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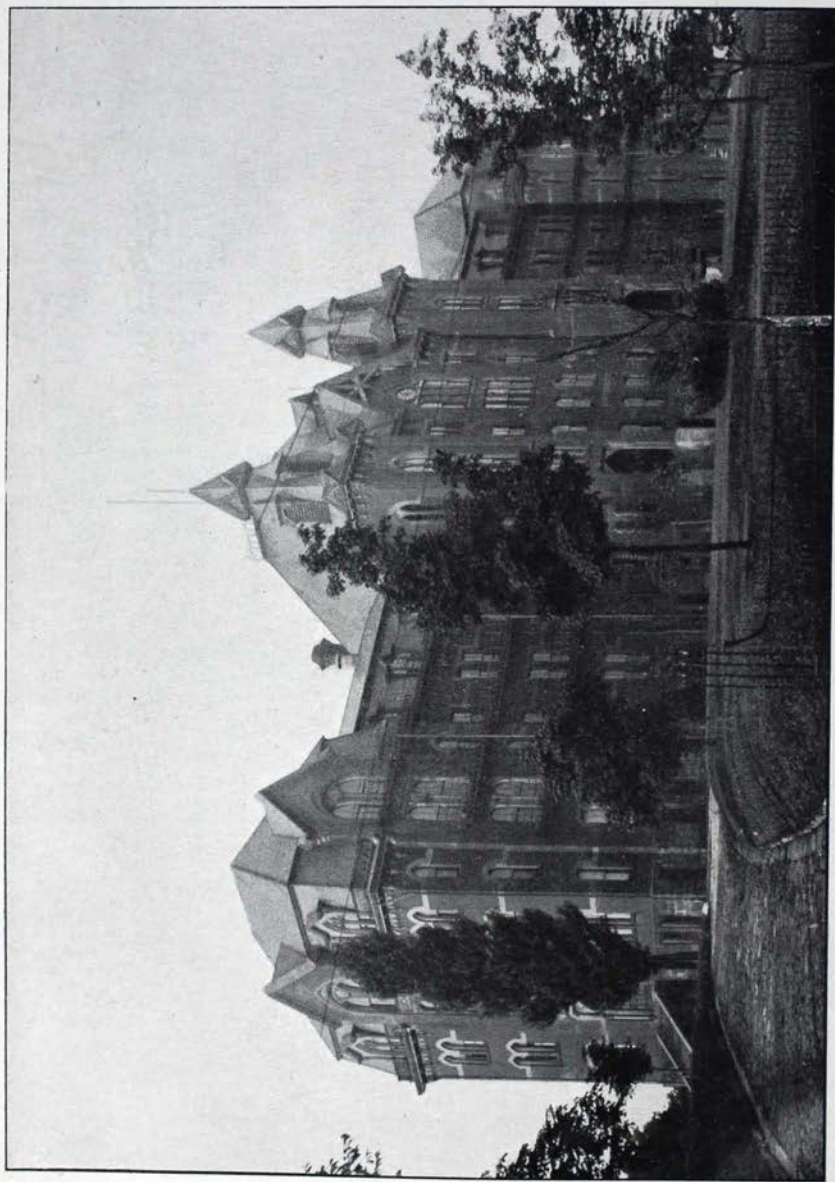
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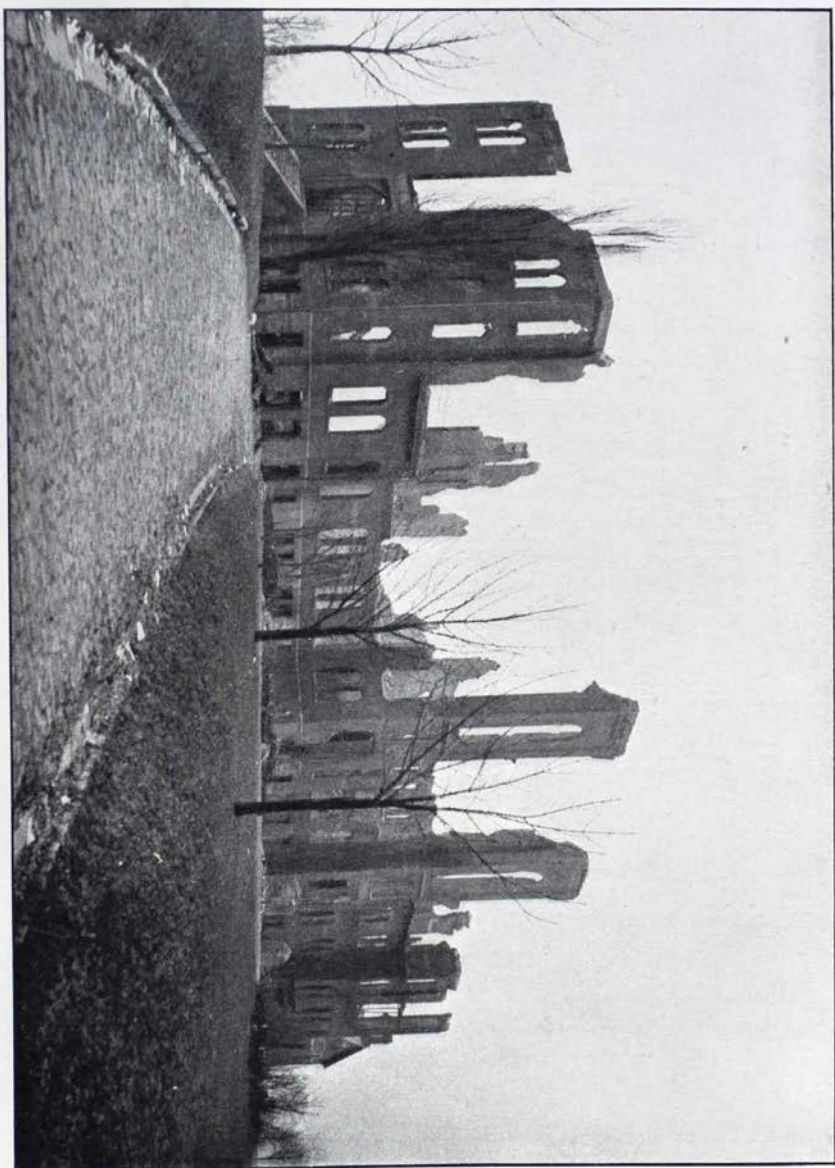
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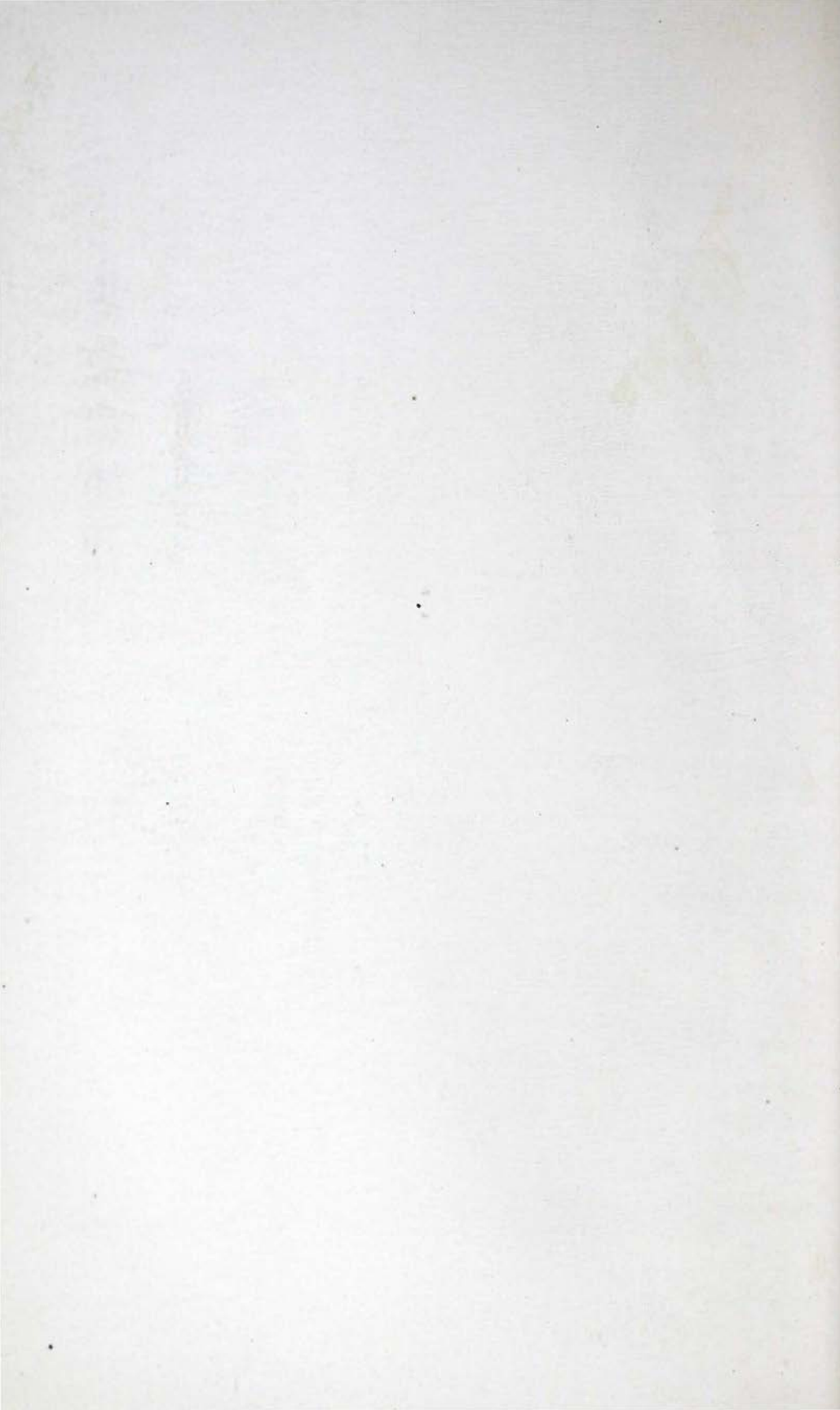




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THE FIRE AT BUCHEL COLLEGE.

As the Editor has asked us to write an account of the burning of our college, we send a few facts which may give THE KEY's readers an idea of the condition of Buchtel and of Lambda.

About five o'clock on the evening of December 20, as the students were at supper, they were startled by cries that the college was on fire. They rushed out but could see only a little blaze on the roof at the east end of the building. All thought it could be extinguished before very much damage was done, but it soon gained such headway that it was clear a part, at least, of the building must go, and students and faculty worked together to save what they could.

There were two buildings on the campus—the college building and the gymnasium. The college building was a long, four-storied structure, on the first floor of which were the offices, library, parlors, and some recitation rooms. The east end of the second and third floors were used principally for recitations, while the west end was the young women's dormitory. The laboratory, studio and dining-room were in the basement. On the fourth floor was the chapel and the two ladies' fraternity halls. At the extreme west end on the south side of the hall was the Delta Gamma fraternity room; directly opposite this was the Kappa hall. Several Kappas were rooming in the dormitory, and our hall was opened in time to have some of our furniture saved and all of our archives, except the private annual reports. But we lost all of our old song books, and only saved two of the new ones.

The college men were very kind and thoughtful during the fire. They worked like beavers, carrying couches, book-cases, chairs,

etc., from the fourth floor until they could not enter the rooms because of the smoke. They broke open the Delta Gamma hall but too late to save much of their property.

Among those who did most to save the contents of the building were Miss Warner and Miss Armstrong, both Kappas and members of the faculty. Miss Warner, leaving her rooms to the care of Miss Armstrong, gave her attention to the rooms of the young women, several of whom were away at the time. She was kept busy directing men here and there, and having almost perfect control of herself, she did much to calm others. Miss Armstrong, after saving, as she thought, everything from Miss Warner's rooms, went to the library where she worked faithfully, directing the men and carrying arm loads of books herself until smoke and flames became so dense no one could enter the room.

There were eight Kappas living in the building, five active girls, one pledgling, Miss Warner, preceptress, and Miss Musson, teacher of music. Miss Musson's loss was very heavy as all her clothing was burned and also a great deal of valuable music. Miss Warner's loss was not so heavy, although she lost much of her clothing. Miss Fuller, although she did not live in the building, lost a great deal in her studio. The others lost comparatively little.

Lambda is at present holding her meetings at the home of one of her charter members, whose two daughters are now active members of our chapter. We have a cozy little room, large enough to hold us all, and we can be as good Kappas there as in the old hall.

Without doubt the college will be rebuilt, although on a different plan. A systematic canvass of the state has been planned and a canvass of the city has been carried on with very satisfactory results. Liberal donations have been received from Vermont, Massachusetts and Michigan.

At present classes are being held in the gymnasium, and both students and faculty are making the most of what is left. The students are loyal to the college. No one has as yet deserted; on the contrary, the college spirit is stronger than before, and we have several new students this term.

L. R., *Lambda*.

FRATERNITY WOMEN IN COLLEGE LIFE.

Some time ago an address was delivered to college students in which the speaker referred to an argument which was used when the question of admitting women to the universities and colleges was under discussion, that women would improve the moral tone of the colleges, that their ethical vision is clearer than men's and so their influence would tend to raise the standards of conduct. It was said that women had accomplished much in this direction, but that by a united and persistent effort much more could be done.

It occurred to me what a center for increasing this influence a fraternity chapter might become. If we would but seek to make our motto more truly the inspiration of our lives, both in our relations with each other and with the other students of our college or university, we would be able to do a great deal toward lessening the criticism of life in co-educational institutions which is so often heard, both from those who are connected with such institutions and those who know them only from the outside.

We are all familiar with the advantages of this system. It must not be denied, however, that it has its disadvantages which we prefer to ignore. Is the fear groundless that the women, by entering the universities and colleges, have lowered their own moral tone rather than helped to raise that of the young men? I am sure that so far as the majority of college women is concerned this idea is without foundation; but there is an aggressive minority which, by carelessness, indifference, or thoughtlessness, give the impression upon which such an idea is naturally based. If this impression is to be overcome, the college women must make an effort to do it. The girl who spends any part of her time laughing at or tacitly encouraging the college men in giving highly colored descriptions of "times" which they have been having; or the girl who is always betting on something, though the stake be only candy or flowers, is tending to lower the moral tone of her college and of her fellow students. Are not such girls accountable, at least in a small degree, for the dissipation of some of the college men? One of the wildest men whom I ever knew in college once said that "if the girls would refuse to be friendly with young men who were not upright in charac-

ter, the men would not think it such a fine thing to be a little fast." "You see," he continued, "the girls think that a fellow is no fun and an awful bore unless he is just a little gay." Such an expression is false. No girl likes a man because he is fast; but she may be pleased with him in spite of that fact. If the college women would look upon such things seriously and never permit them to be joked about, their influence would be more decidedly against them.

Can we really believe that Dutch lunches, punch and wine parties have an elevating influence upon the character of college life? Are college girls not placing themselves in a position where disapproval of excess in such things can have no influence upon their friends and associates, because their own actions do not differ in kind but only in degree from those which they disapprove.

It is little excuse to argue that these are social usages which are followed by the most cultivated and delightful people. The real question for us is: do these usages lead toward that which is best and most beautiful? If not, should we not cease to look upon them with indifference and endeavor to be true to all the fraternity's ideals.

MAUD RAYMOND, *Beta Nu.*

FRATERNITY VERSUS COLLEGE SPIRIT.

Whether the existence of fraternities tends to promote or to hinder college spirit, is a question which vitally concerns both the college and the fraternity.

The question as it presents itself to us as individual chapters must be answered by results rather than by argument.

The fraternities themselves, through the actions of their members, must furnish the material and the statistics which will go to prove whether fraternities do or do not promote college spirit.

If one were making a business of collecting such statistics, the questions which he would ask would run something as follows.

Do the fraternity girls attend and take an active part in class meetings? Are they interested in the social life of their class and do they show it by attending class parties? Do they belong

to literary societies? Do they know the other members of their class?

If these and similar questions can be answered affirmatively, well and good, but if not something needs to be done.

Genuine college spirit consists not merely in waving college and class colors at foot-ball games and in singing college songs ; but it demands of us thought and care in electing class officers and in choosing committees.

It is the duty of every fraternity girl both for her own good and for the good of her fraternity to identify herself with some college organizations, and not to confine her interests and her influence solely to her own fraternity.

Her individual tastes will decide for her whether she interest herself in dramatics, in literary work, or along philanthropic lines.

Too much enthusiasm and college spirit has never proved fatal, but of the lack of it, one can not speak so surely.

If each girl in the fraternity makes her personality felt throughout the entire class, is she not doing her part in fostering college spirit ; and if this could be truly said of the members of every fraternity, would the question regarding the influence of fraternities on college spirit ever have been raised ?

CHI.

ON INITIATIONS.

Beta Lambda may be too young in fraternity life to be competent to give a wise decision in any matter of fraternity practice, and especially in one so vital as that of the initiation ceremony ; but it has seemed to us that the beautiful ritual was so full of meaning, so inspiring and uplifting that if it were always given in the proper spirit and with due solemnity three or four repetitions a year would only serve to make the union in fraternity bonds stronger, closer and more enduring than they could possibly be if a chapter were less familiar with the obligations our pledges impose.

Feeling as we do, we discussed the subject in one of our chapter meetings after the receipt of the January KEY in which Beta Tau had advocated but one grand initiation yearly. After our

talk we felt that we wanted to tell our sister chapters our impressions and to be set right if we are in the wrong. We have had five initiations in our short life, but it has been our constant endeavor to make each one more perfect in detail, and more impressive in effect than the preceding one. We have a little feeling of pride, too, that we have not been altogether unsuccessful. Our new sisters say with such warmth of feeling, "Oh! How beautiful it all is!" and those of us who have seen all of our initiations say that we feel a stronger desire each time to live our highest and best life and to be more truly womanly in all the relations of life. We know that we were peculiarly fortunate in our installation ceremonies, for surely no chapter was ever installed under more auspicious circumstances.

We had with us a former Grand President, Miss Sharp, Mrs. Fay, of Iota, Mrs. Smith of Kappa, Miss Simpson of Upsilon, the dear enthusiastic sisters of Epsilon and our Grand Secretary, Miss Sargent.

Not a single detail that would add to impressiveness and beauty had been forgotten. There will live in the memory of every charter member so long as memory itself lives, the impression gained that night, of life and its glorious opportunities. Of course, we can never hope to equal our Grand Secretary in the administering of the vows, but with the example we then had we can never be satisfied with anything short of our highest and best efforts to make each evening devoted to an initiation a hallowed time.

We have not stated our position very clearly, but perhaps enough to indicate what this ceremony means to us, and we would like others to tell us candidly wherein we are mistaken, if mistaken we are. Do others feel that we belittle the grandeur of the ceremony because we feel that it helps us as individuals and as a chapter to see it often repeated? We want to do the right thing, and will be more than willing to be set right if we have taken a wrong position. But this question comes to us, can anything that inspires to better living and creates a desire for the beautiful and the good be too often brought to mind?

BETA LAMBDA.

AN EPISODE AT MISSELL UNIVERSITY.

"Will Elwes called after me just as I came across the campus. That's why I am so late to dinner. There were a good many students about and I didn't like to be conspicuous so I pretended I didn't hear, but it was so slippery he overtook me and now I do hope everything is'n't eaten up. If freshmen only wouldn't persist in having such good appetites, there would be more left for upper classmen."—"Yes, roast beef, please."—"I thought he had something to say about the Promenade and I felt flurried, I can assure you. You know his room mate has brought on a stunning girl and the men at the chapter house are tumbling all over each other in their eagerness to see who shall have the most dances with her. Being a meek and humble spirit, I thought my doom was sealed, that some of them wanted to change off my dances and that Mr. Elwes meant to break it to me by degrees. To sit through a single dance murders my whole evening."

"Are there any olives at your end of the table?"

"Well, it was'n't that at all. It was about those girls from our Texas chapter, who are staying at the Phi Chi Xi house. It seems they have been saying everywhere that our chapter isn't as good as the Pi Alphas here but that their chapter is much better than the Texas Pi Alphas. Mr. Elwes said they ought to be called down for saying such things, that men wouldn't stand it from another chapter for a moment."

"To be sure it is not true and it makes me furious but I can not help laughing, too, because I remember the tea Charl gave for them yesterday. Don't you know, Eunice, how we had to come and ask you about their college because it was such a tiny speck we would never have heard of it but for our chapter there? You've turned your microscope on everything, dear, and you told us enough so that we could assume an air of almost human intelligence when it was mentioned. But we all promised each other not to say a word about how big and beautiful our University was for fear of embarrassing our guests. Hence these tears! It seems to me we have cast our bread upon the waters and it has floated in the other direction."

"You need'nt frown at me, Eunice, you know it's so. The trouble with you is, you think everything any member of the

fraternity does is all right. Now I don't. I think this is mean and disloyal and that disloyalty is reprehensible anywhere, in the fraternity or out, but most of all in the fraternity. I believe ordinary loyalty should keep a girl from discussing the failings of other chapters with outsiders, especially with men, and that no member should try to emphasize the importance of her own chapter by discrediting some other. She ought to realize that the fraternity means all of us, that one chapter can not stand alone, even if it wants to, that our value as a fraternity is the sum of our individual values as chapters, that each chapter is strong in the virtues of the other chapters, but is also weak in their defects. A decent amount of loyalty should keep us from criticising our other chapters to outsiders, just as it keeps us from dangling our family skeletons on the public highways. The common laws of courtesy should not be set aside because we happen to be bound together by fraternity ties. Here endeth my first lesson."—"Ethel, please pass the salt."

"Will said he should say something to those girls about it if we didn't; he didn't care if they were Beach's sisters; it would give them something to think about on their way home when the dances were all over." "Alice, don't eat any more ice cream. You'll be ill and then we shall have to show our loyalty by saying you're sweet tempered when you're crosser than sticks. But you'll find out that a chapter means a lot of happy and beautiful things that you don't realize, now. Freshmen have a lot to learn, anyhow. So have seniors, and one of them has a seminary at seven, she'll be late for it, too, if she don't run. Good bye!"

COLLEGE ENTHUSIASM.

It is well to talk of fraternity love and loyalty, to encourage the close chapter life, but there is danger that we may allow the fraternity to usurp the place which rightfully belongs to the college. It is well to be a loyal and enthusiastic fraternity woman, it is better to be a loyal and enthusiastic college woman. Fraternity life is, after all, but one phase of college life and our highest allegiance is due to our college.

The influence of the fraternity is truly uplifting ; it broadens and builds, but it is necessarily limited because the fraternity is, and by its very nature must be exclusive and not inclusive. The college on the other hand is inclusive. It reaches out everywhere to the masses of the people, and through its students its influence must be felt in every corner of this broad land. Its work is altruistic. It takes the undeveloped mind, intent upon materialism, and slowly but surely it raises up a nobler set of ideals, it shows a freer, truer, higher life ; and gives the inspiration and energy to live it. Every mind is not affected to the same degree, but every mind is affected to some degree.

But has the student any part in this work except to act as a receiver, to distribute after graduation ? If he does not distribute widely as he goes, he will never do so, and the world will be by that much more impoverished and sordid.

It is well to be gracious and charming in your fraternity circles. It is better to use your social graces for the whole college, helping those who have had fewer advantages to grasp the amenities of life, and aiding in the refinement of the people. It is good and right to do brilliant literary work for your fraternity, but it is selfish and wrong to end there. The college as a whole needs your thought far more than your fellow-Greek. To the Greek it is undoubtedly a pleasure ; to another fellow student it may be an inspiration and an incentive.

The fraternity is not intended to take you out of the college. It aims to enlarge your sympathies, to strengthen your intellect, to enrich and purify your emotions and make you able to fill a larger place in the college and afterwards, in the world. It widens the horizon of college life, and brings you into direct communication with other similar institutions. You are no longer an isolated individual attending a college to acquire power to obtain a subsistence ; you are a member of a great army of students, striving to obtain the higher life of culture and virtue, and you know that such a multitude must have its effect on the civilization of the age.

And so let us be altruists, and devote our best energies to our Alma Mater. The greater work is hers, and the fraternity, to reach its highest ideal must help, not hinder. It matters nothing what college we attend, whether great or small, rich or poor, her claim is the same. No parent's right was ever founded on

wealth or fame or power. It lies in the gift of life. The right by which our Alma Mater can claim our loving loyalty, is exactly the same. It is the gift of the higher intellectual, inner life which lifts us out of the narrowness and sordidness of materialism, and makes us men and women.

JEAN FREY, *Gamma Rho*.

WHAT TO GUARD AGAINST.

We are all very much impressed with the pleasures and privileges which come with life in a sorority house—especially those of us who have lived there. The true acquaintance and lasting friendship which come best from continual association are privileges to be prized, while the pleasures that a crowd of congenial girls can have among themselves can be appreciated only by those who have taken part in them. But in these very enjoyments, come the dangers that should be guarded against. We are very likely to become so devoted to each other and to our own modes of enjoyment, that we become self-centered and narrow, and if this is carried to any extent, one of the greatest benefits of a college education is diminished to a great degree. For college education is intended primarily to be broadening, and should arouse in the student an appreciation of the true value of every side of life,—an end which is not gained by a girl whose life is narrowed down to going to her classes and then rushing home to enjoy herself with “the girls at the house”, having little thought or care for what the rest of the world is doing. This is a selfish spirit which reacts first of all on the girl herself, but is also felt by outsiders who are quick to forget her as she forgets them, and there is even a possibility that her own fraternity sisters who live outside of the house will feel that there is a barrier and that the girls in the house prefer to enjoy their good times all to themselves. I do not say that these are necessary results of life in a sorority house, but they are very dangerous ones, and ones that are very likely to appear unless the girls take an active interest in things which interest the world about them, and unless they are characterized by a spirit of friendliness and sisterhood, which is broad enough to extend beyond the limits of the sorority house, and likewise of the sorority itself.

FLORENCE WALKER, *Beta Delta*.

*Alumnae Department.**LOYALTY IN SISTERHOOD.*

"Loyalty in Sisterhood,"—these words came to her again and again as she, an alumna, thought of the dear fraternity, its relations within, its influences without. The first time she had heard those words she was looking, rather absently, at the tiny shining fleur-de-lis pin worn by one of her newly gained sisters. The little flower was henceforth connected with the phrase, "Loyalty in Sisterhood," and often and often did the one recall the other. There was a sweetness and harmony in the very sound of those words as they fell on her ear that first time; she thought she would always remember them. She was one of the new girls then, one of the "babies." But she did remember and that phrase became to her the embodiment of her fraternity creed. For, she reasoned, is not loyalty constancy, sincere and true allegiance, and, if in sisterhood, is it not a loving loyalty? Then came the question, loyalty to what? Her answer was—loyalty in sisterhood, to sisters, to chapter, to the fraternity but ever and always to all that is beautiful and good in life.

Loyalty to her sisters meant not shielding too tenderly the faulty one from outside, perhaps just criticism, thus fostering weakness; it meant rather co-operation with that one in a way that only such intimate relations as hers make possible, to overcome those faults. Again, it meant not the immediate and demonstrated assumption of the public honor gained by a sister; it meant rather a gentle assurance of sincere rejoicing which just as surely conveyed the sympathy and pride which she felt.

Loyalty to her chapter solved for her the problem of securing unity of purpose and harmony of action where a diversity of strong personalities and individual tastes was represented. This meant for her the sacrifice of personal prejudice, or of self interest, or strong desire, yet, since this sacrifice served the best interests of the chapter, was it not loyalty thereto to make such sacrifices?

Loyalty to all that is beautiful and good in life—she is striving after that—and the little shining fleur-de-lis is a constant in-

spiration to her because of the association formed with the little phrase which was her watchword through four of the happiest years of her life.

W. M., *Beta Zeta*.

ALMA MATER.

"Dear Alma Mater which one remembers and where one's forgot."

These words recur with painful frequency to one returning to the well remembered scenes of her college life, with all that remembrance brings with it.

Every angle of the dear old buildings; every spot of the campus, the scene of so many strolls on the bright lazy spring days when our thoughts embraced everything except studies; the professors and their many peculiarities, which we lovingly remember; the old students, familiar land marks—all remain fresh and undimmed in our memories.

But how the college atmosphere changes! We return, are recognized and welcomed by a few, but even they are discussing new people, new events in which we have no part.

Some new celebrity has taken the place of the old students we thought so necessary to the life and welfare of the college. We feel lost and grope in the darkness.

But now comes the crowning joy, if we have been fraternity girls when at college. If this has been our happy lot, we can never be outside the college life. Our sisters welcome us equally both old and new—all are friends.

We learn all the little incidents of the daily life, learn all the college gossip, which is surely a worthy exception to the general run, in short, we become college girls again.

Some of the old friends are still here, and no matter if they have not been seen since graduation day, the old friendship remains strong.

This is the tenderest experience in the fraternity life, the one that most convinces us that our fraternity is a bond of union. A girl who has once had this experience, is ever after stronger in fraternity enthusiasm.

THETA.

THE NEW YORK ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION.

The first meeting of the Kappa alumnae of New York was held December 4, 1896. Four meetings of varied character were held each year. At the last meeting in ninety-nine a constitution and by-laws were adopted by which the association has become better organized.

Six meetings a year are held, three devoted to fraternity study and three of a literary character. The meetings have been better attended and of greater interest than formerly. A discussion of the constitution of the fraternity and its recent changes has been ably conducted by Mrs. Mary Morgan-Brewer of Delta. An interesting literary meeting was spent in a discussion of two papers on George Eliot, one on *The Plot of Romola* written by Mrs. Minnie Royce-Walker of Iota, and read by Edna Nichol of Beta Iota and, one, on George Eliot's use of historical material written by Mrs. J. T. Scovell and read by Mrs. Minnie Royce-Walker.

The last meeting was held February 24, with Mrs. George A. Logan in Brooklyn and took the form of a tea in honor of the Beta Epsilon chapter. It was a very enjoyable affair in every way. Miss Reid of Beta Tau and Miss Liotard of Beta Beta each favored us with two solos. There were many members present making a band from Leland Stanford across the country to Barnard. The time passed all too quickly in forming new acquaintances and talking Kappa in its varied phases.

It may be interesting to readers of *THE KEY* to know the membership of this association. Beta Beta has 23; Beta Epsilon, 21; Psi, 15; Phi, 2; Beta Iota, 4; Beta Tau, 2; Beta Eta, 2; Chi, 1; Delta, 1; Iota, 3; Beta Delta, 1.

The meetings are held the last Saturday afternoons in October, November, January, February, March and April. The secretary's address is No. 115 W. 94th street. New members are always welcome and any Kappa in the city at the time of meeting may learn the place of meeting by dropping a postal to the secretary. They may be sure of a welcome. This association is striving to reach a plane where the vote of an alumnae association as well as the privilege of the floor will be desired in the national convention.

The officers of the association are : Miss Laura C. Miller, Beta Iota, president ; Miss Louise B. Dunn, Beta Epsilon, vice-president ; Mrs. Minnie Royce-Walker, Iota, secretary ; Miss Inez Jones, Beta Beta, treasurer.

PERSONAL NOTES.

PHI.

At her home in Newtonville, Mass., Thursday, December 7, Elizabeth Casey, '92, was married to Dr. F. H. Baker of Worcester, Mass. Dr. Baker is the medical examiner for Worcester.

Edith L. Bishop, '94, sailed January 2, by the American Transport Line to London. After traveling for a short time in Germany she will spend several months studying at the Classical School in Rome.

On Wednesday evening, December 27, Ella Louise Chase was married to Mr. Henry E. Cattle, in the First Congregational Church, Randolph, Mass.

PSI.

Amy Otis, ex-'89, has a studio on Eighteenth street, Philadelphia, where she is doing very successful work in portraiture. Her name may be noted among the exhibitors of miniatures at the Annual Exhibition of the Academy.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Laura Stanley Dickey, '92, to Mr. E. B. Howell, of Detroit, Mich.

BETA IOTA.

Lydia Biddle, '94, is in Baltimore receiving the training preparatory to the nurse's profession.

BETA GAMMA.

Ada and Bess Dalzell are studying Literature and Art in Chicago.

Laverne Bishop, ex-'02, is a sophomore in the Women's College in Cleveland.

Alice Smith, '98, is teaching in the public schools, Lisbon, Ohio.

Bertha Clark, ex-'01, is teaching in the Deaf and Dumb Institute, Columbus, Ohio.

XI.

Blanche Van Auken, '96, is studying Sloyd in Boston this winter. Her address is 26 Ashford St., Allston, Mass.

CHI.

Hope MacDonald, '94, is studying at Radcliffe.

Susan H. Olmstead, '88, for some years a teacher in the American Girls' College at Constantinople, is now living in New York and doing some work at Barnard College.

BETA ZETA.

At the home of the bride's parents, Shelby, Iowa, December 26, 1899, Helen Lula Clapp, '99, was married to John Frederick Tanner, a member of Delta Tau Delta.

OMEGA.

Mrs. Alexander G. Crawshaw, formerly Helen B. Sands, is now living at 1319 North Twenty-ninth St., Philadelphia, Pa.

BETA ETA.

Anna H. Martin, '96, has a year's leave of absence from her instructorship at the University of Nevada, and is taking some work at Barnard College.

EPSILON.

Monday, January 1, Lucy Bates was married to Dr. Edward Welch. Her future address is 437 West 59th St., New York City.

Nellie Louise Parritt was married to Mr. Royal Ornan Shreve, of Minonk, Ill., on January 1, 1900.

The Parthenon.

Although this is no new subject, it is one in which many fraternities are interested, and one which concerns many of our chapters.

Inter-fraternity societies started, I believe, with high aims and the good purpose of establishing good feeling and firm friendship between the different fraternities. In some cases it has doubtless

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Societies.**

gone too far, but here at Allegheny we find the influence such as it was originally intended to be. In some colleges, as I said, this standard has not been kept, and many unforeseen conditions have arisen so that many are in doubt as to the advisability of such societies. But let me speak for the small colleges, and try to tell you the effect of inter-fraternities at Gamma Rho.

We have two such societies, made up of a certain number of girls from each fraternity. Election to membership does not depend on scholarship—for girls of a certain standing are usually in the fraternities—but, with all, it is an honor to belong.

But what is the attitude of the rest of one's own fraternity to these societies? I am glad to say that in Gamma Rho the attitude is the kindest, and the influence of the inter-societies is not confined to the girls alone who belong, but to the whole chapter.

The two societies here are secret, in a way ; one does not bear a Greek name, and the other, although it has a more pretentious name, is yet simple enough to be looked upon with equal favor.

To take us out of our own fraternity—in so far as we are narrow—but not too far ; to create a kindly feeling toward the others, without losing any enthusiasm for our own fraternity ; to be secret, if need be, without breaking our own pledge, these are the dangers and perils of inter-fraternity societies, and when we fail in any of these three particulars, we are lost, and inter-fraternities are not for us. But where we are broadened and strengthened by contact with other fraternities, they are to us a blessing.

G. H., *Gamma Rho.*

We must all agree with Beta Iota, that it is of the utmost importance that each member of Kappa should have a personal interest in the fraternity organization. There is always a tendency for us to localize our interests, and to overlook

A New Plan.

our close relationship to the fraternity as a whole.

We cannot have interest without knowledge, so Beta Epsilon offers its own plan of fraternity study as a suggestion to Beta Iota.

A certain afternoon of each month is set apart for study on the fraternity; the topics to be reviewed and discussed are given out two weeks before the meeting, and certain members are appointed to look up and report on points of interest on which we have no distinct information. The meeting itself is held after the manner of a spelling match, with opposing sides, and led by the president. In this way all points of importance and interest are brought out and discussed, and a general interest in fraternity organization is sustained among all members.

Beta Epsilon.

Fraternities and fraternity life certainly make marked impressions on those entering the freshmen classes at college. Everything is so new and strange; home is yet so vivid a picture with

First Impressions.

all its comforts and protection and a mother to go to in trouble. Instead, you see before you four years of life away from home and that, too, among strangers. Homesickness and an irresistible desire to take the train and fly away seize you but it is impossible and you wait a few days longer. Then comes a change.

Some attractive girl asks you to go to chapel with her, and the next day takes you out driving. Things brighten up at once and you believe college life is going to be as you imagined it, a time for work and a time for play. And all this because a band of strong and sympathetic young women came to you and helped you, offering their friendship.

This was my first glimpse of fraternity life and since I have entered deeper and deeper into friendships then formed the grandeur of the whole system of fraternities is increasing more and more.

B. E., Sigma.

How much better it would be if we would only become better acquainted with our fraternity and its members! We feel so entirely at home and so fully in accord with all of our own chapter. Every girl is dear to us and there is a feeling which draws us nearer, the more we associate. When we meet a member of a sister chapter and experience the same feeling of love and intimacy, we speak of it in surprise and say wonderingly: "Why,

she seemed just like one of us." Certainly; why should she not? Is she not "one of us"? **Our Relation with Sister Chapters.** We are all sisters, and if our sisterly feeling did not extend beyond the walls of our own chapter, we would miss the broadening culture of fraternity life. When arrangements are being made for an initiation, or other ceremony equally dear to every Kappa, some one says: "Miss So-and-So of — chapter is in town this winter; don't you think it would be nice to invite her"? Every one responds "Yes" rather languidly, but unless a special effort is made by some particular person, that sister is not always urged to be present.

But how much she would enjoy it and what a help this new acquaintance might prove to our chapter. Do not hold aloof because she does not impress you at the first meeting—how few of us appear at our best before strangers. I think, when it is possible, invitations from one chapter to another to attend ball games and other entertainments should be accepted. They help to strengthen the sisterly feeling which should ever exist and form new friendships.

Often in perusing *THE KEY* we notice names of former friends in the chapter letters, and yet we did not know they were Kappas. And by associating the names of the different girls with the names of the chapters, it also helps us to remember the chapter roll.

In our own chapter, our acquaintance with some members of sister chapters has ripened into friendship and love, and has served to strengthen the bond of fraternity life.

R. W., *Upsilon*.

I knew of a chapter in which one of the older girls was appointed at stated intervals to find out from the faculty, the

quality of the work of the different members of the chapter. The standings were given at a fraternity meeting so that each girl knew what kind of work every other girl was doing. Many object to this because of the feelings of the unfortunate ones, but if we are really friends we cannot deceive one another and this thorough understanding may make it easier to help each other, to advise, and to relieve the over-worked from other duties.

Answer to "A
Necessary
Committee."

BETA ETA.

The other evening several of our girls took tea with a newly married sister. We were received and made welcome in such a hospitable manner that we came back much happier for having been there. We were congratulating ourselves on our loyal alumnae when it occurred to me to wonder whether all the chapters were so blessed or whether Beta Iota was especially fortunate. For we are sure that if our graduated Kappas could realize how much they might do for their thoughtless younger sisters they would keep in closer touch with them.

Beta Iota
Alumnae.

After our alumnae banquet, tea, or indeed any occasion when we have been with our dear alumnae we sit and talk for hours about their virtues and how we love them. We are always inspired to do better and more faithful work after a glimpse of them; we endeavor to maintain a high standard because they did it but, better than all, we feel free to consult them at any time and we know that we shall receive wise and helpful advice. Could they possibly do anything better for us than this?

Perhaps complaints come from older members that chapters have deteriorated, that scholarship is not so high as it used to be or that the social standard has been lowered. Do such unfortunate failings happen where the alumnae show their interest?

We feel that, with our old girls, we form one big chapter partly of wise, experienced girls, always ready with generous counsel, partly of inexperienced girls, glad to receive it and we wish that every chapter may enjoy the same close, happy and helpful intercourse with its alumnae.

BETA IOTA.

The poor little freshman's life is apt to be burdened with many cares and anxieties during the first months of college, and many are her discouragements. Everything is new and strange, professors, fellow students and buildings. It takes time to become accustomed to all this, but gradually things become more familiar until at last everything looks bright and attractive.

The Freshmen.

A sorority freshman has a much happier time at the university than the girl outside. Her sisters look out for her, give her advice and help her in many ways until at length she does not feel new at all but enters into everything with spirit and enthusiasm.

A freshman sometimes thinks that she is not of much account, and that she does not need to feel the responsibility which rests upon the upperclassmen. Of course it is true that the older girls can more easily meet and settle questions which may arise for their experience is greater, but the freshman also ought to be called upon to take her share of responsibility. Her opinion should be worth as much and is often of vital importance to the older girls. She does not realize how much they care for her and in how many ways she can help them. Her advice is always helpful and her ideas are new and original and oftentimes better than those of the others. There is always a place in all our hearts for the thoughtful and helpful freshmen.

CHI.

Every one admits the truth of the statement made not long ago by our sister from Gamma Rho, that women's fraternities are being carefully scrutinized, and surely every loyal Kappa heart swells with a determination not to let her tiny branch of Kappa-hood fall below the standard. Possibly some of us are wondering what may be the secret of true culture, of the ideal womanhood which bears the fruit both of intellectual achievement and of social grace. Such excellence must have many elements, but we would suggest one characteristic which is surely of the greatest importance, and without which no one may be truly cultured, namely, breadth of vision. It is that quality which enables the specialist to recognize the importance of subjects other than the

Breadth of Vision.

one to which she is devoted, which grants to others freedom of thought, which renders possible an unprejudiced estimate of all kinds and conditions of humanity.

To the girl just entering college such a possibility is open. Too many, we know, spend the four years of college life in placid ignorance of the wideness of the world, and after graduation return to their homes, with little interest in anything which is outside their own limited circle of life. The fraternity should be the deadly foe of such a college experience. It brings to the girl who enters its charmed circle a knowledge of women in other institutions of learning, and, while her own fraternity and college still remain dearest to her, she learns to see the worth in others. Through intercourse with other college women, she is introduced to the conditions and problems of student life in other colleges and other lands. If she is a true Kappa her knowledge will extend still further to the needs of the busy world which she may help to satisfy, when her college days are over. In short, she has obtained a glimpse of true culture which will spur her on to further attainment.

If Kappa Kappa Gamma, as one of the women's fraternities, can convince the college world that she is helping to inspire the young womanhood of our land to a broad outlook, no one will consider her without a mission in the world.

M. W., *Kappa*.

Conservative or radical? Do we all interpret these words in the same way? I think not. Pi has always felt that she was more conservative than radical; the girls to be voted upon have been considered long before the time set for final decision. Will this girl make a loyal Kappa? Has she the necessary requisites? Will she be congenial to each member of the chapter? Would we gladly send her to the convention to represent our chapter? And then minor points are considered. Surely this is not radical.

Conservative or
Radical.

But why do I ask? A few weeks ago I was reading over some of the old KEYS and I became interested in an article on "Conservatism". "We have no hesitation in saying that, in the greatest times of our prosperity, our policy has been progres-

sive and even radical." And our policy is still progressive—but should we call it radical now? We are turning our energies toward intensive growth; we will grant charters only to certain colleges and universities under certain conditions. Are we not inclined to be conservative?

PI.

Beta Iota, as well as some of the other chapters, may be interested in the method of fraternity study which Beta Eta has recently adopted. As yet it is an experiment with us but it is giving

Fraternity Study.

good results, and carefully carried out we believe it will be very satisfactory. We are all ready to admit that if a woman belongs to any organization she should at least have pride enough to want to understand the government, the history and the policy of that organization. At the same time, under the stress of college life, the work and the social functions, it is very natural to put off any serious investigations of fraternity affairs, and to trust to being able to get acquainted with them by picking up a little bit of information here and there. The result is doubtless familiar. The older girls are more or less ignorant of fraternity matters, and if some initiate wants to know something she has hard work to find anyone who can tell her, and she doesn't know how to hunt up the matter for herself. The problem has been to overcome this difficulty without making fraternity study irksome, and without a needless expenditure of time.

This is the line along which Beta Eta has been working. It is made obligatory upon some one girl to undertake the fraternity education of one freshman as soon as she is initiated into the fraternity. She is to show her the archives, explain them to her and talk with her about fraternity matters. This can be done naturally and without any special effort. We believe that by certain girls taking that responsibility for each initiate, that a more intimate knowledge of fraternity matters will be gained by each. Before the initiates' first meeting the president has a little talk with them and tells them something about the fraternity's history and aim. In this way the initiate is able to take an active and intelligent part in her very first meeting. Then in each chapter meeting a considerable share of the time is given up to a regular

lesson on fraternity government and history. A short list of questions and answers is given to every girl, previous to the meeting, and she is to learn them for the lesson. The questions are asked by the president and answered by the members, discussions on various matters takes place and the study is relieved of any formality or dryness. Generally some article from *THE KEY* having a direct bearing upon fraternity questions is read and discussed. All this is accomplished with very little effort, and as the method is followed up a greater knowledge of fraternity matters is brought to the chapter meeting and the interest is accordingly greater.

SUSIE L. DYER, *Beta Eta*.

**The Objective Life
of a Fraternity.**

In the course of a general discussion of the value of the fraternity in college life, one who spoke with authority expressed himself in this wise, "Self-seeking, in an organization as well as in an individual sows the seeds of death."

It is a suggestive sentence. The college is certainly justified in demanding that all organizations for which it is the excuse for being, shall submit to its law, and shall bear in mind the general good. On the other hand, the fraternity is justified in seeking its own advancement and salvation most zealously. But when the interests of the few and of the many come into conflict, the good of the greater number is always to be preferred. It is a law of all life. When the fraternity puts itself in opposition to the general good, it is tearing down its own ideals. For surely the ideals which we cherish will bear wide application and therein gain deeper meaning for us. Fraternity policy, always influenced by environment, is easily adapted to particular needs. The close organization and definite social aims of a fraternity fit it to be a recognized power for better things in the college world. The fraternity will certainly find its lease of life perpetuated when it thoroughly identifies itself with whatever tends to purify the general social life and advance the welfare of the college where it is represented.

EDITH KEAY, *Mu*.

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

PHI—BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

Once again Phi sends cordial greetings to her Kappa sisters and it is a happy Phi that wishes to extend her goodwill to all the chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Because of exterior renovating and remodelling, the fraternity room was closed to the girls all through the first term of this college year. Of course, we had our meetings but they were held at odd times and places and so were not extremely satisfactory. The fraternity room and its meetings mean much to girls who go to a college where there is no dormitory life.

But this second term sees us once more established at 14 Ashburton Place. And we are busy indeed in trying to make up in the short time remaining, for all that has been wasted. It is the "odd times" now when the girls are not assembled.

Our plan in respect to meeting is, that each of the four classes shall take its turn at entertaining the chapter for an afternoon. The freshmen and sophomore meetings have already come and gone and have left the juniors and seniors rather in doubt as to what they shall do that the scale may not be a descending one.

Boston University's Klatsch Collegium, the reception given every year by the girls' literary society, came this year on February 23. Ellen Stevenson, one of Phi's freshmen, represented Kappa by presiding over one of the tables that evening.

This certainly must be one of those periods for this chapter, which in the life of nations is prolific of prosperity, but not of historical data. For although we are so contented it is not easy to tell the reason why.

BETA EPSILON—BARNARD COLLEGE.

We can not yet tell of the delights of even one initiation but the future, not distant, has much in store for us.

Since the January letter, the bright particular points in fraternity life have been a visit from Miss Richmond and Miss Hull,

delightful in all but its shortness; a tea, given to Beta Epsilon by the New York Alumnae Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma; and the seventh annual play of Beta Epsilon, a farce, unambitious but entertaining. It was well received by the rest of the college and cordially praised.

Of course, there have been the wholesome enlivements of chafing dish suppers and the good times in the chapter room that need no comment. On one of these occasions we said good bye to our dean, Mrs. George Haven Putnam, whose resignation, all Kappas, both as fraternity girls and members of Barnard College, regret with most sincere feeling.

PSI—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

The winter term is one in which there is much to do but little to tell of chapter affairs as they then flow on smoothly but uneventfully.

Beside our initiation, which was held January 10, there is no important chapter event to chronicle. Present at the ceremony were Grace Neal Dolson, who came from Buffalo for the express purpose of being toast-mistress and Marjorie Higbee, of Chi, now studying at Wells College.

During the term Margaret Fraser of Beta Alpha, who is teaching at Elmira College, visited us for a week. We had expected a visit from Agnes Rogers, '88, and Mrs. Alfred Moss crop, one of Psi's charter members but owing to accidents, which will happen in the best regulated families, our guests did not arrive.

Much enthusiasm has been aroused this term over the women's basket-ball. A series of inter-class games has just been finished and the teams have found many outside enthusiasts and supporters.

Skating has also been a very prominent sport this winter. A rink on Beebe Lake, a large dam a few minutes walk from the campus, has been kept cleaned and flooded so that skating is made possible for those who cannot spare time for the long trip to Lake Cayuga.

Our best wishes for a pleasant examination week !

BETA TAU—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

It is with fear and trembling that the new secretary of Beta Tau attempts her first chapter letter but she knows that her Kappa sisters, especially those who have had like experiences, will pardon her shortcomings.

I will not reserve the best thing for last but introduce to you now two new sisters, Marion Sturdevant who has been pledged since the fall, and Mabel Allis, a senior. I know you would like to extend a welcoming hand to them for they are Kappas of whom we can be proud.

Since the last letter we have had many of the good times which make college life so enjoyable. One of the more recent ones was a Valentine party given by the sophomores in honor of the seniors. The house was decorated with all the insignia of Cupid and he was there himself to distribute valentines. The refreshments were appropriate to the occasion and very delicious as some of the left out juniors and freshmen can testify. Ask me not how!

After one of our recent chapter meetings, our city alumnae gave us a surprise in the shape of a very amusing farce. We decided that some of the participants had surely missed their vocations in becoming school-teachers. Afterwards refreshments were passed and a thoroughly good time enjoyed.

In closing Beta Tau sends her best wishes to all the Kappas.

BETA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

To our Kappa sisters, once more a greeting.

Since our last letter we have initiated two new members, Margaretta Atkinson and Nellie A. Heller.

The past week has been a red letter one for Beta Alpha. We were particularly favored in having a visit from Miss Richmond and Miss Hull. To those who have been Kappas a long time this was a pleasant reunion, and to those who have come into the chapter in the past year or two, this first meeting was especially delightful. Anticipation in our case was not better than realization; for although we had been looking forward to meeting the Grand Council most eagerly, their actual visit with us could not have been more enjoyable.

A question of great interest is being discussed at present; namely, the formation of a club for women. No definite action has yet been taken, but possibly before the next issue of THE KEY, the long-talked-of, long-hoped-for Woman's Club will be a reality.

Washington's Birthday is observed at Pennsylvania as "University Day." This year Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese Minister, was the speaker. The Academy of Music was crowded with the faculty, the students and their friends.

BETA BETA—ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

Since the last chapter letter, Beta Beta has taken possession of the house on the campus, formerly occupied by President Atwood of the Theological Department, and christened it Kappa Lodge. We feel that in the acquisition of our club house a new era has opened for us, revealing a bright future, and all are alert and energetic to make it a successful one.

We have at present eight girls at the Lodge and a competent matron, and every one of us feels an intense loyalty to the chapter, a union, that come what will, nothing can break.

Now that the dreams of a house in which we have been indulging have materialized, we find that the dreaming was not one bit more ideal than is its realization. The Lodge is admirably constructed for a chapter house, and affords ample room for entertainment.

We were glad to have with us for a few days, as our guest, Miss Sarah Cauble of Delta chapter.

Beta Beta's Quarterly—the *Latch-string*—which was announced in the last KEY, has been issued in the first number, and the second is in preparation.

BETA IOTA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

Beta Iota woke up a day or two ago to the fact that another chapter letter was expected at Ithaca about this time, and our very first thought, of course, is to introduce to you our newest Kappas. On December the nineteenth Lulu Von Randohr and Hallie G. Hulburt met the Kappa goat, and we proudly fastened keys on our two pledglings. The next thing we have to tell you

about is the visit which Miss Richmond and Miss Hull made us last week, and to wish for you all this same pleasure, for it is impossible, even in a short while, not to feel that reawakened and added interest in fraternity affairs which must come only from personal contact with our Grand Council. We were especially glad that we could keep Miss Richmond, at least, until the 24th, for that was the day of our annual banquet. Twenty-four loyal Kappas met at the Hotel Bellevue to enjoy themselves as Kappas can. The toasts, which were as follows, met with unusually enthusiastic responses :

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| Address of Welcome | J. Ethel Thompson |
| Symposiarch | Violette Taylor Haines |
| "From the Outside" | Gertrude Scott Hall |
| "Orange Blossoms" | Arabella Elizabeth Moore |
| "Impressionist or Realistic Point of View" | Edna Marion Nicholl |
| "Rag-Time" | Amelia E. Himes |
| "East and West" | Edith Flint Kenderdine |
| "Sketches" | Mary Gertrude Ball |
| "The Responsibilities of the Autumn" | Elizabeth Dinsmore |
| "The Request of No. 25" | Lulu Von Randohr |
| "Absence Makes the Heart Fonder <i>vs.</i> Out of Sight, Out of Mind" | Jenne Coker |

Just before Christmas, to go back and write '99 once more, came our usual Christmas party, and that night we had a little visit from Helen Walker, who is at Smith this year. December 17 the Class of 1900 gave their annual Shakespeare recital and we had true cause to be proud of our seniors.

Swarthmore seems to have had more than its share of skating this year, and "down on Crum-Creek" you will find most of the chapter these days. One night after skating we went to Media where we were entertained by one of our Juniors, Fanny Bennett Cheney. A week or two ago another proof of that alumnae loyalty which means so much came to us in the shape of a beautiful banner made by Mary G. Ball, '99. We are already talking about and planning for convention, and hope that August 24 may find many of us in Columbus. We send best wishes to every Kappa, and may every chapter have a large share of that happiness which is ours.

GAMMA RHO—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Gamma Rho sends greeting to her sister chapter, and introduces two initiates, Ada Palm and Dema Bard, both of the class of '03.

Sara Crawford, now attending Smith College, made us a short visit. Mrs. Nelle Leffer Hogg, who spent the holidays with her mother visited us, and Della Greenland has also spent two weeks here, as the guest of Mary Heydrick.

Adelaide Lockhart, much to our regret, has accepted a position on the Chicago University Press. She is a loyal Kappa and we hope she may meet many of our Chicago sisters.

Mary Colter and Norma Cutter are conducting classes of ladies in current events and contemporaneous literature, and are meeting with brilliant success.

The chapter has been entertained this term by Adelaide Lockart, Mary Heydrick and Marguerite McClintock.

On Feb. 13, our twelfth anniversary, Jessie Marvin opened her beautiful home to Gamma Rho and her friends. It is unnecessary to say that we spent a delightful evening.

On Monday evening, Feb. 19, the town girls of the college attended a country party, given at the home of Miss Hempstead. The costumes were very funny, and the refreshments appropriate to the occasion. On Tuesday evening the Hall girls gave their annual "Old Maid's Ball." Both parties were very enjoyable.

The great event of the year was the College Banquet, held in the gymnasium and attended by alumnae, undergraduates and preps. Many new songs and yells were made, but the preps eclipsed everybody by the wit, rythm, and audacity of their productions. The Glee Club also furnished music.

Gamma Rho felt honored by having one of her members, Jean Frey, of '95 invited to respond to the toast, "College Loyalty." The speech was a great success, and we were very proud indeed of our sister.

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LAMBDA—BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

Although Lambda girls have been deprived of their chapter room and a part of their furniture, they are in good spirits and are enjoying life immensely. With the lectures, concerts, banquets, dancing parties and other social events which make college life so pleasant, we have had an instructive and enjoyable term and have had no leisure to regret our loss of property.

During the Christmas vacation, Myrtle Fraser of Beta Gamma was the guest of one of our alumnae, Celia Mallison. We are sorry she came just a few days too late to see us in our home where we could have given her a better welcome. Celia Mallison gave an informal reception in honor of her guest and a number of Kappas who were in Akron at the time were present which enabled us not only to become acquainted with a sister from another chapter but also to meet many of our alumnae.

Mrs. Parshall, a charter member, entertained the active girls and a few resident alumnae at five o'clock tea, Washington's Birthday.

Mrs. Frank, the mother of one of our girls, entertained us at dinner, February 26, as a surprise for her daughter, Esther Frank.

The college dancing parties are now held at Militant Hall, since the gymnasium is used as a recitation hall.

Clemma Barber is back at school this term, having been absent during the fall term, teaching school in Kent.

Lambda sends best wishes to her sister chapters.

BETA GAMMA—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Though a new term and a new year have opened since we last wrote, we have no change to record among us. When the fall term has closed, with all its hurry and rush, it seems good to settle down again to quiet fraternity life, and then it is that the bonds of sisterhood come closer and we realize better what Kappa Kappa Gamma means.

At present, in college circles, there is much enthusiasm over the fact that Dr. Holden, our new president, has permitted the re-

newal of inter-collegiate athletics, and we feel almost as though a new era has commenced, as these have been unknown pleasures since ninety-four.

Best wishes and hearty greeting to all the sister chapters.

BETA NU—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

It is very hard to realize that the first half of our college year has been completed and that we are now at the beginning of a new semester. We hope it may have in store the happiest and best things for Kappas everywhere.

If the semester ends as happily as it begins, Beta Nu will have no cause for complaint for we are now in the bliss of anticipation over a joint dance with Kappa Alpha Theta, which is to be given Friday evening, February twenty-third.

The latter part of last semester was not lacking in festive occasions either, for besides two delightful informal evenings spent with our alumnae in discussing convention plans, there was an informal reception at the hospitable home of Mary Follett and a Battalion Hop, which was a formal and brilliant affair.

Mary Hunt, who has been attending the Ohio Wesleyan University is with us again and as she is one of our most loyal and fun-loving girls we are thoroughly rejoiced over her return. But our joy is mixed with sorrow for since Christmas two of our brightest girls, Edna Pratt and Mabel Baldwin, have been compelled to withdraw from college on account of ill health.

Beta Nu extends greetings to her sisters far and near and hopes that the bond of sisterhood may be greatly strengthened at the approaching convention next August.

BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Since the last KEY appeared Beta Delta has experienced a great loss. By the death of Mrs. Carrow, our beloved patroness, we have lost a dear friend. She was ever willing to do anything in her power to promote the interests of our chapter. We missed her so much during her long, sad illness, that now we can realize the full extent of our loss.

Two new girls have recently been pledged—Zilpha Campbell and Grace Morehouse. We had our annual Christmas tree Wed-

nesday evening, December 20. Each girl gave some present to the house, and invitations were sent to our alumnae, who also remembered us very generously.

The woman's gymnasium is now completed and contains, besides the gymnasium proper, a lecture hall which has been named in honor of the wife of President Angell. This hall was opened January 19 by a reception in the parlors of the gymnasium and a concert in the hall by the University band. This was followed by dancing.

We celebrated Washington's Birthday by a banquet in the evening at which all the girls were present. Toasts were given by every one, and altogether we had a very jolly time.

XI—ADRIAN COLLEGE.

This term we have two new sisters to introduce to you, Harriet Rowley and Lillian Burford, who are becoming each day more loyal to Kappa.

Where can this year be going? Every day is so full of life, a complication of duties and pleasures. Although studying hard, the girls of Xi have enjoyed an unusual number of social pleasures this term.

The evening of January 24, the Kappa Club in the city entertained the active chapter and about twenty of the college men at the home of Miss Maude Metcalf. The night was stormy but the warmth within kept our spirits bounding until a late hour. Original and unique games were indulged in. Miss Palmer presided at the coffee urn, in the dining-room, where dainty refreshments were served. It was a very enjoyable occasion for us all.

The chapter feels with keen appreciation the efforts the alumnae put forth for our pleasure and advantage.

Miss Jennie Gilkey, '99, entertained the chapter at her home, February 1. We held the regular business meeting, and the remainder of the evening was given over to a jolly social time.

These occasions have come and been enjoyed by us all, but these minor ones have been eclipsed by the banquet given by the Michigan Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega. Every Kappa in the active chapter and many of the alumnae were invited and attended.

We are nearing the end of the winter term, and spring examinations will soon claim the attention of the ambitious Kappa.

Xi sends greetings to all her sister chapters.

KAPPA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Another term is near its close and there are so many things to tell you that we hardly know where to begin.

First we want to introduce you to our new pledglings, Edith Shepard and Jessie Bailey. The latter was a happy surprise to her sister, Cora Bailey, '99, who is teaching in Burr Oak and knew nothing of it until she came home on a short visit.

We gave a party the last week of last term at Mabelle Stewart's, who presented us with a handsome velvet upholstered reclining chair.

Perhaps you can realize how happy we are in our new home. We have bought some things and many a dainty bit of bric-a-brac has been sent by some loyal Kappa of bygone days.

The Pi Beta Phi fraternity entertained us February 17 in their rooms. A dainty tea was served and a very enjoyable evening was the result.

The great social event of the term thus far was a banquet given by the Delta Tau Delta chapter at the Keefer House. Quite a goodly number of Kappas were present and we had a delightful time.

We expect to meet many of our alumnae this spring for this is Quinquennial year, which, though pleasant, brings work for us all.

Kappa looks forward with eagerness to seeing some of you at the convention, and sends her best wishes to all her sisters.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

DELTA—INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

As soon as the rushing season is over we Delta girls begin to plan for some amusement for the winter term. This year we certainly have had enough pleasure and excitement to keep us all busy. Every year the English department selects students to take part in the student play which is quite an event here. Very happily two of our girls were chosen. That kept us busy for

about two weeks. After that, as I suppose happened at most of the other chapters, we had the small-pox scare. Of course we all were vaccinated and remained away from college and some went home.

These events were all external and since that time Delta has found a most delightful way to entertain her girls after fraternity meeting. As there is very little business in the winter months the fraternity meetings are necessarily short so we decided first to study the constitution after the usual business and have examinations. But to the entertainment! We divided the fraternity into four sections and decided that each section should take turn about entertaining all the other sections. After the entertainment the section on duty furnish refreshments. In this way the winter has passed quickly and pleasantly and we hope all the other chapters have enjoyed this term as much as we have.

IOTA—DEPAUW UNIVERSITY.

Since the beginning of the new term, Iota has pledged and initiated two new girls, Alice Pavey and Jennie Alexander. They are both proud of their keys and Kappa is proud of them.

One of the most successful social affairs, we have ever given, was our Valentine Party, at the chapter house. Dainty invitations were issued and generally accepted. The girls who were artistically inclined worked early and late, and everyone was made to feel that something extraordinarily nice was going to be the result. Our expectations were not to be disappointed, for when the parlors, which had been so mysteriously closed all day, were at last opened, it truly seemed that so many good fairies had been at work. The rooms were lighted by the grate fire and candles, and gayly colored paper hearts, with flowers and smilax, were everywhere in evidence. During the evening much amusement was afforded by reading the valentines which each one was required to write—all dedicated to Kappa, of course. Refreshments in keeping with the occasion, were served, and little candy hearts tied with "double blue" given as favors.

On February 24 the fraternity was royally entertained by Mrs. Landes, one of our Kappa Mothers. On the 26 we held our monthly "At Home." An unusually large number of friends,

both in the university and in town called at the chapter house to show their interest and goodwill toward the fraternity.

Iota wishes to extend thanks to the Kappa Club of Indianapolis, for the reception given to the visiting Kappas, at the time of the Oratorical Contest. Nearly all of our girls attended and were so delightfully entertained, that each was doubly glad that she was a Kappa.

MU—BUTLER COLLEGE.

Now that the winter term is almost over and only a few months remain until our girls are again separated and our three seniors leave to return no more, Mu feels that the bonds are becoming more and more binding, and in the short time left she will try more than ever to realize the true depth of fraternity life.

We have decided to hold a literary meeting once a month and in our experience of two such meetings we feel more than satisfied.

A reception in the parlors of English Hotel the afternoon before the Oratorical was the chief event of the season and Mu took pleasure in meeting so many Iota girls. Besides this we have had occasional spreads and informal gatherings.

University Day and Founder's Day have both passed but not without adding pleasure and pride to our chapter. In the senior play given on Founder's Day, entitled "The First Time," Annie Butler, one of our members, took the leading part.

Shortly after the holidays an all important matter claimed our attention when we learned that one of our most enthusiastic girls in the class of '95, May Brayton, was to enter other bonds than those of Kappa. But as she was to marry a brother of the fraternity, and one of our most hearty supporters, Mr. Arthur Johnson, our hearty approval was given.

The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents in Indianapolis, January 17, 1900. Only a few intimate friends attended the ceremony but at the reception afterwards all agreed that there was never a lovelier bride. Many happy greetings followed them on their long journey to their future home in Mexico City.

Mu extends best wishes for success to all sister chapters.

ETA—WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY.

Eta sends greetings to all her Kappa sisters. Since her last letter she has celebrated her twenty-fifth birthday, been remembered by many kind letters from alumnæ, and presented with handsome gifts of silver from Madison alumnae and friends.

The eight freshmen now all wear the key, and we feel that we are enjoying a very prosperous year. Mrs. J. M. Olin and Mrs. Perry Williams, two of our charter members, were here for the initiation in February.

Our first party, postponed and re-postponed, finally took place about the middle of December, and was such a success that we felt quite rewarded for waiting so long. A short time ago we had a smaller party at our house, to show our friends what a charming home we have.

We sorely miss one of our girls, Jessye Sherwood, who came to us only this fall from Iota, and left us a few weeks ago.

Since the last number of *THE KEY*, we had a short visit from a sister Kappa, Miss Sanford, of Beta Lambda. It is so pleasant to meet girls from other chapters that we wish more traveling of that kind could be done.

BETA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

The time has come again at which Beta Lambda may send the heartiest of Kappa greetings to her sister chapters and tell them a little of Kappa happenings at Illinois.

At Thanksgiving time Mrs. Frank Smith, one of our resident Kappas, gave a delightful informal party to the Kappas, that we might meet Miss Zoe Smith of Kappa chapter. Miss Smith visited here again later and the girls felt that they were very fortunate to have her with them once more.

Early in December Alpha Chi Omega established a chapter at the University of Illinois, thus raising to four the number of national women's fraternities represented here.

The Christmas holidays are long past, but not so far away but that we have a fresh remembrance of the merry surprise Miss Sharp had in store for us at our last chapter meeting before we separated for the holiday vacation. A Christmas tree decked with Kappa colors and a remembrance for each member had been

prepared and afforded us an evening of much pleasure, and one to which we often look back.

Between the close of last semester and the beginning of this one, Miss Georgetta Haven entertained the chapter and patronesses.

Then, on St. Valentine's day, two of our patronesses, Mrs. Shattuck and Mrs. White, entertained us and some of our friends at Mrs. White's home with a unique "Heart" party. Hearts were in evidence in every imaginable way, and all were agreed in that it was one of the most pleasant parties of the year.

The Kappa Alpha Thetas have been giving a series of receptions, and on February 16 entertained the fraternity girls of the university. The Thetas proved themselves charming hostesses.

Another event in fraternity circles was the province convention of Phi Gamma Delta, held here February 24. A number of delegates from neighboring colleges attended, and in the evening we had the pleasure of entertaining them at our "At Home."

We have two new pledglings, Francis M. Bruce and Charlotte Gibbs. Miss Bruce is a special student in French and German and Miss Gibbs is a freshman. We feel very proud of these two new girls and know that they will make loyal Kappas.

This semester we have lost one of our members, Elizabeth Snyder, who has returned home for the remainder of this year. We all miss her greatly.

Our Kappa bonds have proven very strong and we realize more and more how much pleasure and good can be gained from our ties of sisterhood.

UPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

The past month has been a very busy one for the girls of Upsilon. January 31 semester examinations began and lasted one long week. Then February 10, Upsilon gave her annual party at the Evanston Boat Club. The hall was prettily decorated for the occasion and the daintily gowned girls made a scene well worth remembering.

Daisy Sheppard who was with us last year came back to attend the party and is still with us.

Eleanor Mitchell of Chi and Helen Palmer of Eta both of whom have been with us so many times that they seem a part of our chapter were also at the party.

We sincerely regret that Ruth Woolson has left college for the remainder of the year, she was so active in everything pertaining to fraternity life that we shall miss her greatly.

The members of Upsilon unite in wishing all girls in the bonds of Kappa all success and prosperity.

EPSILON—ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Never before have there been so many events of interest to us as a chapter. Just after Christmas all the Kappas met at Bessye Welty's, and played Santa Claus to Nellie Parritt. It was a linen shower this time, and all the gifts were hung on a tiny tree, and our Kappa bride to-be was placed in a chair while we all showered her.

Very early in the New Year, two Kappas set us a very bad example and were married on the same day. Lucy Bates, '94, was married to Dr. Edward Welch, of New York, on New Year's afternoon, and on the same evening, Kappas old and Kappas young witnessed a beautiful ceremony which made Nellie Louise Parritt, '97, Mrs. Royal Orman Shreve. At the bride's table sat all the Kappas of the class of '97. It was in very truth a Kappa wedding.

One might think us very industrious young women by the number of thimble parties we have had this term. Virginia Sinclair, Leona Miller, Clara DeMott, and Lillian Arnold, each gave one, and many blue and blue sofa pillows and Kappa banners are the results.

On January 24 Epsilon entertained the Phi Gamma Deltas with a juvenile party at the home of Florence Parritt. All were dressed as in our childhood days, and the games and refreshments were in harmony with the idea. It was considered a great success.

February 8 the T. T. T. Club, composed of three Kappas, gave a charming "at home," at Bessye Welty's, to all the members of Kappa and Phi Gamma Delta.

We are delighted to have Grace Cochran with us again, and Zoe Smith of Kappa is with us occasionally, although we wish that it might be more often.

Miss Downing of Iota is taking special work here this term.

Epsilon sends greetings to all the chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

DELTA PROVINCE.

CHI—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Greeting to all in Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Since our last letter to *THE KEY*, the months have sped by, bringing to Chi experiences of mingled work and festivity.

During the holidays a dance was given at the home of May Merrill, for a number of our last year's girls who were at home for the vacation. It was rather informal as is usual when a number of Kappas, active and alumnae, come together with a common feeling of responsibility for the success of the evening.

This dance was followed by a more selfish bit of frivolity, a Christmas tree in the chapter rooms. There was a basket luncheon followed by the gifts and jokes which we had been accumulating for one another during the two weeks previous to the holidays.

Through the kindness of Helen and Marjorie Higbee, our customary New Year's reception was given at their home.

Early in the autumn a request was made by President Northrup that all rushing of high school students for college fraternities should cease. This temporary injunction, which admitted of conflicting interpretations, was followed by a more definite contract drawn up and signed by one delegate from each of the men's and of the women's fraternities of the University of Minnesota, and which stipulated merely that no student should be rushed until duly registered in the university. In addition to this, the women's fraternities, through their delegates assembled, formulated a compact which provided for a pledge day. It is sincerely to be hoped that this compact which has been worked out with the greatest care, may prove a benefit to all concerned.

Chi laughed as merrily as usual this year at its annual Valentine party, which was not held on Valentine's Day, to be sure, but was necessarily deferred until Washington's Birthday, a little late, but no less jolly.

We are now looking forward to our annual banquet which is held on the twenty-first of April and which is always remembered with pleasure. Chi will count it a privilege to welcome to this banquet any Kappa sisters who may find it possible to be present.

BETA ZETA—IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Beta Zeta sends hearty greetings to all who wear the key.

This has been a very busy term for us, for there have been social functions galore as is always the case in the pre-lenten season. We, too, have had our finger in the social pie, for February 9 we entertained the members of all the other collegiate fraternities, and the faculty of the university, at a dancing party in the armory.

The affair was somewhat of an experiment with us for we had never before entertained in this way on so large a scale—nor has it been the custom heretofore for the girls' fraternities to do so, but the experiment was very successful in every way. The armory was festooned with the two blues, and with a booth for each of the men's fraternities and a profusion of pillows and palms, the whole effect was very attractive.

On February 23 Zeta chapter of Pi Beta Phi entertained the other fraternities in much the same way that we did at the armory. Such occasions are very conducive to friendliness among the fraternities.

In early January one of our sisters, Maude Kingsbury, suffered the loss of her mother, which was a sudden and terrible blow to all who knew her, but at such times as this it is comforting to know that the sympathy of a whole fraternity goes out to a sister thus bereaved and that we all feel with her the loss of a loyal Kappa mother.

Helen Clapp, '99, has come back to us this year a bride, Mrs. John Tanner, and has lately moved into a lovely home which is always open to the Kappas.

We are particularly fortunate in having so many resident alumnae—for we have sixteen—and we appreciate their kindness to us at all times.

We have lately received a visit from Ruth Paxon, '98, State Secretary of Y. W. C. A., and it is always inspiring to see again this enthusiastic Kappa, whom two years ago we felt we could scarcely give up.

Earlier in the term we received a visit from Beulah McFarland Williams, '98, who had just returned from Manila and entertained us hugely with stories of her foreign experiences. She

also presented the fraternity with a gavel handsomely carved with the fraternity letters and the signature, the work of a Filipino prisoner, who as she humorously told us, having no conception of Greek letters was obliged to make several attempts before he was successful. Mrs. Williams and her husband are now studying in Chicago University preparatory to returning to the Philippines as missionaries.

THETA—MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.

We are now well into the second semester, examinations are over, and we feel that a great load is off our shoulders.

One of our girls, Laura Dashiell, was compelled to go home at the end of the first semester on account of the illness of her father. We miss her very much indeed.

Theta Chapter has digressed from the hard work of school life. February 21 we gave a reception in the afternoon to our married lady friends, and a card party in the evening to the younger people. The rooms were beautifully decorated with the two blues, smilax, and the letters K. K. F. in electric lights. Nearly three hundred invitations were sent out, and we have been assured that the event was one of the most successful ever given in Columbia. Misses Irene and Jessie Blair, two former members of Theta Chapter, have been with us since that time.

The last two weeks have been exceedingly gay. Some of the fraternities have already given dances, and invitations for others are out. The first Junior Promenade was given last Wednesday evening. Although the weather was very inclement, the Juniors are to be congratulated on their success.

The contestants for the Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest have arrived, and the contest comes off this evening. Of course we are very anxious for the M. S. U. representatives to win.

Theta's best wishes to all her Kappa sisters.

SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

To all the chapters Sigma sends greetings.

The past few months have been full of gaiety for us, but we succeeded admirably in combining business with pleasure.

In the middle of January the Zeta province of Phi Delta Theta

held their convention here, and had fifteen visiting delegates in attendance. Sigma gave a reception to them and the local chapters at the home of Mabel Richards. It seems that the fraternities realize the many advantages that Lincoln possesses, for there are "conventions and conventions." The province convention of Phi Kappa Psi was held here last year, and this year Phi Delta Theta and Kappa Sigma favor us in a like manner, while the national convention of Delta Gamma meets here in 1901. And Lincoln attracts musicians, too. Paderewski gave a recital here which brought many of the alumnae from out of town. They remained long enough to hold Kappa reunions and to meet the new girls.

Clarence Eddy dedicated our new organ which was the gift of the University alumni. We feel very proud of this, and hope that we may soon have a new chapel which will be worthy of it.

The work on the new wing of the gymnasium will be commenced soon so that it may be completed by the time college opens in September.

Our seven new girls have been introduced to the chapters, and now we take much pleasure in adding the names of our new pledg-ings—Grace Bennet and Anna Hammond.

Blanche Emmons has brought athletic honors to the chapter by being chosen a member of the first basket-ball team. Several of the other girls play on the class teams.

Two engagements have been announced which are of much interest to Sigma girls—Nell Law to Mr. Spielman of Chicago, and Cora Cropsey to Mr. B. R. M. Lucas of Fairbury. On February 24, Hannah E. Lowe was married to Arthur F. Hutchinson at her home in Michigan.

The active chapter and a few of the alumnae were entertained at cards by Blanche Hargreaves.

The occasion was made more pleasant by the presence of Margie Winger who has returned to Lincoln to live.

Miss May Whiting and Miss Kirker entertain the active and alumnae chapters March 3 in honor of Miss Law who is to be married in the middle of the month.

Blendena Emmons was unfortunate and had to leave school for a few weeks on account of a sprained ankle. She has returned now, however, much benefited by her rest.

Margaret Whedon and Eleanor Raymond both left college last semester but we hope they will be with us again in the fall.

OMEGA—KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

One can scarcely realize that two months have flown by since the merry Christmas vacation. The time has passed only too quickly, but it has found Omega a very happy chapter.

Life in the university has been unusually gay the past month on account of the annual spring fraternity parties. Omega entertained her friends at a dancing party February 9. The hall was prettily decorated, the color scheme being red, carried out in the electric lights and oriental corners, shut in by palms.

The election of Phi Beta Kappa took place last week and we are proud and happy to chronicle the election of two of our members, Edith Parrott and Lou Grosh. Only one other fraternity girl received this honor, a member of Kappa Alpha Theta.

We are glad to have one of our alumnae, Ella Anderson, back with us this term as the wife of one of the professors in the Law School.

Omega girls are spending all their spare pennies on wedding presents, as five of their alumnae and one pledgling have been married since college began.

Omega sends best wishes to her sister chapters.

PI—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

One of the most delightful events of this term was a visit to our Stanford sisters in their beautiful new chapter house. They were fortunate in obtaining a splendid site and their home is one of the prettiest of the many pretty fraternity houses on the campus.

The occasion of our going was their house warming and after the reception in the evening the rugs were taken up and we spent the rest of the evening in dancing. And when we came away the next day we realized what deservedly fortunate girls our Beta Eta sisters were.

But speaking of good fortune makes me wish to say a word about some of the things which Berkeley has to be thankful for.

First there is our new President and his thoroughly charming wife. Then there is our beloved benefactress, Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, of whom many of you have doubtless heard in connection with the new plans for our university. She has built a hall adjoining her own home and there we hold our rallies, debates, and college functions. Hall, however, does not seem at all the right word to apply for it suggests a bare and unhomelike place which Hearst Hall is not. The walls are hung with Mrs. Hearst's priceless tapestries and along the sides are arranged the most comfortable couches piled high with pillows. I only wish each one of you could see it for yourself for I cannot describe it. Every second Saturday she gives a reception for the students there and every second Sunday a concert. Twice a week—on Tuesday and on Friday evenings she entertains the college girls at dinner. She is taking the list alphabetically and invites about forty each time. It is her desire not only to know us personally herself but to give us opportunities for knowing one another and it makes us happy to know that she has said her success is greater than she dared hope.

BETA ETA—LELAND STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

The return to college this semester was an unusually happy occasion to the girls of Beta Eta, for we then took possession of our new house. It had been commenced last October and its growth had been watched with great interest not only by ourselves but by all in the university since Beta Eta is the first of all the women's fraternities in the far west to own her own house. The style of its architecture is Old English, with the conventional sloping roofs, painted dark green. The sides of the house are covered with cedar shingles and the trimmings are white, having a very pretty effect. There are eighteen rooms, the large reception hall, parlor and music room being so arranged that they are especially adapted for entertaining. This advantage has already been demonstrated in a very happy dance, as well as in our formal house-warming. On this latter occasion we were delighted to have with us eight of our Pi sisters, who helped us to welcome our guests to our new home, and, who left with us as a token of their affection, a beautiful picture, the head of Hosea. Among

other gifts we received, were two dozen glasses bearing K.K.Γ., a present from Lambda Sigma of Beta Theta Pi.

However Beta Eta has far more than her new house to cause her to rejoice for this year she has welcomed six new sisters into the bonds of Kappa Kappa Gamma :—Jane Evans, Eulavelle Sweetland and Anita Perrin having been initiated last semester, Theodora Stubbs, Mary Barnes and Jessie Barnard at our recent initiation, making us now just twenty in number.

Soon Beta Eta is to have the pleasure of extending her hospitality to the other women's fraternities of the university when the Pan Hellenic association gives a masquerade ball at her home ; an event to which all in the Greek world here are looking forward with great pleasure, feeling that then we shall mingle together in the joys of fellowship.

Beta Eta sends best wishes to her Kappa sisters.

In Memoriam.

ETA CHAPTER.

Mrs. C. S. Foltz, formerly Margaret Irvine Potter died at her home in Lancaster, Pa., January 28, 1900.

College and Fraternity Notes.

The first fraternity journal was the *Beta Theta Pi*, which was established in 1872, was suspended from 1874-1875, but has been published continuously since. *The Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta ranks next in age, having been established in 1875, suspended from 1876 to 1878, and published continuously from that time to the present.

The Kenyon chapter of Delta Tau Delta pays for one year's subscription to the *Rainbow* for each man who is graduated. It is an excellent plan to keep up alumni interest and is a very tangible evidence of the chapter's appreciation of the benefits it has received from its graduates.—*The Scroll*.

The fifty-second annual convention of Theta Delta Chi was held at Washington, D. C., February 22 and 23.

Southern Kappa Alpha allows any seven members residing within easy reach of each other to organize an alumni chapter. The organization of such chapters is in the hands of an officer known as Chief Alumnus.

The Theta Delta Chi *Shield* offers to each subscriber who renews his subscription a Theta Delta Chi calendar for 1900, which "will serve at once as a receipt for the money and, for a whole year, as a daily reminder of his fraternity associations."

The fifty-first Ekklesia of Phi Gamma Delta was held at Dayton, Ohio, October 19, 20 and 21, 1899. Applications for charters were received from the University of Washington, the University of Missouri and the University of Maine, and charters were granted to the latter two places.

This fraternity has succeeded in finding something entirely new. In honor of their president, General Lew Wallace, its New York members are to attend in a body, the presentation of Ben Hur in New York on March 16. The entire orchestra floor has been reserved for Phi Gamma Deltas.

Among all the fraternities Delta Kappa Epsilon is first in number of members, Beta Theta Pi, second, Phi Delta Theta third, while in number of active chapters, Phi Delta Theta stands first, Beta Theta Pi, second, and Delta Kappa Epsilon, third.

Delta Tau Delta held its thirty-fifth Karnea on August 23, 24

and 25. One hundred and seventeen members registered although more attended the various sessions. All but two chapters were represented. The next Karnea will be held in Milwaukee, August, 1901.

Phi Kappa Psi will hold its Grand Arch Council at Columbus, Ohio, the first week in April, succeeding Easter Sunday.

Sigma Chi met in convention at Philadelphia September 12-15. On September 11 they re-established their chapter at Wooster University, which has been inactive since 1892. The re-established chapter has as rivals in the field, Phi Gamma Delta, Beta Theta Pi and Alpha Tau Omega.

Beta Theta Pi announces the completion of its catalogue which has been five years in printing, having gone to press in 1894. It is edited by Mr. J. Cal Hanna who served as General Secretary from 1884 to 1899 and as catalogue editor from 1888 to 1899. Mr. Hanna acknowledges the help and encouragement of his wife who has given many days of labor to the seemingly endless task. Mrs. Hanna is a member of Beta Gamma chapter and was formerly Miss Kittie Parsons.

The price of the catalogue ranges from five to seven dollars according to the binding.

Editorials.

Would it be possible for the next convention to give the alumnae some larger share than a mere voice in regard to convention matters? As it is, the delegates are largely guided by alumnae advice and the history of petitions shows how large a number of our chapters have been admitted solely upon alumnae recommendation. Yet would it not be just that something more than the privilege of advice and the power of recommendation should be given them?

Active chapters have no provocation to consider the interests of the alumnae and so are unable to see the fraternity from their standpoint. On the other hand the alumna who still has the interests of the fraternity at heart, is sure to have talked matters over with other alumnae and to have arrived at a reasonably clear idea of alumnae needs and alumnae methods of fanning the fraternity flame. Those who remember Beta Theta's representatives know how many ideas they had gathered from their intercourse with graduates of the various chapters and how helpful these ideas were to the undergraduates.

There is no reason why the alumnae should have equal representation with the chapters nor have they ever asked for it. The active chapters contribute the majority of the fraternity's support and have a right to decide how and by whom it shall be administered. But should not a minor active part in convention legislation be given to the alumnae? Would it not be feasible to elect an alumna delegate from each province who should attend convention, should have a vote and should be sent on the same financial basis as the chapter delegates? This would in no wise interfere with the representation of alumnae associations under their present limitations, nor would it give the alumnae influence enough to overthrow any plan upon which the active chapters were united.

A good province delegate who was thoroughly interested in her office would probably be of as much use to her province as the "traveling delegate" who has long appeared in visions but has never yet materialized for Kappa Kappa Gamma.

If some of its readers would express their preferences in regard to the chronicling of social events in its pages *THE KEY* would be very grateful. This does not apply to the accounts of chapter gaieties which appear in the chapter letters but particularly to the items known as Personal Notes. Newspaper clippings are frequently sent in, most often about weddings, describing the decoration, the dresses and the people who played a prominent part. These are exactly the bits of news which some of us desire and about which we ask most eagerly when we meet each other, yet when printed the same news seems hopelessly inane. Shall the magazine publish it or not? It is the organ of the fraternity and the property of the chapters. What do they wish?

Every delegate to the convention should go prepared to take an intelligent part in its proceedings. The office of delegate requires a conscientious preparation which too often is not given to it. Beside a thorough knowledge of the Standing Rules the delegate should have a definite idea what previous conventions have done and what may yet be accomplished under the limitations prescribed by our constitution.

If any chapter has suggestions to make or plans which it wishes adopted, its delegate should see that the matter is thoroughly digested beforehand, so that it may be presented in proper form and the time of the convention may not be wasted. There are always enough matters of importance to be considered and time ought not to be frittered away in useless discussion. Let each representative go ready to do her share toward making this convention a working body.

The issuing of a more desirable certificate of initiation would be an interesting topic for the consideration of convention. The most enthusiastic of our members must admit that the present certificates while admirably serving the purposes of identification could never in any way satisfy the sense of beauty. The intervals when they are required for identification are so exceedingly rare that it seems as if the artistic side might bear emphasis.

A suitable design well engraved would be highly prized by most of the fraternity's members. It need not be larger or more

pretentious than the ordinary book plate and, like that, a place may be left to be filled in with the name. The same design would then be available for use in the libraries of those chapters who are fortunate enough to possess houses.

A good example of the style of engraving which might be adapted to our needs can be seen in the well known book plate of the Grolier Club, a copy of which may be found in all the university libraries.

In discussing certificates the *Theta Delta Chi Shield* suggests that they might properly be made a source of revenue to the fraternity. Their idea is to make a certificate the beginning of a permanent fund by charging for it a sum that will cover the expense of printing and will add a slight amount in addition toward an endowment.

Our initiates pay to the general fraternity only their per capita tax, which is very small. The rest of the dues are paid to the chapters and vary in amount according to their necessities. It would be quite practicable for us to require such an additional payment to the general fraternity if the possession of the engraved certificates were voluntary.

Will the Corresponding Secretaries be kind enough to set aside the ordinary rules and send all manuscripts, news letters, public annual reports and communications of any sort intended for the Editor earlier than usual marking them S. S. Phœnicia, sailing May 26, care of the Hamburg-American Line, 35 Broadway, New York City?

Documents from the California chapters should be sent before the fifteenth, others by the eighteenth of the month. If this is done the magazine can be issued the latter part of June as is customary, otherwise it must be postponed until convention.

If your KEY does not reach you regularly please notify the Editor at once. Every active member is entitled to the magazine and it is only through some mistake that it can fail to reach her.

Exchanges.

Since the last issue of THE KEY the following exchanges have been received :

Delta Gamma Anchora for January ; Pi Beta Phi Arrow for January ; Delta Tau Delta Rainbow for November ; Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record for December ; Phi Delta Theta Scroll for December ; Sigma Chi Quarterly for December ; Theta Delta Chi Shield for December ; Kappa Alpha Journal for January ; Phi Kappa Psi Shield January ; Beta Theta Pi for February ; Delta Kappa Epsilon for February ; The Phi Gamma Delta for December ; Alpha Tau Omega Palm for December.

Amusing things are sometimes found even in the fraternity journals and it is interesting to find in the editorials of the *Sigma Chi Quarterly* the first paragraph which is quoted below while but a few pages away from it in the same magazine, the eye lights upon the second paragraph, clipped from the chapter letter of the Sigma Chi chapter at Butler College.

"There is no more significant sign of the real merit of the college fraternity system as it exists to-day than the gentlemanly courtesy which characterizes inter-fraternity relations. The beneficent influence of chapter life must indeed be very efficacious for it is noteworthy that the most unbending rivals in purely fraternity matters are often seen working in close co-operation for the promotion of many of the vital interests of their common *alma mater*. The criticism of Greek letter fraternities has in the recent past grown quite insignificant, and the public comment on the fraternity system is now in a pronounced degree commendatory. This change in the public sentiment has resulted more largely, we believe, from the dignified courtesy which has come to mark the attitudes of the various fraternities toward each other, than from any other one cause. College fraternities are all striving for the same high ideals, and the inevitable consequence is that petty jealousies and the dwarfing bitterness which were born of a false loyalty, are superseded by that manly rivalry which asks no favors and seeks only such advantage as may be gained by true merit. There is no better evidence of strength in any organization than the courtesy with which rivals are treated."

"We had quite an exciting time at the opening of school with our hall. The landlord being offered more money by the Phis, told us we must vacate, which we declined to do. He locked the door and we unlocked it. He then threw our goods out, put on

a new lock and turned over the hall to the Phis. We waited until the Phis had gone out, knocked in the transom, took the door off the hinges, threw out the Phi furniture, put ours back and mounted guard while Brothers Louis Newburger, Horace Smith and Fred Ritler, lawyers, filed a complaint for injunction before Brother Leathers, judge of superior court. The injunction was granted and at present, thanks to the aid of our alumni, we are in possession and expect to be until the expiration of our contract, when Brother Hanna expects to build us a new hall which will be the finest in the state."

The editor of *The Rainbow* has varied the editorials by such a wise address to his freshmen brothers that the major part of it is repeated here and every Kappa Kappa Gamma initiate should read it and apply it to herself changing it to fit her own conditions.

"In the first place, you may have received several other invitations beside that of Delta Tau Delta, and during the 'rushing season' had a very pleasant time accepting the favors of the various other fraternities. If so, there naturally comes to you a period of disillusionment. You have made your choice. The eloquence and good-fellowship of the initiation banquet is over; and you have settled down to the regular routine of fraternity life. The older men of the chapter are recovering from the strain of the 'rushing season,' and trying, by close application, to regain the ground lost in their studies. You miss the attentions formerly lavished on you, and wonder sometimes if you might not have made a more happy choice; the thought is natural, and implies no disloyalty on your part; but you will soon come to see that you would have had the same experience in any other chapter at your college.

Perhaps you have been a pretty important person in your 'prep.' school, and the 'rushing season' has only tended to confirm this impression. Then when the fictitious life of this season is over, and you begin to realize the true position of a freshman, your enthusiasm may be put to rather a strong test; but if you are of the right stuff, and of course you are, you will adjust yourself to these new conditions, and only let them affect you to the extent of making you a stronger man and a more enthusiastic Delt. Realize that you cannot have the same influence in the chapter as an upper-classman until you have fitted yourself for it by passing through the same mill that he has. Do not let the friction of this first stage in your fraternity life impair your future value as a fraternity man; bear all a freshman's trials and tribulations in good humor, and gain your reward when you can look back upon your freshman days with gratitude for the lessons they have taught you. We can only wish you all happiness in your new bond, and trust that the relations lately established

between yourself and Delta Tau Delta may prove the wisdom both of your preference and the Fraternity's choice."

The Kappa Alpha *Journal* has experienced many vicissitudes since the Golden Age when it was conducted by Mr. Keeble. But its last change of editorship shows promise of the renewal of the old days when it was the most readable of all the magazines. The *Journal* has now started a series of articles with the attractive title "Studies in Fraternalism." Whether the author will live up to his title remains to be seen but a paragraph from the first one seems to show the genuine fraternity spirit.

"In 'rushing' I have been asked a countless number of times 'What is the advantage of joining a college fraternity?' The prime object is to become a member of a band of young men each of whom is always ready to sacrifice himself for you. Out of this the other advantages grow, and there are many. For it is well known that fraternities bring a man into society, put him in the front in college politics, give him a better standing with the faculty and with the students. But, as I have emphasized, the chief advantage of them all is to have true brothers who are ever faithful to you. Some men have refused to join a fraternity thinking that they could have as good friends without being a fraternity man as they could by being one. They have soon found out better."

It is always a pleasure to come back to *The Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta for every one of its pages shows an intelligent interest in fraternity affairs. From the present issue comes a word of advice which with slight alterations may be of use to our own chapter.

"It goes without saying that this must not be the end of the season's rushing. Good men, men who develop, overlooked in the contest for those who showed up well at the outset, are to be found in every college in the winter and spring terms. The chapter that says it wants no more men is fatally blind. So long as there are good men outside of it, men who are excellent fraternity material, the chapter needs more members. The men just initiated will gain valuable experience by helping to rush these mid-year initiates. Give the freshman a humble share in this, as in every other form of chapter work. Get them ready for the fraternity examination; put one new man on every committee. In forming your plans for next year's rushing the freshmen will be able to give you much information and possibly a little advice. Don't give them reason to believe that the work of the chapter for the year is over, simply because six or eight men have been initiated."

Mr. H. C. Lakin, who has long conducted *The Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon has now resigned it to Dr. Nellus of Worcester, Mass. Mr. Lakin's "last words" to his fraternity are as follows :

"The editor would say to all chapters : that the key to the door of prosperity is fair-mindedness and honest dealing. Let your rivals be friendly rivals, and your fight for supremacy be fair and honest, and your success and influence for good will be assured. The Golden Rule is as true to-day as it ever was, and is as applicable to chapters as to individuals."

A fraternity periodical is justified in publishing stories, only when they contain some reflection of the life of a chapter or something which will stimulate fraternity feeling or inculcate fraternity principles. The pages of *Beta Theta Pi* are marred by a story which possesses none of these qualities and is not even amusing. The fraternity flavor is supposed to be given to it by a girl wearing a bunch of Jacquiminot roses upon one page and proposing the toast "Here's to all Betas" upon another. The lessons to be drawn are that Jack roses are Beta Theta Pi's flower and that occasionally one finds a woman who is both forward and utterly devoid of sense. This story occupies seven pages.

The part of the Phi Kappa *Shield* usually given to articles of general interest is this time taken up with tributes to Dr. Robert Lowry, a prominent member of the fraternity who has recently died. Dr. Lowry was the writer of "Shall We Meet Beyond the River" and many other well known hymns. The pages that follow are devoted to an article on Phi Kappa Psis in football, which would have little interest for THE KEY readers.

The Delta Kappa Epsilon contains an enthusiastic account of that fraternity's convention, which began at Springfield, Mass., November 15, 1899. Every chapter but one was represented and the delegate from the new chapter, installed at the University of Pennsylvania, December 9, made his first appearance

The fraternity is about to issue a Song Book and the song which won the first prize is quoted below. It is sung to the air of "The Jolly Musketeer," and was written by Mr. W. G. Harris :

WE SING OF Δ K E.

1. Come shake these halls with music grand of our fraternity,
 There is no name in all the land like jolly Δ K E,
 Jolly Δ K E, yes! jolly Δ K E, yes!
 Then swing along our marching song,
 Hurrah for Δ K E!
 Inspire our glad and happy throng with mirth and jollity.

Chorus:

- We sing of Δ K E, we sing of Δ K E, we sing, we sing, we
 sing of Δ K E, All Hail!
 And now come one, come brothers all,
 And join us in our merry call,
 And gaily sing of our belov'd Fraternity.
2. Old Δ K E is marching on, a wondrous army led
 By him who bravely leads the throng with firm and measured
 tread,
 Firm and measured tread, yes! always at the head, yes!
 No toil or care our brothers know
 While mirth and jest are here,
 And melody so light doth flow for Δ K E so dear."

Chorus.

It must be a matter of regret to the *Palm's* readers that it is not printed on heavier paper. Its editor, apparently, devotes a considerable amount of time to compiling articles himself as well as to soliciting them from other people, but the general make up of the magazine is not good enough for its contents. The present number has some seventeen pages of revision of catalogue rolls, a goodly share of chapter letters and some other matter of interest primarily to Alpha Tau Omega.

The Theta Delta Chi *Shield* chronicles an event of unusual interest in the annals of the fraternity, the celebration at Sherry's given in welcome of Captain Lambertson, a member of whom Theta Delt has a right to be proud. In looking over the magazines one is filled with surprise to see how many men of prominence in all the walks of life still preserve their love for their undergraduate fraternity. How strongly marked the fraternity charac-

teristics are is shown by the fact that no social club of later life ever seems to hold the same place.

In discussing the methods employed by the different magazines in attempting to force excellence in chapter letters, the *Shield* offers the following sensible words :

" All of these devices to secure chapter letters tell one common story, namely, that the fraternity periodicals are more troubled by the indifference and carelessness of chapter correspondents than by any other one thing. Whether it is worth while to compel the correspondent by a fine or to entice him by a prize may be questioned. It is proper that attention should be directed in some way to his delinquency. As an officer of the chapter, and a servant of the fraternity, he is under an obligation to discharge his duties to the best of his abilities, and his failure to do so ought to be noted and rebuked. That he ought not to receive a reward, other than the thanks of his fellows and the personal satisfaction of having done his duty, seems reasonably clear. As to a penalty, if other officers are penalized, or if chapters are fined for the delinquencies of other officers, then it is proper to include the chapter correspondent ; otherwise, this seems an unjust discrimination against a particular officer. On the whole, we think that the manner in which chapter correspondents have done their work ought to be presented in the report of the editor and that the fraternity at its convention or through its governing body ought to take measures to see that any officer who has been delinquent is removed or censured."

It would be a pleasure to review the women's magazine were it not that the present arrangement permits every chapter to see them for itself. It seems well now and then to call attention to special articles and chapter-members are asked to look at Pi Beta Phi's arrangement for a National Alumnae Association and to consider its possibilities ; to read Alpha Phi's articles upon the different colleges where her chapters are located, a series of which is begun with Cornell in the January number ; and to note Delta Delta Delta's activity in the matter of province conventions.

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