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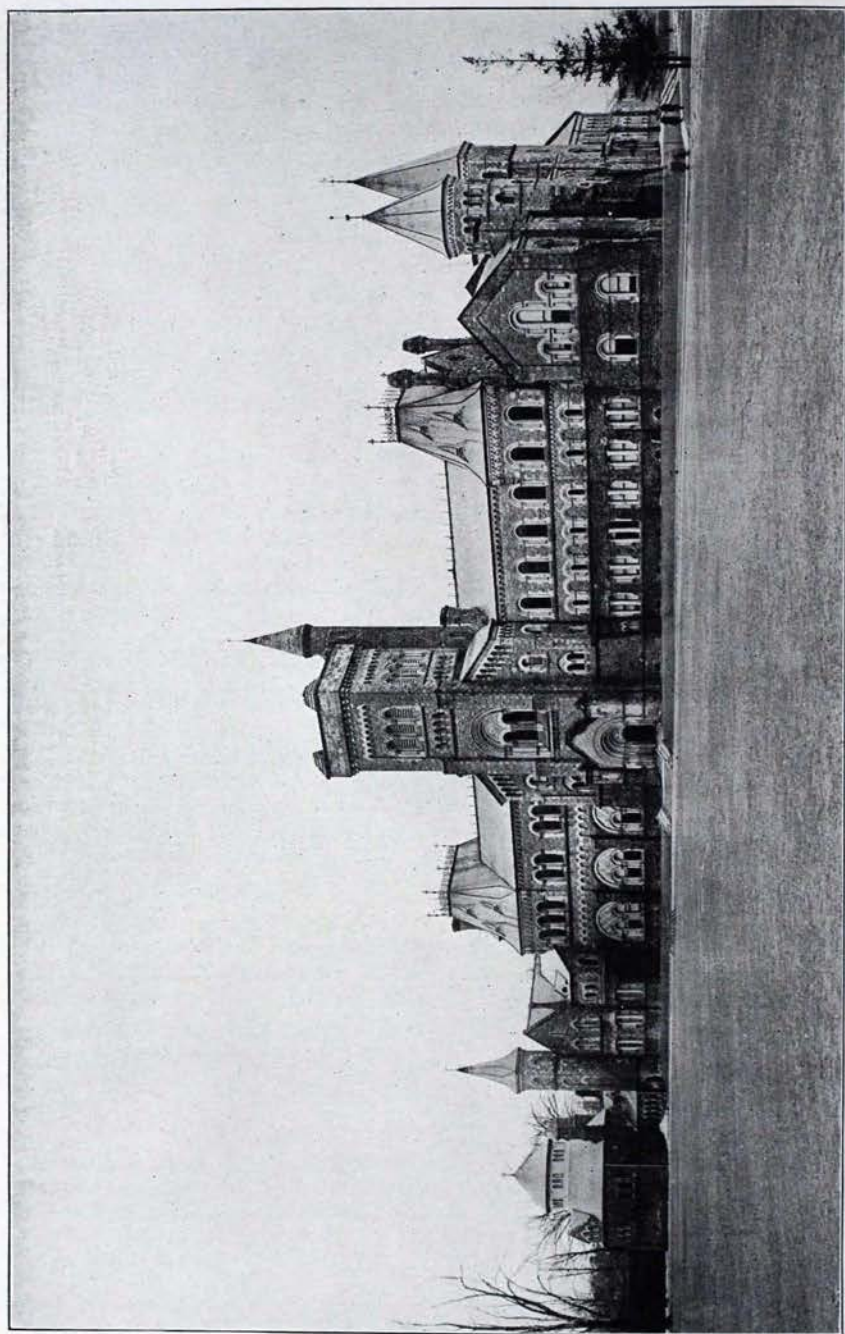
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THE INSTALLATION OF BETA PSI

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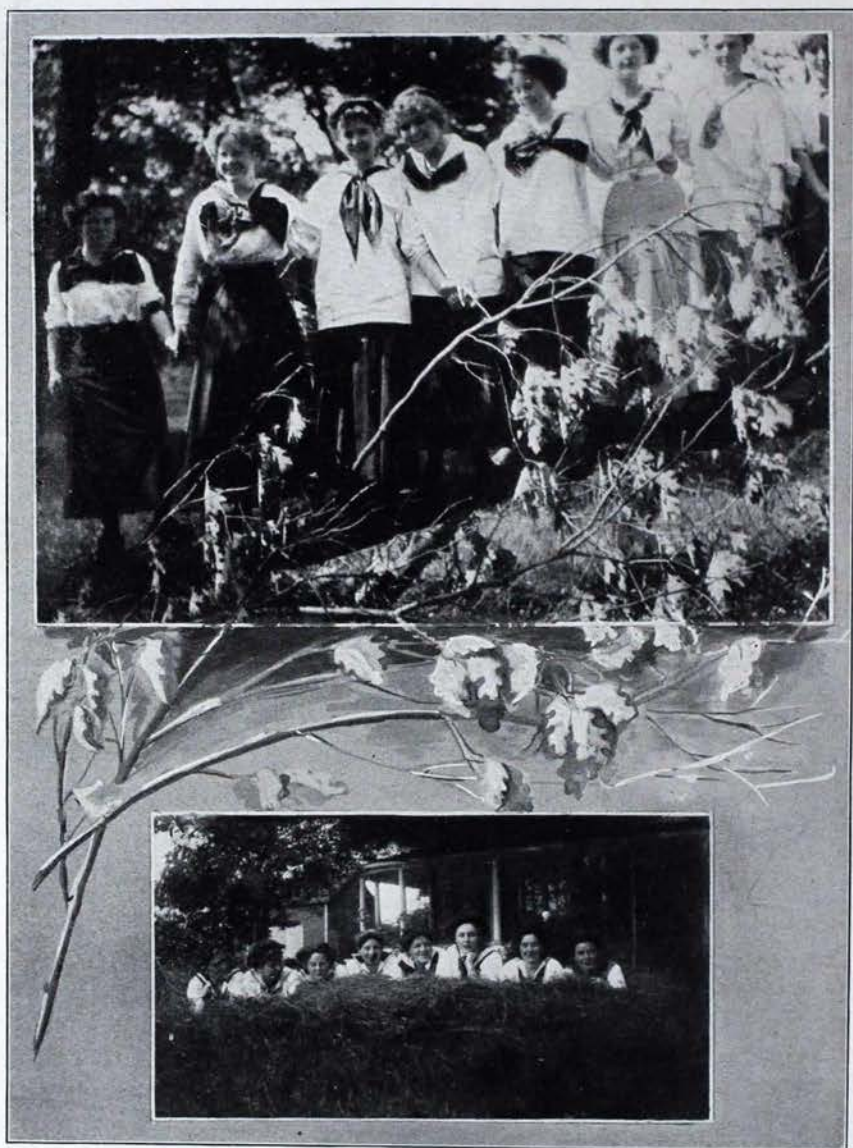
For many months past Reciprocity has been the battle cry in Washington and the slogan for the autumn election in Canada. Regardless of the outcome, of party feeling and politics, all broad minded and open hearted people must believe in the establishment of a great bond of friendship between the two great English-speaking countries. On the twenty-fourth day of May, 1911, many girls in the United States wore blue and blue ribbons beneath their fraternity pin. They felt proud that the friendship of Kappa Kappa Gamma had extended across that imaginary line called a boundary and that her fraternity had become international by the installing of Beta Psi at Toronto, Canada.

Before there was a Beta Psi of Kappa, there was a Xi Zeta Gamma in Victoria* college. This local society was formed about five years ago and has prospered, in spite of many difficulties, until now it has passed into the larger fraternity. At a Y. W. C. A. convention held at Silver Bay, these girls became acquainted with the Kappas there, and decided that they too would like to wear the key. They petitioned soon after this and thus started the wheels for the intricate machine of installation.

Xi Zeta Gamma was a pioneer in Victoria college.

Unlike the experience of many others, the Toronto girls have had a very speedy entrance into the national fraternity, although to them the time from the petition to the installation seemed interminable. Mrs. Roth visited the girls last October, finding all conditions so favorable that she recommended an immediate vote. By February the affirmative vote of the chapter was known. The date for installation was set for April but was later postponed until May. Although that month is the universal ex-

*Victoria college is affiliated with Toronto University and receives degrees from there.



THE BETA PSI HOUSE PARTY.

amination time, the Queen's birthday made an auspicious time for the ceremony.

The Kappas from the States arrived the day before and were met by the girls at the station or the wharf. Mrs. Roth arrived first, later Virginia Beyer, Rose Williams, and Margaret West from Alleghany, but the Syracuse girls, Bessie Hefner, Elizabeth Lowry, Katherine Reed, Jessie Carpenter, Mary Evans, and Marguerite Durham, who came across the lake from Niagara, did not arrive until after dark.

The girls were entertained informally at the home of Mrs. Pinkerton. Thus Kappas from different chapters were afforded the opportunity of becoming acquainted as well as meeting the new girls.

Judge MacLaren most kindly opened his home to the girls and it was there the installation took place. Mrs. Roth had ten Kappas there to assist her. To those who have seen an installation one needs to say nothing. To those who have not I say, Don't delay; go to the next if you possibly can, for it is the next best thing to convention, and one feels the true spirit of the fraternity when it stretches out its hand to another.

There were four chapters actually represented in the flesh, Beta Delta, Pi, Beta Tau and Gamma Rho. Mrs. Roth used the beautifully bound, hand illumined ritual book of Beta Sigma, the initiates were clothed by the kindness of Psi, Beta Alpha sent a Kappa Kappa Gamma pennant, and all the other chapters sent greetings and love.

The installation was long. There was a ceremony for the charter members and an initiation for the others, but by five o'clock these twenty-five girls were wearing the golden key and pledged to us forever:

Grace Grange, Grace Maclaren, Lexa Denne, Dora Forsyth, Jo McConnell, Jessie Kragey, Lily Denton, Mary Shorry, Laura Denton, Elsa Horning, Ethel Tait, Beatrice Barry, Vera Davidson, Madeline Jenner, Lenora Porte, Velma Hamill, Helen Graham, Gladys Grange, Helen Paul, Katie Bearman, Irene Stitt, Thora Hutton, Marjorie Flanders, Helen Scott, Gladys Burns, Gertrude Meredith.

A banquet was held that evening in the studio of the Margaret Eaton School. In the center of the table was a large key of

sweet woodland violets. The girls tried to get the fraternity flowers, but they were not in bloom. It seems a shame that the beautiful fleur-de-lis is so perverse! Mrs. Roth was presented with a beautiful bunch of lilies of the valley and orchids which she cherished and wore constantly during her visit in Toronto. Velma Hamill of Beta Psi presided as toastmistress. The toasts were given in true English fashion, which we Americans enjoyed immensely. Ethel Tate of Beta Psi was called upon to propose a toast to the fraternity and this was answered by Louisiana Scott of Pi; Grace Grange proposed a toast to the mother chapter and the reply was given by Katherine Reed; Dora Forsyth Suddaby proposed the toast to the Grand Council which was of course answered by Mrs. Roth, who read the telegrams and letters from the Kappas, and told of the scattered condition of the Grand Council. Every one enjoyed it so much. Laura Denton proposed to drink the health of the charter members, and was answered by Helen Graham, and last but not least Reciprocity was proposed as a toast by Madeline Jenner and answered by Rose Williams. Thus Kappas actually drank the health of one another and every one acknowledged the old English way the best.

The installation has been completed, the banquet has nearly been forgotten, the summer vacation is over, but Beta Psi is ready to take her place as a strong pillar of Kappa. Long may she live! and long life to Kappa Kappa Gamma!

VOTES FOR COLLEGE WOMEN.

BY MABEL POTTER DAGGETT, Beta Tau.

It was a delightful occasion. They were women of culture and intellectual attainment, old girls and girls not so old met together at a Kappa gathering in a college town. The woman physician and I had withdrawn with our tea cups to the sofa in the corner to talk of many things. And after fraternity matters, we reached the great world events. So we came to the topic most vital to women because it is at the beginning and the end and the shortest way across to so many interests that concern their welfare.

"But," she declared sadly, "there are still college women who do not know and cannot understand. You are a suffragist and I am a suffragist. But there is only one other woman here whose name is written in the cause." And there were some thirty women present!

It seemed an amazing statement. But I have found statistics that are more so. There are something like 40,000 women enrolled as students in the colleges of the United States to-day. Yet the National College Equal Suffrage League counts 2000 members. They are making every effort to enlist recruits from the class room. And Wellesley has recently taken definite steps to train college girls to a sense of responsibility in citizenship by establishing woman's suffrage as a branch of study in its economic course. There are college women among the active suffrage workers. The handsome capable president of the New York State Association is a college woman who is giving her life to the cause. And a college woman who is a Kappa Kappa Gamma, and one of the brilliant suffrage orators, is in charge of the Women's Party in New York. But where are all the other thousands of us who ought to be demanding votes for college women?

What is the matter with our education, that we are not waving the banners in the movement that the centuries have been unfolding to make two continents thrill with its fulfillment in this our time? In Norway and Sweden women are already enfranchised. In June of last year, 20,000 English women who want to be,



MRS. MABEL POTTER DAGGETT, BETA TAU

walked in the London suffrage parade, and there is now great hope for the success of the suffrage cause in Parliament. Here in the United States we have celebrated within the past year the victory that granted the women of Washington the ballot, placing that state in line with Colorado, Utah, Idaho and Wyoming. Kansas and California are vying with each other to place the sixth star in the suffrage flag, the legislatures of each having just passed by overwhelming majorities a bill to submit a suffrage amendment to the people. The women voters of the West have organized for propaganda work to help the East. A few months since a thousand women marched through the streets of Boston again to demand citizenship at the State House that has echoed with so many historic rights. At Albany, New York, during the past session 2000 women have been at the doors of the capitol inquiring what the senators and assemblymen mean to do with their oft reiterated request for enfranchisement. New York City has been holding suffrage mass meetings at a Broadway theatre. Ben Lindsay has been east to speak for the women's cause. And an ex-governor came from Colorado to tell us that going to vote is as easy as going to the postoffice and that gentle woman stands a safer chance at the polls than in the subway rush. Lastly the press dispatches have flashed the news from coast to coast that Col. Roosevelt is crying himself a suffragist. The cause is annexed among "My policies!" Will any one wait longer?

Seriously, a college woman who is not a suffragist to-day is in a most anomalous position. For we have entered into the largest share of the fruits of the labors of those early advocates who pioneered for women's rights. Something over half a century ago Latin and Greek were deemed positively immoral for the weaker sex, and school teaching was the only profession regarded as respectable for a woman to enter. Even when the colleges began to open, it wasn't ladylike to go to them. Elizabeth Blackwell, a student at Geneva Medical college, now a part of Syracuse University, found that her fellow boarders refused to speak to her at the table, and good women averted their faces when she passed on the street. When Vassar was started, one virtuous matron declared: "The mere fact that it is called a college for women is enough to condemn it. We may be sure

that no refined Christian mother will ever send her daughter there." When the Oxford examinations were thrown open to women, the Dean of Chichester preaching about it said: "By the sex at large certainly the new curriculum is not asked for. I have ascertained by careful inquiry among gentlewomen that with true feminine instinct they either entirely distrust or look with downright disfavor on so wild an innovation and interference with the best traditions of their sex."

Such was public opinion in the days when woman's right to an education was being established. Now it is as easily conceded as the right to bake bread or to darn socks. A woman is president of the National Educational Association, an august body which during the earlier years of her membership in it, did not permit women even to vote in its councils. And the last census shows that women have found their way into several thousand trades and professions that formerly belonged exclusively to men.

There are other rights wrested from the nineteenth century that we enjoy as a matter of course, forgetting the struggle it cost to get them. In most states our property rights are pretty well secured. Yet there was a time when a married woman might not make a will. And when Susan B. Anthony some fifty years ago circulated the petition to give married women the control of their own wages, she was thought to be violating Biblical precept and housewives slammed their doors in her face, with the declaration that they had all the rights that they wanted.

The anti-suffragists are still, in effect, slamming their doors with the same declaration. For though we have inherited educational rights and professional rights and property rights, there are some other rights the struggle for which has been passed on to this generation. Do you realize that we are living in the twentieth century and it is still true that in only thirteen states has the married mother the right to her child? In all the other of the United States the father can will away or give away the child from his wife who bore it. The state of Colorado has a statute that the women secured from the second legislature after their enfranchisement. It is the law that makes mothers and fathers equal guardians of their children. The women of Massachusetts with their indirect unenfranchised influence, worked

fifty-five years before they secured a similar statute for their state!

That is why women need the ballot. Because it is the easiest, surest, quickest way of getting things done. There are a good many things to be done. The college woman with her higher education ought to be doing them. And by all her training in logic and mathematics, she should know what an economic waste of effort it is to strive through indirect influence for results to which the ballot is the direct route. It took the New York Health Protective League eight years of petitioning to get the anti-expectoration ordinance for New York City. It has taken the women's clubs of the state of Kentucky some nine years to accomplish the reorganization of a school system ornamented with 5000 school trustees who could not read or write—though they voted while the women could not. Women who have never learned the axiom about a straight line is the shortest distance between two points, it is conceivable, might be content thus to go all the long indirect way around to achieve their ends. But as M. Cary Thomas, the president of Bryn Mawr, has declared, it is unthinkable that college women should not care for the ballot to enforce their wishes.

And four years of college training have been wasted unless they have taught us to have opinions that we wish to express about the important measures of the day that are going to make the world and the homes a better or a worse place to live in. The ballot has a great deal to do with the home and no one should know quite so well as the homemaker how to make it do the right thing for the home. There have been no homemakers shaping the political economy that directs the destiny of the American people's daily living. Perhaps that may have something to do with why the houses we live in cost \$7,000 now where they used to cost \$4,000; and the brooms with which we sweep the house cost forty cents where they used to cost twenty-five cents; and the bacon we serve for breakfast has jumped from ten cents to twenty-two cents a pound; and the rubbers we wear have gone up in price from twenty-five to seventy-five cents; and a ready made suit that used to be twenty-five dollars is now thirty-five dollars; and so on through all the list of all the things that the American family buys. For the beef trust and the woolen

trust and the rubber trust and the sugar trust and all the other trusts have been dipping into the housekeeping allowance to take the toll that pays their enormous dividends.

The housekeepers of the United States sent yards of petitions to congress about this a little over a year ago. From one city alone came a bale of names that had to be drawn on a dray to the capitol. But the legislators laughed and said: "These constituents have no vote." And then the political party that had promised relief in return for their husband's votes gave the country the Payne-Aldrich tariff schedule instead. Through the protecting influence of the tariff that taxes nearly every commodity but labor, the cost of living during the past fourteen years has advanced 61% while the price of wages has advanced in the same time but 20%. Which means that some families who used to have enough to eat now go hungry and that many others are wearing themselves out in the struggle for existence above the starvation line. By the United States Department of Labor's eighteenth annual report, of 25,440 families of workingmen investigated, the average income was found to be \$749.50 a year: while for 11,156 called normal families, with neither wife nor children under fourteen at work, the income was \$650.98 a year.

It is from these homes that feel the keenest the high prices and the low wages, that the factories get the children who are being used up and worn out in industry. Some states have laws that say a child shall not work until fourteen. But many children even under that age must work when their father's wage will not support the family. The United States government has departments devoted to promoting the scientific cultivation of the soil and the conservation of the forests. For a number of years now the club women have been urging the equal importance of establishing a department of child culture which shall consider this question of child labor and any other conditions that affect the welfare of the child. But they have been able only to talk about it and petition and pass resolutions. So the Children's Bureau has never been realized. It would cost, I believe, \$3,000 a year. But statesmen are too busy making and unmaking tariffs and voting multi-million dollar appropriations for battle-ships, to get around to attend to the Children's Bureau.

So the American home continues to be depleted of its children.

There are over two million of them under sixteen years of age earning their own living in mines and mills and factories and department stores and elsewhere. By a sardonic fate the doors of industry that open inward to receive these children, open outward to turn their fathers out. In the large cities a curious coincidence in phenomena is noted. The bread lines filled with men out of work are lengthening in exact ratio with those other lines where the children are applying for "working papers."

Child labor like this is frightfully uneconomic. For the child that works too early, becomes the man that stops too soon. Hull House, Chicago, has among the records of its neighbors the case of a man who died at thirty-three. "Premature senility" was the cause of death filled in on the burial permit. The man, a tailor, had run a sewing machine since he was nine. Not all of the worn out human beings reach the cemetery so speedily. Others stop in the hospitals and the almshouses and the countless increasing public institutions, to become public charges at last on society that permitted their exploitation. Is it right to the sufferers? Is it fair to the tax payers? What is the college woman's class room sociology for but to solve these problems? But you need the vote with which to apply sociology.

Nero fiddling at the fall of Rome was not more idly engaged than the educated woman who can be contented to-day to engage in bridge whist or even foreign missions while men and women and little children on the street two or three blocks from her own are being crushed like this between the upper and the nether millstones of our present industrial system. The only way to do anything about it, is to vote about it. And everybody who thinks, ought to be voting. What we delight to call the charter of American liberty, defines this a democracy and a government by the people. But it never will be that until it is a government by all the people—by those who serve the state in every capacity as well as those who serve in time of war. I know the "antis" tell us that women shall not vote because they do not bear arms. Neither, dear ladies, does the chaplain or the surgeon who attends the army corps. Yet you do not disfranchise them. And they in fact are performing the duties that help the others to fire guns. Just so women perform a service that is different but highly important indeed because no one but they can do it. They bear

the sons who bear the arms, which is quite as hazardous a service in their country's defence as is battlefield duty. Statistics available for England show that in that country alone 3,000 women die annually in child birth. During the year 1901, 5,000 British Soldiers died in the Boer war. And in the same year, 10,975 British women died in giving children to the State.

We have heard that women must not have the ballot because they might not use it wisely. But on the other hand the newly arrived peasant from Europe who establishes his claim to American citizenship, is not required to prove any intentions of uplift work in order to get his voting papers. His right to them is based on the fact that he is an individual and that the ballot belongs to him as the dearest defense of his liberty. Exactly so it belongs to women individuals.

It is perfectly true that if women were given the ballot there would be "bad" women who would have it. Let them. Are we doing anything to take it away from the "bad" men who are going about at large in much greater numbers though pinned with no scarlet letter label. As a matter of fact none of these miss going to the polls on election day, while the women of a Tenderloin district in the suffrage states avoid it unless driven by their political bosses. In Denver the vote of the women of this class constitutes only one third of one percent of the total.

Manifestly it is as absurd to challenge the woman vote with the question, What will you do with it, as it would be to challenge the vote of the Y. M. C. A. or of Tammany Hall. But if proof of intentions is demanded, there is evidence that women would not do worse with the ballot than men have done. Returns from the suffrage states indicate that their support has been given to measures in defense of home and children. Colorado has the best juvenile court and truancy laws in the world. And in Seattle, former Mayor Gill last February found out how women would use the franchise, when the vote of 20,000 of them decided the election that turned him out of office for his conduct of the red light district. This happened only three months after the women of the state of Washington had been enfranchised and was, so to speak, their maiden suffrage effort at the polls. But it affords satisfactory evidence that the hand that rocks the cradle can acquire the skill to wield the ballot.

That is the only way that a citizen's opinion registers effectively. And nobody can do our voting for us any more than our church going. It is because men represent themselves that they are making laws the way they want them, which, too often, is only half way. Most cities that regulate the social evil have minute provisions in their ordinances with regard to women offenders, but carelessly neglect penalties for the men offenders, who escape the consequences as easily as Adam with the old original excuse about the woman who tempted him. In the states where women have secured the vote, one of the first concerted movements for which they have exercised their new power invariably has been to get the age of consent raised by legal enactment. In Colorado they have fixed it at eighteen years. There are states where men alone attended to the law making, which keep the age of consent defined on the statute books as low as twelve years, despite all the appeals of the W. C. T. U. and other organizations. Do you see why it is desirable that women be allowed to vote? Because they have something to say in civilization that no one else has said for them.

We are now several generations past the time when it could reasonably be urged that women ought not to go to the polls to say it, because that will take them out of their homes. Why, we're out already. Even the antis are going up and down the land exerting their indirect influence to get things fixed the way they want them. They are enrolled among the rest of those 800,000 club women who have to be away from home continually attending meetings, holding conventions, and waiting in committees on public officials. That way they have worked long and diligently for pure food. Recently the law secured through Dr. Wiley's advocacy has been nearly nullified through legal interpretations. These have been accomplished by manufacturers who have gone to Washington and told the government officials that the poisons used in foods are good for people. So benzoate of soda, the preservative by means of which vegetables fit for the garbage pail are canned for the table, is again a recognized article of diet. We are served peas colored with sulphite of copper, strawberry jam beautified with coal tar dyes, catsup with salicylic additions to the recipe and other like adulterated delicacies for which the American family affords the manufacturers a

market amounting to \$750,000,000 a year. Plainly the man who represents the American family at the polls hasn't been saying effectually what needs to be said. Wouldn't it be well to let the women help? To get their indirect influence into action, they spend months and years in pleading for this and other reforms that could be voted about in fifteen minutes. Why, plainly it is only the exercise of the ballot that will enable women to accomplish their civic duties and return most expeditiously to the husbands and babies at home that so many people are worried about.

Most of all however, there are those other women who need the ballot, the women who can't go home until six o'clock anyhow. When the factory took the household occupations out of the home, these women had to follow. There are six million of them in industry in the United States to-day. The woman in industry has a good deal that she needs to say with the ballot that nobody has said for her. She is working for from one third to one half less wages than the man beside her, even when she does her work as well or better than he. The other day a college woman employed in the accounting department of a New York firm was arrested for appropriating several thousand dollars of her employer's money. They declared as they turned her over to the hands of the law that they should deal with her exactly as they would with a man. There was of course no excuse for her weakness but there was economic justice in the bitterness of her reply: "Then why haven't you paid me like a man?" She was an educated woman forty years of age, and she was working for the pitiful wage of nineteen dollars a week in a place where a man would have been paid forty or fifty.

Under the same injustice the woman in industry everywhere, from scrubwoman to school teacher, suffers. It is this common smart that is uniting them as "sisters under the skin" in their demand for suffrage to promote the movement of equal pay for equal work. So excellent an authority as Hon. Carroll D. Wright, former United States Commissioner of Labor, has said in an address before Smith college girls: "The lack of direct political influence constitutes a powerful reason why women's wages are kept at a minimum." And a United States Commissioner of Labor ought to know something about it.

Not that anyone suppose that at the first election after their enfranchisement, women can walk to the polls and vote themselves a raise in wages. Centuries of established custom have erected a sex barrier that may not be changed in an hour or a life time. But the status of citizenship constitutes a tendency in the right direction. It is a tendency that exercises a subtle influence in the adjustment of the pay envelope. In New York City, where the women school teachers have for years been conducting a legislative campaign to get their wages out of the class with school janitors', it is extremely unlikely that their measure would have been twice vetoed, if there had been votes behind it.

The ballot may not be all the safeguard for individual rights that the idealists have believed. But it is something that is cherished by the man in industry as a valuable asset in his defense. And the woman in industry by her very sex handicap, needs it even more than he. She needs it to say a number of things to the law makers who are defining the conditions under which she works. Science has shown that overwork develops a toxin of fatigue that impairs the health of a woman and the health of future generations through the children that she bears. Ten hours a day, it has been decided, is the limit of time that any employer should be allowed to require of women workers. It has been difficult to get the states to enact such laws or to enforce them when enacted. But in 1909 a violation of the law by a laundryman in Oregon was taken into the courts and at last carried to the United States Supreme Court where the constitutionality of limiting the hours of the employment of women has been confirmed. Efforts are now under way by the Consumers League, to get the Oregon standard established in every state.

The Consumers League was organized in 1890 by New York women of wealth and social position who specially determined to improve conditions for the working women employed in the department stores. The stores in New York and Chicago used to pay women clerks \$4.50 a week. After twenty years the League through indirect influence has succeeded in inducing the few selected firms published on its "white list" to raise their figure to a minimum of \$6 a week. Meanwhile a sociologist has brought them data showing that \$8 a week is the least sum upon

which a woman worker in a large city can exist in health and efficiency. Do you see what is the result when the working woman's wage falls below \$8 a week? That is one reason why the Consumers League in addition to the agitation for the ten hour law is now drafting and preparing to submit to the legislatures of the states the bill for a minimum wage law. And it is quite clear that the woman in industry has something to say at the polls when the minimum wage law comes along, that no one can be trusted to say for her.

Recently, also, we are learning that the wages and the hours of work of the men and the women and the little children in industry are a question of wider concern than their personal suffering. It is a matter that all men and women need to be using the ballot about. We may not care that there are women in the crowded tenement living rooms finishing overcoats at five cents apiece, making nightgowns for seventy-five cents a dozen and shirt-waists for ninety-eight cents a dozen: that children of eight and nine are assisting them in making "June buds" at eight cents a gross and that babies of four are even draughted into industry to wind the stems of artificial flowers. But we must care that the tired fingers are stitching in disease to be dispensed over the bargain counters of the department stores. So scarlet fever and measles and diphtheria and tuberculosis from the alleys are scattered impartially along the avenues. And it comes to matter much to all homes everywhere that there are any homes anywhere in which poverty breeds disease.

Hasn't the college woman something to say in all this suffering civilization that no one is saying for her? And all the other duties she may have to do in the world, she will do more efficiently when the demand of votes for women is realized.

THE KAPPA TOUR.

On the twenty-first of June there sailed from New York harbor on the steamship *Batavia* of the Hamburg American line, a party of enthusiastic Kappas en route for a summer of foreign travel and study. By arrangement the sixteen members of the Kappa party met at the Hotel Imperial in New York the previous day and they were well started on the road to congenial friendship before they left dry land. As the ship swung out into the channel and started on her long voyage, the Kappa party was not forgotten in the throng of friends upon the pier who waved a bon voyage and called a last good-bye; and among those who came down to see the party off, were Katherine Doty and Cleora Wheeler, both well known to convention visitors of recent years.

During the long voyage from New York to Naples, the days, which were almost uniformly favorable in the way of weather, were spent not only most pleasantly, but quite profitably as well. An art class was organized with headquarters on the hurricane deck, and office hours from two to four each afternoon. Mildred Honecker Lamb was unanimously chosen leader of the class, and she ably justified the honor conferred upon her, not only through her personal familiarity with the subject, but as well by the fact that she was paying excess baggage on her suit case because it was filled with text books on the history of art, and numberless reproductions of the great masters, the vintage of a summer in foreign art galleries just two years ago. The art class grew in popularity as the days passed, and its members obtained a familiarity with the great painters and their masterpieces which proved an excellent preparation for the time which they subsequently spent in the galleries. The accommodating deck steward never forgot to bring the afternoon tea and wafers to that sheltered corner of the upper deck, and his advent was always most enthusiastically greeted.

But the energy and talent of the Kappa party was not confined to the art class, and they soon became known throughout the ship as the jolliest, cleverest party on board. Several social affairs were given in the ladies' cabin or the dining saloon by the

girls, once in honor of a birthday which we afterward heard was fictitious, but which served the purpose quite as well. Then the most eventful day of the voyage and one long to be remembered by all who enjoyed it, was the Fourth of July with contests and games during the day, followed by the captain's dinner. In the evening the girls of the Kappa Tour gave a German minstrel show on an especially prepared and illuminated platform on the promenade deck. Very artistic costumes were contrived by using the draperies from the state room berths, and dainty caps were fashioned from the large lace paper doilies supplied by the dining saloon steward.

Mrs. Roth, the Grand President, who officially chaperoned the party, acted as interlocutor in the costume of Columbia the Gem of the Ocean. Original songs had been composed for the occasion, jokes had been collected at the expense of the fellow passengers, fancy dances were introduced, and all in all the program was well worthy of a convention stunt night appropriately suited to the time and place.

After passing the picturesque Azore islands, and enjoying an interesting call at Gibraltar, we sailed on through the Mediterranean, and at sunrise one morning we entered the lovely Bay of Naples with Vesuvius in the background just beyond the city. One of the most charming events of the tour occurred while the party was visiting Sorrento on the Bay of Naples. While there one of the girls chanced to celebrate a birthday and the occasion was marked by an especially elaborate dinner, served on the terrace of the handsome Hotel Syrene, which overlooks the Isle of Capri, the city and Bay of Naples, and the historic old volcano. The table was garlanded with wonderful roses and magnolia blossoms which had been gathered in the Italian garden adjoining the hotel. Almond, lemon, and orange trees laden with fruit, surrounded the place, and the odor of many blossoms perfumed the air. The girls lingered at the table until the bright red of the setting sun had entirely faded, and the lights of the city and of the ships in the harbor twinkled across the bay while they sang the old familiar Kappa songs.

Aside from all the sight-seeing, the art galleries, the palaces, castles and the cathedrals, the mountains and the lakes and rivers visited, during a busy summer of foreign travel, the girls

of the Kappa Tour especially enjoyed these thoroughly delightful social pleasures which were possible only because the party was so unusually congenial throughout. Many times it seemed like one long house-party with something new and interesting every day. The daily program was left optional in every case, and the girls often divided up into small groups of two, three, or four each to visit places of especial interest or to go on shopping expeditions. When traveling on the trains between cities, two adjoining compartments were always reserved in advance for the party, and being thus entirely by ourselves while traveling, we played games or sang songs or took naps as the spirit moved us. While in England and Scotland we were even more favored, for the party had a private car at its service which was switched off when we stopped at a city and again attached to a train when we were ready to continue our journey.

One afternoon during our stay in Venice, we had a bathing party at Lido with a delightful swim in the Adriatic. While in the vicinity of Naples we also went swimming in the Mediterranean Sea, and during a week-end stay at Ambleside in the beautiful English lake region, the girls rented bicycles and although it was several years since any of them had ridden a wheel, they thoroughly enjoyed this novel way of seeing the Wordsworth country. It was also during our stay in the lake country that we had a picnic on the shores of Lake Windermere.

Throughout our itinerary during the summer, we had the pleasure of meeting many Kappas. In Florence we were joined by Dorothy Green of Beta Phi, who travelled with us through Northern Italy and Switzerland and as far as Munich, where she remained for study. In Florence we also met Miss Nell Green of Beta Nu chapter and in London we met Miss Arbaugh of Beta Gamma. When we came from Berlin to Frankfort, we were met by the Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Kolbe, and her husband who had come up from Heidelberg to join us for a day or two until we left for the trip down the Rhine, and quite by accident we also met Mrs. Kolbe's sister, Marion Voris of Lambda, while we were visiting the Tower of London. We also made the acquaintance of a Beta Tau Kappa on the train en route from Brussels to Paris, and while in Paris we had the pleasure of renewing acquaintance with Gertrude Davison of Pi chapter,

who is in charge of the Student Hostel, the great social settlement of the Latin Quarter.

In Great Britain, our traveling was rendered especially exciting because of the labor strikes which were at their height during the time of our visit. There was considerable irregularity and uncertainty regarding trains and in some places military control existed, but despite it all we carried out our itinerary just as planned and the girls seemed to enjoy the element of uncertainty and excitement which surrounded all travel at the time. One reason why we were not alarmed at the situation, was because we were booked to return on a vessel of the Scotch line and the labor trouble did not extend beyond the English ports. When we reached Chester and Edinburgh and Glasgow, we met many Americans whose return sailings had been cancelled because of the strike and we realized how fortunate we were to be sailing on a boat which made her trip on time.

All in all, the Kappa Tour was pronounced a great success in every way by those who joined the party, and as we look back upon the summer now, it is difficult to say which we enjoyed more, the interesting and instructive places we visited or the good times we had together. Perhaps each phase of the trip augmented the other, for jolly, congenial companions are the first essential for an ideal summer abroad. For the sake of those who would like to combine with an instructive summer of travel in Europe, at exceptionally low cost, a jolly good time in company with congenial friends of similar tastes and interests, we trust there may be other Kappa Tours in the future. The following verses are from one of the many songs composed by the party in honor of their various celebrations. It is written to the air of the Battle Hymn of the Republic, and will give a very condensed synopsis of the trip.

And now we Kappa Gammas are ready to go home.

We landed at Naples and then went on to Rome,

We visited St. Peter's and even climbed the dome,—

We of the Kappa Tour.

Then after the wonders of Italy and the lion of Lucerne,

We saw the mountain chamios and then the bears of Berne,

Then good-bye to Italy, we did our footsteps turn

Into Germany.

With a hasty glance at Munich by the light of the moon
We hurried on to Dresden 'already yet so soon'
And arrived in state at Berlin the next day at noon,
En route for gay 'Paree.'

We went down the Rhine to visit the Dutch,
The dear little ladies, there never were such,
We wanted to tarry, so very, very much,
But on to gay 'Paree.'

When we arrived in Paris they raised a mighty din,
But we staid Americans objected to their sin,
And for the Paris fashions we didn't care a pin,
So on to London town.

The dear old English Channel was terribly swell,
And all we saw in London town, I'm sure we cannot tell
And yet we loved the city and stayed there quite a spell
Before we sailed for home.

We were shown some attention, had conquests not a few,
There were dukes and counts and marquises whose debts were over-due,
And many an English yeoman, and a Scottish laddie too,
But a Yankee dude'll do.

CHORUS

For the Kappa Kappa Gamma, For the K. K. G.,
For the Kappa Kappa Gamma, For the K. K. G.,
For the Kappa Kappa Gamma, For the K. K. G.,
A Yankee dude'll do.

A PAN-HELLENIC SOCIETY IN PEORIA

The Peoria Pan-Hellenic was organized in April, 1911, numbering thirty-nine representatives of nine national sororities, three Alpha Chi Omegas, six Alpha Phis, eight Delta Delta Deltas, two Delta Gammas, three Gamma Phi Betas, three Kappa Alpha Thetas, five Kappa Kappa Gammas, seven Pi Beta Phis, and two Sigma Kappas. The object at present is social. Three large luncheons are to be given each year and informal one o'clock luncheons on the third Saturday of each month in the Schiffer & Block tea room. Any fraternity girl in Peoria on that day would be most cordially welcomed.

The officers elected were:

Mrs. Clara Lynn Fitch, $\mathbf{K A \Theta}$, President.

Mrs. Irma Bruning Terhune, $\mathbf{A \Phi}$, Vice-president.

Mrs. Clara Barnes Haskins, $\mathbf{\Delta \Gamma}$, Secretary.

Miss Louise M. Miles, $\mathbf{A \Phi}$, Treasurer.

Miss Cassandra A. Gill, $\mathbf{K K \Gamma}$, Corresponding Secretary.

Executive Committee: Mrs. Charles T. Wyckoff, $\mathbf{K K \Gamma}$, chairman; Mrs. Hugh S. Weston, $\mathbf{\Pi B \Phi}$; Mrs. Arthur Allen, $\mathbf{\Pi B \Phi}$.

Entertainment Committee: Mrs. G. L. Avery, $\mathbf{\Pi B \Phi}$, chairman; Mrs. Clifford Frazier, $\mathbf{\Delta \Delta \Delta}$; Mrs. Berne Mead, $\mathbf{\Delta \Delta \Delta}$.

PARTHENON

A Plea

for Democracy.

One of the evils which a fraternity has to struggle against is the barrier which always exists between the fraternity women and the non-fraternity women. If this spirit of "exclusionism" or "snob-bishness," as critics call it, is allowed full sway, it chokes the better things as weeds choke blossoms.

The presence and influence of this menace to the larger good to be gained by wide activity during the college course is due in part to the fraternity women and in part to the non-fraternity women. Often times the fraternity members are very much in the wrong and sometimes the neutrals fancy slights and "exclusionism" where no discourtesy is intended. The remedy, however, can come from only one source,—the fraternity women. By reason of their high position and superior advantages, they must take the initiative and spread the feeling of loyalty to a common cause among the members of the whole university or college. The fraternity women must be more courteous, more energetic, more patient than the non-fraternity women, else they have no right to the high honor which is theirs.

Democracy is in its essence unselfishness—the art of thinking of another before thinking of yourself. The fraternity woman has, therefore, a large responsibility because of her prominent position in college social life. She must learn to detect real worth among those who through one reason or another do not enjoy her privileges. Her attitude toward neutrals ought to be one of *helpfulness* rather than one of superiority. She must never forget that by courtesy, womanliness and tact she is not only serving the immediate end of good will and real achievement; but is also enlarging her own usefulness and thereby perpetuating the ideals for which her fraternity stands.

Kappas, see that you are among the leaders in this movement, as you have been in so many others.

HELEN SLADE, Beta Tau.

National Spirit.

During the college year we are so interested and concerned with our local chapter that we sometimes lose sight of any greater spirit or any larger fraternity horizon. Our ideas become local and not national; narrow

and not broad. But when school is out and our goodbys and farewells are said, and we leave our friends, some to return with us next year but some to go out into the greater school of life, there to put into actual practice the ideals and aspirations brought to them through Kappa Kappa Gamma; then, we begin to realize what mere specks of this great fraternal movement we are, how small we are and how the great national spirit takes first place and leads all chapters.

During vacation many girls are not near any one from their own chapter and seldom see any one even from their own college. Then, how it thrills one to see a little golden key worn by a girl who before was a comparative stranger. How at once there springs up within our hearts a new love that includes this newly found sister. A new joy has been found, a new experience, a realization of this national spirit. How the key breaks down all barriers of formality and conventionality and makes two girls who were strangers, acquaintances, nay, even friends. For there is a common bond that draws them together and then holds them in a stronger union than any other tie.

The fraternity at large cannot be any greater, or live on a higher plane than the average chapter. For the national spirit is the aggregate of the spirit of each chapter; it is the summing up of all, and cannot be stronger than the weakest. Every girl should broaden her own ideas so that not only her entire local chapter will be within her vision, but all the other chapters, until her life will be made stronger and more beautiful.

National spirit is the "tie that binds our hearts in Kappa love." It makes a common feeling even between strangers and arouses within them a common love. Its ties are strong, holding together different types of girls from all kinds of homes, and from far distant places. Before it, all obstacles are swept away; it knows no limit of place or clime, it goes from heart to heart and leaves each life better, happier, more beautiful than before. One touch from its magic finger enriches the life and sets heart strings vibrating that before were held silent by narrowness and provincialism. It is the great mother of us all that clasps every chapter to her bosom and makes us all sisters.

Let us have minds and hearts large enough to take within them not only our own chapter, but all chapters. Let us make an

effort to realize a greater local spirit and with this will come a renewal of that great wide-spread national spirit, binding us together, enriching, broadening, and ennobling our lives.

LENA CHRISTY, Xi

*A Crusade
for Culture.*

Just now when our minds are so full of our new "Kappa babies" and initiation, we may not care to discuss, or even think upon such a subject as culture, but it seems to me that as we are about to take the responsibilities of aiding our freshmen, this subject will not come amiss.

Too long has the happy, careless, American public allowed itself to be a scorn in the cultivated mind of Europe, which thinks and boldly asserts on all occasions that nothing artistically great or culturally fine can ever come from the American people. So far the first imputation seems true, though it is not too much to hope that years of artistic and musical atmosphere will some time produce genius on this side of the water.

But the second insinuation, that we lack culture, because we cannot rise above our commercial spirit, is one which we have the power to throttle in its incipency, and though such an assertion seems true now, we are able to make it untrue in the immediate future.

The three fundamental elements of culture, I think, are kindness of heart, gentility of manner and facility of expression.

The first and most important, heart culture, is a subject we need not discuss as it seems to be the possession of the American people at large, and is the element which is largely lacking in the culture of Europe. A kindly spirit is born in the family of America, and fostered in all organizations which live toward their ideals.

To be sure we have those vampires who seek to openly glorify themselves, but they are not the great American people. To the cries of famine, flood, earthquake, and other calamities the Europeans sometimes respond, the Americans always.

Gentility of manner is not so easily dismissed. No amount of intellectuality has been able to counterbalance our deficiencies in this line. We might divide this subject into three parts:—

business, social, and table manners. Of the first we seemingly have none, for we have no time to thank the floorwalker, elevator boy or waiter for rendering services of an automatic character. But let us beware, for some day we may forget to thank one who is not paid for the aid or comfort given us.

Conduct in society does not concern us here for it is a subject more carefully dealt with in the home and family than others which we have under consideration. It is sufficient to ask, Does your chapter insist upon scrupulous politeness between members at all times? If it does you will avoid many serious misunderstandings which arise from inconsideration of your fraternity sisters.

The third division, table manners, is a delicate one, for the average person seems to feel that one is encroaching upon private rights in criticizing his conduct at the table. Society has the right to protect itself against those persons who make themselves obnoxious by their indifference to the demands of table etiquette, and since society in this case is the fraternity chapter, is it not its duty to impress upon each member that she must conform to the standards of good usage in table and drawing room manners?

In all chapters, one meeting a year could surely be given to the full discussion and demonstration of good table manners, for no chapter should send forth a girl defective in gentility of manner, or unable to give criticism tactfully and receive it generously.

All these things combine to form the third element of culture, facility of speech; for who can express himself cleverly at a dinner if he must be nervously occupied with the manipulation of the simplest instruments of the table.

Facility of speech demands from us pure enunciation, careful pronunciation, correct grammar, and a well chosen vocabulary. Anyone can acquire the first by strict attention, and it would be a pleasure to the public and a general raising of standards if everyone could be brought to speak clearly, instead of slurring letters, words and phrases.

Unusual efforts should be made in the chapter to cultivate low tones in the voices of its members. It is not the aim of Kappa to prepare woman suffrage leaders, public officers, or

business women, but to send forth fully equipped, with the charms of womanhood, those who are capable and willing to assume life's burdens and more especially to become the refined spirit of the home. Should this not be a Kappa ideal?

RUTH McINTOSH, Epsilon.

A Fraternity Evil. Fraternity people are often criticized severely because of their clannishness and their narrowness.

In fact this is the only objection that so many people have against them. The non-fraternity people especially seem to feel that there is a barrier between them and fraternities. Even though this may not be true (and I really think that it is not) they and the greatest part of the outside world feel it to be there. I am sure that many fraternity members feel kindly toward those who are not so fortunate as to belong to such an organization, but somehow we fail to put forth the extra effort for us to overcome their deeply-rooted but mistaken idea. We can do it. Let us be broader and bigger as our fraternity would have us be.

Of course it is only natural that we love more dearly, and feel closer to those our fraternity binds so closely to us, but we must not let that make us selfish. How easy it would be for us to spend a little time each day on the campus with the non-fraternity girls or with girls from other fraternities. What a difference it would make in the general feeling, and how much it would strengthen your love for your own fraternity.

Later in life we can not always be surrounded by those whom we love, and much less by Kappas. How ideal it would be to have Kappas near us always! So why not adapt ourselves now to the many different types of people that we may meet in after life.

Now is the time for us to prove to the world by our words and actions, the good there is in fraternities and above all, in Kappa.

FRANCES ZABEL, Iota.

EDITORIAL

It is always a happiness to greet a new chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma, to welcome a new group of girls who belong to us in spirit and should be one with us. There is a specially warm welcome offered to our baby chapter in Canada, for we feel that real indeed must be the Kappa spirit in these initiates, since they have reached out to us from beyond the boundaries of our country. The installation ceremony that transformed Xi Zeta Gamma of Toronto University into Beta Psi of Kappa Kappa Gamma also transformed Kappa Kappa Gamma from a national into an inter-national fraternity, and is a noteworthy step in our history.

Before this magazine is mailed, the 1911 Session of the Grand Council will be a thing of the past. The Council will have met in New York City during the first week in October. With two active chapters and a flourishing alumnae association in the city, and other chapters within two, five, and seven hours of the place of meeting, our Grand Officers will be sure of a welcome. The business sessions are to be followed by a reception and luncheon which will almost assume the proportions of a convention event.

Mrs. Mabel Potter Daggett, whose plea for interest in Equal Suffrage on the part of college women is contributed to this number, is a member of Beta Tau chapter. Her name is well known in the world of writers, first through newspaper work, and more recently as one of the editors of *The Delineator*. Always she is found on the side of progress and philanthropy. Her article on child rescue, "Where One Hundred Thousand Children Wait," originally published in *The Delineator*, has been reprinted in pamphlet form and has had a phenomenal circulation, only equalled and not exceeded by that of the popular "Message to Garcia."

CONVENTION

It will be held in August with Upsilon Chapter at Evanston, Illinois. Watch THE KEY for announcements of special features that will make this Convention one to be remembered.

CHAPTER LETTERS

ALPHA PROVINCE

PHI, BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Phi welcomes you all back to college, and hopes you will have a prosperous year in every way!

The summer vacation is over, and registration day brings nineteen of us back to college.

Just before final examinations the upper class girls were most delightfully entertained at Virginia Thompson's home in Melrose, the freshmen acting as hostesses.

Commencement exercises filled the first week in June, and Louise Evarts, our one senior, graduated with Phi Beta Kappa honors.

Miss Marjorie Patterson, Beta Upsilon, who graduated from Jackson College in June, is the only woman who received a Tufts diploma, under the new rules which separate the men and women students,

On June fifth, came the annual Kappa picnic at Marblehead, and a jolly time we all had. In July the alumnae and active girls had another picnic together at the same place.

Dr William E. Huntington, dean of Boston University for twenty-one years, and president seven years, resigned his position last year, but consented to hold the office until a new president could be decided upon. After careful deliberation the trustees elected Dr. Lemuel H. Murlin, formerly president of Baker University, Kansas. Dr Murlin will be inaugurated October twelfth. Dr. Huntington is loved by all the students, both past and present, and we regret to have him leave us, but all join in extending a hearty welcome to our new president.

Among the delegation from college to the Y. W. C. A. conference at Silver Bay, New York, were Nina Gilley, '12, Virginia Thompson, '14, and May Lowden, '14. We were very glad to meet there some of our Kappa sisters from other colleges. The conference was unusually splendid and inspiring.

The closing event of the summer, the Kappa house-party, takes place this year at Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, on Lake

Winnepesaukee, the first two weeks in September. Most of the girls are planning to go, and if it is like all other Kappa house-parties we shall surely have a good time.

MARY L. LOWDEN.

BETA EPSILON, BARNARD COLLEGE

We have written more than once of the joy and wonder of Beta Epsilon's "camp," but it will be hard indeed for a resident college chapter to realize what that means to us who never live together during the busy winter months, so we feel that our tale will bear much repeating. We never tire of talking about that wonderful week in the beginning of the summer, when we all go off together from the hot, dusty city, and take possession of a little country boarding house on Lake Waramaug. It is a beautiful place and especially delightful to us after a long winter in the city. But better than all the pleasure of country life and play, is the being together for seven whole days. There is no world for us but Kappa during that time, and we play, sing, read, talk and sleep together, learning to know each other better than we ever did before. This June there were twenty-five girls at camp for part of the time, and a goodly number of them were grads, which, of course, made us particularly happy. 1911 could boast of having a full class present, which is doing pretty well for seniors. For the first time in Beta Epsilon's camping experience, we did not have a single rainy day, so we could be out of doors every moment. We spent a good deal of our time on the lake paddling and rowing, or drawing our boats together under the trees by the shore, and sewing, talking and reading aloud by the hour. It is our custom to make the "camp freshmen" write a song the first day, and this year they gave us two—and very good ones at that—which shows what truly enthusiastic freshmen they were. Singing was perhaps our chief occupation, anyway. Every evening we sang the sun down, gathered together in our boats and canoes in the centre of the lake. We sat there drifting with our oars locked until it grew quite dark, and then we would separate, and as we made our lingering way to the shore, we would give the call, one boat answering another until the lake rang with it.

It is three months now since camp, and we are all beginning to think of college and to long to see each other again. However, the summer has not passed without any of us being together. The second week in September, four 1912 Kappas met at the home of one of them, for a week of glorious fun together, and various Kappas have been paying little visits to each other all summer.

As we turn our minds to the winter work and play, perhaps our first thought is of our new chapter apartment, which is waiting for us, all freshly papered and painted, and with the furniture all moved in. One of our grads, Emilie Hutchinson, 1905, is to live in our apartment this year, and we are so happy about it! We are also rejoicing over the fact that the Y. W. C. A. student secretary for this year, is to be a Kappa, Miss Mary A. Patchin. Altogether Kappa is looking forward to a very busy jolly year.

Many of us are booked for work in the running of our college affairs of state. Florence Rees, 1912, is to be editor-in-chief of the *Bear*—the college monthly. Eleanore Myers, '12, is bearing up bravely under the weight of the class presidency, and Molly Stuart and Helen Dana are president and vice-president respectively of 1913.

We are planning many things, but plans had best be left to be told when they are fulfilled, so we shall leave them for another letter.

ELEANORE MYERS.

BETA SIGMA, ADELPHI COLLEGE

With June and commencement at Adelphi, came an eager interest concerning our much desired endowment, for it was rumored that the acquisition of the full amount would be announced at the commencement exercises. Rumor, however, was no more reliable than usual and our high hopes were not realized. But, with the eternal quality of hoping, we expect to complete the sum next fall.

Commencement took from us our one senior, Fanita Pando; it is hardly necessary to say how much we shall miss her.

On May twentieth, the chapter birthday banquet was held and forty Beta Sigmas were present. The tables were arranged

in a pentagon around our "wise and good old owl" who gazed at us all unblinkingly from a pedestal of wisteria and lilacs. Wisteria hung in masses from the ceiling with here and there a tiny Japanese lantern among the flowers. The banquet was very enjoyable, especially when our Grand Registrar told us about her travels in strange lands, or, in other words, her first official trip to some of the chapters.

The last and best chapter meeting of the year is house-party, and this year Elsie Kraemer gave us her cottage at Shelter Island, a place as perfect for a Kappa house-party as one could be. Sailing, rowing, walking, and bathing filled our days and at night there were beach parties with blazing log fires or quiet canoe trips under the stars. The week was all too short for the many things we wanted to do and it seemed to us who were there the ideal Beta Sigma house-party.

At our spring elections, Dorothy Cooke was re-elected president of "Round Table," a literary club; Chloe Skilton was elected president of the athletic association and Agnes England treasurer of the students' association.

Juliette Hollenback and Grace Broadhurst have been spending the summer in Europe.

Beta Sigma sends a welcome and best wishes for a very successful year to the new Kappas at Toronto.

JEANNETTE COMSTOCK.

PSI, CORNELL UNIVERSITY

After the spring vacation all of our spare time and attention was spent in planning for our annual formal dance which was held on April twenty-seventh. It proved a great success in every way.

After that, examinations came all too soon, then commencement, and finally the long anticipated summer vacation, which was only marred by the thought of losing our four splendid seniors, Vera McGrew, Caroline Merry, Geraldine Watson and Wilhelmine Wissmann. They all graduated with honors and we were very happy when Vera was chosen a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Geraldine Watson will continue her medical course in New York this coming year.

Soon after commencement Caroline Merry formally announced her engagement to Robert W. Canfield, '10, Sigma Phi. The wedding will probably take place late this fall.

Charlotte Baber, '08, Margaret Thorp, Jane McKelway, and Louise Townsend were here for summer school during July and August. During the month of August, Charlotte Crawford, '06, visited in Ithaca. Jane Gouinlock, '08, Margaret Riggs, '10, and Katherine Eaton, ex-'10, with several other Cornell alumnae spent the greater part of the summer camping near here on Cayuga Lake.

This summer the girls' new dormitory, Prudence Risley Hall, was started, thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Russell Sage. Also work was begun on the new home economics building in which our sophomores are particularly interested. It will be opened a year from this September, fully equipped for a splendid domestic science course.

This year pledge day will come the week before the Christmas holidays and we are to have a non-rushing season.

To all of her sister Kappas, Psi extends the very best wishes for a successful year.

CYNTHIA EGGLESTON SEELYE.

BETA TAU, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Novel and interesting features of commencement week were the folk dances given in the stadium by the women's aesthetic dancing class, and the old English and Latin plays given by the members of the English and Latin clubs in the picturesque grounds of the teachers' college.

Beta Tau lost seven girls through graduation. Irene Cushing was graduated with honor. Elizabeth Dibble, Irene Cushing, Marguerite Dunham, Helen Weeks and Alice Egbert have all secured positions for next year. Helen Beattie and Antoinette Weed will spend the year at home. Alice Egbert has accepted an exceptionally fine position as Dean of Women in the Idaho State University.

Our June banquet, with fifty-two alumnae and active members present, was a splendid success. Cora Williams Smallwood acted as toastmistress.

The night before the banquet Mrs. Wallace gave her annual party for the alumnae and active chapter, giving an excellent and delightful opportunity for the active and alumnae members of the fraternity to get in closer touch with one another.

The junior cup, presented by the class of 1907, in memory of Ella Wallace Wells, to the junior obtaining the highest average, was won by Mildred Lincoln.

The freshman cup, presented by the alumnae to the freshman obtaining the highest average, was won by Marguerite MacFarlane.

A short time before commencement we enjoyed a delightful afternoon at the home of Mrs. Mullin, exchange editor of *THE KEY*. Mrs. Mullin is a member of Beta Sigma chapter.

Friday evening, June second, the chapter gave a linen shower for Helen Beattie, whose engagement was announced in the last issue of *THE KEY*, and the same evening Alice Egbert announced her engagement to Clarence Howe Thurber. Mr. Thurber is a member of the Colgate chapter of Beta Theta Pi and is a former captain of the Colgate football team.

Syracuse University is to have a new college of forestry, which is to be one of the best in the country.

Helen Slade, 1902, won the prize offered by the Houghton Mifflin Co., for writing the best description of "Queed" before the publication of the book by that name. A class of fifty contested.

Matriculation day has been adopted as pledge day, and we already have a long list of desirable girls for rushing.

JEAN CAMERON

BETA PSI, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Beta Psi sends heartiest greetings to her sister chapters in Kappa Kappa Gamma. The fall term has just opened and all the active members of the baby chapter are back at college. We all hope that in our first year in the Kappa sisterhood, we shall be able to uphold the honor of her fair name.

The second week in June, we had a splendid house party at the summer home of Gladys Burns, '14, at Rosedale, on one of our beautiful Canadian lakes east of Toronto. Our annual house

parties, held soon after examinations, have always been most enjoyable. We are hoping to continue this excellent feature, for under such ideal conditions our bonds of friendship yearly seemed to be strengthened.

We are happy to have with us to guide our early footsteps, Lou Scott of Pi Chapter, who is to spend this winter in Toronto. Many of our graduates are to spend this year in the city.

Muriel Wallace, '09, has just returned, after a year's travel in Europe.

Already one of our Kappas, Dora Forsyth, '10, has left us. On September the sixth she was married to Mr. Norman Sudaby, and is to live in Fernie, British Columbia. Velma Hamill, '07, and Grace Maclaren, '09, were bridesmaids.

Lily Denton, '11, and Laura Denton, '11, have left for a year's study in Munich.

Beta Psi sends best wishes for every success this year.

BEATRICE M. BARRY.

BETA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

After the Easter vacation, college came to a close almost before we realized that the weeks had passed. Commencement day had come again. More than eight hundred students marched into the academy to receive their degrees. Dr. Edgar F. Smith, our new provost, presided. To this, the first class that he had graduated, he delivered the charge spoken nearly two hundred years ago by another Provost Smith to the first graduating class of the university.

Beta Alpha was represented at commencement by Anita Shollenberger and Sophie Foell, both of whom received senior honors. Several prizes and honors came to our chapter this year. May Laramy received sophomore honors and half of a prize for the preparation of botanical specimens, the other half being awarded to Achsah Lippincott. Gretchen Carow won two prizes, half of the Schleicher prize for scholarship in the German language, and second honor in a German composition contest.

For a couple of years, Beta Alpha has been planning the house party that we finally achieved this year. One Friday we set out for the cottage in Wildwood. What good times we did have

that week! The greatest pleasure of our whole trip, we thought, was just being together. We passed our time bathing, sitting on the beach, walking along the edge of the ocean and taking occasional trips over inland channels to the nearby islands. We even got up very early one morning to see the sun rise. It was very cold and the sun did not rise over the ocean. But we were well repaid for our early rising by a delightful walk on the beach, along the edge of the ocean where, once in a while, a stronger wave drove us back up the sands. So, filled with many pleasures, our week sped by. Very regretfully we left, with the determination to repeat our holiday next year.

Vacation has slipped away very rapidly and it is almost time to resume our work again. Beta Alpha wishes every Kappa a great deal of success in her work next year.

SOPHIE E. FOELL.

BETA IOTA, SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

Beta Iota held her annual banquet on the thirteenth of May, at the Marlborough-Blenheim, Atlantic City. It was most successful, and unusually well attended, as many of the alumnae came from a great distance and stayed over Sunday. For the first time since the founding of the chapter, all seven of the charter members were present.

Our annual house-party was held at our favorite place, Brown's Mills-in-the-Pines, New Jersey, the week after commencement. The week was all too short for the Kappa good times that were crowded into it. Several other guests at the hotel remarked that they had never seen so many absolutely congenial girls together before. Mrs. Foster, the mother of one of our juniors, chaperoned.

Elizabeth White was secretary of the senior class, and Elizabeth Cadwallader had the part of Perdita in "A Winter's Tale," the senior play given on class-day. The others of our six seniors all had minor parts. Anne Haines won the scholarship for the senior year by having the highest average in the junior class; Dorothy Phillips, a sophomore, won a second place in the annual gymnasium contest.

Commencement at Swarthmore was unusually interesting this

year on account of the five hundred thousand dollar endowment fund that we had been working so hard to raise. Every possible means of obtaining money was resorted to as commencement, the day when every dollar must be pledged, drew nearer and nearer. May twentieth was set aside as a "carnival day," and was a never-to-be-forgotten day for those of us who were in college at that time. Four plays, with several little "asides," were presented. Whittier Field was crowded with athletic enthusiasts, the May dances were repeated, Canterbury pilgrims galloped about the campus, ice-cream, lemonade, tea, sandwiches, and postal-cards vanished as if by magic, and altogether it was a busy day. By commencement time the sum was assured, and on that day we learned that another two hundred thousand, from the estate of Phoebe Anna Thorne, was to be added to it. What this means to Swarthmore can only be understood by those who have been connected with a small college that is not financially independent.

On alumni day, the Sproul Observatory, containing the most powerful telescopes on the Atlantic coast, the gift of Senator William C. Sproul, '91, in commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of his class graduation, was formally dedicated.

Beta Iota sends best wishes for a most happy and successful college year to all Kappas.

ANNE S. HAINES.

BETA PROVINCE

LAMBDA, BUCHTEL COLLEGE

It seems a long time since the last edition of *THE KEY*, in which we wrote about all our sisters scattered over the country.

Social events have been frequent enough to develop good fellowship among us. On April eleventh, Marion Voris entertained at luncheon all the active girls left in town during the Easter vacation. April twelfth, May Rinehart gave a "sugaring off." May sixth, Adele Carpenter entertained the actives at tea. May thirty-first, the chapter entertained at Mary Watters' for Lorene Wanamaker, whose engagement had just been announced. She was presented with a chafing dish by the girls. On June sixteenth, the annual reunion of Kappas was held at State Mills.

About fifty were present, and we had a splendid time. Helen Harter was toastmistress, and Katherine Otis, Blanche Mallison, Mrs. Knight, and Maggie Cruickshank responded. On June nineteenth, Marion Voris entertained at her cottage at Long Lake. June twenty-first Ruth Harter entertained at luncheon for Marion Voris, who left June twenty-second for Europe, where she will attend school next year. July twenty-fourth, Harriett Hotchkiss entertained in honor of Lillian Pence, who returned for a week in Akron.

During the summer vacation, the girls are greatly scattered. Maggie Cruickshank is preparing for a trip to Scotland in September. Harriet Dodge is at her home in Maine. Katherine Otis left July fifth for the Snow Islands, where she will spend her vacation. Ethel Davies was in Detroit for a while, but goes in August as delegate from Buchtel to attend the Y. W. C. A. convention. Pauline Risch toured the east during August. May Rinehart has gone for an extended lake trip. Evelyn Church has been spending her vacation in New York. Mary Watters spends August and September in Mackinac and Petoskey. Ruth Harter and Harriet Hotchkiss spent two weeks in Cambridge.

This has surely been a marrying year for Lambda. Lorene Wanamaker was married on June fifteenth. The very beautiful wedding was at Long Lake. The ceremony was performed under an immense tree, with a background of ferns and daisies. After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Schwan left for Sandy Lake for a time, after which they went to Memphis, Tennessee, where they will make their home.

A week later Mary Connor announced her engagement to Ralph Crumrine, a Cornell graduate. At Easter time Helen Harter, Grand Treasurer's Deputy, announced her engagement to Mr. Reginald W. Hay, of the B. F. Goodrich Company.

On May fifth, Miss Hollenback visited Lambda. The chapter entertaining her Friday evening at dinner at Fosdick's. Saturday we had a spread in her honor in the fraternity rooms. When she left in the afternoon we felt as if we had parted from a lifelong friend.

Ethel Davies was re-elected president of Y. W. C. A. for

another year. We prize very highly the honor conferred upon the chapter when May Rinehart was elected editor-in-chief of our Buchtel annual for next year.

Mary Connor arrived home from Washington College May thirty-first. She was accompanied by her roommate, Katherine Smith, of Dallas, Texas, who made a short visit.

Commencement week began Monday, June twelfth. Martha Ford, '10, and Naomi Pittman, ex-'12, returned for the week. We were very proud of our three seniors, Bess Hart, Maggie Cruickshank, and Harriet Dodge. Nevertheless, our pride was greatly subdued by losing three such loyal Kappas. The class play was excellent, and our girls conducted themselves in a praiseworthy manner. The senior prom. took place the same evening. The old gym. never looked prettier than it did then in its gay decorations of brown and gold. On Tuesday of commencement week, the Coburn players gave "As You Like It" on the campus, and in spite of a drizzling rain, it was well attended.

HARRIET V. HOTCHKISS.

BETA GAMMA, WOOSTER UNIVERSITY

Beta Gamma starts the new year with sixteen of the old girls back. As seven of the chapter graduate next June, it is necessary for our freshmen to be especially strong in college and fraternity activities. Our rushees certainly promise to live up to our hopes.

The college authorities are looking for a greater Wooster this year. Kenarden Lodge, a beautiful new dormitory for men, has just been opened for occupancy, and is being filled rapidly. The foundation has been laid for a fine gymnasium, which is to be finished by the second semester. Our faculty too, has grown in proportion to the increase along other lines.

But activities in the chapter have been no less. The new Pan-Hellenic constitution has so far been successful. For our first rushing party, we intend to take our prospective Kappas to the quaint little Taylor Inn at Lodi, Ohio, for dinner. In many ways the opening weeks of school predict a happy and prosperous year for us all.

BETA NU, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Beta Nu had their regular house party at Clear Lake this summer and had such a nice time, but the girls are all looking forward to getting back to school again.

Rushing begins the week before school opens and continues for six weeks after matriculation. Parties of four are allowed on Friday nights and then each fraternity has one Saturday for its big party. Our pledge day is October twenty-fourth.

Marie Kouns and Berry Carrol, two Beta Nu girls, will enter the University of Wisconsin this fall.

Marie Carrol, who attended Bryn Mawr last year, is at home this year with us.

We are glad to have Agnes Brady with us again.

Alice Crane, one of our seniors last year, has been appointed assistant in the Domestic Science College for this year. Each year a senior girl is chosen by the faculty to hold this position for the following year.

Elizabeth Allen has returned to finish her course and we shall be glad to have her with us in the active chapter.

Helen Zellar is teaching in the school at Sidney, Ohio, this year.

BESS TAYLOR.

BETA DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Beta Delta closed her last year with a very successful record. Six of her girls,—Sarah Sutherland, Louise Hollon, Polly Witter, Blanche Martin, Betty Ince, and Emily Holt, all took their Bachelor of Arts degrees at the commencement on June twenty-ninth.

We all feel very proud of Sarah Sutherland this year. She received one of the sixteen Phi Beta Kappa degrees which were conferred in the university this year.

During the later part of the spring we held afternoon teas the last Wednesday of every month to entertain the wives of the faculty members and also the college girls.

On May nineteenth we gave a rushing party which consisted of a minstrel show during the first part of the evening, and dancing and refreshments later.

The intersorority party was held May fifth.

XI, ADRIAN COLLEGE

The annual alumnae banquet was held on Miss Van Auken's lawn June thirteenth. Everyone spent a most enjoyable evening.

Mrs. Florence Morden entertained the active chapter and guests, together with several pledges, in honor of Miss Vera Swift, at her home on Maumee Street with an afternoon luncheon. All voted Mrs. Morden a most charming hostess.

Lucile Goucher gave her graduating recital on Tuesday evening, May twenty-third, assisted by Mrs. Alta Southworth.

On the evening of May twenty-seventh, the recital of Josephine Lambie was given.

Marion Hitchings assisted in the faculty recital given June thirteenth, by a piano solo and a two-piano duet with Prof. Williams.

On the evening of June fourteenth, the students of Mrs. Minnie Kellog Larnerd gave a song cycle entitled "In a Persian Garden." Among her students who assisted were Josephine Lambie, Adeline Shepard, and Helen Brittan.

Our annual commencement exercises were held June fifteenth. Margaret Matthews was the valedictorian of the class.

Lucy L. Jennings returned to college to receive her degree, having been out of school for two years.

Josephine Newkirk and Florence Atwood returned for the commencement exercises.

LENA CHRISTY.

KAPPA, HILLSDALE COLLEGE

With the close of the school year, June fifteenth, 1911, occurred several vacancies in the college faculty.

Prof. Parmenter, for the past year professor in modern languages, resigned to continue his studies in Chicago University. Prof. Stevens, vocal instructor, will be succeeded by Mr. Woodums. Miss Lucile Nelson, domestic science teacher, obtained a leave of absence to go abroad, and the position will be filled during her absence by Miss Gischer. Mr. Hunt, formerly of the University of Indiana, will take the place of Mr. Read, as athletic director. Miss Mildred Washburn will take charge of the violin department, occupying the position left vacant through

the marriage of Miss Eggleston, which took place during the summer.

There will be quite a change in the circle of Kappa chapter also, when we again meet together. Four of our girls, Neta Sawyer, Fern McLeod, Joy Mauck and Faith Elliot, graduated, the first two in vocal music, the latter two in the liberal arts department. Three others will be absent from us, staying out for the year to teach, so that we shall start the school year with only six girls.

During commencement week, Kappa received her full share of honors. Joy Mauck took the Crandall literary prize, Marie Clement the Kate King French prize. All the four seniors had places on the commencement programs.

During the summer a round robin circulating among the girls has kept us all in close touch with one another and the school year is dawning with the brightest of prospects.

Kappa sends greetings and hopes for the success of all the chapters in the coming school year.

GAMMA PROVINCE

DELTA, INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

The college year of 1910-11 more than exceeded Delta's expectations. In scholarship she stood higher. Marguerite Griffith, one of our seniors, headed the list of Phi Beta Kappas and Clara P. Zimmer, a 1910 senior, was also elected to Phi Beta Kappa this June.

We are looking forward to the rush with a great deal of pleasure and we certainly hope that the wearers of the double blue of 1911 will be as splendid as those of 1910. Our prospects are bright and we are expecting to win.

The summer has been more quiet than usual. A few of the girls were in school the first half of the summer term but they left in July and the house has been deserted since. We are expecting them all back soon and Forest Place will seem inhabited once more.

Our house-party at Wawasee was a brilliant success. Many of the girls were unable to go because of the distance but those who were there had a fine time.

The college year will open with twenty in the chapter and judging from the prospects this will be Delta's most successful year thus far.

HELEN BECK.

IOTA, DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

Iota has just completed another glorious year. Glorious because we have done so much. Perhaps our greatest honor lies in our studentship. We are very proud to say that Kappa heads the list of all the fraternities in DePauw.

Among other honors which we have captured are: the carnival queen, chairman of the junior prom., literary editor and art editor of our annual publication, the *Mirage*, secretary of the student body and many smaller honors.

Commencement week brought many of our faithful alumnae. Instead of our usual banquet we gave a luncheon on our own lawn.

We lost four of our strongest girls in the graduating class; Claudia Armstrong, Naomi Gregg, Agnes Pyke and Alice Trout.

The prospects for the coming year are very bright. At least twenty-five of our girls will return. With the usual number we have great hopes of pledging some of the best and strongest girls.

Miss Adelaide Smith is to be our chaperon during the coming year. Our former chaperon, who has been with us so many years has been appointed Dean of Women of the university.

Iota sends her heartiest wishes to all chapters of Kappa for the coming year.

FRANCES ZABEL.

MU, BUTLER COLLEGE

Butler opened this fall with the largest attendance ever recorded and everything points to a successful and prosperous year.

Eleven of the girls of last years' chapter are back in school and with us is Kathryn Martin, formerly of this chapter, who was in Illinois last year.

We had many social stunts during the summer, most of which were for the purpose of rushing. The first was a week's camping party, consisting of twenty girls, at "Endymion Lodge," near Noblesville. The Noblesville Kappas entertained us very charm-

ingly with a reception at the home of Mrs. Frank Lacy, an alumna of Mu. The next was another camping party at "Kamp Kabin," near Broadripple. Many of the older girls attended this. As a most delightful close for the summer there was a house-party given by Dorothy and Cordelia Kautz and Pauline Hoss at their homes in Kokomo.

The sororities did not enter into a contract this year but Kappa Alpha Theta will not pledge for fourteen weeks. We pledged on matriculation day, and wish to announce the following pledges: Mary Critchlow, Elsie Felt, Louise Guernsey, Anne Kittermann, Clara Nelson, and Josephine Woodward.

When the grades for the work of last spring term were averaged, Kappa Kappa Gamma stood the highest of the sororities. This was also true of last fall term and we are very ambitious to keep up this standing.

Miss Portia Percy, of last year's chapter, recently announced her marriage to Ralph Batton, a Delta Tau Delta from Butler. They are now living in Trumann, Arkansas.

RUTH LONGLEY.

ETA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

After a glorious summer full of good times, we have all returned for another year of work and we have all come back filled with the desire to do even more than we did last year.

On July twenty-ninth, Nina Edwards, '13, had a Kappa house-party at her home in Oshkosh. Fifteen of the active girls were able to be there. From Saturday until Thursday the girls all enjoyed Nina's wonderful hospitality.

Our return this fall will be saddened by the absence of one of the finest girls in the fraternity. On May twelfth, Hilda Van Hise, '13, died. Her death caused an awful ache in the heart of every girl. But we turned within ourselves and tried to find through our love for Kappa the strength to bear this sorrow. Hilda's wonderful spirit, so full of love and courage, will always be an inspiration to those of us who knew her.

On June twenty-second, Ethel Tremain, '13, was married to Jamison Handy. They are now enjoying a most interesting trip around the world.

On May fifth of last spring we gave our formal dance at Lathrop Hall. After the dance we all enjoyed a most charming supper party at the chapter house.

But now all these things are past and we are back again ready for work. There are to be several changes in the management of our house this year. The girls all felt that the responsibility of running the house was too great when we were in college so the alumnae have taken over the management again. The only real difference in this arrangement is that the steward will be responsible to the alumnae and not to the girls, as she was formerly.

We are also going to have a new chaperon. Mrs. Boardman is an older woman who we feel will take a great interest in the girls, and will be most helpful to the chapter.

Our fall rushing begins September twenty-fifth, this year. We are very enthusiastic over our rushees. They are very attractive, worth while girls, who we feel sure are future Kappas.

JULIA HEATON AUSTIN.

BETA LAMBDA, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Commencement this year took seven of our very best girls, leaving a vacancy that will be hard to fill. Late in the spring, however, we initiated two splendid girls, Helen Fairfield, who came to us from Beloit, Wisconsin, and was pledged at the beginning of the second semester, and Mildred Drew, who also entered the second semester.

This summer our scattered forces have been held together somewhat by a series of round robins. It certainly was interesting to read what every single one of us was doing, or what each one expected to do.

Helen Abbott, '13, and Eleanor Aldrich, '13, attended summer school at Madison and while there stopped at Kappa Lodge.

Beth Knowlton, '14, attended summer school at Illinois.

Beatrice Drew, '11, sailed for England August twenty-sixth, where she will remain with her aunt for about a year.

This summer the town Kappas were entertained at a thimble party by Fay Armstrong. They also gave a rushing picnic at Crystal Lake.

We are all looking forward to a rushing season, for we have a number of promising girls in view. Ruth Llewellyn, '11, will be our rushing captain, and many of last year's seniors are coming back. The town Kappas have been invited to live at the house during the three weeks.

Two of our girls, who have not been here at school for a year or more may come back this year, Jo Perry and Geneva Huntoon, who was at Boulder, Colorado, last semester.

MIRIAM KNOWLTON.

UPSILON, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

So many things were crowded into the last few months of school that I shall have to simply enumerate a few of them:

On April eighth "As you Like It" was presented by a picked cast from the women's literary societies. This was a great success and it is hoped that a precedent has been established.

Mary Hotchkiss was elected social editor for the "Daily Northwestern." The women now have equal representation with the men on the staff.

Last year the music and lyrics for "Trig," the musical comedy given by the freshman men every spring, were largely written by two freshman women, Norma Wells, an Alpha Phi, and Charlotte Belknap, a Kappa.

On May thirteenth the May fête was given for the pleasure of the members of the Woman's League, and the May queen was crowned.

Upsilon has four representatives on the Woman's League council, and one on the Y. W. C. A. cabinet.

Dorothy Sage, who was president of the Cercle Français this year and had a leading part in the French play given this spring, is in Geneva, Switzerland, now, and expects to spend a year studying French in Paris.

Three of our girls gave recitals this year.

Gertrude Carter gave her senior piano recital. We are very glad that Gertrude is to be back with us doing graduate work.

Margaret Raymond gave her junior piano recital.

Leta Murdock, who gave an alumni recital, is in Berlin now and goes to St. Petersburg this fall to spend several years under the best violin masters.

On April seventeenth the Upsilon freshmen gave an informal dance at Kenilworth for the older girls.

The big senior ball was given on April twenty-eighth in our beautiful new gymnasium.

Our annual alumni tea was given at the home of Gertrude Carter on May eleventh.

The musicale for the town Kappa mothers was given at Helen McCarrel's home on May eighteenth.

On May twentieth we had a rush at Charlotte Belknap's home.

Two of Upsilon's girls, Mary C. Hotchkiss and Ethel Templeton, were entertained by Eta at their formal this spring.

Rowe Wright, Marie Damon and Florence Sullivan, of Eta, visited Upsilon this spring.

Carry Mae Nusbaum, '10, has announced her engagement to James Roy Ozanne, a K Σ from Chicago University. They are to be married on September ninth and will live in Evanston.

Mary Hotchkiss had the leading part in George Ade's "College Widow" given on April first by the junior class and put on again June fifth by request of the faculty.

After the play we had a "slumber party" in the Kappa rooms in Willard Hall and next morning took a six o'clock car for Winnetka where we had our annual Kappa beach breakfast.

Emma Jones, Polly Little, Edith Foster, Carry Nusbaum and Gladys Powers were back for commencement week.

During this happy time came Ella Bradley's marriage to Clyde Foster, Σ A E, on June fourteenth. We are very glad that they are to make their home in Evanston.

On June fifteenth the chapter gave the annual "farewell party" to our seniors. We had four in liberal arts; Marion E. Burnette, Sarah B. Harris, Helen E. Adams, and Ethel V. Hard; and Gertrude Carter who graduated from music school. Marion Burnette and Helen Adams were elected to Phi Beta Kappa, the last of many honors which they have brought to Kappa during their four years in school.

Upsilon sent Margaret Raymond this year as their delegate, to the Lake Geneva conference of the Y. W. C. A.

We are very sorry to lose Elizabeth Fox, of Beta Epsilon, who has been the general Y. W. C. A. secretary at Northwestern

for four years and has now gone to Seattle, Washington, to take up her duties as district secretary.

We feel that last year was a successful one for Upsilon, and now we are looking forward with pleasant prospects to this fall.

Upsilon sends best wishes to all Kappas for a most successful year.

EPSILON, ILLINOIS WESLEYAN

Although Epsilon was unable to have the camping party which she had hoped for, there have been a number of picnics and sewing parties this summer. We were very glad to have May Belle McCandliss, Beta Mu, with us at several of these functions. Fay Armstrong and Bernice Wright of Beta Lambda have visited Mildred Felmley and Ruth McIntosh. Mildred Felmley, Beta Lambda, has entertained Epsilon delightfully a number of times.

Margaret Hunter attended the Y. W. C. A. conference at Lake Geneva and was glad to meet many Kappas there.

Of our last year's seniors, Myra Jarrett is teaching domestic science in the Rochelle high school, Anna Stansbury is at her home in Normal, and Louise Leaton and Gladys Miner are doing post graduate work in Wesleyan University.

The new science hall is completed and the main building has been redecorated so that everything is in readiness for a successful school year.

Kappa hall has been repapered and we are anxious for school to begin. With the new rushing rules, there is only one week before pledge day. Everything has been planned definitely for a strenuous week of rushing.

ANNA STANSBURY.

DELTA PROVINCE

THETA, MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

September is here, and we are again to take up our residence in Columbia and at the Kappa house. But—such a changed school and house! Owing to the new rule, we can take in only those girls who have completed twenty-four hours' work in the

university. Just imagine!! This does not mean second semester initiation; it means Easter *pledging*. We are afraid of this rule, for it means rushing an entire year instead of one week.

However, conditions are not so bad, for our house is filled and aside from the additional worries of the prolonged rushing, we expect to enjoy the year as it has heretofore been enjoyed.

We have pledged but one girl, Anna Mary Mills of Kirksville, Missouri. We consider this a great victory.

The new stadium on the athletic field is about completed. We are looking forward to the game with Kansas at Thanksgiving time with a great deal of pleasure for we hope to have guests, especially Kappas, from Kansas as well as Missouri.

Ada Rudd and Mary Logan were both married in the late spring.

Helen Ross made Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Lambda Theta.

SIGMA, NEBRASKA STATE UNIVERSITY

The summer has been a very short but a very pleasant one to all the girls of Sigma chapter. We welcomed the vacation but the thoughts of the excitement of fall rushing and of seeing all the girls again, make us anxious to get back to school.

Several of the girls will not be back. Ruby Barns is to teach at Havelock, Mecia Stout at Norfolk, Roseltha Skinner at Scottsbluff and Jettie Taylor at Denver. Nan Stewart has moved to Oregon. Two of our girls, however, will teach in the University this year, so we shall still have them with us. Viola Barns is to teach some of the classes in American history and Jessie Beghtol in the department of physical education.

Several Kappa weddings took place this summer. First came Fern Leet's, who married Herbert Post, Phi Kappa Psi, on June sixth. Later in the month Bernice Stewart married George Porter and they are now living in Omaha. In July, Mary Hanna married Ben Mickey, Ex-Governor Mickey's son, and moved to a ranch in old Mexico.

We are glad to have Ethel Burkett with us again. She has been in Vienna for two years studying under Seschetitsky but came back about the first of June, in time to be one of the bridesmaids at Fern Leet's wedding.

The girls have been pretty well scattered this summer. Some have been at Lake Okoboji and other lakes and some in the mountains. Margaret Ashford gave a house party for the freshmen of last year and some of the older girls, at Crystal Lake near Sioux City.

Rushing season begins the seventeenth of September and only lasts four days. The rules are practically the same as they were last year for, in spite of the short season, the plan proved satisfactory. At the end of rush week all the invitations to a rushee are written and sent through the hands of the chairman of Pan Hellenic Council, reaching the girl in one envelope. Then at a certain time she indicates her decision by going to the house of the fraternity she has accepted.

Sigma sends best wishes to all the chapters for a very pleasant and successful year.

LORA SMITH.

OMEGA, KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Omega had three of her girls graduate in June: Anna Williams, Margaret Siegel and Helen Phillips. It gave us much pleasure to know that Helen Phillips made Phi Beta Kappa. Altogether we had a very successful year. Now after a pleasant vacation we are looking forward to the opening of school, and we hope another good year.

There have been many new improvements planned for the University in the way of new buildings. The appropriations for the buildings were large. Our new administration building is now under construction.

The opening of school will find us in our new house on Mount Oread overlooking the campus. We hope to have a house of our own next year.

We have our usual two weeks rushing and have been planning all summer for those two weeks. We are hoping for success and we wish each sister chapter success in rushing and the school year.

EPSILON PROVINCE

BETA MU, COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

We are very much pleased with our first formal, which was given at Sternberg Hall, April twenty-eighth. The hall was decorated in wisteria and smilax, with one end screened off by palms. We had a supper for the guests at the Hotel Boulderado, in the middle of the evening.

On high school day, we had a reception for the high school students in the morning, and served a buffet luncheon at noon.

We were asked to repeat our "Floradora sextette," which won the prize at the club house carnival, for the vaudeville show given to raise money for the club house fund.

Two of our juniors, were elected to membership in "Mortar Board," the senior society.

The constitution of the women's league was amended, increasing the members of the executive board from seven to fourteen. Each sorority is to have a representative, and there are to be an equal number of non-fraternity girls on the board also. Kate Nelson was elected president at the annual election in May.

Our "midnight session," held the night after finals, was a great success. An impromptu vaudeville show followed by a sumptuous spread, and a Kappa song fest, made it a memorable night for all. Our four seniors were presented with Kappa spoons in the midst of the festivities.

Our college paper, the *Silver and Gold*, is to be a tri-weekly this year.

We have high hopes, and are full of anticipation for rushing.

The Pan Hellenic rules restrict rushing this year more than before, but our prospects are very good. Beta Mu wishes her sister chapters the best of success in rushing, and for the coming year.

KATE NELSON.

PI, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Before college closed last May, the usual senior week festivities were enjoyed. Several of the Kappas took part in the extravaganza given in the Greek Theater, and the majority of the chapter attended the senior ball.

Officers for college activities were decided upon. Carolin Teichert was made president of the Treble Clef Society, Lenore Salsig, Carolin Teichert, and Mildred Porter are now on the Y. W. C. A. cabinet, and several Kappas acted on the senior advisory committee.

Since the opening of college, last Friday, excitement has centered entirely about "rushing". We had first day bidding day, which naturally necessitated "rushing" during the summer vacation. Already we have eight fine girls pledged: Edith Goodfellow, Mabel Moller, Louise Roberts, Helen Coogan, Mildred Knox, Mabel Bontz and Louise Lockwood. And we are still working hard with teas, chafing-dish suppers, picnics and all the other alluring festivities. Because of the great number of freshmen—twelve hundred—there is a proportionately large number of "rushees".

College work is begining to take up the usual amount of time, but it seems good to be back to regular work again.

We wish every Kappa all success in the coming year.

GEORGEA WISEMAN.

ZETA PROVINCE

BETA PI, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Beta Pi ended the spring semester of 1911 with a very pretty luncheon in honor of the graduating seniors, to whom Kappa Kappa Gamma fobs were given as tokens. On this occasion Blossom Devlin announced her engagement to Donald Moffet, Delta Tau Delta, of Kansas City.

On April the twenty-ninth the chapter gave its one large formal dance at the Firlock Club on the shore of Lake Washington. Among our several informal affairs none were more enjoyed by the girls than the dinners given at intervals for the different members of our faculty.

Two Beta Pi engagements were announced in August, those of Stella Brady and Warren Brokaw, and of Ursula Hughes to Peter Reynolds.

The fall semester having begun, we are now in the midst of a most interesting rushing season. Most to be remembered among our several "stunts" was a wonderful "circus" given last Satur-

day evening by the alumnae for the entertainment of both the active chapter and the rushees. The performance gave us an excellent idea of our alumnae talent, as they took the parts of both menagerie and performers.

Elizabeth Fox of Beta Epsilon, now Y. W. C. A. secretary of the Northwest has paid us several enjoyable visits while in the city during the past week.

Beta Pi extends to all Kappa chapters best wishes for a successful college year.

HAZEL F. RANDOLPH.

ALUMNAE PERSONALS

BETA IOTA ASSOCIATION

On May thirteenth, 1911, the annual luncheon of Beta Iota Alumnae Association and the active chapter was held at the Marlborough-Blenheim, Atlantic City, New Jersey. Mrs. Allen Kirby White, the wife of one of the proprietors, is a charter member of Beta Iota chapter. It was mainly through her efforts that all our charter members were present, this being the first time for many years that we have had them all at once. One delightful feature of the day was that we chartered a special car to take us from Philadelphia to Atlantic City, so that we might see as much as possible of each other before, as well as during, the luncheon.

'02. Born to Robert Hunt and Amelia E. (Himes) Walker, on March twenty-fifth 1911, a son, Talbott Hunt Walker.

'10. Katherine Burga Kessler, who graduated this year from Pennsylvania State College, won the prize of \$50, offered by the Pennsylvania D. A. R. chapter, to any woman student of any college in Pennsylvania, for the best essay written on "The Women of the most potent personality in the colonies".

'10. Marie Sellers has accepted a position with the Curtis Publishing Company.

'10. Married, June twenty-ninth 1911, Rebecca Lewis Verlenden and Dr. Hugh Lenox Hodge Dick.

MARGARET DALE LEIPER.

SYRACUSE ASSOCIATION

A number of the girls have new teaching positions for this year, as follows:—

Bertha Jewel, '07, at Roslyn, Long Island, New York.

Marjorie Gardner, '07, at Saugerties, New York.

Sara Lamoreaux, '09, Newark, New York.

Marion Brainard, '09, Glens Falls, New York.

Hazel Hall, Waterbury, Connecticut.

Of the seniors just graduated, the following have positions:—

Alice Egbert, as Dean of Women in the College of Idaho.

Elizabeth Dibble, in the high school at Wayland, New York, as teacher of music and drawing.

Irene Cushing at Brockport, New York.

Ida L. Allis will return to Great Neck, Long Island, where she has been since February.

Clara Steinbicker will return to Irvington, New York.

The following engagements have been announced:—

Alice Egbert to Clarence Thurber, '12, Beta Theta Pi, of Colgate University.

Marjorie Gardner to Arthur Byron Johnson, Syracuse, '11, Delta Upsilon.

Helen Beattie, '11, to Dr. Leslie Wiles, Syracuse Medical College, '11, now an interne in a New York hospital.

Gladys Erskine, '07, to William Allis, Syracuse University, '07, Delta Kappa Epsilon.

Mr. Grover Neill, husband of Frances Thayer, '06, of Gridley, California, died in July at the home of his people in North Carolina. Mrs. Neill was Beta Tau's delegate to the 1904 Convention at Columbus. She has accepted a position to teach in the fall in Redlands, California.

Margurite Dunham, '11, has been appointed supervisor of drawing at Salem New Jersey.

PHI

Corenne Bryant, ex-'11, was married to Mr. Lawrence Drew Somers on June twenty-third in Brookline.

Louise Evarts, '11, will begin her duties September first as

resident secretary to the Alumnae Association of Northfield Seminary.

BETA SIGMA

The engagement is announced of Marguerite Welles, 1906, to Dr. Lewis Ecker of Washington, D. C.

KAPPA

Announcement has been made of the birth of a baby girl (June Aileen) on June twenty-eighth, 1911, to Mr. and Mrs. Leon B. Reynolds, nee Fannie Northrop.

Mrs. Elizabeth Rowley Rodgers, one of the charter members of Kappa chapter, spent several days in Hillsdale in August, visiting friends.

Ruth Gurney, '09, is spending the summer with her sister, Mrs. Lash, nee May Gurney, '97.

Fern McLeod, '11, has moved with her mother to California, where she will continue her voice culture at Leland Stanford University.

Mrs. Zoe Smith Bradley, '99, of Chicago, Illinois, spent several days in the summer visiting Mrs. Harriet Rice Bates of Hillsdale, and Miss Sarah Putnam of Litchfield.

Mrs. Florette Bonney Kelley of Allegan, Michigan, visited Mrs. Libby Cilly Bailey of Hillsdale during the month of August.

Ruth Mauck, '07, and Albert Walrath, '08, Delta Tau Delta, were married September fifth at the home of President and Mrs. Mauck.

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Several Alumnae were back for Commencement, among whom were Lucy Jennings, Vera Swift, Mabel Price, and Lena Beem.

Margaret Mathews, '11, expects to teach this year in the high school at Caldwell, Ohio.

Lucile Goucher, '11, expects to fill the position of instructor of elocution in Westminster College at Tehuacana, Texas.

Josephine Lambie, '11, expects to teach music this coming year at Adrian, Mich.

EPSILON

Letta and Mabel Brock have returned from a six months' tour of Europe.

Bernice Green, ex-'10, has been traveling in England this summer.

Myra Jarrett, '11, is teaching household economics in the high school at Rochelle, Illinois.

Irene Cunningham, '10, is teaching in Arcola, Illinois.

Ruth Green, '10, is again teaching in Fairbury, Illinois.

Julia Holder, '05, and Grace Wells, '08, have returned from a six weeks' western trip.

Eulalia Robinson, '10 is teaching in Casey, Iowa.

Laurastine Marquis, '08, has returned from a year's trip around the world.

OMEGA

Helen Phillips, '11, will continue her school work in an eastern college this year.

Margaret Siegel, '11, will enter Northwestern this year for some advanced study.

Della Peck, '10, was married to Allan Wayne Didge in June.

In Memoriam

UNA KATHERINE DUFFY,

Born July 26, 1887,

Died August thirteenth, 1911.

She was a member of Gamma Rho chapter during the four years of her college course, from 1907 to 1911. During these years she was deeply interested in all activities of the college, and intensely loyal to every obligation of her fraternity.

Her death came suddenly, at a time when it seemed as though her life's work was just opening before her. But the memory of her sweet disposition, and the influence of her noble Christian character will live always in the hearts of her friends.

ELLIE MAY SANBORN KYLE,

Eta Chapter, 1887.

Died February fifteenth, 1911.

NELL SLAUGHTER,

Mrs. Charles Boyle,

Beta Nu Chapter 1895-99.

Died July twelfth, 1911,

HILDA ALICE VAN HISE,

Eta Chapter,

Died May twelfth, 1911.

WHEREAS, the New York Alumnae Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma in the death of Bernice Haviland Guernsey, has lost one of its faithful members,

Resolved that this Association extends its deep sympathy to her family and that these resolutions be published in THE KEY.

MARY MORGAN BREWER, Delta.

KATHERINE S. DOTY, Beta Epsilon.

JEANNETTE CLENEN, Beta Epsilon.

EXCHANGES

BY KATHERINE TOBIN MULLIN

Exchanges that receive three copies of THE KEY are asked to send exchange copies to Mrs. A. H. Roth, 262 West Tenth Street, Erie, Pa., Mrs. Ralph T. C. Jackson, "Hearthstone", Dighton, Mass., and Mrs. Howard B. Mullin, 842 Ackerman Avenue, Syracuse, New York.

This interesting collection we acknowledge with thanks:

February: *The Aegis* of Alpha Sigma Alpha.

March: *The Garnet and White* of Alpha Chi Rho; *The Aglaia* of Phi Mu; *Alpha Tau Omega Palm*; *The Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

April: *The Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *The Mask* of Kappa Psi; *The Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi; *Alpha Gamma Delta Quarterly*; *The Phi Chi Quarterly*; *Beta Theta Pi*; *The Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi; *The Bent* of Tau Beta Pi.

May: *Kappa Alpha Theta Journal*; *The Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon; *The Anchora* of Delta Gamma; *The Aglaia* of Phi Mu; *The Garnet and White* of Alpha Chi Rho; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma.

June: *Delta Chi Quarterly*; *The Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta; *The Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi; *Alpha Phi Quarterly*; *Beta Theta Pi*; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma.

July: *Alpha Gamma Delta Quarterly*; *Alpha Tau Omega Palm*; *The Mask* of Kappa Psi; *The Bent* of Tau Beta Pi; *The Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *The Phi Chi Fraternity Quarterly*.

August: *The Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi.

This must be what is meant by reciprocity! Two big armfuls of books all sent to us, free of charge. Very nice thing this reciprocity,—we vote for it. At a glance, our exchanges are interesting, all of them, particularly those with pictures,—and there seems to have been a lot of extra energy among the camera men this season,—to say nothing of the subjects themselves. Pictures are always an attraction, and a dozen or so of our contemporaries' editions since the spring have been full of

good photographs. Several of the editors of the men's books have seen fit to embellish their pages with appetizing pictures of dress-suited young men at banquets, Beta Theta Pi, Kappa Psi, Phi Kappa Psi. Others have pages and pages of chapter pictures for the delight of the freshmen at the women's colleges. Some of the women's books have attractive chapter pictures which are always good to look at. We always liked to see how our sisters in another corner of our continent looked. To be truthful, when we were freshmen in a little college in the east, we almost expected to find our western sisters all in khaki dresses with red neckties, sombrero hats, boots, hair in a braid like the heroines of our western plays. Pictures are really enlightening.

The April *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi like its previous publications is one of the most interesting of our exchanges. In January they featured a beauty department. In April it was trained nurses. Very pretty and demure are these capped and aproned college trained nurses. And with the photographs is a highly entertaining article telling of their good work. This number also has a department of alumnae personals which seems very complete and which surely must be interesting reading to its alumnae readers. The July number which specializes in chapter pictures is an extra fat one and also a good book.

The Beta Theta Pi for June contains a letter from one Walter E. Dennison of California explaining for the benefit of Mr. Baird how the Beta colors pink and blue came to be. It was Mrs. Dennison's fault.

George Fitch author of the Siwash College stories is a Beta and was written up in the *Beta Theta Pi*. It is always interesting to read about successful men of our times. Mr. Fitch is thirty-four years old, weighs 100 pounds, was graduated from Knox College in 1897, held several newspaper positions, is married, and is now ranked as a heavy-weight in the literary arena.

Four Caducei (is that the plural?) are on hand from Kappa Sigma. In the course of a discourse on "The College Fraternity and the Failure" by E. W. Skelton, they quote:

And this brings us to a topic which is dear to the heart of every enemy

of the fraternity, opportunity for discussing which he never lets pass; it is that of scholarship among the Greek letter folk. It would undoubtedly be well for the fraternity as a unit to bestow more recognition upon pure scholarship, for proficiency in studies is too often taken as a matter of course, while little encouragement or help is given to the brother near the danger line. A fairly lenient freshman scholarship requirement for membership would not appear too radical, and would relieve many a chapter from the ignominy of having new initiates dropped from college because they could not stand the pace. The pledge need not be restricted later than the regular season but could stand open until a certain number of college courses had been completed. A number of institutions by faculty regulation have put in effect a similar rule with apparent success. The next step would be for the fraternities to take action. That such a step will be taken in the near future does not appear improbable from the agitation that the scholarship question has aroused at recent conclaves of several of our large national fraternities. Such agitation is a truly hopeful sign, and its sincerity is amply testified to by the adoption by Kappa Sigma at least of a comprehensive platform for the improvement of scholarship. The recent interfraternity conference in New York City with its exhaustive study of problems that alike affect college and fraternity, is pregnant with promise for the future. The old rivalry between fraternities, while still healthy, is losing its taint of bitterness in the recognition of broader and nobler fields of effort. The time of fraternity irresponsibility is past; and in its place has come the desire for improvement, the spirit of progress, that can only result in better fraternities, better colleges, and better men.

By the way, Kappa Sigma's exchange editor compliments us prettily. Thank you, sir. And may we add that it is a sort of back-handed compliment for himself, because we have always thought that the Caduceus exchange department was the best model.

Here is the secret of holding the interest of the alumni as told in *The Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi:

Every Chapter is continually facing the problem of how to obtain and retain the interest of the alumni. It is surely better and easier to retain such interest than to wait until it becomes necessary to secure it once again. It is only in rare instances that a man does not have an enthusiastic interest in the Fraternity during his undergraduate days. When a man ceases to become an undergraduate every precaution should be taken that this interest is not allowed to lapse. There is perhaps no better way to accomplish this than for each Chapter to see that every member leaving college shall subscribe to the Fraternity journal. The Fraternity at large has recognized this fact by arranging that a special

two-thirds rate be made for the first year out of college. The Chapters should not fail to improve the opportunity. Some Chapters consider the expenditure of the small amount necessary to cover such subscriptions a good investment, and make it a Chapter charge. At any rate no member should be allowed to leave the Chapter without subscribing to the magazine, either personally or through the Chapter.

Put away your ponies!

"Cribbing" and the use of "ponies" and "keys" are evils that exist in all college communities and even prep schools, and it has occurred to me that they are evils that are doing a great deal to undermine the character of men, and that those who have been through college and are now out in the world owe it to the boys who have taken their places to tell them frankly that these things ought to be dropped and let them know that men who make use of such helps will not be assisted by them to places of trust and responsibility upon their graduation. Discipline committees and professors act and appeal to fellows on this subject in season and out of season with little effect, and it has appeared to me that the alumni could do a great work right here by simply saying in no uncertain tones how they view these things and for what they will not stand.

I don't know whether the students of the University of Pennsylvania are any greater sinners than others, but it is a fact that in nearly all of the fraternity houses here or, perhaps better, in the libraries of the fraternity houses, there are translations of Latin and Greek authors, there are books containing the solutions of problems in physics and in chemistry, mathematics, etc. These are handed down from class to class and they do harm. My own thought is that the alumni can help Alma Mater not only by shouting for her and by contributions, but they can help mightily in building up the character of her student body if they will get busy and see to it that some of these evils are not countenanced.

We fraternity men are apt to pose as being somewhat better, or perhaps as the best men in the institution, and I think it is time for us to see that we are not only best in looks and dress, but actually and honestly best in our walk, talk and thought.—*Shield of Phi Kappa Psi.*

Here is a good argument for the small chapter:

I do not believe that a large chapter of thirty or more can be as intimate and fraternal as a small chapter of ten or fifteen. The idea of keeping the chapters small is as old as the fraternity itself. In 1884 W. H. Inglesby wrote to E. A. Snowden of Pi chapter: "I think eight or ten is as many men as it is well for a chapter to have." He realized the danger of having too many men in a chapter and so he gave this advice to Snowden. In the large chapter there is too much danger of cliques and division among the members, and nothing on earth so destroys the efficiency of a chapter as to be divided into two sets. This is usually avoided in the less pretentious chapters. When you come to think about it you can learn to

know intimately only a very few men. If you are a member of a big chapter you will have your particular friends among a certain few whom you are thrown with most. The others you will know only to a limited extent. Especially is that the case in universities where class distinction is closely drawn. A freshman will have friends among his classmates, and so on through every class. But this is eliminated in the small chapter; and the "older brother" idea, about which we have read so much in *The Caduceus*, is developed to its fullest extent. There is no class distinction among the brothers in the small chapters, and they all meet on the same footing.

I am not arguing against large chapters, but rather for the smaller ones. They have done good work in the past and have turned out some, and in fact most, of the members of the S. E. C. and there is no reason why they will not continue to hold the high standard for Kappa Sigma in the future. I hope we will not hear any more antagonistic sentiments expressed against the numerically weaker chapters, but instead practice the true fraternal spirit and do all you can to help them when they are down and give them encouragement at all times. Thus will the cement of true brotherly feeling be spread between us, and unite us all a solid phalanx of chapters, with the same purpose, same ultimate end in view to turn out well rounded men who will be a credit to themselves, their chapter and their whole fraternity.—*Caduceus of Kappa Sigma*.

Kappa Alpha Theta had convention at Pasadena, California, in July. Photographs and alluring descriptions in the May number of the *Journal* should have been responsible for a large attendance.

Business methods are better than songs, says John N. Van der Vries in the *Alpha Tau Omega Palm*:

"I believe that good, sound business methods in a chapter and strict attention to school work will do more to instill brotherly love in a chapter than all the beautiful sermons, mottos, songs and other mediums, to which one may listen. By good business methods I mean the payment of one's share of the expenses of the chapter, chapter house and the boarding table promptly and gladly. Brotherhood does not mean granting to your brother the privilege of paying your just share of the expenses when you probably are more able to pay them than he is. By strict attention to college work I do not mean that all should be Phi Beta Kappas or Sigma Xis, but I mean that one should prove to the world that he is a normal man and that he can do the normal amount of work which is expected of a normal college man in a normal way and with normal results. By so doing he will not dishonor the name of his fraternity nor place its existence in jeopardy. If, after he has done this, he has time to devote to the secondary affairs of college life, he should be

urged to do so, and to round himself out in every possible way. I believe that if this course were adopted, fraternity men would occupy a better place in the college work, and the very existence of the fraternity system would be on a firmer basis than it now is."

Something novel in rushing:

The most interesting topic at present is rushing. We have a lively committee of six upon whom we are depending to corral a dozen worthy candidates to fill up the ranks depleted by this year's seniors. One of our novel rushing instruments is a huge 6 x 4 map of the United States. Little red stars indicate the locality of chapters, blue stars for the A. A.'s and green stars are pasted over the site of every town where the recent Catalog lists a Phi Psi as living. The result is astounding.—Columbia University chapter letter in the Phi Kappa Psi *Shield*.

Read these, and see if you are educated:

A professor in the University of Chicago told his pupils that he should consider them educated in the best sense of the word when they could say yes to every one of the questions that he should put to them. Here they are:

Has education given you sympathy with all good causes and made you espouse them?

Has it made you public spirited?

Has it made you a brother to the weak?

Have you learned how to make friends and keep them?

Do you know what it is to be a friend yourself?

Can you look an honest man or a pure woman straight in the eye?

Do you see anything to love in a little child?

Will a lonely dog follow you in the street?

Can you be high-minded and happy in the meanest drudgeries of life?

Do you think washing dishes and hoeing corn just as compatible with high thinking as piano playing or golf?

Are you good for anything to yourself?

Can you be happy alone?

Can you look out on the world and see anything except dollars and cents?

Can you look into a mud puddle by the wayside and see the clear sky?

Can you see anything in the puddle but mud?

Can you look into the sky at night and see beyond the stars?—*The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon*.

Kappa Alpha Theta announces the installation of Alpha Pi Chapter at the University of North Dakota on Saturday, the twenty-third of September.

Quoting from the London Evening Standard, the *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon enumerates the fourteen errors of life. Fraternity life seems full of errors, for we must admit that these are especially applicable to our life in the Greek world.

The fourteen mistakes of life, Judge Rentoul told the Bartholomew Club, are

To expect to set up our own standard of right and wrong and expect everybody to conform to it.

To try to measure the enjoyment of others by our own.

To expect uniformity of opinion in this world.

To look for judgment and experience in youth.

To endeavor to mold all dispositions alike.

Not to yield in unimportant trifles.

To look for perfections in our own actions.

To worry ourselves and others about what cannot be remedied.

Not to alleviate if we can all that needs alleviation.

Not to make allowances for the weaknesses of others.

To consider anything impossible that we cannot ourselves perform.

To believe only what our finite minds can grasp.

To live as if the moment, the time, the day were so important that it would live forever.

To estimate people by some outside quality, for it is that within which makes the man

COLLEGE NOTES

BY KATHERINE TOBIN MULLIN

Kansas State University claims to have more women students who are working their way through college than any other similar institution in the country.

University of Missouri is advertising with moving pictures illustrating activities and campus scenes.

A three hundred acre farm is among the gifts to Columbia University. A school of agriculture will be established.

Recent Yale Notes:

At the September meeting of the Yale corporation advance sheets of the Treasurer's report showed, among other things, that gifts of \$236,000 had been received by the university since July 1. These are about equally divided between endowment and building funds. Among those present was John V. Farwell of Chicago, elected at commencement.

Announcement was made that friends of the late ex-President Noah Porter plan to raise a sum of at least \$12,000 for the erection of Porter Gates at the south end of University Avenue, between Fairweather and West Divinity Halls. It is hoped to have the fund complete by December 14, the 100th anniversary of Dr. Porter's birth.

The purchase of twenty acres of land near the Yale athletic field to provide more adequately for the athletic needs of the university was made known.

Among the new appointments are those of Sir William Osler of Oxford, England, as Silliman Lecturer in 1912, and of Professor Joseph Iddings of the University of Chicago, as the 1913 lecturer. The new Yale Review will appear in October.—*New York Times*.

There is to be an alliance between the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University, and the Presbyterian Hospital, New York City.

The Association of Collegiate Alumnae, composed of the graduates of about thirty-five colleges of this country and other lands will hold a convention in New York City in October at the Hotel Martinique. Among the social affairs will be a dinner at which most of the college presidents of the East will be present.

It is unofficially reported at Cornell University that Dr. David Jayne Hill who recently returned from the post of American Ambassador to Germany has been invited to become a member of the Cornell faculty as head of the department of politics and economics.

For the first time in the 275 years' history of Harvard University the name Harvard appears this fall on the student rolls. Lionel De Jersey Harvard of London, a descendant of John Harvard, is a member of the class of 1915.

MAGAZINE NOTES

BY ETHEL HARNED GAUVRAN.

Apropos of the recent investigation in the fraternity world—there is an article in the December *Science*, by C. H. Forsyth of the University of Illinois, giving the result of a personal investigation into, and comparison of total expenses of about 300 fraternity men with the same number of non-fraternity men. A member of each of 23 fraternities at Illinois was asked to canvass his respective fraternity and secure from each member the total amount of expenses during the nine months of the school year. Data were obtained from non-fraternity men by a personal canvass by three students among them. The result of the investigation shows that the average fraternity men at Illinois spends about \$150 more than the average non-fraternity man.

\$50 of this \$150 was set for the average fees of the fraternity man for his society. How is the \$100 to be accounted for? Does this \$100 represent extravagance or not? A large number of fraternity men would be extravagant even if they were not members of these organizations. The fraternity can not be blamed for this.

Mr. Forsyth concludes by saying that the fraternity does deserve a great deal of criticism if it allows extremely extravagant cases to exist. The society might be a real benefaction to extravagant men if by associating them with thrifty brothers it could teach them the lesson of economy.

Mr. Faunce, President of Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, discusses before the National Educational Association the relation of the college faculty to fraternities. He names four attitudes the college faculty may adopt. It may prohibit and suppress secret societies by sheer authority—but this method is likely to defeat its own end, for any attempt at repression creates resistance and gives the fraternity undue importance. In almost every instance this attitude is a mistake.

A second possible attitude is to ignore the existence of fraternities. It is almost impossible to do this for the growth of College fraternities in America in the last thirty years has been great.

It has been a growth in numbers, in property and in influence on the life of undergraduates. At Columbia \$1,000,000 is represented in fraternity property. There are 600 so-called fraternal orders in this country—35 national college fraternities—not counting sororities—embracing nearly 200,000 men. These organizations bear too great a responsibility to be ignored—they house students—they affect standards of scholarship—create ideals of duty and honor—and hold the reputation and honor of the college in their keeping. They simply cannot be ignored.

A third attitude is to direct them by legislation. This is unwise, for college students resent being treated like children—and the old time paternal attitude no longer exists.

The fourth and true attitude is for the faculty to attempt to understand these organizations and their purposes—to get in sympathy with them and try to enlist their support in all the best amusements of college life. When the American student is made to realize how much responsibility he has, he is a firm ally of all that is best.

How can the faculty engage the forces of these organizations on the inside of character building in the American college?

By developing a sense of responsibility in prominent alumni.

By securing the co-operation of upper class students in the chapter. A group of strong, high minded seniors is the best asset a chapter can have. They can "coach" the under class men.

The faculty can explain to influential seniors its general policy—point out weakness in the past—and ask for aid in dealing with students who are weak morally or intellectually.

Such co-operation of faculty and fraternities is needed to bring about pressing reforms in our present conditions. The "pledging" and "rushing" systems of the day are evil. How can we reform them? The regulation of social events—the cultivation of simplicity and democracy, of refinement, can best be attained when college officers and college students meet to consult and plan and help each other.

In 1910 a brief circular letter was sent out by some educators interested in fraternities, for the purpose of attaining information as to what is being done to stimulate good college work by

members of fraternities. This was sent to the general fraternities and to 90 colleges that obtained 5 or more chapters of general fraternities.

Replies were received from 18 out of 31 fraternities.

Of the 90 colleges, 37 were Eastern colleges, 24 were Southern colleges and 25 were Western institutions.

Although one half of the Southern colleges and one third of the Eastern colleges failed to reply only 4 of the 25 Western colleges failed to do so. The percentage of replies indicates a far greater interest in this matter in the West than in the East.

The replies from fraternities indicated that the necessity for improvement of scholarship is recognized by them and nearly all are trying to do something to raise the standard.

Among plans in operation are the following: careful investigation by a visiting officer of each chapter who obtains full information from the college authorities; investigations of chapters by its own graduates who report to the fraternity; awarding honor certificates to those chapters whose scholarship is high; requiring all chapters to place each initiate under the supervision of an upperclassman whose duty is to watch his work.

At the University of Wisconsin the Inter-fraternity Conference awards a cup each year to the fraternity having the highest rank of the year, the cup being held each term by that society which has the highest rank the preceding term.

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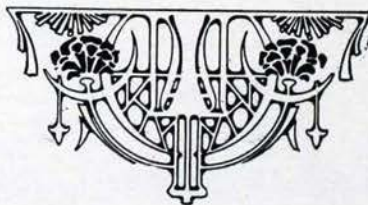
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