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The Utilization of College Fraternities in Student Life

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In the discussion of this question the point that takes precedent of all others is, what shall be one's attitude toward fraternities in general? Shall we accept them as a constituent part of college life, or are we to question their very existence and, because their presence involves certain dangers, either ignore them or attempt to abolish them? To my mind the attempts at elimination have not been sufficiently successful to encourage that course. I recall a case in a western state university where the action on the part of the institution placing a ban on the existence of fraternities was met by the next legislature with a rider on the appropriation bill to that university to the effect that the ban on fraternities must be removed or there would be no appropriation. The method was drastic, but effective.

A fraternity is a good or bad influence, depending on the type of students who represent its leadership. And an organization within an organization will do good or harm in proportion to its efforts to advance or defeat the principles for which the mother organization stands. Many instances of the harmful influence of fraternities might be traced to the fact that in some way the individual chapter has lost sight of the purposes of the institution of which it is a part. It is out of

line; out of sympathetic touch with the aims and ambitions of the greater fraternity—the college or university itself. This doubleness of purpose will be found to represent the discord and disorder in all organization life, whether it be the church, the state, or the institution of learning.

The evil tendencies found in fraternities are those of young men in and out of college. These evils are idleness, over-devotion to amusements such as athletics, musical organizations, and social functions, temptations to conviviality and sometimes dissipation in the form of association with lewd characters. While the very close friendships of members of the fraternities have often accentuated these evils, when they are once recognized, these very friendships may be used by older people to eradicate them.

The young men and young women of our college as a body have good intentions and want to do the right thing if they know what that is. They need wise guidance and the proper influences placed about them. It is perfectly natural that students, even in our small colleges, shall form their close friendships in small groups. Some may do this in one way and others in another. The demand for the close association of members of a fraternity and other organizations comes from the natural social instinct of young people, and if properly guided may be a source of good in the college. The colleges which do not have fraternities have some social organization in the form of clubs or other societies. Perhaps all the dangers and advantages of the fraternities may be found to exist in other organizations, but fraternities are here and are very important in the eyes of their friends at least. I believe they have done good and are capable of much more good in the future. I am of the opinion that the wise policy for the college to pursue is to ask the co-operation of the fraternities in everything that pertains to their welfare and that of the college, and to place the question of the presence of all organizations in the college, including

fraternities, on the same plane. Namely, let them develop in freedom, insisting in a broad way that their interests must not only be subordinate to the college interests, but they must contribute to the same ends and be loyal to the same ideals. It is not the business of the college primarily to be for or against fraternities except as fraternities are helpful or harmful to their members or to others. Every organization within the student body, with right co-operation on the part of the college, can be helpful in promoting the purposes of the college. The fraternity, which has the greatest hold on the student mind of all the organizations, is no exception to the general rule.

The college exists for the development of good citizenship, through the development of the physical, mental, and moral natures of the students. If the fraternity does not co-operate with the college faculty in promoting the ideals for which the college stands, it should be treated in the same way that an erring student is treated; it should be given a chance to mend its ways or be asked to leave the college. I have found that fraternities in general, when courteously treated, just like all other groups of students who are sympathetically and tactfully approached, are glad to co-operate to fulfill the needs of their residence in college.

If the ends of the college are the physical, mental, and moral development of the student for citizenship, then the ways are infinite by which there may be co-operation between the faculty and fraternities. This co-operation may be in studies, in the college home life, or in the student life outside. The willingness of fraternities and other organizations to co-operate with the faculty depends largely on the theory members of the faculty have of the rights and privileges of students, and the personality of the professor or professors that represent the faculty in their relations to the students. If all student questions are settled by the faculty without regard to student expression or student sentiment, there is sure to be lack of co-operation. But if the students are taken into the confidence of the faculty so

far as possible, and their judgments utilized by some form of co-operative government of students and faculty, mutual confidence can be maintained and harmony and satisfactory relations secured.

Many colleges have found that by filling out special blanks furnished by the fraternities and sororities for the purpose of giving local chapters information concerning their members, that the scholarship of the student members has been greatly improved. We have done this at Swarthmore and find that the students do not misuse the information given, but on the other hand, use it to advantage by knowing what brothers or sisters are delinquent and need admonition and assistance.

It may be said parenthetically that the average scholarship of fraternity men and women as a group is not higher and perhaps not as high as the same students would have been if they had not joined a fraternity, but the fraternity may give social training, ease of manner, neatness of dress, social forms, and other valuable experience which no amount of book learning can give and which they are more likely to secure from the intimate relations and comradeship of the fraternities, and which should be the possession of every cultivated man or woman even if secured at the expense of somewhat lower marks in classroom work. A student in a sense is right when he says, and any observer of student life may have heard the expression, "that he does not propose to let his studies interfere with his education." There is much truth in this view. Unless the fraternity and other organizations have the advice of older students, alumni or faculty, or all of these, in the busy whirl of college life a student may fail; not so much because of lack of effort as for lack of proper estimate of relative values. It is here that the advice of more experienced and older persons should come in. I have found that under the conditions named, fraternities welcome the assistance of those they regard as their friends, whether they be members of the faculty, alumni, or others. A wise and painstaking college officer will be able to find the right person in a given case to

bring the erring youth to a better understanding of his duty and usually a willingness on his part will be found to better perform this duty. Sometimes it may be an older student in the fraternity, sometimes an interested alumnus in the neighborhood or in the faculty, and sometimes it will be one not connected with any of these bodies. For twenty-five years as a college teacher and officer, I have been dealing with fraternity and non-fraternity men alike by such friendly and personal methods. A fraternity man is usually very quick to take interest in anything that is likely to injure or to help the fair name of his chapter. If a student is likely to be dropped from college because of low standing in his studies, there can be found those in his fraternity who will bring strong personal influence upon him to do better. Indeed, many students will respond to the influence of their fraternities when they can be moved by no other influence.

It may not be pleasant to contemplate on the part of the faculty, but true nevertheless, that the greatest influence that can be brought to bear on the students generally is the influence of student sentiment, and in the case of a fraternity man or woman, it is the sentiment of his or her fraternity that carries greatest weight. If a student must choose between faculty sentiment and student sentiment, he will usually accept the latter. This is a fact to be reckoned with in trying to elevate the standards of scholarship. No permanent good can be obtained without healthy public sentiment among the students and unless there is good will between teachers and taught. These conditions are only secured by the teacher taking a live and personal interest not only in students as a class, but in each individual student who comes under his care. He must know him outside the classroom as well as in it. He must hear the student's conversation in his leisure hours. In short, the teacher who would mold his students must himself be simply an older student leading the way. If he assumes this role, as I have already said, the ways are infinite by which the teacher and

students may co-operate. Unless the college has at least a portion of its teachers who touch the students in this way, it cannot meet the purpose for which it was established, and will fall far short of its opportunity.

When a student in my home college is delinquent, it is a relief to me to find that he belongs to a fraternity. Not that I wish the fraternity harm, but because I know there are those who are willing, either on account of the boy or the fraternity, or both, to give the needed help.

In extreme cases I have said to the members of a fraternity: "A certain brother will have to leave college unless you can give him such assistance as will insure that the character of his work will be improved." Such a statement usually brings redoubled effort for the student's welfare. In other cases I have said to a brother or brothers of a fraternity: "The faculty have done all they can for a certain boy and have recommended that he be sent home. Before acting, I wish to know how strongly you believe in him and whether you are willing to stand responsible to me for him for a certain period." Under such circumstances, I have seen students so improve that they could be retained in college. Under other circumstances, I have sent students home with the advice and approval of their fraternities.

Such conditions and methods sow seed for future co-operation in matters of mutual interest to college and fraternity. To have such a relation with the members of a fraternity, the faculty must have their confidence. The students must know that in standing for the good of the college the faculty will not forget the interest of the individual student. It is also necessary that the right hand shall not know what the left hand does; in other words, the relationship is to be a confidential one.

A whole fraternity may at times be met with profit for consultation. Those who watch student affairs know that the educational standards of any chapter are fluctuating. The membership changes every four years

and a fraternity with a high standard of scholarship at one period may later have a very low standard. It is largely a question of environment and leadership. If a chapter is in an especially low state of scholarship, the right member of the faculty can often change the whole character of the work of the members by a mere statement of fact, appealing to the fraternity pride and pointing out the dangers in which they find themselves. Such cases will usually have to be followed up with personal help. I remember a case in which a frank talk to a certain chapter brought the members to a realization of their duties and obligations and several members were soon changed from failures to satisfactory students.

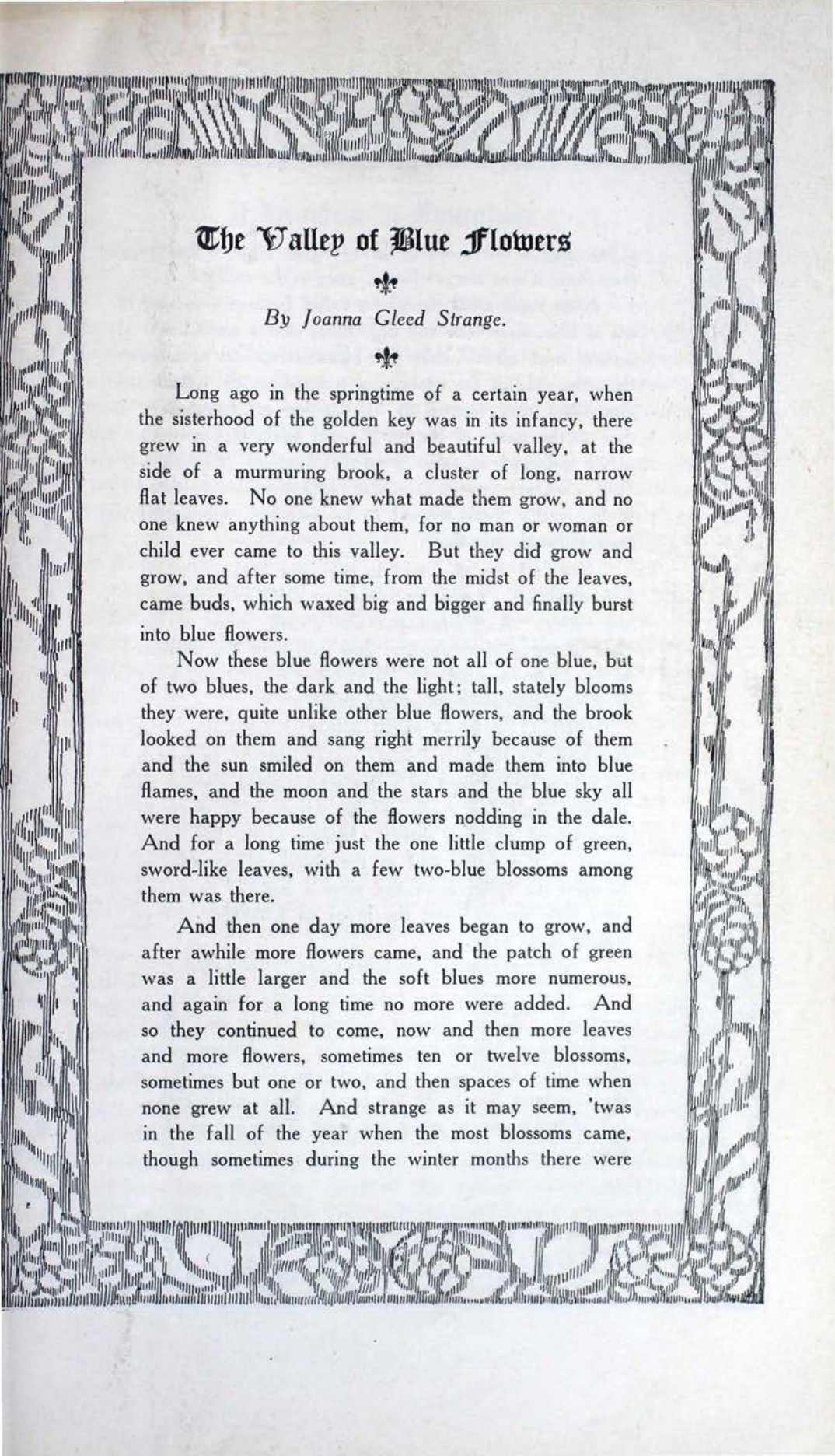
What has been said of the co-operation of students and faculty in elevating the standards of scholarship may be said with equal truth concerning the physical development and elevation of morals. It is here, especially for the latter, that I look with great interest and hopefulness to Mr. Birdseye's plan for the development of a special department of administration to furnish more extended and more scientific information on which an executive department may base its judgment and acts. Such information is not so much lacking in the small residence colleges like Swarthmore, where students are all well known to the faculty, and where the family life is such that all have personal touch, but even in these institutions we need better administrative systems and a greater willingness on the part of the board of control to expend a larger per cent of their resources on the administrative department in order to make more efficient the other departments of the college. Even our smaller colleges need to be reminded again and again that no amount of mere intellectual training can justify their existence, but that the development of the physical and moral health is a vital part of the duty of every college. An intimate and personal relation between teachers and students is necessary to this end. Vital touch with the fraternities and other organizations may be very helpful for this purpose. And

again, what has been said of healthful relations between student organizations and the faculty may be said with even greater emphasis of the relations between graduates and undergraduates of a fraternity. If Mr. Birdseye can succeed in arousing the alumni to a full sense of responsibility and opportunity for service, he will have the united gratitude, not only of college faculties, but of students and parents as well. Many graduates do now realize their responsibility and are doing great good, but many do not, and are using their college gatherings to tell about the tricks they played while in college, how they got ahead of the faculty, and by such an attitude keep alive harmful traditions instead of throwing their weight of influence on the side of eradicating the old evils and planting new and better ideals and customs in their place. What college executive has not sought at some time or other to do honor to an old graduate by asking him to talk to the students, only to be rewarded for his courtesy by having the graduate speak of some foolish episode of his college days, which tends toward tearing down instead of building up higher ideals. One thoughtless man can tear down what ten thoughtful men will build up.

I have tried here to present a point of view and method of work rather than to enumerate results that have been or may be achieved. What I have said may be as applicable to other organizations as to fraternities. I have not, in other words, treated fraternities as essentially different from other student organizations.

Good results follow the possession of accurate knowledge, friendly relations, and the conviction that there is a right way, and if one method fails, that there is another which will succeed.

If the teacher has wide and accurate knowledge, unceasing watchfulness, consummate energy, infinite patience, a natural fitness for his work, exalted ideals of his calling, and is inspired by unbounded faith in and love for young people, whether he works through vital personal relations with the individual or the fraternity, or other college organizations, he will help his students to see visions, and in the fullness of time he will help them to realize the dreams of older men.



The Valley of Blue Flowers



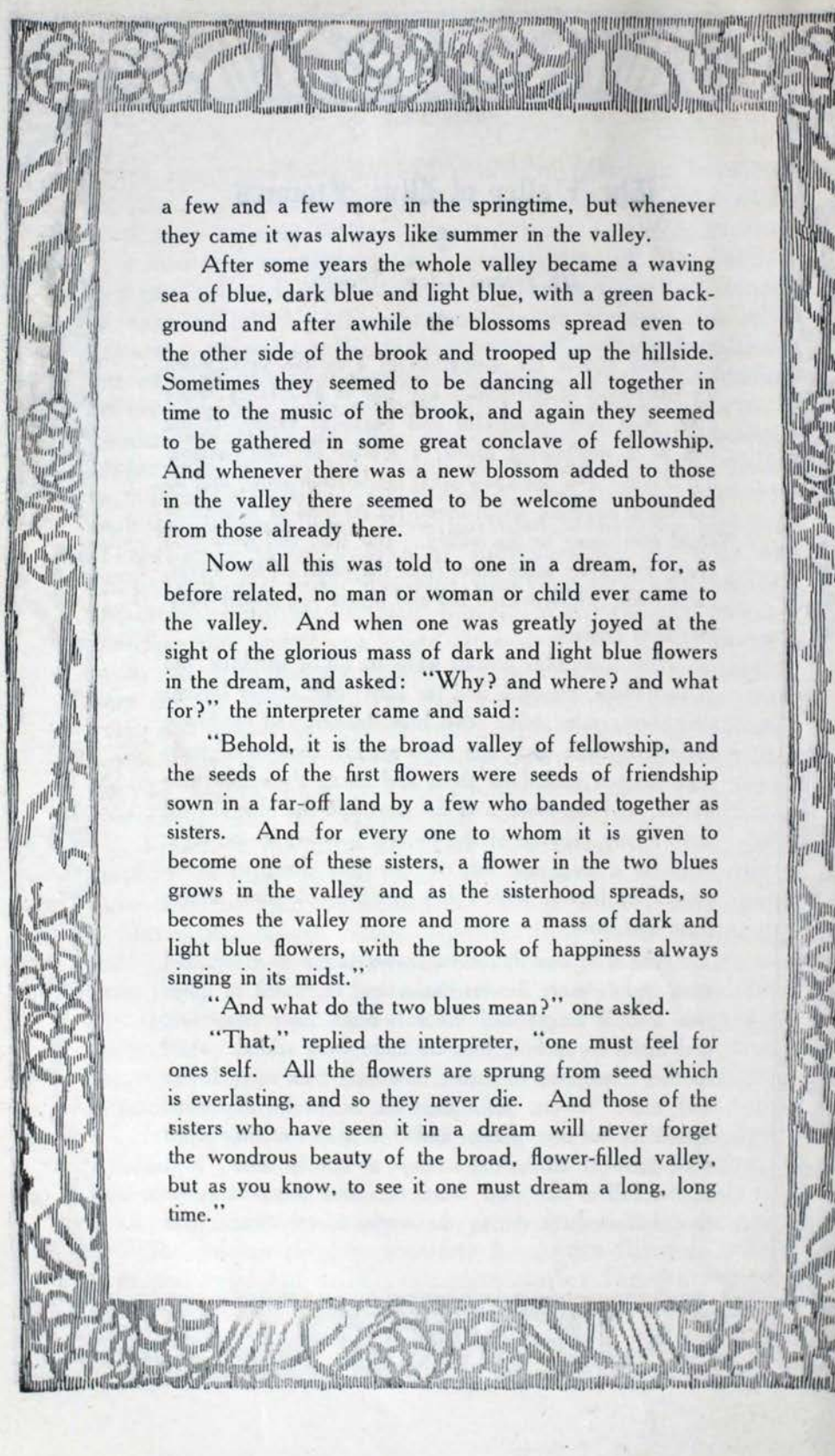
By Joanna Gleed Strange.



Long ago in the springtime of a certain year, when the sisterhood of the golden key was in its infancy, there grew in a very wonderful and beautiful valley, at the side of a murmuring brook, a cluster of long, narrow flat leaves. No one knew what made them grow, and no one knew anything about them, for no man or woman or child ever came to this valley. But they did grow and grow, and after some time, from the midst of the leaves, came buds, which waxed big and bigger and finally burst into blue flowers.

Now these blue flowers were not all of one blue, but of two blues, the dark and the light; tall, stately blooms they were, quite unlike other blue flowers, and the brook looked on them and sang right merrily because of them and the sun smiled on them and made them into blue flames, and the moon and the stars and the blue sky all were happy because of the flowers nodding in the dale. And for a long time just the one little clump of green, sword-like leaves, with a few two-blue blossoms among them was there.

And then one day more leaves began to grow, and after awhile more flowers came, and the patch of green was a little larger and the soft blues more numerous, and again for a long time no more were added. And so they continued to come, now and then more leaves and more flowers, sometimes ten or twelve blossoms, sometimes but one or two, and then spaces of time when none grew at all. And strange as it may seem, 'twas in the fall of the year when the most blossoms came, though sometimes during the winter months there were



a few and a few more in the springtime, but whenever they came it was always like summer in the valley.

After some years the whole valley became a waving sea of blue, dark blue and light blue, with a green background and after awhile the blossoms spread even to the other side of the brook and trooped up the hillside. Sometimes they seemed to be dancing all together in time to the music of the brook, and again they seemed to be gathered in some great conclave of fellowship. And whenever there was a new blossom added to those in the valley there seemed to be welcome unbounded from those already there.

Now all this was told to one in a dream, for, as before related, no man or woman or child ever came to the valley. And when one was greatly joyed at the sight of the glorious mass of dark and light blue flowers in the dream, and asked: "Why? and where? and what for?" the interpreter came and said:

"Behold, it is the broad valley of fellowship, and the seeds of the first flowers were seeds of friendship sown in a far-off land by a few who banded together as sisters. And for every one to whom it is given to become one of these sisters, a flower in the two blues grows in the valley and as the sisterhood spreads, so becomes the valley more and more a mass of dark and light blue flowers, with the brook of happiness always singing in its midst."

"And what do the two blues mean?" one asked.

"That," replied the interpreter, "one must feel for ones self. All the flowers are sprung from seed which is everlasting, and so they never die. And those of the sisters who have seen it in a dream will never forget the wondrous beauty of the broad, flower-filled valley, but as you know, to see it one must dream a long, long time."

A Problem in Education

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It has been said that no one truly lives who has not planted a tree, built a house, or reared a child. If the reverse be true, how rich must be the life of a teacher! College training opens the doors of all professions to those who wish to enter, yet willingly and cordially are men admitted while the reception of women is most reluctant. In educational work, however, woman is always welcome and the demand is for greater numbers to fill the ranks. This work leads close to the true life, and great is the responsibility of the woman who trains the minds and moulds the characters intrusted to her.

The temperament and sympathy of woman make her particularly and peculiarly qualified for the work of training children. Formerly the work of this stupendous task was divided; the duty of the teacher was to develop the intellect, while the parents were responsible for the moral and social condition of the child. Now the task of the present-day teacher is to train the child intellectually, socially, morally, and even spiritually. This is the opportunity and the duty for the trained woman who is to enter educational work; this the problem that clamors more vociferously each year, and each year the college-trained woman must be better equipped to deal with the perplexities that come with the great responsibility.

One of the cherished sayings of the household is, "The boy is father to the man," and this is fraught with how great significance when we consider that the school pupil of to-day is the citizen of to-morrow. In the seventeen millions of pupils enrolled in the public schools of the United States we find the germination of our commonwealth of the twentieth century. New York City has but eleven thousand students in her colleges to make into men, yet almost three-quarters of a million of public school children to make into citizens. It is estimated that less than five per cent of the grade school children of the nation enter the high school, and less than one per cent enter the colleges, universities, or special schools

of learning; thus it is, that the prodigious task of citizen-making falls upon the public school and the public school teacher.

A half century ago, citizen-making was the combined effort of home and school, but with the revolution of the industrial system and the development of industrial centers has come the collapse of home industries, which were so great a factor in moulding and training the child. With this collapse has come the oppression and slavery of the parent to the machine, and the release of the child from parental supervision and care. With the results of centralization have come the economy of time and the increase of wealth and of profit for the capitalist, while the sweat-shop, the factory, the increased cost of living are the portion of the laborer, and the tenement house or street life is the heritage of the child. All this has tended to undermine the character of the child, rob him of possibilities, and weaken him as a prospective citizen. The influx of foreigners to our industrial towns has added squalor, poverty, and crime to the laboring communities, thus greatly increasing the burden of citizen-making.

In monarchical forms of government the classes control, but in a democracy it is the masses that make our laws and govern our nation. With seventeen million children in the public schools, and but one hundred and seventy thousand students in our colleges and universities, there arises the question, How shall the public school solve the problem of complete education? That is, how bring development to the masses who are to become citizens and lawmakers.

In industrial communities the pupils, for the most part, may be characterized as having a dislike for regular work, incapacity for sustained effort, a misdirected love of adventure, untrained wills, and absence of energy. With the stress of poverty in the home, the demand for cheap labor, and these natural tendencies of the child, is it strange that one million seven hundred thousand children under fifteen years of age are wage-earners; that eighty thousand, mostly girls, are in textile

mills; and that twenty thousand children of eleven years of age are regularly employed? These are the conditions that prevail throughout our industrial communities, and we find our future citizens have become weak in body, untrained in intellect, dwarfed in morals, and deficient in spirituality.

The steps in education that are to remedy this evil must inspire in the child a desire to remain in school, impress upon the parent the idea that his child may have and can have the best education, arouse the interest and support of the school district, and secure from the State liberal appropriations. To accomplish the first, the school must have ground, space, and equipment that will insure light, pleasant environment, and interesting duty. The teacher must be well trained for the work and especially well versed upon the industrial condition of which the child is a product, and, in addition, she must be able to recognize the relative influence of the home and the school. The teaching force must be adequate to the great effort, and the taxpayer and the parent must co-operate with the teacher. The school is but the index of the community, and to improve the school is to raise the condition of the district. The State, by labor laws and liberal appropriations of money, will gradually and successfully mould the millions of school children into citizens whose work will be for the good of all. Then the social and economic problems of the State prisons, the reformatory, the juvenile court, the truant school, and the State insane hospital will be solved. The curse of the public institutions must be remedied at the root, not at the fruit, and if we would save the citizen, we must educate the child.

If we are to have trained minds for this work, the college woman has natural advantage and opportunity combined as never before for advancing woman's professional status. On account of her maternal instinct, her greater sympathy, and her inexhaustible patience, woman is naturally fitted for the training of young children, and in this problem it is the young child who must

be rescued before the labor age, varying from twelve to sixteen years.

For the college woman to fairly and squarely face this problem in education is heeding the still, small voice in the thunder, which calls so plaintively and so insistently that, once having been heard, it cannot be quieted. The demands are heavy and will prove the strength and fiber of the college woman's character. She must not, can not, regard teaching as the finishing work of a cultivated mind and artistic temperament, that has been trained to look only for the beautiful and perfect form, but rather she must deal with the stunted, the dwarfed, the misshapen, all to be strengthened, healed, and straightened.

To undertake the task placed upon her requires four characteristics of personality and training,—a noble nature, a sympathetic heart, a trained intellect, and a scientific discernment of causes, effects, relations. The first two may be God-given gifts, but the others must come with education and scientific research. She must be learned and educated not merely in the general acquisition of facts, processes, and events, but she must know the history and development of peoples, of problems, and of vital causes. She must know human nature with its strength, its weaknesses, and its hidden springs of inspiration; she must understand the relations of race, habit, climate, and these with relation to each other. She must compute the laws of proportion, natural tendency, environment, and necessity being given; and above all, she must be the chemist to bring about from all kinds and conditions of children, of environments, of races, and of habits a balm and tonic for our glorious commonwealth; or else, like Macbeth's witches, we shall have the caldron bubbling and a poison so deadly as to kill our national life and make us a dead weight in the progress of civilization.

(Statistics from "School Commissioners' Report," 1907.)

The Blue and The Blue

Tune—Twickenham Ferry.

The following song was written for and sung at the banquet in honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of Sigma Chapter:

Oh here's to the maiden whose heart beats for Kappa,
 A heart that is warm and a heart that is true;
 And here's to the pennant she carries so proudly,
 A fluttering pennant of blue and blue—
 The blue of the sky and the blue of the sea,
 The blue of the sapphire and sweet fleur-de-lys,
 All unite in adorning the pennant we honor,
 Of pennants the fairest, wherever it be!
 Sing hail to the colors, the blue and the blue!

And here's to the blossoms, the bonny blue blossoms,
 That carry our colors o'er mountain and plain,
 The bluebell so graceful, and violet lowly,
 Forget-me-not dear to the heart of the swain—
 But of all the flowers so bonny and blue
 That smile in the sunshine or sleep in the dew,
 There is none quite so dear to the heart of the Kappa
 As the fleur-de-lys, queenly and radiant of hue!
 Sing hail to the colors, the blue and the blue.

So here's to the colors, the bonny blue colors,
 Wherever we find them, in sea or in sky,
 In jewel, in blossom, in bird or in berry,
 Or in the soft glance of a mischievous eye—
 We'll hail them with joy, and we'll hail them with
 song,
 Tho' we wander afar mid the alien throng,
 For they stand for the best of the years that are
 brightest,
 The halcyon years that to Kappa belong!
 Sing hail to our colors, the blue and the blue!

NELLIE GRIGGS ALEXANDER.

Report of Eighth Panhellenic Conference

Chicago Beach Hotel, Chicago

September 17-18, 1909

First Session

The Eighth Panhellenic Conference was called to order Friday, September seventeenth, 1909, at three p. m., by Miss L. P. Green, Kappa Alpha Theta, presiding officer. Miss Edith Stoner, Kappa Kappa Gamma, acted as secretary.

The following delegates presented credentials and were duly enrolled:

Pi Beta Phi.—Miss May L. Keller, 1822 Linden Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland.

Kappa Alpha Theta.—Miss L. Pearle Green, 15 East Avenue, Ithaca, New York.

Kappa Kappa Gamma.—Miss Edith Stoner, 1529 Wabash Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

Delta Gamma.—Miss Margaret Sheppard, 1434 Sheridan Road, Evanston, Illinois.

Alpha Phi.—Mrs. John Howard McElroy, 1514 East Fifty-fourth Street, Chicago.

Gamma Phi Beta.—Miss Laura Hutchins, Sheldon, Illinois.

Alpha Chi Omega.—Mrs. Richard Tennant, 824 South Fifth Street, Terre Haute, Indiana.

Delta Delta Delta.—Mrs. E. N. Parmelee, 1057 Chase Avenue, Rogers Park, Illinois.

Alpha Xi Delta.—Mrs. J. R. Leib, 1271 West Washington Street, Springfield, Illinois.

Chi Omega.—Mrs. H. M. Collins, Tyrone, Pennsylvania.

Sigma Kappa.—Mrs. Antha K. Miller, 379 East Fifty-sixth Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Alpha Omicron Pi.—Mrs. C. G. Bigelow, 1607 South Sixth Avenue, Maywood, Illinois.

Zeta Tau Alpha.—Miss May Agness Hopkins, University Hall, Galveston, Texas.

Alpha Gamma Delta.—Miss Marguerite Shepard, Forestville, New York.

Although her credentials and reports were sent in, the delegate from Sigma Kappa found it impossible to attend the meetings.

Motion carried that the reading of the minutes of the Seventh Intersorority Conference be dispensed with, as copies were in the hands of the delegates.

The chair appointed as a committee on recommendations: Miss Hutchins, Gamma Phi Beta, and Miss Sheppard, Delta Gamma.

The report of Miss Green, secretary of the conference 1908-09, was read. She gave the following summary of the year's work:

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Eight hundred copies of the report of the Seventh Conference were printed and distributed.

A letter was written to inform alumnae more definitely in regard to the purposes and plans of Panhellenic. Four hundred copies of this letter were printed and distributed.

Other work of the secretary was the compiling of a list of the Deans of Women; the preparation of the list for the exchange of fraternity magazines; the writing of a paper for the fraternity magazines on the results of the national Panhellenic movement during the first seven years; and all the correspondence with local Panhellenics incidental to the office of secretary.

During the year two fraternities were admitted to conference, Zeta Tau Alpha and Alpha Gamma Delta. No provision having been made in the National Panhellenic Conference for admission of fraternities during the year between conferences, the secretary, on the advice of former secretaries, submitted the petitions to the Grand Presidents, whose vote on both fraternities was unanimously favorable.

The secretary has noticed during the year that the constitutions of local Panhellenics are lacking in some essential provisions, and thus many difficulties have

arisen which could have been avoided with the proper constitutions.

There should be a realization of the need of broader activities in connection with the Panhellenic work. and less emphasis should be placed on rushing as such.

Each delegate then presented a report from her fraternity, giving convention action on subjects of Panhellenic interest, and presenting recommendations from her fraternity to the National Panhellenic Conference.

These reports, together with the secretary's report, were referred to the committee on recommendations.

Special reports were presented as follows: Woman's College of Baltimore, University of California, Washington University of St. Louis, Washington State University, Syracuse University, Northwestern University, Barnard College.

These reports were referred to the committee on recommendations.

The reports from editors of fraternity magazines were read.

EXCHANGE OF FRATERNITY MAGAZINES.

Motion carried that the plan of exchange be continued; that the secretary of the Panhellenic Conference be authorized to write to all librarians, asking if magazines will be received, and the disposition to be made of same; that the lists of libraries willing to receive magazines, together with the names and addresses of the grand officers of the fraternities, be sent to the editors of the magazines; that the corresponding secretaries of the chapters of all fraternities represented in the conference be required to report to their editors concerning the arrival and disposition of their magazines in the college libraries; and that the editors report the results of such investigation to the secretary of the National Panhellenic Conference.

The conference voted that three copies of each magazine be sent as exchange, including the ones sent to the conference delegate and the editor, the other to be decided upon by the Grand President.

Adjournment.

Second Session

The second session was called to order at ten A. M. Saturday, September eighteenth, 1909.

RUSHING POLICY AT YALE.

Mrs. McElroy, Alpha Phi, the chairman of the committee on rushing policy at Yale, presented her very able report, the conclusion of which follows:

"In this brief and imperfect study of clubs and fraternities famous at Yale and Harvard, one impression is fixed—that the students and authorities, because of experience, have agreed that a man must evince some ability to gain election to these organizations, and these influential societies must have time, a year or more, to study and select their new members."

CHAPERONS.

The committee on chaperons, Mrs. Tennant, of Alpha Chi Omega, presented a report as follows:

"During the year there have been but five applications for chaperons. A number of letters regarding the duties and requirements of chaperons have been received. Some of these have been from women wishing positions, but more have come from girls asking information. It has been a matter of surprise to learn how definite the expectations on both sides are, and how indefinite the requirements. This evidently comes from inexperience on the part of those most concerned. The deans seem to regard the chaperon as a kind of shadow or shade, and the girls appear to regard the same individual as a person with whom they must deal very indirectly. It seems to me that the whole matter has not had a 'square deal.' Just so long as the chapter house is a necessity, the chaperon is a necessity. In my judgment, no fraternity should attempt to afford a chapter home until it is able to employ a woman whose dignity and character can and will be a helpful influence and power in the home, and whose personal qualities command a social standing in the college community. No organization is worthy of support whose whole

object is to shelter and entertain itself. The true fraternity has for its purpose the betterment and improvement of its members. This involves adherence to principles of living and conduct that society will respect and admire. Gentle manners and good breeding come from the right kind of environment—from the home in which the girl lives. To the better management of that home, the committee recommends: (1) That a small salary in addition to board and room be offered the chaperon; (2) that the chaperon be required to confer twice a month with the dean of women, and once a month with the social committee, where one exists; (3) that a definite and clear agreement be entered upon on the part of chapter and chaperon, and that a printed or type-written copy of the same shall be sent to the chapter's Grand Council."

The report of the committee to draw up an inter-fraternity code concerning the dismissal of members, withdrawing of invitations, breaking of pledges, was presented by the chairman, Chi Omega, and was referred to the Grand Presidents for action.

NATIONAL PANHELLENIC CONSTITUTION.

The vote of the delegates, as instructed by their Grand Presidents, made it possible to change the name of the conference to National Panhellenic Conference, and the secretary was instructed to make the necessary change in the Constitution, substituting the new form for "Intersorority Conference."

The conference recommends:

1. That the word "fraternity" be substituted for the word "sorority" in the Constitution of the National Panhellenic Conference.

2. That to Article IV of the Constitution be added a section as follows:

"The application of any fraternity for membership in the National Panhellenic Conference shall be referred to a committee of three, which shall investigate the standing of the petitioning body, and report on same to the secretary of the National Panhellenic Conference. The secretary shall refer the report to the Grand

Presidents, whose unanimous vote shall be required to admit the petitioner to the conference. If elected, full membership shall be accorded the petitioner at the first conference following the election."

These recommendations are to be submitted to the Grand Presidents for a vote before the changes can be made in the Constitution.

LOCAL PANHELLENIC CONSTITUTION.

It is recommended to the Grand Presidents that there be a revision of the local Panhellenic constitutions, in order that certain points not included in the present constitutions may be provided for. This work is now in the hands of a committee, and will first be presented to the Grand Presidents, and, if an affirmative vote is received, instructions will be sent to the local Panhellenic associations.

DISTRIBUTION OF PANHELLENIC LITERATURE.

On instructions from their Grand Presidents, the delegates decided that each National Panhellenic delegate shall have control of the distribution of National Panhellenic reports and papers, within the fraternity, and of instructing the chapters as to the use of the same. She may, at her discretion, delegate the work of distribution to another officer of her fraternity.

The conference adjourned to attend the luncheon for fraternity women, at which there were one hundred representatives.

Third Session

The third session was called to order at four-thirty p. m., Saturday, September eighteenth, 1909.

MICHIGAN PANHELLENIC.

The petition from the Michigan Panhellenic Association was granted by unanimous vote of the delegates, acting on instructions from their Grand Presidents. During the next year, until September, 1910, the fraternities at Michigan may pledge girls in senior year of high school; provided, that if a pledge is not initiated within a year, she is regarded as dropped.

The conference desired, however, to go on record as opposing any further dispensation to Michigan, and desired that the recommendation be made to the Grand Presidents that, if the Michigan Panhellenic again petitions for a dispensation, it be not granted.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO FRATERNITIES.

The following recommendations were adopted by the Eighth Panhellenic Conference:

1. That the fraternities be asked to vote on the following question: That there be no rushing before matriculation. Matriculation to be defined as the day of enrollment as a student in the university or college.

2. That the delegates to the National Pan-Hellenic be members of the national governing bodies of the fraternities, or ex-council members, or persons well versed in Panhellenic matters.

3. That there be no initiation of any pledge until ten hours' work is completed, and that there be a common entrance requirement made by the fraternity. To assist in this work, the conference appointed a committee to investigate the scholarship requirements of conference fraternities.

4. That each fraternity make a report at each conference on chapters added to roll or dropped from it during previous year.

5. That each delegate file with the secretary of Panhellenic the date of her next convention.

6. That chapters send copies of local Panhellenic constitution and contract to all alumnae.

7. That all fraternity conventions held during college year in college locations shall be entertained by local Panhellenics instead of local chapters of various fraternities, in order to save expense and to promote more general acquaintance among college fraternity women.

CONTRACTS WITHIN CONTRACTS.

Motion carried that conference disapproves of the contracting, by two or more fraternities making only a part of the local Panhellenic Association, to keep some

rules or regulations not accepted by the local Panhellenic Association.

SOCIAL.

Motion carried that a committee be appointed to investigate the facilities offered by various colleges and universities for formal entertainments given by students. The committee is to inquire as to where entertainments are now held, and what is being done by faculties to improve conditions.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY CONFERENCE.

Committee on Extension: Pi Beta Phi, Alpha Phi, Alpha Gamma Delta.

Committee on Investigation of College Facilities for Student Social Affairs: Delta Delta Delta, Delta Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta.

Committee on Scholarship Standards in Conference Fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, Zeta Tau Alpha, Gamma Phi Beta.

Committee on List of Chaperons: Alpha Chi Omega.

Committee to Report on Deans' Conference: Delta Delta Delta, Alpha Phi, Alpha Omicron Pi.

Motion carried that next conference hold its first session on Friday morning.

Motion carried that the National Panhellenic Constitution be reprinted, separately, as soon as the vote of the Grand Presidents on constitutional changes can be taken.

Motion carried that each fraternity be assessed five dollars for Panhellenic Conference expenses.

The Panhellenic Conference was declared adjourned until September, 1910.

EDITH STONER, *Kappa Kappa Gamma,*
Secretary of Eighth Panhellenic Conference.

WORK AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF PREVIOUS CONFERENCES.

The National Fraternities, on recommendations from the National Panhellenic Conferences, have passed the following regulations:

1. That Panhellenic Associations shall be formed in every institution where two or more national sororities exist; and they shall consist of one active and one alumna member of each sorority.

2. A pledge day shall be adopted by the national sororities in each college where two or more of them exist.

3. The pledge day in each college shall be fixed by the Panhellenic Association existing there.

4. No student shall be asked to join a sorority before she has matriculated.

5. Matriculation shall be defined as the day of enrollment as a student in the university or college.

The National Panhellenic Conference has made, among others, the following recommendations:

1. That the Panhellenic Associations shall consist not only of the national sororities, but also of such locals as they may see fit to admit. (Report of sixth conference.)

2. That Panhellenics endeavor to restrict the expense, number and duration of social functions and engagements by women's fraternities as far as is compatible with local conditions. (Seventh conference.)

3. That Panhellenics be careful not to create feeling between fraternity and non-fraternity college women through too many or through inopportune Panhellenic meetings and functions. (Seventh conference.)

4. That Panhellenics are urged to avoid all public press notoriety and to endeavor always to keep the respect of their university and town communities. (Seventh conference.)

5. That each Panhellenic have some general meetings to which all fraternity members are invited and allowed to take part in discussions; meetings to read and discuss Panhellenic Conference reports; short-comings of our last compact; effects of a sophomore pledge day in our college, etc. (Seventh conference.)

6. That Panhellenics have meetings twice a month.

7. That Panhellenics have a conference with deans of women and other faculty members at least once a semester.

8. That Panhellenics have an "annual" to which all women of the college are invited.

9. That sororities take some pains to inform alumnae that ten years have wrought great changes in conditions with the growth of chapter houses and the multiplication of sororities.

(6, 7, 8, and 9 are taken from the Report of the Social Service Committee, 1906-1907.)

EDITH STONER.

Parthenon

When a fraternity grows from a local to a national, its meaning to the community should grow also. The giving of beautiful ideals and advantages of intimate friendships is sufficient accomplishment for a local fraternity and what every chapter of a national also should give. But a national fraternity has responsibilities outside itself. Surely the comparatively great expenditure of time and money that our organization entails is not necessary to keep alive ideals in the minds of college women. When our four thousand educated women in all parts of the country are bound together under a national government that keeps constantly in touch with all parts of the organization, that organization should be a factor in the community.

Would you not be glad to have Kappa, and indeed all our fraternities, recognized as a group of wide-awake women, ready and eager to take part in community as well as self-improvement? And are they so recognized? When any plan for community betterment is before the public, are fraternity women, as fraternity women, called on for support? Is it that the public does not realize the fraternities' completeness of organization and extent of influence, or does it consider them merely social factors in college life?

In many colleges there seems to grow up among the more alert and thoughtful students a wholesome discontent with wrong social and political conditions, conditions that can be altered by persistent effort. Surely Kappa's noble ideals will be of little value unless she endeavors to realize them by showing herself aware of the needs of the community, and according her interest and help when they are solicited. It is no more than reasonable that the fraternity should stand for something in the eye of the public; we are not children, not even the youngest at college, and more than half of our members are graduates of many years, women whose interests are not limited to college or fraternity.

We have an excellent system of communication between the national government and the chapters, and among the chapters, already organized. The system has outgrown the matter which it handles; with a larger interest and broader purpose, our association would mean more to others as well as to us, and our organization would be justified.

Nor would the end obtained be wholly altruistic; we cannot broaden our sympathies and interests without cementing our union more closely, nor come into contact with problems of real importance without seeing the comparative insignificance of those problems in fraternity relations which have heretofore seemed so great. And so real self-improvement will come, as it always does come, not by attention centered on self, but through a larger sympathy and a more sincere interest in the lives and well-being of others.

CATHARINE W. BEEKLEY, *Beta Alpha*.



Every chapter which maintains a chapter house meets more or less frequently the problem of finding a suitable chaperon. A woman with tact, personal magnetism, and a high sense of duty is not easily found. Why not try a Kappa chaperon? Beta Tau has possessed this blessing during the past year and has witnessed an evolution in her chapter house.

The change which a casual observer would notice is the increase in the dignity and culture of the chapter home life. Our matron has something of a mother's influence. She is one of us and is personally interested in our affairs. Into the excited hurry of college living she brings an atmosphere of quiet serenity and of leisure; she can guide the conversation at table to subjects of general interest and in many small ways lessen the tension in which every college student lives and help to create an atmosphere of dignified, cultured home life.

Such a general effect has to be brought about gradually by definite means. The first requisite is a code of good house rules, created by the chapter, which the matron can assist in enforcing. The matron's chief duty is that of watching over the social activity of each of her charges. She must see that no girl entertains too often; she must cast a sane, regulating influence especially upon the girl whose personal attractiveness makes her popular with men. A stranger hesitates to do this; she feels that she is an outsider and that such a course will bring dislike upon her; she has not the acute sense of duty which will force her to do a disagreeable task. The Kappa matron has the advantage in such a situation of a personal relation with the girl; for this very reason interference which would not be tolerated in a stranger will be accepted from her; moreover, her love for her chapter will force her to do her duty. Such a duty seldom becomes necessary if the chaperon takes certain other duties upon herself. Her presence in the receiving rooms every evening is of inestimable value in obtaining a dignified social life. With such a stimulus, calling hours will naturally be well kept. If she answers the telephone outside of study hours, she lessens the probability of long telephone conversations and bantering. Such duties on the part of the chaperon, becoming part of the habitual chapter house life, are not felt as a restraint and yet act as a very valuable one.

In her attitude of personal helpfulness toward each girl, the Kappa matron has behind her to enforce her suggestions the authority of the chapter alumnae, a reserve power not to be depreciated. She is a link in the bond between chapter and alumnae. Through her the alumnae are familiar with all that goes on in the chapter, and are able to be much more useful than they would otherwise be. Active and alumnae Kappas know each other better, work more together, have more in common, because of her life in the chapter house.

There is also a greater unity in the chapter itself. Now each member is ready to aid in developing her sister, since she realizes how she can be of service.

Alone, she has not the time or the insight of the older woman and is not apt to realize the possibility of helpfulness before her. This spirit of subordination of personal, selfish interests to a larger interest is one of the greatest benefits which results from the successful execution of the duties of a Kappa matron.

BLANCHE ALICE HINMAN, *Beta Tau.*



**Squareness
In Inter-
Fraternity
Dealings**

This subject is not a new one, yet it is one which I think too much stress cannot be laid upon, particularly where, as is the case with us, sophomore pledge day is in effect. In such a case, strict Panhellenic rules are necessary to prevent strenuous rushing, and although some of these rules may seem exaggerated and strained, it certainly pays to observe them all to the very letter. A reputation which every chapter wants is that of being absolutely fair and square in her dealings with the other fraternities in her college. To make others say of us, "The Kappas can always be trusted; they will do the square thing," is an end which can only be attained by a rigid observance of Panhellenic rules in the spirit as well as the letter.

Besides gaining the respect of the fraternities, we gain the respect of the freshmen by keeping the rules. In Swarthmore, a printed slip containing certain Panhellenic rules in connection with rushing is given to each entering freshman girl, so that they know, as well as the fraternity girls, when rules are broken. A conscientious freshman of the type Kappa wants can not help liking and admiring those girls who are careful to break no rushing rules, even though their observance involve a certain amount of embarrassment or strain, rather than those who slide around the rules and say: "Oh, it does not make any difference. Nobody obeys that rule, anyway."

Besides all this, there is the influence on the character of the fraternity girls themselves. A girl who learns to avoid rules and do underhand rushing for her

fraternity is likely to acquire the habit and go on doing underhand things all her life, for college and fraternity influence us at that stage of life when we are most easily influenced and are acquiring the ideals and habits that remain with us always.

Kappas, observe Panhellenic rules. Be absolutely square and open in your dealings with other fraternities, and besides making them like and respect Kappa, you will be taking a step toward that ideal of perfect womanhood which Kappa is striving to attain.

ELIZABETH WHITE, *Beta Iota*.



**Attitude of
Alumnæ
and Active
Members**

A much discussed question, and one not to be disregarded, is the relation between the active chapter and the alumnæ. How can these two loyal divisions of our fraternity be of greatest help to one another?

We, as the "older girls," are prone to be sensitive if the members of the active chapter do not pay us the attention that we wish, or do not ask our advice as often as we think necessary. Do we meet them half way? Do we seek to know these younger girls, and do we give them the benefit of the doubt under all circumstances?

I recall an instance in which an alumna did absolute harm to the reputation of an active girl, by adding to and spreading reports that she had vaguely heard concerning the Kappa sister. It is at just such a time that the active chapter needs the support of its alumnæ.

On the other hand, if those who are active would realize that much needless trouble and worry might be saved, they would be glad to seek aid from some Kappa who has gained the ranks of the alumnæ.

It is a grave mistake to feel that the older women are not vitally interested in all that concerns the chapter or those working in the chapter. One way to draw the two closer and to increase this interest is by placing a well-beloved alumna in charge of the chapter house.

Editorial

The history of our fraternity shows that the early Council Sessions and Conventions were devoted mainly to revising the law of the fraternity. This framework was being constructed at a time when changes were rapidly taking place, and we soon found that our original plans were inadequate. The house was too small, too poorly equipped to supply our growing need, and at each meeting of our officers and delegates their time and thoughts were devoted to replacing parts of the old structure with new, and building large additions. Now the framework seems complete. The structure is large and commodious and there are rooms to spare for new sisters who may join us from time to time. Our predecessors has worked hard and well. We are proud of all they have accomplished, and it rests with us to make the interior just as useful and as beautiful as the exterior. The constitution, the by-laws, and the ritual have been revised again and again by able women who have had years of fraternity experience, and it is now the internal development which must occupy our thoughts. What are our members to stand for in the college world and how may the desired result be best obtained?

These were the questions that faced your officers when they came together in Council Session last October. The meetings were held at the beautiful National Cathedral School, in Washington, District of Columbia, where Mrs. Walker, a Kappa mother, made the Grand Council cordially welcome. The quietness of the location was ideal for work. Situated on a hill far above the city and surrounded by extensive grounds brilliant with fall foliage, the very atmosphere seemed filled with inspiration. The officers came together well prepared by the year's chapter visiting for the problems they must discuss, and their position as alumnae enabled them to look at all questions from an unprejudiced viewpoint.

One of the most perplexing problems was that of the elaborate, expensive and unnatural rushing which

exists in many of our colleges. This system, which has developed almost unconsciously, is taking the life from our fraternity. Your Council considered the situation at length, investigating plans that had been tried and failed and also those that were apparently proving successful. In almost all cases an early or intermediate pledge day was found to be attended by strenuous and expensive rushing, but when the time was extended to the close of the freshman or the middle of the sophomore year the rushing became simpler and the relation between upper classmen and the freshmen more normal. Often the desired results have not been apparent the first year this plan has been tried, but the second and succeeding years have been marked by a decided improvement. If there could be a simultaneous movement for a late pledge day by the women's fraternities all over the country, I believe our rushing problem would be solved.

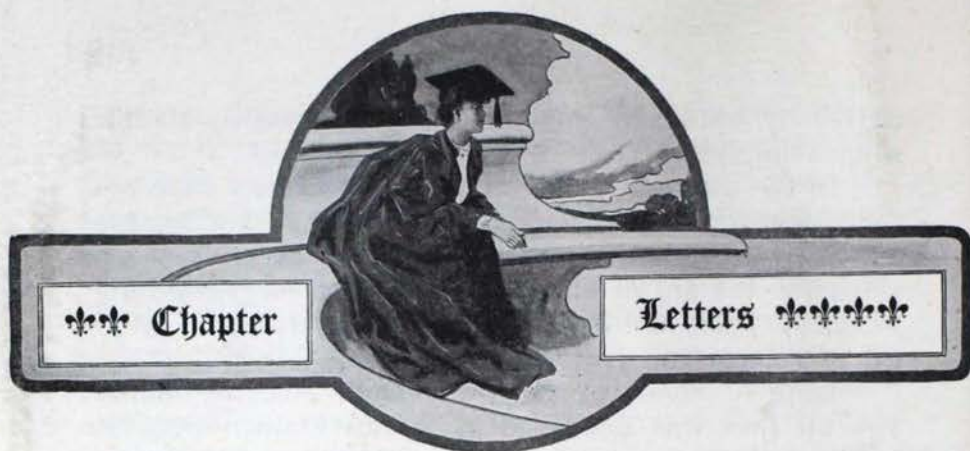
Although scholarship in these days is often lost sight of in the more spectacular presence of college athletics, still your officers considered it a subject for important discussion. Every one of our members who has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa has given something to the honor of our fraternity and every one who has failed in her work has cast a stain on the pure name of Kappa Kappa Gamma. We do not want members to be students only, but we do expect scholarship to be one of their assets. With this in mind, the scholarship blanks were considered and the various means which the different chapters are adopting to encourage a higher standard were discussed. The loving cup which some of the chapters have adopted met with approval. This is a silver cup which each year has engraved upon it the name of the freshman who has obtained the highest marks. Other chapters refuse to initiate freshmen who have not reached a certain standard.

The desirability of extension was considered and various petitions examined. Although there were many applications, few reached the requirements of a high

university standard combined with desirability of the women applying.

In the discussion, the alumnæ associations were not forgotten, for we feel they are the power that will move our chapters to better things. Many are giving scholarships for the aid of struggling students, assisting individual Kappas, and in other ways taking a helpful interest in college and fraternity life.

Lack of space prevents me from bringing before you all that was discussed at Grand Council Session, but when you read the minutes, remember that that is the mere skeleton of the work accomplished. The spirit which gave these meetings life lay in the discussions and the attempted solution of the problems which are daily confronting each one of you.



Alpha Province

Phi—University of Boston

DEAR KAPPAS: Registration day found only eleven of us back for work, because, besides the seven girls we lost at commencement, Mary Clark and Lorraine Allen, both ex-'11, have not returned to college. Three of the '09 girls, Marion Treadwell, Marion Butterworth, and Mabel Case, are at Simmons College taking the secretarial course, and Elizabeth Jackson is teaching in a nearby town, so we see them frequently. As for the others, they are "scattered wide."

Ethel Black Kirkton has been elected Senior Librarian Proctor.

Florence MacArdle has been elected president of the sophomore class.

Rushing is going on at present, and it is as strenuous as ever. Pledge day is a week late this year, because, on account of the death of one of the active Alpha Phi girls, the Panhellenic Association voted to discontinue rushing for a week.

We have recently had Miss Paxson with us again, and we enjoyed another of her splendid Kappa talks at a little tea at the rooms.

The chief social event of the year has been the reception to the freshman class, given by the Young Women's and Young Men's Christian Associations shortly after college opened.

Gamma Delta, the general society for girls, is to give a Hallowe'en party in the gymnasium on Friday, October twenty-ninth, and we imagine from the mysterious preparations being made by the committee that a jolly time awaits us.

Phi sends best wishes to the sister chapters for a happy and successful year.

FLORENCE MACARDLE.



Beta Epsilon—Barnard College

Since our last letter to **THE KEY**, the Barnard Panhellenic Association, which had already passed in favor of a December sophomore pledge day, has adopted a resolution abolishing its "rushing policy." This phrase includes, evidently, more than the issuing of fraternity invitations for rushing parties. It is, in reality, the outward expression of an entire change of attitude which has recently taken place among the fraternities, not only toward each other, but toward the former rushee. Not long ago, many fraternity girls felt that, with the abolition of the more or less formal rushing party, there would spring up an excess of personal rushing, which seems so often to result in a bad mixture of friendship and business. This, however, has not been the case. Barnard now finds herself in a state of freedom from fraternity troubles such as she has never before thought possible.

On Wednesday, October twenty-seventh, the chapter held its regular fall spread to the alumnae, at the Beta Epsilon apartment.

The chapter has enjoyed Mrs. Potter's visit very much. We wish that she could have stayed with us longer.

After pledge day, December sixth, Beta Epsilon intends to renew its fight for a scholarship basis in fraternity membership at Barnard.

KATHARINE GAY.

Beta Sigma—Adelphi College

Greetings:

The fraternity world at Adelphi orders its life this year under an entirely new regime. Pledge day has been advanced from the middle of December to the middle of May. Rules governing intercourse with freshmen are less clearly defined than in previous times. "Natural relations" are supposed to exist. There is but one large formal party to take place during the second semester, while throughout the year fraternities may pour tea for freshmen at their rooms, with the stipulation that the same freshman be entertained but twice in the same month.

Beta Sigma rejoices in the additions made to its rooms this year and in the beautifying of both the old and the new.

All fall we have been fostering a much-cherished plan, and now we are on the point of seeing it materialize. On November nineteenth, a dramatic reading is to be given in the College Hall under our auspices for the benefit of two Adelphi scholarships, which will be awarded for the ensuing year. It seems particularly appropriate,—and certainly it intensifies our pride and interest,—that it is a Kappa who gives this recital, Katherine Jewell Evarts, her subjects being "The Hour Glass" and "The Land of Heart's Desire."

It was a source of great pleasure to have Mrs. Potter with us for a few days this fall.

Elsie Kramer, who spent last year at the University of West Virginia, is at Adelphi once more, we are happy to say.

Fanita Pando, '10, was elected by the Student Association delegate to the convention of the Student Self-Government Associations of Eastern Colleges, to be held at Cornell this month.

Jeanette Comstock, '12, has been appointed chairman of the Sophomore Tea Committee, the most important office of the sophomore year. Two other Kappas are also serving on this committee.

Ruth Waldo, '09, was awarded a scholarship to the New York School of Philanthropy, where she is now pursuing the courses offered there, and incidentally learning much in regard to "How the Other Half Lives."

Heartiest good wishes to all Kappas for the year from Beta Sigma.

Faithfully, DOROTHY COOKE.



Psi—Cornell University

Psi has four new members, three freshmen. This brings our number up to eleven. We held our initiation at the home of Mary J. Hull and were pleased to have many of the alumnae with us.

Katherine Eaton, '10, did not return to college this fall. She is teaching biology in the Philadelphia High School. We miss her very much.

This fall, we have thus far enjoyed visits from Anna Denniton, '09; Caroline Crawford, ex-'10; Martha Dodson, '07; Katherine Eaton, ex-'10; Jane Gouinlock, '08; Gladys Miller North, '06; and Mrs. William Young, of Buffalo.

Alice Holbert Gordon, '08, is living in Ithaca this year and Psi is always made very welcome. Her home is indeed a Kappa house.

Ruth Paxson, Beta Zeta, spent a few days at Cornell this fall.

The Student Conference met at Cornell, and we were glad to meet Bernice Hatch, from Gamma Rho, and Fanita Pando, from Beta Sigma.

With best wishes to all the Kappas.

WILHELMINE C. WISSMANN.



Beta Tau—Syracuse University

On the nineteenth of October, Beta Tau's twenty-sixth birthday, we gave a reception to our alumnae.

Beta Tau has pledged nine freshmen. Our initiation and banquet are to be held at the chapter house, November fifth.

Ethel Andrews has been elected to Eta Pi, an honorary senior society.

Last year, our alumnae offered a silver loving cup to the freshman who received the highest marks in her college work. This cup is to have engraved upon it the name and class of the girl who wins it, and to remain in her possession for a year. Mildred Lincoln won the cup last year.

MARY Y. EVANS.



Beta Alpha—University of Pennsylvania

Our October hunt for a chapter room ended successfully. We found a particularly convenient one, because we are given the use of the adjoining parlor, and in it is a piano.

The Kappa Kappa Gamma shield, which the Beta Sigma girls gave us, hangs above the mantel opposite the door, and is the first thing one sees upon entering the room.

Mrs. Kolbe, on her way to Council Session at Washington, visited us over Sunday, October seventeenth, and Miss Stoner, Mrs. Roth, and Mrs. Potter arrived on Sunday, October twenty-fourth, to spend several days with us.

We celebrated the thirty-ninth birthday of the fraternity by a supper at Blank's.

Our pledge day is in December, so we are entertaining the freshmen now. We are having an informal party this week, and later we shall give a tea for all the women in college.

Anna Ross, one of our seniors, has been appointed assistant in biology at the Girls' High School.

Dr. Fisher, of the mathematics department, has accepted the office of Dean of the College at Pennsylvania.

HILDEGARD E. RODMAN.

Beta Iota—Swarthmore College

College opened just about a month ago, and much has happened in that time.

Sophomore pledge day has had its first trial, and we consider it very successful. Beta Iota pledged five the day after matriculation.

Several weeks ago, Beta Alpha entertained us at their chapter room to meet Mrs. Koble. We were glad to have the opportunity of meeting our grand treasurer and spent a very pleasant evening.

During the last few days we have had short visits from Miss Stoner, Mrs. Roth and Mrs. Potter, and assure the chapters which have not yet had that honor that there is great pleasure in store for them.

Swarthmore's football team is hard at work trying to regain, after a year's vacation, its former standing in the athletic world.

Swarthmore celebrated her founding on the twenty-ninth of October, in which exercises the students took part. The chief feature was the planting of two slips from the William Penn elm tree. This is the first time that the day has been recognized by special exercises, and we hope that Founders' Day may become an annual event.

The chapter is looking forward to another house party at Atlantic City, with Elizabeth White as hostess.

College work is in full swing now and all are very busy, for Kappa must not lose her reputation for scholarship.

Trusting that our sister chapters may have a prosperous year, Beta Iota sends greeting to all.

HELEN R. PARKER.



Gamma Rho—Allegheny College

The annual Kappa picnic was held last August at the Erie Country Club. We enjoyed a delightful day. Mrs. Roth was present, and a number of alumnæ and of active girls from Beta Gamma and Gamma Rho.

Several Kappas attended the wedding of Mary O'Donnell and Mr. Elisha Robinson, Jr., Sigma Alpha Epsilon, at Warren, Pennsylvania.

June, 1909, Mary Nicholls, '09, was initiated into Phi Beta Kappa.

Bernice Hatch, '10, who is president of the Student Government Association in Hulings Hall, has been elected delegate to the Student Government Conference at Cornell.

President Crawford and Dr. Lockwood are absent in Europe, this being their sabbatical year.

Gamma Rho has just finished a successful rushing season. Initiation will be November sixth. Among the affairs given during rushing season, the most successful were a Japanese dinner in the fraternity rooms, a silhouette party at Leone McLean's, a Kappa dance in Hulings Hall gymnasium, and the annual progressive dinner.

EMMA A. GILLET.



Beta Upsilon—West Virginia University

Our last letter began with the announcement of the marriage of one of our members. Another has followed her example. On Wednesday, October twentieth, Anna Marie Jones was married to Charles Fowler at her home in Huntington. She will probably reside in Morgantown.

Our alumnæ at Fairmont have long been considering forming an association. On October ninth, they finally accomplished their purpose. Mrs. Charles Ritchie, of Wooster, Ohio, was elected president; Willa Butcher Lehmen, of West Virginia University, secretary; Cilda Smith, of West Virginia University, treasurer. The other members are Laura Lewis, Elizabeth and Harriet Stalnaker, May Sullivan, Gertrude Pollock, Jane McKinney, all from the West Virginia chapter, besides Mattie Watson and Sara Meredith.

Anne Washington Brooke, our breezy, enthusiastic "Nan," who has been with us since the first of school,

left to spend the winter with her parents in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Mrs. Babb, who has spent most of the summer and fall in town with her parents, has returned to her home in Wheeling.

Mrs. John Nuttall, with her small infant son, John, Jr., is visiting her parents in Morgantown.

Evalyn Burns has returned to town from her summer home at Mountain Lake Park.

This term the eligible girls are rather few. Of the four affairs to which we are entitled, we have had only two. These parties were planned wholly to facilitate the process of getting acquainted. We had planned to have at least one big affair and have all our friends, regardless of eligibility, but found it impracticable for the present.

PEARL REINER.



Beta Province

Lambda—Buchtel College

Greeting to all Kappas:

Buchtel opened for the new term with everything favorable for a good year. Most of the old students returned and a large freshman class has entered. The football team has been having a successful season, with lots of enthusiasm among the students.

All but three of the active girls of last year have returned, and we have one new member, Miss Harriet Dodge.

We had a very jolly house party on September twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth at the cottage of Mary Conner. There were twelve in the party, with Mrs. Kolbe as chaperone.

A spread was given in the fraternity rooms, September twenty-ninth, for Ruby Reutchler, who will attend the University of Chicago this year, and Jessie Lowry, who is going to continue her studies at the Pittsburg School of Libraries.

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Beatrice Reutchler, 1908, is assistant in the chemistry department and Harriet Dodge is assistant in French.

We were very delightfully entertained at bridge by the Delta Gamma fraternity, October twenty-first, at the home of Miss Hazel Minor.

Miss Edith Stoner visited our chapter November sixth and seventh. Mrs. Kolbe gave a reception in her honor on Saturday afternoon and the girls gave a supper in the rooms on Sunday evening.

The rushing season opened November sixth and continued two weeks, pledge day being November twenty-third.

Our first party was a house party and our second a progressive dinner of five courses, each one being served at a different place.

We are all very anxious for pledge day to arrive.

KATHERINE OTIS.



Beta Gamma—Wooster University

DEAR KAPPA SISTERS: Since our last letter to you, we have all enjoyed a vacation, either at home or visiting friends. We feel sure that all of our sisters have had just as good times as we did this summer.

The evening before school commenced, we gathered at the home of one of our town girls and had a reunion. It seemed so nice to be together again and talk over summer experiences. Besides the fifteen girls who constitute our chapter, several of the alumnae were present.

On October eighteenth, we gave our first rushing party. It was a picnic and was held on the grassy and well-wooded banks of a small reservoir a short distance from Wooster. The dinner was served after sunset, but a huge bonfire made plenty of light and added a great deal to the picturesqueness of the scene.

After dinner, all of us sat around the fire and whiled away the time by singing parts of every popular song which has been written since "Bluebell," and by toasting marshmallows on the ends of sticks.

We are glad to be able to tell you that last week we pledged Mabel Smiley. We are all looking forward to the day when she will be one of us.

On November second, Mrs. Foss, one of our patronesses, entertained us at a dance in her beautiful home. Several of the last year's girls came back and helped to make the event a brilliant success.

ELSIE E. MACHLE.



Beta Nu—Ohio State University

We were fortunate in having Miss Stoner make us a visit, though not an official one. For her, an open Panhellenic meeting was called. She told us about the new rules passed by the last Inter-Sorority Conference, which are soon to be voted upon by the active chapters of the different sororities. Miss Stoner talked about Panhellenic associations in general, telling of their origin, purposes and results they hope to achieve.

Beta Nu has added six new Kappas to its membership. Following the initiation, a spread was given, and on Saturday, November twentieth, a banquet was held in honor of our initiates. There were forty-six present.

The marriage of Corille McCormick to Walter Malloy, Beta Theta Pi, will take place December first.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Ruth Sherman, '07, to George Schoedinger, Delta Tau Delta, the wedding to take place January fifteenth.

BERRY CARROLL.



Beta Delta—University of Michigan

Beta Delta has just finished a most successful rushing season and feels very proud of her seven new pledges. The chapter gives its annual freshman dance to introduce the new pledges on next Friday, Hallowe'en evening.

Mary Louise Powers, one of our sophomores, has just been elected vice-president of her class, and Edith Taylor, one of our seniors, has been elected president of the senior class.

Beta Delta is most fortunate in having Mrs. Mallory, our former Grand President, here in Ann Arbor. Mr. Mallory is a member of the faculty of the rhetoric department.

The Women's Athletic Field, with its basketball and baseball grounds, tennis courts, and hockey fields, now belongs entirely to the women of the university, the five-thousand-dollar mortgage taken up last fall at the time of the purchase of the field having been paid off with money raised this summer by Myrtle White, treasurer of the Women's League and one of Beta Delta's seniors.

Miss Montgomery, our chaperon of last year, a Kappa from Hillsdale, received a splendid position as high school teacher in Washington State. Her place in our chapter is taken by Miss Martha Hills, of New Haven, who has already endeared herself to all the girls.

RUTH ANDERSON.



Xi—Adrian College

Greetings:

Once more a college year has opened, and we are back for another busy year. All our girls are here except Lena Beem, who graduated last year, and Alma Butler. Maebelle Price, also '09, is back as an instructor in the conservatory of music.

Our rushing season will open Friday, November fifth, and prospects are very bright for Xi. Our Panhellenic rules seem to be adequate, and solve the problem of our relations to the new girls during the first few weeks of school.

Saturday evening, October ninth, Edith A. Neer and Helen E. Brittain were initiated into Kappa Kappa Gamma.

The annual Panhellenic reception given by Delta Delta Delta and Kappa Kappa Gamma took place on the evening of the second of October.

Our music department is rapidly improving in requirements and standards under the direction of the

new professor of music, Arthur S. Williams, who has lately come from Germany, where he received the master's degree at the Royal Conservatory of Music at Leipsic. Adrian feels very fortunate in having such a capable professor at the head of her conservatory.

We are now looking forward to the Hallowe'en party which is to be given for all the students, in Metcalf Hall, Friday evening, October twenty-eighth. The party is to be in the form of a "circus," and every one expects to have a jolly time.

Tuesday evening, October twenty-sixth, the faculty of the college gave their annual reception for the students and friends in the city. It was one of the most important social events of the year, and the reception rooms were filled with guests.

Alma Butler, ex-'11, was married October fifteenth to Berry Campbell, University of Illinois, '09, Tau Beta Pi, at her home in La Harpe, Illinois. After November first, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell will be at home in Norwood, Ohio.

Helen Brittain, '11, spent Sunday, October seventeenth, at Cincinnati, Ohio, where she was soloist at the dedication of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. While there she was entertained at the home of Mrs. Daisy (Fink) Benninger, of Hyde Park, Xi, ex-'96.

Edwinea Windrem, '10, was a delegate to the Young Women's Christian Association convention at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, during the week of August twenty-seventh.

Margaret Matthews, '11, was a delegate to the State convention of the Young Women's Christian Association at Muskegon, Michigan, October twenty-first to twenty-fourth.

One of the most pleasant weeks that Xi girls have ever experienced was that of October third, when Mrs. Kolbe was our guest. It is so seldom that we have the privilege of having one of our grand officers with us that we count it a "red letter" day when one of them comes. Mrs. Kolbe made a place in our hearts that no other person can ever take, and it was with the keenest

regret that we bade her good-bye. We shall never forget the ideals she put before us in an informal talk one night after fraternity meeting. We are hoping that we may again have a visit from her while this same group of girls form the chapter.

Xi sends best wishes to all in the bonds of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

MARGARET MATTHEWS.



Kappa—Hillsdale College

DEAR SISTER CHAPTERS: Well, here we are all settled in our school work for the year and happy at being together again.

At the opening of our term, we were delighted by a visit from our Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Kolbe. While she was here, the alumnae gave us a dinner party in her honor and we entertained the Pi Beta Phis at afternoon tea. In her talks to us, she gave us many helpful thoughts and we are surely much stronger and much more enthusiastic because of her visit.

While Mrs. Kolbe was here, we initiated our only pledge, Gertrude Mauck, and afterward enjoyed a spread.

As all the rest of you chapters probably are, we are in the midst of our rushing season. We have given several small parties, and on Monday, October twenty-sixth, we gave a formal luncheon to the new girls. Covers were laid for sixteen, and it was a most enjoyable affair.

There have been several changes in our college during the summer. New biological and chemical laboratories have been equipped, new walks laid about the campus, and several class rooms materially altered. There is also a new piano with pedal attachment in our chapel. We are rejoicing, besides, in an increase—and quite a decided one—in the roll of attendance.

Saturday, October thirtieth, some of our chapter went to Ann Arbor to the football game and were glad indeed to meet the girls of Beta Delta.

FAITH ELLIOTT.

Gamma Province

Delta—Indiana State University

Delta had a very successful rushing season and was proud of the nine girls whom she initiated.

We were very fortunate in having with us for some days our Grand President, Miss Stoner. We can scarcely tell just how much we enjoyed her visit, and each girl felt that it was far too short.

On October sixteenth, Delta chapter held open house to all of the fraternities, in honor of our freshmen.

Mary Craig, one of our freshmen, has been elected to membership in "Strut and Fret," the dramatic society of the university.

Marguerite Griffith was elected president of Goethe Gesellschaft, the German club.

Ruth Harrison, one of our affiliates to Beta Mu, stopped over with us a few days, en route to National Park Seminary, where she will attend school this winter.

Kate Laughlin, ex-'10, is with us for a few days.

Mrs. Craig, '84, has been visiting her daughter Mary at the Kappa house for several days.

Carrie Ong, ex-'12, of Columbus, Indiana, came down Friday, October eleventh, to spend the week end and attend initiation, which was held the following Monday evening.

We have now a new sorority at Indiana, Delta Zeta, a chapter of which was installed here last spring.

It has been decided that all the sororities have an at home day the last Friday afternoon in each month.

RUTH EDWARDS.



Iota—De Pauw University

DEAR KAPPA SISTERS: The skies are certainly clear blue for Iota chapter this year. We began the year with twenty "old girls," and now are looking forward to initiation, when we will have fifteen new ones wearing the key.

During the summer we had a delightful "camp" and "house party" along a pretty river near Noblesville,

Indiana. There were ten "old girls" there and eight new ones. It proved a great success, not alone for the good time then, but also for the benefits it brought us in the "spike."

The "spike" was to have been an open one this year, with no "stunts," and pledge day had been set for October fourth, at the close of two weeks. This, however, proved too strenuous and absolutely unsatisfactory, so that the Panhellenic agreed to shorten it one week.

Our seniors of last year are scattered about. Mildred Pyke is in a girls' school in Washington, D. C., Myrta Smith and Mary French are both at home, and DeEtte Walker is in the Chicago Missionary Training School.

We were certainly all glad at the beginning of the year to hear that Miss Stoner would visit us. She came in October, and spent a whole week with us. It was indeed a profitable week for the chapter, and with all of her helpful talks and kind advice we can not help but be better and truer Kappas. One day during her visit we entertained the alumnae, ladies of the faculty, and friends of the fraternity at an informal reception. Miss Stoner especially emphasized the sophomore pledge day, and we find the same sentiment to be strong among some of the members of the faculty. We are not initiating our girls until late in the term, as the short "spike" gave us no opportunity to test their student-ship.

Perhaps the most important event of the first term is Old Gold Day. On this day, all fraternity lines disappear and the spirit is all for DePauw.

We were very proud to hear, this month at chapel, one of the foremost men of our country, and a former "DePauwite," Senator Albert J. Beveridge. He gave a most practical address to the student body.

Iota sends many good wishes to all other chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma, and hopes sincerely that every chapter may be as successful as she feels that she has been.

NAOMI GREGG.

Mu—Butler College

We have seven "old girls" back this year. Owing to the fourteen weeks contract, the rushing has been quieter and more dignified than usual. There seems to be a better spirit than usual among the sororities, and so far we are very well pleased with the contract.

The first day of school we gave a "spread" for several of the freshmen. On October second, we gave an informal dance at Gertrude Pruitt's.

Miss Stoner came October fourth to visit us. Among the things given for her was a reception at Lucille Carr's, and Mrs. O. H. Hamilton, one of our alumnæ, entertained the Alumnæ Club and the active girls.

Our State banquet was held October sixteenth at the Claypool Hotel. Ruth Hendrickson responded to the toast for the active chapter. Then we gave a Hallowe'en dance at the home of Laura Kirkpatrick on October twenty-third.

MARY MONTGOMERY.



Eta—University of Wisconsin

Eta has started in this year with a successful rushing season. We are also fortunate in having in the chapter Frances Merryman, of Iota, and Grace Woodward, of Beta Mu, who is in Madison taking the library course. We are happy to have with us Miss Katherine Alvord, of Beta Delta, who is preceptress of Chadbourne Hall, the woman's dormitory, and has also a faculty position in the history department.

We are proud to tell that Fanny Carter, one of our seniors, has been made a student instructor in physiology.

Initiation was held on October the fifteenth at the house, and, owing to the fact that the annual banquet was the next night, several of our graduates came back in time for it. The banquet was a great success, due to the presence of so many of the alumnæ.

An informal dance was given at the house on October ninth and our formal on October twenty-ninth at the Woman's Building.

Eta sends greetings to Kappas everywhere, and wishes them a successful year.

AGNES CHALLONER.



Beta Lambda—University of Illinois

DEAR KAPPA SISTERS: Beta Lambda has again finished her three weeks of strenuous rushing and is now rejoicing over her eight pledges. We asked nine girls, winning from Delta Gamma and Pi Beta Phi.

It seems strange to have among our freshmen girls from two extremes of the country, Eleanor Aldrich from New York and Geneva Huntoon from Colorado.

Our rushing season this year was regulated by stricter rules than in previous years, and neither the fraternity girls nor the rushees have suffered as much from overdoing or from neglect of studies. On school days we could only rush from three o'clock in the afternoon until seven-thirty, and these hours gave the girls ample time for study and rest. The expense, too, was lessened by allowing driving only upon Saturdays.

Several of our graduates were back and helped a great deal in our entertaining. Eleanor Beardsly, from Kansas City, and Mata Davis, from Holton, Kansas, were with us the first two weeks, and Letta Brock, our chaperon of last year, stayed until the freshmen were wearing their ribbons.

The girls are to be initiated Friday night, October twenty-ninth. We planned it for that night because two of the graduates, Anabel Fraser and Emily Nichols Trees, expect to come at that time.

Beta Lambda started out this year with eighteen girls back, more than any other sorority had. We are fortunate in having for our chaperon this year Anne Drew, an old Upsilon girl, who is teaching in the academy here.

Hoping all of Kappa is as happy and enthusiastic at the beginning of their year as Beta Lambda, we remain yours in fraternity love.

RUTH LLEWELLYN.



Epsilon—Illinois Wesleyan

College year opened with an active chapter of ten, having lost six by graduation.

After a rushing season of three weeks, we can now introduce six new pledges.

Our first rushing party was at Miller Park, September sixteenth. This was followed by the annual chicken fry at Mae Stover's country home near Towanda, where we had the usual good time.

A most successful rushing season closed with a formal dinner at the home of Miss Elsie Welch on the evening of October first.

Myra Sinclair, '09, who is attending Columbia University, was called home by the sudden death of her mother on October twelfth.

The weddings of Zola Green and Leonard Jeffers, and of Maude Ayers and Lyman Ziegler, took place this fall.

GLADYS MINER.



Delta Province

Chi—University of Minnesota

Chi chapter is very happy to introduce her eleven new freshmen to the other chapters. Our alumnae were very generous and rushing week was well filled with teas, luncheons, and dinners.

We enjoyed very much having Myra Sinclair and Margaret Hunter, of Epsilon, with us at a tea at Helen Billran's, September eleventh.

We have rented a small apartment near the university for this year. Five of our girls live there and we have a supper meeting every Monday, different groups taking turns getting the supper.

We held our initiation October thirteenth, at the home of one of our charter members, Lillian Wilbur Snyder.

On October thirtieth, Chi entertained at an informal dancing party in Sherlin Hall, the woman's building.

Miss Ruth Paxson, Beta Zeta, lived at our house for two days, the first of November. She was with us for one of our meetings, and it was a great pleasure to all of us girls to hear her tell of some of the twenty-six chapters she has visited.

Elizabeth Bruckholz, '08, is student Young Women's Christian Association secretary here this year. It is splendid for us girls to have her at college again.

JOSEPHINE DAYTON.



Beta Zeta—Iowa State University

The girls in Beta Zeta returned this autumn to find the alumnae in the city had their new home settled for them.

Rushing was governed only by the National Panhellenic rules, and Beta Zeta entertained the freshmen at a five days' house party. It was a very successful rushing season and we pledged twelve girls. Eleven of these were initiated October eleventh.

Two informal receptions were given to introduce the freshmen to the fraternities.

Kathleen O'Connor, '09, and Edward McMannus, '09, were married October twelfth, at Homer, Nebraska.

The engagement of Catherine Lovell, '09, and Ben Funke, was announced October twenty-fifth.

Mrs. Stanchfield, of Creston, Iowa, is acting as chaperon during the absence of Mrs. Burnett, who will return from Germany in December.

With best wishes to all Kappas for a splendid year.

ELLEN BOLSER.

Theta—Missouri State University

Greetings to all Kappas:

The university opened September twentieth, later than usual, this year. According to our new Panhellenic rules, pledge day was not until the end of the first week, September twenty-fifth. We gave only one formal evening affair, a dance at Entertainment Hall, on Tuesday evening. All other functions were daytime affairs. All rushees of all the sororities were present, and many faculty members and their wives chaperoned. We were very successful in getting new members and lost only one invitation, that to Pi Beta Phi. We pledged fifteen girls and initiated eleven.

On October sixteenth, we celebrated the thirty-ninth anniversary of Kappa Kappa Gamma with a banquet given in our own home. Several girls came back for this important event, and a number of town women attended. Mrs. Chas. Bowling was our charming toast-mistress.

Two of Thetas last year's freshmen were married this vacation, Ethel Foster to Mr. John W. McAntire, Jr., Kappa Sigma, and Alice Yates to Mr. Percy Bordwell, a professor of law here in the university.

A goodly number of graduates came back and are staying at the chapter house, Read Hall, and private boarding houses.

Adeline Jesse was elected president of the freshman class, and Martha Wallace Jones was elected vice-president of the same class. Mary Paxton is chairman of the social committee of the senior class.

We are now planning an Indian stunt to be given Hallowe'en in the auditorium. This is the one evening of the year when all university women come together.

With best wishes from Theta to all Kappas.

REBEKAH H. HARRIS.



Sigma—Nebraska State University

Sigma chapter, after a very strenuous and very successful rushing season, has settled down to the even tenor of her way. The rushing was greatly simplified

by the new rules inaugurated by the Inter-Sorority Council, and at the end of the week Sigma had pledged eight of the very best girls of the freshman class.

We wish to call special attention to the fact that we have, among that number, two sisters, Mary Taylor and Corliss White. It is a fact worthy of note, as the Sigma Kappas have a distressing habit of being "sisterless." There are thirteen old girls back, every room in the house is filled, and Sigma is counting on a most successful year.

We are especially fortunate in having an alumnae for a chaperon this year. Orpha Nesbitt, who is an instructor in the domestic science department at the university, fills that office.

On October thirteenth, we initiated Katherine Hohle, of Fairbury, and Helen Chase, of Lincoln.

On October sixteenth, twelve of the girls went to Omaha to see the Nebraska-Minnesota football game. Although Nebraska lost the game, the girls all declared that they had the best time on record. They were entertained at the homes of Doris Wood, Ruth McDonald, Helen Sholes, and Eva Penney. In the evening, Doris Wood, Ola Belle Hervey, and Eva Penney entertained for the girls at a dancing party at Happy Hollow.

On October eighteenth, the freshmen gave their annual "stunt" for the older girls. It was very clever and very original. The real feature of the evening, however, was the ducking of Maude Berkby for insubordination.

Viola Barns, who has charge of the fraternity house this year, has inaugurated the custom of entertaining two or three of the alumnae chapter each Thursday night at dinner. The plan has worked very well and we find that it establishes a closer union between the active girls and the alumnae.

On November thirtieth, the active chapter will entertain the alumnae chapter at the fraternity house. A play, "His Imitation Sweetheart," which scored quite a success when given during rushing week, will be given.

The girls are planning a dancing party at Walsh Hall for the evening of November sixteenth. At that time they will entertain a number of the old girls and several girls who expect to be in school next semester.

We have received visits from a number of the girls who are not in school this year, and we have enjoyed them very much. Otis Hassler, Etta Mae Gravelle, Anne Dennis, Helen Sholes, and Eva Penney have all been with us for short visits.

Dr. Charles Wallace, who obtained leave of absence from his work at the university to continue his investigations in London on the life of Shakespeare, left his classes in charge of Mabel Hayes, one of our alumnae.

Sigma sends best wishes to all Kappas for a successful year.

JESSIE GRETCHEN BEGHTOL.



Omega—Kansas State University

DEAR KAPPA SISTERS: Almost two months of school have passed, and the university is settling down into its usual course. Kappa Kappa Gamma has a strong chapter this year, and each girl is doing her part to make the fraternity a power for good among the students.

During the rushing season many delightful events took place. One afternoon thirty girls went into the country on a hay-rack, had supper at the lake, and came home by moonlight. At another time a progressive luncheon was given at the chapter house. Four girls were seated at each of the ten tables, two Kappas and two guests. At the end of each course the Kappa girls changed tables, so when luncheon was over every one felt acquainted. The color scheme was carried out in pink. The soft glow of pink-shaded candles, which lighted the rooms, was a delightful contrast to the sunshine outside. The place cards were painted in water colors to represent slices of watermelon, and the ice-cream carried out the same design.

On October ninth, fifteen girls were initiated. After the initiation, the annual banquet was served. About

fifty Kappas, active and alumnae, sat down at the tables, which were beautifully decorated with roses, carnations, and ropes of smilax. Last week, two more girls were initiated.

Fay Chisam, one of the new Kappas, has the leading part in the curtain-raiser to "The School for Scandal," which the Masque Club will present in the near future. Gladys FitzPatrick and Bernice Brown, also freshman girls, have parts in "The Mikado."

A delightful evening was spent at the chapter house last Friday, when the girls invited in a number of the university men for an informal time. The house was decorated with jack-o'-lanterns and autumn leaves, while the lights were hidden in Japanese lanterns. As the boys arrived, they were received by silent ghosts, who led them upstairs. There, other ghostly guides pointed them down the back stairway into the cellar, where by the light of a candle a black-robed figure showed them a set of resolutions. These were to be signed in blood, but, merely as a matter of convenience, red ink was used. After watching other ghosts dance around a grinning jack-o'-lantern, the boys were guided to the upper world once more. Dancing was enjoyed during the rest of the evening.

We are planning to give a sorority reception soon after Thanksgiving.

Omega Chapter sends greetings to all Kappa sisters.

FLORENCE PAYNE.



Epsilon Province

Beta Mu—Colorado State University

DEAR KAPPA SISTERS: Our rushing season, which was limited to ten days, was indeed strenuous, but successful. We have nine pledges whom we are proud to introduce to Kappa Kappa Gamma and who we feel will be a strength not only to Beta Mu, but to the fraternity at large.

On the Saturday night following pledge day, we gave our annual pledge dance. Coming so soon after

rushing season, it keeps the new girls from feeling that "sudden neglect" which is often experienced at that time.

Invitations have been issued to all the old students to return October ninth for a general reunion, and through the suggestion of the faculty the fraternities have decided to initiate on that night.

We are happy to announce that the ground for the Mackey Auditorium has been broken. This is to be a hundred and fifty thousand dollar building.

On August twenty-first, in Kansas City, Missouri, occurred the marriage of Vera Ruth Lewis, '08, to Walter Lowrie Barnes, university librarian. The wedding took place on the lawn, in early twilight. The bridal couple visited various points in the East on their wedding trip and returned to Boulder before school opened. We are very glad to have them near us.

Ethel Robbins, '06, was married to Alonzo Emigh, Alpha Tau Omega, September fifteenth, in Idaho Springs.

On July twenty-fourth, Ann Bowler, '07, was married to A. W. Hampton, superintendent of schools of Pendleton, Oregon.

We were very glad to have Gertrude Johnson, of Delta, with us during rushing season.

SARAH SHEPHERD.



Beta Xi—University of Texas

With the beginning of the fall term, Kappa found herself in the midst of rushing again. The girls all came back in high spirits, and nothing occurred during rushing season to throw a damper on them. Not a single bid was lost, and seven very desirable girls were pledged. Several members of the faculty congratulated us on the dignity of our rushing, and we appreciated it, for we had tried to be more moderate. Helen Grant, Willie Pearl Gardner, and Mary Glover came back to be with us during rushing week.

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Beta Xi decided she would not initiate any freshman who did not make a *C* average during the first month. This met with the decided approval of the faculty, for they are glad to have us co-operate with them. We feel sure this will raise the standard as well as the grades of the fraternity.

All of our freshmen made the average, and were initiated Saturday night, October twenty-third. We had a banquet afterward, and quite a number of the alumnae came back for it.

Mary Stedman, one of our alumnae, was married October twenty-seventh, and it was decidedly a Kappa affair. All the maids, the matron of honor, and most of the musicians were Kappas. She asked all the Kappas to sit in the white ribbons, and to be present afterward at a reception to which only Kappas were invited. Beta Xi gave her a shower, and Fannie Campbell entertained in her honor at the Governor's mansion.

MATTIE G. GOOCH.



Beta Omicron—Tulane University

Beta Omicron had a very successful rushing season, and as a result has two new initiates to introduce to the Kappa world.

Florence Ford announced her engagement to Mr. Harold Weeks, of Detroit, Michigan.

On October fifteenth, sixteenth, and seventeenth, Mr. and Mrs. John Dymond, Jr., gave the active chapter a house party on Dymond Isle, a marsh island right out in the gulf. The fishing and sea breezes were fine, and every sunburned girl came back wishing that Monday had been detained in arriving.

Bessie Ficklen, '10, has gone to Barnard to take a course in domestic science.

In the October elections, Mary Sistrunk was elected secretary of '12, and Sylvia Norman vice-president of '12; Florence Crouse has been made business manager of the Newcomb Arcade.

Janet Ford is visiting friends in the north.

Gladys Breazeale is studying art at the Louisiana State Normal.

Maude Flower is spending the winter in Los Angeles, California.

Beta Omicron sends best wishes for a successful year to all the chapters.

FLORENCE CROUSE.



Pi—University of California

We are at last at the end of our rushing season, and though the three months have seemed very long and hard, still we hope to pledge several splendid girls on the twentieth of this month.

But in spite of a very busy semester, several of our girls have found time for other things. Leila McKibben, Emilie Harrold, Carolin Teichert, Margaret Witter, and Marjorie Stanton had parts in the opera "Erminie," given by the women's musical society here.

Marion Mitchell will have a part in the Junior Day curtain raiser.

Leila McKibben has started a movement towards raising money for a senior women's hall, which looks as if it were going to be very successful.

Last month the marriage of Lee Breckenbridge and Joe Thomas, Beta Theta Pi, took place here in Berkeley. They are now at their home in Garfield, Utah.

Mary Blossom, '06, announced her engagement to Charles Davidson, Phi Kappa Psi; and Jean Tyson, ex-'12, also announced her engagement to Harry Wiehe, Stanford, Delta Kappa Epsilon.

On the thirteenth, the big football game between Stanford and California was played, with a glorious victory for the latter. We were entertained during the day by Beta Eta and we thank them most heartily for their hospitality.

With Christmas greetings and best wishes to all Kappas.

MARION GAY.

Beta Eta—Stanford University

Rushing season closed this year on September twenty-fifth, after a three weeks' contract. Bethel Bowden, Helen Gober, and Edith Bull were pledged on this day. We are making an effort to secure a longer contract for next year and hope that Panhellenic will agree to that end.

On the sixteenth of October, the annual freshman football game between California and Stanford was held at Berkeley, and Stanford has another victory to record.

Our girls have taken an active interest in dramatics this year. Adaline Wright is to take one of the leading parts in "The Road to Yesterday," to be given by the "Maskers," a dramatic society, of which she is a member. Florence Wendling and Helen Neal took part in the Shubert Club production of "The Chimes of Normandy."

An event of great interest to Beta Eta is the wedding of Hazel Maddox, '09, to Carl Ferguson, which is to take place on December first, in Visalia. A number of the girls are going to be there and expect an enjoyable time.

Another wedding which we are looking forward to is Edith Coombe's, planned for the early spring.

HELEN WHITE.

**Beta Phi—University of Montana**

Beta Phi sends greetings to all her Kappa sisters and is very proud to make her first appearance in THE KEY. Though the baby chapter, only eight months old, she feels the true Kappa spirit and hopes to do her share toward upholding and promoting the best interests of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Our university is still young but growing so, although the number of students enrolled has not increased, we found many changes when we returned this fall. The new library has been completed and classes are being held there now. The standard of work has been raised and the courses have been changed.

By our local Panhellenic ruling, there is to be no pledging until the second semester. We were all very much in favor of this, as it gives us the opportunity of making better friends with all the new girls.

About a week after school opened, Marjorie Ross entertained at a progressive luncheon for Mary Rankin, our only senior for 1909, who left then to attend Wellesley College this winter.

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New Members

Beta Tau

Grace Pottiger, Hannah Bailey, Mary Bailey, Jean Cameron, Alice Hurd, Evelyn Bradbeer, Marguerite Dunham, Cherry Sutton, Mary Clark.

Psi

Geraldine Watson, Lucy S. Crawford, Jane D. McKelway, Louise Townsend.

Gamma Rho

Virginia Beyer, Ethel Bayard, Rose Williams.

Lambda

Harriet Dodge.

Beta Gamma

Mabel Smiley.

Beta Delta

Grace McGeoch, Emily Holt, Irene Murphy, Marie Steckettee, Marjorie Macdonald, Mildred Holznagle, Ruth Davis.

Ki

Edith A. Neer, Helen E. Brittain.

Delta

Helen Beck, Ruth Woolery, Margie Bradfute, Lucy Ruh, Mary Craig, Pauline Workman, Janette Tracy, Hazel Dillon, Mabel Ham.

Iota

Jessie Campbell, Luella Gilmore, Fanny Gregg, Agnes House, Mary Lockwood, Ethel McGrew, Esther Hurst, Ethel Millikan, Vera Winship, Nona Montgomery, Lucile Osler, Marian Ostrom, Marie Place, Helen Ruthenburg, Nina Spahr.

Beta Lambda

Geneva Huntoon, Lilah Richmond, Mabel McIntyre, Helen Abbott, Eleanor Aldrich, Orma Innis, Grace Schwarzkopf, Fay Armstrong.

Epsilon

Anna Stansbury, Bernice Welch, Mary Green, Ruth McIntosh, Ada Adams, Helen Neiberger.

Chi

Louise Clemens, Laura Coons, Esther Davis, Corinne Bliss, Marjorie Rowe, Genevieve Swain, Uzerle Morrison, Winnifred Lind, Emily Simmons, Ruth Jackson, Florence Robinson.

Theta

Abbie Elwang, Sarah Moss, Bernice Sturges, Helen Guitar, Hazel Carter, Frances Longan, Martha Wallace Jones, Gertrude McLain, Katherine Teasdale, Rosalie Mellette, Catherine Wells, Adeline Jesse, Bab Lindsey, Helen Morris, Blanche McNerney.

Sigma

Della Ladd, Albion, Nebraska; Mary Taylor, Lincoln, Nebraska; Faye Doyle, Lincoln, Nebraska; Hazelle Poland, Fairbury, Nebraska; Maude Berkby, Nebraska City, Nebraska; Nan Stewart, Axtell, Nebraska; Corliss White, Ashland, Nebraska; Ruth McDonald, Omaha, Nebraska.

Omega

Flaude Johnson, Maryzita Cahill, Josephine Walker, Bernice Brown, Josephine Rushmer, Gladys FitzPatrick, Marguerite Smith, Bertha Dack, Katherine Reichard, Mildred Pettit, Fay Chisam, Rose Mitchell, Gladys Sharp, Alice Emery, Florence Payne, Mary Bechtel, Della Peck.

Beta Zeta

Lucille Emerson, Martha Swartzlender, Natalia Hemingway, Anita Hopkins, Grace Fall, Barbara Cornwall, Zoa Bronson, Laura McCarroll, Zella Depart, Marie McCabe, Elizabeth Nutting, Mae Stuart.

Beta Omicron

Mary Sistrunk, Sylvia Norman.

In Memoriam

Ella Wallace Wells

The passing of Ella Wallace Blakeslee Wells in all her youth and beauty occurred on October fifth, 1909. It has deepened a feeling of gratitude, already intense, that so lovely a spirit has been one of the sisters of Beta Tau. From childhood, the mother, Harriette Blakeslee Wallace, taught her daughter to look upon Kappa Kappa Gamma as a thing to be loved and honored. When initiated in October, 1903, her cup seemed full, but it overflowed with joy and pride and happiness all through the four years. Her college course was an opportunity for service to her sisters, and her devotion and enthusiasm seemed to know no limit. Her presence at the last two conventions will be remembered by many Kappas.

Her graduation in 1907 was followed by her marriage in 1908, and the birth of a daughter on September eighth, 1909. On October fifth she left the earthly motherhood which seemed so lovely.

Many of us love to remember her charming songs. Last Christmas she wrote and sent to some of the Kappas the lines below, both prophetic and beautiful, for she *has* "passed beyond this little sphere, to see the joyous light forever clear."

Thou Kappa Kappa Gamma, live each day in all our hearts,

And in our lives play many noble, sympathetic parts—
The parts of second mother, sister, counselor, true friend,

Of love's ideal to which we raise our eyes until the end.
Until the end? I think when passed beyond this little sphere,

We still shall see thy joyous shining light forever clear,
And hear in all the skies thy call of perfect womanhood;
So God may say: "On earth and here, thou art a lasting good."

The following, written Thanksgiving, 1908, was found among her papers:

For knowledge of this mortal life with its grief hidden beneath its joy in my heart and soul;

For the light and strength of a great love;

For a husband who faces his fellow men, his wife and his God with truth, justice and love in his eyes;

For a father and mother who not only love their children, but love humanity, devoting their entire time and strength to the welfare and happiness of others;

For a brother who is a veritable knight of old;

For my husband's family with their ever-hearty greetings, their ever-ready smiles, and their ever-high ideals;

For many, many friends who prove a daily inspiration;

For a fraternity which beckons toward its goal of perfect womanhood;

For the song on my lips;

For the opportunities for the growth and development of my inner life toward an outward expression of faith, hope, and love; and

For the recognition of the beauty, strength, and unity of all things round about me, pointing continually to the truths of everlasting life which shall one day be mine to have and to comprehend;

For all these things I offer a thankful and contrite heart to the Father who loves me.

MARION E. WRIGHT.

Helen Allis Warren

Born to Mrs. George Warren (Helen Allis), a boy. Mrs. Warren died shortly after the birth of the child.



Alumnae ❀❀❀
❀❀❀ Personals

Phi

The marriage of Georgia E. Thompson, '09, to Mr. George D. Hanchett took place on Wednesday, October sixth, 1909.

Augusta M. Farnum, '07, was married to Mr. Myron W. Clark, M. I. T., '03, on Thursday, October seventh, 1909.

Agnes Woodbridge, '07, is teaching in the high school at Wallingford, Connecticut.

Emma L. Fall, '06, has returned from a year spent abroad, and is now practicing law in Boston.

FLORENCE MACARDLE.



Beta Tau

Born to Mrs. Albert Colegrove (Agnes Fox), a daughter.

Born to Mrs. G. G. Lewis (Marion Duncan), a daughter.

Born to Mrs. Dwight Stone (Elizabeth Taylor), a daughter.

Clara Steinbecker, '07, is assisting in the biology department of the university.

Ruby Bryan, '09, is to spend the winter in Charleston, South Carolina.

Grace Campbell, '08, of Jacksonville, Florida, visited us for two weeks about the first of October.

Xi

Alice McAfee, '07, was married on September fourteenth to Dr. J. Conger, of Taylorstown, Pennsylvania.

Jessie Byers, ex-'02, spent the summer traveling in Europe.

Florence Reynolds, '98, spent the past summer at her summer home in Bay Port, Michigan.

Blanche Van Auken, ex-'97, is in charge of the manual training department of the Adrian High School.

Bertha Krause, ex-'92, is teaching Latin in the Adrian High School.

Mrs. Florence (Swift) Morden, ex-'04, has just returned from a month's visit in Nebraska.

Cora Palmer, ex-'90, acting dean of women at Beloit College, is taking a six months' vacation, during which time she expects to visit several of the leading Eastern schools.



Kappa

We are happy to say that Mrs. Frances Ball Mauck, who for the past year has been in Colorado on account of her health, has returned to us and is, as formerly, graciously dispensing hospitality at the "White House on the Hill."

Mrs. Mary Ward Phelps, who is on a leave of absence to this country from Japan, will conduct one of the college missionary study classes this fall.

Miss Fannie Nortrop, '07, is making an extended visit with her mother in New York.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Frances Woodard, of Frankfort, Michigan, to Mr. Charles Howell, of Kansas City, Missouri.



Pi

Lee Breckinridge was married in October to Mr. Joseph Thomas.

Mary Roberta Blossom was married in December to Mr. Charles Davidson.

Iota Alumnae Association

Lalah Randle is teaching English and Latin in the high school at Decatur, Illinois.

Married, on October fourteenth, Caroline Davis and Neely O'hair, Phi Kappa Psi. At home, Greencastle, Indiana.

Fleta Ward is spending the winter in Portland, Oregon.

Harriet Harding is in charge of the English department at Hanover College.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Zimmerman (Edythe Gipe), a son, John H. Zimmerman, Jr.

Alma Wiant is at her home in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Studebaker Todd (Agnes Moulden), a daughter Martha.

At Anderson, Indiana, seventeen Kappas have formed a Kappa Club, which meets once each month for literary work. Iota, Delta, and Mu are the chapters represented.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Scafield (Lena Byrd), a third son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Allen, Jr. (Mary Harding), a daughter.

Mabel Bishop spent the summer studying at the University of Wisconsin.

Marie Piltenton and Samuel B. Hughes, Phi Kappa Sigma, Purdue University, were married October twentieth. At home, Davenport, Iowa.

Mrs. Richard Jones (Caroline Marshall) has been visiting Anne Shackelford Stephens. She will spend the winter in Florida.

Minnie Royse Walker, Dora Elliott Trees, Dinnie Palmer Werking, each has lost her father within the last few months.

Minnesota Alumnae Association

The marriage of Bonnie Eleanor Blakeley, '07, to Mr. Allan Gibbs Cary, Chi Psi, took place in Tacoma, Washington, October twenty-sixth. Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs are at home in St. Paul.

The marriage of Edith Elizabeth Gunn, '10, to Mr. Eli F. Seebirt, Alpha Tau Omega and Phi Delta Phi, occurred November ninth at South Bend, Indiana.

Sidnee Pattee has returned from an extended Western trip.

Marjorie Bullard and Jean Simpson are attending Stout Institute of Domestic Science in Wisconsin this year.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Healy (Marjorie Higbee), a daughter, Ann.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Wilkins (Mary Irene Ford), a son.

The Key

Exchanges

By Elizabeth Rhodes Jackson

Exchanges that receive three copies of THE KEY are asked to send exchange copies to Miss Edith Stoner, 1529 Wabash Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri; Mrs. Frederick W. Potter, 758 Tenth Street, Oakland, California; Mrs. Ralph T. C. Jackson, 262 Cherry Street, Fall River, Massachusetts.

The following exchanges have been received, and read with interest:

May: *Aglaia* of Phi Mu.

June: *Kappa Alpha Journal*.

July: *Phi Chi Fraternity Quarterly*.

August: *Delta Chi Quarterly*, *Alpha Phi Quarterly*.

September: *Garnet and White* of Alpha Chi Rho, *Phi Delta Theta*, *Alpha Tau Omega Palm*, *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

October: *Kappa Alpha Journal*, *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi.

Last August, we found in our mail one morning an official-looking document labeled: "Just Out! The Latest News from Pittsburg Regarding Delta Tau Delta." It proved to be several "blasts" of the *Karnea Daily Bulletin*, issued by the Fortieth Karnea of Delta Tau Delta, containing registration lists, letters from "the missing," daily programs, appreciations of prominent "Delts," and grinds in prose, verse, and cartoon. A reading of its frisky pages warmed the exchange editor's heart, by recalling associations with our own conventions, and special thanks are hereby extended for the privilege of acquaintance with that joyous sheet.

The *Record* for September is a convention number and contains the usual enthusiastic articles, breathing the spirit of reunion. These convention echoes are always delightful reading, and one article of specially stirring character in the *Record* is the report of the historian, William C. Levere. Here is part of his comment on the Civil War history of the fraternity:

Nearly 400 young men, in a fraternity organized but five years before the outbreak of that bloody conflict, with a membership of less than 500, threw themselves into the chaos of war and right gloriously served the cause which they believed was right. Kentucky, where the fraternity had two chapters, and Tennessee, where it had three, gave as many soldiers to the Union army as they did to the Confederate and among these were some who fought under the stars and stripes as well as under the stars and bars. But not many, most of our men were Southerners and they fought for that which they had been taught to revere. So it is that Sigma Alpha Epsilon everywhere, North and South, will be proud of the war chapter and its stories of Σ A E's who were brave knights in the days of 1861-65. Now listen to this. There were four hundred of these men and from them came ten generals, eighteen colonels, twelve adjutants, twelve majors, fifty captains, thirty lieutenants. What a record! The war over, they returned many of them to the college halls they had deserted at the sound of war's alarms. If Virginia Omicron ever forgets those men who came back from the strife and rife of war to build her up into newness of life, its name should be wiped off of the scrolls of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Think of a chapter full of majors and captains and privates. They still wore their old gray coats, for they had no others to wear, but they were sick and tired of blood and battle with its horrors and to help them forget, they covered the brass buttons on their coats with black cloth.

An interesting fact that Mr. Levere brings to light was the custom of bestowing medals, in the early days of the fraternity.

I finally succeeded in getting one of these medals [for founding a chapter] from the brother who many years ago founded North Carolina Theta, and so we will have a representation of this long-forgotten founder's medal in the history. This medal is very rare, for most of those who won them requested and received a badge instead. I doubt if more than four or five of them were ever made and probably all but the one I succeeded in getting are lost. There are other rare medals, which the fraternity used to bestow upon its men who excelled and these will have their pictures in the pages of the history. One of them is the medal offered for the best literary production at the convention of 1870.

From an excellent article on "Contemporary Fraternity Journalism" in the *Alpha Phi Quarterly*, we quote the following statements:

In April, 1884, appeared the first number of *The Anchora of Delta Gamma*, which now has a circulation of about 750 copies, and is issued in November, January, April, and July, by a chapter elected every

four years by convention. The chapter elects an editor-in-chief, who appoints a business manager and five district editors. These officers with the active and alumnae chapter correspondents, or "associate editors," make up the working staff of the magazine. The editor-in-chief is also the fifth member of the Grand Council. She receives a salary of \$100 a year. The magazine is self-supporting.

In December, 1884, another fraternity began to publish a magazine. This was Pi Beta Phi, which has this year been printing 2,900 copies of the *Arrow* and sending 2,500 copies of each issue to subscribers. Originally the magazine was by convention put into the hands of a chapter, and the chapter selected its editor. At the convention held in Boulder, Colorado, August 29-September 1, 1899, the editor of the *Arrow* was made a member of the Grand Council, and from that time, of course, she has been elected by convention. In addition to the editor-in-chief, convention also elects an alumnae editor for the *Arrow*, who is responsible for stated contributions from alumnae of the fraternity. Both receive salaries from the fraternity.

In September, 1885, Kappa Alpha Theta issued a magazine for the first time. At the convention held at Ann Arbor, Michigan, in March, 1885, it was decided that a fraternity journal should be published, and Kappa chapter at Kansas State University was the first to be put in charge of this new undertaking in behalf of the fraternity. Until the convention of 1891, the journal was in the hands of the undergraduates. At that time it was decided that henceforth it should be issued as a quarterly, and that its editor-in-chief should be a graduate, and should receive a salary for her work. The journal has been for some years self-supporting, and turns over between \$200 and \$300 annually to the national treasury.

The first number of *The Trident of Delta Delta Delta* was issued in November, 1891. In 1906 the national convention authorized the publication of a private bulletin, *The Triton*, in connection with each *Trident*, and as a supplement to it. This was varied in size from ten to forty pages, and is sent only to members of the fraternity. In 1907, at the request of the editor *The Trident* and *Triton* were changed from quarterly issues, and have since been issued four times during the college year, there being no issue during the summer months. The financial side of *The Trident* is in a gratifying condition. It is not only self-supporting, but pays the editor a small salary and adds to the endowment fund each year. Very few advertisements are inserted, the income being derived almost solely from the subscriptions. A little over one-half the entire membership of the fraternity is enrolled on *The Trident* lists. At the 1908 convention plans were formulated for endowing *The Trident*, and the work of securing life subscriptions is now being energetically pushed.

June, 1894, is the date of the appearance of the first publication of Alpha Chi Omega. In a long, well-written editorial we read that Alpha Chi Omega has always possessed a dual personality, born of

musical parentage in a literary environment. She has allowed one-third of her members to be non-musical, but now allows one-half. This letting down of the bars was done to protect her chapters, many of which are in colleges where the musical departments are not yet on the same footing as other departments. The editor makes clear the point that "music contributes as much to mental development as any of the prescribed university courses," and brings out the well-known principle of the relativity of knowledge. It is clear that *The Lyre*, being the organ of a fraternity differing from those already mentioned, must, in its contents, show equal differences. Articles about distinguished musicians, advantages in music to be found in foreign cities, and many allusions to musical ideals fill its pages. Yet there are other articles about convention, fraternity ideal, etc., that bring out the side which Alpha Chi Omega shares with the other fraternities.

June, 1899, is the date of the first appearance of *The Eleusis of Chi Omega*. Up to 1904 *The Eleusis* appeared in February, June and October. In 1904 it became a quarterly, and it now is. *The Eleusis* is printed and mailed in Washington, D. C. The writer must confess to a weakness for *Eleusis*. Perhaps we admire the courage of a young society in maintaining such a creditable magazine, when its membership roll was so short, and in holding to the ideal that it is more dignified for a fraternity magazine to get along without advertisements of meat markets, dress shields, and millinery.

In February, 1904, appeared the first number of *The Alpha Xi Delta*, the official organ of the sorority whose name it bears. The magazine appeared only three times each year—in November, February and May—until after the convention of 1907, when the editorial staff was instructed to publish also an August number. Since that time *Alpha Xi Delta* has been been really a quarterly.

January, 1905, saw the first number of *To Dragma*, of Alpha Omicron Pi. It was a small issue of sixty-eight pages, including the directory, but it initiated the policy that has since been adhered to, of devoting a number of the magazine to each chapter of the fraternity in turn. It will thus give a complete history of Alpha Omicron Pi with photographs of the more important buildings of the various universities and colleges in which chapters are installed, as well as a brief sketch of the institutions themselves.

January, 1907, is the date when the *Sigma Kappa Triangle* first appeared. This issue proved successful, and the next convention voted to make the *Triangle* a quarterly publication. The convention of March, 1908, decided that subscription from active members should be compulsory. This has, in a measure, been a great help. Like all editors, this one has had more or less difficulty in obtaining material. To obviate this difficulty, the convention held at Washington, in December, 1908, voted that chapters should be fined if their required material did not reach the editor on time—a fine of not less than two dollars for the first offense and not less than five

for the second offence in the same year. We have not yet had time to see the effect of such a regulation, but are hoping that it may act as an incentive to promptness.

The *Crescent of Gamma Phi Beta*.—For two years it was published by Zeta Chapter and after that time it was published in the name of the sorority. Our subscribers number all the active and alumnae members of all our chapters, and a small proportion of alumnae not connected with any chapter. Our editions at present number 850 copies. We have never "gone in" for advertising, barring the announcements of the official jewelers, the printers and engravers.

The new editor of the *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi has introduced a department of "Notes from Chapter Letters." He says in explanation:

In these pages will be given a concise review of the various chapter and alumnae association letters printed in each issue, selecting only such items as may be of general interest to the fraternity at large. While the chapter letters are invaluable to the alumni of their respective chapters, we believe that they seldom are more than glanced at by other readers. These letters do, however, often contain items of real interest to every member, were they brought to his attention.

Several of the fraternity magazines make a point of issuing one number entirely devoted to the athletic achievements of the undergraduate members. The *Caduceus* for June is reported by the *Delta Chi Quarterly* as presenting a "Scholarship Number," in which reports are given of the scholastic standing of the various Kappa Sigma chapters.

The Delta Gamma convention recently held at Ann Arbor ruled that each chapter is to rent a postoffice box in the name of the chapter, as a safeguard against the missending of mail. The chapters were advised to start the plan of maintaining a chapter loving cup, to be awarded each year to the freshman having the highest scholarship.

Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Gamma Delta, and Delta Chi are among the fraternities that provide for regular inspection of chapters by an officer of the fraternity. Chi Psi stands alone in maintaining a salaried traveling secretary, who keeps in constant touch with the chapters. The *Delta Chi Quarterly* quotes this statement from the *Caduceus*:

According to Mr. Clarence F. Birdseye, of New York City, whose influence largely led to the maintenance of a central office and a traveling secretary, the latter, in order to right conditions in a chapter, has lived with it as long as six weeks at a stretch; and in some instances he has supervised the transfer of Chi Psi from a strong chapter to a weak chapter, that the latter might be built up by the introduction of good, trained material. In this way the chapters at California and Lehigh were strengthened considerably when conditions there were bad.

The secretary, who receives a salary of \$2,000 a year, is nominally under the control of the committee having the fraternity's central office in charge; but in reality—since he is supposed to know Chi Psi conditions better than any other member of that fraternity—what he recommends to his superiors is invariably concurred in, with this result, that Chi Psi to all practical intents and purposes, has the most highly centralized system of chapter government and supervision of any fraternity to-day.

The Lafayette Chapter of Delta Upsilon maintains a chapter roll of honor, enshrined in a cabinet on the wall of the chapter room. A Lafayette man writes: "To become eligible to a position in the cabinet, a brother must win some scholastic prize, either an honor in oratory, debate, or scholarship. The Honor Roll was instituted soon after the founding of the chapter in 1885, and now contains thirty-six names. Every class since the chapter's installation is represented, with the exceptions of '90 and '94. Among the prizes are twelve Phi Beta Kappa appointments and two valedictories."

In the letter of the California chapter printed in this number, it is stated that the chapter held a reception for the families of the new members admitted to the fraternity at the beginning of the college year. This is a first rate idea, if persons constituting such families are accessible.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

On the subject of chapter letters,—that old, yet perennially new text for sermons,—we have the following suggestions, the first one from the *Delta Chi Quarterly*, the second from the *Aglaia*:

Referring to the unsatisfactory, localized and unofficial aspects of the average chapter letter, a contribution to the *Journal of K A* suggests that the matter of preparing the chapter letter be assumed by the chapter as a whole, that it decide what each letter is to contain and thus give an official expression of the chapter upon matters of

importance, abandoning the practice of casting the responsibility entirely upon the secretary, who in escaping, it usually fills in with much material of little interest to any one outside of the chapter. The general idea appeals, but there is doubt as to its practicability. Our suggestion would be to have a committee of upperclassmen or men most thoroughly acquainted with the various phases of the chapter's life and history, and that of the fraternity, as well as with the important current questions of both, to advise with the correspondent and in cases of particular importance only, have the matter presented to chapter in session. We believe that the committee would be more wieldy and of greater efficiency and dispatch.

Here is a plan that may help somewhat: Keep a blank book, marked "Chapter Letter," in which to jot down, from time to time, items that you think will be of interest to the fraternity. Then, above all, don't wait until the last minute and then rush in and scratch off any old thing to avoid that "black line and no letter notice."

The Religious Education Association, which passed resolutions at its last meeting, looking toward the formation of a Panhellenic Union, will meet in Nashville, Tennessee, next March. As a preliminary step toward getting a good fraternity representation at the Nashville meeting, President Faunce, of Brown, who is president of the Department of Universities and Colleges of the association, is urging a conference of delegates from all the fraternities in New York City in November.

An editorial in the *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta mentions briefly the previous movements toward a Panhellenic Union,—a meeting of fraternity editors in Philadelphia in 1883, the Panhellenic Congress at Chicago in 1893, "which was attended by about three hundred Greeks, men and women," and the formation of the American Panhellenic Society during the Cotton States Exposition at Atlanta in 1895,—emphasizes the two meetings this year, "which indicate the possibility that fraternities have nearly reached the point where they will be willing to unite on plans and policies which will meet the approval of all," namely, the National Religious Education Association convention, and the dinner of

fraternity editors in New York; urges the union of fraternities on certain policies; comments on the important reforms accomplished by the Women's Panhellenic Conference; and calls attention as follows to recent attempts at antagonistic legislation:

Vigorous attacks have recently been made on fraternities. The legislatures of two states, South Carolina and Arkansas, have enacted laws to oust fraternities from state institutions, though the defective measure is inoperative in the latter state. During this year threats have been made of legislative action to prohibit fraternities in Kansas and Illinois, and the legislature of Wisconsin has called for a report on fraternities from the faculty of the University of Wisconsin. These movements have had sufficient backing to alarm fraternity men, and arouse them to co-operate in preventing such legislation. In widely published statements, the presidents of Cornell, Stanford and the faculty of the University of Missouri have declared that the scholarship of fraternity men in their respective institutions is below the average of the student body. They have produced statistics to show that the percentage of students who have been forced to leave college is much larger among fraternity men than among non-fraternity men. The presidents of the University of Michigan and University of Minnesota have declared that fraternities are endangered by tendencies which lead to serious waste of time, substitution of social life for hard study, and in many cases to a lowering of the moral character of the members. The president of Hobart College declares that fraternities create partisanship and encourage laziness, and that youngsters loaf in expensive chapter houses, built with money given by alumni, and lead the lives of clubmen and the idle rich. These serious charges brought against fraternities by the heads of institutions where the fraternity system has long been established, are astounding and mortifying to fraternity men, and should cause them serious concern.

Here is some good advice from the retiring editor of *The Garnet and White*:

At the last convention a delegate asked the writer how he was to vote, as he was personally acquainted with none of the candidates suggested to him. In such an emergency pay no attention to what anyone says of the personal attractions of the candidate, but vote in favor of a man on his past fraternity record only. How simple and obvious that sounds! A man's fraternity record is open to every subscriber to *The Garnet and White* and *Labarum*; it is shown in his attendance at conventions, in his holding of important chapter office, in his work on national committees, in his repeated visits to other

chapters than his own,—in a multitude of such ways. But nearly everyone has heard that such and such a man is a good candidate because "everybody likes him," "he is a bright fellow," "he is a very successful lawyer," "he made the crack speech at —— banquet last fall," "he would like to be a councillor," "Bill wants him elected," "It will pay to get him interested," or "if you vote against him he will take it as personal!" If a man is of the proper caliber for office he will have already done heaps of work out of office,—not only work in general, but work which you can specify, itemize, and approve.

Brown University is a house divided against itself on the pledging question this fall. Ten societies, five men's and five women's, have a contract not to pledge till after the Christmas vacation. The other fraternities, thirteen in number, have not entered into any contract.

College Notes

By Elizabeth Rhodes Jackson

Last June, one of the notable graduates of Tufts College was Norbel Weiner, of Medford, Massachusetts, son of Professor Leo Weiner, of Harvard, who entered college at the age of eleven, did upper class work in mathematics and graduate work in philosophy, took the A. B. degree, *cum laude*, three years later, at the age of fourteen; and made application to enter the Harvard graduate school this fall.

This fourteen-year-old post graduate has a rival in William James Sidis, of Brookline, who is entering Harvard this year at the age of eleven.



The American college commencement season this year has been noted for new college presidents. At Harvard, Dr. Lowell was beginning his administration. At Dartmouth, there was announced the election of Professor Ernest Fox Nichols as successor to Dr. Tucker. At Union College, Schenectady, a new president was inaugurated, the Rev. Dr. Charles Alexander Richmond; and at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the inauguration of Professor R. C. MacLaurin. Of these four, only one comes to the college presidency by the traditional way of the ministry. Of the other three, two have attained an extraordinarily high standing in the realm of pure science. Smith College, at Northampton, Massachusetts, the largest and one of the oldest women's colleges in the country, also has a new president, the Rev. Marion L. Burton. Like Dr. Richmond, Dr. Burton has become a college president through the ministry. He is, however, more of a teacher than a preacher, for he has taught seven years and only preached one.—*The World's Work*.



Wesleyan University also has a new president, Dr. Shanklin; and opens for the first time as a non-sectarian, non-co-educational institution.

The University of Kansas is to enter the market as a manufacturer, according to Professor Griffith, of the department of painting and design. Fine pottery is to be the product, and as soon as possible, Kansas clays will be used. Miss Maria Benson, the instructor for the new department, is from the famous Newcomb potteries of Tulane University at New Orleans. Thirty-four students are enrolled for the work.



The newspapers report that a four years' course in railway administration for students aiming to fit themselves for railroad positions or to be statisticians of the government railway commissions and like bureaus, has been established at the University of Michigan.



At least one "school of journalism" has scored. The newspaper printed for practice by the University of Missouri has aroused the jealousy and opposition of the newspapers published in Columbia. The students get out a daily, the *University Missourian*, edited according to metropolitan ideas, and under the direction of an experienced newspaper man, which, it is easily conceivable, residents of Columbia might prefer to the "real newspapers." The owners of the latter went before the legislature and secured a clause in the university appropriation providing that none of the money should be used to support a newspaper if it printed paid advertisements or charged for subscriptions. This was expected to compel the *University Missourian* to relinquish its business end. But the dean of the school declares that this would take all zest out of the undertaking, and plans instead to cut loose from State aid, push the business side, and make the publication self-supporting.—*New York Evening Post*.

From the Magazine World

By Elizabeth Rhodes Jackson

High school fraternities have of late been occupying a place in the magazines, as in the law courts, somewhat out of proportion to their value. The August *Century*, in an article by Charles A. Blanchard, "Are Fraternities Fraternal?" sums up as follows:

The State of Ohio has passed a law forbidding the organization of fraternities in the high schools of the State. The Supreme Court of the State of Washington has affirmed the right of the school boards of the State to prohibit the formation of secret societies in the high schools of the State. These cases are fairly representative of the trend of thought throughout the whole country. What is the reason for this general feeling? Parents, teachers, principals, school boards, legislatures, and courts of law make substantially the following allegations:

"The fraternities make the public school a cheap and shoddy aristocracy." "The fraternities are not in any true sense of the word fraternal." "The fraternities make their members arrogant and insulting to their fellow-students." "Fraternities make their members disrespectful and insubordinate to teachers and school authorities." "Fraternities promote vices of all kinds in their secret meetings and houses." "Fraternities furnish secret places of resort which lead young people away from their homes at times when they should be with their parents." In these terms are the fraternities characterized by the school authorities who have been studying them.

It is quite remarkable that from this verdict there is virtually no dissent. One would suppose that if there were any justification for these societies, some one would find it out and make it clear to the world of teachers. As it is at present, no one seems ready to contradict the general testimony above given.



The *Saturday Evening Post* jocularly looks at both sides of the question:

We approve, on the whole, of this ruthless war against high school fraternities and sororities. It serves to draw a line. In effect, it declares that no citizen of the United States, under eighteen years of age and duly enrolled in a public school, shall be a snob between the hours of 9 a. m. and 3 p. m., Saturdays and Sundays excepted. To segregate that bit of chronological territory and dedicate it to the ideals of democracy seems to be a useful and beautiful thing.

It is generally admitted that fraternities introduce, or rather typify, a rule of caste and clique which is undemocratic. At college, of course, a great many people (ourselves included) warmly approve of them. The pupils are then of an age when to be initiated in the rule of caste and clique is not only permissible, but fairly incumbent in view of their approaching social responsibilities and opportunities.

What mamma doesn't wish her daughter or son to return from college with a visiting list including as many as possible of the very best people and as few as possible of the other sorts? For a boy the college fraternity is an admirable anteroom to the most desirable clubs, from which, a little later on, he will virtuously fulminate against fraternities in the high schools.

While giving our moral support to the war we can not, however, help feeling some sympathy for the enemy. In a world where nearly everybody else pursues social exclusiveness, high school pupils probably fail to understand why they should be lariatied out on the otherwise vacant commons. The young things are too immature to see the difference.



A serious, sympathetic discussion of the value of "Student Activities" outside of study is contributed by Theodore Stanton to the *North American Review* for August. He says:

In 1906 and 1907, I spent some four months at Cornell University, residing with a body of undergraduates in their house on the campus. One evening we had at dinner a graduate of two years before, a young man in the wholesale coal business in one of the large New York towns. During the post-prandial conversation, he asked the seniors and juniors to try and guess what part of his work in Ithaca did him the most good when he got out into active life. One thought it might be his study of modern languages, another asked if it were not his political economy lectures, while a third remarked that it might be his English. "No," answered he, "it was the training I got as manager of the baseball nine. Never have I felt so much responsibility as during the season when I filled that undergraduate position."

From this text, Mr. Stanton proceeds to give an account of various "student activities," with special details of the excellent training afforded by editing the *Cornell Daily Sun*, "the most remarkable example of student activity," he says, "to be found in the whole American university system." Quoting a letter from George Hurley, a Brown graduate now at Oxford as a Rhodes scholar, Mr. Stanton expresses the "philosophy of the subject."

They are to us what atmosphere, so-called, is to Oxford or Cambridge, what the corps are to Germany, what nothing is for France, so far as I know; and they are to me even better than these. Compared with that oft-mentioned adjunct to Oxford life—atmosphere—they are a typically American development. Their name shows it—activity, energy, virility, initiative power, force, compared with the quiet orderliness, repose, critical aloofness of the Oxford students' undergraduate life.

In conclusion, Mr. Stanton says:

My chief criticism of the activities is that they are left too much in the hands of the undergraduates, or, rather, that the faculty and board of trustees do not draw from them all the good there is in them. The first and principal move in this direction should be made through the fraternities. If these Greek letter societies were all that they should be, the "activities," which have their mainspring there, would be all that they can be. The real character of the fraternities, or, rather, the undergraduate side of these organizations, is quite unknown to faculties, trustees, or old graduates. Exact knowledge of the spirit that rules there can be obtained only by residing with the undergraduates for a long period. Those of us who have done so are in accord as to the importance of "doing something," and when this something is done, then, and not till then, will the evils of student activities disappear and all their greater possibilities be attained.

The *Nation* of August fifth reviews this article of Mr. Stanton's, and takes exception to the statement of the coal-dealing ex-manager of the baseball nine, as follows:

The untutored mind of the uncloistered world might ask why a boy should go to college at all, if the college training is so inferior to what every young fellow must experience when he goes into business. Why spend four years and the money it costs to obtain the kind of training that is unavoidable the moment one starts to earn his bread and butter? Revolutionary as it may sound, we are of the belief that the proper activity of the student is study. Not until the extraneous organizations which have fastened their tentacles upon the time and ambitions of the student body can be cut away, and a free course can be offered for the play of mind upon the abundantly engrossing interests of the intellectual world, will our undergraduate life be free from the reproaches that now fasten upon it.

President Schurman, of Cornell, had this to say in comment on "Student Activities," in his annual address to the students, as published in the *Cornell Alumni News* for October sixth, and he illustrated his

remarks by the collegiate and post-collegiate records of four since-famous "grinds," Ernest Fox Nichols, the new president of Dartmouth; R. S. Miller, of the Bureau of Far Eastern Affairs in the Department of the Secretary of State; Ira Welch McConnell, of the Gunnison River success; and Ross G. Marvin, of the Peary expedition:

Now, my friends, I want to talk about student activities in connection with these scientific achievements. There are those in our university who love what they call student activities and distinguish themselves in them, and in some of our universities, perhaps all of them, these student activities take a larger place than they should occupy. In a way they are all right—track athletics, journalism, entertainments, moral and religious associations and meetings and business. But the student says, "I have so many student activities to attend to that I have got to skimp my university work." I want to say that that is all wrong. This university—and every university—exists for the sake of intellectual work, to be done in the classroom and at home. When you get older your own experience will verify the assertion that all student activity which interferes with good honest student work is a mistake. I recognize no student activity as of supreme importance except studious activities. Put them first. Let them have their due place and then take all the time you want for your other things. But many a fellow says that the man who merely studies is a grind, perhaps a greasy grind. Look at A or B, who is captain of the football team, leader of the glee club, or president of the Y. M. C. A. These are all good in their place, but the university could exist if every one of them disappeared. The university could not exist if the student disappeared. It is here for his sake, and in the face of you young men who look up to the leaders of your social activity as your heroes, I say that while I sympathize with these, the real university hero is the student who grinds. My friends, a university is a place to study. It is a gymnasium of the mind. I don't care what you say about "activities," you have missed everything worth while if you don't get out of it the knowledge and the mental training that it is intended to give you. Nothing else can be substituted for that.



Philip Lutz, Jr., has a somewhat sensational article on "Hazing" in *The World To-day*. It is illustrated by photographs of captured freshmen and class rushes, but it ends in this exemplary spirit:

While there are isolated examples of hazing throughout the country, a great reform has been working. The movement has not been to suppress college spirit, but to control it and run it into the

right direction. It may be said that interclass contests are welcomed at every institution, as adding to the college spirit and enthusiasm, but it is recognized that these contests must be of the right kind and must not detract from college work. Hazing as it used to exist had the tendency to demoralize the student body.

Hazing, in some form or other, will continue to exist so long as there are young Americans who enjoy a prank. But the days of college rowdyism are nearing their end.

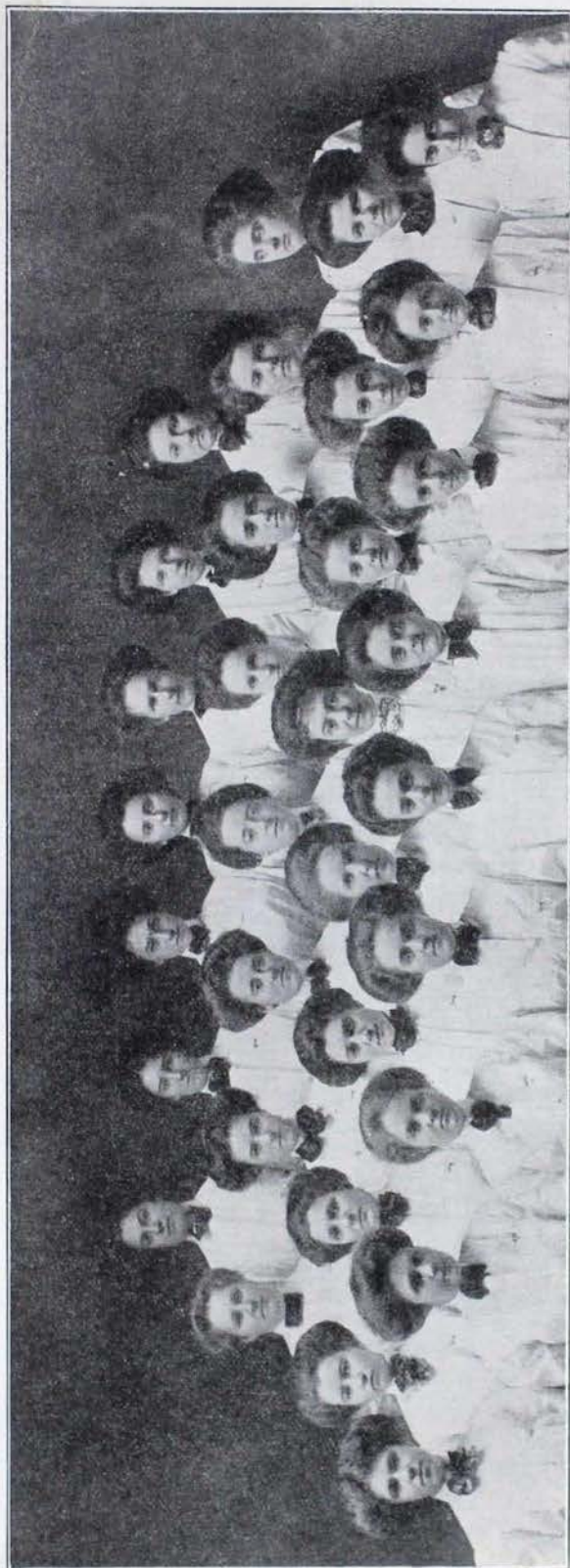


Other recent articles of interest to college students are: "College and the Freshman," by W. R. Castle, Jr., in the *Atlantic* for October; "Are We Spoiling Our Boys Who Have the Best Chances in Life?" by Paul van Dyke, in *Scribner's* for October; "When a Girl Is at College," by a university professor, in the *Ladies' Home Journal* for September.



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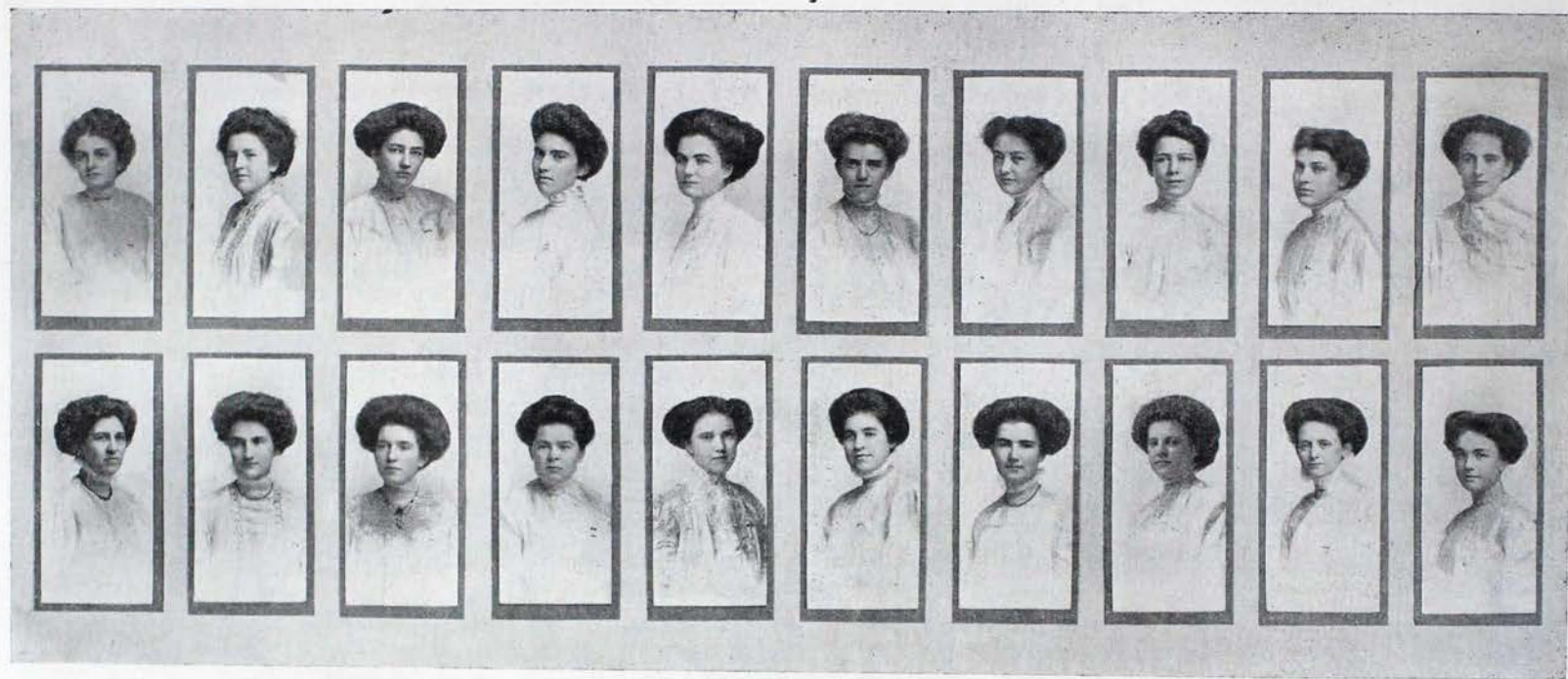
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