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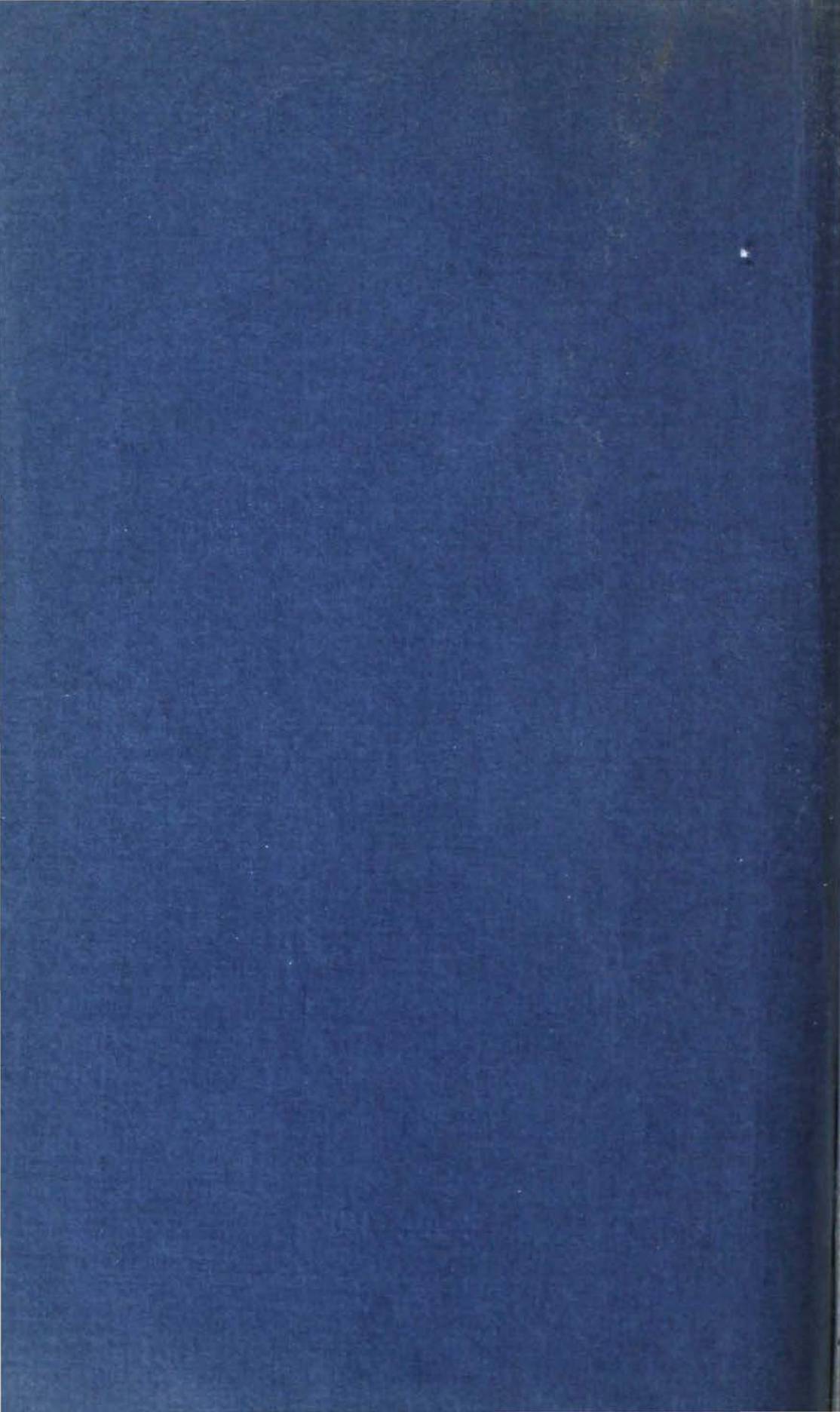
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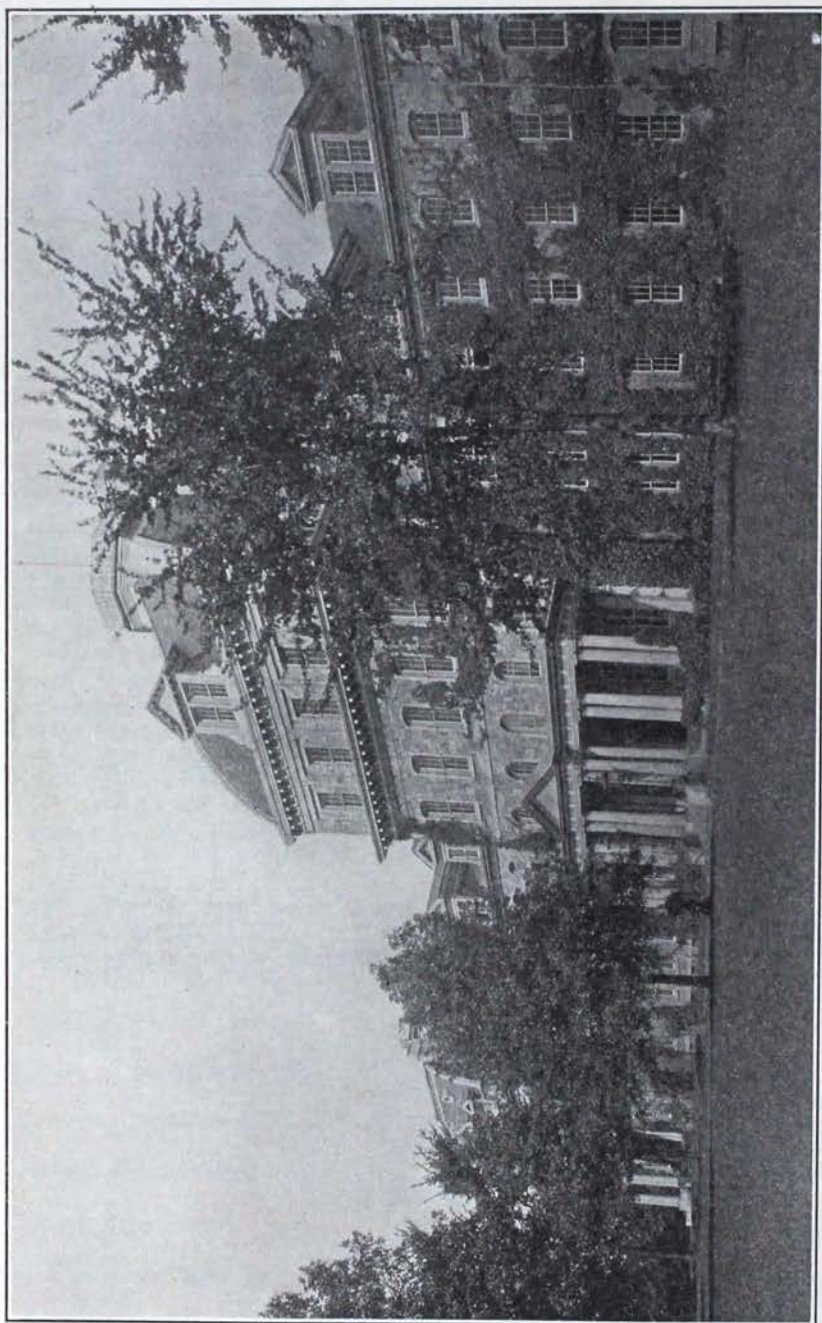
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The Swarthmore Ivies

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“Walls must get the weather stain,
Before they grow the ivy.”

Newly erected stone or wood does not furnish the conditions necessary for bringing into existence this dark-leaved plant. Thus it is we oftenest find the ivy clinging to ancient ruins. These have given it birth, and richly do they sustain its life as it twines about broken columns, creeps “round some mould’ring tow’r,” or “climbs the crumbling hall, to decorate decay.” But, although not native to modern soil and atmosphere, the ivy may be successfully grafted on to these. Taking root in its new environment, it soon fastens upon the structure it is to decorate, not only its tendrils, but also the associations and traditions it has brought with it, the very soul of the soil from which it sprang.

Our college ivies have come for the most part from over the seas. However independent the spirit of the New World may be, it has never attempted to shake off entirely its allegiance to the old hemisphere. By language, literature, educational methods, and religious faiths and forms, as well as by a hundred other ties, we are linked to the continent of Europe. These legitimate bonds we naturally take pleasure in strengthening. A visit on European soil, to spots of historical interest, or scenes of present beauty or glory, is a delight known best by those who have experienced it. Yet how many

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a traveler has felt, even during his first blissful thrill, a sentiment akin to sadness, arising from the realization that he can bear away with him nothing more tangible than pleasant memories. A leaf or bit of flower, he thinks, will be to him in after days a reminder of what he has seen; an ivy-shoot will live on through the coming years, telling ever again the story of history or tradition it has learned from the parent vine in a remote country.

So it has come about that some members of our college family have brought home with them from their European jaunts slips of ivy. As the college was to these Swarthmore friends the dearest spot on earth, they have planted their ivies about its walls, that the vines might enrap the crude stones with their mantle of leaves and memories. The custom of setting out class ivies was inaugurated in 1889, and some of the foreign slips have been bestowed upon different graduating classes for the purpose of planting, or have been brought across the Atlantic especially for them. To Dean Elizabeth Powell Bond, who was led by a fine aesthetic sense and a sympathetic love for nature to take a great interest in the decoration of the college grounds, we are more largely indebted for these ivies than to any other person. Dean Bond not only cared for the little plants during their hazardous journey over the waters, but she also maintained them in her window nursery until their life was fully established.

If you will walk with me about Parrish Hall to-day, I will try to point out to you some of our illustrious ivies, and also to tell you from what spots they were brought hither.

Beginning near the front porch of the west wing, we find an ivy planted by the class of 1905. This was brought by Dean Bond, in the summer of 1903, from the magnificent ruins of Ludlow Castle, England. It was in this castle, you will remember, that Milton's mask of Comus was performed for the first time, and that Butler wrote "Hudibras." The next ivy, that of '92, came

directly from the old meeting-house at Swarthmore, England, the building which George Fox presented to the Friends—indirectly, since it was a slip from the original imported ivy that climbs over our College Meeting-house. Growing near '92's ivy, and fittingly blended with it, is '93's plant, whose origin is said to have been at Whittier's home, in Amesbury, Mass. The following ivy was presented to the class of '94 by Professor and Mrs. Hayes, who brought it from Addison's Walk, at Magdalen College, Oxford. Magdalen College is among the strongest and most famous of Oxford colleges, and its buildings are eclipsed in beauty by hardly any in England. This college is rich in historical associations. It has counted among its distinguished members, Lily, Cardinal Wolsey, Tyndale, John Lyle, John Hampden, Addison, and Gibbon. In front of the President's office grows '95's fine plant, imported by Dean Bond from Wordsworth's Dove Cottage, at Grasmere. This village is the loveliest spot among the English lakes, and Wordsworth sleeps in its churchyard.

Continuing our excursion on the other side of the central porch, we behold an ivy of vigorous growth, that belonging to the class of 1896. This, too, was brought to America by Dean Bond. Its birthplace was Christ's College, Cambridge, where Milton and Darwin studied. A neighbor to '96, and one resembling it in sturdy traits, is '91. This successful plant is American-born, having been brought from Vassar College. The ivy marking 1900's tablet was given to the class by Dean Bond. She brought the plant from Alloway Kirk, Scotland, the old ruined church celebrated in Burns' "Tam o' Shanter." The ivy of 1890 was obtained by the late ex-President Magill from the Royal Gardens of the Luxembourg at Paris. Like the other class ivies, it tells us a three-fold tale. First, it speaks of the historical and artistic scenes from which it was transplanted; second, of Dr. Magill's splendid enthusiasm for the country whose language claimed his devotion; third, of the graduating class which, nearly two decades ago, committed

their ivy with trustful hearts to the soil of their Alma Mater. The feeble little plant of '02 is from Tintern Abbey, the beautiful monastic ruin well known through Wordsworth's "Lines." This was secured by Dr. and Mrs. Hull. On the southwest pillar of the Dean's porch there grows an ivy from the Anne Hathaway cottage at Shottery, near Stratford-on-Avon. Shottery is in Warwickshire, a county full of romance and old heroic story, and the scene of many an ancient ballad. In the neighborhood is also much woodland scenery. Was it presumptuous for the planter of this ivy to believe that sap drawn from the soil of a country in which the conditions were peculiarly favorable to developing Shakespeare's genius might penetrate our walls and awaken and stimulate genius here? The ivy about the east side of the Dean's porch, near the wall, claims as its birthplace an ancient English structure, Gloucester Cathedral. Nearing the corner we find an ivy from New College (founded 1386), Oxford. This possesses especial significance for us, as it was at New College that the system of teaching within college walls was begun. The class of '06 adopted this ivy, and their tablet is found beneath its leafage.

Just around the corner, on the east end of the building, there stands an ivy that came from Vassar College. Of this plant we may truly say:

"Bold to leap a height
'Twas strong to climb!"

It has outstripped its fellows and has reached the fourth story. By the southeast window of the Dean's parlor is an ivy from the garden of the Warwick Meeting-house. It was planted by Dean Bond, ninth month, 17, 1898. By the northeast window is one from Elleray, Christopher North's home, overlooking Lake Windermere in the English lake district. An impressive ivy on the north side of the east entrance is from Vassar. It was planted by Miss Jessie B. Ginn. The seven ivies last mentioned were collected by Dean Bond. She brought all the Vassar ivies from that college, May 1, 1890.

On the north side of the building, between the studio windows, grows an ivy from Ellen's Isle, known to us through Scott's "Lady of the Lake." Further along toward the pump is one from Tintern Abbey.

On the north side of Somerville Hall, near the west corner, is a struggling plant, set out by Miss Nowell, Swarthmore's former librarian. The sprig had formed part of the table decorations at one of the College Thanksgiving dinners. On the same north side, toward the east, is a plant brought from Swarthmore Hall, England, the residence of Margaret Fell, whom George Fox married.

No vestige remains of '89's ivy. Nor are there any signs of that of '97, given by Professor Jones because of its Tennyson associations; of that brought by Dr. and Mrs. Hull from Warwick Castle for the class of '98; of a second Anne-Hathaway-Cottage plant, brought by Dean Bond to '99; of a second Ellen-Isle plant, belonging to '01, and brought home by Hannah Clothier Hull and Dean Bond; of the '03's plant, with memories of Goethe; or of that of '04, brought by Albert Cook Myers from Jourdan's Meeting-house, where the Penns are interred. The many ivies planted by Dean Bond along the north side of Parrish Hall, east wing, have also almost entirely disappeared.

The associations and traditions of an institution of learning are among its most precious possessions. These cannot be purchased with money, nor will any amount of financial endowment add to them. Swarthmore College is more richly equipped with memories of the past than is many a powerful university. Let us then cherish these priceless legacies, and above all, let us protect and care for the ivies.

A Plea for a Late Pledge Day

*By Mary Griffith Canby, Grand President of
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What is the true place of the Woman's Fraternity in the life of the University and of the individual, and how may it best be attained? The answer to the latter question is troubling the entire college world. The first admits of little difference of opinion in reply; the parent sends his daughter to a university chosen because of some special attribute, usually entirely regardless of fraternity consideration. He expects her to be a vital part of the student body and its organizations; to reflect credit on her family and college; and to live a sane life in every way. If she is honored by election to a fraternity and the fraternity helps to make her a better, more sympathetic college woman, he has reason to be glad. If on the other hand it intensifies in her any tendency to snobbishness and over-exclusiveness; if it encourages her to place fraternity obligations before those of college; or if its requirements cause her health to be impaired and her college standing to become necessarily lower, the parent can but deplore her membership.

The fraternity is in no part an organization of the student body, but of the individual; it has no place in college elections; it has no place anywhere if it makes the normal fair-minded, non-fraternity student less happy because of it. Many of our fraternity women on the Faculty and as Deans of Women, recognizing the true relation of the University and Fraternity life, are refraining from wearing the badge during college hours at least, believing that a display of the fact that she belongs to an organization not open to all students tends to make her less useful. I, for one, will welcome the time when no student wears her badge in the classroom or at general university functions. We all respect the strength of organization, if the energy is rightly directed, and as a firm believer in the fraternity principle,

I want to urge the necessity of putting our fraternity life in its true place and keeping it there.

Our great reform must begin with a re-organization of the rushing system. This is, I believe, the great evil; lesser ones will correct themselves. University Presidents, Deans of Women, alumnae and active members recognize this need. Rushing as it now exists must be abolished, not because if we do not remedy it, the university authorities doubtless will take active steps to do so, but because the system is *wrong*, and no fraternity must stand for wrong principles or customs. We all see the harm to freshmen and upper-classmen alike. When the freshman comes to college, everything is new and strange; she cannot find her way from class to class; she is bewildered by the new subjects and regulations and faces; the freshman of the university is not the complacent senior of the preparatory school! To the upper-classmen she should turn for good advice in her difficulties, because of their experience; this experience which should be the inheritance of the freshman ought not to be denied her by rules such as the present rushing system often makes imperative in the fraternity world; rules that make us appear ridiculous to the outsider and unsympathetic and unkind to the younger girls.

To some of us, the greatest hope of quick reform lies in the late pledge day, by which a student would have her freshman year free from fraternity obligations; but this will aid only if each individual feels that it is incumbent on her to do her part to the best of her ability, and even at the risk of losing in numbers to uphold the principles that are right. The freshman dormitory system will aid us, but let the fraternity not wait until that is established!

When all freshmen are brought together without fraternity life for a year, they will cultivate college spirit and form friendships which are to last through college and after life, regardless of any future ties. Then when fraternity life comes, it will be more like

forming home ties that are not constantly flaunted in the face of the world. The student, too, will be able to consider the fraternity from a more mature basis and to study the system. She will know the different fraternity families and will not be overcome with social obligations to a harmful degree.

So much as to the good to the freshman: the fraternity, too, would profit. One would not hear what has been said to me more than once this year, "If I had to go through another such rushing season, I would rather leave college"; the nervous strain was so tremendous. This would be changed, for normal friendships would be formed, and girls would not be judged on either side by the superficial. Expense would be reduced for the chapter. We are criticized, and rightly, for extravagance. The scholarship of our members would have been tried, and frankly, we do not want poor scholarship in the fraternity; we want good, all-round normal girls with at least fair scholarship. A real honor would be conferred by an invitation to membership. Now is it not on the surface, the freshman who is conferring the honor in accepting an invitation?

The argument will be advanced that the training a freshman receives in her fraternity is invaluable. Under normal methods of entering I concede this, but how many things do you who are upper-classmen, have to train out of your freshman for which you and the present rushing system are responsible.

I do not advance the idea of a late pledge day as *the* remedy. I only say that we must find *a* remedy for a plan that is wrong; and I say again, in all earnestness, that the remedy must come from the individual primarily, from the solemn conviction that we will not stand for the wrong, whatever the cost. The late pledge day might aid if really tried. We must expect that a whole year of mad rushing possibly would ensue; then it would probably become a matter of course that pledging before the end of freshman year would be discontinued as detrimental to college and fraternity.

Fifteen years of fraternity life, as an active member, an alumnae and an officer, have left their impress on me. I believe heart and soul in the fraternity and its individual helpfulness; from observation in twenty-six of the thirty-three universities and colleges in which we have chapters, and from conferences with those in authority, I believe in its college helpfulness. I fail to find, as Dr. Seelye states in his article on the "Influence of Sororities," in the "Ladies' Home Journal" for September, any spirit of deploring the existence of "sororities" where they exist, or any wish on the part of the university authorities to keep them out where they do not exist. The number of petitions for chapters before me in the past six years, backed by personal letters from university authorities favorable to these petitions, the courtesy and help shown our officers when inspecting new fields, and the desire expressed that our decision might be favorable, form a basis for my statement. The number of daughters of University Presidents found in the various fraternities is in itself a reason for believing that if they deplore at all, it is not the existence of the "Sorority," but the method of carrying out the principles. There are college evils to be deplored as well as fraternity ones, we must all recognize. We do not cease to believe in colleges because of these evils.

As a Professor Dresseth so He is

By Annie Dolman Inskeep, Ph. D. (Chicago)

He gathered his garments around him and took a step, then another. He really could walk, not stride, but walk, as he contemptuously expressed it, like a woman. Then he left his room and crossed the campus, looking furtively to right and left.

Was he an imitation Maharaja or a student masquerading on a fête day? No, just an elderly professor, in a large Western University, wearing full academic dress for the first time. Yonder he spied his favorite pupil coming down the walk, looking so stately in her cap and gown that he forgot for the moment his own discomfort. Academic dress was certainly very becoming to some people.

"Oh, Professor Lowell, how well you look! I am so glad this year the faculty won't be a procession of frock coats, sack coats, cutaways, felt hats, silk hats and straws."

"I wish I felt that way, but, really, Miss Hudson, I feel most awkward. I think I have been heard to say that young women wore their dresses a little—short. I only wonder now that they do not wear them shorter."

She laughed. "I am going over with you, and while you practice the art of walking I want you to tell me all about these intercollegiate gowns."

The professor sighed. It was rather trying for even a favorite pupil to mistake one for a walking encyclopedia. "What do you want to know about them?"

"Why, just everything I don't already know, so I can recognize a professor's title just as my small brother, who is studying up for the coming of the fleet, expects to know every officer by his clothes. I told them at breakfast last Monday that the new president had ordered——"

"Requested," gently interrupted the professor.

"Well, requested, but we all knew it meant "*Ich will*" that every member of the faculty and of the graduating class appear in appropriate academic costume on Commencement Day. Then when the family began to question me as to what and why, I found I did not know anything about it. The word appropriate puzzled me at first. I wanted large full sleeves for my gown such as Doctor Radcliffe has on the gown his wife showed me that he used to wear at Princeton. But Sam Brown, who has the agency for renting gowns, explained that there were three types of gowns and hoods, the Bachelor's, the Master's and the Doctor's, and that I must wear the bachelor's gown which has pointed sleeves, and that I could not possibly wear a master's or doctor's gown until I took a master's or a doctor's degree. Then the hoods puzzled me. I knew by this time that I had to wear a bachelor's hood and I chose one trimmed with lilac velvet because it matched my dress. How the knowing ones laughed, and I found that lilac velvet on the hood shows that one has a degree in dentistry."

"You have the right color on now."

"Yes, I learned that Arts and Letters show white velvet because at Oxford and Cambridge white fur is used on the B. A. hoods.

"Do you know the colors of velvet for the other departments?"

"I don't know them, but I have a list I can refer to during the Commencement Exercises," and she handed him:

Departments of Learning

AS REPRESENTED BY THE VELVET TRIMMING ON HOODS.

Arts and Letters.....	White
Science	Gold Yellow
Civil Engineering	Orange
Philosophy.....	Blue

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Fine Arts	Brown
Commerce and Accountancy	Drab
Pedagogy	Light Blue
Laws	Purple
Theology and Divinity	Scarlet
Medicine	Green
Veterinary Science	Gray
Pharmacy	Olive
Dentistry	Lilac
Forestry	Russet
Library Science	Lemon
Music	Pink

“Very good, and do you know that some of these colors have very interesting origins?” said the professor, as he handed back the list. “The scarlet for the Divinity recalls the red cassock of the cardinals, pink for the Music is an adaptation of the pink brocade prescribed for the Oxford Doctors of Music, green for Medicine is taken from the army surgeon’s stripes, and purple for Law is the king’s own color.”

“How interesting! So these colors were not chosen in a haphazard way. Now, do graduates of the same department, whether they be Bachelors, Masters or Doctors, wear the color of the department of their hoods?”

“Certainly. You will notice that my hood, though very different from yours, is faced with white velvet, for you know I am a Master of Arts.”

She looked at his hood closely and noticed that it was longer than hers and that its lining was quite different. The sleeves, too, of Professor Lowell’s gown were very different from hers. Instead of “angel” sleeves, such as her gown had, his were long and narrow with a slit in front for the arm to come through, and at the lower part of the sleeves, on the sides turned toward the back, were the same sickle-like curves that mark the lower edge of all the hoods.

As they neared the library where the faculties and students were to assemble for the processional, they saw Doctor Stanley coming toward them.

"Ha, Doctor, you are gorgeous this morning! You have met Miss Hudson? She is interested in official academic dress; perhaps you would tell her something about yours."

"Certainly, with pleasure." And the three started up the library steps. "My gown, you see, has full, round, open sleeves with three bars of velvet facing down the front."

"How can we tell what color the velvet trimmings should be on a Doctor's gown? As I was coming across the campus I met Doctor Armitage and noticed that his velvet bars and band were black while the facing on his hood was yellow. Then I met the Chaplain. He looked really gay with scarlet velvet bars and band on his gown and on the facing of his hood."

"Both were correctly dressed. Any doctor can have the gown trimming of the color of the department the degree was taken in, but, as a matter of fact, except for the Ph.D. and the LL.D. degrees, the gowns are usually trimmed with black velvet. Is that clear?"

"Indeed, it is, but I have just caught a glimpse of your hood lining. What college has *four* colors?"

Dr. Stanley laughed. "I see you know that the lining represents one's college color. Mine, I own, is rather complicated. I took my doctorate in Germany where there are no public Commencement exercises and hoods are not used. Until 1895 there was no way of showing at our convocations, graduation from a German University. In that year a conference of professors holding foreign degrees adopted the plan, for German degrees, of lining the hood with the university colors, which are always the colors of the German state in which the university is located, and overlaying it with a tri-chevron of the German national colors, black, white and red. My degree is from Leipsic, so the upper half of my hood is lined with green, the lower with white,

the official colors of Saxony, and across the middle is the tri-chevron."

"Just in this matter of hood linings," said Professor Lowell as they entered the library, "to say nothing of the velvet facings, etc., through the statute passed by the larger colleges and adopted by the majority of the colleges and universities in the United States, a uniformity has been secured which makes reading a professor's academic record a very easy matter."

Once in the library, Miss Hudson went up into the gallery which was reserved for the graduating class, and, looking over the rail, began to study the moving masses of color below. She soon learned to notice two things: first, the sleeves, for by them she knew immediately whether the faculty member in question held a Bachelor's, Master's or Doctor's degree; then the velvet facing on the hood seemed of next importance, for by it she told the department from which the particular degree was received. She also noticed that the gold tassel was seen only on the Doctors' caps.

While picking out one and another of the professors by his dress the class president came up. "Well, Miss Hudson, if our professors have tried for four years to find out what was in our heads, we have only to *look* at them to see what they achieved in college."

"Maybe, Mr. James, but with me it is a case of knowing in part, for, outside of two or three colleges, I do not know the college colors."

"I go in for college colors. I don't care so much for the degree a professor has as where he took it. I had half a dozen of these typed and I'll give you one."

COLLEGE COLORS AS SHOWN BY HOOD LININGS.

Harvard	Crimson
Yale	Blue
Columbia	Light blue with white chevron
Princeton	Orange with black chevron
Williams	Royal purple
Cornell	Carnelian with two white chevrons

University of Chicago.....	Maroon
Johns Hopkins.....	Black with gold chevron
Wellesley	Dark blue
Amherst.....	Purple with white chevron
University of Michigan.....	
.....	Maize with blue chevron
University of California.....	
.....	Gold silk with blue chevron
University of Gottingen.....	
.....	Yellow with tri-chevron in center
University of Heidelberg.....	
.....	Red with tri-chevron in center
University of Leipsic.....	
.....	Green above white with tri-chevron in center
University of Jena	
.....	Green above gold with tri-chevron in center

“You are very kind. See! The faculties are forming in line.”

The long line moved slowly across the front of the library, a processional at once picturesque, dignified, and full of meaning.

As the last member passed through the door, she turned to him with a bright smile, “Verily, as a professor dresseth, so he is.”

Social and Recreation Houses for College Students

By Charles Knight, Buchtel College

The institution which supplies the student of college rank with the means for the development of all sides of his nature comes nearest to the ideal purpose. In most colleges the mind and body are now well provided with means for training through class-room, laboratory and gymnasium; but there is sometimes a failure to supply the conditions most favorable for the cultivating of the social graces, and for a restful and healthful recreation which adds so much to the happy living of college students, and holds the charms and attraction which college days have for the alumnus.

Every college has the experience of losing students in mid-course, because they are disappointed in what they thought was to be a joyful experience. Perhaps they failed to receive an expected invitation to join a fraternity,—perhaps they had too high ideals of college comradeship; but, unrelieved by a free, happy recreation period with congenial mates, the steady flow of recitations becomes “a grind,” and the enthusiasm for it all dies out, and the best conditions for self-culture are lost. College students love to flock together; during mild seasons, they gather outdoors at some center,—a Yale fence, a Harvard pump, the college steps, where they talk and joke over the days experiences and plan hopefully for the days to come.

If the college would provide some well organized center around which the social interest of the students, as a whole, could gather,—if some meeting place were furnished for the general student body, similar to the best that fraternities offer to their elect, it would meet a common need.

Social and recreation halls for students must necessarily vary a great deal in plan, to meet the needs in various localities, but, in them all, one thing indispensable is a large, well lighted room, with an open fire-place, furnished with strong, comfortable chairs, which can be grouped in cozy corners, as well as around the fire or some attractive window. Other necessary furnishings are a piano, with the college song-books, and tables for magazines and games. This room should be fitted to give informal dances, and might have a small stage for presenting college plays. Its ceiling should be very high, or, better, be open to the roof timbers, thus favoring handsome decorations by streamers, banners and pennants, in college colors. On one side there should be a large veranda for gatherings in mild seasons. A lunch room is essential, and toilet apartments and, for men's halls, billiard rooms, and for women's halls, rest rooms. This should be a place for entertaining visiting students from another college, before or after an athletic contest. It should prove an attraction center for old students, who return for a call or brief visit, and to render it more attractive to such desirable visitors, its walls might well be decorated with group pictures of athletic teams and athletic trophies.

And this leads to a prediction that alumni will be most likely to lead in donating the funds for erecting these students' social and recreation houses; certainly they appreciate most keenly the need of them.

In some institutions, these buildings have been provided already, as at the Minnesota State University, at Chicago University, and at Harvard,—mentioning only one college in different parts of the country remote one from the other. Many provide accommodations for these social needs in halls devoted to other uses, as in gymnasiums, dormitories, Y. M. C. A. and music rooms. This often leads to a lack of fitness that removes the spirit from such occasions; there is little sanctity where students gather for a service of prayer, if the hour before

the room was used for class meetings, or to settle some wordy wrangle about athletics.

If the college furnishes no place as a center for the gathering of students during recreation hours, it is almost certain that some of the young men will frequent bowling alleys, pool rooms and hotel lobbies, with their attached saloons. Parents will not be slow to select the institution which provides on its campus, and under the guardianship of college officials, some attractive, well governed, home-like place for the gathering and entertainment of its students.

The Convention of 1908

By Jean Frey, Gamma Rho.

The Convention of 1908 is now, and will be for the rest of the year, an important subject for fraternity consideration. Our chapters are widely separated, they have different ideas of personal relations, of fraternity policy and of college values. The Convention is the unifying power, for there we come together, bringing these variations, these opinions, these egotisms, and realize that we are parts of a great whole which must be unified if it is to be worth our time and trouble. And then again, behind the fraternity lies the college, of whose life the fraternity is only one part, and that not an essentially vital one. Now the college is one of the really great influences which is retarding or advancing our life. We have, in this country, no Oxford to instill into the people such fundamental doctrine as the divine right of kings; but we have instead, a heterogeneous collection of large and small institutions exerting a nearly homogeneous influence toward establishing and maintaining the divine right of the people to have and know and be what is beautiful and good and true. Viewed in such a light, the Convention which shapes the policy and ideals of every chapter touches the life of so many colleges that it should lose whatsoever of trivialities or pettiness it might have, and should become an energizing force in the college work.

Very few, if any conventions, whether political, religious or social, ever attain to the best that is possible. Yet it does seem as if Kappa Kappa Gamma might do it. It can be done only by laying aside every idea but that of sisterhood and loyalty and optimism. From every Convention some go home who, because of some disadvantage of appearance or manner, have been hurt by lack of consideration, have missed the essence of joy

and have been outsiders, one might say, in the Convention. No chapter sends her weakest member. There is then in every one who comes a force and power that others have seen, and that ought to be given to Convention, and would be, if it were not repressed. The Convention will be its best if our pleasures, our chats, everything we do, are inclusive.

Each chapter has ideas, words, rites, methods, which are an integral part of their chapter life. These should be brought for free discussion and distribution. Nothing can give so intimate a knowledge, so clear an understanding of your chapter, as these little non-essential things that are indissolubly joined to it. These inter-changes which occur in informal ways are the essence of that week, and to a great measure control the spirit of the regular session. A sense of freedom and genial intercourse very quickly resolves itself into enthusiasm that permeates every meeting with friendly energy; it does away with the restraint and wariness that so often obstruct action.

And now a word as to the place of meeting. The Convention of 1908 will meet with Gamma Rho chapter at Allegheny College, in Meadville, Pennsylvania. Allegheny is one of the lesser colleges, but she is listed among the ten that have produced notable men. Writers, educators, bishops, judges, State Governors and one United States President, have been among her students. She is an old institution, and in a very short time will celebrate her centennial. Among her most precious archives are letters from Thomas Jefferson and Patrick Henry. Allegheny was founded by Timothy Alden, a learned enthusiast who traveled from Boston, and by almost incredible effort planted the little college in the midst of an almost wilderness, and then spent further toil and pains in securing library equipment and endowment. The first pupils came, many of them on foot, and were helped by the people of the little village who surely had the gift of vision. Such students were earnest, acute and indefatigable, for such a college did

not attract wealthy idlers; it drew red-blooded men that have never since lost their grip on the world. It is Allegheny's proudest boast that so far, no graduate has ever dishonored her or been publicly disgraced. She is the mother of other colleges farther West who have long since exceeded their parent. DePauw University is a notable example, for it was founded largely by the efforts of an Alleghenian.

And so you will find, if you please, a little college, loved by her alumni, respected in her field of influence, widely honored, and content to be what she is. Her name is an old Indian word meaning "endless," and her children are fond of saying that it is a fitting name for it suggests the hope that she may be like the mountains whose name she bears, an endless force, lifting her head up to the pure heaven and the eternal sunshine, and continually sending streams of nobler men and women to refresh and enrich the plains of common life.

Parthenon

Our

Fraternity

Honor

“To hold high the honor of my fraternity, tempering word and deed according to the influence they will and must have upon the colors I bear.” Thus does the Kappa Symphony express a vital desire in every true heart that throbs beneath a golden key. It is a thought which may well be expanded in certain specific phases of our college life.

First of all, there must be a high standard of honor *within* the chapter. Only as we fulfil in spirit our vows of loyalty, shall we reflect glory upon our colors. As the strength of the nation lies in the sanctity of the home, so the strength of the fraternity lies in that of the chapter. As in the family circle, there must here also be frankness, absolute trust, and a spirit of loyal love that will overlook faults and emphasize virtues. Such is our pledge and such must be our practice.

Again, we must be thoroughly honorable in our relations with other fraternities, “tempering word and deed” in the tension of the “rushing” season, and displaying a broad-minded and genial inter-fraternity spirit throughout the year. We must also bear in mind that each of us represents “Kappa type” in the eye of someone of the general student body and faculty. First, our scholarship has a vital influence upon the honor of our fraternity. “Literary lights” and Phi Beta Kappas are the glory of a chapter, but there must be a foundation of faithful work and real culture among all the members to give it solidity and recognized standing. Moreover, Kappas must make their best influence felt in all other student activities. There are a number of demoralizing tendencies in college life, which we, with our lofty ideals, should discountenance. Of these, limited space prevents mention of more than two or three. For one thing, we must demand a high standard

for college politics. Great is the agitation for Woman's Suffrage in our country today, yet even in university circles, where the ballot is free to men and women alike, elections are not always wholly honorable. What could be more worthy of a woman's fraternity than to stamp its ideal of righteousness upon these beginnings of political life. Then, too, let us raise our colors in protest against the abuse of the souvenir craze which has far too many adherents in American colleges. Let it be understood that applause will not be forthcoming when a Kappa hears the tale of some "clever" looting of a schoolroom, a soda fountain or a dining car. May our strength be felt against these and all other customs unworthy of the Kappa ideal. If we look for the best in our associates, we shall draw forth the best from them.

Finally, we must hold our standard so high that jealousy or suspicion can find no place in our lives. The spirit of fidelity portrayed by our "Sigma in Delta" should be strong enough to be felt by those about us. Happy is the chapter called "honorable" by the not too charitable college world. Happy is the member of such a chapter to whose true womanhood no greater compliment can be paid than to have it said, "She is a typical Kappa Kappa Gamma."

ELIZABETH WARE, *Chi*.



Character

Moulding

If there is one time more than any other in a girl's life when her character reaches its highest fruition, that time is during her college career. For the most of us, at least, it is the first time that we are allowed to stand alone. We are independent, are thrown upon our own resources so far as moral guidance is concerned, and it then remains to be seen whether we hold to the precepts of our home training or whether we slowly drift away from what we know ought to be done.

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The girl who is true to her convictions and her ideals during these first few years of responsibility is the girl who in the riper and more mature years of womanhood really amounts to something, and stands out in bold relief against the background of weaker characters. It is not to be insinuated that one should be dogmatic in their beliefs of right and wrong. Reason things out for yourself, and if, after due time and thought has been given the subject, you arrive at a new conclusion, all is well, but do not fail to satisfy the demands of your conscience.

Living in a fraternity home with so many other girls, each one must learn, if she never has before, the lesson of unselfishness. And when this lesson is thoroughly learned, one of the greatest secrets of life is discovered. The mind is made broad enough to comprehend more than self and humanity enters to fill its place. This one lesson, unselfishness, it seems to me, if properly mastered at this moment of the girl's life, will do more to strengthen and build her character than any other power.

NOLA M. AYERS, *Omega*.



Adjustment

There is something which seems to me to be too little thought of in connection with fraternity life, something which is of the greatest importance to the welfare of any chapter, and which, for lack of a better name, I have called adjustment. Rushing season is such a busy time. We devote our whole time and attention to the new girls, trying to know them and to have them know us as well as possible in the short time given us for the purpose. We use every effort to give them pleasure, to keep away the bugbear, "homesickness." Then we pledge them. Here is where the adjusting process should begin. If the present strenuous rushing must be indulged in, why not temper it with a little better

management after rushing? A freshman, having been sought after during the whole of rushing season, once pledged, cannot but feel a drop. If it be too sudden, she may become discontented, and this is where the older girls should try, by careful watching and judicious attention, to keep her from being disappointed in her fraternity life. The new girls themselves should help by realizing that rushing is not a normal state of affairs; that the older girls have their own college life, their own interests and their old friendships to take up much of their time. If both will help, may the adjustment not come easily and naturally?

The attitude that many freshmen take toward a fraternity, that of conferring a great favor upon the chapter she joins, is a great mistake, and yet not an unnatural one when we consider that a girl rushed by several fraternities, urged for several days to join them all, may easily come to believe all the things they told her in urging. There should be no question on either side of favors conferred. The members of the fraternity, mindful of the help their chapter life has been to them, choose with loving care one whom they believe to be worthy to wear the key, and who, they hope, will bring strength to themselves. The new girl should go into the fraternity with the idea of getting the best of the life within the chapter by putting the best of herself into it. Let the older girls in the chapter encourage the new girls to ask questions and to form opinions concerning fraternity customs and policies.

There must be, of a necessity, a certain amount of friction; corners must be rubbed off and others rubbed on, so that all may fit in the chapter as a whole. This need not be too painful a process and must not be carried too far. We do not want a fraternity type, but a band of earnest, mutually helpful individuals. Let us help each other to approach worthy Kappahood.

M. H. L., *Beta Zeta*.

The

Fraternity, a

Preparation

for Life

In the busy world of today it is exceptional for a life to leave an impression after its activities have ceased, and this is the criterion of true worth. To develop a personality and character which shall leave their imprint on the activities of mankind should be the ambition of a college woman. The experiences of fraternity life should give unlimited possibilities for the development of such a character. Kappa Kappa Gamma gives us the ideals for perfect womanhood and the individual chapter must inculcate these into daily acts. If fraternity means what it should, the constant, intimate contact with other women will be an experience invaluable in broadening our characters and giving us insight into the characters of others.

It is easy to benefit by others' faults and mistakes, as well as by our own, if we look upon them, not with the eyes of criticism which observe from a narrow standpoint, but with eyes of sympathetic charitableness, and if we profit by the mistakes of others, we should certainly profit by their good deeds.

We naturally present different phases of our characters to different people. Why not learn to adapt ourselves to those to whom we do not naturally present a harmonious side? In this way we will abolish friction, have many more friends, and yet need not lose our own personalities, our firm opinions and strong purposes.

Fraternity life soon teaches us unselfishness, but the lesson of thoughtfulness comes more slowly and laboriously. Thoughtfulness deals more with small details than does unselfishness, and, therefore, is harder to learn. But after all, the little things count most, whichever side of the scale they are on, and so we must try to keep them in mind.

The enthusiasm which means so much in every path in life is best learned in college and in the fraternity. There is never danger from quantity but only from quality. Enthusiasm must be sympathetic and

tactful, or it only hinders. Some people call enthusing, enthusiasm, and think a noisy, ever-ready optimism is what we need to make the "wheels go 'round," but the true spirit is that which quietly endeavors to find the *right* way to accomplish, never says "fail," and never stops working.

It is sometimes said that by the fourth year in the fraternity enthusiasm, stunted by repetition, dwindles. This will never happen if we make use of our experiences to develop new thoughts, other outlooks and better conclusions.

We all know that fraternity presents a great variety of experiences. The greater the number the greater the opportunity for assimilation—assimilation of knowledge, book, heart and world—by which to formulate principles with which to govern our lives. Through this assimilation we gain character, and this, after all, is the sole object of fraternity—to prepare us for life.

KATHERINE J. WRIGHT, *Beta Tau*.

Editorials

Convention! This should be the dominant note in the thoughts and plans of all Kappas during the next three months. The active chapters and alumnae associations should discuss the subjects which are to be considered in August, and should see that each delegate goes to Convention well informed. Not delegates alone, but all Kappas are urgently asked to be present. To those of us who have attended Convention before, the word brings up a crowd of happy memories. Here we broke the bonds of our narrow chapter life and realized for the first time that we were a part of a great whole. We saw the power and scope of the fraternity in the college world, and found that difficulties that were puzzling us had been met and solved by some chapter thousands of miles away. We formed friendships which will endure for a life-time. Here in the great Convention hall were girls from the North, South, East and West, all with common problems and aims, met together for the purpose of mutual helpfulness. Could this fail to be an inspiration?

To those who have never attended, the word Convention rings with a note of promise. It may well be looked forward to with eager anticipation. Go to Convention, if possible. The fraternity needs the help of your presence, and you need the rich experience Convention alone can give.



Moderation should temper every phase of our lives. Its restraining hand should guide our college work and social life, and should even govern the short week we spend together at Convention. This should be a happy, wholesome gathering of Kappas, and the complaint should not come to us from mothers, as it has many times, that their daughters returned worn and tired. Our homes are scattered and the time so short that

there is a strong temptation to linger in the rooms of new friends until long after midnight, but sleep is essential to clear minds as well as to good health, and thirty hours sleep with nightly attendance at midnight suppers, according to the boast of some of our delegates, is not conducive to satisfactory Convention work. We are to meet together to decide questions of importance, and we should be in the best possible condition mentally and physically. Moreover, Convention should be a pleasure to the entertaining chapter, but if custom demands that the time be crowded with expensive entertainments, it can only be a burden. Let us go to Convention with the determination that our visit shall be wholesome and helpful both to our hostesses and to ourselves.



The Third Conference of Deans and Advisors of Women in State Universities was held in Chicago, December 18, 19, 20, 1907. Sixteen universities were represented, and the following resolutions were passed:

RESOLUTIONS.

The Conference was unanimously agreed:

1. That there should be complete segregation in lodging houses; that in houses occupied by women there should be provided a reception room on the first floor; and that such houses should be personally supervised by the Dean of Women.

2. That there should be university residence halls for men and for women, and that in these halls there should always be a certain proportion of upper-classmen.

3. That the self-government of students should be encouraged, not only among the student body at large, but within smaller groups.

4. That social life among students is excessive, that this excess is a menace to the maintenance of a high standard of scholarship, and is detrimental to the best interests of the universities and of the students; and

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that social functions should be limited to two nights a week and should close not later than midnight.

5. That there should be no inter-collegiate athletic contests for women; and that dramatic and musical organizations in which women take part should not give out-of-town performances.

6. That there should be a scholarship standard of eligibility for participation in inter-class athletics; and that there should be a test based on scholarship and physical fitness for participation in dramatic and musical events.

7. The Conference concurs with the Inter-Sorority Conference in recommending Sophomore pledging.



The Executive Committee of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae have determined on the following requirements for incorporate membership:

1. A residence hall for women.
2. A woman member of the faculty above the rank of instructor.
3. A Dean of Women who is a member of the faculty above the rank of instructor.

Undoubtedly these requirements touch a great need in our colleges and universities, but we fear this may exclude some very desirable members from the organization.



Notices

The Nineteenth Convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma will be held at Meadville, Pennsylvania, from August twenty-fifth to thirty-first.

The weekly meetings of the Kappas, which have been held for several years at Chautauqua, N. Y., will be resumed during the season this summer. Notices of the meetings will appear in the Chautauqua Herald. The Kappa register will be at the home of Mrs. Lillian Hunter (Lambda), at No. 10 Peck Avenue.



Alpha Province

Phi—University of Boston

Greeting to Kappas everywhere. Since the opening of the second semester, we of Boston University have been a busy chapter. To begin with (although it is not first chronologically), our new building was formally dedicated on March fifth. There was so much to be done after college opened that work on the building was completed only shortly before this time. In the afternoon there were exercises at which President Huntington and Dean Warren spoke, outlining the history and purposes of the University. Julia Ward Howe, who is an honorary member of Phi, as you know, also spoke briefly. Besides these, there were other speakers, and music by the university quartette. In the evening the Trustees gave a reception to the friends of the university.

On St. Patrick's Day our freshmen gave their annual party. All the decorations were appropriate to the day, even to the shamrock that graced the ice-cream as it was served. As their present to the rooms, they gave a dozen silver after-dinner coffee spoons, with K K I engraved on the handles, and a silver tea-ball. They were at great pains to assure us that the gifts were all sterling! After playing games of all sorts we gathered around the fire and sang college songs and

listened to the playing of one of the girls, who plays the piano beautifully. The whole party was one of the best we have ever had.

Withal, we have had some honors conferred on us this semester. Helen Rhines is to be valedictorian at Commencement, and Marion Treadwell is to be the heroine of the junior play, which to take place during Junior Week, the latter part of April. Eleanor Cummings responded to the senior toast at the Gamma Delta banquet.

In the near future we are planning to give a reception to our alumnae, and hope to make it quite a festive occasion. They have been a great help to us this year, when we have been rather upset in consequence of the moving of college, and we should like to show our appreciation a little, at least.

We are sorry to have to tell you that we have lost Mary Clark, one of the freshmen, for the rest of this year, owing to the ill-health of her father, but hope to have her back again with us next year.

February 13 and 14, Miss Ruth Paxson of Beta Zeta, who is student volunteer secretary for the United States and Canada, and whom many of you must have met, visited the university in connection with the work of the Young Women's Christian Association. Besides meeting with this organization, she gave a separate talk to the girls of all the fraternities here, on the subject of their relations to the college and to the non-fraternity girls. We enjoyed her visit very much, it is needless to say.

We also enjoyed having with us Miss Adele Lathrop, Grand Secretary, who is now teaching in the Literature Department at Wellesley College.

ETHEL HAM.



Psi—Cornell University

On the first day of the second term, February third, we pledged two new Kappas: Caroline E. Merry of

Syracuse, and Ruth Austin of Galveston, Texas. On the thirteenth we initiated our pledglings at the home of Gladys Miller, '04. We were very glad to have with us a number of our alumnae. Mary Hull, Julia Malotte, and Mrs. Colson all attended.

On March the 23rd and 26th we held our final inter-class basket ball games. Three of our girls played on their class teams; Jane Gouinlock, '08; Katharine Eaton, '10, and Ruth Austin, '11.

A number of the chapter are planning to go to Meadeville this summer. We are looking forward to a very enjoyable time and hope to meet a number of our Kappa sisters.

KATHERINE EATON.



Beta Tau—Syracuse University

On March 20th, Alpha of Alpha Phi entertained us at an informal heart party. Their Chapter House was prettily decorated in red hearts, and we all had a very jolly evening.

Margaret Green, '05, has been visiting Ella Wallace, '07, for a few days.

Marion V. Lusk, Union, N. Y., was initiated on February 28th.

Boars Head, the dramatic society of the University, will present "Twelfth Night" on April eleventh. Marion Brainard, '09, is to take the part of Olivia, and Marguerite Stewart, '09, the part of a lady-in-waiting.

We have one new pledgling, Helen Slade of Moravia, N. Y.

On March 26th the cornerstone of the new gymnasium was laid. There were speeches made by the Dean of Liberal Arts and some of the prominent alumni. It is expected to have it ready for use late in the fall.

Sarah Lamoreaux has been elected vice-president of the juniors, and Christina Miller, of the seniors.

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Kathleen Bagwell, '07, is to be married, April the twentieth, to Herbert Houghton, Psi Upsilon, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

FLORA M. WRIGHT.



Beta Alpha—University of Pennsylvania

The initiation of Beta Alpha was held at the home of Edna Bramble (B. S. '05) on Washington's Birthday. Every Pennsylvania alumnae invited, attended, and several of the absent "old girls" sent letters and greetings to the initiates.

February 22d was University Day and has been celebrated as such since 1826. In the old days it was the custom to read to the students Washington's farewell address, the reader being either student or professor, but the practice fell into disuse. Dr. Smith remembers when he was one of a loyal dozen who assembled to hear the same speech delivered.

Today the seniors, marshaled by men of older classes, march in a body to the Academy, where an address on Washington by some notable speaker is given and honorary degrees are conferred by the University.

BESSIE G. HANLEY.



Beta Iota—Swarthmore College

Of all our festivities during the winter months, there is one which stands out above the others, our Fourteenth Annual Banquet, which we held at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia on March 14th. There were more alumnae back than there have been for several years, being fifty-seven in all. We were very much pleased to have three of our charter members, Lilla K. Willets, Lydia Biddle and Fanny C. Manning, with us.

The question of the Jeanes bequest, which has been before the public for so many months and subject for debate by all who are interested in the welfare of the college, has finally been settled by the board of managers. Upon further investigation they found it was not best to accept the gift.

On the evening of March 14th the college gave a large reception, to which the students invited their friends, giving outsiders a chance to enjoy the social life of the college.

Every year the college gives a course of lectures. This year we had the honor of hearing Judge Lindsey, of the Juvenile Court of Denver, Colorado, speak, and of hearing Nicholas Douty sing many beautiful selections.

We were represented by two girls in the Girls Ex-temporaneous Contest on March 18th.

Two of our girls, Francis Richardson and Susanne Willets, have been elected to the senior honorary club, the II E X.

We are planning with a great deal of enthusiasm our annual house party at Browns Mills in June, before we scatter for the summer.

With best wishes to all our Kappa sisters.

HELEN LUKENS.



Gamma Rho—Allegheny College

To all Kappas, Greeting:

Since the last number of THE KEY, many interesting and important things have happened, so that Gamma Rho feels in this letter she has much to tell which she hopes will be of interest to her sister chapters.

It is with great pride that we introduce to you Hazel Emery, our new Kappa. She was initiated March 7th, and we hope that her life with us will be happy and full of interest for Kappa Kappa Gamma.

We celebrated our birthday, February 13th, by a dinner held in our rooms. The table was tastefully dec-

orated in smilax, and the two blues were much in evidence.

Kappa Alpha Theta very pleasantly entertained us in its rooms on St. Valentine's Day. It was a valentine party and was carried out very effectively.

The Washington Birthday dinner given to the students and alumni has become the event of the year at Allegheny, and this year surpassed all former efforts in every respect. Mary Nicholls, '09, was on the toast list, and responded very well to her subject.

Allegheny feels proud to say that her Basket Ball team has won every game of the season. Now we are looking forward to the Track and Base Ball season, and only hope that these will win honor for our college as did our noble Five.

Recently we have had several good lectures. One by Dr. Elliott, head of the Greek department, on "A Day in Old Troy," was especially interesting. Another on Savonarola by President Crawford was excellent, and we cannot forget the inspiration which grew from the great personality of Savonarola as portrayed by the lecturer a few weeks ago. No one who listened to the address could fail to catch the magnanimous spirit of the great Florentine reformer. Both were examples of masterly oratory, and we count ourselves fortunate in having the opportunity of hearing these able lecturers. We shall always remember them as among the best we have ever enjoyed.

Gamma Rho sends heartiest greetings to all Kappas, far and near.

VERNA FRANCES LAUFFER.



Beta Upsilon—West Virginia University

Harriet Stalnaker, '06, who is teaching at Glenville Normal, spent a few days during holidays as the guest of Margaret Buchanan, '06. Margaret entertained all

the Kappas and Kappa Deltas one afternoon for Harriet.

Gertrude Pollock, '07, who is assistant principal at the Cameron High School, spent a few days with the girls at the beginning of the term. She made the girls a present of a West Virginia cushion, and some spoons for the fraternity room.

Mae Sullivan, Emma Parks and Pearl Reiner were among the few students at the end of the fall term whose averages were above ninety.

The Delta Tau Delta Northern Division Conference was held in Morgantown the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth of February. On Friday the twenty-ninth Gamma Delta Chapter gave a dance for the visiting Deltas.

The announcement has been made of the engagement of Linnie Vance and John Nuttall, Sigma Chi, of Nuttallburg. The wedding will take place in April.

A Pan-Hellenic entertainment is being planned for the spring term.

The initiation of Willa Butcher and Elizabeth Stalaker will take place Thursday, the nineteenth of March.

Many of the girls of Beta Upsilon are planning to be present at Convention this summer. The "Baby Chapter" is anticipating with much pleasure her first Convention.

LINNIE VANCE.



Beta Province

Lambda—Buchtel College

The Alumnae Association has adopted a very delightful plan to bring the alumnae and the active girls into closer touch with one another. Once a month an informal reception is held at the various homes of the members. In January we were entertained by Mrs. Adams, and in February by Mrs. Voris.

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The sophomores had a "spread" in January at the fraternity rooms.

At the freshman "spread" in March, we had one of our brides with us, Mrs. Davys (Bernice Chrisman). We were also glad to have with us Mrs. Hollis (Helen Burbridge), of Chi.

Two of the girls were delightfully entertained by Beta Gamma, February 29th.

We had our mothers at the fraternity rooms March 6th. Supper was served.

JESSIE LOWRY.



Beta Gamma—Wooster University

The winter term has been a busy twelve weeks for Wooster. With the opening of the new semester, Beta Gamma and its friends were entertained on the evening of February third by the chapter's patronesses, at the home of Mrs. Albert Shupe.

February 22 was the date of the Buchtel-Wooster basket-ball game, and six Lambda Kappas paid us a visit.

On February 29, we gave our large term party, a dinner, at the home of Lucy Kinney, at which covers were laid for seventy. Helen Harter and Helen Knight of Lambda were our guests then, besides Eleanor Douglass, ex-'10, Faye Waite, ex-'10, Vera Clements and Helen Mealy Demuth, ex-'09.

We regret very much the loss of three of our girls at Christmas time, Faye Waite, Helen Moore and Helen Lawrence, reducing our chapter to seventeen.

Faye Waite announced her engagement Christmas to Mr. Augustus Thompson, of Baltimore, Maryland.

Helen Moore has been spending the winter traveling in the South. She expects to return next fall to continue her work, and graduate from the Art department with '09.

Helen Lawrence, who was called to her home in Middletown, Ohio, on account of the serious illness of her father, may return to school next fall.

Mrs. Young, a Beta Zeta, of Fargo, North Dakota, spent the week of March 23, with her sister in the city, and we were all delighted to have an afternoon with her in the Fraternity Hall to talk over Kappa "doings" of years ago.

A new sorority, whose name has not yet been made public, is starting this spring, and we are eagerly looking forward to having a third sorority here.

The University of Wooster is using every effort to raise the remainder of the \$250,000 which is required to gain the \$500,000 endowment fund, which means so much for Wooster. With this in view, we have hopes for a brilliant ending of this college year and a still better one in the future.

ANNIE E. GRAY.



Beta Nu—Ohio State University

As a result of a late pledge day, initiation was held the beginning of the winter term. Beta Nu presents eight new freshmen.

Our annual formal dance was given the fourteenth of February.

Tri Delta entertained with a Pan-Hellenic tea in honor of the visit of their Grand Vice-President.

On February 25th a "Co-ed Prom" was held in the Armory.

The Columbus College Club presented the play "Cranford" in the University Chapel during Lent.

Beta Nu enjoyed the visit of Mary French from Iota during the spring vacation.

FLORENCE NEWLOVE.

Beta Delta—University of Michigan

Zantha Swingle, ex-'09, spent a few days with us the first of February.

February twenty-first we gave an informal party.

Taking advantage of the "Michifenda," a comic opera, written by the young men of the university, we gave February twenty-eighth and ninth, a rushing party. Saturday morning we had a candy pull, in the afternoon a coasting party, and in the evening a cotillion. Several alumnae, Ruth Harrison, Lucy Elliott, Mabel Reid, Louise Wicks and Anna Broomhall were here to help us have a most enjoyable time.

Mrs. Hobbs, one of our patronesses, has gone abroad for the summer, and we have a new patroness, Mrs. Bonner, the wife of a Greek professor here.

March 16, Lucy Elliott and Lisa Lundstrum from Detroit made us a call.

Mabel Townley has returned from the South.

Miss Paxson, an alumna from Iowa, and one of the National Secretaries of the Student Volunteer Movement, was with us from the eighteenth of March till the twenty-third. On the twenty-second she gave a short talk for all sorority girls at our house.

Blanche and Persis Martin are spending their vacations at their home in Ann Arbor.

Ruth Anderson has been elected president of the Y. W. C. A.

We have three new pledges, Marguerite Kolb, Pauline Witwer and Grace Brown.

On the first Friday after vacation occurs the Inter-sorority party at Barbour Gymnasium.

The Annual Woman's Banquet occurs Saturday, April fourth.

Spring vacation commences the tenth of April.

LOUISE M. HOLLON.

Xi—Adrian College

Xi has had a very prosperous as well as a very busy year.

Our chapter hall has been refurnished by our alumnae, making it beautiful and home-like.

In November we pledged Alma Butler, Florence Atwood, Clara West and Palmyra Conway. Owing to faculty regulations, we were not allowed to initiate until the second semester.

Our annual Kappa party was held at the home of Mrs. George Seager, a member of the Adrian Alumnae Association.

Clara West was unable to return after Christmas.

On Saturday evening, March 21st, Alma Butler and Florence Atwood were initiated into the mystic circle of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Several of the alumnae were present.

Xi has been very pleasantly entertained at several dinner parties during the year.

Olive Neer has returned from California, where she has been spending the winter.

Marguerite Arnette sailed for Europe March 18th.

Cora Palmer, Dean of Women at Beloit College, has been visiting in Adrian, Mich.

LENA M. BURN.

**Kappa—Hillsdale College**

"1908," though still so young, has set a pace which most of us find hard to follow, and "stuffed dates" have become our main diet. The rigor of the regime has already worn on us and June will undoubtedly find us decrepit old women.

January 16th the ladies of the faculty gave a delightful reception and Mrs. Murray of Philadelphia rendered in her charming manner her interpretation of some of the masters of music. The last week in Janu-

ary Ernest Barnes, a graduate of Hillsdale Art School, exhibited a number of his canvasses for the department. Two of these canvasses have been on exhibition in the Chicago Art Institute.

On January 11th the chapter had a good "old-time spread" with covers laid for as many as could sit on the floor around the "cloth," and, three weeks later, we began a series of lovely evenings at the home of Mrs. Professor Harvey (Flora Woodard), when we combined delightful "socialism" with a profitable and enjoyable reading of the "Lady of the Decoration."

Our alumnae have been more than loyal this year, standing always ready to help and advise and giving us many happy times in their homes.

February 19th Kappa Kappa Gamma and Pi Beta Phi were entertained by Florence Hogmire and Virginia Holland in honor of Florence Myers Baker, Pi Beta Phi, who was visiting in the city.

Lena Rexford has again been obliged to return to her home in Sparta, Michigan, on account of her health. February 10th Ruth Mauck entertained the active chapter at luncheon in her honor.

Joy Mauck and Lutie Thayer were Hillsdale's representatives to the Y. W. C. A. convention at Bay City, Michigan.

One evening we had an impromptu reunion, when Della McIntosh, Belle Ammerman, Bertha VanAken, Harriet French, Fannie Northrop and Edith Cold unexpectedly came up to the rooms. Such surprises are entirely to our satisfaction, nor do we reserve our enthusiasm for our own alumnae. We are always happy to see any one who bears the dear name of Kappa.

Our two pledge girls recently starred in one of the society plays, "Higbee of Harvard." To say we were proud of them is unnecessary.

March 21st we spent the evening with Mae Steele Myers and the jolly time we had will be long remembered.

Joy Mauck has gone to Chicago to spend her vacation and probably to finish the year in that university. A few days before she left, the members of the chapter had supper together at Ruth Gurney's.

Beryl McDonald went home with Bertha Clement and Lutie Thayer for the spring vacation and the rest of the girls "visited 'round."

To mention all the roller skating parties, sleigh rides, contests, concerts, lectures, dinners, recitals, box socials and events of their ilk would more than fill our letter.

With hopes that other chapters have been as happy without quite as much "waste of powder,"

Faithfully,

RUTH MAUCK.



Gamma Province

Delta—Indiana State University

Mary Lamb, '07, of Bloomfield, paid a visit to the chapter house.

Ruth Maxwell who has been studying in France will return home in May.

Lora Campbell, '07, is teaching at Pleasant Lake.

Carrie McKey and Hazel Pickens may be in college for the spring term.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hohn (Maud Brentlinger) of St. Louis, a daughter.

The engagement is announced of Ethel Haggard, ex-'09, to Mr. John Ridgeway of Indianapolis.

Marguerite Becker and Sue May Whiteside of Jeffersonville, Gayle Campbell of Logansport, Mrs. Neal and Louise Neal of Noblesville were recent visitors at the chapter house.

Sarah Montgomery (Mu) spoke to the Alumnae Club and active chapter, of the Girls' Industrial School near Indianapolis. Her talk, in which she urged

the co-operation of all in her good work, was very interesting.

Three-hour examinations have been introduced at Indiana University to take the place of the one-hour system. The new arrangement provides for a system of grading A. B. C. D and E, and for honor pupils. Heretofore students have not been able to learn what they made on examinations, their cards being marked passed, failed, or deferred.

On April 15th Miss Catherine Jewell Everts (Chi) will give a dramatic recital under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A. The active chapter will entertain in her honor.

ELLEN FOLEY.



Iota—DePauw University

Greetings from Iota to all Kappas.

This term two of the freshman girls are rooming at the house, taking two places that were vacant last term. A special feature that we all enjoy is eating at the house. We have been unable to do so before. One evening a week has been set apart for entertaining guests at dinner, faculty members and college friends. The dining room is lighted by a dozen red candles. The dull glow is softening and restful for the evening meal, from which none of us are obliged to hurry to classes.

Two of our girls are attending other colleges this year: Elizabeth Rawls, ex-'10, at Smith, and Sue E. Davis, ex-'09, at Wellesley.

DePauw has instituted as a regular annual holiday what is known as "Old Gold Day." The entire day was given over to sports of all kinds. In the morning were the sophomore-freshman football game, the out-of-door basketball game and the class contest. At 1 p. m. the various classes formed at East College and marched to the football field. There they witnessed

the secondary championship game of Indiana and Illinois from bleachers set aside for each class and designated by their colors.

To celebrate our victory, the freshman boys prepared a huge bonfire to be lighted at 6 o'clock. Around this many fantastical figures circled. As the last embers died away, all assembled in McHarry Hall. Speeches were made by the captain of the team, the coach, some faculty members, and, last of all, Dr. Hughes presented the members of the squad with their "D's."

On Saturday evening, January 25th, all of the alumnae and active girls are to have a banquet at the Claypool Hotel at Indianapolis. The afternoon will be given over to a business meeting. At the banquet we entertain the husbands and friends of the members. Miss Blanche E. Woody is to be toastmistress, and toasts will be responded to by several alumnae and one active girl from each class.

We were glad to have as our guest at our last fraternity meeting Morna Hickman, a Kappa from Indiana University.

MARY H. FRENCH.



Alu—Butler College

Soon after our Christmas vacation we pledged Edith Craycraft, Lois Tracy and Lula Coburn, and we initiated them on January 25th. On January 31st we had a dance in their honor. During the following week we won for Kappa, Marguerite Hubbard, who was initiated at the home of Gem Craig, February 29th. This makes our active chapter number fourteen, and we expect to have Susan Brown with us next term.

A great deal of our time and attention of late has been given to the production of a comic opera and vaudeville which was presented March 17th for the benefit of the baseball team. The boys of the basketball teams gave the vaudeville show, consisting of singing, dancing, music, reading and various comical "stunts,"

and a one-act farce, "The Man from Arizona." Following this was the opera, "The Dorm Boy," presented under the management of the basketball girls, with the aid of many other college girls. It was written for the occasion and was full of "catchy" songs and jokes on the members of the faculty and students. It was exceedingly clever and well received. Many of the Kappas were in the opera, and the only girls in the caste for "The Man from Arizona" were two of our girls. So little time has been left for other things.

The students here are very enthusiastic over the recent victories in the Debating League, and we feel that we have reason to be proud of the showing made by our college this year. The Butler students are no longer content to have our college stay in the background in athletic or other inter-collegiate contests, and are already making plans for next year.

Our fraternity life has been especially pleasant this term, and we hope that the year has been as successful for all as it has been for Mu.

BERNICE SINCLAIR.



Beta Lambda—University of Illinois

DEAR KAPPAS:

On March sixth, Beta Lambda gave its annual formal party. We were happy to entertain at that time seven girls from Epsilon, three from Upsilon, and Lucile Jones and Isabel Mabin from this chapter.

We are now making plans for our third annual banquet, which is to be held the twenty-fifth of April. We hope as many Beta Lambda girls as possible will be back for this reunion. At that time we are going to initiate Cora Wallace, of Champaign.

We wish to announce the initiation of Mary Amoret Patchin, the secretary of the Y. W. C. A. here at the university.

Esther Firebaugh, Delta, has been affiliated into this chapter. She has become a member of the University

Dramatic Club, and will be in the play to be given in April.

Gertrude Taylor, '11, has withdrawn from the university for this semester, on account of illness. Helen Milligan is home for a few weeks, recovering from the effects of a severe fall.

Cara F. Swenson, '04, has been appointed librarian for Steven's Point Normal School.

Mrs. Adele Cooper Reed Scott, of Washington, D. C., attended the Peace Conference last July and August at The Hague with her husband, Dr. James Brown Scott, attorney to the Department of State, who was there as expert advisor.

Mary Moss, '06, is to be married in June to Mr. Wiley, D. K. E.

Alice Eager.



Upsilon—Northwestern University

DEAR KAPPAS:

Since our last letter we have initiated three new members: Mary Hotchkiss, Alice Stromberg, and Lieta Murdoch. We are very glad to welcome them.

In January, three of our girls attended the Sigma Tau "formal" at Lake Forest. They reported a fine time. Our own "informal" was at Rogers Park on January 24th.

On March 7th occurred the regular Pan-Hellenic annual at Kenilworth Hall.

During the last of February we had the great pleasure of having Miss Paxson with us over Sunday. She completely won our hearts, and we hope she will be able to come again very soon.

A new inter-sorority has been formed among the girls, with two or more representatives from each sorority. It is called Sigma Sigma. They held an "informal" on March 26th.

On the 6th of March, Alice Bright, Emma Jones and Clara Harris went to Champaign to the Beta Lambda annual, and were beautifully entertained.

Caroline Dayton, of Chi, came out to the fraternity meeting several weeks ago, and, another night, Miss Peck of Syracuse was with us.

Margaret Ridlon entertained on March 27th at an informal dance for the Kappas at her home here in Evanston.

President Harris is inaugurating a plan at Northwestern this year of having Commencement the week before regular examinations instead of afterward. It is expected that it will be a glorious week, since everyone will be here and there will be great enthusiasm.

HELEN E. ADAMS.



Epsilon—Illinois Wesleyan

On February 15, Kappa entertained her friends at a Valentine party at the home of Bernice Green. A heart hunt, the trimming of hats by the boys, and a valentine box, constituted the evening's entertainment. The decorations were red hearts. Refreshments in two courses were served, carrying out the idea of St. Valentine's Day as far as possible.

Mary Winter, Mae Stover, Myra Jarrett, Elsie Welch, Lucile Hodge, May Bengel and Laurastine Marquis attended the annual given by the Beta Lambda girls on March 6. It was a beautiful party and the girls all had a pleasant time.

Alpha Phi Epsilon, a local society of a year's existence, has recently been installed as Omicron Chapter of Kappa Delta. The chapter is composed of fifteen unusually strong girls, and they have Kappa's best wishes for success.

Myra Sinclair gave a party at her home Saturday evening, March 28. The main feature was a mock trial, in the form of a breach of promise suit. It was well planned, and furnished much amusement. Dainty refreshments were served, and each one received a blue and white carnation. Everyone had a good time.

Phi Alpha Delta has recently established a chapter in the Law School of the Wesleyan.

Since our last letter, Rev. Wm. A. Sunday has held a five weeks' union revival meeting in Bloomington, and these we feel confident will result in local option for our city on the next election day, April 7.

Margaret Herdmann, of Beta Lambda, spent a little while with us on January 31.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie, of New York, has pledged the university \$30,000 for a Hall of Science. The citizens of Bloomington made pledges for \$42,250 in a financial campaign within the last year. In addition to these gifts, Mr. Wm. Dever, of Bloomington, has recently deeded land in Mississippi to the university, valued at \$42,750, and \$7,500 has also been pledged from other sources, Kappa Kappa Gamma having pledged \$1,000 as a permanent scholarship fund. This makes a total of \$123,250 in less than two years.

LOUISE BARNES.



Delta Province

Chi—University of Minnesota

Chi began the new year with a "post-exam-jubilee-spread" at the home of Marjorie Edwards. A picnic supper was followed by an evening of telling stories, and singing Kappa songs. The "post-exam" spirit was prevalent.

On February 14th, the chapter gave its annual valentine party at Ruth Nichols'. A wash-basket full of valentines in the form of slams and jokes, which were read before the assembled company, furnished merriment for the evening.

Probably the most important event in Chi's social calendar was the second formal rushing party, which was given at the home of Josephine Dayton, the twelfth

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of March. Supper was served at appropriately decorated tables, after which a vaudeville performance was given, in which each freshman did some particular "stunt" with a chapter girl.

This is our last formal party before pledge-day, which comes the eleventh of April. Rushing has been long and tiresome, but we expected the first year to be an unusually hard one. There are many defects in the present system of rushing, but we still have faith in the late pledge-day, and hope next year to profit by the mistakes of these seven months.

One of our seniors, Elizabeth Brucholz, has just received Phi Beta Kappa, and we are justly proud.

MERCY BOWEN.



Beta Zeta—Iowa State University

Since the last KEY, Beta Zeta has swelled her ranks. On February twenty-seventh we initiated Mathilda Hanke, one of the town girls, and we are glad to make her known in Kappadom.

We wish all Kappas could be with us this spring, and especially on May eighth, for then we are to have a formal party in the University Armory. We are already hard at work on decorations and favors, and each day our enthusiasm grows. It has been four years since Kappa has entertained here, and it is our hope that this will be a complete success.

February twenty-ninth the alumnae entertained the active girls at the home of Mrs. Rockwood. The entertainment was in the nature of a farce and take-off on all of the girls, and a thoroughly good time was the result.

During April the Dramatic Club will present "The Importance of Being Earnest," its second play this year, and Mary Helen Letts, '08, will appear again in the role of Miss Prism.

The girl's Pan-Hellenic gave a dance on January eleventh, and it was voted such a success by all the girls that it is hoped that another one will be held this spring, either a dance or a picnic. We are looking forward to the same good times that we have always enjoyed. The formal Pan-Hellenic, given by the men's fraternities, is to be held on April twenty-fourth, and the present plans point to the greatest social success of the year, exclusive, of course, of our own party!

Another new movement has been started at Iowa, the result of the work of the Greater University Committee. This is for the Woman's Building. Iowa, at present, has no building of this kind, and the need for one is making itself more and more evident. A rally is to be held May ninth, of all the women of the university, and on that day we expect to have a Kappa mother with us, Mrs. Horace Towner, of the Iowa Confederation of Women's Clubs. She is to lead the rally. Leta Towner is one of our active girls—1910.

The Pan-Hellenic Council has finally fixed the date for pledging for next year, on the first day of college, with the condition that the following year, 1909-10, pledging be postponed until the last of April. Each year the council has endeavored to extend the pledge day, and now its efforts have come to something. This is the ideal way, enabling the fraternity girls to meet the new girls, first, as university women, and then to take them into consideration as fraternity women and fraternity sisters.

We are all looking forward to Convention with a great deal of pleasure, for that is the climax of all Kappa spirit and enthusiasm. We hope to meet you all there!

CATHERINE GREEN.



Theta—Missouri State University

Since the last letter to the KEY, Theta has four new girls whom she is glad to name to the Kappa world: Helen Vandiver, of Columbia; Kathryn Price, also of Columbia; Mary Paxton, of Kansas City, and Abbie Johnston, of Kansas City, who was at Vassar the first semester of this year.

We have had the excitement of a wedding almost in our midst. On March the seventh, Grace Parker, a member of last year's chapter, was married in Jefferson City to Mr. Clayton M. Williams, a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, who graduated here last year. Almost the entire chapter went over to the wedding, and quite a gay time was had. The Kappas were guests of honor, and the fraternity idea was carried out in all the details; above the altar tiny lights embanked in flowers spelled K K Γ and Σ A E, and immediately after the ceremony the girls circled around the bride and gave our beautiful call. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are now in Everett, Washington, where Mr. Williams is practicing law.

On April 4th the Quadrangle Club will give "Only Mary Ann," and four Kappas, Faith Pearse, Jessie Wood, Clara Thompson and Beth Patterson, are in the cast.

During February we had a visit from Miss Stoner, the Grand Registrar. We enjoyed every minute of her stay, and felt greatly benefited by the help and advice which she gave us.

The senior girls in the university have recently organized an honorary society, to which only a limited number of girls are elected. Kappa is represented by Jennie Withers. We also have three girls elected to the Y. W. C. A. cabinet for next year—Sue Stone, vice-president, and Faith Pearse and Juliette Moss.

As this is the last letter of the year, we think it timely to wish all Kappa sisters a very happy vacation and a most successful rushing season next fall.

SYDNEY YANTIS.

Sigma—Nebraska State University

Since our last letter, two of the most important events of the year have come and gone, initiation of our thirteen pledges and our annual party. The party came first, on February eighth, and we are happy to say it was a splendid success. Our invitations read "six-thirty," and for a while every one was wondering if we intended to give a dinner-dance. But they found that we were only starting a new custom of beginning dances very early instead of very late, as they usually do. Everyone seemed to favor this new plan greatly, the faculty included, and the chances are that it will be the starting of a "reform." Our programs were of white leather, decorated with gold, and the floor and music were never better. About ten o'clock, all were invited out to the large banquet room, where a two-course supper was served at long tables.

We were so glad to have many of our out-of-town girls with us, besides many of our town alumni. With the representatives from each sorority it made a goodly number.

Then on February twenty-fourth we held initiation at the home of Margaret Whedon. How gladly we initiated the freshmen, most of whom have been pledged since last September, four long months ago; and how good it seems to have them with us at chapter meetings.

Two of our girls, Olive Young and Marie Dugan, graduated at the mid-year commencement, and we miss them sadly.

We are very proud of one of our freshmen, Claire Canone, who graduates from the University School of Music in April.

Sigma sends heartiest wishes to all Kappas for a happy spring vacation.

EDITH WILSON.

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Omega—Kansas State University

Greetings to our Sisters in Kappa Kappa Gamma:

The last of January we, of Omega, were delighted with a visit from Miss Stoner. On Saturday we were proud to introduce her to the ladies of the faculty and to the members of the other women's fraternities, and we complain that her visit was too short.

February fifteenth, we gave a dance at our chapter house in farewell to Neva Funk, our only senior who completed her work this term.

We regret the loss of one of our members, Minta Schmitz, whose ill health compelled her to give up her work; but we hope to have her again with us next year.

March twelfth, eight of Omega's girls went to Seneca, Kansas, to be present at the marriage of Evelyn Bennett, who was in the chapter last year, to Mr. Charles Hall, Alpha Tau Omega.

We have elected our delegate to Convention and are pleased to announce Amy Merstetter as our choice.

We wish to announce that we have pledged Nellie Hudson, of Lawrence, to Kappa Kappa Gamma.

With best wishes to all chapters,

LUCY WRIGHT.



Epsilon Province

Beta Mu—Colorado State University

Greetings to all Kappas:

With the bright, warm days of spring come the pleasures of Boulder's famous "beefsteak fries" and healthful mountain climbs, for you know we have the happy privilege of living at the foot of the grand old Rockies. Furthermore, we realize that we are now on the homeward stretch of the college year, and that our Kappa band will soon separate for the summer vacation. The greatest regret of this season of the year is that we must soon lose our three good seniors, Edna Baker, May

Belle McCandliss and Vera Lewis. One of them, however, May Belle McCandliss, will return to us in the fall, as she has received an appointment as the French assistant in the university.

We make it a rule to keep Thursday evening as a sort of chapter evening, free from other engagements. In this way there is one evening each week when we can have "spreads," and other "stunts" if we choose. A few weeks ago our five freshmen entertained the upper-classmen. The play which they arranged, the tricks and the refreshments were all a surprise to us.

As usual Beta Mu will celebrate her birthday in Denver on April 4th. The Alumnae Association of Denver have arranged a Kappa banquet for that day. The active chapter are all looking forward to this pleasure, for, in meeting so many new and old Kappas, we realize

"Strong is the golden chain that binds
 Each loyal heart within our band.
 When fellowship of kindred minds
 With faith and truth move hand in hand,
 Then let us breathe again our vow,
 That we shall e'er united be,
 True to our sacred Kappa now,
 And loyal in fraternity."

ALMA CULVER.



Beta Omicron—Tulane University

Dear Girls: The spring has come and Beta Omicron wishes to introduce to all Kappa sisters her five new initiates, Gladys Breazeale, Ada Hilton Green, Mary Taylor Payne, Cora Louise Simpson and Amelie Minor.

Rushing season was one grand whirl from the first day to the last, and although we had innumerable good times, we also learned that rushing season is a remnant of barbarism which affects not only the freshman but the chapter members as well. Next year, therefore, we are going to try to abolish rushing altogether.

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But girls, what think you of little Beta Omicron's having three celebrated visiting Kappas all at once? It was certainly a delicious taste of what convention is going to be and made the girls more eager than ever to get there. Mrs. Tade Hardstuff Kuhns, Kappa's first Grand President, has been with us since Carnival; Minnie Riess, whom you all remember at the last convention, ran down for two short weeks, and last, but not least, Edith Stoner stopped in for three days and made the whole chapter fall in love with her.

The marriage of Mel Robertson to Benjamin Ellis of Buffalo was celebrated Thursday, March 16th, and Lucille Vardell, another charter member, has announced her engagement to W. B. Gilligan.

Mardi Gras with its pageants and its gaieties is over and once again we are all hard at work except the seniors, who decline to clean the room on the plea that this is their last term at college and they only want the pleasant recollections. By the way, our convention delegate is Hilda Phelps, so please be sure and meet her and give her all the love and ideas that you can to bring home to "We, Us & Co., Ltd."

ADELE MONROE.



Byond the dreary world of every day,
Exceeding fair and beautiful to see,
There is a realm where cares are cast away,
A happy kingdom called Fraternity.

On this we build our thoughts and fancies free,
Making our triumphs, weaving all our life
Into a never-ending symphony;
Content though in the midst of pain and strife,
Reaching the goal, however far it be,
Onward we press to finer things above,
Nobly to win because of Kappa love.

BETA OMICRON.

Zeta Province

Pi—University of California

Affiliation is a splendid practice, and Pi has been particularly fortunate this year in being able to have so many girls from other chapters. Six chapters are at present represented here, and at the opening of the spring semester, another member from Beta Eta, Marion Mitchell, entered the University of California and Pi.

At the beginning of this semester we initiated two more freshmen, Roberta Haslett and Charlotte Brush. We were very fortunate in having Mrs. W. W. Canby, our Grand President, with us on that occasion.

The engagement has been announced of Katherine Griffith, '10, and Grover Young, of Los Angeles. The wedding will take place sometime this spring.

Beatrice Simpson, ex-'08, has recently returned from an extended trip abroad.

We were very proud to have one of our members, Elmira Johnson, '09, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Work on the new library building is going rapidly ahead, and with the ever increasing registration, California seems to be far on the road to a greater university.

Florence Berry, '09, from Beta Zeta, has announced her engagement to John Bowman, of New York. They are to be married in June.

This semester the affair of especial interest to Pi was the "Freshman Show," which was given early in February.

On March first, Pi Alumnae entertained all the Kappas about the Bay. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent.

After eight months spent in Maine, Edna Whitney, ex-'09, returned to Berkeley during the holidays. She is to be married April 22 to Robert Bentley, Beta Theta Pi.

Pi sends greetings to all the other chapters.

MARGERY COOGAN.

Beta Pi—University of Washington

This semester has been rather a quiet one for Beta Pi, as far as rushing is concerned. Several freshmen entered in February, but none were asked by Kappa.

We were glad to welcome back Margaret Sackett, '10, who has returned to college after an extended visit in Eastern States, and also Fanchon Borie, '07, who is taking post-graduate work.

Jessie Campbell, '08, has also returned home after an absence of about nine months, most of which was spent in Eastern Canada.

The wives of the faculty of Washington entertained for the college alumnae living in Seattle, with the idea of bringing them more in touch with each other and with the university. In spite of the unpleasant weather many attended, and the affair was a great success.

The local Pan-Hellenic entertained with a card party which was given at the Gamma Phi Beta house. Only active fraternity girls were invited, and about one hundred were present.

The engagement of Edna Elizabeth Roth, '09, to William Harrison Abbot, is announced. The wedding will take place after Easter.

We greatly enjoyed short visits made to the chapter by Mrs. Clayton Williams, who was Grace Parker, of Theta, and Mrs. Hollis, of Chi chapter.

Emily Simpkins, '09, is taking a teacher's course in a school for deaf and dumb children.

OLIVE POWLES.

Delegates to Conbention

- Phi.—Marian C. Butterworth.....
388 Beach St., Revere, Mass.
- Beta Epsilon.—Winifred Barrows.....
Maple Ave., Greenwich, Conn.
- Beta Sigma.—Eleanor W. Smith.....
717 Ocean Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
- Psi.—Katherine Eaton.....
745 W. 41st St., Philadelphia, Pa.
- Beta Tau.—Marion Brainard.....Medina, New York.
- Beta Alpha.—Bessie G. Hanley.....
1225 N. 10th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
- Beta Iota.—Susanne Yardley Willets.....
219 Greenwood Ave., Trenton, N. J.
- Gamma Rho.—Anna Hayward....Fredonia, New York.
- Beta Upsilon.—Mae Bernice Sullivan.....
204 W. Sixth Ave., Huntington, W. Va.
- Lambda.—Helen G. Harter.....
163 S. College Ave., Akron, Ohio.
- Beta Gamma—Lois Axtell.....
Lebanon Manse, Homestead, Pa.
- Beta Nu.—Ella Sullivan..1232 N. High St., Columbus, O.
- Beta Delta.—Edith Taylor.....
525 Church St., Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- Xi.—Lena M. Beem.....Richwood, Ohio.
- Kappa.—Bertha Clement.....Gobleville, Mich.
- Delta.—Jeff Isabell Reeves.....Columbus, Indiana.
- Iota.—Mildred Pyke.....
E. Washington St., Greencastle, Indiana.
- Mu.—Elizabeth T. Bogert.....
2615 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, Ind.
- Eta.—Jeanna Kirwan.....425 Park St., Madison, Wis.
- Beta Lambda.—Genevieve Rohrer....Saummanauk, Ill.
- Upsilon.—Helen Tanquary..620 Clark St., Evanston, Ill.

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- Epsilon.—Ruth Green
1214 North East St., Bloomington, Ill.
- Chi.—Clare Ferguson
1202 Fourth St., Minneapolis, Minn.
- Beta Zeta.—Catherine Lovell.....Monticello, Iowa
- Theta.—Faith Pearse
4515 Wornall Road, Kansas City, Mo.
- Sigma.—Edith Wilson...1339 S. 19th St., Lincoln, Neb.
- Omega.—Amy Merstetter.....Lawrence, Kansas
- Beta Mu.—Majorie Smith Ford....1335 Ogden, Denver.
- Beta Xi.—Annie McCormick..155 Tenth St., Dallas, Tex.
- Beta Omicron.—Hilda Phelps.....New Orleans, La.
- Pi.—Lillie Sherman.....1701 P. St., Sacramento, Cal.
- Beta Eta.—Hazel Maddox.....Visalia, Cal.
- Beta Pi.—Sarah Stevenson.....
4731 Fifteenth Ave., Seattle, Wash.

Matters of Alumnae Interest

The following letter is a step toward the Alumnae Round Table:

The January KEY, with an appeal for articles by the alumnae, has just come to my notice. I am sending a quotation from a book which interested me. In "My Garden, You and I," Barbara pays a tribute to the Iris, or the Fleur-de-lis, as Kappas call it, Kappas who love this flower for its fraternity associations. Turning from the consideration of the culture of the flower, she writes of it as "the flower of mythology, history, and one might almost say science as well, since its outline points to the north on the face of the mariner's compass,—the flower that in the dawn of recorded beauty antedates the rose, the fragments of a scattered rainbow of creation that rests upon the garden not for a single hour or day or week, but for a long season."

ADELINE H. JACOBS, *Beta Alpha*.

Other communications of interest have been received, but owing to the serious and prolonged illness of my mother, I have been unable to write to those sending these letters to gain permission to use names and chapters, therefore I have to give them to you unsigned, a fact which I deeply regret.

The suggestions for "Chapter Circles" are all very good, but I doubt whether the reunion would be at all successful for us. So many of our alumnae are teaching in all parts of the East, and college commencement comes several weeks before schools close. Most of our alumnae are in touch with each other through the Alumnae Association.

Before the suggestions for "Chapter Circles" came, we already had one of these Round Robins, as we call them, in existence. It began with the chapter's usual summer circular letter. Last year's graduates decided to continue it, and a number of our former graduates have been admitted, but the letter is taking so long to make the rounds that we are seriously considering starting a second one in order to admit more of our alumnae. We are planning, too, a letter to go out to all our alumnae soon after initiation (February), telling them about the conditions in the chapter this fall and winter.

The Grand President recently sent out notices to alumnae associations and to chapters stating that at the next Convention, alumnae associations meeting the requirements of 1904-06 would be granted the privileges that were granted at last Convention. Inquiries have

come to me regarding these old requirements. Briefly, the requirements were the payment of the annual dues, election of a delegate as now provided for, and the delegate's expenses to Convention. Delegates at Convention were granted the privilege of the floor upon all questions, but no vote.

This question has been asked: What will be our future relation to the National Association if we do not become a voting association?

I cannot answer definitely as to the future, but of this I am certain, Alumnae Day at the next Convention will be devoted to the discussion of various plans whereby no body of alumnae need feel excluded from the National Organization. If it is impossible for a body of alumnae to become a voting association, it may be wholly within the power of that body to organize a club. It has from the first been the purpose of those interested in a National Organization of the Alumnae to make the first organization a nucleus for a larger, more satisfactory organization. The desire of the officers of the fraternity is to work toward an organization which will exact as few requirements as possible, and at the same time keep in touch with a large number of the alumnae.

A number of associations, finding the Key requirements too heavy, have not felt able to enter the National Organization, and have asked that the names of their secretaries be taken out of the Alumnae Directory in **THE KEY**. This we have not done, because these associations are important to the development of the fraternity, as are all associations or groups of our members. What we most want is that Kappa Kappa Gamma women everywhere form themselves into groups, regardless of requirements. We want these groups of women to keep in touch with the general fraternity in some way, any way. If these groups can give the time and strength necessary to become voting associations, so much the better, but if they can not, the last thing for them to do is to sever all connections with the general fraternity.

Undoubtedly the National Organization as it now stands will undergo some radical changes at the next Convention. Therefore, every organization, club or informal organization of members of Kappa Kappa Gamma is urged to send a delegate who is promised a voice in the discussion of all alumnae matters. The National Organization is not supposed to be perfected, in fact, all we expected of it was that it offer a better opportunity for the beginning of the right sort of alumnae organization. One of the association secretaries writes me thus:

Many of our members would drop out if extra expense were added, and we cannot afford to lose these members.

This is true. Of course the association cannot afford to lose these members, and it is equally true that the fraternity cannot afford to lose these groups of Kappa Kappa Gamma women, merely because these groups cannot meet certain requirements. An association may solve the difficulty by having two grades of membership, one active and the other associate. The associate members not required to meet assessments due the National Organization, nor entitled to appointment as delegates to Convention, yet meeting with the active members and having voice in all local questions. It is possible to provide in the National Organization for associate membership. Let us all send delegates to Convention; what we want is the best organization possible, the organization that will give most and ask least of busy, over-burdened alumnae. So let us try to get together and talk the matter over.

This letter comes from the secretary of one of our associations:

At the last meeting we appointed committees to arrange for our banquet—also got several subscriptions for THE KEY. The feeling at this meeting was distinctly friendly to THE KEY, which was not so at our last meeting. With one exception, the two meetings were made up of different members, and those who were friendly, were those who had kept up their associations, I think. My own feeling is not distinctly friendly, but until the organization of our association, I had had almost no relations with the fraternity since I left college. I have wondered why it would not be a good idea to impose no KEY obligations for two or three years after the organization of an association. Let the alumnae

members grow back into the fraternity spirit. Most of the scattered alumnae are too old and have too many interests to take kindly to dictation. The December meeting was willing to give up all connection with the fraternity as an association, rather than conform to the regulations by THE KEY. It is unfortunate that anything should stand in the way of gathering the scattered alumnae back into fraternity association. Nothing outside the undergraduate fraternity could do it more good than a strong alumnae, and with those associations organized, the newly graduated members would not drift out of touch with Kappa life as alumnae have done heretofore.

The writer of this letter is perfectly right; it would not only be unfortunate to let anything stand in the way of gathering the scattered alumnae back into the fraternity life, but it would defeat the purpose of the National Organization, since it is to awaken the interest of the scattered alumnae that the organization is working. The above letter is frank, and to the point. If the organization succeeds in bringing out these different opinions, it will have accomplished something. All the questions suggested in this letter will be brought up at Convention, and delegates from all associations, whether qualified or not, will be granted voice in these discussions.

The Columbia, Mo., association writes that it has met with an untimely death, owing to lack of numbers. Where numbers are few, if we can not have an association, we can work for the organization of informal clubs, each club to have some slight official connection with the general fraternity. This connection should at least make it possible for the name of the secretary to appear in the directory of THE KEY.

Sally Mark Barclay, of Beta Alpha, writes from Louisville that there seems to be material sufficient for forming an association, and adds, "If we find we haven't material to become a voting association, we might at least form a Kappa Club."

The Fraternity History is in need of alumnae support. It has been suggested that the National Organization make it a part of its immediate business to procure funds for the completion of the history.

The following letter was written to the Grand President. I regret that I have not obtained the writer's permission to use her signature.

Every little while I have a fraternity meditation all by myself, and yesterday I had one which was prompted by some articles which appeared in *The Ladies' Home Journal*, and doubtless were sent to you. They made me wonder if the fraternity does fail toward its members, and I felt that perhaps it might be a good plan on Alumnae Day at Convention to have a "Confessions" afternoon and let the alumnae say how the fraternity has seemed to them—whether chapter life had turned out differently from what they had fancied it before entering.

Among the books mentioned as helpful to teachers and mothers is "Adolescence," by G. Stanley Hall.

This interesting announcement comes from the Philadelphia Association.

The Philadelphia Alumnae Association has now fulfilled all requirements for becoming a part of the National Organization of Alumnae.

We have now twenty active members and nine associate members. The associate members are Kappas who can not attend meetings of the Association, but by paying half dues they have sent to them after each meeting a circular letter telling of the meeting, and any news of Kappas which may be of interest.

We have just sent the editor of THE KEY money for eleven subscriptions.

Remember that this department of THE KEY is open to alumnae and active members of the fraternity who wish to discuss matters of alumnae interest.

A special invitation is extended to the alumnae to be present at the next Convention.

ELMIE WARNER MALLORY, *Lambda*,
Alumnae Officer.

Reports of Alumnae Associations

New York

The New York Alumnae Association is glad to be able to report the two years of 1906-'07-'08 as the most successful in its history. This is attributed to the plan of having a luncheon precede each of the meetings.

The New York Alumnae Association holds six monthly meetings on the third Saturday in October, November, January, February, March and April. These meetings are held at the homes of the members, with the exception of the February meeting. This is the time of the regular luncheon of Kappas in New York which is held at some hotel, and under the direction of the alumnae association. It is the purpose to make this a general rally of all Kappas in and near New York, active and alumnae. The luncheon which precedes the regular meetings is held at one o'clock, and is arranged by a committee of ten. The hostess is the chairman of the committee, and on her, of necessity, devolves most of the work of preparation. The committee assists in serving and share equally in the expense. It is at the luncheon that we become acquainted, and thus interested in attending the meetings. The aim is to have simple luncheons consisting of two or three courses.

Our February luncheons are always most delightful. In 1907 there were eighty-five present, but owing to the fact that the date conflicted with that of the Cornell luncheon, and it being a very stormy day, only fifty-eight were present in 1908.

The New York Alumnae Association reports itself prosperous and active, and not only extends a cordial invitation, but urges all Kappas who come to New York for a long or short period, to make themselves known to our secretary.

MINNIE ROYSE WALKER.

Beta Iota

In Beta Iota Association there are fifty-eight members, fifty-five from Beta Iota, two from Chi and one from Mu. All of our members have either been active or affiliated members of Beta Iota. We hold four meetings during the year, in October, January, March and June. The October meeting is always held at Swarthmore, if possible, and serves as a sort of re-union, so that we may get in touch with the active chapter for the winter, and learn the conditions in regard to fraternity life at Swarthmore. It is customary at this meeting to make any arrangements we are able, to aid the chapter with its rushing. The January meeting is held on Wednesday of the third week, usually at the home of one of the members in Philadelphia. It is merely a business meeting, and we discuss the communications received during the interval since the October meeting. The attendance at this meeting is usually small. The March meeting is held directly before our Annual Luncheon, at the Bellevue-Stratford in Philadelphia. It is our custom to contribute a certain amount to the Lucretia Mott Fellowship, supported by the Literary Society of the college. This Fellowship is open to the women of the college, and we feel that it is doing a great deal for them, so it is our desire to aid in it all we can. We arrange for this contribution at this meeting, and also pay our annual dues to our own association. The officers of the year are elected at this time, our officers consisting of president and secretary-treasurer. This is the most important meeting of the year, and any communications or important matters discussed at this time reach the largest number of members. The June meeting is held at Swarthmore during Commencement week, usually on class-day.

ELIZABETH HALL.

The Key

Syracuse

Syracuse Association has a membership of nineteen; Beta Tau seventeen, Phi one, Psi one.

We meet every third Friday evening, transact any business there may be, and spend the remainder of the evening socially. During the illness of the regular chaperon at the chapter house this fall, one of the alumnae acted in this capacity for a week. Our knowledge and interest in chapter affairs, and in the girls themselves, became strengthened thereby.

A new feature of our Christmas meeting was our unselfishly doing away with our interchange of gifts, and giving instead to the chapter house, for which we were more than repaid by the gratitude and appreciation of our chapter girls.

Owing to the nearness of Convention this year, many of us are planning to go—many who have never attended a Convention before. We can but feel sorry for our less fortunate Western sisters, but we have waited long for our turn.

We did go, however, and you from the West must come. Our delegate will be Harriet A. Curtiss.

GRACE FRANC WIGHT.



Philadelphia

The association has at the present time a membership of twenty-one active, and nine associate, members. We are glad to report that we have met all requirements for membership in the National Association. The associate membership is a new feature this year, and we feel that it is proving a decided success. The associate members are those who cannot attend the meetings, but who have paid dues—one-half those of the active members. These members receive after each meeting a circular letter telling of the doings of the meeting, and any other items of Kappa interest.

The members of the association, after having been scattered all summer, came together first in October. At this time plans were made for a Kappa gathering at the home of Mrs. J. Percy Moore on November thirteenth. On that date Mrs. Moore entertained the members at supper, and the association was re-organized for the year, with Sarah P. Miller as president.

The annual dinner of Philadelphia Kappas was held February twelfth. Twenty-two Kappas were present, including active girls from Beta Iota and Beta Alpha, and alumnae from Psi, Beta Iota and Beta Alpha chapters. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Our usual place of meeting is the chapter room, 220 DeKalb Square; we are, however, planning for an out-of-doors gathering in May. Our four regular meetings are of a social nature. We make great effort to bring together as many Kappas as possible.

Emma Louise Burk will be the delegate to Convention from this association.

The chapters represented in the association are: Psi, one; Beta Alpha, twenty-five; Beta Iota, one; Lambda, one; Sigma, one; Delta, one.

MARGARETTA ATKINSON.



Cleveland

Cleveland Association has a membership of twenty-five: Beta Gamma, six; Lambda, four; Xi, two; Rho, one; Beta Tau, two; Beta Delta, three; Beta Nu, three; Eta, one; Gamma Rho, one; Omicron, one; Alpha, one.

The meetings are luncheons held monthly at the homes of members. Current Topics is the subject of discussion.

Mildred Honedser is the Convention delegate from Cleveland Association.

MARION E. WRIGHT.

The Key

Bloomington, Ind.

In December the alumnae association and the active chapter were entertained at the home of Mrs. J. K. Beck. A Christmas tree was the feature of the afternoon. The tree held something for everyone in the way of amusing presents and highly entertaining verses. This pleasing part was followed by a short musical program given by members of the association.

On February 7th the association had an open meeting. Miss Sarah Montgomery, a Kappa, from DePauw, who is connected with the Indiana Girls School at Indianapolis, gave a very interesting talk in connection with her work at that place. This was followed by a short musical program.

Our delegates to the National Convention are Mrs. N. U. Hill, Miss Nellie Reinhardt, first alternate, Mrs. J. E. P. Holland, second alternate.



Indianapolis

We have had the usual number of meetings, two of which were devoted to Kappa study.

The November meeting we were fortunate in having with us Mrs. Guy Walker, and gave that time up to discussion of Alumnae Chapters. Our other meetings are largely social, after business is disposed of, and any entertainment is in the hands of the hostess.

The attendance ranges from fifteen to thirty. Our paid-up members are twenty-five, and there are many who come now and then, so that in all there are perhaps fifty or more who come during the year.

HELEN DAVIS.



Bloomington, Illinois

The Bloomington, Ill., Association is locally known as the "Kappa Club." Our meetings are held on each alternate Thursday afternoon from September first through the month of May. This year we are studying

"America of To-day." We have one or two papers during the afternoon on topics of interest to college women. After an informal discussion of the papers, we have light refreshments and a jolly social time, such as we had long ago in the chapter room at college. Four days during the year the active girls meet with us, and of course these occasions are unusually interesting. Last "guest day" we met at "The Oakes," the home of Mrs. Howard Humphries, and the girls gave a little one-act play, "The Science of Advertising." Mrs. Lorrie Forman was stage director, and Misses Irene Seibel, Elizabeth McClure, Christie Parker, Carrie Leach and Flora Wardon were in the cast. These meetings are devoted to study of our fraternity, its history, standing rules and constitution. We have twenty-six members, all but three from Epsilon. Harriett Morse Barnes is from Upsilon, Mary Godman Ferguson from Xi, and Charlotte Leonard Probasco from Beta Tau.

MRS. SANFORD TETER.



Milwaukee

The membership of Milwaukee Alumnae Association numbers twenty-four, four different chapters being represented, as follows: Eta, twenty-one; Beta Delta, one; Delta, one; Beta Mu, one.

During the year ending November 4th, 1907, there were three luncheons, followed by business meetings, and one, luncheon only.

On November 4th, 1907, the annual business meeting was held, at which election of officers took place. At this meeting it was decided to hold social meetings, followed by business if necessary, on the first Friday afternoon of each month, instead of the noon-day luncheons.

There have been two purely social gatherings in January and December, and two social meetings followed by business. Besides these, a special business meeting the first of January, at which the new regulations were adopted, and the new officer, to take charge of petitioners, was elected.

EDITH P. ROBINSON.

The Key

Denver

This year the Denver Alumnae Association has an active membership of seventeen. Ten chapters are represented, as follows: Sigma, four; Epsilon, two; Mu, two; Beta Zeta, two; Beta Mu, two; Theta, one; Upsilon, one; Beta Beta, one; Beta Tau, one; Omega, one.

Meetings are held the last Saturday of each month, at the home of one of the members. In order to give every one a chance to entertain during the year, there are always two hostesses for each meeting. After a one-course luncheon, a business meeting is held, followed by an informal good time. All of the meetings are pleasant, but the one held Christmas week is always an especially festive occasion. Each one brings a gift and receives one in return. This year they were temptingly placed on a beautiful tree, and then each guest chose a bundle. But the real excitement was when the packages were unwrapped.

A banquet is annually held early in April in honor of the anniversary of the installation of Beta Mu Chapter at Boulder. The Beta Mu girls all come to Denver for the occasion, and we are usually fortunate enough to have guests from other chapters. It is the most important event of the year, and is always pervaded by the true Kappa spirit of loyalty.

FLORENCE L. REID.



Los Angeles

The Los Angeles Association holds meetings regularly each month, and vary them by having sometimes a literary program, sometimes purely social and sometimes a business meeting or a work program. We have held some of our meetings in one of the Y. W. C. A. rooms in order to have a place centrally located. The majority of the meetings, however, are held at the homes of the members.

It may be of interest to Kappas from Beta Mu to know that at a recent Board meeting of our associa-

tion at the home of Mrs. Mary Lannon Merrill, a beautiful baby girl, six weeks old, was the center of attraction; which baby, by the way, is named Ruth, for our beloved Ruth Paxson, National Secretary of Y. W. C. A.

Los Angeles Alumnae Association sends best wishes to all Kappas.

ANNA W. BEARDSLEY.



Pi

In outlining the history of Pi Alumnae Association it seems wise to begin with January of 1907, when the present officers were elected for a term of two years. Immediately following the Convention of 1906, Pi Alumnae adopted a new constitution and since that time has added clauses that must result in a well-governed organization, useful to the active chapter. In fact, every sentence of the constitution has for its theme, "help for Pi Active Chapter."

During this past March it was our pleasure and our privilege to have for our guests about twenty Kappas from other parts. The library in the home of Marie Hall, among the Berkeley hills, was transformed into a picturesque little opera house and three of our girls surprised us by presenting a charming little operabouffe. There were over seventy Kappas present. This is the first of what our constitution says shall be an annual event.

During the course of the year, from February of 1907 to February of 1908, there have been eight other meetings. In March, November and February constitutional amendments were discussed; on Charter Day a picnic luncheon for the active chapter was given, prior to attending the exercises at the University of California; in May, soon after Commencement at Berkeley, we had an informal initiation of those who had left the ranks of active chapter life; in February and September regular meetings were held, and in January, when the Active Chapter House was closed for the

Christmas vacation, Pi alumnae members went back to the old haunts and held there the regular Christmas luncheon, with none but ourselves present.

Two standing committees of importance have been created, that we believe will prove useful. An advisory committee to the active chapter has been created, made up of the alumnae president, a member elected by ourselves and a third by the active girls. Our hope is that the future will prove the usefulness of this committee, that it will be a medium between the active and alumnae chapters and enable us to more easily and often co-operate with the active girls in their problems.

The second committee created is one for hospitality toward Kappas visiting in these parts, to call upon and keep in touch with them. Miss Marion Wilson of 1849 Jackson Street, San Francisco, is chairman of this committee, and if Kappas will let her know of their coming to this part of California, we will consider ourselves fortunate.

The scholarship maintained by members of Pi alumnae for some active girl who would otherwise be obliged to leave college, has heretofore been something apart from our regular organization. We have now embodied provisions for its maintenance in our constitution, which assures us of its becoming one of the stones of our very structure.

Our alumnae delegate will tell you more of Pi Association when she meets you in August of this year.

ELISE WENZELBURGER GRAUPNER.

In Memoriam

Carolyn Martine Graneto

Carolyn M. Graneto died February 18, 1908, after a long illness in Orthopœdic Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa. She was initiated into Beta Alpha Chapter, Kappa Kappa Gamma, 1890. She studied in University of Pennsylvania and University of California, and taught in Philadelphia and in New York. Her loss is deeply mourned by many friends.

Irma (Searcy) Lawrence

It is with deepest sorrow that we record the death on October 13, 1907, of one of our most active and best beloved members, Mrs. Irma Lawrence, (Irma Searcy, of Theta). Her interests were broad, and her heart radiated true Kappa love to all she met.

Eva Atkinson Francis

Mrs. Eva Atkinson Francis, Beta Gamma, died November 5th, 1907, at her home in Columbus, Ohio. Her loss is mourned by all who knew her.

Helen Munson

Helen Munson died in January at her home. She was an active member of Eta chapter, and her loss is deeply felt by her fraternity and college friends.



Alumnae ❀❀❀
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Phi

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Gates, (Mary Reeves, ex-'07), are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Loula Josephine, born February 11, 1908.

Senor and Senora Juan P. Tomas, of Buenos Aires, Argentina, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Maria Richmond, January 18, 1908. Senora Tomas was Lottie Tirrell, Phi, ex-'06.



Beta Epsilon

Miss Virginia C. Gildersleeve, 1899, who has had three years' leave of absence from her position in Barnard, will receive her Ph. D. in June. She will spend the summer abroad, and resume her work in the English department of Barnard, in the fall.

The three women mentioned in a New York paper as being considered for the position of Dean of Barnard, are Kappas: Miss Virginia C. Gildersleeve, Beta Epsilon, 1899; Mrs. Alice Duer-Miller, Beta Epsilon, 1899, and Mrs. Mary Kingsbury-Simkowitch, Phi, 1890.

Mary L. Eaton, 1901, will be secretary of the American Girls Club in Paris this summer. Miss Eaton has filled this position before.

Alice Haskell, 1906, and Margaret Bailey, 1907, will spend the summer in England. Miss Haskell has resigned her position of instructor in the English department of Barnard, to accept a similar position next fall at Wellesley.

Jean Disbrow, 1907, is secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Civil Service Reform League.

**Psi**

Bernice Andrews, 1904, exhibited three miniatures at the exhibition of the American Society of Miniaturists, held at Knoedler's Gallery, New York.

**Beta Tau**

Mrs. Ella Bryan-Moore, 1890, with her husband, will sail June 18th for four months abroad.

**Beta Alpha**

Mary Geisler Phillips and her son are staying in Philadelphia during the absence of Dr. Phillips in Honolulu on Government research work.

Alice McKelden Dimick (Ph. D. '06), came up from Baltimore for initiation.

**Beta Iota**

Jennie Coker, ex-1900, and Mr. Duncan Gay were married on January first. They are now living in New York City.

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The engagement of Louise Wright Hornor, 1907, to Mr. Edwin Angell Cottrell, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, has been announced.

Mrs. William Wallace Barr, '02, has taken apartments in Seattle, Washington.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. T. Roberts Appel, a son, Roberts Rengier.

Lydie Walker McFarland, '05, and Mr. John Aubrey Anderson were married on November 20, 1907. They are living at 150 N. 54th St., Philadelphia.

Ethel Beardsley, '02, is teaching at Miss Anabel's School for Girls in Philadelphia, this winter.

Ella C. Levis, '07, is doing organized charity work in Philadelphia.

The engagement of Winifred Neville Craig, '05, to Mr. Walter S. Gee, $K \Sigma$, was announced on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bacon Douglas are living in Swarthmore this year.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Effingham C. Murray, a son, Effingham Montalvo Murray.

Maude Kemmerer, '07, is teaching in Germantown.

The marriage of Edna M. Nicholl, '98, and Mr. Jonathan Ansell Rawson is announced. Mr. and Mrs. Rawson are residents of Plainfield, N. J., at present.

Louise W. Hornor, '07, and Margaret Dale Leiper, '05, are teachers in the Westchester Friends School.



Gamma Rho

Bertha Miller, '01, Elsie Ball, '06, and Mable West, ex-'07, were here for the Washington dinner.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hatch (Blanche Beecher), a daughter, Charlotte Cornelia Hatch.

Louise Hempstead entertained the active chapter at her home recently.

Mary Heydrick, '02, is quite ill at her home in Meadville.

Kappa

Cora Leggett is now living in Burton, King Co., Washington, where she and her husband are teaching in Voshon College.

Alfreda Mosher has spent the last year as interpreter in the Boston Y. W. C. A., where she is doing much toward the solution of one side of the great immigration problem of America.

Harriet French is teaching in Church, Michigan.

The marriage of Shirley Smith to Mr. James Thomson occurred in Balasore, India, on March 12th. They will be at home the first of October in Tilaghur, India.

A daughter, Miriam, was born January 12th, to Mary Ward Phelps, of Kioto, Japan.

Sterling Harvey, son of Prof. and Mrs. Harvey, (Flora Woodard), died March 27th.

Bessie Camburn, who is teaching this year at Bangor, Michigan, made a short visit in Hillsdale during her vacation.

Edith Cold is to spend next year traveling in Germany.

Della McIntosh will teach English in the High School of Hillsdale, Michigan.

March 21st, in an alumnae program of L. L. U., May Gurney Lash, Frances Ball Mauck, Cora Bailey Dimmers, Edith Cold and Mae Steel Myers took part.



Mu

The Indianapolis Alumnae Club had "banner day" recently. They made beautiful Kappa pennants, to be used in Kappa entertainments, both active and alumnae.

At the last Alumnae meeting, a letter was read from Mrs. St. Clair Parry (Madge Guffin), who has reached India in her tour of the world.

Grace Murray, who has been teaching in Riverside, California, for several years, will spend the summer in Indianapolis.

The Key

Mrs. Cathcart (Edna Wallace), recently wrote an interesting letter to Mu, telling something of Kappa at Berkeley and Stanford.

Grace Sinclair is teaching at Elwood, Indiana.

Georgia Galvin will come from Wells College to spend spring vacation with her sister, Mrs. R. F. Davidson (Mary Galvin).

Irma Brayton, '07, Elizabeth Brayton, '09, and Ruth Allerdice, '06, will spend the summer abroad.



Upsilon

A son, Robert Sargent Cook, was born to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Cook, (Lillian Moore) of Chi, who are now living in Evanston.

Two other Alumnae from Chi who have come to live near Upsilon, are Mrs. Charles Hall Ewing, (Marie Everett), in Hyde Park, Chicago, and Mrs. Russell Farwell (Emma Glover), in Edgewater, Chicago.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Guy J. Dart, August 17, 1907.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Montague Ferry (Florence Speck), '07, have taken an apartment at No. 1476 Edgecomb Place, Chicago.

Edith and Ella Bradley have gone abroad with their mother for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Blackman (Jule Sohrbeck) have a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Romans (Alice Bunker) have a son, born March 12th.

Crete Keeler has announced her engagement to Mr. McDonald, of Moline, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Howe (Vinnie Northey) are living in Evanston now.

A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wickman (Nina Loew), in January.

Edna Wessling is to be married to Mr. Stevenson, Phi Kappa Psi, next fall.

Epsilon

Elizabeth S. Roe is spending her spring vacation at her home in Bloomington.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson (Emma Parker), of New York City, are the parents of a boy, Charles Parker Robinson, born March 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Ness (Mary Lucy Probasco), of Chicago, are the parents of a boy, William Probasco Van Ness.



Chi

Caro and Ruth Chamberlain have sailed for Europe, where they will spend several months.

Mrs. Dickey, ex-'10, is spending the winter in California.

Inez Lord, '03, was married to Mr. George Satterthwaite, of Philadelphia, on March 25th, at Charleston, Ill.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Yerxa (Gertrude Satterlee), a son.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Horace Klein (Grace Trask), a son.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Nunnally (Helen Higbee), a daughter.



Beta Mu

We are indeed glad that Ruth Wise, '07, has returned from California to her home in Boulder.

Visitors at the chapter house have been: Isabelle Warner, '09, of Greeley; Louise Smith, '10, of Cripple Creek, and Edith Johnson, '10, of Pueblo.

Nettie Schwer, '03, of Pueblo, Colo., was married to Mr. Freed during the holidays.

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Beta Omicron

The marriage of Mel Robertson to Mr. Benjamin Ellis was solemnized March nineteenth.



Pi

Edna Mary Wemple was married to Mr. James Roderick McDonald in Oakland on the nineteenth of March. She is now living in Coos County, Oregon.

The engagement has been announced of Helen Greely to Mr. Jackson Waste. The wedding will take place the fourteenth of May.

The engagement has been announced of Sadie Alexander to Mr. Harry W. Tomlinson, of San Francisco.

Born, to Colonel and Mrs. James Morwood (Mary Bell), a daughter, Josephine Elizabeth, at Shahjahanpur, India.

Elsie Everson has returned from her trip to Europe.



Kansas City Alumnae

A wedding of unusual beauty and of great interest to the Kappas of Kansas City was that of Miss Edith Schooley (Omega), an active member of the Alumnae Association, to Mr. Clarence A. Hartman, of Des Moines, Ia. The ceremony was performed in the Broadway Presbyterian Church, Thanksgiving evening.

On November 23rd, Mrs. W. O. Miller (Alpha), entertained the K. C. A. A. at cards, in honor of Miss Schooley and her bridal party. "Five hundred" was the game of the afternoon, after which charming prizes were awarded, and dainty refreshments were served. Tiny bisque cupids, bearing messages on hearts thrown over their shoulders, were the most appropriate souvenirs on this delightful occasion.

Miss Vivian Springer (Omega), of Argonia, Kas., who was one of Miss Schooley's bridal party, visited in Kansas City several times this winter.

Miss Eleanor Beardsley (Beta Lambda), sailed Jan. 10th for Brussels, where she will spend several months studying music.

Mrs. Raymond Delano (Katherine Sellers, of Omega) is living in Kansas City, and is a recent addition to our list of active members.

We were sorry to lose from our number, Mrs. Winston Welsh (Marie Fleming, of Theta). Mr. and Mrs. Welsh are now living in Oklahoma.

Mrs. Francis M. Poor, of the Brunswick, recently announced the engagement of her daughter Gail (Theta), to Mr. Charles Boling (Phi Delta Theta), of Columbia, Missouri. The wedding will take place in the late autumn.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. MacLaughlan left for the Hawaiian Islands the latter part of January. They intend being away several months.

Mrs. L. O. McIntyre (Bertha Grosvenor, of Omega), has recently moved to Kansas City. We are glad to welcome her to our association.

Alumnae in Literature and Science

In April Harper's Bazaar Mrs. Alice Duer-Miller, Beta Epsilon 1899, has an article, "The Trials of the New York Hostess."

In April Broadway's is an article by Mrs. Mabel Potter-Daggett, Beta Tau, "The Call of the Shops." In the December Delineator also appears, "How Xmas Comes to the Children of the Rich."

In March Good Housekeeping appears a story, "When the Biggses were Investigated," by Mrs. Elizabeth Rhodes-Jackson, Psi.

In March Munsey's is a story by Dorothy Canfield, Beta Nu.

Dr. Amber N. Starbuck, Phi 1902, is house physician at the Wesson Memorial Hospital, Springfield, Mass. She is joint author of a paper on "Auto-Intoxication," published in The Journal of Homeopathy and reprinted in England.

The "Peanut Stories" by Eva Dean, Lambda, were published weekly in the Sunday Herald last year. One, "Going to School in Peanut Land," appeared in the January Delineator.

Mrs. Louise Bolard Moore, Gamma Rho, has lately published a book entitled "Wage Earners' Budgets."

At a meeting of the trustees of Stanford University, Cal., held February 1st, it was decided to appoint a dean of women for the university, and Mrs. Evelyn Wight Allan, a graduate of Stanford, '06, was selected for the place.

Nora Stanton Blanch, Psi, has been appointed on the engineering staff of New York's new aqueduct.

"The Virulence of Diphtheria Organisms in the Throats of Well School Children and Diphtheria Convalescents," by Dr. Mary Engle Pennington, was published in Journal of Infectious Diseases.

"The Relative Rate of Growth of Milk Bacteria in Raw and Pasteurized Clean Milk," by Dr. Mary Engle

Pennington and Dr. E. Quintard St. John, appeared in Journal of Infectious Diseases.

"A Bacteriological Study of Commercial Ice Cream," by Dr. Mary Engle Pennington and (Georgiana Walter), was published in New York Medical Journal.

"Groups of Order $2m$ That Contain Cyclic Sub-Groups of Order $2m-3$," by Alice McKelder Dimmick, was printed in American Mathematical Monthly.

"Paper Read before Mathematical Society," by Alice McKelden Dimmick, appeared in School Science and Mathematics.

A translation of "Sind die Bienen Reflex Maschinen," a contribution to study of the natural history of bees, by Dr. H. von Buttel Rupen of Oldenberg, i. G., by Mary H. Geisler Phillips, was published by A. D. Root Publishing Co., Medina, Ohio.

Dr. E. Quintard St. John, Beta Alpha, has recently been appointed by the United States government to do research work in the Food Research Laboratory, Philadelphia. Dr. Mary Engle Pennington is director of this laboratory, which is under the direction of the Bureau of Chemistry, United States Department of Agriculture.

Mabel Potter Daggett

Mabel Potter, Beta Tau, of Syracuse, N. Y., took the degree, A. B., at Syracuse University, 1895, graduating with highest honor, and taking Phi Beta Kappa.

She entered journalistic work, and after a time became Editor of the Woman's Department of The Syracuse Post-Standard, and later, of the Woman's Department of the Sunday North American, of Philadelphia, Pa. She thereafter became a special writer for the New York World.

About this time she was married to Mr. John F. Daggett, who is also a journalist of high order. She continued to pursue her literary labors, and entered the magazine field as Associate Editor of the Broadway Magazine, where she remained until June, 1907. She then became Associate Editor of The Delineator at a salary of \$2,600 a year and expenses.

Mrs. Daggett's work is that of a "special" writer for magazines, and her particular line is the "human interest" or "heart story."

Some of her writings have been on the following subjects: "The New York Strain on the Purse Strings"; "What Science Has Done for the Home"; "Hetty Green"; "Helen Gould"; "One Woman's Child Garden"; "The Child Without a Home."

At present she is in Indianapolis, Ind., for the purpose of writing an article, "At Home with James Whitcomb Riley." From there she goes to Springfield for research for an article entitled "They Loved Lincoln," which will be a genuine account of Lincoln's love affairs.

The home and headquarters of Mrs. Daggett are in New York City, her travels being only for the purposes of investigation, and for collecting material for her writings.

The attractiveness of her pen-product is equalled by that of her personal individuality, and best of all, she is a loyal and devoted Kappa.

Exchanges

By Elizabeth Rhodes Jackson.

Exchanges that receive three copies of THE KEY are asked to send exchange copies of their publications to Mrs. William Warren Canby, Galice, Oregon; Mrs. Frederick W. Potter, 758 Tenth St., Oakland, Cal.; Mrs. Ralph T. C. Jackson, 169 Locust St., Fall River, Mass.

Acknowledgment is made of the following exchanges:

January: *Kappa Alpha Theta, Garnet and White, Anchora, Rainbow, Beta Theta Pi, Lyre, Shield of Phi Kappa Psi, Crescent.*

February: *Alpha Phi Quarterly, Trident, Alpha Xi Delta, Scroll, Delta of Sigma Nu.*

March: *Kappa Alpha Theta, Delta Upsilon Quarterly, Shield of Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Kappa Triangle.*

Some of the Conventions of 1908 are those of Phi Kappa Psi at Denver, of Delta Upsilon at Swarthmore in October, of Alpha Chi Rho at Philadelphia on February 20th, and of Sigma Kappa at Syracuse in March.

Alpha Chi Omega has recently installed Nu chapter at the University of Colorado, and Xi chapter at the University of Nebraska. Kappa Delta, heretofore strictly a Southern society, has granted a charter to a group of girls at Northwestern. Alpha Xi Delta has a new chapter, Mu, at the University of Minnesota.

The chapter houses of Alpha Tau Omega at Cornell, and Delta Tau Delta, at the University of Illinois, have recently suffered losses by fire.

Delta of Sigma Nu gives the following list of chapters of women's fraternities, established since the last (1905) edition of "Baird's Manual."

A X Ω—Syracuse, Colorado. [Died at University of Southern California.]

A Γ Δ—[not in Baird]—Syracuse, Wisconsin, Wesleyan.

A Δ Φ—[not in Baird]—Wesleyan Female, Winston-Salem, Mary Baldwin, Texas, Newcomb [Tulane], Southwestern Alabama.

A O Π—California.

A Φ—Nebraska, Toronto.

A Ξ Δ—West Virginia, Illinois, Tufts, Minnesota, University of Washington.

X Ω—West Virginia, Michigan, Colorado, Barnard [Columbia], Colby, Dickinson.

Δ Γ—Illinois, California.

ΔΔΔ—Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

K A Θ—Butler [revived], Toronto, Washington University.

K Δ—[Died at Chatham Institute.]

K K Γ—Illinois, Texas, Adelphi, West Virginia.

Π B Φ—Iowa State College [revived], Minnesota, University of Washington, Washington University.

Σ K—Syracuse, George Washington, Illinois, Wesleyan, Illinois.

Σ Σ Σ—Searcy Female Institute, Southwestern, Woman's College at Frederick, Md. [University of Tennessee in Baird is an error for University of Nashville.]

Z T A—Bethany, Judson, Texas, Southwestern. [Died Arkansas, Virginia Normal, Mary Baldwin.]

M Π E [musical—not in Baird]—Metropolitan College of Music, New England Conservatory, Michigan, Detroit Conservatory, Collingwood Conservatory [Toledo], DePauw, Syracuse, United Conservatory [St. Louis], Chicago Conservatory.

Σ A I [musical]—American Conservatory [Chicago].

A E I [medical]—California.

E T [medical]—Chicago Hahneman, New York Woman's Medical College.

Delta Upsilon is the father of an allied society, "Devotae Uxores," whose membership is made up of the wives of Delta U men. The society appears to be wholly lacking in organization, ritual, and everything except name and enthusiasm. These "Delta U girls" received the fraternity convention at Minnesota; and the Swarthmore convention committee has enlisted the services of a "Swarthmore Devotae Uxores Club," and urges all the wives of all the Delta U's to be present. "Don't bother about delegates," says the *Quarterly*; "every woman who can produce a Delta U husband is a delegate, and is hereby specially invited."

Of the fifty Governors of States and Territories in the United States, thirty are college graduates, or have spent at least a part of their lives within college walls. Fifteen are fraternity men. Brown University, with three gubernatorial representatives, holds the place of

honor among the colleges.—Sigma Alpha Epsilon *Record*.

Delta Upsilon set a commendable example of interfraternity courtesy in offering to the magazines on its exchange list the use of the plates prepared to illustrate its articles on "The Geography of College Fraternities," and "acquired merit" with both those contemporaries who did and those who did not accept the offer.

Kappa Alpha Theta publishes an article on "Fraternity Extension," based on "Baird's Manual," Mrs. Martin's Handbook, and the Delta Upsilon article. It is illustrated by maps showing the extension of representative fraternities before and after 1895. It says in part:

Of the women's fraternities given, the three largest, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta, and Pi Beta Phi, have chapters in all sections. Alpha Omicron Pi is one of the smallest, but is represented in the East, South and West. Of the fraternities given on the maps (Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Phi, Gamma Phi Beta, Pi Beta Phi, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Gamma, Chi Omega, Alpha Xi Delta, and Kappa Delta), all except Kappa Delta have at least one chapter west of the Mississippi. The development of women's fraternities before and after 1895 is of interest. Of the seventeen fraternities mentioned, nine were established in the twenty-five years preceding 1895. Of these nine, four—Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi Beta Phi, and Delta Gamma—grew rapidly. That is, they had established from twenty-two to thirty-six chapters before 1895. Of these, from nine to eleven were lost, either on account of anti-fraternity feeling in the institution in which they were located, or on account of the standard of the institution. Two of the early fraternities—Alpha Phi and Gamma Phi Beta—established chapters slowly, and are still very conservative, but have lost no chapters. The other fraternities, which began to exist before 1895 have grown more since that date than before. Eight fraternities have come into existence since 1895. Chi Omega has established twenty-four chapters in twelve years; Alpha Xi Delta, thirteen; Kappa Delta, ten. Of the 301 chapters which have been established, 147 came into existence before 1895, 154 after that date. Forty-five of the chapters have been lost, so there exist 256 chapters of these seventeen fraternities. Pi Beta Phi was the first fraternity to recognize the advantage of alumnae organization, her first chapter being established in 1881. Alpha Phi followed in 1889, Delta Gamma soon after. Delta Delta Delta provided for alumnae organization from the beginning, and established its first Alliance in 1892.

The publications of other fraternities often furnish helpful hints of methods, organization, and government. Here are some experiments and experiences that the

chapters would do well to consider carefully. First we have these suggested methods for maintaining high standards of scholarship in the chapter:

The Northwestern chapter of $\text{B} \Theta \Pi$ has instituted the system of making an upper classman responsible for the scholarship and deportment of a freshman. The editor of Beta Theta Pi advises that a committee be formed of upper classmen, who would naturally be in sympathy with the younger members, and alumnae, one of whom, if possible, should be on the teaching force of the college. The object of such a committee would be to meet with each member of the chapter at the beginning of the year and consider with him what he intends to do while in college, and to check any actions that are not for his or her good, or that of the fraternity—*The Lyre*.

Kappa Alpha Theta suggests:

Probably the best method found has been the investigation, twice in the semester, of the scholarship of each member of the chapter, by a standing committee of seniors or alumnae.

And the Cornell chapter adds this practical detail, which deserves consideration by all our chapters:

A silver loving cup, a reward for scholarship, was recently presented to Iota Chapter by a few wisely-guided alumnae. The cup is to be given at the end of each year to the freshman having the highest average scholarship for the year. If she has had no unsatisfactory marks, her name and class will be engraved upon the cup. This honor-student of her class keeps the cup during her sophomore year. At the reunion banquet in June, she, in turn, presents the cup, with a toast, to the honor freshman. And so the cup goes on and on, and the names engraved upon it make a real roll of honor for Iota Chapter.

Then we have these suggestions for entertaining:

One of our most successful "rushing stunts" was our "German," which we gave at the house. The "old girls" took the part of the men, each bringing a new girl. Much amusement was caused by the favors, which consisted of such things as rubber balls, rattles, miniature pipes and immense cookies.—*The Lyre*.

One of the best rushing parties we ever had was at the end of a long rushing season. We knew the freshmen girls very well by that time, and so thought it quite proper to give a minstrel show. The freshmen were brought to the Chapter House by the city girls. There they were supplied with opera glasses in the shape of button hooks and napkin rings, while scarfs and kimonos were used as evening coats. The minstrels were dressed in gymnasium bloomers and white Peter Pan waists, with large red ties. Red ribbons were tied in their kinky wool, which not long before had reposed in a mattress factory. Burnt cork had done wonders for the faces and hands. The minstrels sat in a semi-circle, and on each end were two girls who played tambourines. They sang songs, cracked jokes, and one of the girls danced a clog dance. Solos were sung by "Melba," "Nordica" and others.—Alpha Xi Delta.

Since Eta's last letter, cards were sent out from the chapter announcing that the girls would be at home Tuesdays from four until six. The teas have proved so delightful that we recommend the idea most strongly. We serve simple refreshments, those of us who can, dressing for the occasion, while those of us who have classes attend just as we are. Each time we ask one of our ladies or an alumnae to pour.—Kappa Alpha Theta.

The following chapter methods have been successfully tried by other fraternities:

The Denison Chapter of B @ II has adopted the excellent plan of placing a calendar, made up of as many cards as there are meetings in the year, in the initiation room. The Recording Secretary writes on the respective cards the matters that should be considered at each meeting, thus doing away with the "bug bear" of forgotten business.—*The Lyre*.

An attempt was made to investigate the status of the initiates in the various chapters of the fraternity. From the replies we received we judge that the spirit of fair play and equal division of labor is dominant. No fagging whatever seems to exist except during the "probation" week preceding initiation. The work of freshmen differs from that of upper classmen in quality rather than quantity. In most chapters freshmen may not hold any office. In a few chapters they may not make a motion, but may second it.—Kappa Alpha Theta.

No hazing or mock ceremony shall be associated with the formal initiation of postulants of the fraternity, either before, after, or at the time of said initiation.—Constitution of Alpha Chi Rho, from *The Scroll*.

As to the vexed question of keeping in touch with alumnae, *The Lyre* states:

Indiana Delta of Phi Delta Theta sends New Year's greetings in the form of Franklin College souvenir post cards to all their alumni. Louisiana Alpha also displays interest in her alumni by remembering them with Easter greetings.

The Second Annual Circular Letter of the Cornell chapter of Sigma Nu to her alumni, in the *Delta*, is a model of interest and detail. After its friendly greeting, it gives under the heading "University," an account of new buildings and improvements; "Athletics" comments on events of the past year, methods of coaching, and prospects ahead. Under "Chapter," is a brief statement for each member, his faculty and student honors, or a bit of chapter gossip, and a list of the year's initiates. The letter closes with a full account of the property

purchased by the chapter and of building plans, headed "Property Association."

The Alumnae Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta in New York City announces:

There is a Help Committee, the object of which is to be of service in any possible way to Kappa Alpha Thetas in the vicinity.

A fuller account of the methods and field of this committee would be welcome as a suggestion to the Alumnae Associations of other fraternities.

While Kappa may not find it possible to adopt all three of the convention schemes which follow, they are at least interesting reading:

The hat band presented by Pennsylvania Zeta (at the Province Convention), was adopted as the official province hat band, to be worn by the fraternity brothers only.—*The Scroll*.

The publication of a convention daily was original with the Chicago convention, Delta Upsilon having "scooped" all other fraternities in this particular, recent claims to the contrary notwithstanding. The Minnesota convention revived this feature, and it was new to most of those present. The daily should be a regular part of all future conventions.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

To arouse interest among chapters, clubs and associations, prizes will be awarded to the chapter that has, in each district, the largest attendance at the convention.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

As to chapter houses, and chapter house funds, we have these experiences:

One chapter house had been under the guiding hand of a committee from the chapter's alumnae. They had gotten the house very much in debt and were ready to acknowledge their failure. Now, it happened at that time that there lived in the house an extremely capable, womanly girl who was anxious to assume alone the duty of manager. She has written me very emphatically that she "believes now, just as she did then, when she was in college, that it is impossible for any one outside of the house to run its affairs." And she thinks that there should be one, and only one, who is responsible, who lives in the house. Her method was this: She was practically the financial head. Another of the girls who was particularly congenial to her was her bookkeeper and her books always balanced. To her the girls paid their board and money was drawn on her funds by the financial head to pay the bills. The financial manager paid all bills, plumbing, meat, coal, groceries, lighting, etc., and she attended to all matters, as she expressed it, "just as a man would do in an ordinary household." The chaperon did the marketing, was given an allowance for the table and servants, "and

paid and hired and managed her own servants." The question of a chaperon is a difficult one, and her position is hard to fill. For she must be a lady and a person of the greatest tact, and yet of sufficient self-assertion to command respect. It is hard to discover a chaperon who is, as well, a good housekeeper, but that work must of necessity fall to her, as no college girl can give her time to house-keeping. It seems to be the prevailing plan that the chaperon should not carry the pocketbook, but should work on an allowance besides her regular wages. That in order that the house may run smoothly the servants should understand that they are dependent upon her for their places, and not under the authority of any one else. College girls are not calculated to take corrections as to their behavior and conduct. Often even seniors need advice or something more forceful. A good chaperon, and one whom the girls in the house were all very fond of, always took such matters regularly to one of the alumnae—one, I believe, of her own choice. In this way the alumnae made clear to the young lady in question that the interest of the chapter demanded different behavior on her part.

Another plan suggested for handling such matters is to have one or two seniors, perhaps, one in the house and one out of the house, selected by the resident alumnae, who shall have a care of such things. These seniors in turn choose one of the alumnae of similar tastes as theirs, so that they can feel perfectly free in talking with her as their counselor.—*The Crescent*.

The writer believes that after the building of fraternity houses the next step will be the foundation of chapter endowments funds. Certain of the older chapters have established "scholarship funds," the income of which is to be used to pay the initiation fees or membership dues of desirable men. A few, in the hope of keeping some of the best men in residence at the house for a year or two after graduation, are establishing funds for graduate scholarships or fellowships in the college. Other funds for libraries, for the giving of annual dinners, for keeping up close relations with the alumni, or for reducing the cost of under-graduate membership, may perhaps already exist, or may be established in the future.—*Delta of Sigma Nu*.

One old and influential fraternity is annually spending thousands of dollars to secure the wise direction and constant personal touch in its lodges and among its alumni of a permanent and uniquely-equipped field secretary, who seeks to insure that only the best-fitted freshmen are admitted, and that throughout their course these students shall be in constant and close touch in their college family lives with strong and earnest alumni who are personally and intimately acquainted with each undergraduate, and who, through a long series of years, come to exert an uplifting educational and moral power from the lodge which must greatly increase the likelihood that the good seed will fall into good ground. The earlier colleges were largely schools of manners with distinct home-making functions, as shown by their freshman servitude and other college rules governing personal conduct. Our fraternities are still absorbed with their home-building, but will soon assume and wisely exercise the home-making functions that have now fallen from Alma Mater's hands.—CLARENCE F. BIRDSEYE—*The Shield*.

The Key

Beta Theta Pi quotes this beautiful tribute, from the *Phi Gamma Delta*:

IN MEMORIAM.

In reverence, Lord, we gather here again
 To speak their names whose souls have left the earth;
 Our brothers all, who walked with us as men,
 Wept for our tears and smiled with all our mirth.

Lord, help us to remember by thy grace
 How Thou hast led us on through changing years,
 And lead us yet, till we meet face to face
 Phi Gamma Deltas, where are no more tears.

—F. W. WITHOFT, '94.

"At the close of every Norris dinner given by the Denison Chapter the names of the brothers who have gone beyond the twilight are read and then 'In Memoriam' is sung by the chapter standing, to the tune 'Communion' (sometimes known as 'Consolation') by Mendelssohn.—W. F. C."

The oldest college for women in the world, is Wesleyan Female College, at Macon, Ga. The charter under which it was established, and by which it was empowered to confer degrees, was granted by the State of Georgia in 1836. At this institution was founded $\mathbf{A} \Delta \Phi$, which is the oldest college society for women. It was founded on May 15, 1851, as the Adelphean Society. In 1905 it decided to become a national sorority and to adopt a Greek-letter name. Accordingly, its name was changed to $\mathbf{A} \Delta \Phi$.

Except $\mathbf{A} \Delta \Phi$, the oldest college sorority is $\mathbf{\Pi} \mathbf{B} \Phi$, which was founded at Monmouth College, Monmouth, Ill., in 1867. It was founded as the I. C. Sorosis, I. C. being the initials of a Latin motto, and it did not adopt the name of $\mathbf{\Pi} \mathbf{B} \Phi$ until several years later, by which time $\mathbf{K} \mathbf{A} \Theta$, $\mathbf{K} \mathbf{K} \Gamma$ and perhaps other Greek-letter sororities had been organized.—*The Scroll*.

Any fraternity man who requires as an outlet for his enthusiasm and legislative tendencies an opportunity to lobby for some bill in the interests of fraternities will find a most worthy object in the protection of fraternity insignia. From an article on this subject in *Beta Theta Pi*, we summarize the following: "The fraternity badge is not a subject for a mechanical patent. It cannot be made the subject of a design patent, except when new at the time application is made, and the application made by the inventor; and the design must be an invention, which monograms and similar designs do not claim to be. And a design patent is good for only fourteen years. It cannot be copyrighted unless new and a work of the fine arts—and a copyright lasts only twenty-eight years, with privilege of fourteen years' extension to the author or his heirs. The trade-mark law does not apply, as fraternity emblems are not used to distinguish articles of merchandise. Therefore under the various federal laws there is no protection. Some of the States, however, have laws that serve, and the *Beta Theta Pi* article goes into these in detail.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

Indiana has a law exempting Greek-letter fraternities from taxation on property owned and occupied by them.—*The Lyre*.

We notice that one of the Greek-letter societies is troubled by the appearance of an "inner society," made up, by a process of selection, from the membership of several of the fraternity's chapters. The problem of the outer society, with its tendency to divide the allegiance of members of a chapter, and create lines of social cleavage where there should be nothing but an absolutely uninterrupted common bond of union, is bad enough, but the situation presented by an inner society is one that must be met by any fraternity which values its own existence, with firmness and dispatch. The very inception of such an organization, indicates, of course, a failure to grasp fully the spirit of a brotherhood. No matter what the purpose of such an inner organization might be, whether good, bad or indifferent, the effect must be the same—that of disorganization—and where such an organization becomes intercollegiate it stands, of course, as a menace to the very life of the fraternity within which its parasitic growth goes on.—*The Shield*.

Some Delta Upsilon Facts.—General James A. Garfield, *Williams*, '56, was the first member of a college fraternity to become President of the United States. *Our Record*, published by the Delta Upsilon Fraternity in 1867-68, was the first journal or magazine issued by a college fraternity. Delta Upsilon has a smaller percentage of dead chapters than any other fraternity of anywhere near the same number of chapters, there being but five deceased out of forty-two which have been established. Delta Upsilon has had more than twice as many Rhodes scholars as any other fraternity, and despite the fact that many fraternities have either a larger membership or more chapters to draw from.

Every girl who joins a sorority does so with the object of gaining something from it. She expects to gain social position or friends, or to better herself in some way. But how does she expect to do it? She cannot hope to attain these things by merely paying her dues and keeping in good standing. To gain the most possible from the sorority she must put her best self into it. The business man who expects his business to succeed does not merely invest his money and then stand back and look on while his business grows. He works and works hard, uses his mind and time, and has the satisfaction of seeing his business increase by his efforts. The sorority girl must do likewise. She must use her time and brain to devise ways and means of helping her sorority. By working for the sorority as a whole she helps her sisters individually and also herself. It is not merely the result of her work, but the putting forth of strong effort with a high aim in view which has its greatest effect in the girl herself. It gives her energy, strength, and independence which she would not be able to gain by passively watching others work. We get no more from our sorority than we put into it. It is a transformer of earnest effort into good to ourselves and sisters.—Alpha Xi Delta.

Dr. William L. Felter, principal of the Girls' High School (of Brooklyn, New York), announced to the members of the eight Greek-letter chapters in that school that while he would not disband them they must not initiate any new members. As indicated by this and similar actions, the high-school sororities have incurred an antagonism which, even in the East, is neither local nor ephemeral, and before the next convention the necessity for radical action will probably have passed with the passing of the high-school sorority.—Kappa Alpha Theta.

The Key

College Notes

By Elizabeth Rhodes Jackson.

An anonymous donation of \$100,000 has been made to Columbia for the establishment of a chair for the study of humane principles and the inculcation of a spirit of kindness and consideration towards animals.



On account of athletic victories this year, DePauw has set aside one day in the fall term for the arousing of college enthusiasm—a “mass day” in place of a “mass meeting.”—*The Lyre*.



The women of Brown University, according to *Kappa Alpha Theta*, have instituted a social reform, to prevent the crowding of offices and committee work upon the hitherto overworked capable members of the classes. They have adopted a recommendation of the Student Government Association that the college offices be divided into major, sub-major, minor, and sub-minor offices, counting twenty, fifteen, ten, and five points respectively, and that no student may hold offices amounting to more than thirty-five points. This ruling will go into effect next fall. The Association has also arranged a schedule for meetings of organizations and for social events, so that they will be more evenly distributed throughout the year; by this arrangement, no girl will have more than three evening engagements a week.



Miss Elizabeth Ellsworth Cook, of Ithaca, won a place on the Cornell team chosen to debate against Columbia in February; and a protest was accordingly made by Columbia on the ground that the sympathy of the judges would be swayed by the only woman in the de-

bate, and also that there was no precedent in the history of the Triangular League for admitting a woman to a contest. The reply of the president of the Cornell Debate Union was, that the judges selected for debates were usually persons of judicial temperament, unlikely to be swayed by personal feeling, also that there was no precedent for excluding a woman, if she were otherwise eligible. A New York newspaper, probably with about as much accuracy as newspapers are in the habit of displaying in quoting interviews, quoted a member of the Columbia team thus: "Why, you know how it would be. She'd have the judges with her from the start. They would admire her nerve, and it wouldn't matter what she said. We wouldn't dare to answer her arguments without apologizing first." After this difference of opinion, Miss Cook was retained on the team. The interesting part of the story is that Columbia won, after all.



Yale's struggle for nearly ten years to find a new song as typical of the university spirit as is the "Old Nassau" of Princeton, or the "Fair Harvard" of that institution, has ended with the award of the \$300 prize to Brian Hooker, Yale, 1902. His song, "Mother of Men," has been accepted by the committee, which consists of the Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr., Prof. Edward B. Reed, Prof. Harry B. Jepson, and W. L. Carter, 1897. John O. Heald, 1873. about eight years ago offered \$50 for a song which would match either "Old Nassau" or "Fair Harvard." The attempts were unsatisfactory and the reward was withheld. Three years ago the award was increased to \$300, through contributions made anonymously by two Yale alumni, and the committee of award chosen. The words of "Mother of Men" are:

The Key

Mother of Men, grown strong in giving
 Honor to them thy lights have led—
 Rich in the toil of thousands living,
 Proud of the deeds of thousands dead;
 We who have felt thy power, and know thee,
 We in whose work thy gifts avail—
 High in our hearts enshrined enthrone thee,
 Mother of Men—Old Yale!

Spirit of youth, alive, unchanging,
 Under whose feet the years are cast—
 Heir to an ageless empire, ranging
 Over the future and the past—
 Thee, whom our fathers loved before us,
 Thee, whom our sons unborn shall hail,
 Praise we today in sturdy chorus,
 Mother of Men—Old Yale!

Seth D. Bingham, 1897, wrote the music which has been adapted to the words of the two stanzas.—*Alpha Phi Quarterly*.



Of the exact relation between the women and Oxford University I do not know. Except for the degrees, which are never granted to the women, she has almost the same opportunities for study as the man. She attends those lectures that are open to her. Like the men, the girl student has her tutor, or "coach." As is probably known, all work, in whatever line she may choose, is done either in the Pass or in the Honor School, which are merely terms to signify amount and quality of work. Only a moderate amount of study is necessary to get through her examinations in the Pass School, but it is quite the opposite for the Honor School. In the latter there are four different grades. If a student is fortunate enough to get a first in English Literature, History, or whatever her subject may be, it means that she has done the highest grade of work in the Honor School.—*Kappa Alpha Theta*.

From the Magazine World

By Elizabeth Rhodes Jackson.

A volume of short stories recently announced by the publishers is "Not Included in a Sheepskin," tales of Stanford University, by three under-graduates, Alpha Phi girls, Esther Stevens, Davida French, and Laura Wells, all three of the class of 1908. The *Alpha Phi Quarterly* says: "This is the only volume of Stanford fiction, save an early one by Wallace Irwin and Charles Field, and it has been enthusiastically received here."



The December *McClure's* tells the tragic story of the Chi Psi fire at Cornell. The account is based on the statements of the men who were in the fire and of eye-witnesses; and it is one of the most thrilling and moving tales of heroism imaginable. Not one of the men thought first of his own safety; several of them could easily have escaped unharmed, but stayed, or returned to the flaming house to seek their brothers. It is perhaps easy to be a hero in the midst of contagious excitement; these men were heroes when most of them were isolated, alone in a world of storm and flame. "There was not a coward among them, and each counted life as nothing against the needs of his friends."



"Present Tendencies in Women's College and University Education" is the title of an address delivered by President Thomas before the Association of Collegiate Alumnae in Boston last November, and reprinted in the *Educational Review* for January. Miss Thomas gives quaint reminiscences of the early days when "the passionate desire for higher education was accompanied by the awful doubt as to whether women as a sex were physically and mentally fit for it," of the doubts that

attended the appointment of "young unmarried men" as instructors in women's colleges; then turns to a discussion of courses of study, with this statement:

Certain college presidents and professors are drawing conclusions as to the primary difference between men's and women's minds because different electives are chosen by men and women. But if we compare the electives of men and women in the best separate colleges in the East, where more men are studying for culture, we find that the same electives are chosen by men at Harvard, Yale, and Princeton as by women at Vassar, Wellesley, and Bryn Mawr.



"Cosmopolitan Clubs in American University Life" are discussed by Louis Locher in the *American Review of Reviews* for March.

The history of the International Club, organized at the University of Wisconsin is typical. On the evening of March 12, 1903, sixteen foreign students, representing eleven different nationalities, gathered in the apartments of a Japanese student. From this nucleus an organization of eighty-one members, representing nineteen nationalities, has developed; a limited number of Americans has been admitted, the programs have been broadened to include a series of "national nights," on which the men of one nation decorate the hall with their national colors, describe the history and institutions of their country, play music by their national composers, throw on the canvas pictures of their own land, and serve refreshments peculiar to their mother country. Several dances are given, a reception is tendered to the newly-arrived foreigners at the beginning of each college year, and an anniversary banquet is held at which every nationality responds with a toast in his own language. The club has no warmer friend than President Van Hise. "The second peace conference at the Hague," he said, has done much towards promoting peace because the representatives of the various nationalities there have through personal contact learned to respect one another. The International Club is fulfilling much the same mission." In 1904, the universities of Cornell and Buenos Ayres, Argentina, called into life similar organizations. Michigan and Illinois followed in 1905, Purdue, Ohio, Louisiana, and Chicago in 1907. A correspondence is kept up by the different chapters, and whenever possible, members of one chapter meet another chapter. The Christmas convention of 1907 marked a further step. Alumni members are now making an effort to organize clubs at the universities of Berlin and Oxford, and next year will perhaps see the formation of chapters at the universities of Tokio and Mexico.



Discussing "How Far Shall the Elective Privilege be Extended?" in *Education* for March, Charles O. Denny, of Drake University, says:

President Thwing well says that education as an end is overestimated, while as a means to power it is vastly underestimated. For drill in close, consecutive, exacting thinking, the languages and mathematics stand together, whereas in the character of discipline, the advantage is in favor of the languages. Each, however, supplements the other, and both are needed. The mathematics afford an invaluable training in the application of inexorable law, where one has present all the factors, and by their accurate application arrives at a result with absolute certainty. But we are not able to apply the principles of exact reasoning to many of the problems of life. In most results some of the factors are hidden; others are opposed to each other. This involves what we call probable reasoning, and it is this sort of reasoning that is required in language study, in common with the laboratory sciences. There is a popular belief that the ancient languages have no practical value, and are studied solely for discipline. But, with the exception of English, they are the most utilitarian of all the subjects pursued in college, for the reason that they have to do directly with language and thought, with interpretation and expression. In the mastery of their laws of structure, we appreciate the underlying principles of our own language and of language in general. Words come to have an atmosphere, and one acquires a feeling for their value and a range and command of synonyms that nothing else gives.

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