consisting of a representative from each of the five chapters, was chosen. Of this committee, Miss Lee, representing Beta Beta, was chairman, while Miss Melick served for Beta Epsilon, Miss Cassidy for Psi, Miss Wight for Beta Eta, and Miss Foster for Beta Tau.

This committee consists of a member from each chapter represented, and the secretary. Each chapter represented is to be responsible for one meeting during this year and next. Thus Beta Beta has charge of the next meeting after the executive committee has decided as to its time and character of the program.

After several other matters of business had been decided, the Association adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Friday afternoon February fifth, 1897. The place of the meeting has not yet been appointed. A delightful program is being prepared and it is expected that many other alumnae will be able to attend the second meeting of the Association. A meeting of the Barnard Graduate Club held at the same time as the Kappa meeting interfered somewhat with the latter.

Any Kappa living in or near New York, who will send her name and address to Caroline S. Romer, 144 Garside street, Newark, New Jersey, will be notified in regard to the place of meeting and will be gladly welcomed by the members of the Association.

#### A KAPPA CLUB.

Olive Batman, Delta,	Flora Love, Psi,
Augusta Buskirk, Delta,	Grace Manning, Iota,
Belle Buskirk-Chipman, Delta,	May Manning, Iota,
Hadde Daggy, Iota,	Cora Menaguh, Delta,
Fanny Jones, Delta,	May Metcalf, Delta,
Mary Hort-Krauskoff, Delta,	Pauline Gibson Pittinger, Delta,
Blanche Van Auken, Xi.	

After all, the world is not very wide; so think thirteen K. K. Γ.'s who, having finished their college life, are so fortunate

as to be brought together and to find that the fraternity relation need not be entirely lost after graduation. An unlucky number? Not a bit of it. We are sorry it is so soon to be changed to twelve by the departure of one of our girls. But, to prove that thirteen is not a bar to good luck, let me confide the secret that she is going away as a bride. We are all to be at the wedding, and that will remind us of old times when, as chapters, we used to attend the weddings of the town girls.

In fact, we are often reminded of old times. It is good to see the little gold key now and then, and to hear the familiar whistle. It is a pleasant imitation of the real thing to be called together for an occasional "fraternity meeting;" the girls come dropping in, in the delightfully irregular fashion that, we remember used to give rise to frequent discussion of fines which were never levied and never paid. It is generally for mere diversion that we come together, our resident members having been particularly kind in entertaining us. Once in a while we find some business to transact, and we quite enjoy making "motions" and appointing committees once more.

As representatives of four chapters, we can compare notes on various features of fraternity life, and report the latest news from our own chapters. We were personally interested in the "rushing" season, and could all rejoice particularly, in the successes of the Kappa Gammas at four different places. We can even do a little rushing on our own account, taking care to make the first impressions of Kappa attractive to prospective college girls. We occasionally have visits from our sister Kappa Gammas, girls from Iota and Delta.

We are learning the strength of the fraternity bond in real life. It makes us better acquainted with one another and ensures to each of us a little circle of friends who feel the same interest in college affairs and in the broadest workings of K. K. Γ. It connects us more closely with the days we have left behind us, and in all our little meetings there is, doubtless, not one of us but is thinking of her own old chapter. Here's a long life to Kappa Kappa Gamma!

*Anderson, Indiana.*



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## PERSONAL NOTES.

## BETA EPSILON.

Miss Brombacher, '95, holds a Greek fellowship at Bryn Mawr this year.

Miss Roper, '96, is studying at Lady Margaret's Hall, Cambridge, England.

On September 30th, at North Pownal, Vt., Miss Garretson was married to Mr. James Wells Finch.

## BETA IOTA.

Frances Whitney Cheairs, '95, was married to R. Caldwell Manning,  $\Phi$ . K.  $\Psi$ . September 30th.

The wedding of Emma Seal Chambers, '94, and Allen Kirby White,  $\Delta$ . Y. took place at the home of the bride on October 15th.

Mary Booth Janvier, '94, and Joseph Meredith Pugh, K.  $\Sigma$ . were married November 11th.

The engagement of M. Gertrude Scott, ex-'96, to S. Warren Hall is announced.

## BETA GAMMA.

Dr. Eva Eichar, '85, was married November 5, 1896, to Dr. H. F. Littell.

Harriet Agerter, ex-'94, has returned to complete her senior year at the University of Chicago.

Alice Cornell, '96, is teaching at Poland, O., in the academy which is a preparatory school for Wooster.

Ethel Axtell, ex-'98, is teaching in the public schools of Montpelier, Indiana.

## BETA DELTA.

Jessie MacIntyre is teaching in the High School at Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Nina Paddock, '96, is teaching Latin and History in the High School at Wyandotte, Michigan.

Florence Maybelle Halleck, '96, is teaching French and History in the Port Huron High School.

Belle Donaldson, '94, is teaching Latin in the Detroit High School.



Ruth Beckwith is spending the winter at Saginaw, Mich.

Harriet Bingham, '96, of Dubuque, Ia., spent two weeks visiting Beta Delta.

Ella Rouech is teaching Greek and Latin in the High School at Howell, Mich.

## XI.

Rose Talbot, '92, and Henry Hauer, '92, S. A. E., were married at the home of the bride's parents, Kirkwood, Ill., November 12, 1896.

Mary Brierly, '96, is attending Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass., this year.

Anna Owens, '96, is preceptress in the Dundee, Mich., school.

Blanche VanAuken, '96, is teaching at Anderson, Ind.

Myrtle Taylor, '93, is Professor of Music in the seminary at LaHarpe, Ill.

## KAPPA.

Alice Dewey, '94, is teaching in the Yankton, S. D. High School.

Cora Twitchell, '98, is assistant principal in the Anderson, Ind., schools.

Winnifred Hill, '95, has just returned from Chicago where she has been doing journalistic work.

Nellie Wilder is studying at the Art Institute, Chicago.

## MU.

Clara Goe, '94, will soon go to Kansas City to spend the winter.

Mary Galvin, '94, is again in Schenectady, N. Y., engaged in Y. W. C. A. work.

Georgia Galvin is assistant librarian of the college library.

## ETA.

Georgie Hayden, '96, is studying in Dresden, Germany.

Frances Holcombe, '96, is at the head of the department of literature in Milwaukee Normal.

Georgie McFetridge, '97, is studying at Armour Institute.

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## UPSILON.

Ora Wakeman, '95, who was married in the summer to Mr. Robert Holt, is now living in Chicago.

Carla Fern Sargent, '95, is teaching mathematics in the Duluth High School.

Winnifred Gray, '96, is teaching in the Cummock School of Oratory.

Gertrude Seager, '94, is studying music in Chicago.

Grace Crippen, '96, teaches English in the Evanston public schools.

## EPSILON.

Irene Bassett, '96, is assistant principal of the Normal High School.

Lucy Bates, '93, has resigned from her position as professor of modern languages at Chaddock College and will spend the winter at home.

## BETA ZETA.

Teresa Peet, '95, is teaching in the schools at Vallisca, Iowa.

Helen Stewart, '96, is at her home in Hennepin, Illinois.

## SIGMA.

In the Nebraska Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, established in 1896, Sigma is represented by : Cora Fisher (Warner) A.B. 1886, Adell Stratton (Scott), A.B. 1886, Martha Frances Burks, A.B. 1895, May Cynthia Whiting, A.B. 1896, Jessie Belle Jury, A.B. 1896.

Sallie L. Cox, ex-'90, is teaching in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Stella B. Kirker, '92, teaches mathematics in the Lincoln High School.

Mariel C. Gere, '95, teaches science in the high school at Falls City, Neb.

Martha F. Burks, '95, teaches classics in the high school at Beatrice, Neb.

Florence M. Winger, '95, has been granted a fellowship in the department of philosophy at University of Nebraska.

The scholarship granted May C. Whiting, '96, in the Department of English Literature, has been raised to a fellowship.

Jessie B. Jury, '96, is studying for A.M. at University of Nebraska. In addition she has charge of the Literary Department of the Lincoln Women's Club.

Ena K. Ricketts, '96, teaches literature in the Lincoln High School.

On the sixteenth of June, 1896, Catherine Duncan Scothorn was married to Mr. MacDuff Millar. Mr. and Mrs. Millar reside in Lincoln.

On Sunday, November 1, 1896, occurred the wedding of Julia Maud Shaw to Mr. Eugene B. Sherman, '95, Delta Tau Delta. The wedding indicated loyalty to the University, red and white predominating in the home decorations, and the ceremony being performed by Chancellor George E. MacLean. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman live in Fairfield, Neb., where Mr. Sherman is principal of schools.

Grace Lever Leming has removed to Alta Loma, Texas.



*The Parthenon.*

In the October KEY is an extract from an exchange, the *Alpha Phi Quarterly*, on the characteristics of a "desirable" girl. According to the writer four qualities are essential in the young woman to whom we would extend an invitation. The four qualifications are character, address, social spirit, and scholarship. These are admirable qualities, but shall we not add to these another?—that which we might call fraternity

**The Desirable Girl.** spirit, or to put it more accurately, that spirit of loyalty and devotion which will find its expression in and for the fraternity when the opportunity is given? It is certainly necessary that before extending an invitation to a new girl we should feel that, should she accept, the fraternity would become of first importance—that if necessary she would sacrifice her time and talent for the interest of her chapter and of the fraternity. Even though a girl be desirable in every other way, is it for the best interests of the fraternity—is it wisest for the girl herself to become a member of a fraternity if she cannot bring enthusiasm and interest into the new relation—if she has not the true fraternity spirit? *Beta Eta.*

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There has been a good deal of discussion concerning this subject—whether or not the official organ of Kappa Kappa Gamma should contain illustrations. It seems to some of us that certain kinds of illustrations would be of great value. The objection has been urged that the only pictures which it would be possible to insert were portraits, and pictures of buildings. But, suppose THE KEY should publish in each issue one or more chapter pictures, with the names of the members, and

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possibly, views of their fraternity halls, or chapter houses. Would we not feel that we knew our sisters much better, and kept more in touch with them, if we could see their pictures, and thus form an idea of their appearance?

I am sure we have all been helped in this respect by the Convention pictures. Many of the girls of whom we read in THE KEY now seem to us more like friends, and less like mere meaningless names.

It is obviously impossible for each chapter to exchange pictures with every other. How much more loyal would we be to Kappa, if we had before us the "counterfeit presentment" of our living, breathing sisters, and need no longer cherish in our minds vague and meaningless ideas of unknown personalities, as called up by a perusal of THE KEY.

EDNA WALLACE, *Mu*.

In the fraternity proper, that is, in what we sometimes call the man's fraternity, to distinguish it from the sorority, initiates are usually kept in some degree of subjection. If there is a chapter house the freshmen do the errands and wait upon their elders. No matter how little work the mighty seniors may do, they usually insist that the freshmen shall not cut recitations, nor fail to accomplish a reasonable amount **A Good Example** of study. In short, the initiates are taught to obey orders.

With occasional partial exceptions, such a system is entirely unknown among the women of the Greek world. The freshmen do as they like. It is not impossible that after the excitement of the rushing season they may be glad of a more quiet life. Neither is it impossible that after spreads and dances, Latin and mathematics may pall, and careless work continue after the excuse for such negligence has ceased to exist. In either case the maiden is probably away from home for the first time, and is living a life which is entirely new to her and which must present many difficulties. Is it prudent to suppose that everything will go smoothly if the older girls are only ready with advice? Few of us are sufficiently wise to know always when we are in trouble. We think we are progressing finely, when really we may be making some irremediable blunder.

Is not this an instance then when we may safely follow the example set us by our masculine associates? Among them discipline is found to be good for the individual and good for the chapters. Different as the conditions may be with us, we must remember that "God Almighty made us to match the men," and that what they have proven to be wise, we may be foolish to pass by without a trial.

*Psi.*



When a chapter looks over the field for work and conquest before bidding day, the new comers readily fall into several groups or classes. First, the ones every one thinks desirable ; second, those whom no one thinks desirable, and third, the ones about whom the opinions are at variance. Of these, the first two are easily disposed of, but what of the third ?

This gives rise to a question of importance in fraternity life. What is the true attitude of each member of a chapter toward a prospective Kappa? Let us fancy a case which might easily occur in any chapter where one member alone, a loyal Kappa, too, might feel far from cordial toward the girl under consideration. She might have honest doubts as to whether this girl were the one of whom the chapter would be proud, and this from an instinctive vague dislike and not because of any known disqualification. But the rest are eager and urgent in expressing the new girl's charms. The situation would be a trying one, and surely worthy of general consideration.

**A Question.**

What is to be the outcome? Is this seemingly obstinate one to stand against the weight of opposition and, true to her own judgment, to break the unanimous vote, or should she yield to the general sentiment ?

If delay is possible, I say very emphatically "wait." But there might be a time when delay would be impossible. The doubter hesitates, turning over in her mind the responsibility taken upon herself. Her judgment may be unfair and later on she may have reason to regret bitterly the step she has taken. Her friends want to offer this new girl the advantages of fraternity life, and may not their opinions be trusted ?

From one standpoint it would be easier to throw off the responsibility and vote with the rest, and yet, feeling such indifference, nay, more, such dislike, would it not be defeating the very spirit of sisterhood to admit one to an atmosphere lacking full cordiality and sympathy? Would it not be counting as nothing each member's privilege of choice ?

May we not hear an expression of opinion on this subject from others to whom this dilemma may have been suggested ?

*F. A. G., Beta Gamma.*



We must not forget in our happiness with each other that we have duties to the other girls in college who are not fortunate enough to be in fraternities. Our thoughts and interests are naturally almost all connected with our sisters in the fraternity and it is easy to forget those outside. The greatest objection to fraternities is that they draw lines among the girls to a certain extent, and to the girls outside the division seems greater than it really is. The fraternity girls should try to show the rest that because they have a few friendships closer than any others, it does not interfere with friendships **The Other Girls.** they may have outside. We are favored and we can not help but feel it, but we are not keeping up to Kappa standards if we do not try to make the less favored feel that they are not left out. It is said that some girls go through their whole college course without making many acquaintances, and having almost no social pleasures. It seems as if such a state of things must be partly the fault of the girls themselves, but it is none the less to be regretted and we who have more advantages through our fraternity, should be glad to share with others. That is one way of showing our love for and gratitude to our dear fraternity.

*Eta.*

Has the general fraternity ever considered the question of reporting "conflicts"? Technically we consider a girl a "conflict" if she receives an invitation from another fraternity. But we can all recall cases in which a girl who has been much rushed by more than one fraternity has received but one invitation, especially in a college where the fraternities have a Pan-Hellenic pledge-day. In such a case the girl **Conflicts.** is practically a conflict, though she cannot technically be so-called. A girl who has fully decided upon her choice of fraternity, if she is honorable, will not give another fraternity a chance to invite her; and our fraternity honor demands that if on "pledge-day" a girl who pledges to us is reasonably certain that another fraternity wants her, she should be warned that it is not in accordance with Kappa standards to receive the invitation which she intends to refuse. Is it not then evident that report of conflicts gives no adequate idea of the real value of

a pledge ; and that some other standard than the extending of an invitation should be adopted as the true measure of a " conflict " ?

*Psi.*

Rushing time is past and our new members are wearing the key. All fraternity girls are happy in their work and new friends. But how is it with the girls whom neither our rival fraternities nor our own have asked to join them ? Are they, too, happy ? Or in after years will they count their college days as being devoid of pleasure ? This thought suggested itself to my mind as I observed the look of mingled pain and contempt that one of the brightest of the independents cast upon a group of fra-

ternity girls, as she turned to her friend and  
**A Suggestion.** said, " By ignoring our existence those girls seem to wish to impress us that we are socially under the ban." " However," she continued, " our college days do not last forever, and the college is not the world." These remarks led me to ask myself these questions : " Do we in our love for our girls and enthusiasm for our fraternity forget the common courtesy and politeness due from schoolmate to schoolmate ? " I do not think that the non-fraternity girls expect us to show them the same cordiality that we show our girls, but they ought to receive polite treatment nor should this be of a patronizing character.

The fraternity girl who, though her fraternity sisters are first in her regard, is loved and respected by those on the outside, is the member who does our fraternity the most good. For as our girls are thought to be narrow or selfish so our fraternity is judged.

Let us all remember that we are members of the same great fraternity of American woman and that it is a duty and should be a pleasure for us to treat everyone, whether she belong to our fraternity, a rival fraternity or no fraternity, in such a way that in after years she may look back on her college days as the brightest in her life.

BERTHA HUSTON, *Lambda.*

At this time of year when there are many new initiates it is well to consider this question which has a similarity to another, " After Graduation, What ? " Both of them indicate an import-



ant step in our lives and greatly influence them. There is such a rush and whirl in each case, a joyful anticipation, somewhat of a mystery as to what the chapter or the future has in store for one. After all is over there comes a pause—for one must breathe—but interest must not lag here. *After Initiation, What?* As after graduation one's mind must not be allowed to become rusty, so after initiation, the members must keep the initiate progressing in the fraternity. There are many little duties of which the barbarian never thought and as in everything outside, so in the fraternity she should seek to perfect herself, that it may be glad to have chosen her.

*L. M. Epsilon.*

Several thoughts were suggested by the minutes of the recent convention. The old and well-worn subject of the establishment of new chapters is one of perennial interest. The conservatism of the fraternity in this respect is to be praised, for to strengthen and unite by stronger ties the chapters already existing, is an admirable aim.

But while thus strengthening the old ties, would it not be well to be forming a few new ones?

Some of the newer universities in the west and south have made great progress in the past years. In them are gathered some of the brightest women in our *Extension.* land. The broader spirit and new life that contact with these women would give the fraternity, could not but be gain.

Then as to the personnel of the girls who form the little bands of Kappas scattered over the country, so far apart, and yet so near in the feeling of unity that comes to those bound by the same ties of love and friendship. Too much stress cannot be laid on the necessity of careful consideration, in the choice of the girls who are to be associated with us in the closest companionship of our college days. Congeniality, perhaps, more than any other quality, should determine the choice. A group of girls, united by the ties of fraternity life, thoroughly congenial in every respect, with every interest and aim in common, can make the four years of college life an epoch to look back to with the pleasure that has none of that "sorrow in remembering happier things."

*Theta.*



*Chapter Letters.**ALPHA PROVINCE.*

## PHI—BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

Phi sends greeting to all the readers of THE KEY and wishes them a Happy New Year.

During the closing days of the fall term we naturally look back to see what the experiences of the past few months have brought us. Our first thoughts are of the five freshmen and one sophomore whom we have chosen to wear the golden key. We feel well satisfied with the results of our fall work and, judging from appearances, we believe that the six girls wearing our silver fleur-de-lis will soon be as contented and happy as we. Our method of selecting new members has proved quite satisfactory. Early in the fall committees from Alpha Phi, Delta Delta Delta, Pi Beta Phi, and Kappa Kappa Gamma met together to decide upon a day before which all of the members of the above fraternities agreed to say nothing of fraternities in particular to any non-fraternity girl. So before November 20th, the day decided upon, no pledges were made nor invitations given by the four fraternities entering into the agreement. It afforded the freshmen a much better opportunity to become acquainted with the four chapters, and allowed them to decide for themselves where they felt most at home.

Our next thoughts turn to the influence of our society on college life. In a small student body we believe that special care should be exercised by the fraternity girls to make the lines between the society and non-society girls as indistinct as possible. The non-fraternity girls, excluded as they are, from the privileges of fraternity life, oftentimes feel alone and uncared for. We can prove the positive good and usefulness of Kappa Kappa Gamma by extending our sympathies to all who enter into our college life, be they members of a fraternity or not.

## BETA EPSILON—BARNARD COLLEGE.

Beta Epsilon has at least the feeling of being a normal chapter. After all the years in which we have cried, "Our conditions are

peculiar, we have no dormitories and no chapter room," we shall be forced at last to give up the cry. And this change has been brought about by a small 14 x 9 room on Madison Avenue, New York City. We have a chapter room, in other words. To be sure it is as yet principally ornamented by a gas fixture and a steam radiator, but it has infinite possibilities. In our imagination it is already furnished and cozy, and with our initiates in it we expect to find it charming. It may be somewhat crowded with the eight members of last year and the six new ones, but that is a small point in comparison with its joys.

These six initiates, Miss Shaw, '97, Miss Lathrop and Miss Meyer, '98, Miss Gildersleeve and Miss Stilwell, '99, and Miss Jacobi, special, were duly and ceremoniously brought into the chapter and fraternity on November twenty-seventh. We ask for them the welcome of the fraternity at large that Beta Epsilon's newer members may feel themselves part of a larger world than the chapter they are just beginning to know.

What is Kappa Kappa Gamma to be to them is the next question? Is it to be a small room and some good times in one way or another? Or can we make the vows of the new initiation ritual mean something here, now, to these individual new members? These are the questions confronting Beta Epsilon this fall, and she takes them more seriously than ever before. The answers will have to be left to our initiates to be worked out with those of us who as older members of the fraternity give them most hearty welcome.

#### PSI—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

The faithful scribe of Psi Chapter finds that it is once more in order to review the doings of the past term for the benefit of our sister chapters. In the course of the fall entertaining we were seized with the theatrical mania, which resulted in the presentation of two little plays, Smith's *A Happy Pair*, and Bangs' farce, *A Proposal under Difficulties*. The former was given at Miss Hull's and the latter at the home of Mrs. Willcox. Mrs. Barr opened her house to us on Hallowe'en and later in the term Miss Taylor entertained us at a delightful, informal candy pull. One of our pleasantest memories of the term is a drag ride to Taghan-nock Falls, on a glorious Saturday afternoon, when the leaves were turning and the lake glimmered in the Autumn sunshine.



The week before Thanksgiving, the Psi girls gave a presentation of three scenes from Shakespeare, at the home of Miss Sawyer: the statue scene in *A Winter's Tale*, the music scene in *Twelfth Night*, and the balcony scene in *Romeo and Juliet*. I wonder if any of us college girls will ever forget our experiences of college theatricals,—the hasty cramming of "lines" at odd moments, the surprising ingenuity displayed in the matter of setting and costumes; and the triumphant glee when doubtful stage properties become things of beauty in the glare of the foot-lights.

At Cornell, as many of the chapters know, three of the four women's fraternities enter into a contract with regard to "bidding-day." The day, this year, was the twenty-first of November, and of course we had been eagerly waiting for its arrival, to pin the double blue on our freshmen. The initiation was held less than a week later, on November twenty-seventh, and our initiates were seven in number, Hallie Poole, Allegra Eggleston-Seelye, Helen Whipple, Charlene Tobias, Sara Shanks, Cora Barber, and Beulah Morgan. We were fortunate in having with us, in addition to the town and campus members of Psi, Mrs. Oscar D. Wickham of Brooklyn, Miss Anna L. Van Benschoten, Miss Ethel Stebbins, and Miss Elizabeth Bump. Among the toasts at the banquet following the initiation, we particularly enjoyed one on "The Chapter," by Mrs. Wickham, the first initiate of Psi.

We have been delighted to welcome Ethel and Mabel Stebbins of '95, whom many of the Kappas met at the '94 Convention. They returned to New York this fall, after more than a year's absence in Europe, and have been visiting in Ithaca.

#### BETA BETA—ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

Again winter is spreading her fleecy mantel over the "Laurentian Hills;" but cold as the weather may be, fraternity life is far from being congealed. On the evening of the thirty-first of October, Beta Beta entertained Beta Zeta of Beta Theta Pi at the home of Professor Liotard. Many time-honored Hallowe'en sports were indulged in, and blood-freezing ghost stories related. Two other social fraternity events have enlivened our busy weeks of study: A "Poverty Masquerade" given by two Kappa girls,



Catharine Stallman and Harriet Shaw, at their home on November twentieth; and a "Salamagundi" party at the Beta Theta Pi chapter house November twenty-eighth.

Those Kappa girls who attended the Province Convention and remember our pleasantly situated chapter-rooms may sympathize with us when they learn that shortly after college opened we were informed that we must leave them. The rapidly increasing college curriculum is continually necessitating new rooms and new apparatus; and this time our room being immediately connected with the college water supply, was chosen for a new Biological Laboratory.

Our new rooms are in the front of the college building and situated between the halls occupied by Beta Theta Pi and Delta Delta Delta. The moving required a great deal of labor but we certainly feel gratified with the result.

We have had a very interesting series of literary exercises, composed chiefly of studies of our own and other fraternities.

Our delegate's report of the convention was very satisfactory and interesting, our only regret being that we were not all able to attend.

#### BETA TAU—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

After the excitement of rushing Beta Tau has settled down to hard work again with only an occasional interruption.

We have been much inspired and helped by our delegate's report of the convention and are determined to profit by the suggestions given.

We are glad to introduce to our Kappa sisters five new girls: Edith Osborne, Grace Wright, Grace Church, Marion Wright and Harriet Curtiss, all of the class of nineteen hundred. We feel that we have reason to be proud of them.

The juniors and seniors of Beta Tau gave a progressive peanut party in honor of the freshmen. It seemed to be enjoyed by all present.

November second, Carrie Allen, '98, entertained the active members of Beta Tau together with other college girls, and we were especially glad to meet there a Kappa of Beta Gamma chapter.

The annual Panthugatarian Conclave will be held on the even-

ing of Dec. tenth, in the Y.M.C.A. building. This will give us an opportunity to become acquainted with all the college girls and keep us from narrowing our circle of friends down to one fraternity.

When this reaches the readers of *THE KEY* we will all be preparing for the Christmas vacation, and we of Beta Tau will be especially happy this year since for the first time the usual examinations before the holidays will be omitted. We now have two semesters and the much dreaded "exams" will not come as often as heretofore.

Though we should not all reach our highest endeavors we can say that 'what we aspired to be and were not comforts us.' May the coming Christmastide bring many joys to all the dear Kappas together with the blessings of a glad New Year.

#### BETA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Beta Alpha felt anew the pleasures of comradeship on coming together after the summer vacation. The spirit and enthusiasm of the convention seemed to reach even us so far from its place of meeting, and our delegate charmed us by her narration of the proceedings and friendships of that week.

Our meetings have been fully attended and the hour for adjournment comes all too soon. We look forward to these times, knowing that those of our members whose duties take them away from our daily lives, will be back to mingle with us here.

We are glad also to report two who have joined us and whom we sincerely welcome, E. Quintard St. John and Margaret N. Fraser, B.A., of Toronto University. We hope that they will feel with us the ever increasing pleasure which exists in the bond which unites us. The initiation took place at the home of one of our members and was a most enjoyable occasion.

Beta Alpha wishes to be remembered to all her sister chapters in the coming season of good cheer.

#### BETA IOTA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

Beta Iota sends greetings to her sister chapters.

This fall has been a very successful one for us. Returning to college with only seven in our chapter, we have already initiated



five enthusiastic girls who are anxious to assume the responsibilities as well as pleasures of fraternity life. We feel proud of them and are glad to introduce them to the Greek world through the pages of *THE KEY*. They are: Mary Gertrude Ball, '99, Anna Katharine Hines, '00, J. Ethel Thompson, '00, Edna Roberta Johnston, '00, Katharine Pfeiffer, '00. Their initiation was especially enjoyable, as many of our alumnæ were present. Our alumnæ, and more particularly the girls of '96, have done a great deal for us this fall, exhibiting a most lively interest and sympathy. We have seen many of them frequently and have had several opportunities to welcome them back to our meetings. If the girls who have left the active chapter knew how much the remaining ones appreciate their interest, they would not fail to show it on every occasion and thus continue to enjoy the pleasures of fraternity intercourse. For this pleasure should not be confined to the few years of college life, but can be and should be the share of the alumnæ as well as of the active members.

So far this year Swarthmore has been rather quiet and we have very little to tell of social gaieties. We celebrated the fraternity's birthday by seeing Stuart Robson in "Mrs. Ponderberry's Past." A Kappa theatre-party is one of the best kind, as everyone knows who has participated in one.

In the latter part of November the Phi Delta Theta convention was held in Philadelphia and the University of Pennsylvania chapter gave a dance in Houston Hall and a tea in their chapter house to the delegates and visitors. All of our active chapter and many of our alumnæ were invited and had a very delightful time. It was pleasant to hear of Kappas from other chapters and to compare notes with the Phi Delta Thetas.

And now the second term of the year has begun and we hope to work faithfully and well, showing even better results than the rushing season would allow. For in the cultivation of friendship and in the pleasure of social life we must not forget that our education is the object for which we come to college and that it must occupy the first place in our thoughts and be the goal for which we strive.

GAMMA RHO—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Our last initiation seems so long ago and our next one is as yet only a happy possibility of the future so the December letter



comes at rather a bad time to get the best account of either. However I am sure no member of Gamma Rho will ever forget the intense joy of the first initiation after the Evanston convention. It seems as though she must make you all feel the delight she felt in her new members. There was not one who did not have some special significance to us, not one in obtaining whom we had not won a victory over others who longed for her too.

Our rooms were gorgeous in autumn leaves and flowers, the girls never looked prettier, and the ritual beautiful and impressive as it is, impressed us all anew with the joy of fraternity love and fellowship. Everything went to our complete satisfaction and a happier set of girls would have been hard to find. So jubilant were we that all through the banquet, we could scarcely restrain from giving the yell caught at the convention adopted as our own and so heartily believed by all of us :

“ Who are, who are, who are we ?

We are, we are, we are the P E O P L E

We are the people in Kappa Kappa Gamma.”

But now, as I said at starting, that initiation is a thing of the past and the following list of girls felt themselves no longer new but full-fledged loyal Kappas like the rest of us. They are : Florence Courtenay, Norma Cutter, Louise Hempstead, active, and Gertrude Hastings, Charlotte Hines, pledged members. We hope to usher in the new college year by another initiation which we cannot but anticipate with keenest pleasure. In closing we wish to extend our wishes that every other chapter may be as happy, contented and proud as is Gamma Rho.

### BETA PROVINCE.

#### LAMBDA—BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

Lambda sends greetings to all the sister chapters. We are rejoicing over our good fortune in pledging seven delightful girls, Clementina Barber, Helen Brewster, Jennie Bowman, Nellie Dague, Esther Frank, Rhea Hugill and Carrie Showalter, all members of the Freshman class. We are now busily engaged

preparing to initiate our victims into the mysteries of Kappahood.

Several weeks ago Miss Memmer entertained the Kappas and their friends at her pleasant home on Market Street. Several new and original amusements were indulged in.

On the evening of October 23, we all partook of a dainty supper at the Caswells. Elmie Warner was chosen toast mistress and a number of toasts were given. Afterward Miss Dague kindly invited the young ladies to her home where we spent an enjoyable evening.

Lambda announces the marriage of a former Kappa, Jessie Moore of Chardon to Mr. Irigue Dean, of Sioux City, Iowa. Mr. Dean is a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Estelle Musson, who recently returned from Germany, where she has been studying music, called on college friends several weeks ago. Her accounts of Germany and her experiences are exceedingly interesting.

#### BETA GAMMA—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Beta Gamma has this fall attempted an experiment which may be interesting to other chapters. At the beginning of the year, after deep thought and a great deal of discussion, we decided to abolish rushing as far as possible. We believe that it lowers the dignity of the fraternity, and that the conservative fraternity is *the* fraternity. Having such a strong chapter this year, sixteen active members, we thought there could be no better time for proving the truth of this opinion. Since we were unable to make a satisfactory contract with Kappa Alpha Theta, we decided to try among ourselves the experiment of doing no rushing and extending no invitations until the end of the term. Even when the Thetas came out in colors a few weeks after school began, our resolution remained unshaken. We feel that this has been a success, having extended invitations to five girls, all of which were accepted. We think the evil of rushing has been mitigated in Wooster and that it will never again be indulged in to such an extent as before.

The life of our chapter has been somewhat changed this year by the erection of a new dormitory for the girls. Before this the girls were compelled to board in private homes and there could



not be the same intimate fellowship which there now is since they are all under the same roof. This building is the crown and pride of last year's work. It is modern and artistic and is beautifully situated upon the campus commanding a fine view of the country for miles around. It has been fitted up with everything necessary for the comfort and home-life of the girls, and the scenery from the rooms and wide veranda is as fine as can be found. Forty-eight girls make their home here during the school year, twelve of whom are Kappas.

At the beginning of the term, we held an initiation service at the home of one of our members, at which we initiated two of last year's pledglings, Nellie Arbaugh and Erma Rowe, and also pledged Edith Johnson. We expect to initiate our new girls soon.

Although social life has not been quite so gay as usual, perhaps owing to the fact that there have been no rushing parties, yet we have enjoyed many little gatherings among ourselves, and one of the pleasantest was the dinner-party given by Miss Alice Firestone to her Kappa sisters and a few other friends.

The literary work in the University is being carried on with much enthusiasm, especially among the girls. The tri-society entertainment to be given soon is to be a reproduction of the "Merchant of Venice" under the direction of one of the professors. In addition to the lecture-course given every year, we have a musical course which is a series of excellent entertainments by eminent artists.

To all who wear the golden key Beta Gamma chapter sends warmest Christmas greetings.

ΒΕΤΑ ΝΥ—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Dec. 1, and the chapter letter is due! The double duty awaits me of telling of progress in college and chapter alike. Yet so closely are the two circles interlaced that for us the cream of every college festivity or achievement is found in Kappa's share therein, and no fraternity event passes, we hope, without adding something to the glory of O. S. U.

Thus we take equal pride in our three rising new buildings and in our three decidedly rising young freshmen. Surely the red-



letter day for Beta Nu, when Eliza Barcus, Dorothy Canfield, and Tallmadge Rickey donned keys and the blue, must somehow have been a good day for our college, too—at least we are modest enough to think so! That was October 26 and because of the beauty and jollity of that initiation, the ceremony will ever be quoted among us as “*our model initiation.*”

Hallowe'en was scarcely a mystic hour here, but fun was not lacking, for the Chi Phi's celebrated the day with a tally-ho party to the game with Case, and many of us enjoyed their hospitality. To be sure, our Seniors, with exemplary devotion, followed Geology and Dr. Orton to Zanesville that day, but the rest of us at Mabel Rice's after the game ate oysters enough for both.

Our dance on the 13, was a success, Florence Corner's home being nothing short of ideal for that purpose. To the Phi Kappa Psi dance, to the Bachelor's Hop and “Dorothy's party” the Kappas lent their presence and we also danced “for sweet charity's sake” at a benefit Junior Hop, given for the Athletic Association on the 20. So we have been quite gay enough for this term, and I turn with a sigh to the sadder realities of life. Yes! we lost the annual Thanksgiving game to Kenyon, but our college is proud to support a team, however unsuccessful, which is made up of men who everyone of them actually take college work—and who do honor to the game by playing honestly and fairly.

Now, dear sisters, I should like to spend much more time in telling you of our earnest, spirited meetings, those gatherings which are the true source of all our deepest fraternity joys and which keep us humble in the midst of our prosperity, but I must stop. A merry Christmas to everyone and

“Blest be the tie that binds!

#### BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Beta Delta sends cordial greetings to all wearers of the golden key.

At last rushing is over and the result of our labor of love is the acquisition of ten new members who sing with us every Saturday night, “We are the girls of K.K.T.” We wish that all our sisters far and near might know these girls who are now joined to them by the ties of our beloved fraternity. As that pleasure is denied

you, we can only introduce them to you now, trusting that some day you may know them personally. Our initiates were: Genevieve Ida Broad, Mabel Elizabeth Gillette, Mary Plane Herrick, Gertrude Blanche Kennedy, Margaret Rachel Layton, Erie Maude Layton, Florence Ewing McIntyre, Sophie Rood St. Clair, Mildred Louise Weed and Florence Walker. Our initiation was held at the home of Mildred Hinsdale, and was an exceedingly pretty one.

We rejoice to see those so recently admitted to our number already displaying loyal enthusiasm and ardent love for our fraternity, and we have every reason for anticipating a very prosperous and happy year. Our chapter at present consists of twenty-two active members; a larger number than usual, but we have the pleasure of having several of our alumni with us.

The most prominent social event this fall was the annual freshman spread given by the sophomore girls in the Waterman gymnasium. All the girls of the University were present. It afforded a very pretty sight, and we felt that we had never admired girls quite so much before.

Our new dean, Dr. Mosher, proves to be a great help to the girls. Beta Delta gave a luncheon in her honor at our pretty fraternity home in October.

Miss Clara DeMotte, of Epsilon, spent her Thanksgiving vacation in Ann Arbor. We thoroughly enjoyed having her with us. Several of our alumnae members whom we are always glad to see, were also with us during the Thanksgiving recess. It is hardly necessary to add that we had a jolly time together.

#### XI—ADRIAN COLLEGE.

On November 21, a rushing tea was given at the home of Maude Metcalf. The decorations were in blue, a dainty tea was served and a pleasant evening was passed. Beside the active chapter and the new girls, Mrs. Adams of Phi, Helen Thomas, Sadie Palmer and Mary McElroy were present.

We know that you will rejoice with us in our new initiates and we present, Isabel Webster, Florence Wilcox, Helen Fickus, Francis Fickus and Florence Reynolds who were initiated on November 29. Josephine Burford is our new pledgling's name.

We have been glad to receive visits from Anna Owens, Cora Palmer and Lucy Webster.



## KAPPA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

How we did wish we could all have been at Evanston and met the Kappas about whom we heard at our first meeting this year! Miss Smith gave us such an enthusiastic report of the convention that we gained an added interest in our sister chapters and new inspiration for our work. We were especially interested in the new Ritual and waited anxiously for its arrival. We hope we may soon have the song books, too.

Very little rushing was done by the girls this Fall, but all our efforts were successful. A very friendly feeling exists between the women's fraternities.

As soon as possible after the important questions were decided we initiated those whom we had chosen. The initiation, at which we endeavored to carry out some of the suggestions brought from convention, was held at the home of Grace Dewey, and now Alice Newcomer and Harriet Stoors, as well as two pledgelings, Julia Turner and Sarah Putnam, are rejoicing in fraternity ties. Last Saturday evening Ethel Stetson became one of our pledgelings.

We have had no special social events this term. While "the fate of the nation hung in the balance" nothing but political meetings could be thought of, and since the balance tipped away up on one side and settled the question, every one seems too intent upon studying to think of much else. One evening, however, Mrs. McDonald gave a very enjoyable "at home" to the Kappas and their friends and the annual dinner of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity is to be given in the near future.

The student's lecture course will be opened Thanksgiving evening by Robert Burdett; to be followed a week later by the Boston Ladies' Symphony Orchestra.

We have with us this year a new lady principal, Miss Sloan, whom we all like very much. Miss Deering, whose place Miss Sloan has taken, is enjoying a much needed rest in "the Fatherland." A new instructor, Professor S. B. Harvey, fills the chair of German and Latin. He is doubly welcome here for Mrs. Harvey is a member of Kappa chapter.

Our chapter meetings have been unusually good this term. At several of them we have taken five or ten minutes to write a letter to some of our old girls. Each writes whatever she can think of

in the short time given, and it makes a combination of news, nonsense and Kappa love that tells the recipient she is by no means forgotten.

### *Gamma Province.*

#### DELTA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Never before has Indiana University felt encouraged as at present. While other colleges have suffered a decrease in enrollment this year, Indiana University has had an increase in attendance. A new twelve thousand dollar gymnasium building is now being completed and four new lines of study have been offered this year: Fine Arts, Elocution, Astronomy, and Mechanics.

Before this year Indiana University, although state champion in base ball has been very unsuccessful in football. But our victory over DePauw in the closing game of the season gave us the state championship also in football.

Our Glee Club, a permanent college organization, will make a tour of the state during the holiday vacation.

We hold our primary contest in oratory and debate on Dec. fourth and eighth.

On the afternoon of January twentieth Dr. Canfield, of Ohio University will deliver the Foundation Day address, and a student play will be given in the evening.

As a chapter, we have added eleven girls, whom will surely make loyal Kappas if they are not already so. They are, Mattie Lacy, Clara Vierling, Elizabeth Wilson, Grace and Lena Triplett, Mary Lyne, Mary Meek, Nell Karsell, Josephine Clark, Anna Rienhart, and Ida Cox.

We have further beautified our chapter house this year with new furnishings.

The report of our delegate to convention has given Kappa Kappa Gamma a greater significance to us. We place a newer and higher value upon our sisterhood. We expect to study our standing rules and constitution in the light of the work done on them in convention. Through our delegate the convention will react upon us.

Flora Love spent her Thanksgiving vacation with us. It is



always a great pleasure to have old girls back, and especially so when they have been identified with other chapters since being with us.

With best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year, Delta sends greetings to all Kappas.

IOTA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

This term has been a most propitious one for Iota. At the opening of the term things seemed rather discouraging for we missed so many of our girls of last year. But now our broken ranks are again filled and we feel we may be proud of our new members.

The annual state convention of the Young Woman's Christian Association was held at De Pauw the last week in October and Miss Effie Price, the International Secretary, was with us in our Kappa home. From contact with her and from her sweet personality and ready sympathy, Kappa ties now seem closer than ever before. It sometimes needs a spirit of this sort to draw out the unselfishness and thoughtful kindness which we expect to find in every truly fraternity woman.

We feel that we have so many reasons to rejoice in our chapter that our cup of happiness seemed full to overflowing when at the close of the Thanksgiving vacation a package came to us containing a complete file of THE KEY, handsomely bound in eight volumes and containing greetings from four of our alumnæ. We appreciate this valuable addition to our library very much and and think with gratitude of the convenience of going to them for reference. Greetings to all Kappas.

MU—BUTLER COLLEGE.

Since writing to you last, college has opened and is, in fact, an old thing now. Our first term closes Christmas. Notwithstanding there were more new girls entered this year than for some time past, we found but two Kappas among them. To these two we took pleasure in revealing the mysteries on October twenty-fourth, and now take pleasure in presenting to you, Mary Eddy, of Hiawatha, Kansas, and Nell Green, of Indianapolis, Ind. Our chapter now numbers fifteen.

It seems rather late to mention our celebration of October thirteenth, but the pleasure of the occasion yet remains fresh. We had a jolly spread and quite a number of our alumnæ were present beside Mary Marsee, of Iota; Mary Morgan and Elizabeth Bettcher, both of Delta.

The University of Indianapolis is now duly organized, having recently had a meeting of the four departments at which the University color, royal purple, was selected. A new yell was decided on as follows: "Whoopee ki rippi ki rap! The sacred tribes of Indianap! Medico, Dentico, Butler, Law! U of I, U of I, rah! rah! rah!" There is to be a debate the first of the year between U. of I. and Indiana University. The primary for the selection of contestants will soon be held, also the primary oratorical contest. One Kappa has entered the latter.

We hope that all Kappas will have a pleasant vacation and to all we wish a successful and Happy New Year.

#### ETA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

As a chapter, we greet our sister chapters of K. K. Γ. and hope all have had as pleasant and successful a fall as we.

This fall nine enthusiastic Kappas assembled eager to know "all about convention" and to plan for our coming work.

December second, the doors of our mystic sisterhood opened to five loyal girls. We feel sure of a welcome to our new girls from our sister chapters and could you know them you would be proud to call them sisters.

Our chapter house exists this year only in memory but our town girls welcome us to their homes and we are as happy as can be expected without our own dear Kappa rooms. Our meetings are held every Monday night and last from seven to eight-thirty. Business usually occupies about thirty minutes and the remaining hour is spent in having a general good time, a literary program, music, or a spread. It is in this hour that we learn to know and love each other. Our fraternity is very dear to us all and college life would lose half of its charm without it.

We can hardly close without saying something of football. At the time of the Minnesota game we had the pleasure of having five of the Chi girls with us.



U! rah! rah!

Wisconsin

sounded from every side amid the flapping of cardinal banners.

Forgive us Chi, if we seem to glory in what is your sorrow but we are so proud of U. of W. and Minnesota has had its share of football victories.

Eta congratulates the new girls and wishes all a happy and prosperous New Year.

## UPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Of the four new girls that Upsilon offers to Kappa, some of you have met two, Helen Bliss and Elizabeth Raymond, but Anna Drew, the sister of a former Upsilon girl, and Nell Fisk, the daughter of Dr. Fisk, the president of Northwestern Academy are wholly new.

Now that we have told you the names of the new girls, we must tell you about our new venture. In accordance with an increasing sentiment in the chapter that our fraternity rooms ought to be made of more general use, on Saturday last Upsilon was "at home" in her rooms to the sororities of the University. It was, of course, only an experiment, and some of the older girls in town rather discouraged the idea, but while we do give up something in the opening of the rooms that have meant so much to us all, we feel that there is no small gain, in the broadened feeling and widened sympathies, and that, on the whole, our experiment was a success.

One of the most pleasant events of the term was a reception given by Mrs. Emma Thompson Shuman to all the Kappas in Evanston, in honor of our latest bride, Mrs. Grace Scripps Dyche. A number of the old girls were present, among them our recent Grand President, Miss Sharp, who also visited us on the night of initiation.

Upsilon has been exceptionally fortunate in Kappa visits this term. Miss McPetridge and Miss McCoy of Eta dropped in on us, and Mrs. Edith Clarke Williams, '90, visited fraternity meeting last week, as enthusiastic as ever over Kappa and all her interests.

Northwestern has been unusually gay this year in the line of

parties and athletics. Our football team has never been better, and never has so much enthusiasm been shown both by college students and townspeople, never have so many meetings been held to give vent, as the Freshman said, to our "spontanimity."

Thanksgiving is just over, but before *THE KEY* reaches us it will be Holidays—may every Kappa in the land have a merry, happy time!

EPSILON—ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

If there is one number of *THE KEY* which is looked forward to more than another it is the January issue in which the results of the rushing season are made known. But there is a new rule in our college to the effect that students are not eligible to fraternities until they have been in the college one term. So we have but one new Kappa to report, Margaret Thomas Cole, and it is with an effort that we refrain from gushing a little more over our new member who fits so well into our chapter life. The initiation was very elaborate a *la* convention and occupied two evenings.

It is always interesting to hear about the chapters at other colleges. Recently we became acquainted with Beta Delta through Clara DeMotte, who spent Thanksgiving week with her cousin, Florence Wether, a Kappa at Ann Arbor.

On Oct. 21, some of the girls attended the marriage of Elizabeth Dawson to Mr. J. J. Kemp, Jr. They will make their home in Lexington.

We were very glad to have Mrs. Hester Fell Petersen from Mt. Forest visit here in October.

Our twenty-third birthday occurred on November 25 and we begin to feel like old settlers. We would have given a good deal to have had our three charter members with us that day and we think that we must so manage it on our silver anniversary. From two to five o'clock in our Hall that afternoon we received the *alumnæ* and the men's fraternities. They all remembered us with pretty gifts for the room so that in our old age we are surrounded with every comfort.

The college girls are very enthusiastic over basket ball this fall. Three of us belong to the first team which has played the local schools, Normal University and High School and also the Uni-



versity of Illinois. The latter plays a return game with us Dec. 11.

The Professor of Biology, Morton J. Elrod, has recently resigned to accept a similar position in the State University of Montana.

### DELTA PROVINCE.

#### CHI—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Chi has eight new Kappas to introduce to you. But already they fit in among us so nicely that we do not feel as if they were new at all, and wonder how we ever managed without them. We allow them to make their bow to the fraternity: Mabel Stowe, Florence Harrison, Helen Higbee, Clare Cross, Ethel Simmons, Susanne Watson, Ruth Myers, and Lila Marchaud.

They have given us a delightful freshman spread and feasted and toasted us too. I think we really liked the toasting best, for it showed us that we as older girls had accomplished the thing ever nearest our hearts. We had led our new girls through example and precept into the true light of Kappas.

The first year of a woman's fraternity life means so much to her, and what the phase of that meaning shall be rests with the older girls of the chapter for the love and loyalty born of initiation must be made broader, deeper, and perpetual. Time and many things which it brings with it tend to weaken fraternity ties and dull our youthful enthusiasm, but there is a depth of love and loyalty which springs from a true chapter life that the years serve only to strengthen.

Someone told me once, that after four years of fraternity life where each one placed first the good of the others—struggled against their own bad qualities and looked only for the best qualities of those in the chapter, where they had worked together for a common ideal, that the shock of meeting the outside world where each man works for himself alone regardless of those about him was very great. The point of view was changed altogether, but the foundation made in their four years told greatly on the character of each one, who had caught a glimpse of the ideal. If each one of us in our twenty-seven chapters build up our little ideal and blend it into one great ideal of Kappa—who shall say she has lived in vain?

## BETA ZETA—IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

The rushing season is over and we are all settled down to work for another year. The sororities renewed the agreement of last year not to give any form of entertainment to new girls before October first nor to issue any invitations to join before October fifteenth. To tell you of all the good times we have had is impossible so we will mention only those we consider more important. Early in the Fall we entertained the new girls informally at the home of one of our resident Kappas, Mrs. Rockwood. Later, a formal "Progressive Luncheon" at the home of Rita Stewart, our President, was enthusiastically pronounced a success by all.

On Hallowe'en we had an old-fashioned party at the home of another resident Kappa, Mrs. Carson. There we played the old tricks, bobbing for apples, telling fortunes, and roasting chestnuts. A few weeks ago we were delightfully entertained at the beautiful home of a friend Mrs. Hal Stewart.

At last we possess what we have been longing for many months—a chapter room. We are happy indeed to be able to tell you of it and you will perhaps hear later some of the results of the many plans now being made for the making it a cosy, delightful Kappa home.

We have had two initiations and have welcomed into our mystic circle five dear girls, Bertha Marie Blum, '98, Minnie Farrington, '00, Katheryn Way, '99, Margaret Van Metre, '97, Alice McGee, '00. Now we have seventeen girls and as all of us love to sing we are anxiously waiting for the new Song Book.

Our chapter wishes to express sympathy for our Grand Secretary in her illness and trust that she will soon recover.

Mary James, ex-'98, is studying Kindergarten work in Chicago.

Maud St. John, ex-'98, is teaching in the schools in Des Moines Ia.

Julia Padmore, ex-'99, is at her home in LeMars, Ia.

## THETA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

Time has passed quickly since the last KEY greeted us and we enjoyed the many letters, all radiating the enthusiasm gained at the August Convention. It argued well for the year's work.



Theta girls returned in September ready for the fray, as for the first time in our history we had a national fraternity with which to contend. The result is highly pleasing. We proudly present to the Kappa world our five new sisters : Edith de Bolt, Ida Howard, Mary Fisher, Zenna Bush, and Maud Tannehill.

They have the true fraternity spirit and have entered into the work with an enthusiasm which promises to be lasting and increasing.

Our meetings this year have been the most interesting we have had for years. We have adopted the plan of having at every meeting a paper on some specified subject, so far they have pertained exclusively to fraternity life. After the reading a general discussion follows ; thus we gain each other's views on these subjects of such interest to us and our new sisters quickly feel the true spirit of the fraternity.

We have with us this year one of our old girls, Mrs. Gentry, formerly Miss Denny, whose interest in the chapter is still fresh and active.

Theta sends best wishes to the sisters for a merry holiday and a prosperous new year.

#### SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

October seems always to be the important month here, and a retrospect shows it standing out in even bolder relief this fall. In the first place it is the pleasantest month of the year, with its mellow sunlight and the Indian summer haze. Then there is the excitement of getting settled into work and the looking out for "eligibles." We planned a spread early in the month, for the purpose of getting acquainted, but the mellow sunshine failed us on the appointed day and we splashed down to Nell Lane's in a most disheartening drizzle. But that made it all the better after we got there, for Kappa spirit prevailed, and you know what that means. Another reason why we appropriate October for our own is that five active members of the chapter unite with Kappa Kappa Gamma in claiming it a birthday month.

One of these was but a pledgling then, but owing to the skillful plans of her brother, Mr. Raymond, most of the girls helped celebrate the birthday at a most successful surprise party.

Then soon after, came the auspicious event, the initiation, of course. It occurred at Grace Lemings home, with a spread afterwards with Ellen and Frances Gere. It is useless to tell about it. we wish you might have been with us to welcome the new sisters, but suffice it to say that that night the guardian of the family book of Kappa put a new life record on three of its pages by inscribing: Eleanor Amelia Raymond, Adelloyd Whiting and Clara Hammond.

Hallowe'en we celebrated in earnest. Imagine gruesome ghosts and gnomes, weird discordant music, grinning pumpkin heads, and you have the scene at Ena Rickett's the last night of October.

Two holidays broke into the November work. Election day was given us to look on while the country was being saved or lost, and Thanksgiving day just passed. We hardly feel inclined to mention our football game with Iowa that day in Omaha. But Beta Zeta was probably as disappointed as we were at the score 0 to 0.

It is about three weeks since Grace Leming departed for Alta Loma, Texas, and left a vacant place in the chapter.

We were delighted to receive, not long since, a snap shot of Beta Nu at lunch. Doubtless Omega was as pleased as Sigma, over the news that Dorothy Canfield had joined the Kappas in Ohio.

Mrs. Blaisdell, formerly Miss Kate Christy, of Rho and Beta Tau is in Lincoln this year. Her sister Miss Mary Christy was also here for a short time in the fall.

#### OMEGA—KANSAS UNIVERSITY

The names of fifteen girls have been added to Omega's roll. Although we rejoice over our new members we find that Don and Burrie Bowersock are much missed in the fraternity this year. Don is studying music at the Boston Conservatory and Burrie is attending Wells College.

Mr. Carruth, professor of German in the university addressed us at our meeting, Saturday, November 14. His subject was "The Poets of Kansas," and we enjoyed it very much. Several of the professors have expressed interest in the fraternity and their willingness to address us.

For some time we have regarded this year as a crisis in Omega's



existence since it takes from us three of our older members but now we feel that with our new initiates our prosperity is assured.

After giving two pavilion parties, Hallowe'en party, an all day party and a tallyho ride to the Kansas-Nebraska football game we feel that we are enjoying university life. Our new girls have taken up fraternity work with great enthusiasm and have showed such earnestness in their studies that they cannot fail as students.

Hoping her sister chapters have been successful, Omega closes her letter. Before the next issue of *THE KEY*, the Corresponding Secretary will have conveyed the transaction of the correspondence to another who can boast of her glories in a manner more interesting to the readers of our fraternity magazine.

BETA ETA—LELAND STANFORD JR. UNIVERSITY.

Beta Eta dates her letter from her own home and this is the first time that her history records such an event. The fact that we have an acknowledged home is epoch making as well as epoch marking for it brings about a whole new series of relations and responsibilities, and makes a broader and deeper life within the bonds of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Our entertaining has been most pleasant and satisfactory under the new regime. Early in October we entertained almost one hundred and fifty of our friends at an afternoon tea. We have had a number of evening parties, and we are At Home during the afternoon and evening of the first and last Friday of each month.

The result of the big game (as it is chronicled in all the papers) was beyond anything we could have hoped for in our wildest dreams, for Stanford credits her football score of eighteen hundred and ninety-six with 20 to 0 against Berkeley. Stanford is not so jubilant over the score as over the proof given that she can play football, and that in a clean, square game. And so, with a victorious "Rah, rah, rah" we turn to earnest work for the remaining four weeks of the semester.

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### *In Memoriam.*

LULU WARD SPENCER.

DORA RAGAN BLAKE.

EMMA KNOX BACHELOR.

WHEREAS, The circle of Iota chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma has again been broken by the deaths of our sisters, Dora Ragan Blake, Lulu Ward Spencer and Emma Knox Bachelor, be it

*Resolved*, 1. That by their death not only Iota but the fraternity as well has lost three loyal hearted women, who stood ever ready to help others toward the attainment of our fraternity ideals.

*Resolved*, 2. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE KEY for publication and be placed with the fraternity records.

MARY EWING,  
MYRTLE SWITZER,  
ADA W. FRANK.

*Iota.*

AGNES SINCLAIR HOLBROOK.

Born Oct. 25, 1867, died Oct. 31, 1896.

Beta Zeta chapter is called upon to record the death of one of her most honored alumnæ members, Agnes Sinclair Holbrook, who became a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma in 1886.

She was a pupil in the local secondary schools and entered Iowa University, from which she graduated in 1887. She then traveled two years in Europe, and returning graduated from Wellesley in 1892.

The same year, she went to Chicago and became identified with the University Settlement work at Hull House, where she worked two or three years.

In 1895 she entered Stanford University where she took her Master's Degree in the Department of Education. Last spring she was appointed an assistant in the Department of English at Stanford University.



While at Hull House, Miss Holbrook assisted in the preparation of the volume known as *Hull House Maps and Papers*. She wrote the first chapter in the book and did most of the work on the elaborate system of maps, showing the distribution of nationalities and various social and industrial conditions in Chicago, which accompanies the volume. Several of the most important articles in the *Studies in Education*, now being published by the Department of Education, are from her pen.

Miss Holbrook will long be remembered and mourned by those who knew her as a brilliant and gifted woman.

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### *College and Fraternity Notes.*

The avidity displayed by a class of Eastern fraternities in gobbling up dissatisfied remnants of Western orders has created a demand among the malcontents—which appear to be numerous in that section—which may soon exceed the supply. When Delta Kappa Epsilon took out of the weather the bolting ex-chapter of Phi Delta Theta at Minnesota the general protest that followed indicated that such a transaction would not be repeated. Everybody is acquainted, however, with the recent filching of one of the most highly prized plants in the Phi Kappa Psi domain and its ultimate transplanting within the confines of Psi Upsilon. The echo from the universal condemnation of this flagrant transaction is fresh upon the ear, when the intelligence is received that yet another erstwhile chapter of a Western fraternity has divorced itself in a body and become incorporated as an independent organization. On September 29th the Leland Stanford branch of Phi Gamma Delta, a leading chapter at that institution and the most prominent young chapter of that fraternity, announced its connection with its general organization summarily and henceforth terminated and uniting with four other students, assumed the name of Sigma Rho Eta. The sole reason for their remarkable procedure was “dissatisfaction with the present condition of the fraternity.” It is said that the alumni of the chapter, including three members of the faculty, are in accord with the chap-

ter's action. With the announcement of this disruption accompanies the rumor that a charter from Alpha Delta Phi is in prospect, but this is denied by the new organization, which proclaims its intention of remaining a local "club" after the manner of the "Dicky" at Harvard. The neighboring chapter of Phi Gams, at the University of California, professes great surprise at the extraordinary conduct of its twin companion on the Coast, and has stated through the San Francisco press its intention of pressing the authorities of the fraternity for an immediate formal expulsion of the traitors. The last general convention of Phi Gamma Delta delegated to the Stanford chapter as a tribute of its worth and loyalty the revision of its ritual, which trust was in process of execution at the time of the secession.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

Delta Delta Delta has been instituted here and bids fair to attain success. A chapter of Alpha Delta Phi may be established before the close of the college year.—*Syracuse Correspondent of Phi Delta Theta Scroll*.

Out of 451 colleges and universities in the United States, only forty-one are closed to women. All the others are now coeducational, and, besides, women have 143 schools of higher education, with 30,000 students. One-fourth of the fellowships of the University of Chicago are held by women. Eleven States and fourteen colleges or universities are represented. Three women fellows have given instruction in the university this year. Of 400,000 teachers in the United States, 43 per cent. are women; in England the proportion is even greater.—*New York Tribune*.

At a meeting of the overseers of Harvard, on October 25, it was noted that in the judgment of the Board every candidate for admission to the undergraduate department should give evidence that he can write English with such neatness and skill in penmanship, correct in spelling and grammar and facility of expression as will enable him to enter without further elementary instruction on the elective studies to which he proposes to devote himself, including the more advanced courses in English composition and that the Faculty be required to press steadily toward the attainment of this end.—*The Critic*.

The recent gift of \$450 by the professors and students of Oberlin to Mt. Holyoke College, in return for a similar sum sent to



Oberlin by Miss Lyon and her pupils (then at Ipswich, Mass.), furnishes a proper occasion to fix in the public mind some facts concerning the movement for the higher education of women which are not generally known. This large gift (for the time) of Miss Lyon and her associates was sent to Oberlin in 1834 in token of their interest in the determination of Oberlin's founders to open all departments of the college to women on equal terms with men. It was three or four years after this that Miss Lyon established the Seminary at Mt. Holyoke, which has only lately become a college with a full curriculum.

The interest in the higher education of women was, at that time, also manifested by the number of young women who flocked to Oberlin for the advantages there offered to them, entering the very first classes, and in due time finishing the classical course (then on a par with that of the New England colleges), and receiving the bachelor's degree twelve or fifteen years before it was granted to women by any other college. This is a fact to be remembered by the presidents of some of our women's colleges, who seem to be under the impression that the movement for the higher education of women began with them.—*The Nation*.

The sorority of Gamma Phi Beta held its twenty-second annual convention from November 4 to 10 at the Woman's College of Baltimore. There were delegates from six college chapters, and three alumnæ chapters. Zeta Chapter of the Woman's College gave a reception in Goucher Hall in honor of the sorority and a banquet at the Hotel Rennert to members of the fraternity.—*Harpers' Bazar*.

United States limits have been disregarded in extension by Zeta Psi, Kappa Alpha ( $\mathfrak{N}$ ), Alpha Delta Phi and Phi Kappa Sigma, each of which has a chapter in Canada, the first being twice represented. To Chi Phi, however, belongs the sole notoriety of having maintained a chapter on strictly foreign soil. In 1867 a charter was granted to University of Edinburgh students, which chapter in its existence of three years comprised a total of only fourteen members, all of whom, with a single exception, were from the United States. All of these, save one, hailed either from Louisiana or South Carolina. Another even more unique chapter is said to have existed during the late war among

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members of Sigma Chi in the Southern army. It was known as "Constantine Chapter," and is said to have maintained some sort of an existence during the intensest period of the war. It was, of course, entirely unofficial.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

The 120th anniversary of the founding of Phi Beta Kappa will be celebrated next term, on January 6 by the Yale Chapter, with fitting exercises. Professor Tracy Peck and Mr. Kellogg, '95, will read interesting papers on the history, aims and usefulness of the society.

The Michigan chapter of Psi Upsilon has passed a law prohibiting its members from joining class societies or professional fraternities.

With the eastward spread of co-education the need of the sorority has been created in the east and chapters have sprung up in the eastern colleges and universities. Monmouth, Ill., the west, to eastern people, was, however, the center from which the idea of the sorority first emanated. Thirty years ago seven girls, students at Monmouth College, conceived the plan of organizing a woman's fraternity, similar to those already in existence among their brother students. The result was the society called I. C., which afterward became Pi Beta Phi.

The present year is therefore of marked significance to all Greek women, and particularly to those of Pi Beta Phi as the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of the first college women's secret society. It is but fitting that each of us should review these thirty years of progress, in the course of which the work of the sorority has claimed and found recognition as a factor in the social and moral development of the college woman, and now its influence equals that of the fraternity upon the college man.—*The Arrow*.

Of the six women who were graduated this year from the Berlin gymnasium, or high school for women, three (one medical student and two physicists) have been admitted to the University of Halle without restrictions. They are allowed to work freely in the dissecting rooms and laboratories. Three women students who have been admitted to Berlin university have found a less generous welcome. But the two who are following philology and the one who is in the medical department have met with a refusal



on the part of several professors to allow them to study in their classes. Women are excluded especially from the anatomical lectures and exercises, which makes the medical course practically an impossibility for them. The number of women students in Berlin, however, is destined to increase rapidly, for in the recent examinations for admission to the gymnasium courses for women there were 21 applicants.

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### *Editorial.*

In the Parthenon, Theta suggests that Kappa Kappa Gamma should now enter some of the southern and western colleges.

It is nearly three years since the subject of extension has been touched upon in these pages. Since the establishment of Beta Iota in June, 1893, the prevailing sentiment of the fraternity has been so strongly against extension that discussion seemed unnecessary. On every hand one has heard murmurs of "conservatism," "internal progress" and "building up within our gates" and this feeling has found expression in the refusal of all applications for charters.

The question now arises, what is to be our future course in regard to petitioners for admittance? Are we to extend our borders or are we to limit ourselves to the chapters which we now have and direct all our attention to the system which in other paths of life is denominated "intensive cultivation?"

In point of numbers Kappa Kappa Gamma has no immediate need for further extension and the only case where the admission of a new chapter seems advisable is when that chapter promises to strengthen the general fraternity and prove a distinct advantage to the other chapters. None of us are altruistic enough to argue that a chapter should be granted to petitioners for their own sakes, no matter how valuable the fraternity might be to them, but when the petitioners give promise of being an added strength to the fraternity we should have no hesitation in granting them a charter. The admittance of a chapter is a serious matter. It is

much easier done than undone and it is sure to have a marked influence on the fraternity, so the chartering powers owe it to all members that no chapter shall be put in save where it will be a sure and material aid in the upbuilding of the fraternity.

What institution, then, will give us such chapters as we desire to add to our roll? They are very few.

Only those institutions should be considered that are of the first rank, those whose curriculums are broad enough to insure a liberal education and whose faculties contain men of ability and reputation. Such institutions, in the long run, are sure to attract the best class of students. The financial condition of the college should also play a part in the question of granting a charter, particularly in a new college. It is not wise to place a chapter in a college which, however prosperous at present, has no permanent endowment and runs the risk of future contractions. Everyone can recall instances where chapters were established at colleges of apparent promise but later declined with the decline of the college. In the same way, the locality of a new college should be considered for if there is some well established institution already in the neighborhood, the older college is likely to get the better students and to interfere with the growth of the newer applicant for educational favor.

The college to be entered should have enough students to give the new chapter latitude in the choice of its members. It should not be necessary to elect every other girl to membership or even one girl in three. Following out the general rule that four girls be elected from each class, a simple mathematical calculation will show that where one fraternity already exists among the women of the college, it is not prudent to enter with the intention of maintaining a chapter of carefully selected members, unless the classes contain, on an average thirty-two girls. This seems to be narrowing the matter down but those who have studied the girls in different coeducational institutions will admit that this point is worthy of consideration.

The experience of chapters of other fraternities already located in the same place should be regarded and the attitude of the faculty toward fraternities looked into. At one of the western colleges where many fraternities are located, we learn that the general order of things is reversed and to be an "independent" is con-



sidered a social distinction. The same idea may exist in other places and it is wise to locate chapters only where they will receive a cordial welcome.

The institutions, then, which we now may enter are those of the first rank, who show promise of continued prosperity, where there are enough women to maintain a carefully selected chapter and where fraternities are regarded with favor by both faculty and students. If at these institutions we find petitioners who have the qualities which we desire in our new members everywhere, let us admit them without hesitation; but if we cannot find such places and such petitioners, let us turn the energy which we have to expend upon general fraternity matters toward the usual methods of internal progression: classification of records, beautifying of the ritual, organization of our alumnæ, amassing of property and the raising of our standards of scholarship and character.

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The strength of the fraternity tie is again manifested by the renewal of the New York Alumnæ Association and the formation of a Kappa Kappa Gamma Club at Anderson, Ind. In the past, our regulations in regard to alumnæ associations have been so rigid that they found it impossible to live and Kappa Kappa Gamma is far behind some of the other women's fraternities in the number of its alumnæ organizations. But under the new regime our alumnæ will have an opportunity to live and organize and enjoy themselves without galling restrictions. The alumnæ cannot be expected to be interested in the details of chapter management or to feel deep concern as to whether the chapter picture goes into the *Ariel*, *Syllabus* or *Cornellian* as the case may be, but they have always shown themselves loyally interested in all questions of general fraternity policy and their advice at conventions has been invaluable to the fraternity.

Will they not become even more interested? The only thing now lacking for more associations is some enthusiastic Kappa Gamma who will undertake their formation. There are certainly enough alumnæ in Chicago, in the Twin Cities and in Philadelphia for regular associations. Why can we not have them in these places?

Some of the smaller chapters in the fraternity may think that the remarks made about extension are a trifle harsh. These remarks are not intended in anyway to refer to the chapters which are already in the fraternity and are a part of our fraternity life. They deal only with the question of putting in *new* chapters. The fraternity has progressed rapidly during the last quarter of a century and we are treating the matter not from the fraternity's past but from its present standpoint. Kappa Kappa Gamma is beginning to grow old and has reached a point where it has dignity to maintain and finds red tape becoming.

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Will chapters who have *alumnæ* in or near New York City please send their names to Miss Caroline S. Romer, 144 Garside St., Newark N. J.? The KEY reaches so small a proportion of the *alumnæ* that it is feared many of them will not learn of the reorganization of the New York *Alumnæ* Association.

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Corresponding Secretaries will please notice that the dates for sending in manuscripts and chapter letters have been changed and by the new rules contributions for the magazine are due, December 1, March 1, June 1, and September 1.

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An orderly arrangement of chapter documents contributes more effectively than anything else toward keeping the chapters genuinely interested in the fraternity. Questions of fraternity policy often come up and are passed upon carelessly because no one happens to know what the precedents have been or where the desired information upon the subject may be found. Later, perhaps, the chapter regrets its hasty action and is inclined to find fault with the fraternity for taking it at its word.

Beside the officer upon whose list of duties this task belongs, some member should be appointed in every chapter to inspect the archives, to see that they are properly arranged and to know what they contain ; to see that all letters are filed, that the list of members has been properly kept, that *alumnæ*'s addresses are correct, and that the chapter history has been written up in detail. Col-



lege girls have so many interests that these things are apt to be neglected. If they have been neglected in your chapter, inaugurate a reform and see that they are attended to at once. The untangling of the threads of chapter history grows more and more difficult every year, while every year the history becomes more valuable to the chapter's members because of the suggestions which the chapter's earlier experience can afford them.

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### Exchanges.

"Take them editors that's crowin'  
Like a cockerel three months old."—*Bigelow Papers*

For some time past writers in *The Kappa Alpha Theta* have been discussing the question of secrecy, chiefly from an unfavorable standpoint. The current number opens with an article advocating the present policy. The arguments urged against secrecy are summarized, and most of them are refuted.

#### NOVEL BUT NOT NEW.

"Let the Alumnæ write,  
We have too much to do!"  
The cry comes up from a thousand throats,  
As each Journal comes out anew.  
"Yes, we have too much to do,  
There are rushing and swings you know,  
And chapter meeting which always counts,  
And the spreads where we must go.  
Oh, they are an awful bore,  
These duties are irksome quite;  
But we couldn't shirk a single one,  
So we haven't the time to write.  
But let the Alumna write,  
She hasn't a thing to do,  
As for teaching school and earning her bread,  
I shouldn't mind that, would you?"

This bit of verse, also from *The Kappa Alpha Theta*, is the leading article in the Undergraduate Department. The rest of

the Department is composed of three pages, numbered and headed like the others, but still unacquainted with printer's ink. This is an innovation in magazine making, and we congratulate *The Kappa Alpha Theta* upon having been the first to realize its possibilities. That traditional "tin-god," the intelligent reader, is always objecting to the way in which magazine pages are filled. Here he has an opportunity to fill them himself, just as he sees fit; and if he is too indolent to make this slight exertion, he surely has no right to criticize.

After the rushing season is over the freshmen asked to join a chapter naturally fall into two classes,—those who accepted and those who didn't. Too often they are still further divided, and are set as far apart as the sheep and the goats, with no faults on one side and no virtues on the other. *The Rainbow* recognizes this tendency, and protests against it.

"The recovery of the feeling of dignity should not be shown falsely after a fair defeat. It is true that sometimes a chapter loses a man to a rival and is afterward genuinely glad that such was the result. But more frequently men assume the gladness or persuade themselves into congratulation. The "sour grapes" spirit is as unseemly in a modern collegian as it seemed foolish in the fabled fox. We may usually be suspicious of the cry: "It's very lucky that we did not get him; he would never have done us any good." The probability in such cases is that the man's membership, if secured, would have been a matter of some pride and strength. We would suggest, therefore, that our chapters be magnanimous toward all men lost after a proper effort to gain them. To avoid such a man is a mistake from the standpoint of policy; for a generous relation to him will win his friendship. To avoid him is also a serious blunder from the standpoint of courtesy; for if he was worthy of proffered membership before, he is now surely worthy of some association. The fact that a chapter regarded a man fit for solicitation ought, if both parties be large minded, to form a tie of some moment. And let this spirit of magnanimity extend also to rivals. It will never injure your chances to be fair toward competing chapters. We once secured a fine man for our Fraternity, and the item that finally turned the scale in our favor was a scornful remark on the part of rivals which the solicited person felt to be unjust."

There is something sternly practical about a fraternity magazine. Poetry cannot live within its influence. Other college publications succeed in obtaining verses which are at least respectable in rhyme and metre; but when once a verse is sent to



a fraternity magazine, it straightway becomes lame, and would be scarcely recognizable, save for the breadth of its margins. *The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon* has a bit which was evidently printed before it became aware of its environment. It is not remarkable, as verses in general go, but judged by the comparative standard of fraternity verse, it is a gem.

## OUR COLORS.

As Grecians loved their myrtle  
And olive branch of old,  
We love our Royal Purple  
And banner of Old Gold.  
Cheers for the mystic circle  
And band of brothers bold!  
Cheers for the Royal Purple  
And banner of Old Gold !

There has recently been some discussion as to whether THE KEY shall be illustrated. Now suggestions which are detailed and definite are much more likely to be adopted than those which are left in vague outline. On this account those who wish to see illustrations in THE KEY should examine the June number of *The Delta of Sigma Nu* and decide just what they wish. *The Delta* is trying an experiment with colored inks, and is giving its readers the benefit. If you think your picture would look well in orange or green, or if you wonder whether blue, maroon or scarlet would harmonize best with the typography of your campus, consult *The Delta*, and doubt no more.

The editor of *The Trident*, after the manner of editors, is threatening to resign at the next convention. Such a step will be attended with the regret of others besides members of Tri Delta. The present editor has done much to improve *The Trident* and it seems a pity for her to lay aside her duties when she is meeting with success.

If initiates are not all models their delinquencies are certainly upon their own heads, for they have enough advice given them to last the four years of college life. We quote one of these small sermons from *The Kappa Alpha Journal*.

The new member has already discovered that to be connected with this fraternity is more than a meaningless formality ; that Kappa Alpha is not a prep. organization, and if he is possessed

of those sterling qualities of character that he was believed to embody when he was invited to join, he will give serious attention to the study of those ideals and principles that he has now obligated himself to uphold and will apply them in his practical, every-day life. The expert in any capacity is he who has most faithfully applied himself to the study of the fundamental details of his subject and has with equal care kept pace with its development. Just so with the expert Kappa Alpha. You must familiarize yourself with the constitution and ritual and the historical development of the fraternity. It is only by a study of these details that you come to appreciate the deeper nature of the fraternity and are brought to realize the oneness of the various chapters as a whole. That man has yet to be met who comprehends in his conception of the fraternity nothing beyond the horizon of his own chapter, who was anything but a depressing burden, a fraternity misfit. Unless you can even now feel that general interest in the fraternity as an organization you have been either improperly initiated or instructed. Only knowledge produces sound enthusiasm, and the more complete your education into the purposes and history of the fraternity just to that degree will be the benefits derived and reflected."

We learn from the previous number of the same *Journal* that THE KEY has no sense of humor. It is with regret that we hear this. We have nothing to say in behalf of THE KEY. Who can say anything when the *Journal* criticizes? All we can do is to remind the *Journal* that the first rule for acquiring a sense of humor is to learn to take a joke at one's own expense.

*The Beta Theta Pi* has some sensible words with regard to rushing which we quote entire :

"When this number reaches the chapters the fall campaign will be in full swing. We know that now, as heretofore, the Betas will prove the victors in many a hard fought contest. We know, too, that in some instances they will be the vanquished. Whatever be the fortunes which attend your efforts, let the memory of no mean thing done or said mar the enjoyment of the coming college year. Stand upon your own record. Do not belittle that of your rivals. Lose a man occasionally rather than surrender the right to judge him. Be shrewd, be wary, be active, but be honest, generous and true. And when the contest is over let whatever bitterness it may have engendered completely die. Your relations to your fellow students are not wholly governed by those of fraternity membership. Be loyal to your fraternity, but be loyal to your college as well, and do your whole duty to each organization by being just to the claims of each."

*À propos* of this subject we clip the following from *The Anchora* :



"*The Anchora* has always pleaded for the adoption of a generous attitude toward rival fraternities, and for the considerate treatment of the so-called barbarians. It sometimes happens that a girl refuses from principle to join a fraternity, or that, for some reason, she proves ineligible to membership in a chapter, although personally congenial to the members. In either case she is usually dropped precipitately by the fraternity which has heretofore rushed her with enthusiasm. There is no good reason for such action. If a girl's friendship would be worth much should her name be enrolled upon the records of Delta Gamma, it is worth something even if she does not wear the anchor. It would be much better for fraternities if they would cultivate informal relations with congenial outsiders. Such association would be good for the chapter, good for the fraternity it represents, good for the barbarian, and good for the college. The fraternity pin too often forms an unnatural barrier between girls who have much in common, and who, but for the little symbol of gold, would be the best of friends. It is for the fraternity girl to simplify the situation. The barbarian naturally hesitates to make friendly overtures to the Greeks for fear of being considered intrusive, but the fraternity girls can easily remove the constraint of the situation by a little tact and frank friendliness. We do not ask our girls to make companions and friends of all non-fraternity girls from any motive of benevolence or self-sacrifice. No one desires condescending attentions of that nature. But purely for their own pleasure and profit, and for the sake of the honor of all college women, upon whom rests an especial obligation to put aside petty and unworthy things, and manifest always a generous and high-minded loyalty to noble womanhood, we ask them to try to make Delta Gamma a less absorbing organization, and to spread the good influence over a wide field, by entering into a cordial association with college girls other than Delta Gammas. It is no virtue in a fraternity to be aggressively exclusive in social matters, nor is it good taste. It would be well for the Greeks, and far better for the colleges, if fraternities would form the habit of often asking outside friends to their informal social meetings. It is not necessary nor customary for fraternity members to discuss nothing but the secrets of the orders, and they would gain more than they would lose if they could infuse a more democratic spirit into their organizations. If a girl has some good reason for not joining Delta Gamma, do not on that account disclaim all further intercourse with her, but recognize her right to independence of judgment, and make a friend of her, even if she declines to be a sister."

*The Scroll* has an excellent article on the University of Missouri. There are discussions of other subjects, too; but the prevailing

sentiment evidently is, "We are going to have a convention." Happy Phi Delta Theta!

*The University Magazine* is good, as it always is. There are interesting articles upon the American School at Athens, the Universities of Virginia, Chicago, and Vermont. All are written from a sympathetic standpoint and incline the reader to wish he could go to several colleges at one and the same time.

The leading article in *The Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* is headed "University Extension in the Far East". It is an account of the progress of education in Japan during the last thirty years and shows the thorough-going nature of the recent changes. The most startling thing about the article is the fact that it advocates the establishment of a few foreign chapters because they would add so much to the pleasure of travel. Verily, "the world do move."

*The Psi Upsilon Review* is a convention number. The Psi U's seem to have had a successful convention, and they certainly have an excellent account of it. Some of the verses are unusually good, but, since they were written by alumni, they do not form an exception to the general character of college fraternity verse. Portions are quoted below. The whole description, in fact, is written with such wholesome enthusiasm that one cannot but sympathize and approve, even while regretting that the general good feeling is marred by such remarks as the following:

This new Psi Upsilon lyric is intended to be sung to the air of "The Garibaldi Liberty Hymn", a stirring tune, and one not hitherto used by college fraternities. Doubtless we shall soon hear it on all sides, just as the other societies caught up, after we had given them the hint, the air to which we sang, "Brothers, the Day is Ended."

"Sing the song that's dearest, brothers,  
Nearest to the heart and true,  
Rarer, fairer than all others,—  
Song of what is most Psi U.

CHORUS—Sing in triumph, tribulation;  
Sing in rags and honor, too;  
Sing, in love of God and nation,—  
Sing the song that's most Psi U.

Song of hearts unnumbered beating,  
Song of faith that makes them One



Nobler Heart—its race completing.  
Only when the years are run.

CHO :—Faith, in triumph, tribulation ;  
Faith, in rags and honor, too ;  
Faith, in love of God and nation,—  
Faith—the Garnet of Psi U.

Song of love—the blossom blowing  
Fairest in the fields of life,  
Odorous of hope, and growing  
Fragrant most where faith is rife.

CHO :—Love in triumph, tribulation ;  
Love, in rags and honor, too ;  
Love, in love of God and nation,—  
Golden flower of Psi U.

Beat, O Heart, for nobler living,  
Live, O Love, in hours of need !  
Soul of living, loving, giving,—  
That's Psi Upsilon indeed.

CHO :—Yours in triumph, tribulation ;  
Yours in rags and honor, too ;  
Yours, in love of God and nation ;  
That's what makes the good Psi U."

"And we, too, feel the little green leaves a-start  
Across the bare-twigged winter of the mart.  
The campus is reborn to us to-day ;  
The old grip stirs our hearts with new-old joy  
Again bursts bonds for madcap holiday  
The eternal boy.

For we have not come here for long debate  
Nor taking counsel for our household order,  
Howe'er we make a feint of serious things,  
For all the world as in affairs of state  
A word goes out for war along the border  
To further or defeat the loves of kings.  
We put our house to rights from year to year,  
But that is not the call that brings us here ;  
We have come here to be glad.

Give a rouse, then, in the Maytime,  
For a life that knows no fear !  
Turn night-time into daytime  
With the sunlight of good cheer !  
For it's always fair weather  
When good fellows get together,  
With a stein on the table and a good song ringing clear."







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