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TEACHING AS A PROFESSION FOR WOMEN.

“ Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp,
Or what's a heaven for—”

seems to have been the inspiring watchword of womankind in recent years ; and in this spirit many desirable ends, once considered unattainable, have been grasped, and heights have been scaled which have given glimpses of a new heaven and a new earth to this portion of humanity. The ministry, medicine, law, journalism, and various literary avenues have opened to women, revealing ever-widening vistas, not merely of intellectual, but of humanitarian possibilities. All industrial pursuits to which a woman is physically equal are hers to follow if she chooses ; in fact, the time is already here when women are practically limited, in respect to vocation, only by their capabilities. This has been mostly brought about since a few small colleges, less than fifty years ago, timidly said to young women, “ You may come and let us see of what stuff you are made.” Among these St. Lawrence is proud to be numbered. One by one, older and larger universities have been awakening to an appreciation of their enlarged opportunities. The hundreds of intelligent, sensible maidens sent out each year from these universities and from the higher colleges for women, inevitably make their influence felt in broader and sweeter ideals of womanhood and womanliness. Even the caricaturist, who keeps his finger so closely on the public pulse, has caught the signs of the times. His favorite victim is not, as a century ago, the sentimental maiden—she has been relegated to the past and her place is occupied by “ Chollies ” and “ Willies.”

But, to come to my text, not only in new fields has this influence been practically felt, but in the old as well. Next to the

truer, happier, and more enduring relations in home life, perhaps this has resulted nowhere more happily than in the work of the teacher. Teaching is one of the vocations earliest recognized as suitable for women, probably because it was considered of natural kinship with the duties of mothers.

From only one generation of college women it is unwise to generalize in too sweeping a way; as yet, one can only note progress and observe tendencies. But the inevitable statistician has recently given some rather interesting data, from which we learn that the largest proportion of college-bred women follow, in one respect at least, in the footsteps of their mothers; and next in number to those who marry, are those who teach. Since this is so, we are interested in noting progress in this time-honored—I should like to say profession, but doubt if the more accurate word is not, as yet, that of the Indian who, when told that a certain young lady was a teacher, responded, "That's my trade, too."

First to be noted is the changed incentive to taking up the work of teaching. A half century ago, a woman rarely engaged in any of the three or four remunerative occupations then thought respectable for her unless necessity compelled her to earn a livelihood. It is doubtful if a woman could do the same inspiring service for child-life, under such conditions and in such a spirit, as she can when teaching because she has chosen that in preference to a dozen other means of livelihood, and her heart is enlisted as well as her head. Now more women are teaching because they enjoy it, find that it has opportunities for unlimited good, and that it yields rich returns (though not in money), when the best of one's self is given to it. This spirit counts for much, if we concede that the personality of the teacher is more effective than what she says. Work done heartily and lovingly carries with it the enthusiasm and inspiration which always accompany earnestness and sincerity.

Conceding the power of personality, a second and very obvious result of college training is the development of characters which, with broadened sympathies and larger views, are so much the truer and more efficient agents in developing the minds and hearts of others. This general broadening and deepening of character, which a systematic college training gives, is no less potent a factor in the teacher's influence than her mental equipment.

There has been, too, a rapid advancement in the grade of teaching given to women. Her natural fitness for the primary work was early recognized; but as her opportunities for higher education have multiplied, she has become more and more ambitious. The high school, college preparatory school, smaller co-educational institutions, higher colleges for women have, one after another, been the successful goal of her ambition; and, since Chicago University has taken the initiative and placed among its corps of instructors a few able women, like Mrs. Martha Foote Crowe, we are reasonably justified in assuming that before long women may hold positions of honor in any of the greater universities.

Finally, it is significant that two-thirds of all the teachers in the United States are women, and that the proportion is constantly increasing. If, as this fact would indicate, the education of the coming generations is to be intrusted so largely to women, it is time that they interested themselves earnestly and actively in helping to organize some more unified system for the training of teachers for every grade from the elementary to the high school and college. The plea made by President Schurman, in the April *Forum*, for a school of pedagogy in some of the universities, is one which should find a ready response among all friends of education, and particularly among women, upon whom so much of the success of the young American of the future is evidently to depend. Women have often been charged—and maybe justly—with lack of system in what they do,—a defect liable to be particularly prolific of evil in school work. While they may retaliate with a reminder of the fact that for thousands of years, the education which youths and maidens have received outside the home circle, has been almost exclusively in the care of men, and that, until comparatively recent years, it has hardly occurred to them to make any special preparation for the work, yet this will not make it the less imperative to see that they leave nothing undone to make teaching—along the line, from kindergarten to university work, worthy of the term profession. If the normal school, the first embodiment of the idea of the feasibility of a course in pedagogical theory and practice, has not been wholly successful, it is in part because it is but a segment of a system that should be rounded and completed. It seems to me that President Schur-

man's proposal to establish, in the place of the Chair of Pedagogy in the universities, a School of Pedagogy for graduate students only, ranking with graduate schools of law and medicine, and aiming to train secondary teachers and superintendents of schools, would quickly lead to a general recognition of the importance of some system or plan of pedagogical education which shall have unity as to the principles of education, from the lowest grades to the highest. Might not the work of the Committee of Ten and the Committee of Fifteen, aiming to give national unity to the courses of study in primary and secondary schools be supplemented by a school for the training of teachers, to carry out more effectively the ideals and purposes of these committees? "Not what, but how" is of as much import in teaching as elsewhere. Is not the proposal of President Schurman, and that to which it might lead, worthy the earnest consideration and hearty support of college-bred women?

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THE MEDICAL PROFESSION FOR WOMEN.

Many young women are now looking forward to a life of self-support and carefully considering the advantages and disadvantages of the different avenues of employment open to them. Some of them are looking to the profession of medicine as one admirably adapted to their needs and abilities and a discussion of the subject may be of interest to the readers of THE KEY.

There is no calling in life which offers more of opportunity to be and to do than that of the physician. No woman can have a worthier ambition than to be a skillful, trustworthy and competent doctor. You will notice that I say "trustworthy" and "competent," rather than "brilliant" or "famous," for it is in the ranks of the former class that we are needed and in which we must be content to stay for the present. This brings me to the reflection that there is no calling which requires more of self sacrifice in its preparation and practice, or gives less of wealth or renown to its followers than medicine. There are in every generation a few doctors who command almost princely incomes, but over against them we must put the large majority who are simply well-to-do and the great number who barely live.

Now what are the necessary requisites to success?

First.—Good health. Without it no young woman should dream of entering the profession. Day after day and night after night of uninterrupted toil and anxiety must be possible to her.

Second.—Ability. By this I do not mean genius. Few of us have that. But a well trained mind of more than average power for independent thought should belong to any woman who thinks of studying medicine.

Third.—A good preliminary education. A college training is not absolutely necessary, but is very desirable. The Regents of the State of New York demand the equivalent of a high school course for entrance to its medical colleges. Other states have varying requirements which are constantly being made more exacting.

Fourth.—Capacity for continued application and effort, which must be satisfied to look to the future for its reward. There must be money enough to support one during school life and at least two years more, and also to secure the instruments and appliances which are necessary to the opening of an office.

Fifth.—The aspirant for success in medicine must have an agreeable presence and the ability to dress herself becomingly and at the same time quickly. She must have almost infinite resources of tact and patience. She must be ready in an emergency; cool in the midst of danger and able to sustain harsh criticism. After all the rest she must be a good business woman, or her bills will forever remain uncollected.

There is one other very important consideration, and that is marriage. In some few cases happy mothers of families have been at the same time successful physicians; but that is a combination to which it will not do to look forward. The mother of a family has not time or strength for the practice of medicine. A woman physician has not time or strength for the duties of maternity. This is a more serious condition than it may appear. We may take up many, if not most, of the duties of life and lay them down again if marriage offers later more of happiness or usefulness. But the practice of medicine involves the safety of human life and no one has a moral right to the first mentioned years of effort who does not expect to follow them by a life time of achievement in mitigating suffering and distress.

These conditions may seem almost prohibitive, but I am satisfied that they are none too severe. It is not desirable that women physicians should rank with the lower grades of medical men. They must be among the best. They are exposed to so much harsher criticism than their brothers that a higher standard of excellence is requisite to the same degree of success.

To a properly qualified and equipped woman physician, failure is almost impossible. The demand for such women is far in excess of the supply. The large cities have absorbed all the available material and it is very unusual to find a woman physician in a country town. Large villages and small cities are by common consent the most desirable localities for the general practitioner, and it will be many years before each of them is supplied with a competent woman physician. Such a woman is sure of the respect of the community in which she lives, while she has the sincerest love of her patients and their families. Every year added to her life until she becomes feeble with age, will make her position more secure and her work more valuable. After active life is past she will have the consulting practice and an inexhaustable field for study.

Finally, I say to all readers of *THE KEY*, you can have no worthier ambition than to become a practicing physician. If you can command the essential requisites to preparation, you may be almost sure of success. Your usefulness will increase with advancing years. You will have unlimited opportunity to practice the virtues of Christian charity ; to relieve suffering ; to advance the sum of human happiness and to add to the sum of human knowledge.

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A SUMMARY.

Of the women's fraternities which are represented by magazines Kappa Kappa Gamma during the past year stands alone in its conservative policy. In the last twelve months Kappa Alpha Theta, Delta Gamma, Alpha Phi, Pi Beta Phi, and Delta Delta Delta have all added new names to their rolls and their magazines are waxing enthusiastic over their respective acquisitions.

As a consequence of our policy the number of our undergraduate chapters is the same as last year, 26. The total active membership of the fraternity according to the latest reports is 438, less by 16 names than last year at this time.

At the Biennial Convention held last August, our one associate chapter decided to terminate its existence and since that time we have had no regular organization in Chicago although there are probably more of our alumnæ in that city than in any other. We have, however, two alumnæ associations, one in Boston and the other in New York, not to mention the group of Kappa Kappa Gammas at Anderson, Ind., who do not aspire to the name of "association," but modestly call themselves a *Kappa Club*.

The policy of the chapters in regard to size differs greatly. Phi and Beta Tau, each having a membership of 28, evidently believe that the highest good is found in the large chapter while Gamma Rho with 7 members seems to assert that in exclusiveness there is strength. The average size of the chapters is 17.

During the year 1896, 171 members were initiated; Beta Alpha admitting the smallest number, 2, and Delta the largest number, 17. The average number of initiates is between 6 and 7; 87 members have been graduated and 67 have left college during the year.

The geographical distribution of the active members falls along the same general lines as last year; 25 states are represented and one member comes from the District of Columbia, while one claims Canada as her home. Oddly enough New York leads off with exactly the same number of members as last year, 73; Indiana has a delegation of 64; Ohio furnishes 61; Michigan, 35; Illinois, 26; Minnesota, 25; Pennsylvania, 24; Massachusetts, 22; Nebraska, 18; Iowa, 18; Kansas, 17; Wisconsin, 15; California, 11; Missouri, 7; New Jersey, 6; Maine, 3; Vermont, 2; Texas, 2 and South Carolina, North Carolina, Maryland, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Nevada, Tennessee, District of Columbia and Canada, one each.

Kappa Chapter has the most diverse membership, having representatives from six states. Beta Tau, Lambda, Sigma, Eta, Chi, Omega, Gamma Rho, Delta and Beta Nu's members are limited to their respective states. It is significant, in this connection, that 6 of these 9 chapters are located at state universities.

As regards cities Minneapolis furnishes the largest number of

our active members, 19; Columbus, 17; Lincoln, 16; Syracuse, 15; New York City, 13; Akron, 11, and Lawrence, 11. A number of cities supply us with two or three members, while 143 of our members are the only active representatives of Kappa Kappa Gamma in their respective towns.

Beta Nu is the only chapter having exclusively local patronage while Beta Iota is the only chapter having no members from the town in which it is located.

The only noteworthy change in our relation to other fraternities during the year is, that whereas last year four of our chapters had no rival, this year only two chapters, Beta Alpha and Epsilon, are without rivals in their colleges.

THE ALUMNA AT THE FRATERNITY TABLE.

O, Shade of Holmes, take not amiss
A plagiarized attempt like this.
Were not my admiration true,
I'd surely never copy you.

I was just going to say, when I was interrupted, that joining a fraternity is very much like getting married. Before you are in it, you don't know what it is like; and after the experiment has been tried, there is no way of going back to the old order of things. It is a leap in the dark, a lottery, and all the other agreeable epithets applied to marriage. Fraternities ought to admit members on probation.

Everybody stared. The freshmen looked shocked; but I have them well in training, and they said nothing. There is a philosophical student, who is really a sensible girl, and whom I allow to talk, whenever that is possible without interrupting me. When I paused, she wished to know if, in that case, I did not consider it irrational to join a fraternity.

Now that puzzled me for a minute. You never can tell what a philosophical student means by the word "irrational;" except that it is certain to be used in a different sense from the one you or any person of ordinary intelligence, could expect. I realized, however, that delay was dangerous, that I must answer at once,

or lose control of the conversation, so I said: "Certainly not, unless you divorce what is rational from what is pleasant. If you do, let us be irrational by all means. In fact I am not sure but that it would be a relief to belong to some organization avowedly irrational. So many things that label themselves reasonable are so profoundly disagreeable. Sometimes I am inclined to think that rationality and a bore are synonymous terms."

"Do you think," ventured the Elderly Senior, "that such subjects should be discussed before the freshmen?"

"No," I replied, "I most certainly do not think it wise to suggest to the freshmen that they are to be kept in a state of pleasing ignorance. You won't succeed. You will only make them suspicious, and they won't believe you when you do tell them the truth. To give a freshman an expurgated account of fraternity life, and then say that there is more to follow, but she cannot bear it now, is not calculated to bring about the perfect confidence I heard you advocating the other day. Can't we be honest even among ourselves? Surely one should be able to speak one's mind in a fraternity, if nowhere else. And I repeat,"—here I looked severely at the Elderly Senior,—"that joining a fraternity is an uncertain proceeding. For most people the experiment is a successful one, and there is no longing for the fleshpots of Egypt. Nevertheless, it is not impossible that among a few there is disappointment, and that fraternity does not seem worth the time and trouble it demands. Do I think there really are such instances? Yes, I do. I am sorry, but I am sure it is better to say 'spade' at once, and not make pretty speeches that mean nothing. Some people find fraternity a disappointment. The question is not concerning the fact, but concerning the reason for the fact." Here the philosophical student looked pleased. "I am convinced that the fault lies nearly always with the disappointed member herself. If she joins a fraternity merely for the sake of the good times it will bring her, she is almost sure to be dissatisfied. Good times are not by any means confined to fraternities. When girls say that they have enjoyed themselves as only Omega Alphas can, Omega Alpha should put them outside its ranks.

"The fraternities are like other friendships. They mean much or little, as we make them. If you give your best loyalty, you will find something worthy of loyalty. If you give unstint-

ingly of time and trouble, you will not ask yourself whether the fraternity pays for the effort. You will know that it does. You can't get something for nothing. Chapter life is never worth while, unless you make it so. No sort of life is. Fate drives hard bargains with us, and there is no way of avoiding payment, for the goods are never sold on credit.

"It has always seemed curious to me that a girl's character changes for the worse as soon as she joins a rival fraternity. That this determination takes place can be shown by any discussion concerning such a reprobate. Of course she is a girl to be admired, a strong girl; but really she is not as bright as people have said, and she is very common. We all know what that means. O, gentle enemies of mine, say of me what you will; call me liar or thief; but do not cast down your eyes and vote me common. It is the one crime for which there is no forgiveness, the fault that outweighs all the cardinal virtues and any number of secondary ones. How thankful we should be that all the common people are in the other fraternities!

"Perhaps, though, that is one of the reasons why fraternities do not count for as much as they should. Their ideas are high enough; but after the rival fraternities have been crushed, there is not much energy left for the less tangible foes; and an ideal is not often effective, if it is locked up as carefully as a family skeleton. It requires much fresh air and exercise, if it is to be more than a pleasing myth. Wouldn't it be better for us if we stopped being a competitive organization, and gave our attention to ourselves instead of our neighbors? Our relations to one another determine what our fraternity shall be.

"If I were to write a sermon on these relations, I should devote one section to an exhortation that you have good times together. I don't mean literary programmes with carefully prepared essays and discussions. One of the great faults of the college woman is that she takes herself too seriously. She feels that the reputation of her sex for intellectual achievement rests upon her shoulders, and the burden is not lifted for a moment. Even in her amusements she must be circumspect, and not allow Mrs. Grundy a chance to criticize. She is too conscientious." "Yes, I've noticed that in our chapter, especially in myself," interrupted the Young Woman commonly called Joan. I paid no

attention to this remark, and continued: "The college woman is afraid to relax, and so she misses the delights of pure idleness. She is ashamed to have a good time, unless there is an intellectual label somewhere about it. This is all wrong. The best brain is not always at a high degree of tension, and the best fraternity girl is the one who knows how to enjoy simple fun."

Alumnæ Department.

PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

When a young woman takes advantage of the abundant opportunities before her now-a-days for securing a college education, does she enter upon her work fully impressed with the privileges only which are offered her? Does she think only of what she is to gain, not from the educational side alone, but from the social as well? Does she give no thought to the responsibilities which meet her at every step? Does she give no heed to the fact that there are lessons to be learned, recitations to be attended and other duties to be performed? If she does pay no attention to these last, her connection with the school is soon severed, and it is the knowledge of this fact that helps some,—not all, for all do not need such help,—to keep their work up to the mark.

Just as in college life, duties are to be considered as much as privileges, so in fraternity life. I fear too many of us join a fraternity without very clear views as to its privileges and exceedingly cloudy ones as to its requirements. And what is worse, I fear that too many of us, after we have joined, look for what we can receive from our new life, rather than for what we can give to it. Take any course in life. There are no privileges for which we do not have to make some return. Why, then, should we expect it in our fraternity life?

Every Kappa knows the privileges gained from membership in her fraternity, privileges and blessings with which she would not part for anything. But what are the duties, the requirements, the responsibilities? First, for a member, loyalty to chapter and above all to the fraternity. And what does this loyalty mean?

Loyalty to the general fraternity means the holding of the interests of the fraternity uppermost in her heart ; the doing of everything in her power to promote its welfare ; and the cheerful meeting of all its requirements ; and all these presuppose a knowledge of the fraternity, present and past. Loyalty of a member to the chapter means the holding up or the raising of the standard set by the chapter ; the prompt performance of all duties, whether imposed by the chapter or the fraternity ; attendance upon all meetings of the chapter, and a feeling of love for all its members. Nothing less than this can be loyalty.

And we might say that, as far as chapters are concerned, the only requirement is loyalty—to itself and to the fraternity. It does not seem, at first thought, that it would be necessary to caution a chapter to be loyal to itself. But is a chapter loyal to itself when it lets its standard lower, even ever so little? Is it loyal to itself when it fails to live up to its requirements or tends in any way to injure the general fraternity? Can a chapter be loyal to itself and be disloyal to the fraternity? Practically, this loyalty of a chapter consists in the performance of certain duties and the meeting of certain requirements, all of which ought to be known by *every active member* in each chapter, even though she be a freshman. And on whom does the responsibility of these requirements rest? On the chapter as a whole, on the president, or on each officer? There are two officers who come in touch with the general fraternity, the corresponding secretary and the registrar, the latter having only one report to make. Upon the former rests the most of the burden, but should she bear the whole of the responsibility? I think not. It seems to me that the president should hold all the reins in her hands and make herself responsible for the whole. She should see to it that the others do their work at the proper time and in the proper way. She ought to be the one to represent her chapter. Of course, the corresponding secretary has the opportunity of coming in contact with the outside work, but she has work enough without bearing all the responsibility as well. Let her report all correspondence to the president so that the latter may be well informed, and know how to direct. If the president of each chapter studies these suggestions carefully and follows them conscientiously, making herself a president in fact as well as name, I think we shall see a general improvement all along the line.

FROM ONE POINT OF VIEW.

The question raised by Beta Gamma in the January KEY in regard to the fraternity's attitude toward the new girl, concerning whom opinions are at variance, is an important one ; for upon its correct solution depends the much desired solidarity of fraternity life.

When in active fraternity life it is easy enough to think that the majority ought to rule in all matters, especially if we be of the majority, and it is as strong as 16 to 1. But to an alumna as she views these questions in a retrospective way, they assume a different appearance from that they had in the heat of fraternity rivalry.

The best answer is, as Beta Gamma suggests, "Wait." And it seems to me that the necessity of waiting ought to be emphasized even at the possible expense of the rival fraternity's securing the girl. For in the matter of choosing members, there is more often danger from undue haste than from delay. And in either case the most desirable members are not usually those who rush precipitately into any fraternity. At all events the judgment of the minority is well worth listening to, for subsequent events may very likely show that a vague dislike, on the part of the minority for the new girl, has a very much more stable foundation than a present seeming obstinacy. In any case it is an injustice to the new member to invite her into what is supposed to be a unified atmosphere of cordiality and sympathy, when in reality by her coming she has unconsciously let fall the golden apple Discord.

In one fraternity I heard of, some fifteen or sixteen active members were in favor of a new girl, while one had an instinctive vague idea of her unsuitability for their fraternity life. For a long time the minority maintained her point, but finally was driven from it, in deed but not in thought, by the majority's ridicule of her seeming obstinacy.

Subsequent events sustained her, for the new girl not only refused their invitation, but joined the rival fraternity, much to their later relief, had it not been for the galling fact that they had always the memory that they had invited such a girl as she proved to be, to become one of their number.

I have even heard of fraternities compromising, that is, one set of girls saying, "You let us invite this girl and you may invite that one." It seems to me that this is one of the most unfortunate things which can occur in fraternity life, for it creates factions, and the harmony and sisterhood which should exist in every fraternity is lost.

In making this mistake history repeats itself, for once let the entering wedge of discord into a fraternity in the shape of a member concerning whom not all are agreed, and it becomes necessary to do it again and again. For the members have less of that oneness of sympathy and they realize that in order to keep pace they must continually effect compromises.

I know it is difficult to be ruled by the minority under any circumstances, yet after all in fraternity life, in the matter of choosing new members, there is often wisdom in so doing.

BETA ZETA.

PERSONAL NOTES.

PHI.

Miss Mary Kingsbury, who is a graduate of the faculty of political science and a candidate for doctor's degree at Barnard College, has been appointed assistant worker at the College Settlement at No. 95 Rivington St. She will begin her work in September next for three months, and at the expiration of that time, if satisfactory, will be appointed head worker. Miss Kingsbury is also a graduate of Boston University. She spent last year studying in Berlin.—*New York Tribune*.

PSI.

Julia Cochrane, '97, is working in the Forbes Library, Northampton, Mass.

Grace F. Swearingen, '93, has left the University of California where she was doing graduate work and is teaching at the State Normal School at Cheney, Washington.

Grace Lockett, Special '93, is teaching French and German in the High School at Decatur, Ill.

BETA BETA.

Ex-Grand President, Lucy Evelyn Wight, is teaching literature in the High School at Jersey City.

GAMMA RHO.

Isabel Howe, '96, is taking graduate work in the Woman's College at Cleveland, O.

BETA DELTA.

Katharine L. Alvord, '93, is teaching in the State Normal School at Oshkosh, Wis. Her address is 668 Algona St.

UPSILON.

Ginevra Tompkins, '96, is teaching in Coates College, Terre Haute, Ind.

Esther Miller and Harriet Sinclair, both '96, are teaching in Chicago.

Harriet Osgood was married February 17 to Mr. James Howard McCullough at Marseilles, Ill.

During the past winter, ex-Grand President, Katharine L. Sharp was sent by the University of Chicago to give a series of lectures at Cleveland. This was the first course of lectures on Library Economy ever given by the University Extension.

The Parthenon.

Every time that the writing of a paragraph for THE KEY is assigned to one of Beta Delta there is a sigh and the afflicted one says, "But what shall I write about?" and she is told, "Oh, anything you want to." Later she seats herself with pen in hand and goes over in her mind all the subjects she has heard discussed at fraternity meetings seeking an idea. At last she comes upon one, it is rather trivial perhaps but she thinks it will do,—“and anyway it has never been written on before for THE KEY.” This last is looked upon in the light of a recommendation.

After reading the articles in THE KEY quarter after quarter, I have come to the conclusion that Beta Delta is not the only chapter that writes manuscripts in this way. Every KEY comes out with many new suggestions from different chapters and one

might expect that opinions would be offered on them by others in the next KEY. But no, the next magazine is teeming with entirely new ideas and not a word of the old ones—which are often never heard of again.

For instance the questions raised by Psi and Beta Gamma in the January KEY are, in the mind of Beta Delta, well worth the consideration and expression of opinion which these chapters ask, but if there is an article in answer to either of these it will be very contrary to the usual custom. If this department is for the discussion of fraternity affairs let us discuss them and not each go off on a different tack.

For fear that it might possibly occur to some that Beta Delta is not living up to her text we will just give our opinion on the questions referred to. With Psi we have had trouble in reporting conflicts, but no other plan seems to suggest itself to us. The report is necessarily approximate only—that is, conflicts in one college differ from those in another, and circumstances too, often render the most desirable girls non-conflicts. Beta Gamma's question of a really unanimous vote for membership seems most important. It is hard to vote against a girl that you alone dislike, but how else can the chapter be kept together? If one member gives in another must and so it spreads. If we might only require an “enthusiastically unanimous” vote!

BETA DELTA.

A series of articles in the last number of *THE KEY* relating to the qualities in a girl which make her desirable, and to the attitude of members toward a girl whose name is under consideration, all contain valuable suggestions and furnish good material for thought. The question as to "what should be the attitude of each member toward a prospective Kappa," has suggested answers from different standpoints, and while I can offer no solution, some light may be thrown on the subject if this phase of it be presented.

There is no doubt that each member of a chapter should vote according to her own private judgment, but she should certainly be exceedingly careful in coming to a conclusion. If she feels a personal dislike for the candidate she should by all means have some plausible reason to offer for it. If there is no personal dislike, and the candidate is possessed of the qualities generally regarded as desirable, on what other grounds may objections be raised? One that occasionally arises, though, I believe, far less often than formerly, is that of social rank. Is this ever justifiable? Other One Side of the Question. things being favorable as we have already accepted them, my answer is No—decidedly No.

Have we any right to judge a woman by the clothes she wears? Should we judge her by what she does on Sunday, regardless of what she does through the week? Because a girl happens not to be favored by fortune to the full extent of its powers, is no reason why she should be ostracized from the circles of fraternity, any more than from other social circles. The happiest homes are not those wherein the greatest amount of wealth reigns—far from it. Volumes have been written on this self-same subject, and the common opinion is that love is the guiding principle in the household where happiness is in the majority. To no other guide can the reins of fraternity be entrusted if we are to maintain the principles for which it stands.

No girl with a disagreeable, selfish disposition can enter the fraternity circle without causing disturbances. What generally happens, however, is that selfishness and egoism, finding no place in the sisterhood, soon begin to die out, and the girl who spends a college course in the ranks of such a society usually comes out far more gentle and lenient in her judgment than when she entered.

The girl who is most decided in her opinions is apt to be the one upon whom fortune has smiled. She is naturally independent because she is conscious of a good backing, not only in financial support but also in name, and has never felt the necessity for paying deference to others and their wishes. On the other hand, the shy girl, half afraid to express her opinion, always eager to hear the opinion of others, and paying them almost reverential deference—she it is on whom fortune has not bestowed her most ample gifts, but who, in consequence, has learned some lessons of self-sacrifice before she entered college walls; and what college life does for her is to instil self-confidence, independence, and at the same time a still higher regard for the opinions of others. She will be the one to make sacrifices for her friends, and the fraternity who fails to notice her, overlooks a jewel. She may not have ease of address or manner, because of a lack of social advantages, but the fact that the girl is ambitious enough to have sought a college education in spite of her disadvantages, is evidence that she is striving toward a worthy ideal, and the chances are that she will be crowned with success.

I have no intention of underestimating the girl with money, nor the girl with self-confidence, nor the girl who has ideas and is not afraid to express them. These are all excellent things and all invaluable aids to the fraternity, but the girls who possess these will not be passed by nor neglected; I am only making a plea for the girl whose hidden treasures of character have to be discovered from personal contact because they are far too rare and too valuable to be appreciated by the casual observer. Here is the material for the "woman nobly planned."

Don't pass her by without a second look; don't say she can wait, that you will consider her after you have settled the question with Miss Name-and-Fame; somebody else may stop to catch the sparkle of her bright eyes, or be attracted by her good work or her simple grace, and you seek her to find you are too late.

This is not meant to apply to the positively unattractive, unsocial girls with whom we meet, but where the question is one of financial station or social rank based upon it, I insist it should not be a question.

In the first place, this is not the true spirit of fraternity. Then

look if you will at the men who have risen to the highest places in public and national life, to whom, in their youthful days, the comforts, even the necessities of life were wanting. Was not the only perfect man, whose teachings have become our laws of life, a lowly Nazarene of humble parentage and no fortune?

True manhood and womanhood demand recognition to-day, and those who refuse to recognize it, do so at their own loss, nay, at their peril.

We, as a fraternity, are seeking this very ideal; then let us not fail to recognize the possibilities for it, be they found in cottage or mansion, clothed in simple or fine raiment, and let us accept no lower standard of eligibility. No other is worthy the honored name of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

HARRIET HARDING, *Iota*.

The question asked by Beta Gamma in the last KEY, "What is the true attitude of each member of a chapter towards a prospective Kappa," is one that should be of vital interest to all of us as Kappas. Probably there is not a chapter that has not had a case like or similar to the supposed one in this article, and the question, "Have I a right to stand out alone against a proposed member?" has been debated most earnestly in many a Kappa heart. To this I would answer most emphatically "Yes," providing the reasons are just and sincere.

But here lies the difficulty. Oftentimes what we think are reasons, just and sincere, are simply those rising from envy, spite or jealousy. True, these are **Another Answer.** qualities that should not be found in the heart of any Kappa, but Kappas are human and only too often the seeming dislike may be attributed to one of these unhappy causes.

When a girl is proposed for membership each member should ask herself these questions: "Will she strengthen the fraternity at large?" "Will she be a help to the chapter?" And "Am I willing that she should be my sister in the bonds of fraternity?" If these questions are answered honestly, there should be no doubt as to what course should be taken. If the answer should be negative to any one of these questions, then the member has the right, given her when she entered the fraternity, of refusing to

give her consent to the proposed member's becoming a Kappa. What does fraternity mean if it does not take such questions into consideration?

M. B. M., Xi.

In the last number of *THE KEY* the question was asked—"What is to be done with the girl or girls about whom the opinions are at variance?"

In the case stated in which all, save one, want a certain girl, decidedly the best plan is to wait, but if this be impossible, let this girl vote conscientiously and keep the girl in question out of the chapter. Of course we have confidence in our sisters' judgment; but ought not a fraternity to be an organization in which every member feels that she can uphold every other, and consider each a true sister. If this girl simply did as her sisters wished thinking it a pity to deprive a girl of the advantages afforded by the fraternity, she herself would not be showing the proper fraternity spirit.

If the proposed girl have an unquestionable reputation, or even if she has not, and there is something about her which makes her unlovable to one Kappa, then the girl was never meant to be one of us. It would be an injustice to the girl if she were admitted under such circumstances, and would cause sooner or later a split in the chapter.

A new element would perhaps be brought in, in this one member, which would in time increase and finally break up the fraternity spirit, and, in fact change the whole character of the original chapter.

Therefore, unless each and every member of the chapter feels that the girl has the requisites, qualifying her for membership to Kappa Kappa Gamma (which have been mentioned as character, address, social-spirit and scholarship) she would be doing an injustice to her fraternity, and to the candidate, and would be untrue to herself, if she allowed her to be voted in under the existing circumstances.

BETA IOTA.

The questions of rushing and building up the fraternity still trouble us. Here, where the fraternity element is not so strong as the non-fraternity element, new girls resent being rushed. Most girls coming to our western universities are opposed to the Greek societies for women, and if suspicious that they are being "roped in," as those not friendly to us express it, before any warm friendship has been formed, it is almost impossible to remove the prejudice. Is there any way of avoiding this seemingly undignified way of increasing our membership? New girls are pleased by attention as long as they believe it to be prompted by sincere regard, but when they find that it is primarily because they may possibly increase the fraternity number, or form a spirit of rivalry among the Greek sisterhood, there is a feeling of injury and objection to being the bone of contention. While there are so many desirable girls coming to college every year is there not a more natural way of bringing them into fraternity life?

A Problem.

BETA ETA.

One of the most vital questions that confronts a fraternity at the beginning of the college year is, how many new girls to enroll, or how large to keep the chapter. Of course, this must be largely determined by the size of the college and the condition of the other fraternities there represented, but the wish of the girls has a great deal to do with the result.

The Large Chapter.

Some prefer a small chapter, considering it more select and so a greater honor to be one of its members. Again objections are raised against large chapters on account of the cliques that are rife in them and the lack of concord arising therefrom. While this certainly might occur more easily in a large chapter, still a true Kappa would not clique and in the only large chapter I am acquainted with, I know one would not.

I wish to plead for a large chapter. Its benefits are numerous.

The intimate intercourse that constitutes fraternity life is more sweet when shared by a goodly number just as a large family can enjoy many pleasures that a small one misses. For as Emerson says, "He who hath a thousand friends, hath not one friend to spare."

Always maintaining the same high standard of womanhood there must be a broadening influence in numbers.

How can a small chapter have bright interesting literary programs at its sessions without overtaxing its members? How can the girls in a small chapter entertain their friends without detriment to their college work? A chapter house is not pleasant for a small number and yet a chapter house is a fine thing, for in one the girls most quickly become sisters and there are most apt to be established the life-long friendships that tend to make Kappa dear to its members.

We like very much to meet a great many girls wearing the key, as we pass from class to class and enjoy pausing for a moment's conversation. It is pleasant to see a large number of keys around one in a recitation and inspires one to better work. Yes, a large chapter can be just as congenial, just as select and even more effective than a small one.

During the present session of the legislature of our state a bill has been prepared to abolish all Greek letter societies in the State University, and one of the most serious objections against them was that they make too wide a gulf between the two classes of collegians. It seems to me that a very little thoughtfulness on the part of fraternity members would do much to do away with

this objection. A very easy way to avoid it would be for fraternity members to refrain from an excessive exhibition of fraternal love in the presence of non-fraternity members, and to wear their fraternity pins in some modest place, where they can be seen, if you choose, but not where they will stare non-members in the face and so constantly remind them of the existing barrier.

By a little care and tact much could be done to ameliorate the relations between fraternity and non-fraternity members, and to make the Greek letter fraternities more popular.

N. E. L., *Sigma*.

There are few people who have not experienced that vague and undefined sense of longing for deeper friendship that comes after one has just parted from some person with whom she is slightly acquainted. The knowledge that she will never have a place in this person's life instantly gives rise to a desire to have it. This desire is perhaps strengthened by the innate attraction of some trait of character. I never felt this so keenly as when at the close of the last convention I parted from the hundred or more Kappas met for the first time at Evanston. Perhaps this same regret, felt by the other girls, was partially at least the cause of the tears shed at that parting. But why should this be? Are we not bound by the beloved ties of Kappa to every member of this widely distributed sisterhood? Quite true, and yet our acquaintance with the large majority of **A Vacation Plan.** them must be confined to **THE KEY**. It certainly seems a calamity that many of us can personally only know but few beyond the members of our own chapter. While perhaps nothing could alter this, yet in many cases if the means were offered for knowing more Kappas how gladly this opportunity would be grasped. Some time ago the question of a summer home for Kappa Kappa Gamma was agitated and surely it must have been after a convention. Many are fortunate enough to attend conventions more than once, but many, too, who cannot could find it possible to spend at least a week during the summer with their sisters. If some house, comfortable and large, could be taken and managed in a very simple and unassuming way, this pleasure might become possible to many of us to whom a convention is quite out of the question. Perhaps each chapter could pledge a certain amount to a fund for the general maintenance and exigencies. The current expenses could almost be met by the board paid by each girl, if the services of an experienced manager could be secured. This is only a suggestion, but suggestions sometimes materialize, and why not this one?

NELLE E. LAFFER, *Gamma Rho*.

Some of the many thoughts that have come to me from my day-dreams about fraternities and their power, run in this line. Throughout this country there are many associations, societies

and clubs, united by secret ties, for mutual helpfulness, benefit or pleasure, as the case may be ; and before one can become a member of such an organization he must willingly take upon himself certain vows, general and special. An important

Fraternity Vows. one, usually, is the pledge of allegiance to the organization, of support of its purposes and aims, and of loyalty to its members.

With these reflections comes the question : " What is the binding power of fraternity vows ? " Are they simply a meaningless form ? Are they to be taken as a matter of course in the initiation service, and then to be treated as a thing of the past ? Are they a part of a ceremony to be endured without considering what responsibilities their fulfillment lays upon the initiate ? Readily enough comes the answer " No. " But this response does not satisfy me. It is not enough to know that these pledges are more than a form and must necessarily last throughout one's fraternity life. They must not only be known, they must be lived up to, and the doing must follow the knowing. Then comes a more serious question, a question that presents itself again and again, and to which, as answer, oftentimes comes the undesired negative. Are we all so faithful in the carrying out of these promises that we clearly prove that the influence of our initiation is still strong ; that the pledges so gladly made rest as plainly and as bindingly upon us now, though the day in which they were taken is far distant ; and that we are earnestly striving, through the honest fulfillment of those vows, to do, each one of us, what we can for the fraternity that has done so much for us ?

ETA.

Chapter Letters

ALPHA PROVINCE.

PHI—BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

We can hardly expect to find anything so interesting to talk about in the April KEY as the return of the convention delegates, but nevertheless we can find out something about the personal life of each chapter and compare it with our own, while we may find many helpful suggestions for our own chapter life.

The winter term at Boston University is very short and usually full of work. Yet we find time for a few social gatherings.

February 19 was the Klatsch Collegium, the great social event of B. U. February 26 Phi Chapter gave a reception to its friends. It was greatly enjoyed by all the members.

No doubt all the Kappa delegates to convention will be glad to hear that Miss Wales, Phi's delegate, has wholly recovered from her illness and is with us at college again.

BETA EPSILON—BARNARD COLLEGE.

Beta Epsilon feels that she has come into closer touch than ever before with the fraternity world at large through two experiences which, though common to all other chapters, have entered into her life for the first time, this winter. In the first place we have a chapter room, and secondly, we have a rival fraternity. Both of these experiences are so well known to other chapters that it seems quite superfluous to dwell upon them at length. We are sure that the mere mention of the facts is sufficient to suggest how full of joy and interest life has been for Beta Epsilon this year.

Of course we wonder how we ever existed before without our room. It is a cozy little sanctum; its coziness and littleness, particularly the latter, would probably be its chief characteristics in the eyes of *οἱ πολλοί*, but to us it is a sanctum, and we love it all the better, too, for being little and cozy. One of its principal delights is the window seat, where one may sit apart and look out upon the ceaseless panorama of passers-by on Madison Avenue

and Forty-Second street, and ponder deeply problems of life and ethics ; or from whose shelter, under the pretext of keeping out of the way, one may watch luncheon preparations, and offer advice and suggestions to the wielder of the chafing-dish and tea-kettle. During the holidays we had the pleasure of entertaining as our first guests Miss Dunning of Psi, and Miss Miller of Beta Iota.

The new fraternity that we have been called upon to welcome is a local society—Alpha Omicron Pi. Its début was made on February 25, in a delightful reception and cotillon, to which all members of our chapter were bidden. We are planning to show our spirit of good-fellowship, and initiate pleasant relations by entertaining the members of Alpha Omicron Pi, as soon as possible—that is, as soon as we can fix upon a day which is free for us all. Everybody is rushed with all sorts of engagements just now, at college and elsewhere, and our Seniors are filling in the chinks by writing theses, and our Juniors by editing the *Annual*.

We were saddened a few weeks ago by the sudden death of Mrs. Charles Sears Baldwin (Agnes Irwin). She had been seriously ill for several months, but the physicians had not given up hope of her recovery, and her death was a terrible shock to us all. She was a loyal fraternity woman, and Beta Epsilon deeply mourn her loss.

PSI—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

The winter term has passed very pleasantly for us here at Cornell. Among the social events of the term, certainly Junior Week must take the lead, with its beautiful promenade, dances, and teas. But it would be an unpardonable mistake for us not to mention the "Anti-Junior," which was given at Sage College and which was a most clever burlesque of the Junior Promenade. Certainly few could fail to admire the improvised men, while the floor and music were beyond criticism.

The Dramatic Club is flourishing, and has given two very clever plays this term. The "Witch's Curse," by Louise Alcott, showed that we had sufficient ability amongst us to produce the most tragic and wicked of villains, one who would not fail to meet with approval in the eyes of critical "Jo." This little play, as all will remember, figures in the opening scene of "Little Women," and it is only necessary to say that years have taken from it none of its genuine fun.

Athletics are steadily becoming more popular, and the "Sports and Pastimes Association" can boast of a large number of enthusiastic members. We are particularly proud of our basket ball teams which are steadily improving and give us most exciting matches. They take place in the gymnasium where the girls congregate and help on by cheering. It may be of interest to state here that our gymnasium tennis court has been a great success during the winter months when we could not indulge in that sport out of doors.

We are of course eagerly anticipating the spring term, which, though it brings nearer the partings of Commencement, brings also those glorious days when long walks, chapter picnics in the gorges and Kappa songs in the twilight, make pleasant memories for us to take with us when we leave Cornell.

BETA BETA—ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

March has come in roaring like a lion and the heavy blanket of snow which covers our college hill does not herald the near approach of spring.

The members of Beta Beta have just passed through the trying ordeal of final examinations and are entering with renewed vigor upon the new term's work.

The new chapter room gradually takes on the appearance of home and a fine bust of our patron saint, Minerva, presented by the Kappas of '99, imparts to the room an added charm.

The Gymnasium, so long the dream of all St. Lawrence students is now a reality and was opened in January with a concert and ball. Dr. Lucia Heaton, a member of Beta Beta, conducts the physical examinations for the young ladies.

On Dec. 9 Beta Beta held her regular initiation banquet and is now very glad to introduce to the fraternity a new Kappa, Miss Margaret R. Austin of Canton, who we are sure will prove a Kappa in whom we may put our confidence and of whom we may be proud.

BETA IOTA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

Warmest greetings from Beta Iota to her sister chapters. Since our last letter, the busy days have been fleeing on with swiftest wings, until now we find it is March and the letter must be sent

again to tell all the other chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma what Beta Iota has been doing to cause so swift a flight of time.

First, we want to introduce to you a new sister, Jennie Coker, who was initiated on the 26 of January. A number of our alumnæ were present at her initiation to make her entrance into the Greek world even brighter than it would otherwise have been.

Our one senior, Laura Cecilia Miller, has been appointed by the Faculty as honor speaker on Commencement Day. Since we must lose our '97 in June, it is pleasant for us all to know she will be graduated with honor. On our Shakespeare evening which was held just before the Christmas holidays, Laura Miller took the part of Beatrice in "Much Ado About Nothing" and a most charming Beatrice she was.

On the twentieth of February, Beta Iota held its annual banquet at the Colonnade Hotel in Philadelphia. As we gathered round the festive board, we were delighted to find so many of our members, alumnæ and active, present, but wished many times that the six alumnæ who were absent, might be with us to make the circle complete. The toasts were responded to in a delightful manner and we all declared the third annual banquet of Beta Iota the best of all. Mrs. Thomas F. Carter, who has ever been the warmest friend and sister to Beta Iota was with us and was welcomed most heartily. We are happy to say that she is at present living in Swarthmore and greets us all with cordiality whenever we call upon her.

A Kappa house party, as every Kappa knows, is surely the most delightful of all pleasures. Violette and Hallie Haines, '96, invited the active chapter to such a gathering at their home in Rising Sun, Maryland. We left college on Friday and did not return until Monday, and every moment of our visit deserved to be put down in our books of memory to be recalled in after years.

And now, sisters dear, best wishes for you in every way for the coming season.

BETA TAU—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

This has been a busy term for Beta Tau. As we look back and think over what we have been doing, it does not seem possible that so much pleasure and so much work could be combined in

one single term. It has been a gay season for Syracuse and we take pleasure in the fact that Kappas are represented in all college affairs. We feel that although college work is the prime factor in college life, it is not all, and while we ought to do this to the best of our ability, we ought not to leave the other undone.

A co-operative union has been organized in college which we hope will prove very successful. Each student pays one dollar as membership fee, and this amount is returned to the student at graduation. By belonging to the co-operative society a student may save considerable time and money in procuring books.

On March 4 the Inter-collegiate oratorical contest will take place in the Crouse Memorial Hall. The colleges to be represented are Union, Hobart, Rochester, and Syracuse. The medal was won last year by Syracuse and we hope to win it again this year.

In January, Miss Carson, college representative of the Y.W.C. A., spent some time in Syracuse. Her evenings were devoted to speaking to the girls in the different chapter houses.

On February 4 occurred the annual mid-winter contest between the literary societies. Two Kappas received appointments in this and one was requested to sing.

Our Freshman gave a poster party January 3 in honor of the Sophomores and Seniors. The Juniors assisted them. There have also been several informal parties and teas given at the chapter house. The first and last Tuesday evening of each month we are at home to our friends.

We are very sorry to lose three of our sisters who have been obliged to leave on account of illness, Charlotte David, '98, Ada Smart, '99, and Eva Bryan, '99. We hope, however, they will be able to resume their work next year.

On February 24 Miss Hull, editor-in-chief of THE KEY, made us a short visit. We welcomed her gladly and when she left we felt that she had given us much encouragement and help. How pleasant it is to have sisters from other chapters visit us! We can learn so much from one another and in becoming acquainted it strengthens that bond existing between our chapters—the thread of personal acquaintance spun by the delegate at the Convention is woven into the strongest and most beautiful texture by the acquaintance of chapter with chapter.

BETA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Since her last letter Beta Alpha has been rather quiet. So much sickness among her members, combined with preparation for examinations, made her social meetings in the evening almost impossible. The business meetings at the college at the close of the afternoon fared better.

Our annual reception was an occasion of much pleasure to us, and we hope and trust it was enjoyable also to those whom we welcomed. It was held Friday evening, February 26, in the College Chapel, and although the evening was quite stormy, the attendance was large. Many of our alumnæ, who are busy in other fields, were with us and, as such occasions often do, it afforded that delightful opportunity for students to meet the professors and their wives, and to know them a little outside of class work. Dancing followed the reception.

We send cordial greetings to our sister chapters.

GAMMA RHO—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Gamma Rho numbers two more active members since her last letter. This time, two pledglings were taken into full membership, Margaret Cooper and Elizabeth McCracken. It is a significant and encouraging fact that those who commence their fraternity life as merely pledged members are so anxious to become active Kappas. Surely, fraternity life must be the beautiful thing it is pictured when not only the members themselves are filled with enthusiasm and love for it, but the girls who merely catch a hint of it are always so eager to know it more fully.

I wonder if the professors realize that they owe a great deal to fraternities. Do they know that it is the strong desire to be a Kappa in full which urges many a girl to go on with her hated preparatory work and become a freshman when it would be far easier to drop out and become a music scholar? Do they know how often a girl comes back to school for the sake of fraternity love and intercourse when otherwise she would remain at home? If they do not know this, sometime during rushing season or when a favor is to be asked for the chapter as a whole, it would be well to tell them.

Gamma Rho celebrated another birthday in February, and al-

though the gifts she received were not so elaborate as those of last year, yet she is richer by several treasures than she was before February 11. A dining-room table is the chief of her new possessions, together with a beautiful set of bread and butter plates—the nucleus, we hope, of an entire set of dishes. With some of the money that was sent us we hope to be able to have the water pipes below connected with the fourth floor. Then with our dining-room table, dishes, and fresh water supply in our own apartments, we hope to furnish such a banquet as will tempt some foreign sisters to come to see us in a short time. Who will be the first to accept our cordial invitation?

LAMBDA—BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

Since our last letter there has been so much at the college in the way of oratorical contests, entertainments and parties, that Lambda herself has had no chance to do anything socially. At the Ashton prize contest on February 12, in which there were seven contestants, the two prizes were carried off by Kappas, Celia Mallison winning first, and Mary Foote second honor.

About twelve of the Lambda girls were included in the Buchtel delegation to the Ohio State Oratorical contest held at Cleveland, February 18. We had a very enjoyable time and were much pleased to meet several of the Beta Nu and Beta Gamma girls.

We are trying the plan this term of having a social meeting every two weeks, when we serve a little supper. It is a great success.

Buchtel celebrated the birthday of the founder on January 18, by a holiday and an entertainment in the evening. One of the principal features of the entertainment was a mock dinner party of old Buchtel students, supposed to be given in 1916. The hostess was a Kappa.

Mrs. Mary Kreuzke Grandin, a former member of Lambda, has the sympathy of her Kappa sisters in the loss of her husband, Frank S. Grandin, who died recently at their home in New Whatcom, Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Grandin were both graduates of Buchtel.

BETA GAMMA—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Fraternity life has been almost swallowed up in the great amount of college spirit which has been manifesting itself since the Ohio inter-collegiate oratorical contest. A large number of students supported our representative, Carey Gregory, '97, by their presence in Cleveland, and when the decision of the judges was announced "to Wooster University first place," their enthusiasm knew no bounds. Even yet it is at high pitch. Mr. Gregory won four out of six possible firsts and to say we are proud of him and our college is putting it mildly.

I write on the evening on which is to occur a second event of much importance to us—the Pan-Hellenic banquet. The men's fraternities join to-night in a grand banquet to which only men are invited, but the poor, lone, forsaken girls don't feel at all forlorn in anticipation of the friendly joining of Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma in an elaborate scheme of fun, even if the spread is simple.

Beta Gamma's reports, which are already in the hands of the chapters, have shown that we have two new girls, Fannie Chamberlain and Myrtle Fraser, and we are glad to introduce them to the fraternity.

Alas! before another letter will appear in *THE KEY*, June will have come and gone, and Beta Gamma's '97 girls will have left us; '97's strong following will be sadly missed after all their sympathy and help. But so goes the world. All these college girls must spread their wings and fly off sometime.

BETA NU—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Now is the trying time when all new corresponding secretaries, must rack their brains and remember past events of interest. Of course O. S. U. is steadily growing and improving day by day. Derby chapel has been finished and christened, and the Glee Club did their very best on the eighteenth of December, to make the new walls ring with music. The Chi Phis, the Sigma Chis, the Beta Theta Pis and the Sigma Alpha Epsilons, all gave parties, so that you may well imagine the audience.

From the beginning of the New Year we have had one round of gaiety excepting those days of the dreadful end-of-semester ex-

aminations. But as they are a necessary evil of every college we will not complain.

What fun we had at Lucy Allen's surprise party and that nice long day at Dorothy Canfield's and the many, many dances! Surely I must not leave out Tallmadge Rickey's bean-bag party nor our latest invitation for March the fifth when we are all going to Maud Raymond's for dinner, while on March third, comes the Chi Phi dance to which we are looking forward with delight.

But it must not be thought that Beta Nu thinks only of her good times because we are studying the history and all the other things pertaining to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity and we shall try to pass some very good examinations.

How pleased every one is with the new Kappa Kappa Gamma Calendars! They are just as pretty as can be and we want to congratulate the fraternity when we hear the flattering comments bestowed upon them.

BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Cordial greetings to our sisters in the bonds.

At last examinations are over! A great change is the result. No longer do we see anxiety depicted on every face we chance to meet. Possibly ours have worn the same expression indicating the same state of heart and mind, but we did not have the power "to see oursel's as ithers see us."

Beta Delta deeply regrets that two of her best loved members will not be in the chapter during the coming semester; Mildred Hinsdale, who commenced to work for her master's degree last fall, has gone to Detroit to teach in the High School and Anna Duncan, having finished her college work, has returned to her home at Au Sable. We shall miss them very much for they are girls whose absence leaves a great gap in our circle. But at the same time we have reason to rejoice. Alice Thorn, who was pledged to us a year ago, is to re-enter college this semester and Lucile Morris will very soon be a Kappa Kappa Gamma.

We know you will be pleased to learn all about the events of interest since our last letter. During December a very pretty Leap Year party was given in the gymnasium for the benefit of the Woman's Annex. It was not as large as the one given last spring, but was quite as pretty and pleasant.

During the Christmas vacation there were just thirteen of us left in Ann Arbor, but we considered ourselves the most fortunate thirteen when Mrs. Pettie invited us to a thimble party at her home.

At the close of the vacation Mrs. McIntyre welcomed back the girls with true southern hospitality. She gave us a very pretty tea which we thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated. The following week our dramatic talent gave one of John Kendrick Bang's farces.

The next social event was a delightful card party given by Mildred Hinsdale, and the first semester was closed by the annual Junior Hop.

Beta Delta has just given a reception in honor of Miss Morrison of Psi Chapter, who has been visiting Mrs. Freer. We are always glad to meet our sisters. Our regret is that these meetings occur so seldom. We, however, have had the pleasure of having Miss Whitehead, of Chicago, with us for a week.

XI—ADRIAN COLLEGE.

The new term finds us in our remodeled chapter hall and we find it very pleasant after the small room to which we have been accustomed.

The furnishings of our new room are principally blue and blue.

Three of our girls were honored by being elected to take part in the anniversaries of our literary societies. Bess Fickes was the essayist on the Lambda Phi anniversary, while Adaline Chase and Grace Thomas were on the Star anniversary, the former reciting and the latter acting as essayist,

In the recent election of contest performers for the Inter-society contest, which occurs in June, Mildred Moore was chosen to represent Star while the Lambda Phi representative is Bess Fickes.

On February sixth, the chapter enjoyed a most pleasant day at the home of Sara Huntington in Clinton. The girls started in lake wagons about eight o'clock in the morning and the drive of eighteen miles was made in a few hours. The beautiful home of Miss Huntington was reached about half-after eleven and soon luncheon was served. After an afternoon of pleasure they left for Adrian, stopping on the way for supper. Fraternity songs added

life to the drive and the girls arrived at home declaring they had enjoyed one of the pleasantest days of their lives.

Violet Barney, Minnie Remsburg and Ethelyn Wilson are now wearing the blue and blue.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapter gave a banquet on January twelfth at which Kappa Kappa Gamma was represented and a very pleasant evening was spent.

KAPPA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

To all Kappa Sisters greeting—from this chapter to be found
In a dale in Southern Michigan with hills encircled round—
Greeting is the word of Kappa, as she once more sends to you
Her best wishes for the lives of those in bonds of double blue.
Kappa's girls have been as busy—oh, as busy as could be,
But our new girls now are thinking of that hard "directory,"
Of THE KEY and all its contents, and many other things
In that dread examination which the coming month soon brings.
Yet with Latin, Mathematics, with Greek verbs and chemistry,
We have not been quite without our days and nights of revelry.
Mrs. Harvey, our good sister, gave us such a pleasant time,
With friends added to our number, we were there from seven to nine.
And the violets she gave us tied with bows of dainty blue
Made our colors oft remind us that we must for aye be true.
Boys of Alpha Tau have given an "Informal" to their friends,
And though we did well in starting, we were late in making ends
Of our games all new and puzzling—some were also funny quite—
Till we found that we had revelled far along into the night.
And Phi Delta boys did ask us to their house on Manning Street
For its warming—so they told us—and it surely was a treat,
For the rooms were rich with perfume from the flowers, carnations white,
And our hosts with entertaining did make memorable that night.
And this lovely winter weather our hills are white with snow,
Ah! you girls of Beta Eta, you would like it well, we know.
For our sleighrides to the country—oh, how many, many a night
Has Jack Frost our noses bitten, touched our ears and dimmed
our sight!
And our lectures and our concerts,, our class-scrap, our meetings, too,

Have kept us all most busy, with our duties old and new,
But our call oft rings in music over campus and through hall,
And we join in sending greetings and our best love to you all.

DELTA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Idelle Kerrick of Epsilon visited us the first of this term.
Anna Rineard and Mr. Daniel Loudon, Phi Gamma Delta,
were married Dec. 24, 1896.

Miss Browse of Mu is in Bloomington, having charge of the kindergarten.

Saturday, Jan. 23, we gave a delightful reception at the home of Mrs. Benjamin Adams, one of our *alumnæ*. Mrs. Beck and Mrs. Hill, two of our charter members, assisted us in receiving.

Two large stone dormitories will be built and ready for use next year.

Our Glee Club has started on a trip through the south.

IOTA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Our last letter was sent before the initiation of our new member, Lora Reed. We are sure she will prove a loyal wearer of the key. Several of our *alumnæ* were present at her initiation, making it a very enjoyable occasion. While rejoicing over our new initiate, we grieve to part with one of our sisters, Grace Smith. We sadly miss her fraternity enthusiasm, but hope to have her with us again next year.

Our chapter has recently enjoyed visits from Dora Elliot, '97, and Elizabeth Rose, '91, who made us all more enthusiastic than ever by recounting to us the incidents of their chapter life.

As Iota's last "At home" occurred on the 22d of February, we made it a colonial day. The rooms were decorated in colonial style, and the girls' costumes made, in a measure, to correspond. Remembering the old adage, "all work and no play," our home has several times been opened to our friends among the faculty and students.

In order to increase interest in current literature, we have adopted the plan of having each girl contribute a specified sum each month, and thus enable us to place on our reading table all the leading periodicals.

We send greetings to you all and wish you much success.

MU—UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

Mu extends greetings to all her sister chapters.

The celebration of Washington's Birthday, which the students of the four departments of the University of Indianapolis have so long anticipated is now a thing of the past but is still the freshest memory in our minds. It was a success from beginning to end. The addresses were delivered by the Hon. Benjamin Harrison and John Hazen White, Bishop of Indiana. The rest of the afternoon was devoted to a "Love Feast" during which the students of the different departments became acquainted. In the evening the university, as a whole, attended Palmer Cox's Brownies.

The students intend to make this an annual celebration as it was at this time last year that the project of a new university was originated. Then, to so honor our hero George Washington, our extensive parade and theatre party were arranged which aroused in many of the citizens of Indianapolis an idea since so successfully realized in the actuality of the University of Indianapolis.

Carrie Howe, '97, entertained her Kappa sisters and the members of the Senior Class, February 20, at her home in Irvington.

Mu has enjoyed visits from a number of her alumnae members this year and also from one of Iota's members, Miss Grace Smith.

We are only too sorry that we cannot have more visitors from sister chapters as intercourse with other chapters tends to make us feel that Kappa lives.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

We are all congratulating ourselves on having passed the semester examinations successfully, and have been celebrating with an unusual amount of gaiety.

On the evening of February 19 occurred the Junior Promenade, the social event of the season in university circles. The affair was made doubly enjoyable for us by the return of several of our old girls.

On the afternoon of the 19th, Mrs. Chynoweth entertained the Kappas in honor of Frances Welles, and the next afternoon Mrs. Snow was at home to the University of Wisconsin chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Upsilon.

The work of the second semester has now begun in earnest and we are all doing our best to be a credit to our fraternity.

Greeting and best wishes to all our sister chapters.

UPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Upsilon's little world has been a busy one since our last letter went out, although few things have happened which would interest those outside of our own circle.

Nellie Fisk, our new junior, gave us a charming Kappa dinner just for ourselves a short time ago. But we didn't want to be selfish, so on St. Valentine's eve we received our friends in a manner suited to the season. Several of our old girls were present and the sight of them made fraternity bonds seem closer than ever.

Our chapter meetings, held in our rooms Wednesday afternoons, are all too short. The freshmen are beginning to realize how much there is to know about Kappa, for we are hard at work on fraternity study, since we realize that examinations are not far away. Every fourth meeting is of a social character, and the last one was a cozy little tea in our chapter rooms.

Inter-fraternity spirit is growing at the Northwestern. The fraternities have given their annual Pan-Hellenic promenade and now the sororities are planning a union social event for the near future, in order that we may know one another better. Theta Nu Epsilon and Omega Psi have already done much to weaken strong lines of prejudice.

Northwestern's calendar will be somewhat altered next year, and two semesters will take the place of the three terms. By this plan examinations will occur only twice a year, but then we shall have no spring recess. On the whole, the plan meets with favor among both faculty and students.

Only four more weeks and we will enjoy a rest. Before you read this we shall be busy with the duties of the spring term. A loving greeting to you all.

EPSILON—ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Epsilon is proud to introduce to her Kappa sisters, Flora Jones, who was initiated at the home of Leona Miller, January 19. We had a beautiful service, in which we used, for the second time, our new ritual.

The Sigma Chi Chapter gave an informal hop February 19. The Kappas were well represented and report that Sigma Chi entertains delightfully.

The formation of a debating association in the Wesleyan is at present exciting a great deal of interest among the students. It is the purpose of the organization to hold two primary contests in order to select contestants, who shall represent I.W.U. in a debating contest to be held in May with Iowa Wesleyan University.

We were sorry to lose Professor Elrod, instructor in Biology and Physics. He resigned to accept a similar position in the Montana State University.

Plans are being perfected to form a Pan-Hellenic association in Bloomington. There are many representatives of Greek letter fraternities here and the organization will no doubt flourish.

The Phi Gamma Delta Chapter entertained their friends with an oyster supper after the Sophomore contest. The Kappas, as usual, were in the majority.

Basket ball is all the rage. We have two excellent teams which have been very successful in all the games played. Misses Miller, Shreve and DeMotte represent the Kappas. They are all members of the first team. The team of Purdue, Ind., are very anxious to play us and we hope some arrangements can be made for a game.

Epsilon will entertain a large number of friends at the home of Gertrude Shreve, March 5. This is the first party we have given this term and we are sparing no pains to make it a success.

Idelle Kerrick visited relatives and friends in Indiana for several weeks. She had the pleasure of meeting the Kappas at Bloomington and while in Indianapolis she was delighted to receive calls from some of the Mu girls.

Charlotte Probasco visited in Evanston for several weeks. She was unable to attend Upsilon's meetings, but met several of the Kappas.

Mrs. Brittin, *née* Kate Burns, visited her old school-mates and sisters recently. Epsilon is always glad to see her older sisters.

Dr. Mary E. Bradford, Epsilon's sister who is a missionary in Persia, is making arrangements to return to her foreign work. Miss Bradford has been in America since last spring and Epsilon has had the pleasure of meeting her several times. We hope Dr. Bradford will visit us before she leaves for her eastern work.

CHI—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Since our last chapter letter, Chi has felt the loss of two of her number, Ethel Simmons, whose health made a less rigorous climate necessary, and Margaret Castle, whom we hope soon to have with us again.

The University has been very gay this winter—a number of large parties and several informals at the Armory,—but gaiety for a time will end with the Junior Ball on Friday evening, February 26. We enjoy these parties, but the gatherings which are truly most enjoyable are our own little chapter parties, where there are only Kappas.

On the Saturday preceding St. Valentine's day we had a Valentine box at the chapter rooms. Most of the Valentines were original and quite to the point, as many of us found.

Chi has had many joys this year, but none greater than the honor we felt when Phi Beta Kappa honors were announced and our own Flora Brewer was among them.

Before the next issue of *THE KEY*, Chi will have added another link in her chain of happy, prosperous years. As we grow older in Kappa, each year seems to bring forth more to help us to become the true women we should be and hope to be.

BETA ZETA—IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

The year '97 finds Beta Zeta comfortably and cozily settled in her chapter quarters. When we, who had gone home for the Christmas holidays, returned we found that fairy hands had been at work. There were new pictures hung, new pillows on the couch, and a new tea table whose highly polished surface reflected some twenty of the daintiest little cups and saucers. You see, it had been agreed that the fraternity room should have a Christmas, too, and that each girl should bring her prettiest cup and spoon to adorn the tea table. Since then we have frequently served tea and wafers at the weekly meeting, and have had several good-old-time spreads, one of which was especially devoted to the entertainment of our resident alumnæ.

In January, Ellen Green, who formerly attended the Convent of Georgetown, D. C., was initiated into our chapter. Earnest, strong and lovable, she is a sister of whom we may be proud.

We have with us again, although not in college nor active fraternity, Mamie Sherman, ex-'98. Julia Padmore, '98, will also be back in the spring term. Kathryn Way, '99, has been compelled to go home for a much needed rest.

Among university social events of the past two months have been the Pan-Hellenic party, a most enjoyable affair; the Battalion Hop, and the S. U. I. Glee and Mandolin clubs' first concert. The marked success of their first appearance promises future renown for them and the university.

SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

What a fortunate corresponding secretary I am to have such good news to tell you in my first letter. Sigma is very proud of the election of Nelly King Griggs to Phi Beta Kappa. Six of the seniors were elected on charter day and of the six, Nelly was the only girl and the only fraternity member chosen.

Now that Charter Day and the Junior Promenade are over, we are really settled down for our second semester's work. Charter Day, our birthday, was celebrated February 16, and Harrison Carter, President of Williams College, delivered the address. Williams College is the alma mater of our present chancellor and of Ex-Chancellor Canfield, consequently President Carter was unusually interesting.

The Junior Promenade was, as usual, a perfect success. Sigma was represented by seventeen loyal Kappas. On the following afternoon a crowd of sleepy girls met with Nell Lau in honor of Martha Burks and Gertrude Hansen, and, of course, discussed promenade pro and con, all agreeing that they had a "perfectly lovely time."

Since our last report a chapter of Kappa Sigma has been established here with a charter membership of ten. We understand that after the first of the month they will occupy a chapter house.

Considerable feeling has been aroused among the fraternities by the bill before the legislature for the abolition of all Greek-letter societies in the university, and the whole student body is in arms against the anti-football bill. It remains to be seen whether either bill will carry.

OMEGA—KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

• Since the last letter we have pledged a new girl, had an initiation and a theatre party. At our initiation we took in four girls: Effie Proud, Frances Havens, Katherine Addison, and Maud Crowder.

The theatre party was a great success. Don Bowersock, a last year's member suggested the plan but it could not be carried out until this winter. The play selected was called "Chance" and was a combination made by Miss Georgia Brown of the two farces, "A Box of Monkeys" and "Heads or Tails." There were ten characters which were taken by five of the Kappa girls and by representatives of five of the men's fraternities. Those chosen seemed made for their parts and the play was enjoyed by all present. Admission was by invitation and six hundred cards were issued. The lobby of the theatre was transformed into a reception room, being decorated with palms and fraternity colors. The guests were in evening dress and were received and seated by Kappas, and the music was furnished by the Kappas.

We have been very delightfully entertained this month by Mrs. Schall and Mrs. Grosvenor; the latter reception was given in honor of Mrs. Stokes, one of our charter members.

BETA ETA—LELAND STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

We have just had an initiation, the first one this college year, and take great pride and pleasure in introducing to you our four new members: Louise Dyer, Julia Tubbs, Frances Metzler, and Grace Streeter. It is such a treat to Beta Eta to have a house all to herself, where she can wander from basement to garret without fear of intrusion! She feels that her Kappa sisters, particularly those who have been in the chapter, will rejoice with her.

We arranged to be at home the second Saturday in each month, and our first trial of the new plan was such a success that we feel greatly encouraged. Now we are planning a Kappa mandolin club, which is to begin with a membership of six.

I cannot refrain from giving you a little glimpse of California at the end of February. How I wish some of you might be here to enjoy it with us. As I am writing I am sitting under a blossoming almond tree, and violets, pansies, callas, heliotrope and roses are in bloom all about me. Glancing across the valley I can see the snow-capped peaks of the Santa Cruz mountains.

In Memoriam.

AGNES IRWIN BALDWIN.

WHEREAS: Almighty God in His infinite wisdom has taken from us our sister in the bonds of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Agnes Irwin Baldwin, and

WHEREAS: Beta Epsilon Chapter feels that her life was truly in harmony with fraternity ideals and that through her death it has sustained an irreparable loss.

Be it Resolved, that the earnest and heartfelt sympathy of the chapter be extended to her husband and family in their bereavement, and

Be it Resolved, that these resolutions be incorporated in the minutes of the chapter and be published in the next number of THE KEY, and that a copy of them be sent to her family.

ADALINE CASWELL WHEELLOCK,
ELEANOR FRANCES OSBORNE,
SUSAN ISABELLA MYERS,

January 15, 1897.

Committee.

MARIE DUNLAP.

We were all greatly shocked by the arrival of a telegram from Lebanon, Ind., on Friday, January 15, announcing the death of Marie Dunlap.

Marie Dunlap was born in Princeton, Ind., about twenty-nine years ago. She was even in early years a bright, earnest and conscientious student. She graduated from the Princeton High School in 1884 and the following year commenced to teach. In the fall of 1889 she entered Indiana University and my acquaintance and friendship with her dates from that time. She soon established a reputation for scholarship and won the esteem of all who knew her.

Marie was a girl of few but warm friendships and it was my

privilege to know her better perhaps than any one else in college. It was my fortune to propose her name to Delta Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma in the spring of 1890, to invite her to join us and to initiate her into the fraternity after she decided to cast her lot with us.

After two years she left college and taught in the Girl's Classical School of Evansville. From there she was called to the principalship of the High School at Salem. Here she was unusually successful in stimulating her pupils. That this is true, the students now at Indiana University, who have been her pupils abundantly testify. From the Salem High School, Miss Dunlap was called to the Lebanon High School, where she was just entering upon the second half of her second year. During these two years of teaching she was pursuing her studies systematically and was graduated from Indiana University in 1896.

Those of us who knew Marie Dunlap take pleasure now as we did during her life in pointing out her many qualities of heart and intellect worthy of emulation. Personally, her high aims and her consistent and persistent following in the way they have led her have always been a source of admiration and inspiration. While she opened her heart to but few, those few can but feel themselves richer for the insight into a gracious and noble young womanhood.

HARRIET CASPAR RHETTS, *Delta*.

MRS. GERTRUDE BURTON HITZ.

Many who attended the meeting of the National Educational Association, at Chatauqua, in 1880 will remember a singularly charming young woman, in garb of Quaker gray and cut, who attracted marked attention. She was in the company of Mrs. Pollock, principal of the National Kindergarten Training School in Washington, and we sought an introduction. We found her to be the daughter of John Hitz, then Swiss Consul-General at Washington, and though not herself a teacher, interested in her father's philanthropic and educational work. She proved to be an exceedingly delightful companion. To a child's capacity for absolute enjoyment she united a keen perception, a quick sense of the humorous, ready sympathy and remarkable grace of expression. We met her afterwards from time to time. She became

especially interested in the education of girls for pure and healthful womanhood, and in 1884 published a book on this subject that received wide attention. She afterward married Professor Alfred Burton of the Boston Institute of Technology, and when we saw her last two little sons were playing about her knees; but she told us then, with a cheerful acceptance of facts that did not have even the accent of resignation, that her life would be short; and as we parted her last words were, "Don't forget me," as though one could forget her, who had once come under the influence of her presence.

She afterwards went back to her native Switzerland, hoping to recover something of her youthful health; but in vain, for the last we heard from her was through a letter from her father, who was with her in the Adirondacks, where they were seeking to prolong her life. The last hope vanished, she was taken once more across the water, to die among her native mountains.

We cannot help associating her influence upon us with that of the Sistine Madonna, and of Professor Richter's Queen Louise, for she lifted our conception of the possibilities of sweet womanhood.—C. W. BARDEEN in *The School Bulletin*.

In a letter about Mrs. Burton, our ex-Grand President, Mrs. Kuhns, says: "There is something I wish might be mentioned in THE KEY. Mrs. Burton inaugurated the experiment undertaken by Professor Bell (of telephone fame) to wit: The education of mutes with hearing and speaking people. She was very successful and taught for him two years after her marriage.

Mrs. Pollock of Washington, and Miss Peabody of Boston, when asked by Professor Bell to recommend some one suitable for this work, would name none other than Gertrude Hitz. She began the work before her marriage, and her first report made at a large convention in New York City, just after her marriage, attracted considerable attention. Gertrude was in Boston University a year, and became a member of Phi of Kappa Kappa Gamma on my recommendation to our chapter there."

GRACE LEEVER LEMING.

Grace Leever Leming was born at DuQuoin, Illinois, September 23, 1878. Her family removed to Lincoln, Neb., in the fall of 1882. She first attended a private school in Lincoln, but later

entered the public schools. In October, 1894, at the beginning of her second year in the high school, she was sent to El Paso, Texas, as it was deemed best that she should spend the winter in a warmer climate. The following June she returned to Lincoln, apparently fully recovered. In the fall of 1895 she entered the preparatory school of the university and was then pledged to Kappa Kappa Gamma. She was not initiated until the next June. During the summer she took a severe cold which again took the dreaded form and November 7 she left us for Alta Loma, Texas, her future home. From that time we could only judge of her condition by the short and cheerful letters we received from her, which concealed from us the fact that she was rapidly failing. Indeed, such a heroine was our little Grace that not until her mother reached her, December 28, did she entirely lose hope. She died January 8, 1897, having been unconscious for four days.

Grace was our youngest member and filled the place in our hearts which no one else can fill. Always kind, cheerful, and thoughtful, she was one whom we could depend upon in everything for she was always anxious to do her part.

Sigma will always remember our anniversary banquet of 1896, when Grace rose to respond to a toast, "Our Pledgling." With eyes filled with tears she leaned across the table and the only words she could utter were, "You know I want to do so much and you won't let me." This is typical of her whole life as we have known her.

SIGMA.

College and Fraternity Notes.

Mr. Lawrence Hutton has presented his famous collection of death masks to Princeton University.

The Australian government proposes to admit women, after next year, to all faculties of the University except theology.

The *Beta Theta Pi* gives the total membership of that fraternity as 10,146. Of this number 789 are members of chapters now inactive.

The University of Pennsylvania now takes third place among the great universities of America in point of the number of students on the rolls. Only Harvard and the University of Michigan have a larger attendance. Yale is forced to take a fourth place, and every year falls further behind.

Phi Delta Theta has undertaken the construction of a memorial building at Miami, the seat of her birth. The house will be a home for the present chapter and will serve historical purposes. The latest addition to the chapter roll is Chicago, where a chapter formerly existed from 1865 to 1870.—*K. A. Journal*.

The local society of Tri Kappa, consisting of eighteen students of the Women's College, has been installed as the Alpha Epsilon Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity, the oldest of the Greek letter societies for women. It is also the first fraternity to establish a chapter at this college.—*New York Tribune, March 1*.

It is interesting to know that according to this year's report of the thirty-one students of Radcliffe College who received the degree of A.B., twenty-three took it with distinction, a fact which President Eliot considers worthy of comment. He remarks that since the examinations for Harvard and Radcliffe are precisely the same, the proportion of distinguished students was much larger in the latter than in the former.

The Cambridge controversy about the admission of women to degrees was reopened during early March, by the report of what is known as the "Degrees for Women Syndicate." Nine out of

thirteen members have recommended to the University concessions, which, if adopted by the governing body of graduates, will enable women to obtain degrees. While it is not purposed that women shall be admitted to membership in the University, nor receive any voice in its government, it is urged that those who pass an examination for final honors after remaining in residence for nine terms shall have the degree of Bachelor of Arts conferred upon them by diploma; and, furthermore, that after six years from the end of the first term they shall be allowed to proceed to the degree of Master of Arts. The proposed concession is a restricted one, but will bring the coveted degrees within the reach of women.

An interesting ceremony took place this morning in the parlors of the Ebbitt House, by which President-elect McKinley was made the recipient of a beautiful diamond set badge, the official emblem of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. President-elect McKinley is a member of this Greek letter college fraternity and still takes great interest in it. To-morrow, on his inauguration as president, he will wear his college fraternity pin. The badge is the gift of the fraternity at large. The national convention of the order at St. Louis, in December last, provided for the purchase and presentation of the badge, and it is probably the handsomest and most costly badge possessed by any member of the fraternity. Prominent among the committee of presentation were Postmaster General William L. Wilson, who is now the past supreme archon of the order; John G. Capers, of the attorney general's office; Judge Charles B. Howery, of the court of claims, and A. M. Austin, of Ohio, the chief executive officer of the order.—*Ithaca Journal*, March 3.

The annual public celebration of the Higher Courses for Women, connected with the University of St. Petersburg, took place on December 13, and the reports from all departments showed that the cause of higher education is constantly making progress in Russia. Two new chairs have been established during the past year, viz., zoölogy and the history of pedagogy. At the beginning of the year there were 695 regular and outside students; in the historic-philological department, 506 students, and 56 outside attendants; in the physico-mathematical department,

122 students and 11 outsiders; 101 dropped out, for various reasons, and only 80 graduated in both departments. The application for entrance for the current year were made in August and September last, and far exceeded the available vacancies, as has regularly been the case every year; 550 applied, but only 226 could be received, and most of these were students who had finished the courses in the middle-class educational institutions with the gold or silver medal, and with the certificates allowing them to give private lessons. It was necessary to refuse the rest, although many of them came from distant parts of the country, Eastern Siberia, Bulgaria, and so forth. At the present time there are 673 students and 68 outsiders, of which number 596 are in the historic-philological department, 101 in the mathematical, and 44 in the chemical. The students of the different departments made excursions that they might study on the spot distant historical monuments; and to places in Finland which offered opportunity for original investigation of physical subjects. The library of the Courses contains 14,758 volumes, under 6,262 heads. In order to facilitate the study of astronomy, the guardians suggested that a small revolving observatory be built, and instruments for making observations be bought, and such an observatory is nearly completed. The Courses also possess the nucleus of a Museum of Fine Arts, in the form of several hundred photographs from architectural subjects and from sculptors, chiefly Italian. The financial part of the report announces that the receipts for the year were 105,985 rubles (about one-half that sum in dollars), of which 54,152 rubles was expended on the educational part, and 33,275 on the support of the students who live in the three houses maintained by the Courses, and in which all women who cannot reside with their parents or relatives are compelled to live. Of such women there are now 168. The limitations of these dormitories are the chief cause of disappointment in candidates from distant places. That is gradually being remedied since the experiment, begun with one house a few years ago, proved so successful with its very moderate charges for comfort and the indispensable protection afforded. At the end of this annual commencement the graduates received their diplomas.

Editorial.

The question whether a member should exercise her prerogative and blackball a candidate to whom she alone objects has provoked considerable discussion. The prevailing impression seems to be that a member has such a right but that she should be very careful about using it. Those who argue most strongly that she possesses the right, at the same time assert that she should be able to give a reason for the faith that is in her. They are inclined to make a list of the reasons which may be given with impunity and there is a tendency to limit her to these. If she oversteps the bounds and discovers some reason perfectly satisfactory to herself but not palpably rational, what follows? Her chapter will rise up and call her "—well—not blessed." They are also likely to insist that a great injustice is being done them. Any one who has had experience in fraternity life can attest to the truth of this statement.

A little reflection shows that this view of the case is entirely wrong and that the injustice is really on the other side. A chapter has no right to force one of its members to vote for a candidate or even to urge her strongly to do so, when she feels that the proposed member will be detrimental to the chapter or will destroy her happiness in it. If she consents to a new member against her better judgment, she is placing herself in a most perplexing position; she is compelled either to take upon her lips promises which she does not mean, or to altogether abstain from taking part in the initiation service. A chapter has no excuse for placing a member in this position or feeling aggrieved if she objects to putting herself there.

If the matter is regarded in this way, the solution of the problem is comparatively simple; and, to one person at least, it seems the only way in which it should be regarded. If we are to make vows to new members and to each other let us make them from our hearts and live up to them. If we can not do that, let us be honest with ourselves and ask that the fraternity vows be made less binding. Nothing is more degrading to character than to make promises with no intention of fulfilling them.

Beta Delta's suggestion in *The Parthenon* moves the editor to another repetition of the facts that she has been reiterating for three years with the pertinacity of a parrot : that *THE KEY* is not a literary magazine ; that it is not a training school for young contributors ; that its object is to advance the interests of Kappa Kappa Gamma ; that its pages are for the free discussion of fraternity matters ; that in it we are to learn to know each other and to give and take advice as our different experiences or circumstances make it necessary. If the articles contributed were discussions of the questions which Kappas discuss when they meet by chance, or at Convention, the magazine would be much more valuable to its readers. But they are not. For example, a number of articles have come to *THE KEY* defining our conduct to the girl outside. Who has ever heard that subject discussed when Kappas from different chapters meet ? We never have. We see no reason why she should not be treated like any other gentleman. When Kappas meet together they usually discuss the admission of fine arts students, the qualifications for good chapter officers, the attitude of chapters toward college politics, the keeping of records, the methods of obtaining chapter houses, and a thousand and one other things, but the girl outside is allowed to rest in peace.

The Corresponding Secretaries frequently ask what subjects are most acceptable for *KEY* contributions. Any subject which really touches the life of the chapter is acceptable. If every number could have a discussion of some subject like Beta Gamma's question, we should soon know what our platform—that much mooted question—is. *THE KEY* needs more life. It does not fear extinction, but it fears a living death.

The incompleteness of the *alumnæ* lists for the catalogue plainly testify that the *alumnæ* are neglected by the chapters. There seems to be the feeling which the end-of-the-century girl expresses in "any old thing will do for them." The *alumnæ* take quite another view of the case. They realize that the chapters have not shared Topsy's educational experience, but that they have been carefully guided and guarded in their growth and to this care their present success is due.

It is always of vital importance to keep in touch with the *alumnæ*. It is to them that the chapter must look for moral support as well as financial. If this is given grudgingly, it is usually due to the chapter's lack of interest. Generally, a chapter finds that the *alumnæ* are ready and even eager to lend a hand and tide them over their troubles. Their indifference is caused by ignorance rather than lack of interest.

Perhaps the best method of keeping the *alumnæ* interested is that which has been successfully followed by several of the chapters. An *alumnæ* correspondent is appointed who sees that the list of *alumnæ* addresses is correct and sends out an annual circular letter giving the chapter history for the year, the names of new members, the chapter's aims, its honors, its social successes and whatever else may be of interest. In one instance the letter asked for replies and several chapter meetings were spent in reading the interesting answers which came. The *alumnæ* suggestions, particularly about new members, have often proved valuable.

To those chapters who have not already tried this plan, it is recommended for consideration and execution.

Exchanges.

Shun—shun the Bowl ! That fatal facile drink
Has ruined many geese who dipped their quills in't.
Bribe, murder, marry, but steer clear of ink
Save when you write receipts for paid-up bills in't.

—Kipling.

The Delta of Sigma Nu has, among other articles, an account of the "Sigs." in Atlanta. The style is an excellent imitation of the better class of directories, and is enlivened by many little linguistic decorations. It is one of the faults of fraternity magazines that the articles often seem written in haste. For this reason one feels an especial pleasure in an instance when even grammar is made to serve a higher purpose. A few extracts are given in the belief that the beauties of the style will compensate for any lack of interest in the subject matter.

"Milton Lee Lively, who was nurtured at Kappa's breast, still shows evidence of the good training received there, in his devotion to Sigma Nu. It will do active workers much good to meet such a man, for they will find his love for Sigma Nu still undimmed by contact with the world, and ready and willing to aid them, or to do anything to advance Sigma Nu's cause. He can be found at Rhodes & Matthew's furniture store, on Decatur street.

Joe Rhodes joined the fraternity at Xi chapter, Emory College, several years ago, but remained there only a short while. His stay was long enough, however, for him to imbibe a good deal of Sigma Nu enthusiasm, which he still carries about with him. His father is at the head of the large firm of Rhodes, Snook, Haverty & Company, furniture dealers. Joe's genial and smiling countenance can be seen there when he is not traveling for them.

Will Price is traveling out of here for a Tobacco House. Will hails from Kappa, wears his badge on all occasions, is as handsome as ever, and very enthusiastic about his frat.

This article would be most incomplete if I failed to mention the fact that Miss Susie Moore, sister of our own Geo. Moore, of Eta chapter, is here in Atlanta perfecting herself in the study of art. She is already a most excellent artist, and intends to make one or two drawings of the Sigma Nu Coat of Arms. It is needless to state that she is a thorough and enthusiastic Sig. The badge of Sigma Nu is her favorite ornament.

The following verses are taken from *The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon*.

THE OLD FRATERNITY PIN.

I'm a plain old business plodder who don't give a rap for frills,
And I'm worried less by fashion than I am by stocks and bills.
Though my wife insists that in me Nature planned a perfect man,
I'm afraid that I'm not building in accordance with that plan.
I have never owned a watch or worn a chain, or fob, or ring,
And, in fact, I'm out of sympathy with all that sort of thing.
I indulge no taste for baubles. Yet what thoughts come throng-
ing in
When I see some college youngster "flash" my old "frat" pin!

At the sight of that old emblem I forget that I am gray,
And my pulse beats just as strongly as upon that far-off day
When a band of student brothers taught me mystic grip and sign,
And I rode their goat in triumph—and that shining badge was
mine.
Father Time has not been idle and those "boys" of long ago
Now are scattered far and widely, and their heads are crowned
with snow;

But their hearts, I know, beat warmly, for they keep alive within
All the principles embodied in that old "frat" pin.

How my thoughts go flying backward to youth's iridescent day,
When the world lay all before me and Hope beckoned on the way!
Now another generation claims the center of the stage,
While I'm ready to write "finis" at the bottom of my page.
I'll confess a strange emotion sets my very soul aglow
As I greet again by proxy those old "boys" of long ago.
How it starts my nerves a-tingling! How it warms my heart
within,
When I couple past and present with that old "frat" pin.

The Rainbow has introduced a novelty into fraternity journalism. Instead of allowing the Greek to guess at the feelings of the neutral, the latter has been asked to describe his own feelings. The result is a series of four articles, entitled "The Fraternity Man and the Non-Fraternity Man." The first two are written by men who have never been members of a fraternity; the third, by a man who was initiated after graduation; and the fourth, by a Greek who remained an independent for a year. We should like to give the articles in full; since that is impossible, we quote from the first.

"My parents were bitterly opposed to the fraternity system, and, while in academic work, I myself had imbibed from some of my associates a strong feeling, possibly prejudice, against them. This would probably have kept me from accepting an invitation to join a fraternity; and perhaps, my known principles had something to do with the fact that I did not receive that invitation,—though with the more accurate self-knowledge that comes with years I suspect that there may have been reasons less complimentary to myself. However, the fact that I had not had an opportunity to join was, I believe, the main source of my embarrassment. Rightly or wrongly,—in many cases, it must have been the latter,—there was always the feeling, a sort of sub-consciousness never fairly put into words and admitted to myself, that these men looked upon me as one below their standard. I felt, too, that if I were not careful they would think I was anxious for an invitation to join. The fraternity seemed to constitute a sort of college aristocracy, and, while the standards of admission were as diverse as the poles, one fraternity always recognized members of another as fellow aristocrats. I now recognize that this must have been grossly unjust to many, perhaps to most of the fraternity men; yet the feeling was very real to me and to others.

Now what can be done to bridge this gulf? I recognize fully

that in a large college it is not practicable that every deserving man should have a chance to join a fraternity. You will thus have to admit with me that this limitation must necessarily tend to establish a caste line, and I am very sure that a caste line cannot exist anywhere, and especially in college life, without some sensitiveness on the part of the one left out. Nor need this sensitiveness arise from a feeling of envy; it may be simply the assertion of one's own self-respect. With this clearly in mind, it only remains for me to ask that you make this caste line as little apparent as possible. Let the non-fraternity man feel that the limitations of your choice have not arisen from his unfitness, but simply from the necessity of the case. He has a circle of friends and you in your fraternity have yours, but neither should be allowed to feel that this circle of friends includes all that are worth having. In this, it seems to me the fraternity man should take the initiative. It will require great tact and consideration; but I believe the difficulty can be largely surmounted and that the resulting good feeling would make it worth while. One final word; make the non-fraternity man feel, if possible, that you value him as much as you would if he were a member of some other fraternity. That after all is very near the heart of the matter and would work toward a gracious solution."

The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta has an illustrated article upon the University of Missouri, and a good description of the joys of camp life. The latter makes one shiver at present, but that is doubtless due to a defective imagination. One could wish, however, that Phi Delta Theta would not talk about its "lady friends."

The December number of *The Shield of Theta Delta Chi* is a convention number. Even the pessimism induced by reading exchanges is not proof against the enthusiasm of a convention. Hurrah for Theta Delta Chi! May she live long and prosper! Hurrah for every fraternity that has a convention!

We quote the following from *The Kappa Alpha Journal*:

"No innovation of late years has proven a happier inspiration than that providing for "associate members." Associates are alumni who continue their active membership, being accorded the usual privileges of active members, with the possible exception of voting on new members. This arrangement has been productive of a twofold advantage in that means are provided not only for the fostering of alumni enthusiasm, but for supplying chapters with mature counsel. The system is of especial value to city chapters, and its chief beneficiaries so far have been Eta, Alpha-Nu and Alpha-Lambda. Eta's recent revival was rendered successful by the active enlistment into her ranks of eleven alumni

resident in Richmond. Alpha-Nu reports four of her last year's membership maintaining their old relations and recognizes their services as invaluable. Alpha-Lambda finds in the privilege a means of keeping her chapter house, and the idea could be similarly utilized with the exercise of a little enterprise by Theta and Alpha-Theta jointly, by Kappa, Omicron, Pi, Rho, Phi, Chi, Psi, Alpha-Gamma, Alpha-Delta, Alpha-Kappa, Alpha-Mu and others. Now that all of our progressive chapters are arranging to supply themselves with homes, this provision in itself ought to prove an immense factor in either buying or renting.

The same number contains an excellent article on the relative merits of large and small colleges. A portion is given below :

A college training stands for several things now; mental culture is seldom the only object, and not always the chief one. If a man is to be educated as a football player, there are really only about four colleges in the country as to whose comparative excellence he or his guardian can hesitate. If he is in haste to see the world and wants to go all the gaits at college, the smaller institutions cannot adequately meet his demands. There are two other important considerations—scholarship and character—and here the small college needs not fear comparison.

Few, we take it, will disagree with us when we state that the most valuable service a college (academic) education can render is to finish the youth into the gentleman. It would be hard to find a man who wished his son made a scholar at the expense of his health and his temper, an athlete, if he remained a dolt, or an accomplished fop with the morals of a tough. It is not at all modern to speak of character as important, and it would be inappropriate on other pages. However, there is no Kappa Alpha, and, we trust, no member of any reputable fraternity, who can take exception to the word."

The selection of new girls is one of the subjects that never fail to interest. To call it perennial is not to do it justice. Rather, it is a quarterly, to agree with most of the magazines. The contribution from the November *Arrow* is noteworthy, because not just like all the others.

"At the beginning of each year, then, let the commanding officer of the chapter hold an inspection to ascertain in what condition the exodus of the late commencement has left the ranks. If it is found that those are in the majority who have been students first of all and socially inclined only at the earnest solicitations of a less scholarly sister, then it may be the policy of the chapter—and advisedly so—to allow in its new members a greater latitude in a liking for things purely social. With this element in the new members the more sluggishly-social member, if this is a

pardonable term, will find herself impelled to take a new interest in the world outside her books. On the other hand, the new member will find a most helpful example in her older sister's studiousness, which will furnish the requisite equipoise to her natural inclinations. The benefits of such a course will not only accrue to the members of the chapter, but will help to make appreciated the importance of the chapter as a factor of college life. If on the contrary, the inspection reveals a condition the reverse of the foregoing, it is of course necessary to exercise equal judgment in adjusting the balance between the two tendencies."

The January *Arrow* contains an account of the relation between literary societies and fraternities. To each chapter of Pi Beta Phi was sent the following list of questions:

1. "Are the literary societies in your college in a flourishing condition?"
2. "Do the fraternities harm societies in any way? Do they help them?"
3. "Do fraternity members take great interest in the societies, and do they take a prominent part in them?"
4. "If you have no literary societies, or if any have died out, did the existence of fraternities assist in causing such a result?"

On the whole, the evidence seems to be against the fraternities.

"We find the evil effects of fraternities upon literary societies due mainly to the electioneering of fraternity members, and especially in their lessened time for work in the literary societies. Only a limited amount of time can be given to work outside the college curriculum and, when a student belongs both to a literary society and to a fraternity, his interest must be divided between the two, and he can give less time than if he were a non-fraternity man to the work of the literary society. One girl in speaking of the influence of the fraternity in the literary society, says: 'I think we fraternity girls sometimes let our joy be too great when a fraternity girl wins, and I think, too, that we sometimes neglect the non-fraternity girl in society. So it seems to me the farther away from society we keep our fraternity—as a *fraternity*—the better for both.'"

If THE KEY possessed gilt ink and Old English type, or anything novel and decorative, it should be used to embellish the following extract from *The Trident*. The very idea of a superabundance of available manuscript makes us hold our breath. O, editor of *The Trident*, Allah has been good to you. Blessed and thrice blessed shall be your contributors!

"For the first time since her connection with the alumnæ department, the editor finds it necessary to acknowledge the receipt of

matter for which we have no space. Though, no doubt, it will prove a disappointment to the writers of the articles to have publication deferred, yet it cannot but bring also to the editors of the magazine a somewhat pleasant sensation, a feeling of large resources. Think of the delight of having something left over for another time, in comparison with the ordinary experience of going to press short of material ! Let no one think, however, that on this account she need not write the article she has been planning to write for the next number. No, far better let us run over our space again. We need every effort that can be made."

There is another article in *The Trident* that merits attention for a different reason. Delta Delta Delta finds that she has been too anxious to increase the number of her chapters. Such a discovery is not surprising ; what does astonish us is the frank confession of the mistake. It is difficult to see why a fraternity should pose as infallible : but since it usually does, an effort is required to break through the sacred tradition. If Delta Delta Delta has the courage to keep on as she has begun, her future must inevitably be a continual change for the better.

At the risk of giving *The Trident* more than its due proportion of space, we must quote a few sentences from an article entitled "Our Initiates."

"What we learn unconsciously, that we remember best. So let us, the other girls, be all that we want of the new girls. If we are loyal, enthusiastic, and prompt in attending the meetings, our initiates will acquire these qualities as a matter of course. You know, don't you, how quickly we change our mood to be in sympathy with those we happen to be with.

Above all, never let a new sister hear the girls, "our girls," as she loves to call them, grumbling over an assessment. Fraternity fees are debts of honor, and ought to be paid cheerfully. The new girl must know and understand that her fraternity bills must be paid as much as her tuition in the college. When she reckons up her expenses, a sum should be laid aside for her dues.

What have we the most interest for ? That for which we work the hardest.

Put the new girl to work. Give her something especial to do, make each one feel a little responsibility from the start. Then when they are seniors they will not shrink from the work before them. Never, for a moment, let her feel like an outsider. There should cease to be the division between "the new girls" and the "other girls," as quickly as possible."

We quote the following from *The Kappa Alpha Theta*. No

words are needed to point out how honorable is the position advocated.

"A question which often confronts a fraternity as the end of the rushing season draws near, is that of the advisability of extending an invitation to some girl whom the fraternity would like to number among its members, but who is almost certain to join some other fraternity which has also been rushing her. A not unnatural feeling at such a time is that, where a girl seems a foregone conclusion to a rival fraternity, it is foolish to risk almost certain and immediate refusal and so "lose a girl." For this reason alone, a girl who would otherwise be asked to join the fraternity does not receive the expected invitation, and the fraternity congratulates itself upon having avoided the discredit of "a refusal," quite unconscious of the fact that if the girl would have made a desirable member she is equally a loss to the fraternity whether she refused its invitation, or whether she was not given a chance so to do.

Against such a practice we would most emphatically protest. Such a course is unfair both to the fraternity and to the new girl. It must in the end react disastrously upon the offending chapter, and lower the high standing which might otherwise be obtained, had the more honorable course of extending an invitation, regardless of the probable answer, been pursued. To have an invitation refused has never yet hurt a fraternity and probably never will. To fail to ask a girl who has been given every reason to expect an invitation to join the fraternity, when the only reason for such failure is the fear of receiving a refusal, generally indicates but two things, a sense of weakness, as compared with other chapters, and a lack of that fine sense of honor which would impel a fraternity or an individual to fulfill even tacit promises."

Every question has two sides, quoth the sages. In reading the following extract from *The Beta Theta Pi*, remember that something may be said for the man who is "critizing and tearing down."

"The Beta of the large college, with ample facilities, handsome endowment and rich and varied intellectual opportunities, thinks that his beloved fraternity should be restricted solely to institutions of like character, where desirable men are numerous, chapter-houses abound, and the social side of life is much cultivated.

But not infrequently the Beta chapter at the little college has trained the alumni which the Betas at the large college are fond of parading as its prominent men, and has upheld the fraternity in its youth, when it was weak. It possibly withstood the shock of the civil war, was loyal when larger chapters were tempted to

disloyalty, and in its own sturdy way maintained the honor and reputation of Beta Theta Pi before many of the large colleges of the country were organized.

In such cases it does not lie without the province of the larger and more prosperous chapters to demand the withdrawal of the charter of the weaker one. We should make every effort to assist and uphold, not to criticise and tear down."

From the December number of *The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi* we quote the following account of bidding at Dartmouth :

" According to the provisions of these rules " no mention of Fraternity or Fraternity matters of any kind shall be made by a member of any of these Fraternities to any student, or prospective student, of Dartmouth College who is not a member of any of these Fraternities before November 18th of each college year." Any infringement of this rule is at once brought to the notice of the committee of the Fraternities and stopped. Thus far little difficulty has been caused by any failure to comply with this rule.

Early in the morning of November 18th the work begins in earnest and is continued until eleven o'clock p. m. November 19th, but no pledges are made. The leading chinnners " cut " everything and devote all their energies to making out their delegations. The rivalry is keen but good-natured. At eleven o'clock in the evening of November 19th all chinning ceases and all candidates for Fraternities are " requested " to be in their rooms by twelve o'clock. Long before the clock strikes the hour of midnight long lines of upper-classmen gather before each prominent candidate's door. The candidate usually has his choice made, and if he does not get a " bid " from the first, accepts his second choice. There is seldom any ill-feeling shown and the representatives of the unsuccessful Fraternities congratulate their more fortunate rival and depart to enter the fray elsewhere."

In the pride of her heart THE KEY has been convinced that she possessed the most artistic cover among the sorority magazines. Of course she has kept this bit of egotism to herself, not expecting the others to agree with her. Nevertheless the conviction has been a source of great pleasure, and it is with regret that she bows before the new cover of *The Alpha Phi Quarterly*. Surely *The Quarterly* might have been satisfied with pleasing its own readers, without compelling THE KEY to come off the perch she has found so comfortable ! From the different articles between these new covers we quote the following.

" Rushing," as it is practiced by most if not all of our fraternities, must bear the blame for many faults, but its evil effects are

nowhere more deplorable than in the attitude it compels the Freshmen to assume towards the chapter. So much attention is lavished upon them that they not unnaturally come to believe that the fraternity was made for them—that the original members had them in mind twenty or thirty years ago and founded the organization as a proper setting for their brilliant wit and beauty.

This attitude at initiation time must remain unchanged as long as the chapter is willing to grovel in the dust every time there is a butterfly flutter on the college horizon. Hence it is that our initiates are wholly unprepared for the change that takes place after they are full-fledged members of the chapter.

They find suddenly that there are grave subjects as well as gay; that there are duties and responsibilities, and that each new sister has a share to bear. It is this fact that causes them to question whether the fraternity is all they have thought it to be. Of course it is all and a great deal more than the Freshmen can understand at this time, but the change from bonbons to rock candy is a bit too sudden and they are convinced for a time, at least, that they have made a mistake. If they can be set right at this point, their value to the chapter is assured."

The Sigma Chi Quarterly contains these words concerning the use of the blackball.

"Our constitution requires a unanimous vote to elect to membership. And that provision is a very wise one, and, used with judgment, is very salutary in its effect. But it is capable of being abused to the serious detriment of the chapter. Of course it is perfectly proper for a brother to exercise his privilege in this respect, but he ought to use some moderation and sound judgment. The prerogative is a dangerous one in the hands of indiscreet persons. Good men, very good men, have been kept out of our fraternity because of an ill-advised exercise of this right by one man. But that is the price which we must pay, and can afford to pay, to protect our active boys from uncongenial associates. Perhaps the thing of highest importance in an active chapter is to maintain that degree of congeniality without which the main object of our existence cannot be attained. The unanimous vote requirement tends to secure this desired result. Sometimes our chapters are somewhat hasty in the selection of men. It has happened in such cases that a vote has been cast against a candidate for membership much to the chagrin of the remainder of the chapter, and yet in time the entire chapter came to entertain the same opinion as the person casting the fatal vote and to sincerely thank him for it. Under such circumstances we see and appreciate the wisdom of the provision. But for every case of this kind we find many instances, on the other hand, where the chapter has retained its favorable opinion and the person voting in the negative has, too

late, regreted his action. Men who afterward became towers of strength in college and professional life have been kept out of Sigma Chi by one black ball. As I said, that is the price which we pay and can afford to pay for keeping out the few undesirable persons who might otherwise obtain admission to our circle."

From *The Anchoria* we clip one of the editorials.

"If the chapters truly believe that they ought to do some especial and systematic work, why do they not do it, instead of wasting so much time and work in explaining their dereliction from duty? If, on the other hand, they feel that they have a sufficient reason for not undertaking serious work in the chapter life, why do they not have the courage of their convictions, and boldly declare their independence? We know their reasons. There are two. The first is, because human nature finds it difficult to emancipate itself from traditions, and there has descended from generation to generation in our fraternities an idea that our organizations owe it to the world to show some tangible results of the work they do. This feeling was a natural one in the early days, when our right to existence was aggressively questioned. But it is out of date now.

The second reason we will call the imitative tendency of humanity. It is the timidity that makes people accept the example of others as worthy of emulation, even when opposed to their taste and judgment. If fraternity girls have many college duties, why should they expend their time and strength in preparing literary work for a fraternity meeting which they will be too weary to enjoy, when an hour spent in recreation and social relaxation would refresh them physically and mentally for the scholarly work they must do."

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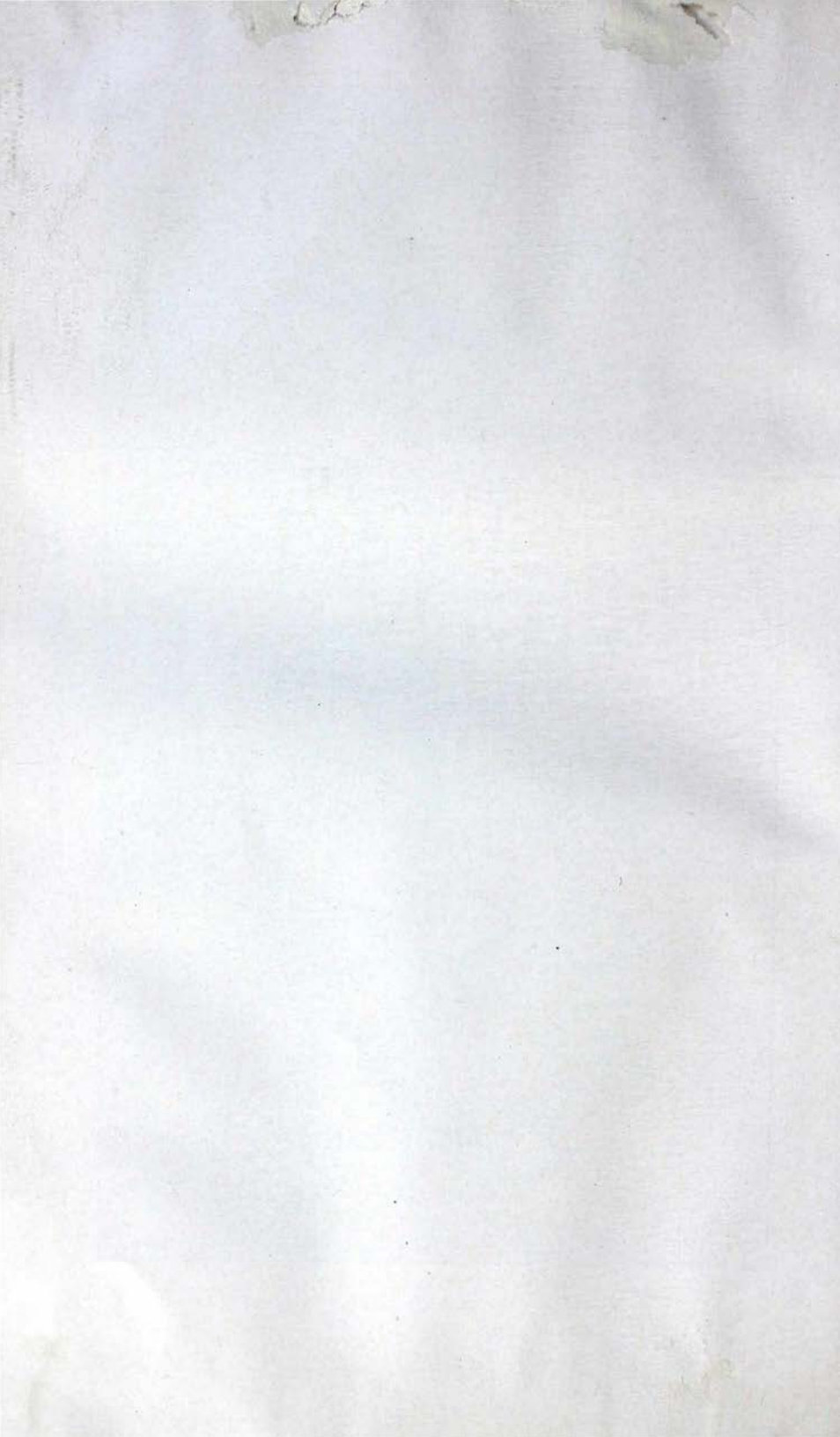
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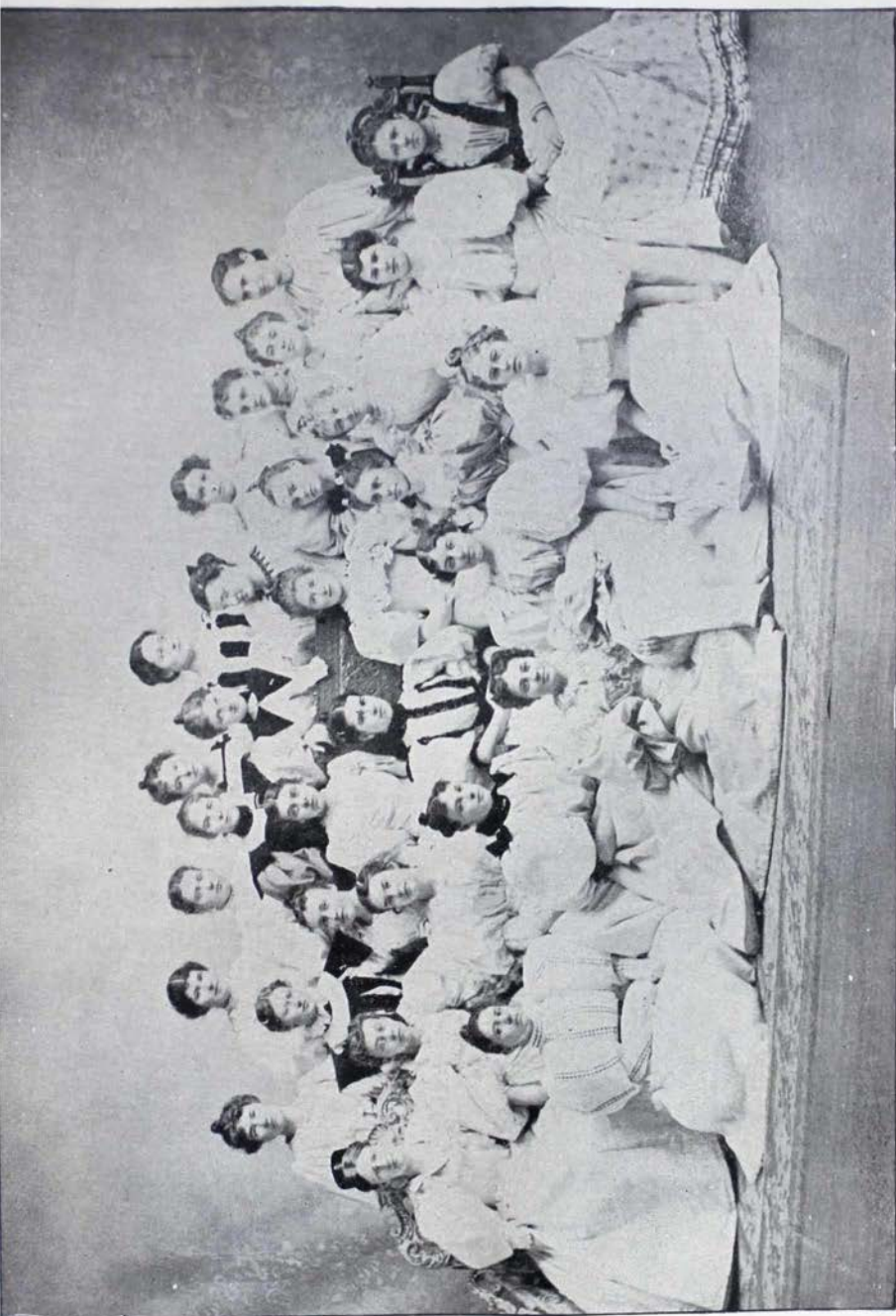


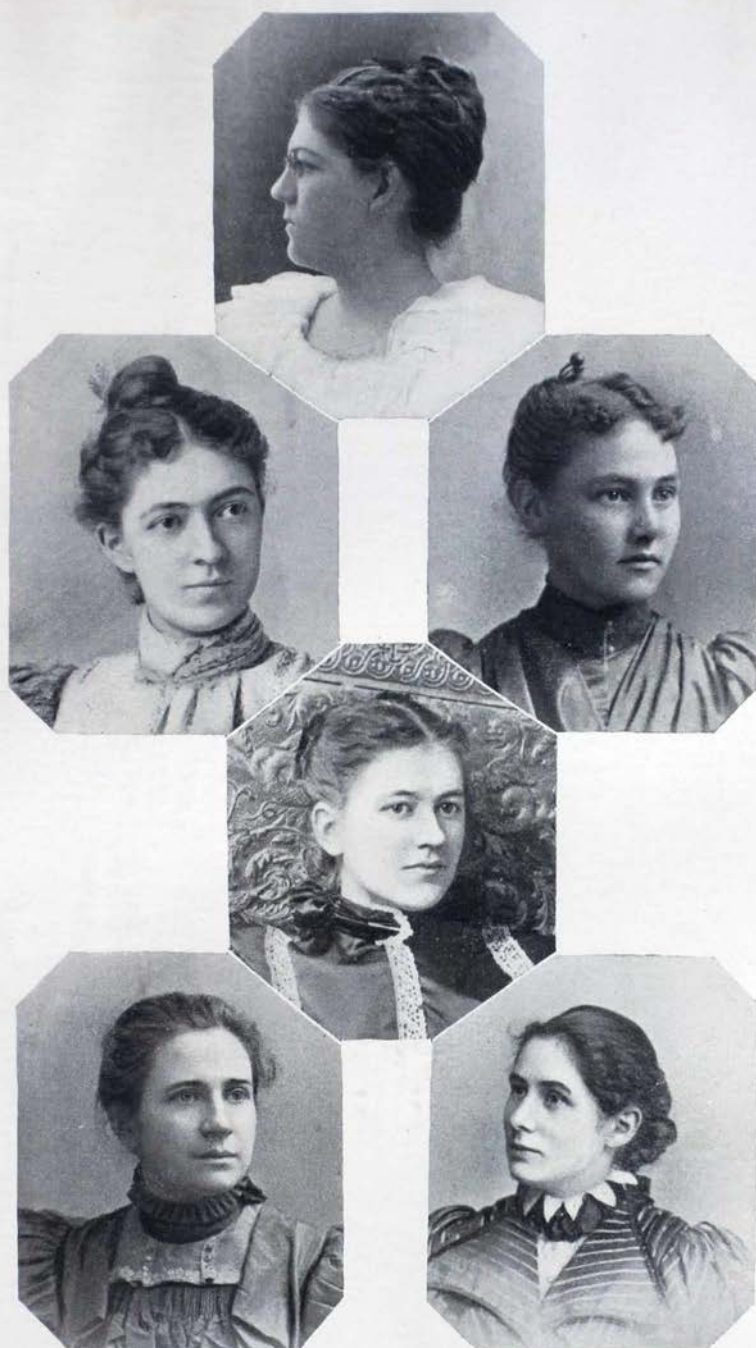
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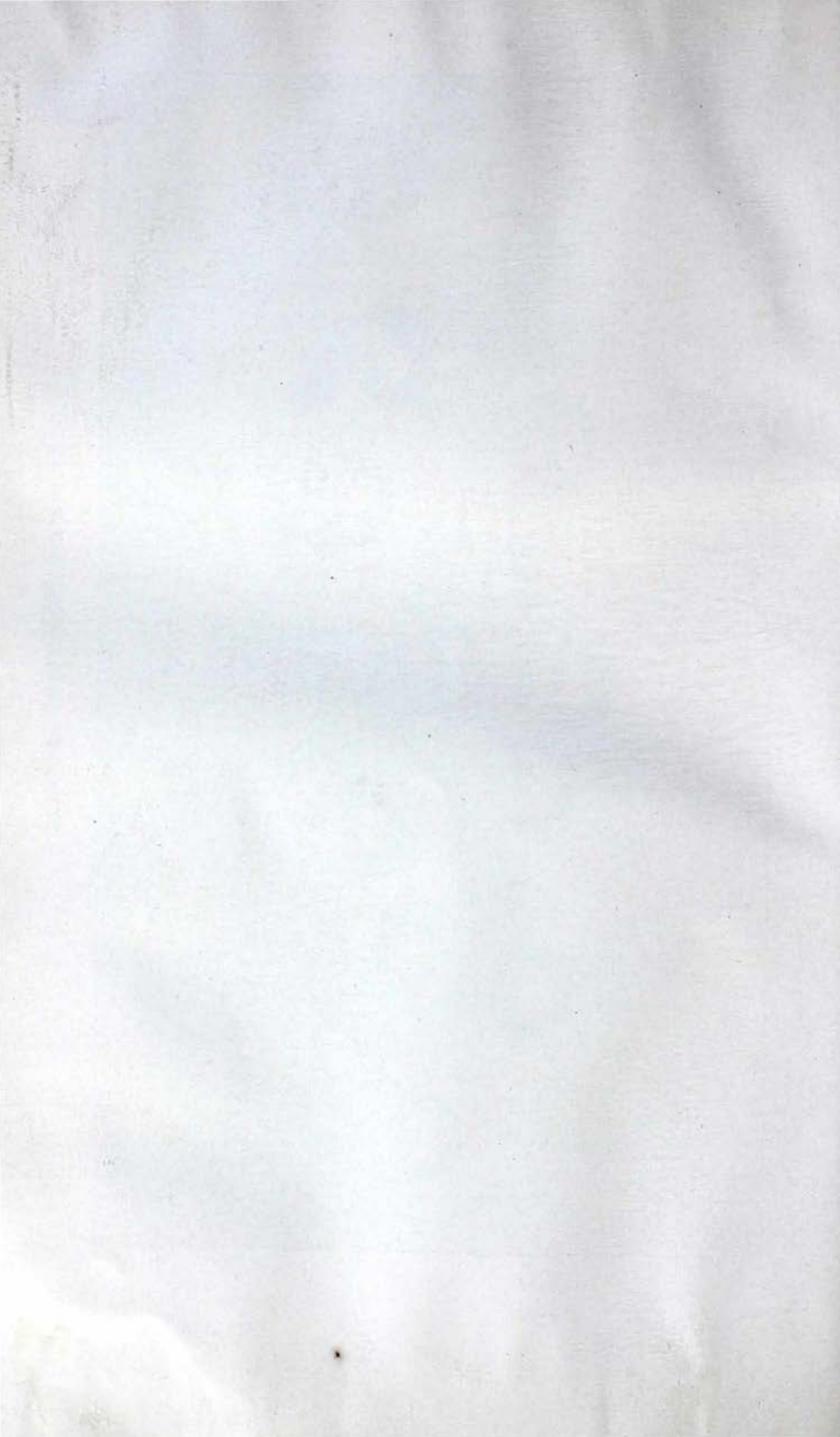




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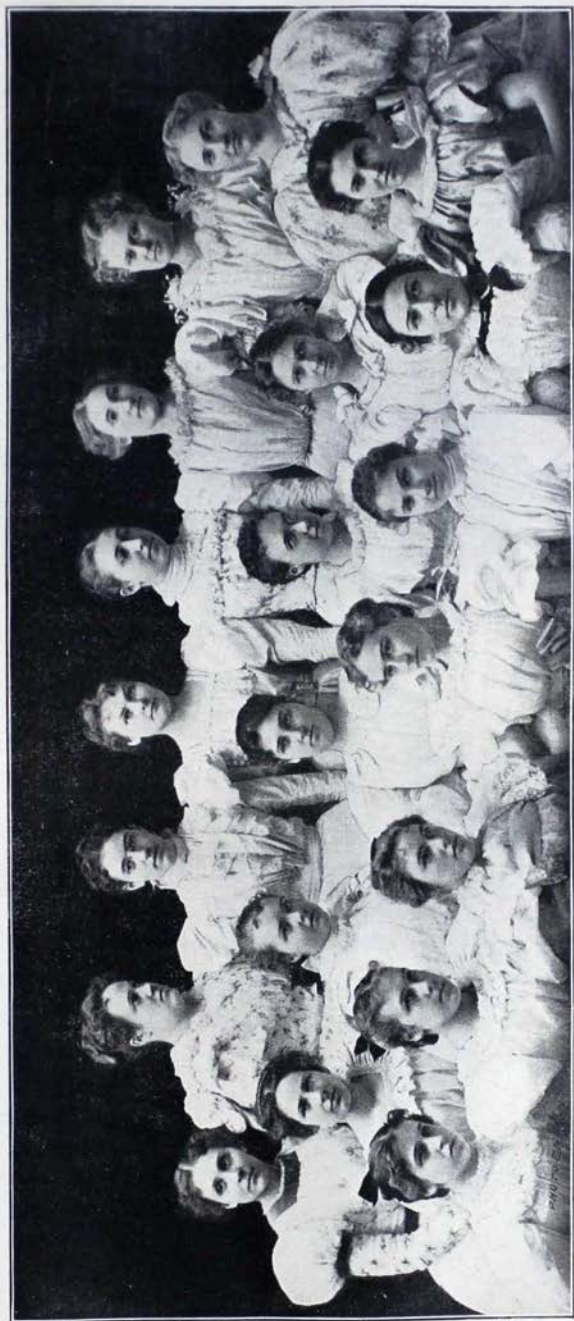
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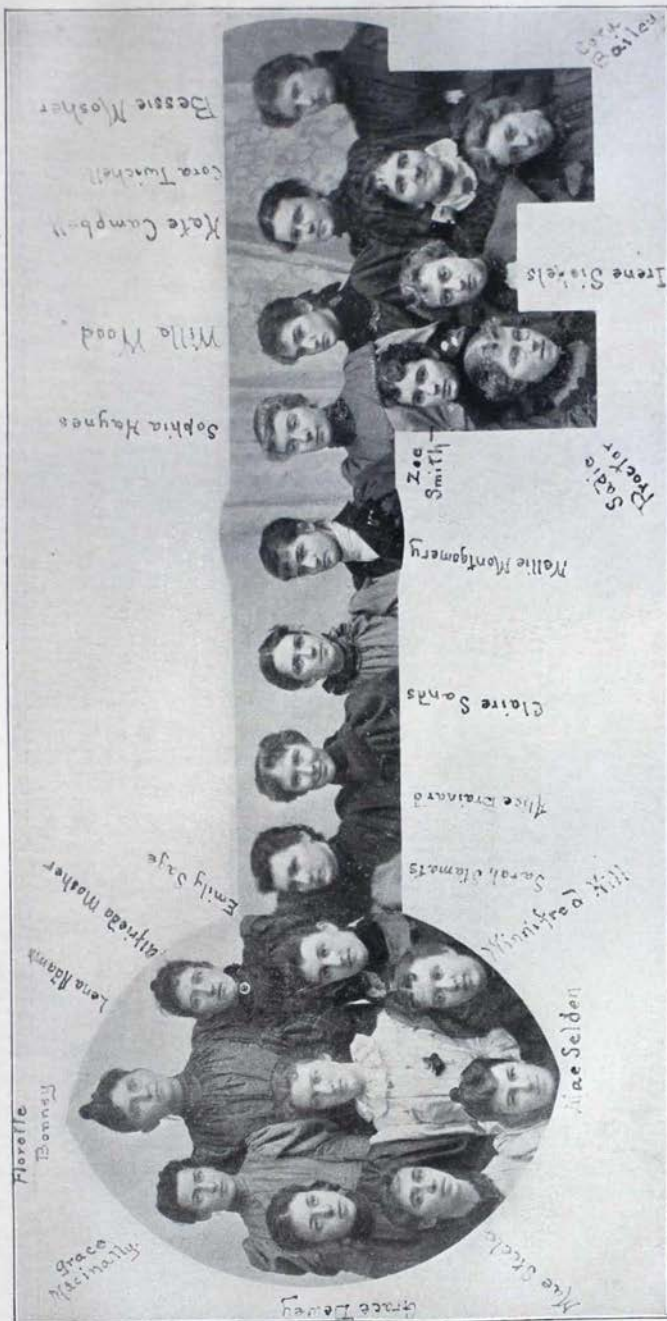
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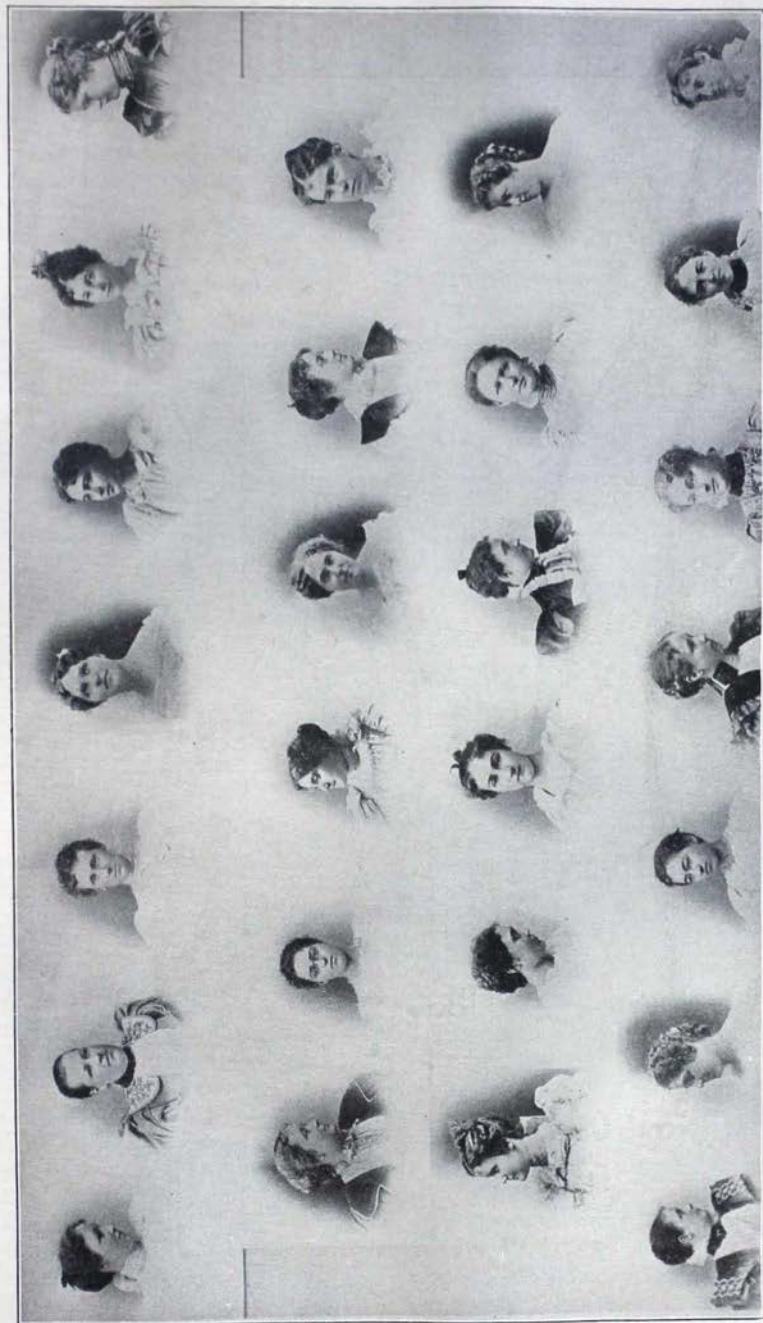
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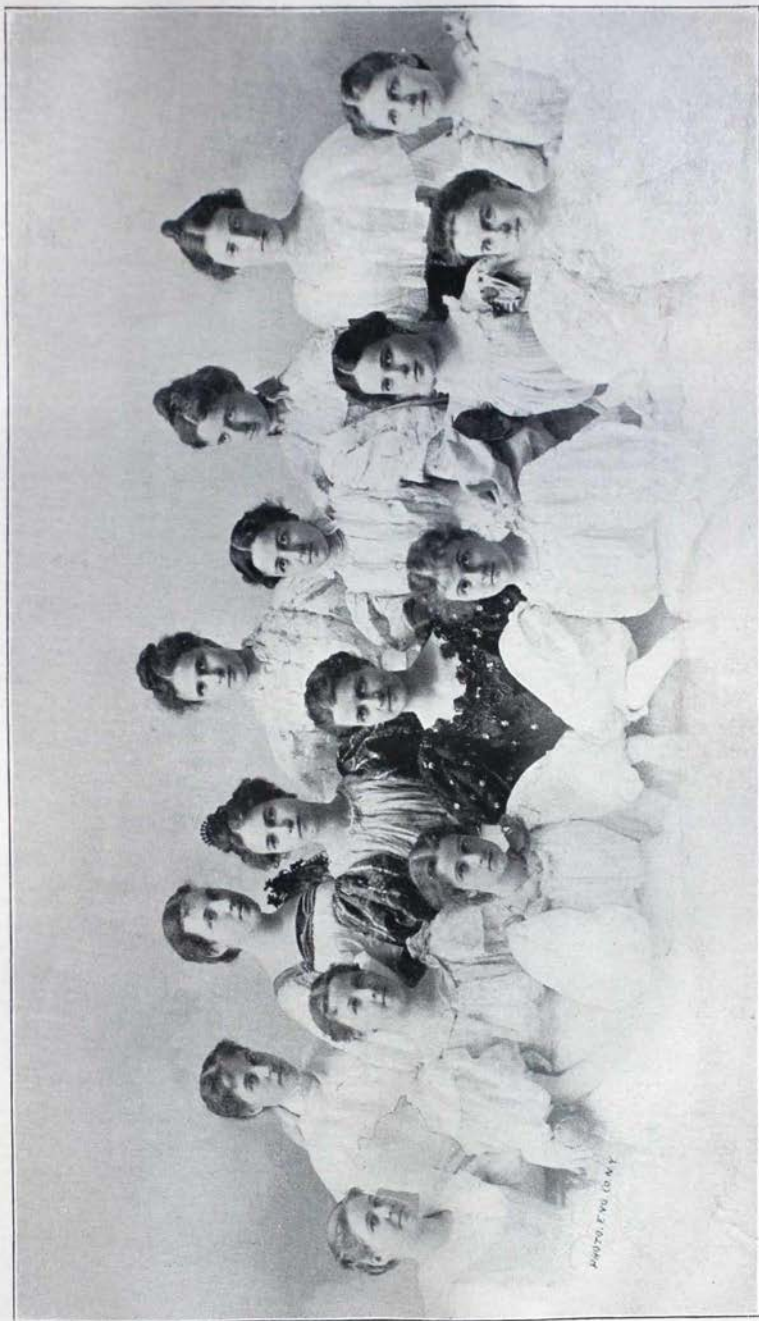
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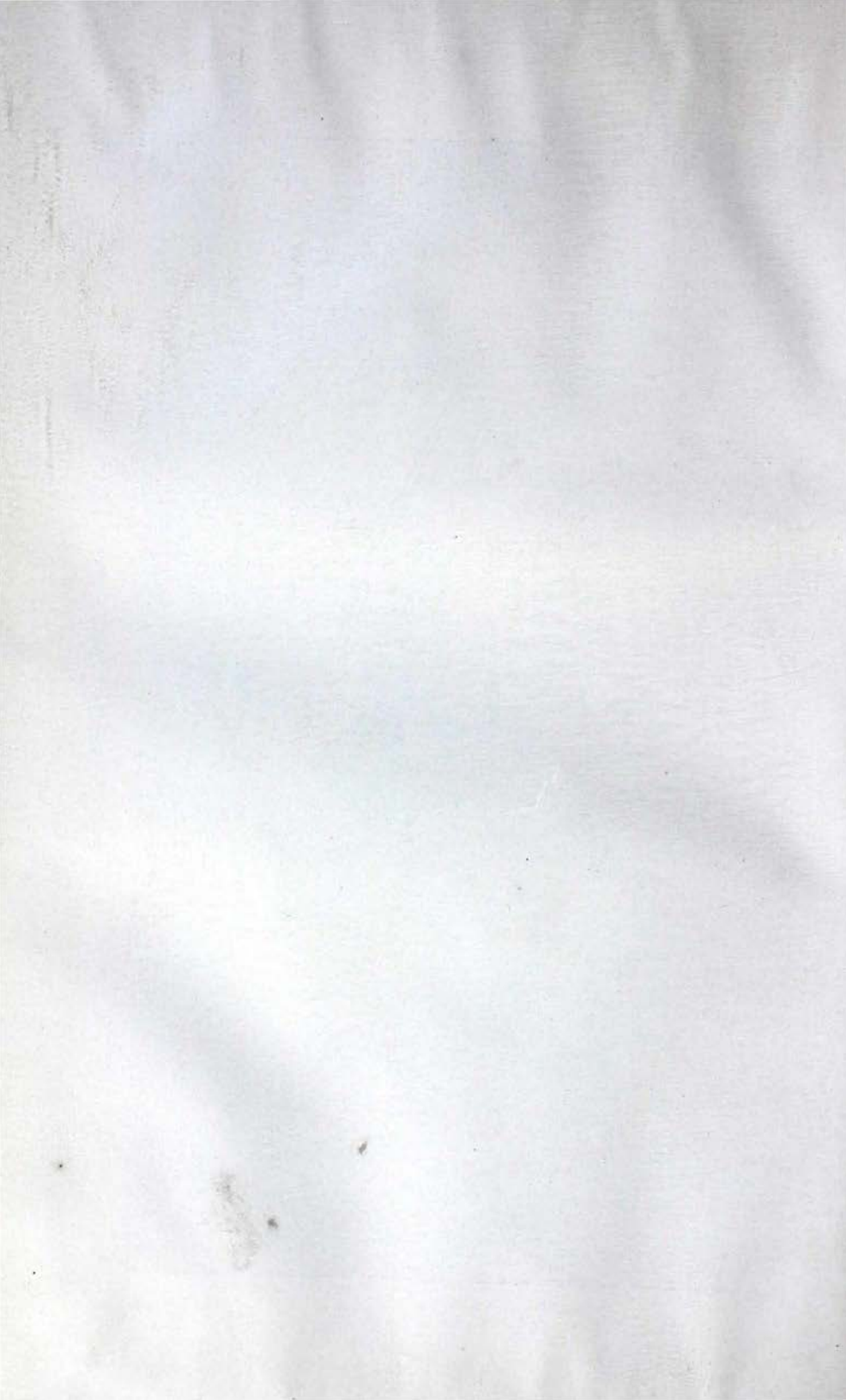
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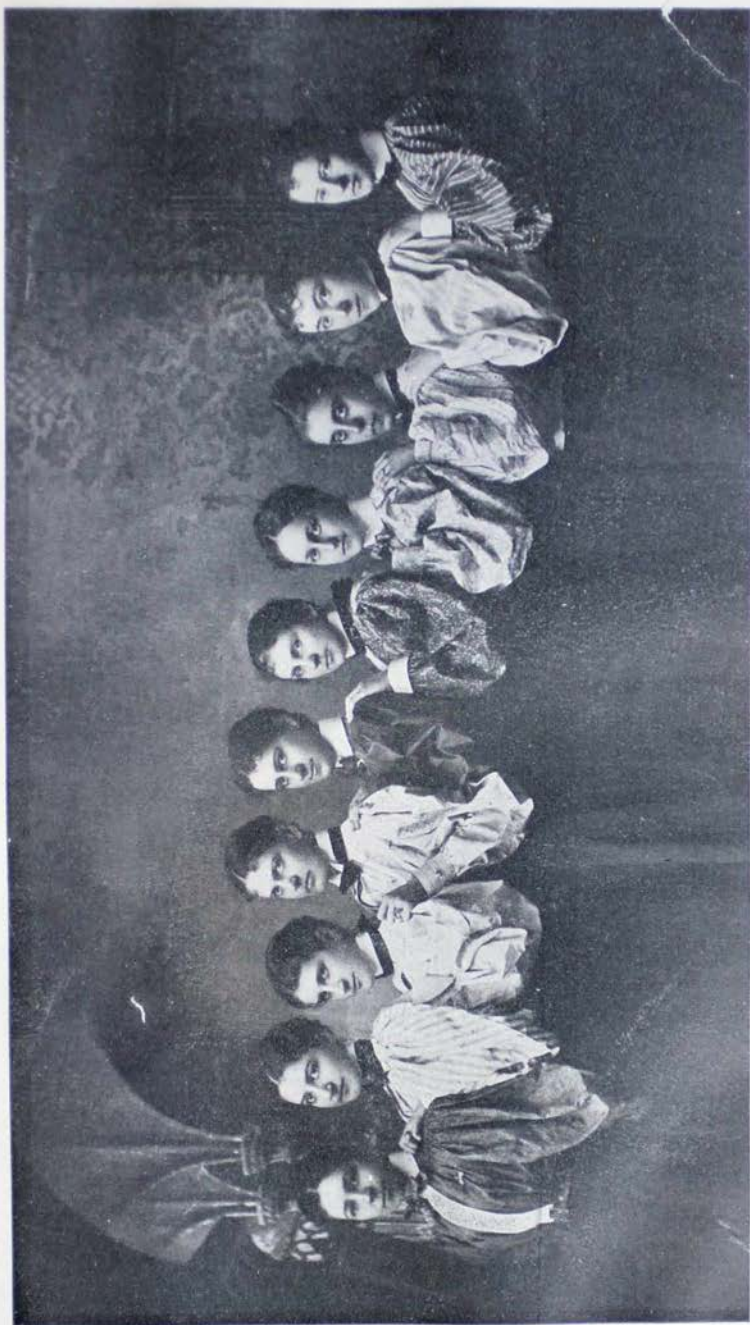
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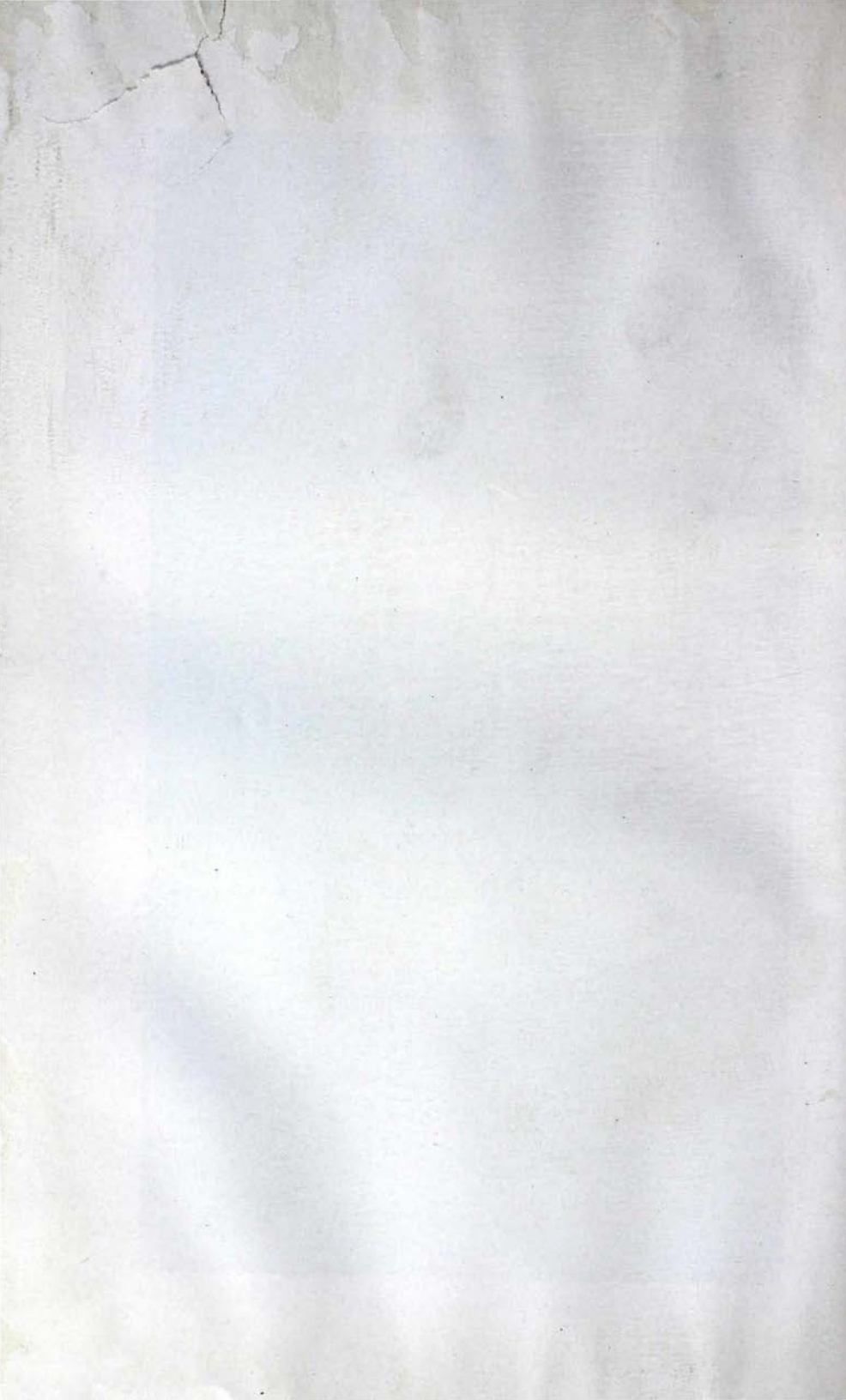
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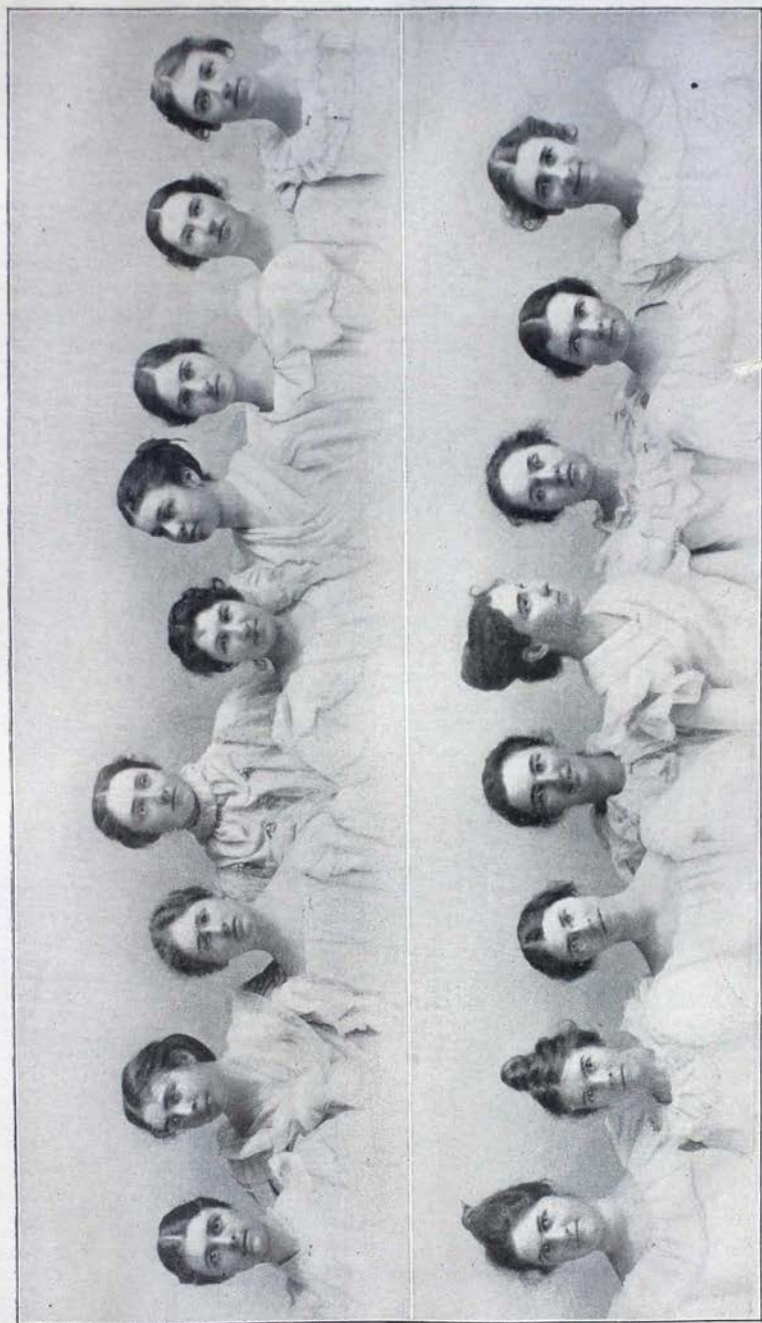


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