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THE HULL HOUSE, SOCIAL SETTLEMENT.

AT 335 South Halstead Street, midway between two of Chicago's greatest industries, the ship-building and the stock-yards, lies the Hull House, Chicago's social settlement. Butchers' shops and grocery shops, ready-made clothing stores, and oyster houses, with a plentiful sprinkling of dingy saloons, surround it, streets distinguished alike for their dirt and squalor lead up to it, a confusion of tongues greets its ears day and night, and policemen whose ignorance of the activities upon their round is no less striking than that of members of the brotherhood in other large cities, guard its precincts. One block from the settlement a policeman on duty was asked, "How far is it to the Hull House?" His beery smile and cordial reply, "God bless you, my pretty dear; gosh! but I don't know," brought with them the assurance that the success of the settlement was in no way due to the supervision of Chicago's municipal officers.

The Hull House was established in September, 1889, by two women, independent of any organization or association, who hoped to make their labors of service on the theory that the "dependence of classes is reciprocal, and as the social relation is essentially a reciprocal relation, a social settlement is a form of expression that has a peculiar value."

The house itself, grimy with soot and severe looking, but well built in the old style, with wide halls and large, high rooms, was once a stately mansion in the suburbs of Chicago, before the neighborhood became the home of petty tradesmen and the haunt of foreigners. From a handsome residence it degenerated step by step to the commonplaceness of a second-hand furnishing store, until Miss Jane Addams, seeing that its location in the heart of a foreign colony peculiarly fitted it for the work which she had undertaken, rented and repaired it, casting over it a shadow of its former

grandeur. Miss Culver, heir of the late Mr. Hull, seeing what Miss Addams had done for the house and what its possibilities were for the poor of the neighborhood, gave the place rent-free until the year 1900 on condition that it should bear the name of its former owner.

The location fully justified the expectations of Miss Addams. Between Halstead Street and the river are 10,000 Italians, on the south are many Germans, Poles, and Russian Jews, farther on is a vast colony of Bohemians, Chicago being the third Bohemian city in the world. On the northwest, Canadian French make their homes, and on the north are the Irish and the first generation Americans. Directly west are the English, who for the most part are well-to-do and own their homes. By the law of the survival of the unfittest, as soon as a resident became rich enough, he has moved to a better portion of the city, bequeathing his place to some newer and more ignorant immigrant, whose struggle to adjust himself to his new conditions leaves neither time nor desire for improvement. The foreign element easily becomes the prey of the sweater, who, in his desire to eliminate rent as a factor in the cost of ready-made clothing, finds no garret too small, no cellar too dark for the pursuit of his trade. The apparently temporary character of the houses is largely responsible for their wretchedness; for the hope that the old shanties would be replaced by modern tenements has retarded the enforcement of much needed tenement legislation.

Among such a variety of activities and such a mixture of foreign elements, a social settlement must needs respond to every side of the neighborhood life, young and old, rich and poor, men and women, the individual and the family. This effort to respond to all phases is divided by Miss Addams in four classes "social, educational, humanitarian and civic." The social side seeks to counsel and aid, to afford attractive rooms with facilities for music, amusements and social intercourse for the people in the neighborhood, as well as to promote social and literary clubs for the younger people. Under educational efforts, come the college extension course with a corps of volunteer teachers and one hundred and eighty-two matriculated students, paying a fee of fifty cents a term, an occasional art exhibition of pictures loaned by friends, a daily kindergarten, and classes

in free-hand drawing, cooking, sewing, mending and embroidery. The Chicago Public Library has a unique system of renting five rooms in various parts of the city and fitting them up as reading rooms, where magazines are furnished and books delivered. The Hull House furnished them a room free of charge, thus becoming one of these stations, and here papers may be found in Italian, German, French and Bohemian. Among the humanitarian aims may be classed the gymnasium, the bath rooms, open to the neighborhood, a day nursery, where from 35 to 40 children are daily cared for, and a diet kitchen where food is prepared for invalids, orders being taken from the doctors and visiting nurses of the district. A model kitchen and coffee house has lately been added, where food, cooked in a scientific manner and at the lowest possible cost, is sold to working people at low rates, and meat soups and coffee sold for consumption at home. The civic functions of the House are as yet undeveloped. A club for the study of economic questions and four women's trades unions meeting regularly, tend towards the growth of orderly citizens.

In July, 1891, a Summer School was opened at Rockford, Ill., with lectures diversified by out-door lessons for the study of birds, botany and lawn tennis. Two dollars a week covered the boarding expenses and there was an average attendance of seventy-five students. One more phase deserves special mention, the Jane Club, named in honor of Miss Addams. In the Spring of 1892, seven trades union girls united and combined their energies for an experiment in coöperative housekeeping. They rented one flat on trial and soon added another. Their membership grew from seven to thirty-four, and three flats became necessary. Each girl contributes \$3.00 a week to the treasury and out of this is paid the rent and wages of the cook, second girl and washerwoman. The affairs are controlled by a committee and the finances are looked after with much care and conscientiousness. The meals are plain but well cooked, the rooms are tidy and well furnished, there is a piano and a library for the use of the members. The club has been self-supporting from the beginning, and the girl who earns from \$6 to \$15 in the best season finds there a paradise in comparison with what she could hire for the same price elsewhere.

The Hull House is not a charity in the strict sense of the word, as

dealing with the unemployed. It aims to aid those who are industrious but who need guiding, to surround them with more enjoyment and to lead them to wider development and higher possibilities.

M. J. H. (*Psi*).

THE BOSTON UNIVERSITY SETTLEMENT.

“I’VE been reading *De Natura Deorum*; I have done about twenty pages and dull enough I’ve found Cicero’s opinions about the gods. Oh! it’s stupid to read learned essays to prove the existence of gods in this splendid season when you can feel the Divine, and see It, too, in the glory around you.”

These words from the letter of a college friend would intrude with apparent irrelevance into the thoughts of the writer as she rested one morning in the past summer, hot and tired, in the shady walks of old Copp’s Hill Burial-Ground, in Boston. During these summer months it had not been the glory round about but the oppressive wretchedness of so large a part of her native city’s life that had been borne in on her mind.

And what here in the heart of the North End, among the silent folk of Copp’s Hill, could suggest the idea of the glory of living? It is not a pleasing prospect on the whole:—a hot noon-day sun beating down on noisy streets with rough, irregular pavements; dirty looking houses; dirty children screaming in the streets and running among the graves of those old New England worthies; cries of fruit-venders and fishmongers.

Leading off Charter Street, in front, are dark alleys and unspeakably noisome courts and lanes, where one is not surprised to see diphtheria and fever notices on the doors, and to hear that “Mrs. — buried two lovely children last week—and they *were* such fine children!” Then some one does think these unlovely appearing little ones loveable! The visitor who is making her first “roand” looks as if she hardly thought it possible.

A short walk takes one into the crowded foreign-land of Salem and Hanover streets, but from the graveyard—“our park,” the settlement people call it—there is a glimpse of water down ferry-ward, and around

the corner is Old Christ Church with its many-remembered history, as out of keeping with its setting as some quaint curio in the dingy window of a Salem Street pawn shop.

In the quiet of this spot one thinks, too, of looking for the sky, and somehow down in those ill-lighted, ill-smelling streets one cannot think of a bit of blue above.

"'Taint no use. You ain't sick!" broke in a boy's voice. But the little one having surveyed the basket carefully was persistent in her desire to get the one bunch of flowers that remained. The "mission lady" handed it to her with a laugh at her exultation over the boy's discomfiture. The child sat down on an overturned slab and sniffed her flowers appreciatively, turning occasionally to look after the girl who went out by the gate on Hull Street. Her thoughts were of the words of the letter. She had decided that they were not out of place here, although the wretchedness did prevail.

The house that she entered, number 34, has on the door-plate, "Epworth House—University Settlement."

Inside, on this flower-mission day, tables are laden with the baskets of cut-flowers that have come in from outlying towns, and workers are preparing to distribute them.

Outside the door is a crowd of children, mostly girls with babies; the bell rings continually. To-morrow a party of little Italian girls are going on an outing with one of the gentlemen of the settlement, but one has nothing suitable to wear and something must be done.

With the preparations for dinner, and the college gossip of the Boston University girls who have come in from out of town to help, there is a busy and animated scene.

About two years ago this work was started in a different part of the city, by some of the students of the Boston University Theological School. By study of social conditions at home and abroad they prepared themselves for the work of establishing and maintaining in one of Boston's worst wards a University settlement.

This is carried on largely through assistance received from the Boston Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and through private contributions.

The furnishings of the present advantageously situated house having been supplied by several suburban leagues, the name "Epworth House" has been added to that of "University Settlement."

The number of resident workers averages about from ten to twelve. After a year's residence and special preparation in Italy, Mr. Conte is now working in behalf of the settlement among his own people, the large Italian population of the district.

Miss Cooke, who was for over thirty years a teacher in the West, refused a position at the Mildmay Mission in London, (where she spent two years in studying the work) in order to devote her energy to her native city.

Another resident worker, one of the founders, is at present Instructor in English in the College of Liberal Arts of Boston University.

A graduate of the class of '93 of the above college has charge of the domestic affairs of the House and is one of the visitors for a certain "beat." Wednesday is reception day at the settlement, but on every other day and evening, in accordance with a regular systematized programme, there are Bible classes, industrial clubs, mothers' meetings, morning kindergartens (the latter on Saturday in Morgan Chapel, corner of Shawmut Avenue and Indiana Place); also, classes in sewing, drawing, modelling, reading, English; evangelistic work is carried on Sundays in several different parts of the city. It is endeavored to have native preachers for the different nationalities. Professor Mitchell, of the University, has addressed the Jews.

In the club and class work there are separate afternoons and evenings for Jews, Irish and Italians.

Students who board in town help in the Saturday morning work, and graduates who do not desire to become resident workers are becoming interested in the undertaking.

At the opening of the present college year, Mrs. Helms, the wife of one of the founders, and Miss Cooke, spoke before the young women of the Liberal Arts Department, on the desirability of helping in the work, by gifts of clothing to the very poor, books and papers and "pretty things" for bazaars and Christmas festivals, and especially by personal work in the classes and clubs.

As a result, five or six girls take charge, every Tuesday afternoon, of the Jewish sewing class.

But the essential part of the work is the house-to-house visiting, in which all the residents participate.

Access to the homes is gained easily, in summer through the flowers and at other times by the intervention of the children who attend the classes.

In this way only can the idea of a true neighborhood community be realized. Where the numerous methods hitherto used to ameliorate the conditions of the poor in the ill-regulated parts of the city are being more and more distrusted, the university or social settlement meets a long-felt want, a means of living *with* these people, not helping them to-day and letting them go astray for lack of guidance to-morrow, but watching over their daily cares and trials, meeting and extending the results obtained through Country Week and Home Library.

And to the worker the work itself, apart from the end, brings a sense of the real "glory" of living. For, despite dingy surrounding and gloomy outlook, there is no surer means of finding "earth not grey but rosy."

M. H. C. (*Phi.*)

Alumnæ Department.

REVISITED.

The pleasures of memory are a variable quantity. They take on a lively tinge and the mind is entertained by a pantomime full of color and motion and life where every figure is distinct. Or it may be a mist rests over the pictures of the past and a vague softness sinks into the mind, leaving impressions like those of a dream. At all events, the past, distinct or vague, lives only as it can call up present sensations. Otherwise it is not I who lived in that recalled past, only some being whom I remember to have known, but in whose joys and sorrows I take no present part, and whose experiences interest me only as I take interest in all the figures of history.

And so memory has two modes—one picturesque, the other vital.

As I, an alumna, revisit my chapter, I am conscious of both these modes. Once again I see things as they were in undergraduate days—the whole college scene of dear friendships, hot battles, eagerness for intellectual attainment, busy days crowded with big and little things. All these things were. I see them stretched out in a long line. I recognize them. But I do not shout or cry, for they are history. Yet that is but one aspect, they do live although they are gone. The friendships do not die. Even the hot battles without and within did something to solidify one, though the heat is gone. All has left its stamp and we are alive because of all that has taken place before.

There was an initiation the other day. That was fine. That was the past and the present together. The picturesque and vital joined together, united in a real solidarity. What remains forever is persons and the truths they embody, and in the relationship of fraternity this is the great and lasting thing. And when I revisit my chapter I renew old relationships and make new ones. That is always worth while.

To every Kappa this alumna sends her hearty greeting.

MARY KINGSBURY (*Phi*).

PERSONAL NOTES.

Phi.

Emily H. Bright, '90, Grand President Kappa Kappa Gamma, was married December 28, to Mr. Addison Center Burnham, of Cambridge, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Burnham will live at 751 Main Street, Cambridge.

Helen H. Wadsworth, '91, is teaching in the High School at Somerville, Mass.

Grace H. Parker, '92, is teaching in the Girls' High School, Providence, R. I.

Alice R. Sheppard, '92, teaches in the High School at Dalton, Mass.

Marion J. Wendell, '92, teaches in the High School at Dedham, Mass.

Grace E. H. Casey, '92, teaches in the Newton High School.

Alice M. Smith, '93, teaches in the High School at Randolph, Mass.

Psi.

Laura Stanley Dickey has the position of teacher of sciences at Houghton Seminary, Clinton, N. Y.

Georgia Cary Baker has resigned her position in the same school and has entered Chicago University.

Cards have been received announcing the marriage of Helene Boileau, '89, and Mr. John H. Bowlby of Bath, N. Y.

Jenny Bonnell Grafft, '93, is teaching in South Tonawanda, N. Y., while Grace Swearingen of the same class has a position in Cheney, Washington.

December 12, at the Unitarian Church, Germantown, Pa., Caroline Galvin von Utassy was married to Dr. William Alexander Hammond, Professor of Ancient and Mediæval Philosophy at Cornell University. After the ceremony a reception was given to about one hundred guests at the bride's home. Mr. and Mrs. Hammond will be "at home," Ithaca, N. Y., January 10.

Beta Delta.

Kate Ross, '93, is teaching in the High School at Terre Haute, Ind.

Katharine Alvord, '93, is at home this year in Sandusky, Ohio.

Lulu Southmayd, '93, is instructor in Latin and Greek in the High School at Ishpeming, Mich.

Georgia Smealie, '93, is with Beta Delta again, having entered the Medical Department, where she is working for a degree.

Gertrude Bagley, '93, is tutoring in Latin and the Modern Languages in Detroit, Mich.

Helen MacGregor, '92, was married in August to Dr. Joseph VanDeventer and is living at Ishpeming, Mich.

Jessica Vaughn Penny, '92, teaches in the Ann Arbor High School.

The Parthenon.

WE whirl on from day to day, busy with the affairs and lessons of the hour, bending our energies on college work or fraternity doings,—now a reading, a party, then a little business transaction,—and enjoying the pleasures of congenial companionship; and the “how” and the “wherefore” of the fraternity-at-large seldom assail our serene and trusting demeanor. It is this aspect of content that I would ruffle, this habit of self-satisfaction that I would disturb, by the direct question to every member of a Greek-letter society,—“These immense fraternities, with their conventions and charters, councils, rules, and sub-rules, what place have they in the world’s forces? Ought they not to be more than a feature of college life? And to every individual Kappa,—“What is this vast organization of Kappa Kappa Gamma doing that is of appreciable, definite value?”

Suppose a man is developed to a high degree of physical power and beauty; each organ works perfectly of itself and with all the other organs. But of what value is his physique if it is used to no purpose? “A proper man’s picture!” What does the man himself count if he has no direction, no aim? True, each air cell is given something to do, is made to live because the whole body lives, but that is a meagre excuse for the existence of so big and capable a body. He has possibilities. He could accomplish a great deal, but he does nothing but develop each cell and perfect his physical self. The machine is ready, but needs a controlling idea to set it in motion and make it worthy of its capabilities.

So with a fraternity, not only ours, but every other,—to what is its force equivalent? Individuals are awakened, helped, developed, no doubt,—but what do we stand for as an organization? Are we not doing too little in proportion to our size and capacities?

It is right and natural for persons with common sympathies to gravitate to one another. But wherefore are such groups held together by a name and an elaborate system of government? There should be a com-

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mon, definite work to bind the groups into a sheaf of great power. Concentration on a single ruling purpose is always more effective than a vague aspiration.

We Kappas are prepared to accomplish great good, for we can work in unison; we are organized, and with more system than the numerous philanthropic and temperance societies. There are plenty of things for us to do. The channels of temperance, woman's rights, charities, benevolent lecture systems, are always open, and the tremendous impetus we might give would be welcome. We might enlarge our KEY into a woman's journal, containing articles by well known writers, which would help and interest every woman in the land. As it is now, we manage our magazine with the view of furnishing only matter of objective interest to the different chapters. There is no thought in this of helping outsiders.

In my mind we *as an association* have no right to live when we live for ourselves alone. More than this, we have no right to live when we ignore the wonderful means of power placed in our very hands,—that of organization.

MARIAN JEAN CRAIG (*Chi*).

Pleasant and helpful as the girls at Syracuse University find their fraternity relations, they were awakened last year to the realization of the fact that the fraternity spirit among them was rapidly developing into an ignoble rivalry. They sought in vain to remedy the evil, until the happy thought of creating a Panthugaterian Society occurred to one of the Juniors. So three girls from each woman's fraternity and three from the neutral body were called to a conference, which resulted in the establishment of our Panthugaterian Society.

It was not long before each fraternity chapter and each non-fraternity girl received a neatly-folded square of brown paper bearing these words:

"As a member you are informed of The First Conclave of The Panthugaterian Society, June 2, 1893, 7.30 to 10.30, P. M."

Then many were the questions that were asked: "What does this

mean?" "What is this Panthugaterian Society of which I am supposed to be a member?" They were told to come and see.

Friday evening came, clear and starry; the men all went off to their fraternity meetings, and we were sure of having the whole campus to ourselves. Soon after half-past seven, one group of girls after another might have been seen going toward the Y. M. C. A. building, where they were cordially received by the "committee." Then followed the merry talk and laughter in which only girls can heartily indulge, interrupted at nine o'clock by a short programme consisting of "Sic Pfeifen," charades, "Songs without Words," and orchestral music (on combs). Later a simple "Me an' U" of wafers, dates and "a venerable ancestor's favorite drink" was enjoyed. But lo! while we were still at the water fountain the hour for parting arrived, and merrily we started homeward, declaring that no girls had ever passed a happier evening together. We had wholly forgotten to consider whether the girls with whom we were laughing were Gamma Phi Betas, Alpha Phis, Thetas or Kappas. For that evening, at least, they were girls, — only girls.

The Pathugaterian Society has now passed safely through its trial stage, and we feel assured that it has come to stay, for, it responds to a long-felt need in uniting the various factions into a harmonious whole. It has been prophesied, moreover, that the men will begin to realize the importance of the movement and will eventually follow the lead of the "co-eds."

CAROLINE S. ROMER (*Beta Tau*).

The Corresponding Secretary of Beta Delta has mentioned in the chapter letter the contract entered upon by the women's fraternities at the University of Michigan.

The first article of this contract reads: "We agree to
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 Pins. coöperate heartily with the work of the Woman's League,
 especially during the first two weeks of the college year. As a
 means to the attainment of this end: the wearing of our fraternity pins or
 colors during the first two weeks of college, or at the Freshman Spread."

At the general fraternity meeting, this point was discussed at length, Kappa Kappa Gamma alone objecting to it. The other representatives felt confident that all barriers would be broken down and that we should all be sisters, ready to offer help to the Freshman girl without regard to fraternity. Is this not a mistaken idea? Does the fact that we wear the anchor, the arrow or the key make us less interested in those around us? Surely not. For, if the presence of one golden key make any difference in our treatment of others, then the leading idea of fraternity is lost, for it should inspire us with a zeal for good work and not hold us back in narrow, selfish limits.

W. H. (*Beta Delta*).

It has been a great pleasure to read and to hear of the meeting of Kappas last summer; but I feel as if I were more than fortunate, for the first meeting in our cosy Kappa Corner not only led to others, but also, this Thanksgiving, to a delightful visit.

It was cold, and the snow had a peculiarly Arctic glitter
A. Visit. as I stepped off the train in Minneapolis and was met by one of Chi's sweetest Kappas, but as we sped along the cold was forgotten, and let me tell you a secret—it never enters the home of a Chi, Kappa Kappa Gamma.

That afternoon several of those who wear the key made me indeed welcome among them.

On the next day, a candy-pull was given at Kappa headquarters, and in those chapter rooms, Chi shines as only Kappa Kappa Gamma can. The rooms are furnished artistically in the two blues and everything is a token of love, from the dainty desk and couch to the Elephants which our Minneapolis girls will show all good Kappas. The corn having been popped and spilled, the candy was long in boiling, but thanks to the Herculean strength of the Invincible Twelve—the Freshmen—the popcorn was the best and the candy the most delicious that the company had ever tasted.

While the candy was simmering, our friendship was strengthening under the cordial warmth of Chi girls.

Songs, too, added much to the good fellowship, songs in which Psi and Cornell were most ingeniously woven, and which made my pulses throb with memories of olden times—for I am one of the “old girls.” As they sang, I could look on the beautiful chapter life of these girls, and my feeling of admiration increased as I came to know them better in the three succeeding days. I wish that I might describe each one, for each is different in her peculiarly charming way. I saw them again, among other people, at a tea given by my little hostess, and there in a different light they were ever the same sweet, womanly girls. Indeed, one of the very best wishes that I can make for all Kappas is that they may some some day visit Chi Chapter and see the girls and Chi’s “Little Nell.”

M. B. L. (*Psi*).

Unlike Burns, who evidently thought it impossible to see one’s self through another’s eyes, we Kappas cannot help knowing how we appear to our “non-fraternity” friends, to our relatives, and to the members of other fraternities. They are always ready to express their opinions whenever the subject of our fraternity life is touched upon, and these opinions differ in range from flippancy to horror, from indifference to envy. For instance, the brother or cousin who has just been taken in (perhaps in more senses than one) by some fraternity whose idiotic and cruel initiation ceremonies are creative of much scandal, inquires patronizingly, “What do you do at your initiations, anyway? I suppose you shut the poor girls up in a dark closet and dangle a live mouse before their faces, don’t you?” “Of course not,” another scornful youth answers for us; “none of them would dare to hold the mouse. They contrive an engine of torture out of hair-pins.” Just how this is done he does not explain.

Then there is our prim maiden aunt, who in her youth attended a “Select Female Seminary,” where a Greek-letter secret society would have been regarded as heathenish. No wonder she protests in horrified tones when her amazed ears catch such words as “the owl,” “our goat,” “rushing,” and “barbs.” Does she imagine, I wonder, that we keep a menagerie

enclosed by a barbed wire fence, or that we have cane-rushes, as do our brothers?

The dear grandmother looks up from her knitting to ask, "Are you sure, girls, that it is entirely lady-like?" Of course she is promptly assured that all Kappa girls are considered models of deportment by the faculties of their respective colleges.

The girl who attends a college where secret societies are not allowed, assumes a superior air, and says, "You know our president is dreadfully opposed to any imitation of the men's customs, and besides we don't feel the need of a fraternity with all our other societies." The enthusiastic Kappa girl cannot refrain from saying softly to herself, "Sour grapes!"

Our younger brother, who is just mastering his "First Lessons in Latin," takes us severely to task for calling ourselves a Fraternity, instead of a Sorority.

But the comments for which we listen most eagerly are those made by the Freshman upon first viewing fraternity life from the outside. Sometimes she expresses disdain for all our proceedings and calls us "too exclusive," but more frequently she exclaims enviously, "I would give a great deal to be invited to join Kappa Kappa Gamma." In either case her fate is sealed, for we are no longer interested in a girl who does not consider it an honor to belong to Kappa, or one who is too manifestly desirous of election.

Finally, there are those to whom our golden key is the symbol of loyal friendship, of tender sympathies and worthy aspirations; and if we sometimes act unwisely in our fraternity affairs, they withhold censure, knowing that the true Kappa spirit will soon assert itself to correct any errors made through undue enthusiasm. For beneath all our fun and our secrecy, they see the deeper significance of Kappa sisterhood, of loving and helpful union in attaining the goal of nobler living.

H. B. C. (*Beta Epsilon.*)

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

PHI—BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

It seems a long time since Phi has had a chance to send greetings to the Kappas, and we gladly take this opportunity to send cordial greetings to all. We have had an unusually happy and prosperous fall, and we have a great deal to talk about.

First, although we cannot boast of a chapter-house, as can some of our more fortunate chapters, yet we are very proud of our new rooms. We began our search for them early in September. At first we met with discouragements, but finally succeeded in finding some very pleasant rooms near the college. We had our worldly possessions moved in and then sallied forth in search of curtains, rug, couch, chair, etc. It has been quite fun, despite the work, to furnish these rooms; our alumnæ have been very kind in donating pieces of furniture and money for furnishings, and we feel very grateful to them all. We have had merry "sewing bees," making our fleur-de-lis curtains and silk cushions. We have always enjoyed our Kappa rooms, wherever they were, but never have we had such a feeling of complete ownership and independence as now.

On October 17, we celebrated Kappa's twenty-third birthday by a little informal "house-warming," to which we invited our alumnæ. About a dozen of them favored us with their ever-welcome presence, and conversation "over the tea-cups" was quite lively for a few hours.

We had a little initiation in our rooms on October 24, and it is with great happiness and pride that we introduce to the Kappa world the two initiates of that occasion, Dorothy Simmons, '95, and Mary E. Hadley, '96.

On November 25 we held another initiation in Melrose, at the hospitable home of one of our sophomores, Susie Flint. The day was bright and perfect, and it seemed to each one of us that there never had been

such a fine initiation, except, of course, our own. We ask your hearty welcome for our ten initiates : Marion Chadbourne, Katherine Chamberlain, Marion S. Chamberlain, Ella L. Chase, Pearl C. Chase, Florence E. Evelith, Marion Gray, Grace L. Griffiths, Annie C. Hatch, Lena B. Pool.

It could not but be a joyous occasion, for there were such good things to eat! Such wonderful toasts, inspired by the brightest of toast-mistresses, Sara Cone Bryant! And, then best of all, such happy freshmen. But all good times must come to an end, and so, after singing a few old Kappa songs, old yet ever new, we bade our kind hostess good night, and sought our homes.

We have missed the general program this year. We enjoyed it very much last year and had hoped it would have proved a successful experiment, so that we might have another to follow out. We have enjoyed some very pleasant "at homes" this fall, at Margaret Dodge's and at Lida Penfield's.

College life has been rather quiet and uneventful. There have been a few class-socials, and the juniors, according to the good old established custom, have given a reception to the freshmen. It is rumored that our seniors will soon appear in cap and gown. There have been no changes in the Faculty, with the exception that Mr. Walker has taken Mr. Antrim's place as instructor in rhetoric. The various clubs of the college are all flourishing; the glee-club is small this year, but very choice. Our foot-ball team, although it claims an existence, has not yet become famous. There have been no freshman-sophomore disturbances, and it would seem that all feeling must have been disposed of early in the term at their base-ball game and "cane-rush" held at Franklin Park.

Our students received through President Warren, not many days ago, after chapel exercises, the kind greetings sent us by the students at Syracuse. We would say that we were pleased to receive these greetings and that the students appreciated them. At a recent oratorical contest Alice C. Weeks, Kappa's only representative, took the first prize for young women, of whom there were five contestants.

Phi sends greetings to all the Kappas, especially to the new Swarth-

more Kappas, whom we have not yet greeted through **THE KEY**. We know that they are loyal and "true blue" from all that we hear of them.

PERSONAL.

The Misses Hitchcock are in Switzerland for a year's study.
Emma Shipman is teaching in Barre, Vt.
Emma J. Blackstone has left college.

PSI—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Our ranks seemed greatly thinned when we returned this fall. The chapter last year was unusually large, but owing to the number of Seniors and Specials many did not return and we were left with only eight active members. However our girls in town were a great stand-by and we soon initiated Bernice Grant Haviland, '96 and Mary Cass Spencer, graduate student in Physics. We cannot yet report any of the entering class, as pledge day is not until December fifth. A new arrangement has been made by the Pan-Hellenic committee, by which "pledge day" comes about week after 'asking day.'

Early this fall, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the University was celebrated. Friday night a reception for the graduates was held in Library Hall.

Saturday morning, addresses were given by prominent men, the principal speaker being Mr. Chauncy M. Depew. Sunday, Bishop Doane delivered a sermon in the Armory. Miss Otis, one of Psi's members in '88, returned for a few days, and we were glad to have her with us at chapter meeting.

On November 18th, Emma Margaret Lang, '93, was married to Mr. Herbert H. Morehouse '89. On their way to Brooklyn they stopped at Ithaca a few days, and after spending some time in the former place they will make their home in Quezaltenango, Gautemala.

We escorted them in state to the station and edified the spectators by giving the Kappa Kappa Gamma yell.

The D. K. E.'s very kindly opened their house for an informal dance

to the K. K. G.'s, and some of the new girls. We have given several entertainments at the homes of the town girls, one of them being a representation of the Mediæval Ballad of "Mary Jane," followed by "Mrs. Jarley's waxworks."

PERSONALS.

Lucy Cleaveland Mott, '96, has entered Wellesley College.

Mrs. Moore of Iota chapter has entered Cornell as a graduate student.

Rosa C. Lang is teaching in the Armour Institute, Chicago.

Frances Tappan was unable to return this fall on account of illness.

BETA BETA—ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

On the 20th of October, Beta Beta Chapter gave an entertainment consisting of a program of music and tableaux. The latter were the novel feature of the evening, as they represented the common pictorial advertisements,—for instance, Baker's cocoa,—pearline, etc. After the program, refreshments were served, and dancing followed.

This, however, stopped promptly at twelve o'clock. And an hour later, when every Kappa was supposed to be in the land of dreams, they were, in reality, gathered in the Chapter room for the initiation of four new members.

The initiation was carried through most successfully, and the next morning we had the pleasure of introducing our new members to a very much surprised College. We are glad to add to the long list of faithful Kappas, the names of Antoinette Josephine Foster, '96; Sibyl Eliza Bailey, '96; Julia Lansing Hull, Special; Laura Estelle Burroughs, '94.

The chapter is full of enthusiasm this year, and is in a very prosperous condition.

The meetings are well attended, and in addition to the regular fraternity work, we have had very interesting literary programs.

There must be truth in the old adage,—“The more one has to do, the more he can do,” for beside this regular work, which is being carried on in so happy a fashion, we are filling up new rooms. On account of the

increasing number of students, our present chapter rooms in University Hall are required by the Faculty for reception purposes, But since they have given us in exchange three very pleasant rooms on the third floor, we leave our present home with less regret. We have converted two of the rooms into one large one, and it is now being made into a true Kappa room, by means of dainty pink and blue paper on the walls, and a delicate shade of blue paint. The floor is to be covered with rugs, and each girl has some particular portion of the room under her charge.

We wish that every Kappa from far and wide might come to our house-warming, when we shall have removed our chapter idols to their home, and especially our dearest possession,—the big white owl, who gazes benignly down upon us.

BETA TAU—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Beta Tau wishes first of all to introduce to her Kappa sisters the eight girls of '97 who have recently donned the golden key. We are proud of our new girls and have reason to believe that in them we have eight true Kappas. We ask your welcome for Jesse Brooks, Mattie Caldwell, Lois Dean, Lucy Hamson, Emily Newcomb, Helen Poltery and Bessie and Mabel Williard. Not only have we received new girls, but we have welcomed as guests several of our older sisters, of whom Mary Christie, '90, who is now in the Philadelphia Medical College, was the first. Fannie Ford, who is now studying music in New York City, and Ella Pierson, both of whom were with us last year, have also spent several days at the chapter house this term.

One marriage, that of Violet Telfer to Mr. Frank Christie of Pennsylvania, has also occurred since our return to college. We miss her calls but we are pleased to welcome our new brother. We are now to lose Harriet Hollis '95, as she has accepted a position in the academy at her home where the term begins early in December.

Kappa's twenty-third birthday was celebrated October 13, by the initiation of our eight freshmen and a banquet in the evening. The occasion was one of unusual interest and enjoyment.

During this term our chapter has been entertained several times by

our city girls, and on Saturday evening, October 21, by Beta Epsilon of Beta Theta Pi at their chapter house. Their home is very pleasant and the evening was delightfully spent, progressive games being a prominent feature of entertainment.

On Saturday evening, November 18, Beta Tau gave a "Pi Party." The "Pi" consisted of conundrums, puzzles, sliced cities, etc.

As a University we are rejoicing over the election of James Day, D.D., of New York City, as our chancellor, and just recently we have learned of his acceptance. We look forward with great expectations for the future of our University.

Syracuse has also been favored as the place for the convention of the presidents of Methodist colleges, and as students we have had the pleasure of hearing many of them speak.

To her sister chapters Beta Tau sends greetings and best wishes.

BETA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

We as a chapter have no startling news to relate. Our pleasant uneventful meetings usually find us in our places ready to discuss Fraternity business and talk over college affairs.

The festivities of the year were ushered in on the thirteenth of October, by a reception given by the Faculty to the students. It was a stormy evening, so that few of the women were present. Those that braved the wind and rain had a delightful time.

The women of the University are in such a minority, and so scattered through the various departments that there is comparatively little social intercourse, excepting through our efforts. On November 25, the Field Club of the Biological School gave a luncheon to the Club of Woodstown. About twenty-five guests were present. The Kappas were largely instrumental in making the entertainment a success.

On the 2d of December we gave the first of a series of teas, to all the women of the University, including the wives of the Faculty.

Our guests apparently enjoyed themselves; the Kappas certainly did. It was the first opportunity we had had to meet many of the new students.

Since THE KEY last heard from us, the college buildings have been increased in number, by the Wistar School of Anatomy. It is very beautiful, and we are all proud of it. But the new Chemical building which is nearing completion has a peculiar interest for us, as several of our number are students in chemistry.

We have lost six good Kappas this year through various causes, and are looking for recruits to fill the gaps. When you next hear from us I hope we can report the membership up to the standard.

BETA IOTA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

To Kappas one and all Beta Iota again sends Greetings through THE KEY.

Since our last letter we have all enjoyed a very pleasant vacation, it being the good fortune of all but one of our members to be able to go to The World's Fair. To see the wonders of "The White City" was a great treat, and all of us, I am sure, have returned to our College duties benefitted by our trip.

This fall we have added two new Kappas to our list. Their names are Aida Therese Evans, '96, and Laura Cecilia Miller, '97. Now they are the proud wearers of the key and we are happy to welcome them to our number.

As we have no chapter rooms yet we initiated Laura Miller at the home of Mary Hayes in West Chester. We had the initiation in the afternoon, and in the evening we held a reception to the Phi Kappa Psis in return for the exceedingly pleasant reception which they gave us at the home of two of their members, the Messrs Clothier, after the establishment of our Chapter. The evening at Mary Hayes' home was spent in dancing and we had a delightful time. Mrs. Bond, our dean, was our chaperone, and she pronounced the party a decided success. The Phi Psis had a pleasant surprise for us. They presented us with a beautiful copy of *Baird's Manual*, bound in leather, with Kappa Kappa Gamma on it in gold letters. The book was exactly what we needed, and it will be all the more highly prized in remembrance of the givers.

A very pleasant reception was given us by the Pi Beta Phis on November 15.

We were very happy to have Miss Von Utassy, a Kappa from Cornell, at one of our meetings, and yesterday we were surprised and delighted to receive an invitation to her wedding, for our whole chapter. We greatly appreciate the invitation, and hope to accept it and go in a body.

Nine of our girls are being entertained at the home of one of our members, Lydia Biddle, over the Thanksgiving holiday. At the same time her brother is entertaining nine of his brothers, the Phi Kappa Psis. Amidst our gay times the "Ai Korai Athenes" is often heard, and the light and dark blue of Kappa, and the pink and lavender of Phi Psi are the popular colors.

On Saturday, November 25, a coach load of Kappas attended the great foot-ball game of the season for us, Swarthmore vs. Haverford, with a score of 50 to 0 in Swarthmore's favor. You may believe that enthusiasm ran high, and I think I can say that our coach could vie well with some of the boys for songs and shouts which showed our delight.

Our Seniors, to which class four of our number belong, are busy practicing for a Shakespeare Evening which is to take place before Christmas.

I hope after the account of our festivities the Kappas will not think that their "baby" Chapter is given only to pleasures. Let me say, that although we fully appreciate the enjoyment that fraternity life has given us, yet we do not forget the true aim of Kappa. With serious thoughts our minds often turn to it, and we hope to grow more and more, as years roll by, in the perfection of that aim.

GAMMA RHO—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

College opened this fall with very bright prospects for Kappa Kappa Gamma. After a hard contest with our rival fraternity we were victorious and added the following names to our list: — Josette Linn, Margaret Fromyer, Louise Sampson, and Florence Appleby.

The Y. M. C. A. reception was given Monday evening in the second week of college, and was a very pleasant affair.

Many of our girls attended a Phi Gamma Delta party at the beginning of the term.

The inauguration of our new president Dr. Crawford, took place Wednesday, October 18th. The evening before, an educational meeting was held at the First Methodist Church, the most prominent speaker of the evening being Bishop Vincent. The day of the inauguration a procession was formed on the college campus, composed of the speakers, the faculty, and the students. The different fraternities and societies were represented by banners. At the church, addresses were delivered by different prominent speakers and the keys and charter were given to Dr. Crawford. In the evening, a reception was given to Dr. and Mrs. Crawford in the chapel of the church.

The Phi Delta Theta fraternity gave a dinner to lady friends, Thanksgiving eve.

On Thanksgiving morning, we initiated Mae Richmond into our circle.

BETA PROVINCE.

LAMBDA — BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

Lambda again sends her heartiest greetings to all Kappa sisters. We know that you will rejoice with us in our glorious victories, and so, with great pride, we immediately place before you the list of our recent Kappa initiates, Grace Stanley, Blanche Chamberlain, Elmie Warner, Jessie Moore, Elizabeth McDerment. They are all stalwart Kappas, and we are justly proud of them.

Our active members now number eighteen. And lo! a new hall awaits us. With what happy hearts we frequently visit it, and plan for the decorations, the cosy corners, the window seats, and the other attractions which will make it so homelike and enjoyable. All our energy will be employed to make it "a thing of beauty," and "a joy forever" it certainly will be.

We have had a few social affairs this term, and several others are coming in the near future. Miss Blanche Chamberlain very pleasantly

entertained the chapter at a taffy-pull on October 20. A few impromptu "spreads" have been indulged in.

On the seventh of December, Laura Findley is to marry Mr. J. A. Muir, of Port Huron, Michigan. In October, Lillian C. Stewart was married to Dr. Richardson, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Buchtel is to have a Glee Club. The vocal instructor, Mr. Gage, has undertaken the enterprise, and it promises great success.

The young women rooming in the College Building have given several receptions, in which all four classes were represented. All have proved very novel and entertaining.

With much sorrow we inform you of the deaths of Mrs. Fannie Fell Ford, in September; and of Burton Holcomb, in July.

PERSONALS.

Mary Crosby is studying medicine in New York.

Alice Slade has a private school in Columbus.

Minnie Fuller still has charge of the Art Department.

Julia MacGregor has returned home from abroad.

BETA GAMMA—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

After the pleasure and relaxation of the long summer vacation, the Beta Gamma girls returned to college full of joyful anticipation. But when we met in our chapter room to plan the coming campaign, we found that only six had returned, ten of our last year's girls having left us. Everyone of us, however, being full of enthusiasm, we went to work with a will, and as the result of our labor we present to you five new Kappas: Katharine Lucas, '96; Madge Bittenbender, '97; Louise Griesemer, '99, pledged; Annett Thackwell, special; Cora Altman, '97.

Although our chapter is smaller in numbers than it has been for several years, yet, "In union there is strength," and so full of zeal are we that we can truly say that the chapter has never been stronger and more prosperous.

Wooster is unusually gay this year; fraternity spirit runs high, and

the chapters vie with each other in seeing which can entertain the oftenest and in the most enjoyable manner.

A few days after the opening of college we gave a reception to our friends at the home of Miss Daisy Thomas. About sixty were present including the Kappas. The evening was spent in dancing and conversation, and when the guests departed at a late hour, many were the expressions of thanks and pleasure over the evening's enjoyment. A short time after this, we gave a very informal party at the home of the Misses Birdie and Grace Ihrig for the girls whom we were rushing.

We celebrated the anniversary of the founding of the fraternity by a spread at the hospitable Ihrig home, which always stands open for Kappa festivities. Several other evenings we have spent together in social enjoyment, an old fashioned party and a taffy-pull being the most memorable of these occasions.

Wooster College is in an unusually prosperous condition this year. About one hundred and seventy-five new students entered at the beginning of the term and the number is constantly increasing.

Great interest is taken in the literary societies, and on the evening after Thanksgiving there is to be a joint public meeting of the three collegiate societies, the Willard, — the young ladies', — the Irving, and the Athenian, — the gentlemen's.

The football craze is raging wildly at present, and, although the faculty has prevented any striving to rival other college teams, by prohibiting intercollegiate games, yet the teams of the different classes keep up great excitement by their numerous games. The Junior class holds the championship at present, and, evidently wishing to keep that fact before the eyes of the vanquished, appeared a short time ago, wearing attached to their class colors a miniature football.

Nearly all the Beta Gamma girls were at the World's Fair and all say that one of the most enjoyable parts was the sight of so many Kappas from different parts of the country. These meetings made us realize more fully what a strong bond is that of Kappa, and how large and noble a company of girls it is that the ties of the blue and the blue unite.

PERSONAL.

Elizabeth Prestly of Pittsburg visited Elizabeth Johnson for several weeks during October.

Mary Brotherton of Lima spent a week here at the beginning of the term, helping the girls "rush."

Nettie Childs is attending the School of Oratory in Boston, this year.

Alice Bechtel is teaching in the Public Schools of Lima.

BETA NU—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

The 14th of September dawned brightly upon Beta Nu chapter entering college sixteen strong.

On registration day we initiated Lucy Allen and Imogene Ingram, who for two long years have been pledgelings.

Having such a strong chapter, Beta Nu did not feel the need of immediate rushing. In one of the late numbers of THE KEY, the news letter from Iota tells of a contract made between the two women's fraternities of the University, concerning the issuing of bids to the new girls.

Beta Nu, thinking this a good plan and feeling that the chapter would never be in a better condition than at present to make the experiment, decided to do so. But Kappa Alpha Theta having been interviewed, refused to make any such agreement.

Nevertheless Beta Nu was determined to form some plan by which she might become better acquainted with the new girls before bidding them. We issued a circular to the new girls stating the purpose of fraternities and the desirability of delaying bids, not only for the sake of the chapter but also for the sake of the *urchins*, and concluding with the statement that no bids would be issued by us before December 1st. We have issued no bids as yet but have in view some of the best girls in college. The final results of this step cannot as yet be stated.

We have quite an acquisition in Miss Bascoul, a member of Eta, who is with us as the assistant instructor in geology. In her honor a reception was given by the chapter at the residence of Professor Kellicott, at which

the members of the Faculty and upper classmen were present. The house was prettily decorated in blue and blue, and with potted plants, while the music was furnished by an orchestra.

On September 27, we gave a rushing party at the pleasant home of Marietta Cole, and each Kappa played the part of an inspector-general.

On the fraternity anniversary the alumnæ entertained us at the home of Mrs. George Cless. Here a most royal good time was enjoyed, the absent members sending letters which were read to the chapter.

On Hallowe'en the Kappas informally entertained their friends at the home of Maud Smith, where all the tricks and devices peculiar to that night were performed.

Other informal receptions have been given at which the Kappas have been well represented.

Seven members of the Faculty have shifted the coil of single blessedness and made seven maidens happy, which events have afforded ample topics for conversation among college girls.

BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

This year, for the first time, Beta Delta has a chapter house. All last year a "House" was a never-exhausted source of argument, for and against. In June, however, final arrangements were made for our chapter home, and during the vacation the Kappas who live in Ann Arbor passed the summer days embroidering lunch cloths, Kappa cushions, and the dozen other things that make our Kappa home cozy.

Even in this short time the Kappa House has appropriated to itself a large share of our affections. It is so natural to stop there on our way to and from college. We are always sure to find some of the Kappas at home, and have the most delightful and exciting chats over the new girls, the last hop, the latest Rugby contest of the U. of M. team, the soul harrowing requirements in the Junior Essay work, or what not. Then the excitement subsides as the Freshmen pass the tea and wafers.

In THE KEY of April we told of the intersorority movement here, started by our Kappa sister of Concord, Mass., Alice Damon. After sev-

eral meetings of all the sororities a contract was finally drawn up and signed by all the sororities with the exception of one. The main objects of the contract were to do away with rushing on the campus, and thus to bring about a more friendly feeling between the independents and the sororities; and, secondly, not to pledge girls until a specified date and thus to be able to get acquainted with them in a rational way. The contract, which met with the warm approbation of the faculty ladies, has resulted very satisfactorily. About college there has certainly been a different atmosphere. It has been entirely safe for the charming Freshman to pass through the main halls and to promenade about the campus without being a victim to skilled diplomats from the different sororities, each one smiling disinterestedly, and kindly solicitous over the work and the general well being of the aforesaid Freshman.

The bids were not given until November 24, so that we are not able to relate all our conquests, as most of our bids are still under consideration. Most of the girls wish to talk over the matter with their parents during the Thanksgiving recess; but there can be no question as to their ultimate decision, where Kappa is concerned. However, we are happy to introduce to our sisters two embryo Kappas, May Van Horne, of St. Louis, Mo., and Florence Nowland, of Terre Haute, Indiana. We feel very proud of our two Freshmen, and are confident that they will grow to be as enthusiastic and loyal as Kappas always are.

Society here is reaching its customary gayety, and Kappa of course is having her share.

Three weeks ago Mrs. Pettee, the wife of one of our professors, threw open her home to Beta Delta. A most delightful evening was passed, and all recollections of Calculus and other useless things that, through unparadonable oversight, have been allowed to intrude on college life here, quickly vanished under the influence of music and congenial friends.

Saturday, November 18, the Kappas gave a two o'clock luncheon at the residence of Prof. Hinsdale, for some of the Freshmen girls. After a short reception, the guests moved to the dining room, where small tables were set, tastefully decorated with yellow and white chrysanthemums. The luncheon was very pretty and dainty, and was pronounced by all our guests to be the most charming one yet given here.

The social event of the season was the hop given by the Sigma Alpha Epsilons, at which a number of Keys were seen. The occasion was the opening of their beautiful new fraternity-house.

We have adopted this year, at the suggestion of Gertrude Bagley, a new plan by which to keep our alumnæ in touch with the chapter. At regular periods one of the girls will be appointed to write an alumnæ letter telling all about our chapter life, our new Kappas, and general college news—the new professors, changes in work, etc. Our first letter is about ready, and after the first Kappa to whom it is sent has read it, she is to send it on to the next. We hope in this way to keep our alumnæ informed both on the chapter work and on the university life.

XI—ADRIAN COLLEGE.

The opening of the college year found Xi small in numbers but great in enthusiasm.

Shortly after the beginning of the term, one of our sisters, Blanche Van Auken, was called home by the illness of her father. Though we miss her very much, we hope to have her with us after the Christmas holidays.

Thus far we have been quite successful in fraternity work. October 21 we initiated Mabel Chandler, who was pledged last year, and two weeks later, Mary Ewing and Neva Hughes. We are justly proud of our new sisters, and feel assured that they will prove an honor to Kappa.

The last initiation was held at the home of Mrs. Amy Brierly Reeder a student of last year, who was married September 12 to W. T. Reeder, of Adrian, Mich., and who now resides in the city. It was something unusual for us to initiate out of our chapter hall, but we enjoyed it very much, and are well pleased that we have such a charming home so near us as that of Mrs. Reeder.

A great many changes have recently taken place in the management of the college. The year opened with a new President, Dr. D. C. Thomas, lately President of the Mansfield, Pa., Normal; a new Professor of English Literature and History, and a new Professor of Music. We feel that all

these changes are for the best interests of the college, and hope that under the intelligent, energetic leadership of Dr. Thomas the institution will prosper as never before, and soon take its rightful place by the side of its sister colleges.

Hallowe'en night was celebrated by a social at South Hall. These events are always welcomed enthusiastically by the students, and this one was acknowledged by all to be especially enjoyable. A delightful musical program was rendered and various forms of entertainment made the evening a very pleasant one; and the occasion will long be remembered by the students as one of the most delightful socials ever held in South Hall.

On Thanksgiving evening we were favored with another social which, as usual, proved very enjoyable.

Thanksgiving was rendered doubly pleasant to Kappas by a visit from Clara Coleman, a graduate of last year.

KAPPA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

September 12 saw Hillsdale college open for another year; more students than usual were present, and Kappa chapter gathered her members together and found that she numbered nine; nine girls all rested and fresh for school and fraternity duties.

We found many improvements had been made during vacation, among which were a remodeled chemical laboratory, a new physical laboratory, steam heat for the chapel, and several new tennis courts, which give the girls a chance to play as much as they wish.

We were overjoyed at having Celeste Brackett back again with us; we lost her again, however, after only a few weeks, when she was called home on account of her mother's illness.

Very early in the term we entertained some of the new girls at Daisy Blackman's; there were games and soap-bubbles, and all had a delightful time except one poor Kappa girl who was kept at home by illness and could only lie and imagine what the rest were doing.

October 21 we initiated three members into Kappa, Jennie Stiles, Clara St. John and Cornelia Lillibridge. After the goat had been properly

exercised we all enjoyed a spread, such as girls love, in the rooms of two of our members. One week later we again had an initiation, this time taking in Sophia Haynes, Bessie Mosher, Grace Dewey and Zoe Smith, the last three of whom we have brought up from pledglings, and as each has a sister who is a Kappa, we expect great things from them.

The Hillsdale foot-ball team has covered itself with glory, and bruises as well, this fall, winning several games, two from Albion College men, who have been the champions of Michigan; but oh the vanity of all human greatness! Thanksgiving they were defeated at South Bend, where they played in four inches of snow and against a heavy team from Notre Dame.

Among the improvements we should mention a new foot-ball field and race track upon which the boys have expended much labor; they justly feel proud of its completeness as it is considered by all one of the best in the state. The ladies gave the team a reception after one of its victories, which was attended by everybody, and enthusiasm ran high.

Hallowe'en was celebrated fittingly by the Kappas and some of their friends at Zoe Smith's. The fates were consulted to gain knowledge of the future, and the usual tricks were tried and also some that were unusual, such as selling the boys at auction, like the old bachelor in the song. Old fashioned refreshments, including pumpkin pie, were served, and all declared that it has been a successful evening.

We are sorry to report the illness of one of our members, Alfrieda Mosher, who came home from the Fair sick. We all hope to have her back in school very soon.

Our lecture course was opened November 21, by Leland J. Powers in the Shaugrann. Mr. Powers has a great gift, and his production of the play is delightful.

Miss Julia Soule, who was here in college two years ago, is visiting her Phi Beta Phi sisters.

Our sister, Allie Dewey, was elected president of L. L. V. literary society this term.

We have three newly pledged members who promise to make good Kappas.

Kappa chapter has lost one of her early members, Christine Herring, who died in Chicago during October. She was a bright and popular student. A true and noble woman has left the world, one who leaves a record worthy of imitation.

The holiday season draws near, and to all the Kappas send we loving greeting for the happy Christmas time.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

DELTA — INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Summer is gone, and with it the pride of our Union — the great World's Columbian Exposition. We were all there, we haunted the Kappa booth and many were the Kappas we met. How pleasant it was, and how proud we were of our little golden key.

Full of new life and fresh zeal, and with a determination to live and die (if need be) for Kappa, we returned to the University with twenty-two active members. In a few days we initiated our pledged girl, Jessie Carmichael of '97.

Our agreement of last year with Kappa Alpha Theta was extended this year to Pi Beta Phi; and for four weeks, forbidden to "spike" — we contented ourselves with "being kind" to the new girls. At the end of that time we pledged two girls, Claudia McMurrin and Emma McTaggart, both '95; it is needless to add that both are fine girls — worthy wearers of the "double blue."

Delta entertained on Hallowe'en at the home of Mabelle Shelper, and those who escaped the witcheries of the weird room are strong in the praises thereof.

Besides our monthly open Kappa meetings we have all enjoyed the weekly receptions of President Swain and his pleasant wife. Also a number of receptions given by other ladies of the faculty have added much to our social enjoyment.

On the 18th of October, Lyda Clark deserted (?) her Kappa friends, and it was — for a man — Mr. Arthur M. Hadley, of Plainfield, Indiana, whom we now gladly claim as a "Kappa brother."

IOTA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Over in the corner, the steam radiator is singing away like the proverbial teapot; outside, under the cover of darkness, a driving November rain is washing off the dust of summer, preparatory to the reception of King Winter.

The fact that winter is here again sets us to thinking. It seems such a short time since we felt "the cold November rain" of 1892. A few years ago, and we counted time, by summer days, the lives of our dolls, the kittenhood of our cats.

There are a very few of us who cannot sing with perfect fidelity—

"The tea set blue and the doll-house, too,
Are things of the long ago."

"Long ago," because life and its possibilities have lately become so real to us; so much crowds into a few short college years that the vista back of them seems dim and far removed.

During this college year, as in no other, we feel that we appreciate the value of our fraternity life, — just as two little protozoans are fitted for future usefulness and development by exchange of nuclear material, so we, in fraternity life, get and give against a day of need in future years. At each meeting, some such subject as "Women in Shakespeare and Ruskin" leads us into real heart-talks concerning the things that touch us most vitally as women.

With a freedom not to be appreciated outside of the chapter room, we throw off all restraint and permit our real selves to get in touch. Almost unconsciously in contemplating the ideals in literature we hold up our own more or less warped selves in contrast, and as a result are a little less prone to cast stones at weaker sisters, — and a great deal less satisfied with ourselves.

Last Saturday evening two of our alumnæ, Mrs. Adar and Mrs. Longden, — whose husband has the chair of German in the University, — read to us papers which they had presented at the Woman's Club of Greencastle. The subjects were: "The Ethics of Dress," and "The Ideal Body and Its Clothing." The papers were highly profitable and interest-

ing. Next semester Iota will realize in effect a long cherished dream, will gather all her girls under one roof. Some day we hope to own our home, but at present content ourselves with living together in a rented house. We feel the necessity of working in our material already gained, hence this year restricted our taking of new girls to two, Miss Grace Smith of Westfield, Indiana, Miss Dora Elliot of Kokomo. In all lines the prospects for the year are good. Before another issue of THE KEY shall have appeared, a new year will be upon us. Let us draw the bonds closer and make that year an epoch-shaping one in the history of our individual lives, and in that of the fraternity.

MU—BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

The Kappas of Mu have begun the college year with full forces. All the members of last year have returned except our two graduates, Miss Braden and Miss Iden. Miss Braden, however, is still in Irvington, and is often with us. Miss Iden is teaching in La Gro, Indiana.

Two weeks after the opening of college, we had our first meeting at the home of the Misses Johnson, and several of our alumnae were present.

Our initiation occurred October 18 at Miss Thompson's home. The only candidate was Mary Graham, who bore the pranks of the Kappa goat with marvellous equanimity. Miss Graham has increased the number of active members to eighteen.

Our Corresponding Secretary, Miss Stover, has for several weeks been ill with typhoid fever. She is now somewhat better and we hope will soon be convalescent, yet it is feared that she will not soon be able to resume her college work.

We celebrated Hallowe'en with Miss Surbey in Indianapolis. Our revels consisted of the time-worn charms identified with the night and an old-fashioned spread. The evening was a thorough success.

On account of the six-day-school plan adopted at Butler this year, we find ourselves very busy, but with undiminished fraternity interest.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

The constant rumble of hack wheels, the well laden baggage wagons and the hearty handshakes and greetings on every street corner announced very plainly, September thirteenth, that the students were again in possession, and that another college year had begun for the old University of Wisconsin.

Our cozy lodge again donned its accustomed hospitable air and Kappa work began in earnest.

We have much cause for congratulation this year, as the "rushing season" has passed without a conflict, leaving behind nothing but good will on all sides.

I think we may be pardoned the pride we take in presenting this year's "buds:"—Frances Wells, Maud Thorp, Gertrude Bacon and Daisy James, who already wear the key, and Fay Parkinson and Georgia McFetridge soon to be initiated into its mysteries.

The fall term has not been altogether one of solid work, as the Eta girls can well testify.

Festivities began early in September with a delightful Kappa dance in Brown's Hall.

October thirteenth we, as usual, celebrated the anniversary of the establishment of our fraternity by giving a banquet to our alumnae. It was held this year in the beautiful parlors of the new Presbyterian church, the tables being set in the shape of a Greek Eta and decorated with pink roses and maiden-hair. Over forty were present and fraternity spirit ran high. Between our favorite Kappa songs, the following toasts were responded to: Kappa "Buds"—Mabel Robinson; the Archive Box—Agnes Basset; the Owl and the Eta Cat—Ada Griswold; Looking Forward—Elizabeth Palmer; the Columbian Chapter—Julie Thorp; the Boys—Anna Wyman; Our Seniors—Annie Main; Kappa Kappa Gamma—Nellie Ford.

Our girls have done much to further good feeling among the fraternities by inaugurating a series of receptions given at the Kappa lodge. At each reception we entertain three of the men's fraternities and invite several girls from each of our sister fraternities to receive with us. These receptions have proved very successful.

President and Mrs. Adams have continued their pleasant receptions, opening their beautiful home to the students every Saturday evening.

Our handsome new law building is completed, while the gymnasium is beginning to assume mammoth proportions.

Athletics have been steadily growing in popularity, and here, as elsewhere, seem to culminate in foot-ball.

UPSILON — NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Upsilon sends the greeting of the New Year to her sister chapters.

We are almost all back again this year or soon will be. Clementine Roland and Zilpha Hull are out of college this year and Harriet Caughran graduated last June. With these exceptions we are together again. Myra Tubbs and Theo Irvine have spent the term at Battle Creek Sanitarium but hope to be with us in health and strength for the new term. Our numbers have also been increased by the coming of Harriet and Mary Moore of DePauw University and by the initiation of Harriet Morse, Emma Alling and Katherine Janes, all of '97.

We have had the usual number of rushing spreads at the homes of the girls, and one spread very enjoyable at the home of Nina Paddock at Ravenswood.

We initiated this year at the home of Zilpha Hull. The house was very prettily decorated with flowers and autumn leaves. A number of our alumnae were present including Katherine Sharp, one of our charter members and Martha Moses of Columbus, Ohio.

The evening of our fraternity election the Juniors very pleasantly surprised us by decorating the hall with Chinese lanterns and providing a toothsome spread. We hope that the rest of the classes will imitate them in this regard.

We have been having very enjoyable fraternity meetings this term and have been much pleased with our new hall.

All the sorority halls this year are on the fourth floor of the Woman's Hall. The trustees of the University heat them free of charge and have during the summer painted the walls in the colors of the sorority occupy-

ing them. We think ourselves very fortunate as we are the most pleasantly located and have two rooms instead of one as the rest of the sororities have.

We have had two "At Homes" this year, both of which have been largely attended. The first one was at the home of Fanie Bartlett, the last with Jessie Bliss. The tables were decorated and during both evenings we served light refreshments.

October 17 was University Day. At noon the students from the city departments, including a delegation from the Woman's Medical College, came, were met by the students of Evanston and marched to the church where short addresses by representatives of the various departments were given. The procession reformed and marched to the foot-ball ground to watch a game between Northwestern and Lake Forest in which Northwestern won.

In the evening a reception to the students was tendered by the Faculty at the Woman's Hall. From seven to ten everyone seemed to be enjoying the evening very much.

Ora Wakeman and Winifred Gray of Evanston and Josephine Young of the Medical school, all Kappas from our chapter, were delegates to the Y. M. C. A. Convention at Normal, Ill. They visited the Kappas of Epsilon and reported a most enjoyable visit.

EPSILON—ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

At the beginning of the term Epsilon numbered six active members while now we number fifteen.

This fall the "rushing season" began earlier, was busier and more successful than it has been for some time.

The first social event of the term was an informal reception given to our girls, about thirty-five in number, including the old Kappas, at the home of Kathrina W. Burns. We entertained our friends with shadow pantomimes and a lunch. We were, of course, glad to learn that our Freshmen girls enjoyed themselves.

On our anniversary, October 13, we gave a party to sixty of our friends at the home of Grace Loudon. The house was decorated in flowers

and light and dark blue. During the early part of the evening an elaborate supper was served, after which the remainder of the time was spent in conversation, college yell, fraternity yells, whistles, etc.

Birdie Kerrick next entertained some of the Kappas and "future Kappas" at her home. This was informal, and voted a success.

As the term of contract neared its close, affairs grew very exciting. On November 13 we entertained forty-five of our friends at the home of Hester Hart. For refreshments we had pop-corn, grapes, peanuts, apples and candy. One amusement of the evening was matching "candy-hearts."

Our last effort was the reception given to all the old Kappas, the girls we were rushing, and the men friends of the fraternity, at Grace Loudon's, November 18. Dancing was the amusement of the evening.

On the next Monday morning our agreement with Kappa Alpha Theta expired and we were all at college bright and early to hear the results of our labor. We were highly pleased with them and we are now able to introduce to you our "baby" Kappas, Maud Kilgore, Gertrude Shreve, Louella Van Leer, Lillian Little and Clara DeMotte of '97 and Ethel Tryner of '96. They are all residents of Bloomington and will make loyal Kappas.

Kappa Alpha Theta marched into chapel with their six new girls and six old ones, while Kappa Kappa Gamma followed with our six new ones and thirteen old ones. By-the-by it has been some time since both have taken in the same number.

Monday afternoon we had our initiation at the home of Lottie Probasco. After our initiation some of our men friends came to congratulate us and brought us a large box of candy. We all went home feeling tired but very happy and thought that our party season for this term was over. But greatly to our surprise we were invited to a reception to be given Friday night after the adjournment of the Literary Societies by our men friends in honor of our late success. We all—fifty-two in number—met in the corridor of the I. W. U. and marched into society in a body. At the close of society we repaired to the place of reception, where after feasting on and doing full justice to an elegant luncheon we listened to some very good toasts.

The toasts were as follows: Toastmaster, Richard Little; on behalf of Phi Delta Theta, Archie Bowen; on behalf of the Phi Gamma Delta, R. Ornan Shreve; on behalf of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Carrie Cole. Toast, "Feasts and Feasts," Ethel Hopson; toast, "The Infant Kappas," W. B. Merrill; Toast, "A Word with You, Sir," Gertrude Shreve; Toast, "When Shall we Three Meet Again?" Wesley Britton.

So much for parties. You must not think that going to parties was all we did this fall, for far from it, we had our literary society work and college work to do. So you may see that, with much hard work and pleasure, we are glad to settle down and let parties alone for awhile, at least for the remainder of the term.

Epsilon chapter is rejoicing over having our hall refurnished. It has been painted and has a fine new velvet carpet of light and dark blue with fleur-de-lis in it.

We enjoyed a "short but sweet" visit from three of our sister Kappas of Upsilon Chapter, in November. They were in attendance at the State Convention of Y. W. C. A., which was held at Normal, Ill. They made us a call the day after the convention adjourned. They were Misses Winifred Gray and Ora Wakeman of the Literary Department and Miss Josephine Young of the Medical Department.

PERSONAL.

Miss Alletta Burwell, an old Kappa was married this summer to Mr. Harrison and they make their home at Wapella, Ill.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Olivet Coates to Mr. Sudduth, a Sigma Chi, of Springfield, for January 4. They expect to make Springfield, Ill., their home.

Mamie Hickman, of '93, is Assistant Principal in the High School at Rossville, Ill., this year.

Prof. and Mrs. B. Billingham of Stanford, Ill., spent Thanksgiving in Bloomington with the latter's mother, Mrs. E. H. Burus. Mrs. Billingham is one of our former Kappas.

Miss Wilha Young, Assistant Principal in Shelbyville High School, spent Thanksgiving at her home in this city.

We had a short visit from Misses Margaret Langstaff and Lizzie Dawson, two Kappa girls of Lexington, Ill.

Katherina W. Burns, '96, was elected President of the Munsellian Literary Society for the fall term. The Society numbers about seventy members.

Pardon us for writing such a long letter but we have had so many pleasant entertainments this fall, that we couldn't find a place to stop.

DELTA PROVINCE.

CHI—MINNESOTA UNIVERSITY.

Every year we look forward with especial interest to the January KEY, which introduces us to our new sisters from all of the chapters, and this year Chi feels especially proud to present to you her twelve new girls.

We would like to tell you something about each one of them, but as that would take too long, all that we can do is to give you the very vague idea which their names convey.

Our new sisters are: Helen Austin, Agnes Belden, Flora Brewer, Jessie Eaton, Anne Hawley, Kate Kennedy, Harriet McDonald, Rose Nabersburg, Alice Officer, Nellie Officer, Florence Powell, Mabel Robinson.

Beside the addition which these twelve make to our Kappa circle, we are also fortunate in having Bertha McMillan, of Sigma, in our active chapter; Mabel Austin and Nell Cross close at hand, and Marion Craig once more in our midst.

In anticipation of our twelve new girls, Chi chapter decided to move in October into new quarters, so we obtained two very pretty rooms just across the campus.

They are in a wing of a corner house, and cut off entirely from the rest of the building. The walls of both rooms are covered with delicate, light blue paper, the back one is carpeted with blue denim, and the front with light matting and rugs.

Here in our new home we still have our old blue window seats, bookcase, rocking chairs, and pillows, which have seen good use, and in addition, our new couch covered with flowered cretonne, some dainty pictures,

a handsome desk and chair, with a number of other useful furnishings. The windows are draped with white curtains of a fleur-de-lis pattern, and the effect of the whole is homelike and tasteful.

Many thanks are due to our alumnæ who have helped us greatly by many handsome gifts.

The new year has commenced happily, we are all very much interested in the University, in our work, and in making the influence of fraternity life what it should be.

A great item of interest in our college life has been the recent success of our foot ball team, which has made us proud of the University of Minnesota.

Our Freshmen girls, early in the year, showed that they had the true fraternity spirit, by inviting the "old girls," one noon, to a "spread" at the rooms.

After the feast was over, we unanimously agreed that there never were, or could be, twelve nicer and more enterprising Kappas. For this was not one of those lunches in which sardines and sandwiches, and stuffed eggs mingle in confusion, but it was served in courses by our twelve charming Hebes. When, at the close they appeared carrying pine-apple ice in pretty cups, and large basketsful of cake, we felt that we were truly Greeks on the top of Mount Parnassus, being fed with nectar and honey.

One evening, in the early part of November, Evelyn Sammis, '92, gave an informal Kappa reception in honor of Sue and Stella Stearns, of Duluth.

We were very glad indeed to meet our Kappa sisters, and spent a very enjoyable evening.

On Friday, December 1, all of the active chapter gathered at our rooms, for an informal candy-pull, to meet Miss Livingstone of Psi, who is visiting Nellie Merrill.

On Saturday evening, a large reception was given by Miss Merrill at her home in honor of Miss Livingstone. We were very glad to meet our sister from Psi, and have the broader bond of union between the chapters brought home to us.

And so the old year has brought to us plenty of happiness and prosperity.

May the New Year be a happy and fruitful one to every individual Kappa and to the fraternity at large.

BETA ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

The new year has opened most prosperously for the University of Iowa. Contrary to expectation, our enrollment is equal to that of last year, although other colleges of the state have suffered much in this respect. The return of the Bahaman expedition has created a stir in scientific circles and has furnished much material for the laboratories of this department. The specimens are now being classified and our museum has been greatly improved by the many valuable additions.

At the beginning of the term Beta Zeta felt a little fearful that the loss of many members of last year's chapter would weaken her force. But the ten who were here proved very faithful, and success has met us on every hand.

Two spreads were given the new girls, one at the home of Miss Cabin, the other at Miss Hutchinson's, both of which were very successful. On October 9 we initiated six girls:—Camille Mast, '95; Lyde Ady, '97; Elena McFarlane, '97; Grace Seaman, '97; Beula McFarlane, '97; Gertrude Wood, special. In each of our new members we feel we have secured ideal Kappas and we are confident that they will maintain the standard of our chapter.

Later Bertha Traer, '96, became a member of Beta Zeta chapter, and on November eighteenth we initiated Bertha Morgan, special, and Rita Stewart, '97. This initiation took place at the home of Mrs. Frank Carson, where we were most delightfully entertained.

PERSONALS.

Helen Copeland and Rachael Sherman will spend the winter in Denver.

Cornelia Ingham, '95, will not return to us till the winter term.

Miss Reeve will spend the winter in Florida. Before her departure Miss Price entertained Kappa Kappa Gamma in Miss Reeve's honor.

We miss Mrs. Professor Neff from our Kappa circle. She will spend the winter at Greencastle, Ind.

THETA—MISSOURI UNIVERSITY.

The Missouri State University entered upon her fifty-third year, September twelfth, with brighter prospects than at any previous time.

Five of the new buildings were completed and the main building well begun. The standard of entrance has been raised by dropping the first preparatory, a step which has brought a higher class of students than ever before.

The foot-ball season has been attended with great interest, Missouri tying Kansas for the championship of the Western League.

We in Kappa enjoyed Miss Austin's visit exceedingly and are profiting by her suggestion in regard to chapter work. We feel that more good would be accomplished and better results reached in every chapter if some member of the Grand Council would visit the respective chapters once a year. Such visits put the chapters more in touch with the fraternity at large and guard against the localism so natural to the distant chapters. We would suggest for discussion the advisability of taxing the chapters for this purpose.

Theta has not added any new ones to her "genial half dozen" as yet, but has one girl pledged.

While we have not increased our number, we have striven to advance the interest of Kappa Kappa Gamma in many other ways.

After repeated efforts we secured a chapter room, but the now proverbial "hard times" and the small number of girls made it necessary to return to our former way of meeting at the homes of the girls.

Some weeks ago, Theta gave a reception at the home of Professor and Mrs. Jones, and entertained her many friends in a delightful way. Two of our old girls are back, and while they are not active members, they meet with us and take great interest in the work.

Since this is our last letter for 1893, we send a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year" to all our Kappa sisters.

SIGMA—NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY.

As the time for the chapter letter to be sent in draws near, I begin to inquire of the different members of my chapter whether they would not like to write the chapter letter this time. First I ask the younger members, hoping that having been Kappas only a short time they will be more zealous than the older members. But they invariably reply, "yes, I would like to, but, really, I don't believe I know how." So I smilingly excuse them, knowing that the time will come when they will be forced to assume the responsibility, and I turn to one of the older members. But here I meet with no better success. She does not dare to say that she "does not know how," so she says, "Yes, I would like to but, really, I have'nt the time." So submitting to the inevitable I will proceed to tell you what little news there is.

In spite of the hard times the University of Nebraska opened with a large number of new students. A number of the old students did not return this year, among them two Kappas, Frances Hershey and Bessie Gahan, whom we missed very much. But without spending our time in mourning for the sisters who were absent, but whom we hope to have with us again next year, we turned our attention to the new girls.

On the 7th of November we initiated Lottie Whedon and Alice Maitland at the home of Maud Risser. On the 14th of November we initiated Eva Ricketts and Dora Harley at the home of Mariel Gere. The other fraternities are all doing nicely. Dame Rumor says that another fraternity is about to be established here by a few young ladies who are special students.

Foot ball has created more than the usual amount of interest this fall. Our team started out very well. It defeated the Doane College team and then tied with the Baker team which is the champion of the Western League. But unfortunately their success was short lived. They have been beaten by the Missouri, Denver, and Kansas teams, but hope to beat the Iowa State team with whom they play next week.

Socially, things have been very lively so far this fall. The Phi Delta Thetas have given two very enjoyable parties. The Sigma Chis enter-

tained a large number at their beautiful club rooms. At all three of these parties the Kappas have been largely represented.

Lottie Whedon, one of our new Kappas, gives a dancing party next week. Miss Anne Wilder, Kappa Alpha Theta, will also entertain next week.

The Young Women's Christian Association held its eighth annual convention in Lincoln. Miss Effie Price, the international secretary, delivered a lecture on "The Eastern Colleges" in the chapel one morning. Miss Shirley H. Smith, a Kappa from Hillsdale, has been made general secretary of the Lincoln Y. W. C. A. and will now make her home in Lincoln.

OMEGA—KANSAS UNIVERSITY.

We hope that all Kappas wherever they may have been, have had a pleasant summer. Of course each chapter has been successful with new girls this fall; Kappas always are victorious.

Several of our girls did not return this year, but those of us who were on hand went to work with a will, for we knew whom we wanted and we got them, all but one. Omega is glad to introduce these seven full pledged Kappas initiated October 21, 1893: Ella Anderson, Nerva Duff, Madge Fisher, Maude Landis, Pearl Robinson, Gertrude Spaulding, Alta Stanton.

During our rushing time, we had several enjoyable gatherings; but the best time of all, at least to those of us who wear the key, was our initiation. As nearly every one was away this summer, and the town and surrounding country was almost deserted, it was considered safe to allow our Goat to roam at his own free will. He evidently made the most of his opportunities.

That time has passed, Thanksgiving is here, and those of us who did not go home or who live in town, determined to celebrate; so we turned the Saturday afternoon meeting into a taffy-pull.

When the students returned to K. S. U. this fall they found the scene on the hill a busy one, as the work of excavating for the new Library building and for the President's house had already begun. The residence, a large brick one, about a block from the top of the hill, is nearly com-

pleted and our President, and his family hope to eat their Christmas dinner in their new home. The Library building, of rough stone with pink trimmings, is just outside the University gate, and at the very top of the hill. We are to have also a new Physics building for which the ground is broken just southeast of the main school.

Thanksgiving was a great day for those interested in football in the various parts of the country, and different games are still being discussed. But in Lawrence this fall, whenever conversation turns in that direction, we change the subject,—for the sake of variety, you know.

Some of our girls who did not return last September hope to be back after the holidays when the new term begins; we long to see them and to be able to show our trophies (we had almost said spoils!) from the fall campaign.

One of our number, Don Bowersock will be absent the entire year; she is studying music in New York.

Our new members have had their pictures taken. They probably thought a group of Kappa girls make such a pretty picture that they must lose no time in seeing if such would be the case with them. And for a wonder, considering the ordeal they were put through not so very long ago, the group is a very pretty one. At least that is our private opinion, although we have not told them so.

One hardly dares to commence to write about the Fair and the Kappas met there, for it is so hard to stop. But if some person had watched day after day a certain spot we all remember, how many happy meetings he would have seen; how many faces lighted up suddenly as their owners spied the little blue nook in the Organization room of the Woman's Building. Not a very big corner, but there was always room for one more Kappa. That there is some magic in our golden key was surely proved by the way one badge would attract another, as the girls who wore them wandered through the grounds and the different buildings at the White City.

Sometime ago a Kappa Alpha Theta from Leland Stanford, Jr. University visited the chapter of Thetas at K. S. U., and meeting her seemed to bring our own Theta Eta girls nearer.

Our dear old Kae is frozen and the skaters are in their element. They are devoutly wishing that the ice will last as long as it did last winter.

Before this number of the KEY is printed, the holidays will have come and gone; but that every Kappa has had a Merry Christmas and will have a prosperous and Happy New Year is the hearty wish of the girls of Omega.

BETA ETA—LELAND STANFORD, JR., UNIVERSITY.

Beta Eta began this second year of her career with the brightest of prospects. All of last year's girls were here when college opened, ready for good honest college and fraternity work. Our number was increased by the return of Mabel Cory, who has been away from us since Christmas '92.

We have found a true Kappa in the wife of one of our professors, Mrs. Warner, who hails from the chapter at Lincoln, Nebraska. This is the first one of the professors' wives that we have had the privilege of claiming, and we are proud of her. The first of this semester we were happily surprised to receive the announcement of the establishment of a rival fraternity, Pi Beta Phi. The chapter is composed of thirteen members, all bright intelligent girls, and they promise to add much to the fraternity life and interest at Leland Stanford, Jr.

On Saturday, October 14, the Kappa Alpha Thetas united with us, and we tendered the newly organized fraternity a reception at the Theta House in Palo Alto.

The Kappa Alpha Thetas have moved and are now occupying a nice new house in Palo Alto.

The Sigma Nu fraternity has located itself in an elegant new house situated back of Encino Hall, overlooking the athletic fields.

The first party to be given this year was given by the Phi Delta Thetas to their young women friends. It was a German and was participated in by a goodly number of Kappa girls. They have issued invitations for another to be given soon, to which most of our girls have been invited.

The Phi Kappa Psi, who occupy a beautiful club home in College Terrace, gave a hop on the evening of November 3. This was pronounced by our members who were present a great success.

Two more men's fraternities have recently been established here, a chapter of Beta Theta Pi and one of Delta Tau Delta; this makes thirteen fraternities in all at Leland Stanford, ten of which are men's. On Friday evening, November 10, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity received royally the members of Beta Chapter.

The Pi Beta Phis have issued invitations to the Thetas and Kappas for an "At Home," December 9.

Friday evening, December 8, a number of our girls are invited to a "pop-corn" party at the Phi Psi House.

Two new buildings have been added to our University since our last letter, one an electrical power house and the other a large wood working shop.

Now before I close I must introduce four new girls who will hereafter wear the golden key and do battle for Kappa Kappa Gamma. They are Clementine Tucker of Newark, New Jersey, Grace Holtzclaw of Gilray, Cal., Blanche Freeman of Chicago, Ill., and Winifred Paine of Redlands, Cal.

Editorial.

A WIDER OUTLOOK.

"No one ever regarded the first of January with indifference. It is that from which all date their time and count what is left."

So says the Kappa Kappa Gamma calendar for 1894. Not only do people take numerical account of the years past and those likely to come, but they are given to reflection upon the quality of those years. Perhaps it is the approach of New Year's Day that has set Kappa Kappa Gamma to thinking of past errors and future amendment. One after another chapter sends to THE KEY some word that tells of a quickening of the fraternity conscience, a keener regret for those tendencies in fraternity life that are recognized as undesirable. More reasonable consideration for college associates who are not fraternity members; more generous relations

with other societies; fuller recognition of rival merits, with less complacency over the home chapter: for all these personal, individual improvements are Kappa's daughters striving with increased energy as the New Year opens.

But to some women in the fraternity another sort of change has come to seem pressingly needed. This change is in the direction of work by the fraternity or by separate chapters outside the fraternity limits. These Kappas believe that the pleasure of intimate companionship and the help to be found in such companionship do not, as ends in themselves, sufficiently justify a fraternity organization.

THE KEY is glad to offer its pages for the expression of what may prove to be a nobler interpretation of the proper aims of fraternity organization than has been held heretofore. Therefore we call attention to an article in the Parthenon, entitled "Shall Fraternity Organizations be Put to Further Use?" which is an extreme statement of this point of view. But we must in honesty offer a word of warning. Those Kappas who think there is need of reform will be like all who desire changes in the existing order, especially likely to overlook the weight of considerations on the side of the older faith. It may be reasonably argued that as people go to college for the purpose of self development, rather than of immediate benefit to their fellow-creatures, so they may as properly organize Greek letter societies for the sake of cultivation in lines not taken by college instruction. The college, as an organization, aims at the intellectual training of men and women. The subsequent use of that training is in the hands of the students themselves. Likewise a Greek-letter society, offering its members a peculiar advantage, takes for granted that if individuals are thereby ennobled they cannot fail to be of service to the outside world. If women's fraternities have helped to make stronger women of their members, they have accomplished a worthy work.

However, since the feeling exists that it would be still worthier to use the fraternity organization for more than the regulation of its own affairs, it is well to consider carefully the possibilities.

It seems hardly probable that any one plan of outside effort would be acceptable to all the chapters of a large fraternity like our own; unless

indeed all might agree to aid the college settlements, whose work seldom fails to rouse interest among college women. There are college or social settlements in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Boston, near all which cities chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma are situated. Such chapters might be of assistance in the various clubs, while others could give entertainments in order to help the settlements with money. Students in Smith, Vassar, Wellesley, Bryn Mawr, Radcliffe College and Wells College have formed chapters of the College Settlements Association. It would be an easy matter for chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma, already organized, to do the same thing. For the benefit of those our readers who may wish to know details concerning the Association, for which the limited space of THE KEY will afford no room, we will say that the general officers are as follows:—

President—Mrs. Adaline Emerson Thompson, 63 Chestnut street, East Orange, N. J.

Secretary—Mrs. Florence Yost Humphries, Swarthmore, Pa.

Treasurer—Miss Cornelia Warren, 67 Mt. Vernon street, Boston, Mass.

The Association publishes annual reports, which give all necessary information as to membership, and tell the story of the work in the settlements already established.

We should think that it would be much more feasible for each chapter to find its own field, if its members are convinced that they should work together for some outside interest. One chapter, Beta Alpha, has already been at much pains to discover her chance of greatest usefulness. As most of the members are engaged in biological investigation, they decided to work in that line. Accordingly last summer they secured a table in botany at Wood's Hall, for original work. As one member writes, "The results were so encouraging that the same plan is to be kept for next summer." The table will be endowed, and its privileges offered to students in the biological department of the university, both men and women.

If we are not mistaken, this question of the duty of a fraternity, as such, to the outside world, is bound to make itself heard. It is not too early to begin to plan for the discussions at the Convention next August.

We ask most earnestly that chapters and individual members consider the subject of fraternity obligations, and that they exchange views by means of THE KEY.

THE KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA CALENDAR.

We have received a copy of the new calendar, for which we desire to express our thanks. The calendar is most attractive outwardly, with its delicate blue cover, adorned with monogram and key. The quotations are chosen with much care, and the dates of chapter establishments conspicuously marked. Kappas may like to know that a friend of ours who is not a Kappa declares that she never saw a calendar whose quotations pleased her so well.

Orders may be sent to Miss Mary J. Hull, 89 East Buffalo St., Ithaca, N. Y.

The price of the calendar is twenty-five cents.

We wish to acknowledge the receipt of an interesting circular describing the Missouri State University, which reached us too late for mention in the October KEY.

It gives us much satisfaction to note that the women's fraternities that publish magazines are to adopt the system of chapter exchange, that is, a copy of each magazine will go to every chapter of each society. By this arrangement fraternity women will have a better opportunity to become informed as to their sisters in other bonds, than has been possible until now.

In the article on the Fraternity Congress published in the October KEY, several errors occurred which we correct herewith. Mr. William Baird, of Beta Theta Pi, is accredited to Chi Kappa Psi, a not unlikely

combination, but which we believe represents no fraternity. Mr. Clay W. Holmes, of Fheta Delta Chi, is mentioned as a member of Phi Delta Theta. Miss Alberta Oakley, who represented Kappa Kappa Gamma, is from XI chapter, not Kappa, as the context might indicate. We regret that these mistakes should have escaped our notice when the magazine was in press.

Harvard Annex has been admitted as a part of the University, under the name of Radcliffe College. The graduates of this year will receive their degree of A. B. We quote the following from an editorial in the *Boston Herald* :—

Harvard Annex has proved the efficient wedge into the great University proper which its advocates and promoters no doubt hoped and expected. The whole scheme and its successful working furnishes an excellent lesson for our would-be reformers in other directions than the educational. Nine times out of ten "the first step which is said to cost" is allowed if it is taken in the apparent modesty and discretion which diplomacy suggests. Aspirants for political equality of the sexes may well consider now, in view of the progress of the educationalists, if it were not wiser to try to attain their purposes by the quiet manner of step-by-step advance. Let the history of Harvard Annex and Radcliffe College teach its lesson, therefore, of ambition trained, checked and controlled by the masterly mind of diplomacy.

THE WAY OF REVELATION.

“GIVE me to know! Oh God I thirst for this;—
 My soul cries out for knowledge! Though the pain
 Of granted insight far outweigh the bliss,
 Yet would I know,—and count by pangs my gain.”

“Go forth and labor for thy fellow men,”
 The answer came, “go, spend thy utmost strength
 To lift the burdens of thy kind, for then,
 Perchance, thy heart may find its quest at length.”

The cry of the anguished was hushed where he came,
 The load of the weary was lightened.
 The hopeless found hope in the sound of his name,
 And the black haunts of ignorance brightened.

And lo at the last, as he stooped to hear
 The plea of a human heart's sobbing,
 The heart of the Universe beat at his ear,
 He heard its solemn throbbing.

It taught him the meaning and mystery of life,
 And of death, our coming, our going,
 And out of his soul's unrest and strife
 He passed, to the peace of knowing.

SARA CONE BRYANT (*Phi*).

NOTICE.

TARDINESS OF COUNCIL REPORT.

IN apologizing to the fraternity for the delay in issuing reports due December 15, according to Standing Rule XII., I feel that should I take the responsibility of this delay from the shoulders of the Grand Secretary an injustice would be done not only to myself but to her as well. The delay is due to the fact that your second officer on the Council has twice the work she can well do.

And so with one breath I will say I am heartily sorry for our tardiness, and with the same I ask how does the '94 Convention propose to lighten the burdens of the Grand Secretary?

Fraternally yours,

EMILY HUDSON BURNHAM,
Grand President.

Exchanges.

A New Year's greeting to all the Exchanges.

It is very pleasant to find a goodly pile of them upon our table, and as one after another is opened the feeling is not diminished.

There seem to be times, however, when there is less than usual of general or universal interest in the various Exchanges. This, of course, does not imply the slightest falling off in quality of matter; it is rather, in most cases, the abundance of matter of especial importance and interest to the one fraternity which owns the publication.

This month, then, we do not deal so richly as at times in the great quotation marks.

Beta Theta Pi is to be congratulated on its new and pretty magazine cover, so much more in harmony than the old with the agreeable things within. Good-bye, thou strange and awesome beast, dragon or something "weider."

This issue contains a longish article on the "Legal Status of Fraternities."

To all who feel the problems of college and fraternity life, such questions and the intelligent discussion of them, are of much interest. It is a relief to turn from the perennial article on "rushing" or in the choice of initiates, to something of a little less obvious nature. And yet, such questions as "rushing" must, and probably will, be granted space in our magazine to the end of their existence.

Verily the boundless enthusiasm of youth is not lacking in the pages of the *Sigma Chi Quarterly*!

Judging from its account of the doings of Sigma Chis in Chicago one would be led to imagine that the Midway itself produced nothing more delightfully piquantly interesting than these grave young collegians.

The *Quarterly*, however, has more "solid stuff" than Chicago tales. It is fortunate enough, also, to present some poetry — the name is not a misnomer — quite out of the ordinary of verse in fraternity journals.

The manifold topics of Convention are abundantly discussed in the October number of the *Kappa Alpha Journal*.

Evidently the Convention was as satisfactory as Conventions have the reputation of being.

The only inkling in the whole number of the now almost traditional Kappa Alpha sentiment (or sentimentalism?) is contained in the pretty verses on the opening page. Chiefly of a purely businesslike and an eminently practical nature is the remaining matter.