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THE GRAND COUNCIL OF KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA

EVA POWELL, GRAND PRESIDENT

The new Grand President of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Eva Powell, is a type of western woman of whom California may be justly proud, combining as she does in her personality the power of initiative and organization with an unfailing tact and charm of manner that attract to her all whom she meets.

Miss Powell was born and brought up in Oakland, California. After graduating from the high school of that city, she entered the University of California where she became a member of Pi chapter. In her college life she showed her unusual ability to make friends, not only within her own fraternity, but in the wider college world. She was made a member of the Prytanean honor society, and especially gave proof of her efficiency as president of the students' Art Association, an organization which, in the days before the university itself offered any courses or encouragement along these lines, presented each month for all the students of the university, a fine musical or dramatic entertainment.

After her graduation from the literary course of the university, Miss Powell returned to college for a year's work along scientific lines, planning later to study medicine. This plan she abandoned, however, and after nearly a year's travel in Europe, returned to Oakland, where she turned her attention to various lines of charitable and club work. She has been continually identified with settlement work in West Oakland, and for several years has been president of the board of the Mayflower Kindergarten, a splendid charity in the same section of the city. Perhaps Miss Powell's most striking success has been achieved in her work in the Ebell Club, the oldest, and one of the largest and most important women's clubs on the Pacific Coast. After serving on



MARY McEACHIN RODES
GRAND SECRETARY

ars in various capacities, she was president from 1908 to 1910, in which office her remarkable executive ability and gracious personality brought her the highest

This last summer, when the National Federation of Women's Clubs held its biennial convention in San Francisco, Miss Powell was vice-president of the local executive committee of five members, and chairman of the finance committee, which raised about twelve thousand dollars for the entertaining of the convention.

So much for Miss Powell's achievements along general lines. When we return to her fraternity record, we find that she was delegate from Pi Alumnae Association to the conventions of 1908 and 1910 at Meadville and Bloomington, Indiana, at which latter place she was elected Grand Secretary of the fraternity, and her highly efficient performance of her duties is known to all members of the fraternity. Miss Powell's wide experience with people and affairs, as well as her modest and womanly character, insure for the next two years not only a most capable administration of fraternity affairs, but a personal inspiration of the highest type for the chapters, on which the fraternity may well be congratulated.

ELEANOR BENNET, *Pi*

MARY McEACHIN RODES, GRAND SECRETARY

In the beautiful state of Kentucky, in the heart of the Blue-grass region, which some one called God's own country and which Kentuckians reverence as such, lies Lexington.

It was in this historic old city, famous among other things for its beautiful women, that our present Grand Secretary, Mary McEachin Rodés, a descendant of the early pioneers of Kentucky, was born September eighteenth, 1888. When she was five years old, her parents moved to a beautiful country place just outside of the city, and here Mary lived the carefree life of a happy Southern girl. Always fond of outdoor life, she rode horses, skated, and joined her brothers in the most daring exploits. Dolls were never of interest to her, for being the fourth of a family of eight, it often fell to her to amuse her younger brothers and sisters, a task with which she could fully cope, for then, as now, Mary loved human beings and in turn was loved by them.

At the age of eight she entered Miss Collier's private school. This tiny rawboned child, all life and merriment at home, was so meek and quiet at school that her teacher inquired, to the amusement of the family, if Mary ever spoke above a whisper. This bashfulness, however, was of short duration, and the little miss soon developed powers of speech which convinced her teacher that there was no immediate cause of alarm. After completing her primary work under Miss Collier, she attended Miss Williams's preparatory school, and at the age of sixteen she entered Kentucky State University. Here she spent four years of pleasant intercourse with books and people, graduating in June, 1909. Possessed of a keen sense of humor and having no love for the science of chemistry, with a few swift strokes of the pen she changed a dignified Kypp generator into a happy Hooligan and so shocked the head of the department that a demonstration of spontaneous combustion took place, the effect of which lasted until Mary, in long veil and black bonnet, headed the procession which followed the remains of the battered chemistry book to its grave.

By nature of a strong and noble disposition and blessed with a deep human sympathy, the tiny child of a few years previous rapidly developed into a magnificent looking girl, winning the hearts of all from the president, a stern old Scotchman, down to the humblest janitor. Early in her freshman year Mary was taken into the local fraternity Chi Epsilon Chi, and took up the task already begun of petitioning Kappa Kappa Gamma. In her fraternity as in her home and school life she became a leader, and together with a band of faithful workers attained the land of heart's desire and donned the blue and blue. As a charter member of Beta Chi she helped set a standard for her chapter, which still feels the influence.

It is not only as a fraternity girl, however, that she must be viewed; but as a type of what the all-round college woman should be, she stands out in bold relief.

Always interested in athletics, tall, strong, and graceful of movement, she earned twice in succession the silver loving cup offered in the annual gymnastic tournament for the student portraying the finest moral, mental, and physical development; and the summer before her graduation she further broadened

her horizon by doing mission work in the Kentucky mountains as teacher of the "rareback" class in physical training, where she soon won for herself the title of "Mary Sunshine". So enchanted did they become with Mary that no marble game was complete without her; and she sang their favorite tunes and entered into their lives so fully that every year they have written to ask her to come back.

Vice-president of both her freshman and her senior class, she had time for all the numerous student activities which are possible in a college girl's career. Member of the *Idea* staff, the weekly paper, president of the girls' literary society and a member of the *Kentucky Annual* staff, she yet had time for social duties, and no college function was complete without her.

As an alumna she has shown the same spirit which characterized her college life. She assumed the entire responsibility of her first class re-union, which was such a success that the boys with their pipes and the girls with their feather dusters as souvenirs, having had such a good time, unanimously elected her president of the alumnae class. In club life she was sent to the Federation of Women's Clubs as a representative of the Kentucky State University Alumnae Club. In the business world her experience has been limited to one year. During that year she was physical director of the Lexington public schools. For the last two summers she has held the position of instructor in swimming in the Kentucky State University summer school.

Beta Chi chapter, two years ago baby chapter at Convention, this year presents to you our new Grand Secretary, Mary McEachin Rodes, a type of modern womanhood of which not only Beta Chi but all Kappa Kappa Gamma may well be justly proud.

S. M. C., '03.

LYDIA VORIS KOLBE, GRAND TREASURER

Lydia Voris Kolbe was born July seventeenth, 1880, at Akron, Ohio, and has lived, up to the present time, as a resident of that city, which her great-grandfather helped to settle and pioneer a hundred and fifteen years ago.

Her preparatory work was done at Akron high school, Dana Hall, and Buchtel Academy, from which latter she graduated in 1899. In the fall of the same year she entered Buchtel College



LYDIA VORIS KOLBE
GRAND TREASURER

and remained as a student there for two years, when she went to Louisville, Kentucky, to take up kindergarten work with Miss Patty Hill. After two years she became a kindergarten instructor in the Akron public school system, where she remained until her marriage to Dr. Parke R. Kolbe, Professor of German Language and Literature at Buchtel College, on June seventeenth, 1905. For the past seven years she has spent much of her time with her husband in Europe, living and working at Paris, Göttingen, and Heidelberg.

Mrs. Kolbe belongs to a family which has been long and intimately associated with Kappa Kappa Gamma. Her mother, Lizzie Slade Voris, was a charter member of Lambda chapter and four aunts have since been active in the same chapter. One of these, Miss Bell Slade, installed Beta Nu chapter and was Marshal of Convention in 1886. Mrs. Kolbe's sister, Elizabeth Voris Lawry was editor of the *KEY* from 1905 to 1906 and Grand Treasurer from 1906 to 1908. Another sister, Marion Voris, is at present active in Lambda chapter. Mrs. Kolbe was herself initiated on April twenty-eighth, 1900 and was elected Grand Treasurer in 1908 at the Meadville Convention—an office to which she has been twice re-elected.

GRACE BROADHURST, GRAND REGISTRAR

In the proper estimation of another's character and attainments it is a debatable question whether clearness of vision corresponds to a degree of intimacy, for are we not all privately convinced that it is the tendency of our friends to exaggerate our foibles while ignoring our faults, as well as to attribute to us unmerited virtues, while exhibiting, at the same time, a touch of obtuseness in regard to those which we really possess? Consequently, in the following account of the public and private career of our new Grand Registrar, the present chronicler hopes to avoid the charge of prejudice—in the mind of the subject of this sketch—by curbing an exuberant imagination and sticking closely to facts.

Let us begin our recital, therefore, by stating that in a year unnecessary to mention—a phrase employed by special request—Grace Broadhurst made her first public appearance in the good city of Brooklyn, and being a person of real discernment, she has never been known to blush for that fact. In the quiet atmos-

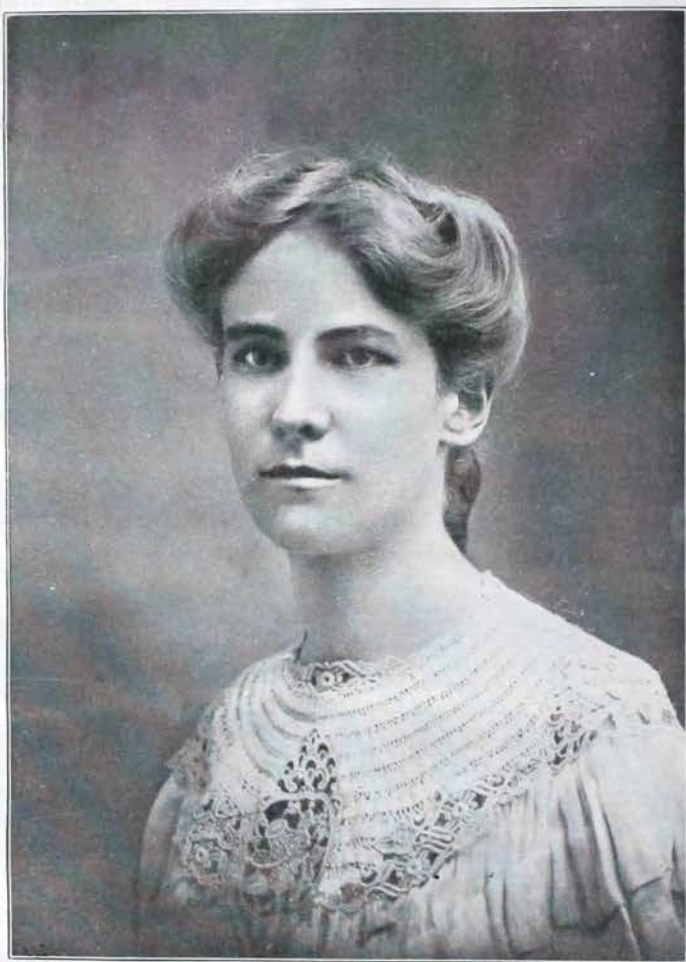


GRACE A. BROADHURST
GRAND REGISTRAR

phere of Brooklyn the little one grew and throve—we shall try to achieve the correct biographical tone—and records of childish prowess and triumphs indicate the early manifestations of that indomitable spirit which later constrained its owner to march, with stern visage and fiery eye, in the front rank of her college delegation in New York's first great suffrage parade.

After completing her high school course at Adelphi Academy, Miss Broadhurst entered Adelphi College in time to assist in the final struggles of the local which was trying to secure a charter from Kappa—members of recent chapters will sympathize! And in her sophomore year Kappa's future Grand Registrar, with several others, became a charter member of Beta Sigma chapter. No other event of her college life is comparable to this, of course, so we gladly concede it first place in the list of important college happenings. In accordance with the fraternity standard of breadth and variety of interests, Miss Broadhurst's activities ranged from strenuous work on her class basketball team to making love in classic French behind the Adelphi footlights, which revealed her a charming hero in a blonde curly wig and pink brocade, sufficiently unconscious of her sword. That like cheerful diversions did not command the entire attention of our talented young friend is evidenced by the fact that at Commencement time final honors in several subjects descended upon her incredulous and protesting head. Excellent political training, useful to one who expects to vote for the next president, was acquired during the two years in which she held the presidency of her class.

After graduating from college in 1907, Miss Broadhurst paused for breath, then, with a keen glance over the field of the world's activities, made her choice, and in the spring of 1909 entered the training course of the Brooklyn public library system. Appointed a junior assistant at the Williamsburgh branch the following January, our enterprising librarian had held her position only two or three weeks when with characteristic energy she took the examination for first assistant, and passed. No vacancy in this advanced position being open to her in Brooklyn at that time, she decided to apply for one in Flushing, which she secured the next winter, but not before she had quite casually taken the highest examinations—those qualifying one to act as head of any branch in the system—and had passed them, to the astonishment



ELIZABETH RHODES JACKSON
EDITOR OF THE KEY

of no one but herself. For the past year and a half, neither the bitter cold of early winter mornings, nor the enervating heat of summer days has been able to keep the weary but irrepressibly cheerful First Assistant of the Flushing branch from appearing promptly at her post, although it takes her an hour and a half to get there.

Just what the future may have in store for one possessing this irresistible combination of enthusiasm and efficiency it is impossible to state, although one may surmise that future to be propitious, in a high sense. Meanwhile, we may feel assured that fortune has done an ill turn neither to Kappa Kappa Gamma nor to Miss Broadhurst in bestowing upon the latter a place in the Grand Council of the Fraternity.

J. G. H.

ELIZABETH RHODES JACKSON, EDITOR OF THE KEY

You never would think if you saw "Lizzie" now (we originated the "Lizzie" in Beta Sigma—her Psi name was Elsie, her family called her Bess, on her diploma she was Elizabeth, and professional acquaintances used to call her Miss Rhodes), anyway you never would think if you saw our Lizzie now, playing with her babes, Winifred and Foster, in her old fashioned garden in the historic town of Dighton, Massachusetts, that she once was a dignified schoolmarm, and numbered such illustrious pupils in her classes as Grace Broadhurst, our Grand Registrar. And more than this—that she was a club woman and a writer and went around lecturing in all the large cities of the East. This is not said in disparagement of Elizabeth—I just mean to say that the picture of her now, a little woman with sunny hair, bright blue eyes and rosy cheeks (note to Editor: do not blue pencil this) frolicking with her kiddies, gives you the impression that she has played all her life in an old New England garden, rather than that she has been an active woman of the world's work.

But she was. After her little-girlhood, spent in Brooklyn, where she was born, she prepared for college at Adelphi Academy and entered Cornell University in 1894. Psi chapter, wise then as always, captured her early in her freshman year, and she was initiated in December, 1894. While at college she specialized in English literature and took honors in English when she received

her bachelor's degree in 1897. She did not devote all her time to her speciality however, as she was an out-door girl too. She was one of the organizers of the Sports and Pastimes Association in 1896, the first athletic organization for women at Cornell. It gave real sports instead of light gymnastic work, the only athletics at that date, and it was the first organization at Cornell to give community of interests to women students. Lizzie, I beg pardon—Mrs. Jackson, was specially interested in the rowing club of this association, and was coxswain of the first woman's crew at Cornell in 1897. After she was graduated, she organized a money-raising campaign for a boat-house for the girls on Beebe Lake.

Then began her professional life. It was at Adelphi Academy and College where she taught college preparatory and college English, that she gave Grace Broadhurst some valuable training for her future post on the Grand Council. It was while she was on the staff at Adelphi that she discovered a little group of girls there who had fond dreams of being Kappas some day. With characteristic enthusiasm she pitched in and worked for these girls as if her own Kappa-hood were at stake. It is really due to her that Beta Sigma came to be. She went to the Kappa Convention at Columbia, and there she rooted hard for the Adelphi chapter, and brought back hopeful unofficial reports. In 1905 she was toastmistress at the Beta Sigma installation banquet. From 1904-1907 she was secretary of the Intermunicipal Research Committee, and lectured on employment problems before women's clubs in New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Baltimore and Washington. She was one of the principal speakers at the State Federation of Women's Clubs at Binghamton, in 1905.

In between speeches and work in the research committee, she wrote fiction and feature articles for various magazines, *Outlook*, *Munsey's*, *Ladies' Home Journal*, *Delineator*, etc. And besides all this she kept always an active interest in her Alma Mater and visited Psi chapter every year until her marriage.

From 1897 to 1907, she was a member of the New York Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumnae Association, and was president of the Cornell Alumnae Club of New York from 1904 to 1906. In 1906 she was appointed exchange editor of THE KEY and con-

tinued that department until 1910 when she became editor-in-chief. To judge her success in that, read any KEY.

In 1907 she became Mrs. Ralph Templeton Cushman Jackson. All Beta Sigma went to the wedding, and sang Kappa songs, and Mr. and Mrs. Jackson are now in the act of living "happily ever afterwards".

She characterizes herself as "nursemaid by day, fraternity editor by night"—which shows how modest she is.

O, I forgot, she is a descendant of the early Dutch settlers, which is a conclusive proof of why she can't be beat.

KATHERINE T. MULLIN, *Beta Sigma*.

K. U. SORORITY HAS \$25,000 HOME

THE KAPPA KAPPA GAMMAS AT LAWRENCE BUILT A CHAPTER HOUSE

Lawrence, Kas., Nov. 16.—One of the finest chapter houses in the West was opened here today by the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. The building, which is of colonial style, is three stories high and contains fourteen rooms. It is built of brick and finished in oak throughout. The cost of the house was \$25,000. The basement contains the dining room, kitchen and storerooms. On the main floor is a large reception hall and three living rooms. The second and third floors are given over to bedrooms, with the exception of a chapter room on the third floor. The house is on the hill southeast of the university.—*Kansas City Star*.

SCHOOLS FOR GIRLS IN THE SOUTH

BY CATHERINE TORRANCE, FRANKLIN NU.

When one begins to investigate the girls' schools of the South the first interesting fact which presents itself is the number of such institutions. A list recently prepared for the Southern Association of College Women contains the names of one hundred and forty-one schools for girls in the South which possess charters that give them the right to confer degrees.

The second fact of interest is rather a startling one. These degree-conferring institutions vary in standard from poor preparatory schools to recognized colleges. Many of them are private institutions, a large number are far more interested in the name of college and in the conferring of degrees than in standards; but all of them, be they called college, seminary, institute, or what not, have this in common—they decorate their graduates with the baccalaureate degree.

There are thirty-seven of the institutions in this list which are aiming to do college work and which we may set down as actual colleges. However, the Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools of Southern States admits to membership only four colleges for women, excluding all the rest of the degree-conferring institutions of the South. The four are Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia; Goucher College, Baltimore, Maryland; Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburgh, Virginia; and Sophie Newcomb Memorial College, New Orleans, Louisiana. These institutions require fourteen Carnegie units for admission to courses leading to a baccalaureate degree and as many as ten for other courses. Their college instructors do no preparatory teaching. Their college students do not make up conditions in their preparatory schools, nor are students in their preparatory departments admitted to college classes. Yet we must add here that Goucher is the only woman's college of the South which is generally recognized as being of equal standard with representative Eastern colleges for women.*

* Since this article went to press the following changes have been announced:—At its November meeting the Southern Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools admitted to membership two additional schools for girls, viz., Converse College, Spartansburg, South Carolina, and Mississippi Industrial Institute and College, Columbus, Mississippi. Also, it has been announced by the Specialist on Higher Education that in the national classification of colleges Agnes Scott and Randolph-Macon, as well as Goucher, are now placed in Class I, along with Smith, Vassar, Wellesley, etc.

The remaining thirty-three of the thirty-seven actual colleges offer the requisite amount of work above the fourteen units of entrance credit but do not have membership in the Southern Association because they do not meet all the technical requirements of a college. The excellence of their collegiate work, their organization and equipment would entitle some of these schools to mention, but space forbids. They all, however, have the leading weakness of southern colleges for women—their total enrollment is out of all proportion to the number of their regular college students. The latter are decidedly in the minority, while preparatory, irregular, and "special" pupils constitute the majority of the student body. The specialist in art, music and expression is always in evidence, indeed lack of endowment makes her a necessity for purposes of income.

There remain still on our list one hundred and eight schools which confer the baccalaureate degree on their graduates and the best of them count at least two years of preparatory work toward that degree! There are at least fifty of them, so-called "leading colleges for women in the South", which admit to their freshman class pupils from the seventh and eighth grades and at the end of four years bestow on them an A. B. All things being equal, this degree is equivalent to a high school diploma, and yet in many cases it does not amount even to that. Some of these schools are arranging their courses to give definite preparation for college but still bear the name college and continue to confer degrees.

There are a few good preparatory schools for girls in the South which make no pretence of being colleges and do not aspire to conferring degrees. Some five or six of these have been admitted to membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools.

From the above facts it is easy to see that two of the educational needs of the South today from the point of view of scholarship are fewer nominal "colleges for women" conferring degrees for preparatory work, and more and better equipped preparatory schools for girls.

Such in brief are the conditions as regards girls' schools in the South. When we begin to cast about for reasons for this state of affairs they are not far to seek. In the first place the South

was a pioneer in the matter of the education of women. Before Vassar College was founded or Oberlin opened its doors to women, even before the days of Mary Lyon Seminary, which did not claim to be a college, we are told of Elizabeth Academy at Old Washington, Mississippi, founded in 1817, chartered as a college in 1819, and we hear of two young women who received degrees from Mississippi College, a coeducational institution, in 1832. This school, however, closed its doors to women later on. Science Hill in Kentucky dates back to 1825. Wesleyan Female College at Macon, Georgia, claims to be the oldest college for women, chartered for conferring degrees. It was chartered in 1836 and graduated its first class in 1840. It is not strange then that the territory in which the work began should be that in which it has spread so largely.

A second reason for the existence of so many separate schools for girls in the South is that coeducation has always been looked upon with more or less disfavor in that section. Before the war the education of young women was all but universally separated from that of young men and today separate education rather than coeducation is the rule. The doors of many of the state universities are now thrown open to women, but there is still a great demand for separate schools.

But, why, one naturally asks, all this conferring of degrees for preparatory work? As we have already shown, the people of the South have long believed in educating their girls. They have been ambitious for the daughters of the family that they, too, as well as their brothers, should have a diploma and a degree. But the old idea was that no girl should be in school after she had reached the age of eighteen. Of course the average girl cannot complete a college education at so early an age. Hence the nominal college, graduating its pupils at eighteen with a nominal degree.

Far be it from me to belittle the work done and the influence of some of these schools which are entitled to no recognition from a collegiate point of view. The social ideals of many of them are high, the air of culture and refinement which pervades them is good for girls to breathe. The taste for the fine arts acquired there and the keen appreciation for "whatsoever things are lovely" mean much in a woman's life. All these things have had,

no doubt, much to do with producing the proverbial Southern woman, the woman of gentle manners, of culture and accomplishment, a woman of charm in all respects.

If a girl must have school behind her forever at eighteen, if she is never to go to a first rate college at all, it is much better that she get a view of all that is fine and beautiful in literature, that she delve a bit into philosophy, than that she spend all of her time over the technicalities of mathematics and of rhetoric. The criticism one has to make upon these schools is that they give a degree which, according to present day educational standards, represents certain definite work and the pupil who receives the degree has done neither that work nor its equivalent. Every woman who can should have an accomplishment but she can not expect to become proficient in any or all of the fine arts and at the same time take a college education, finishing it all by the time she is eighteen.

But "the old order changeth, yielding place to new". We hear a great deal now-a-days about the passing of the old South and the rising of the new, of commercial progress and material prosperity but along side of this there is a great educational awakening as well, of which we do not hear so much. The improvement begun in the graded schools and carried through the high schools is bound to make better colleges. Higher and better standards are being everywhere adopted and maintained. Southern girls are beginning to recognize the value of a college education even for women who are not teachers. There are every year a larger number of girls who are willing to stay at college after they are eighteen. Gradually, slowly, it is true, but surely, the day is coming when nominal degrees for women will be a matter of ridicule; when a girls' college in the South will mean the same as does a college for boys, an institution, whatever differences there may be in curriculum, which shall admit to its baccalaureate course only those who have had four years in a well equipped high school following eight grades; and which shall not lay emphasis upon externals, but shall give a well rounded education.

CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETIES

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The word *charity* has come to stand for a large variety and extent of increasingly important social activities. These may roughly be divided into two parts, the one conducted by political officials and chiefly in institutions, such as alms houses, hospitals, and asylums, the other unofficial, voluntary and mainly non-institutional. Each of the two is essential, and each is rendered more useful by co-operation with the other. Proper administration of voluntary and unofficial charity in any large community in the United States practically requires the activities of a charity organization society, though the society may operate under any one of various names. Its ministrations are to charity like what first aid to the injured is to surgery, and what diagnosis and prescription are to medicine. It may mean quick recovery, and it may mean permanent crippling pauperism. The charity organization society serves the following purposes:

1. *Prevention of overlapping and imposture.* In any city, previous to the advent of the charity organization society, numerous useful charities spring up. A city of twenty-five thousand will probably have ten or more churches and a score of benevolent societies, lodges and labor unions, all of which dispense some charity, besides numerous benevolent individuals who do so. In a given family one child may attend one Sunday School and receive aid from one church, while another does the same at another church, and father and mother may secure aid from several societies and individuals. If a reporter makes a "story" about some needy family at Thanksgiving time, it may have ten turkeys and have no coal to cook them, while equally needy families receive nothing. In a community so small that overlapping of charity seemed not only needless, but to some almost incredible, a lady found a family in need, and appealed for aid to three benevolent individuals in succession, each of whom declined on the ground of doing already what he or she could for another case, and it turned out that each of the three was "doing" for one and the same case, which moreover had ceased to require aid. In a great city with

hundreds of charities and a great number of benevolent individuals, the charity "rounder" finds easy prey.

One duty of the charity organization society is to keep a card record of all applications for charity in the community, showing the nature of the need and the treatment provided. If all the co-operating charities of the city report to the central agency each application, they can always learn whether the applicant is already receiving assistance from another source.

The charity organization society is the proper agency for handling the tramp problem. The treatment of vagrants requires the existence of a central agency to which beggars can be referred by every citizen, with the assurance that no one will be turned away hungry, but that each will receive the treatment appropriate to his case, and with the added assurance that by such co-operation between all householders and one central agency, no parasites are begging from door to door. The proper treatment of these wanderers often requires communication by telephone with the cities from which they profess to come, or to which they say they wish to go. To some of these men it is possible to give important help and to these it would have been a shame to give merely a "handout" at the door. But it is ordinarily quite impossible for the householder to distinguish these cases from the smooth imposters. To properly deal with the tramps requires painstaking and trained intelligence.

Practically every community is visited from time to time by solicitors purporting to represent out of town benevolent enterprises. Some of them are frauds. The genuine would receive the endorsement they deserve, and the frauds would be suppressed, if all such solicitors were required by those to whom they appeal to present a recommendation from the local charity organization society.

Even within the city itself, if it be a large one, unwise and sometimes fraudulent, so-called charities may be started, and all new charitable enterprises may reasonably be expected to secure approval of the charity organization society before appealing to the generosity of the public for funds.

2. *Properly conducted investigation.* The investigation of applications alone can prevent imposture. But the main object of investigation is not to prevent imposture but to discover the

real needs and opportunities for help. Thorough acquaintance with the case is the prime condition of wise and thoroughly helpful treatment. For the private individual to investigate cases of poverty is usually impossible; it requires time as well as experience and training. It is a waste and a mischief when investigation of the same case is needlessly repeated by several charitable agencies to which appeal is made. Every society and every individual that discovers a case of need in the community can report it to the charity organization society with the assurance that it will be properly looked into, and the conditions and needs of the case will be made known to the agencies that should assist in its relief; or that if the case has already been investigated that fact will be known and no repetitious investigations will take place.

3. *Communication between need and sources of supply.* The charities directory of the city of Chicago is a volume of 350 pages, and that of Boston, of 500 pages, describing 1424 charitable agencies. In a large city, there are charitable agencies designed to meet practically every form of want, and devoted to the service of the needy of particular nationalities and of particular creeds. Yet individuals may starve, not knowing where to turn. As a rule, there is good will enough in every community, so that no need would go unmet for lack of benevolent effort and expenditure if each case of necessity could be brought into communication with the proper sources of supply. It is impossible for the needy to be conversant with all the sources of beneficence, but there should be one thoroughly advertised charity, whose business it is to put each applicant in touch with the resources of the city which should be called upon to meet his needs. This is a function of a charity organization society. The charity organization society is to all the agencies of the community that deal with the needy what "central" is to a telephone system.

To care properly for a single needy family, it may be necessary to invoke the police and the court to put a shirking bread winner on parole under sentence, suspended so long as he works and brings in his wages; and to call upon the dispensary and the visiting nurses' association to cure an illness that drains the family resources, or disables a wage earner; to look up the building inspector and the landlord in order to remove the unsanitary conditions that undermine the health of the family; and the so-

ciety for rendering legal aid to the poor in order to secure back wages due, or to relax the grip of a loan shark, to find a job for the father, or for Tom, or Mary (for the charity organization society must be in touch with sources of employment throughout the city; and to furnish temporary relief in the form of coal and groceries. In the small town there will be a score, and in the great city, a thousand agencies which may thus multiply their efficiency by co-operation through the central organization.

4. *To restore the impoverished to economic independence.* It is an error to imagine that the charity organization society exists chiefly to defend society against imposters and to defend the weak against the easy pauperism and parasitism into which many sink as a result of promiscuous almsgiving. These things the charity organization society does, but its yet more distinctive aim is to furnish to the poor, the patient and skillful and adequate aid that will set them once more upon their feet. Mere almsgiving will seldom do that, it will render the poor more comfortable in their poverty, but the charity organization society aims to help them *out* of their poverty. For a man in real trouble, the dole at the door, for which he asks, is a pitiful substitute for the befriending that he needs. For this fourth aim, the true aim of charity, the gift of coal and groceries in the case just supposed would have been totally insufficient, it would have served only to "tide the family over into next week's misery". The economically broken individual or family may need alms, but the chief need is "not alms but a friend". It must be a friend who has knowledge of opportunities for employment and of all the resources of the city that may be called upon to minister to the various specific necessities of the unfortunate. It must be a friend who by special training and by observation of many rescues from engulfing poverty, knows how to solve the problem of regaining economic independence, a problem often baffling for ordinary ingenuity and knowledge. It must be a friend who can give the time for correspondence and for interviews with various parties. All this means, as a rule with the rarest exceptions, that it must be the paid, trained agent of the charity organization society. To restore people to economic health requires special training and clinical observation, as truly as it does to restore people to physical health, though the training required may be less extensive. To

provide such a wise and skillful friend to the poor in a community is the greatest charity. Some charity organization societies give no material relief, but for that rely entirely upon co-operating agencies.

An illustration or two will render more distinct some of the four points just made. The accumulated case records of a charity organization society are a mass of such illustrations. Let us choose instances in which we can contrast scientific and unscientific procedure:

By an accident a man was rendered unfit for his accustomed labor. He had a wife and three children. Many gave sympathy but all entrusted the giving of material aid to the charity organization society. The society loaned the man the price of a push cart and stock for peddling. The family did not become paupers, but lived in thrift and comfort. The children promise to become good citizens. Another man in a city with no charity organization society was similarly injured. At first many sympathetic persons contributed money, food, and clothing, which were soon used up. The man could not return to his old labor and the wife was not able to do washing regularly. Their needs continued to be more or less spasmodically contributed to by money, food, old clothes and fuel. Husband and wife become confirmed paupers. The children have suffered in their self respect and when thrown upon their own resources are likely, at the first touch of hardship, to become charges upon the community. The experience of this family has been repeated with variations in thousands of instances.

A man of good connections in England was sent to this country on an allowance because of his gross intemperance. He always claimed that his allowance was behind time and that he was without money. People gave him fifty cents, or five dollars, or nothing. What he obtained in this way went mostly for drink and dragged him further into the mire. At length a charity organization society was formed in the city. The secretary of the new society communicated with his relatives and found that the allowance always came on time, and he squandered it in drink. It was arranged with the relatives to have the allowance sent to the society, and to have the society pay his board at an institution for inebriates where he received both physical and moral

treatment. He is now working steadily in a position which the charity organization society secured for him.

Compare the money cost of wise charity with that of careless giving. In the case of the drunken Englishman, a few letters and a few calls saved him; all the money he had been collecting before was ruining him. In the case of the first crippled laborer, there were years of giving to him and his wife and children, and the likelihood of more paupers when the children grew up; indeed the effects of pauperizing a family may last for generations. The other crippled laborer cost only a little time and wise planning, and he and his family were saved to themselves and society.

Yet organized charity is by no means a device primarily intended for saving money for the community. Though in the long run, it does have that result, its chief aim is to render to the needy, aid which is adequate, and so intelligently planned as to be curative and not merely palliative. In some cases it is much more expensive than thoughtless charity; it may give to a sick mother, milk, eggs and nursing instead of beans and cast off clothing. It may give medical treatment and surgical appliances to a broken bread winner when they alone can remove the cause of a family's distress and poverty. It is a saving because it is curative and preventive. It does away with the rearing of many children to lives of pauperism. It builds backbones instead of dissolving them. It is far more welcome to the better class of the poor than the unintelligent charity that often thinks itself more sympathetic, because it respects the self respect of those it aids as well as because it offers adequate and curative aid, instead of the mere succession of tantalizing doles soon consumed.

The appeal of the needy to human sympathy secures the entrance into this service, of people whose gifts of head and heart could not be commanded by the salaries which they secure. It is better that the salaries be low than that any one engage in this work for mere money's sake. Low as they are, the maintenance of the worker adapted in character and training to this difficult task is the chief expense of the charity organization society, but it is indispensable and its chief means of usefulness. Scientific charity discovers a practical interpretation of the line, "The gift without the giver is bare". The charity worker may well cost more than the relief, somewhat as the doctor costs more than the

medicine. Alms are like a sedative that relieves painful symptoms, the charity worker is like the physician, or the trained nurse. Where every sympathetic person administered the sedative but there was no doctor or nurse, disease would abound and increase: so poverty and pauperism abound and increase in the absence of the time-consuming labor of the trained minister of charity.

5. The fifth purpose served by the charity organization society is that of an *agency of research and of public instruction*. Through its reports, and the addresses and conversations of its officials, and frequent newspaper paragraphs, it renders the good will of the community intelligent, directs it away from the well-meant blundering that in most places has been common, and toward effective and general co-operation in the methods which wide and long experience have shown to contribute most toward promoting the welfare of the poor. This public discussion not only guides but also arouses and increases the sympathy of the community for its poor. Moreover, in addition to the paid workers, most charity organization societies have a corps of volunteer "friendly visitors", each of whom agrees to become acquainted with from one to three poor families. These visitors may aid materially in the rehabilitation of the families that they befriend. Usually it is wise for them to agree to leave all giving of material aid to the paid superintendent. The societies frequently have also advisory committees in addition to their boards of directors, with whom the needs and proper treatment of cases are discussed. All this serves to enable the well-to-do to realize the problems of the "submerged tenth" and promotes mutual understanding and sympathy between classes that are too often and too easily estranged.

The investigation of concrete cases of distress with a view to discovering and removing the occasion of trouble is a continuous research into the causes of social and economic failure, and is sure to yield knowledge of great value for the guidance of the particular community in which the charity organization society exists in its efforts towards removing its standing evils and fulfilling its good possibilities. This is one of the most important functions of such organizations. A community, like an individual, can get used to almost anything. As a rule the comfortable and

well-to-do little realize the causes of evil from which the less fortunate fringe of its population continually suffers. Generally speaking, no theoretical discussion or agitation by eloquent specialists from abroad can move a community so powerfully in the direction of needed reform and progress as the definite local knowledge yielded by the daily investigations of the charity organization society. The charity worker needs the guidance of theoretical instruction in order to perceive the significance of what he sees; and leaders of progress need wide knowledge of the experience of other communities in righting their wrongs; and systematic investigation of whole problems must supplement the fragmentary clinical experience of the charity worker. Still it remains true that the discoveries of such workers are, as a rule, the most effective means which a community possesses for learning its urgent needs and possibilities, and arousing itself to the required action. The directors of the charity organization society naturally furnish guidance and leadership for constructive social work in various lines. They may not always live up to their opportunity, but the opportunity is theirs.

PARTHENON

An Opening for College Graduates

The American public school system is being so severely criticised these days that the poor thing has scarcely a shred of reputation left. We are told that it aims at nothing in particular, and achieves nothing at all. Evidently those of us who have come up through the public schools ought to shudder at ourselves for the failures that we are, even though we may think that we learned some few things from this much-abused system. But here in Philadelphia, at least one step has been taken by our board of education in a direction which seems to indicate the approach of improvements in our educational system.

This step is, indeed, the one that should be the first, at least according to many aged maxims and ordinary common sense. It is the step towards the proper nourishment of the pupil's body, as a firm foundation for the development of his mind. The board of education, believing, apparently, that our educational system needs a thorough revision, turned its attention first to this important department as the one most needed for the entire success of all other departments. The board feels that the way to the heart of youth is "through his stomach", and that the half-hearted work done by the majority of high school pupils results from their lack of proper food. So the board determined to give its future citizens at least one nourishing meal a day, and took into its own hands the lunching systems of its high schools.

Three years ago, the board of education installed in its newest high school building an experimental lunching system, whose efficiency was to be tested for some two or three years before it should be extended to the other high schools. The system has proved to be successful, not only in providing good lunches for pupils and teachers, but in doing so at a minimum expense to the consumers as well as to the board of education. The system has been installed, this year, in all our high schools.

This idea should be interesting to readers of *THE KEY*, not only because of its educational value, but also because the extension of similar systems in schools all over the country means a broadening of the field of employment for college women who are proficient in domestic science. An outline of the main features of

the system will explain this. One very efficient woman manages the whole luncheon system of the high schools. She it was who first "tried out" the idea in the new high school, succeeding so well in spite of insufficient apparatus and assistance that the board has put her system under a specially created department of education. The board attends to equipping the schools with the most complete appliances for cooking and facilities for lunching large numbers of students. Then the "lady manager" places an assistant and several expert cooks in each school and visits the different schools in turn to supervise things.

The most appetizing and wholesome eatables, cooked in the best possible styles, are sold at almost cost price. Separate articles, such as hot chocolate, sandwiches, and soup, with a roll and butter, may be had for three, four, and five cents respectively, but a "combination lunch" is also served. This latter is a hot lunch, varying each day, but always consisting of four articles: coffee, tea or cocoa, a meat or its equivalent, a vegetable, and a roll with butter; and all this costs just fifteen cents. The pupils must buy checks representing different prices, before school hours, and present these at the lunch counter in exchange for articles of food. The pupils take the dishes on small trays to the luncheon tables, and are expected to return them to the counter later, so as to facilitate the quick serving of lunch to so many people.

The board of education pays for the installation of all the appliances for the system in the schools, and also pays a definite salary to the employees under the system, but otherwise the thing must be selfsupporting. No profit is expected or sought for. So far, the system has paid for itself and made a surplus besides. As a result the price of certain articles has already decreased a cent or two from the original cost, for the surplus at the end of a year is put right back into the system's own funds. In this way, the students are gradually getting more to eat than they did at first for the same money, and, we hope, added benefit too.

The teachers share the advantages of the arrangement, but are served at counters in their own lunch rooms. They feel the benefit of the new order as much as the pupils do, for most of them have had to lunch at the usual "ice cream parlor" every day in the year. The assistant manager in each school must needs be

an efficient housekeeper and a good cook, even though she does neither the actual planning or cooking; such a system therefore, opens a new field of employment for our college women, for it takes a well educated woman to keep matters running smoothly in each school.

BETA ALPHA.

Our Pan-Hellenic Contract.

Perhaps it may be interesting to those of our Kappa sisters who are now involved in all the trials and anxieties of a strenuous rushing season to learn how we girls of Gamma Rho chapter, here at Allegheny, endeavor to "be nice" to the freshman girls and yet live up to the rules of a Pan-Hellenic contract which we think you will all agree is rather difficult. For three years we have had such a contract, some slight changes being made in it from time to time, and it has proved a success. This may easily be understood if it is known that when the bids were sent out last year no national conflicts resulted. This year there are four fraternities instead of three that are governed by the rules of the contract, and thus far no trouble of any kind has occurred.

The first rule of our contract states that no girl shall be invited to join a fraternity until Saturday, the seventh of December, and that no girl shall be eligible to join unless she is carrying twelve hours work at Allegheny, maintaining an average of at least C in three-fourths of her studies and a passing grade in all. Older girls are not allowed to be with the new girls on bidding day, and no communications whatever on fraternity matters are permitted until answers have been received.

This involves the mere technical part of the contract. But the succeeding rules state that there shall be no rushing by active girls or alumnae, and by no rushing the following is understood:

- I. No fraternity or member of a fraternity shall have a new girl at a party or spread.
 - (a) No fraternity girl shall be present at a spread where a freshman girl is, unless permission has been obtained from the Pan-Hellenic Committee.
 - (b) No fraternity girl shall be out in company with a freshman girl and a man.

2. No money shall be spent on a new girl.
3. No fraternity or fraternity girl shall monopolize the time of any new girl.
4. No dates shall be made with a new girl, and no new girl shall be off the campus with one fraternity only, more than twice a week.
5. No new girl shall be allowed out for a meal with any fraternity girl, alumnae or friend of the fraternity.
6. No fraternity girl shall be with a new girl for more than half an hour a day during study hours. No fraternity girl shall be with a new girl "after bells" or before rising bell.
7. No fraternity girl shall call on a freshman living outside the hall more than twice before "bidding day".

Any violation of these rules is punished by a penalty varying from a command that the offending girl shall be merely civil to the freshman involved for a certain length of time (which means merely speaking to the freshman when this is unavoidable) to the postponement of the offending fraternity's initiation for a period of one year. These rules are enforced and all matters pertaining to fraternities are governed by a Pan-Hellenic committee, consisting of one senior and one junior girl from each fraternity. This committee has a definite, regular time for meetings. All complaints of any nature whatever are presented through its representatives who have sole power of imposing penalties.

During the first semester a party is given by the four fraternities for all the new girls. This party for the last two years has been in the form of a dance held at Saegertown Inn, and has proved a very enjoyable event for the old girls as well as the new.

Perhaps the details of so intricate a contract may seem tedious and unimportant to those who have never tried this system, but with us, as has been said before, it has proved a success. And by its means we believe that we are coming to realize more and more the true meaning of "fraternity sisterhood" in the broadest sense of the word.

ETHEL BAYARD, *Gamma Rho*, '13.

"Pan-Hellenic" Probably no subject has caused more discussion in fraternity circles than Pan-Hellenic and it seems quite possible that there is no field in which greater benefit can be derived by discussion and helpful suggestion than here.

For several years Pan-Hellenic at Ohio State University has been very unsatisfactory. There was a continual procession of broken rules with no penalties, much gossip about fraternities and even unpleasant personal comment. One year a fraternity withdrew from Pan-Hellenic, the organization was declared dissolved and a mad rush for girls followed which lowered the dignity and self respect of the fraternities very greatly.

Last year we had ten weeks of school before pledging with a limited amount of rushing. A rule to the effect that no freshman could be initiated into any fraternity until having passed a semester's work without condition has been so influential in raising the standard of scholarship, that after two years' trial, it was extended to read "No freshman shall be invited to join any fraternity until she has passed one semester's work without condition".

Pledge day is set for the first day of the second semester and rushing is limited to calling by two girls on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The spirit shown this year is a remarkable improvement over that of former years. One fraternity has fostered a good interfraternity feeling by entertaining each of the others at a very informal chafing dish supper. Our chapter entertained the other fraternities at a tea in honor of Miss Eva Powell when she visited us. Meetings of this sort where the girls meet as guests and hostesses are conducive to wholesome spirit.

By introducing the aim of scholarship the dignity of fraternities has been increased and with it their standard of honor has been raised. Not that the girls will deliberately be dishonorable but when the opportunity offers it is so easy to stretch the bounds of the rushing rules, construing them to fit your need. The necessity of passing a semester's work has given an impetus for good work to the freshmen and has shown them that fraternity means more than social life, that it aims at the best in mental activity as well.

Another good feature of the local Pan-Hellenic is publi-

cation of the rushing rules so that the freshmen know if a fraternity breaks over and judges accordingly. The rushing rules have been reduced from the volume of a few years ago which stipulated how many fraternity girls should attend a party, how many rushees, how long it should last and almost how many pickles and nabiscos and how many cups of tea should be consumed.

In order to be most effective, local Pan-Hellenic must be advised largely by the policy and aims of National Pan-Hellenic and profit by their careful consideration. We must pass from the sphere of petty antagonism and criticism into one of dignified and broadminded womanhood.

BARBARA WILLIAMS, *Beta Nu*.

Sophomore Pledging

A brand new experience always brings with it a peculiar fascination and this fascination is no doubt responsible for the fact that sophomore pledging is the subject uppermost in the minds of Iota chapter just now. Sophomore rush is a brand new thing for us and judging from the reports at Convention last September, many of our sister chapters are sharing the thrills of this same experience. Of course we are not far enough along with it as yet to be so very radical in our opinions, either "pro" or "con", yet it certainly seems to be the topic of most interest and so I am going to try to tell the rest of her sister chapters what Iota has done in trying to live up to its rulings and make a success of it.

At the beginning of the year we were all terribly frightened about the new order of things and got together in our Pan-Hellenic meetings a set of rules, in the fond hope that they might cover part of the trouble to be encountered. They weren't so very formidable, these rules, yet I don't believe there was one of us who didn't study and weigh and worry over them for hours at a time. We wondered if we'd keep them, we wondered if they'd work, we wondered—well, we wondered everything that one possibly could wonder in connection with such "laws laid down" as these: No sleeping with freshmen will be

allowed! No eating with freshmen will be allowed except at ice cream parlors!

Well, in a sort of wierd jumble, the first week of the fall term passed and Iota chapter emerged from it with five lovely pledges, and in no dreadful condition or mess at all. We were perhaps a little surprised and, certainly, mightily encouraged. The freshmen girls were unusually nice and we knew we were going to like them, but at the same time, we had that added sense of comfort in feeling that we were able to go about, knowing and being known, in a natural and leisurely way.

Of course there were numerous rumors afloat to the effect that "this fraternity was pledging secretly" and "that fraternity was getting around rules in an unfair way", but we all resolved that Kappa should keep the requirements in spirit as well as letter, and so live up to the highest and truest traditions of her Kappa standards. We took as our slogan "play square and keep true to the key", and we determined that now, more than ever, our badges should be badges of honor.

So we have safely come to the first of November, and although all formal dating has been left until next semester, we feel that we can go safely on through June. And at that time we are sure that the girls we want will be the girls who want us—girls who will honorably keep our slogan and proudly wear our key.

JULIA SHUBRICK, *Iota*.

*Sophomore Pledge
Undesirable*

We are all interested just now in the question of sophomore pledge day, and the general opinion seems to be favorable. We heartily agree that in large colleges and universities it is doubtless a good thing. Serious mistakes are sometimes made both by the chapter and by the candidate, which might otherwise be avoided if each had more time for consideration.

The small chapter in the small college, however, has a different view point. With an enrollment of twelve or fifteen members, three or four of whom it loses each year by graduation, it is scarcely possible for that chapter to be of much force if its number is cut down by sophomore pledge day rules.

It is comparatively easy for the fraternity girls to become acquainted with all the new girls in a few weeks after school opens; and the new girl can usually depend upon her first impression. The rushing season which lasts from four to six weeks is none the less strenuous, but it is sooner over with and everybody gets down to work better. Even if pledge day comes early in the first semester, initiation may well be put off until the second semester. By that time pledges will have been able to prove their worthiness to become members.

BESS BOYD BELL, *Beta Upsilon*.

*Rushing in a Small
Dormitory.*

The fraternities at Cornell have never had a rushing season that has extended later than Christmas. There have, of course, been numerous changes in the Pan-Hellenic contract, but the main purpose has always been to restrict intercourse to certain definite limits. Last year, for example, three days of the week were non-intercourse days, when the only time that communication was allowed between fraternity and entering girls was during the hour of dancing in the gymnasium immediately after supper. This rule was considered necessary in order not to interfere with the studies both of the freshmen and of the older girls. For the same reason, rushing was confined entirely to the afternoon. The expenses were cut down by Pan-Hellenic ruling to the lowest possible amount; only one party was allowed for each fraternity, with definitely limited expense, and no other money was spent on the entering girls. Engagements were all made by note at noon of the day of fulfillment, thus making it easy for the freshmen to show their preferences, and making the end of the season a trifle less nerve-racking for the fraternities. It also to a great degree obviates the strained relations between fraternities consequent upon the loss of a bid.

Our dean of women was so greatly in favor of a sophomore pledge day, that this year we decided to compromise and have pledge day in the late spring. There were practically no rules, and communication was supposed to be absolutely "natural". This, in our case at least, proved utterly impracticable, for every spare minute, morning and afternoon, had to be given up to

"getting acquainted" which virtually amounted to strenuous rushing. This, in the first place, was directly against the spirit of the contract, and furthermore told severely on our studies even for the short time during which it was on trial. So Pan-Hellenic unanimously voted to return to a shorter period of rushing season. We realize, to be sure, that this system too, has many faults, but through long experience and sundry readjustments it has seemed to be the one best fitted to conditions at Cornell.

PSI.

Student Government

Student government dreams are to be realized in a few months in Syracuse University. The whole student body is, consequently, very proud and happy over the prospect, for it has fought long and perseveringly and in the face of apparently the most insurmountable obstacles. The trite old saying, "Where there's a will there's a way", has proved true once more and the executive board of the Women's League is now actually engaged in the investigation of certain conditions pertaining to the establishment of student government. It is also compiling a set of rules to be sent shortly to the chancellor and the dean of women for their approval.

If the women had ever permitted the least doubt to rest in the minds of the executive heads of the university as to their desires along this line, that doubt was completely expelled by the enthusiasm at the Women's League meeting last spring when consent was finally given to try student government the second semester of the year 1912-1913.

Student government seems especially adapted to Syracuse University. The women are scattered all over the hill. There are so many of them they cannot be accommodated in the dormitories provided by the university so there are a large number of boarding houses and chapter houses, where the students live in little groups. Uniform rules must be observed and it does seem as though this can best be accomplished through government by the students. They then realize that they themselves are making and enforcing the rules and are, therefore, more willing to abide by them.

BETA TAU.

*True Fraternity
Spirit*

In talking to one of our Kappa alumnae not long ago, I was interested to hear that she had found from her experience that there were four distinct steps in her college and fraternity life according to the four years she was in college. Each year brought with it new experiences and a new outlook.

I am sorry to say that I was unable to comprehend more than two of these steps, the first one pertaining to the experiences of a freshman, and the second, to those of a sophomore. My freshman year remains a happy memory to me, which will not soon be forgotten. All was strange, new, and delightful. Everyone was so willing to help me become accustomed to my new surroundings, and to overlook the blunders I made. When I became a sophomore, circumstances were different. I felt quite a responsibility. I am sure this must be quite a natural feeling among sophomores, to feel it their duty as well as their pleasure to look after the new girls; to help make them as welcome as possible.

To an outsider, just what our fraternity stands for, what it means to accomplish, is vague and hazy. To most outsiders it looks as if fraternities stand for just a good time. Although this is not its ultimate aim, it is not altogether a wrong idea. We all should have good times; we all have that right. In fact the sages of the past tell us that man is continually seeking happiness. So it is very well if the fraternity does stand for wholesome jollity. However, those who have become initiated into the mystic realms of Kappa, learn that our fraternity stands for something more than a good time. It stands for fellowship; for comradeship—two things which make life worth living.

Out of this comradeship grows a union that cannot be understood by one who has never experienced close relationship with those who are anxious to see you put forth the best that is in you. Every fraternity member should desire to act so that the fraternity grows in power, consequently influencing the whole of college life, and ultimately, when the actives have joined the ranks of the alumnae, this true spirit of fellowship would be so imbedded in the members of the society, that it would not stop just outside the fraternity door, nor just outside the college; but like the small pebble that causes the waves in a pond

to ripple and ripple until the farthest shore is touched, so the spirit of fraternity should cause its members to better the lives around them.

MARTHA LOUISE BROWN, *Mu*.

The Point of View.

In a certain church there is a stained glass window which from within the building is exquisitely beautiful, casting a tinted light over the interior and satisfying the artistic sense of those who look at it. The scene portrayed on the window appeals to one's finer feelings, and as the light streams through, taking on the soft colors of the glass, one feels inspired by its loveliness. From without however, the effect is very different. The beautiful picture appears to be a shapeless mass; the delicate shades of color are dull and unvarying. No inspiration comes to the outside observer and the entire effect is unsatisfying and unpleasant. Is not our fraternity life a little like this window, which when viewed from within is so beautiful, but from without, so unlovely? From within we see the high ideals, the congenial friendships, the mutual helpfulness. From a different point of view, might we not see narrowness, selfishness, and even snobbishness? Loyalty may blind us to our faults but does that mean that the faults do not exist? Isn't it even possible that the outsider may be able to see our faults more clearly and truly than we can ourselves? If criticism is accepted thoughtfully and fairly, the fraternity ought to be helped rather than harmed. At the present time such criticism is too general to be disregarded. Much of it comes from broad-minded and impartial observers. It is utterly absurd to take the stand that this wide-spread opposition is entirely unjust. Fraternalism certainly does not mean to foster selfishness and narrowness, yet if we allow these evils to creep in, is it strange that from an outsider's point of view the entire fraternity system should be blamed?

If it were possible for us to see ourselves as others see us, understanding at the same time the fraternity point of view, we would realize that our mistakes and failures have risen from obscuring those high ideals which we as Kappas have set before us. If our fraternity ideals are real vital parts of our fraternity

life, thoughtfulness, democracy, and breadth of interest ought certainly to flourish.

Sometimes we are apt to think that acknowledging faults is disloyalty. The mere fact that we have a ritual embodying our ideals, signifies the need of constant care that the highest and best be kept in mind in order to keep out the evil. It is weak and foolish simply to blind ourselves and refuse to see the flaws in our system. No progress in attaining our goal can be made in this way. Let us, rather, try to place ourselves in the impartial position of an outsider and with breadth of outlook and unbiased vision, face our faults fairly and squarely; then true to the highest ideals of Kappa Kappa Gamma make every effort to correct them.

BERTHA M. RINGLAND, *Beta Gamma*.

Memories "Drink to the Kappa memories
That last our whole life through",

memories that are now in the making although we seldom pause long enough in the rush of our everyday existence to realize it. How many times we hear the magic word, Fraternity! a word so full of love, charity and good will, yet how many times it rings in our ears an idle sounding word which pleases our sense of well being. We are prone to accept circumstances in which we find ourselves without asking why we are, what we are! Let us go back to some of our earliest recollections. Can we ever forget the little envelope which contained the precious message "we invite you to become a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma", and the thrill of response? How our hearts beat as we pledged ourselves to the girls we so admired and how we were filled with love and happiness at the thought that we "belonged"!

Then came the period in which we were learning the ways of Kappa, a time when, I am afraid, most of us feel a little disappointed. We had thought and dreamed so long of a wonderful sisterhood and we find we are not altogether able to be a part of it.

Perhaps at this time we are hurt or offended by an action on the part of one of the girls; and here I want to make the plea

that we go directly to the one who caused our unhappiness and talk it all out. It is always best to unmask this secret foe of ill will which destroys the harmony of our existence; kill it, and use the tablet which marks its grave as a stepping stone climbing to the higher plains of sympathy and sisterly love. On these plains is built the altar of Truth and Beauty at which we would all offer sacrifice.

The best and dearest memory let us live over in secret: initiation, with all its mystic beauty. I think of all others, this one means the most to each one of us.

Now begins the weaving of a wonderful golden tapestry. It is made of the threads of days, deeds, joys, griefs and thoughts, and they all pass through our eager fingers to form their patterns in this altar cloth of ours. Age can only beautify it and Time lends it a sheen of gold; and while we are weaving, we keep at our side a great bowl, from which there rises constantly the incense of influence losing its fragrance among the threads. Perhaps we may never reach the altar to lay upon it this tapestry of ours but we never forget the joys we lived in making it.

"And as through the years that are to come,
Remembrance sweeter grows;
We find more dear those memories
That only a Kappa knows."

FLORENCE G. CAMPBELL, *Lambda*.

*Friendship and
Fraternity.*

"You'll get out of anything just as much as you put into it" is a statement so outworn that it is deemed bromidic. We have heard it from upperclassmen, from chapel speakers, and from conscientious professors in the first lectures of their courses until, perhaps, we are heartily tired of it. But let us put aside the too familiar words, the very triteness of which has covered their truth and depth of meaning, and try to realize their significance. I have an art teacher who is continually saying to me, "Put more thought into your subject, and you will have a better drawing. Get behind it and discover what is there. Anyone could draw the shape of those apples, but the amount you bring out of the

character and interest that is in them determines how much of an artist you are."

I have concluded that he is right, and in more things than drawing. We need the breadth of vision we hear so much about, but do we not also need a depth of vision? In seeing is there not the danger of seeing only the surface? Let us give this a more practical application. Do we not all know the girl who has many acquaintances, who seems to know everybody, and yet has not a single true friend? Her case is pitiable; and I think it is due to the lack of a depth of vision. Acquaintanceship is a thing of the surface, but for friendship one must go far deeper. Do not think I approve of the girl who has few friends, is with them constantly, and sees no possibilities in girls outside this group. She is no more than a snob, and how we all hate snobs!

In our fraternity, even in our own chapters, we cannot be equally intimate with all. Some we will inevitably know better than others, even though we are all Kappa sisters together. Are we not just a little apt to take Kappa friendships for granted? Of course, in a way, we should, that is one of the beautiful things of Kappa sisterhood; but friendship and fraternity are not synonymous. One emphasizes the individual element, the other extenuates it. In a fraternity there is, and ought to be, the subordination of personal aims to the welfare of the whole. This is the splendid result of breadth of vision. But let us look about in our own chapters and see how many we actually know deeply and intimately. Isn't there a splendid opportunity for us to go a little deeper into the lives of those about us and find truer friendship? And this backed up by fraternity spirit ought to be a friendship as broad, deep, and lasting as the ideals of Kappa.

HELEN DREW, *Chi*.

College Spirit The world at large considers fraternities mere cliques and not of much worth to the college. College life helps fraternities and fraternities help college. This interrelationship helps in both directions. But, first before all, college should be considered. That is our Alma Mater and deserves our highest and greatest respect. There is a tendency

among fraternity people to hold their society supreme above all things. To be sure, it is a hard place in which to distinguish priority, but as these things are so different, do not let us consider them in rank but as an aid to each other. The college stands for so much that we can not realize its greatness. Therefore it behooves each one to devote the most time possible to the institution which gives us so much that is of the highest value in life. Too much time can not be spent in any branch of college activity. There is a great deal to be gained by engaging in many different lines. This gives the broadest possible views and may be of great value when new experiences are to be overcome in the world outside of the dome of knowledge.

The fraternity is really a very small part of the college. A Greek society could not exist without the college. Thus we may realize what an all important factor it is. On the other hand fraternities are a great help to the college especially to a small city college. In this case the fraternity holds the girls. There is very little if any of the college life which is so popular and so greatly desired by young people, to be had in an institution where there are day students only. The fraternity furnishes this on a small scale to be sure, but nevertheless that much is so appreciated that it has been known in many cases to cause pupils to remain in college when they had no desire previously to spend more than one year.

Thus it can easily be seen that while our Alma Mater should receive first and foremost our loyal support, the fraternity really helps the college. But we must keep in mind that loyalty, first to our college, next to our fraternity as a part of that college life, will make toward the greater development of our characters.

ELSIE HAYWARD, *Beta Sigma*.

EDITORIAL

Fashions change in "muck-raking", just as they do in hats. Once the magazines "muck-raked" vicious social conditions and criminal misgovernment, now they are "muck-raking" colleges and college organizations. Perhaps next year they will be "muck-raking" home and mother.

The *Century* takes a hand, in the November number, in an article entitled "The Fraternity Idea Among College Women—What Does It Stand For?" by Edith Rickert. The prefatory note tells us that it embodies the results of "a comprehensive and impartial investigation" made by the author. This sounds statistical and unalluring; but cheer up! the article is illustrated by a spirited sketch of a new girl tied to a radiator in a fraternity house "until she puts on the fraternity badge", and another one, showing a group of fraternity girls at a railroad station sizing up "the new girls as they arrive". (You can tell which is which, because the new girl wears a last year's hat and spectacles, while the fraternity girls wear sneering smiles).

The picture and the prefatory note are thus at variance, and the article proves to be in line with the pictures. Therefore it is not quite possible to criticize the contents of the article seriously; but readers of THE KEY may be interested in learning how the author obtained her information of fraternities and what use she has made of it.

Miss Rickert's method (in other published articles as well as this one) is to gather her material, not by personal observation, nor by scientific investigation, nor by statistical compilations, but by asking for the personal opinions of other women, whose opinions may or may not be of value. As if a doctor should base his diagnosis of a patient's case, not on his own observation of symptoms, nor on a scientific study of similar cases in medical history, but on the personal opinion of his patient's family, friends, and neighbors, as they file past the bedside. Under such treatment the patient might have a fighting chance; that is what the fraternity system has under Miss Rickert's treatment.

There is but one question that can *pertinently* be asked concerning any form of college student activity, be it athletics, Christian Association, debating clubs, or what not: Does this

organization advance or hinder the real object of the college; does it make for higher or lower scholarship? The answer to this question as it applies to fraternities is accessible and available. It is to be found in the records of college presidents and registrars and of deans of women students, who, almost without exception, are co-operating with individual fraternities or with the National Pan-Hellenic Congress in recording and supplying statistics of the records of fraternity members. In some instances, these records include comparative statistics of fraternity and non-fraternity women. Miss Edith Rickert could have obtained these records without difficulty, as a basis for her article, instead of canvassing for individual opinions. But they would not have served her purpose so well. For in the first place they show an excellent scholarship record for fraternity women and therefore they are entirely useless for the purposes of a sensational article; and in the second place statistics are so fatally accurate that they might kill the effect of Miss Rickert's general vague statement of the scholarship side of the question: "They have ideals of scholarship, indeed they are trying to establish a standard for admission, and they even carry off a share of the honors; but on the whole, their social mind interferes with the scholastic attitude and prevents over-application to mental effort."

Thus lightly dismissing the one pertinent subject of inquiry, Miss Rickert centers on the impertinent questions with which she flooded the fraternity world, and after remarking, "The fraternity women have responded most generously to my inquiries; they have heaped upon me a small mountain of manuscript in explanation and defense of their theories and their practice", she continues, politely, "How shall I get at the truth"?—a gratifying tribute to those who have given of their time and thought to help her write her article!

This series of questions, by the way, is the third from Miss Rickert with which the editor of THE KEY has been honored within a year and a half. The first was on the subject of women's colleges, and the answers were used in four articles in *The Ladies' Home Journal*. These articles were preceded by a prefatory note, stating that they were based on answers received to questions "substantially" as followed in four fair-minded questions; but those four questions were not, in form or in spirit, the ones

sent out. Those that were sent out presupposed that the women's colleges are not "doing their job", and were calculated to draw out answers confirming that view.

The second series of questions emanating from the facile pen of the versatile Miss Rickert was on the subject of the financial relations of husbands and wives. The Editor of THE KEY must admit that she didn't keep a copy, and cannot quote from memory the detailed questions on the sharing of the income, and whether the wife had an allowance, or had to ask for it every time, and whether she had any friends or neighbors whose money experiences with their husbands ought to be given to the world, and what remedy she would suggest for it, anyway.

These two questionnaires were sent to the Editor personally, on the recommendation of a college friend whose name was mentioned; the third was sent to her and to the members of the Grand Council officially. Here it is in full; and if the Editor's adjective *impertinent* is ill chosen, she will gladly lay it aside in favor of a better:

THE CENTURY INVESTIGATION OF SORORITIES

1. In the latest edition (1911) of *The Sorority Hand-book*, the following claims are made for the college sororities:

"By taking its members out of the crowd and making each a distinct unit in a small group, the sorority is able to foster individuality. . . . By emphasizing and developing these requisites for leadership—(self-confidence, self-control, self-sacrifice), by providing innumerable opportunities for the practical application of the same, the sorority is supplementing the work of the college and rendering a special service to society."

"Very valuable, indeed, is the business training that comes during association in the chapter in undergraduate days or from service in the national organization after the college course is ended."

"Another opportunity that the sorority opens to its members. . . . is the chance it gives them. . . . to get a wide outlook over the entire field of collegiate education."

"Instead of being an undesirable thing, . . . the clique, as established by the sorority, is a most salutary arrangement for grouping girls into congenial coteries. Promiscuous friendships, though democratic, are dangerous."

"Furthermore, in taking a girl out of the crowd and making her a permanent member of a small group, the sorority is rendering her an inestimable service. . . . The sorority, by demanding the same virtues as the family, makes the break between home and college and later between college and home almost imperceptible."

"Whatever the line of service to which she may consecrate herself, the sorority girl will always be a success. . . . In addition to the stores of knowledge acquired through years of study. . . . she will have gained through the discipline of the chapter both wisdom and understanding."

Would your experience of sorority women tend to substantiate these claims? Give concrete instances, if possible.

2. What other benefits, advantages, or opportunities have you observed that are traceable to sorority membership? Illustrate, if possible.

3. Have you noticed that the sorority lessens a tendency to overvalue the Alma Mater at the expense of other institutions of the same grade?

4. Have you observed any bad effects upon character due to the sorority—such as snobbishness, sportiness, a tendency to promote social life at the expense of the intellectual, or intellectual ambitions at the expense of health?

5. Have you observed within a sorority a tendency to crush individuality through the dominance of a powerful personality and a tendency on the part of weaker members to a harmful imitation of her ways?

6. Have you observed any bad effects upon the life of an institution due to sorority politics, rivalries, and jealousies? Illustrate.

7. In cases where a teacher and a student are members of the same sorority, have you observed any bad effects in their relations because of favoritism or a conscientious avoidance of it?

8. What is the effect of the sorority upon the students who do not become members? Give concrete instances.

9. At sorority banquets and meetings of various sorts, what type of reminiscences predominates in the speeches? What ideals of college life are held up?

10. Should you consider it advisable or feasible to regulate the sororities? How?

11. Have you any further comments, favorable or unfavorable, upon the sorority as an institution? Illustrate, if possible.

12. Will you add the names and addresses of women (members or not members) whose experience would make their views especially interesting and valuable?

It will be noted that any woman who answers these questions in detail will have to write an article quite as long as Miss Rickert's own article in *The Century*. What Miss Rickert has done is to solicit from a large number of specialists, unpaid contributions on their specialty, and to use the material in these contributions for an article over her own signature at the excellent rates paid by *The Ladies' Home Journal* and *The Century*. Considering the advantage accruing to Miss Rickert from her exploitation of other peoples' ideas, those who have given of

their experience, time and effort to make her articles acceptable by the magazines, might at least seem entitled to courteous treatment at her hands. Fraternity women are, in the main, gentlewomen. The answers that she quotes breathe a spirit of graciousness, courtesy, and sincerity, in marked contrast with the bad taste and bad faith with which they are handled. Almost without exception the statements favorable to fraternity are merely put up as arguments to be pulled down. Even the mention that one fraternity woman makes in all sincerity, of the beauty of her ritual is attributed to an "enthusiast", and Miss Rickert adds, "I have heard it also described as 'childish', 'popycock', 'bunk'."

The fraternity system has nothing to conceal. It has, on the other hand, no reason for going on the defensive. While THE KEY does not advocate the extreme Masonic policy of secrecy, it recommends for consideration a policy of referring to the Pan-Hellenic Congress all inquirers who have *no legitimate reason for making inquiries*.

As to the contents of the article, it is readable, as sensational articles always are readable. But it is so inaccurate in statements of would-be fact, so illogical in deduction, that it is valueless as a permanent contribution to the literature of fraternity. I have tried to find a paragraph or sentence that would sum up the argument; but the article is so loosely constructed and lacking in unity that it is difficult to systematize its line of thought. Perhaps this passage best brings the argument to a point: "The evils of the system remain. . . inherent and ineradicable. As regards those within, the fraternity idea means *type*; as regards those outside, it means *caste*."

Why, of course, the evils of the fraternity system are inherent and ineradicable. So are the evils of every man-made organization. For they are inherent in human nature, and ineradicable from human nature until the millennium. Hiding our heads in shame, we are forced to admit that no fraternity, no chapter, is perfect. The confession is wrung from us that in spite of every precaution we do sometimes take in girls who have faults. Gladly would we refute Miss Rickert's statement that some fraternity girls are snobs. But truth is truth; some fraternity girls *are* snobs. Some girls outside of fraternity are snobs, too. Even

some magazine writers are snobs. Snobbishness seems to be "inherent and ineradicable" in the race of Adam.

I wish from the bottom of my heart that I could place before a waiting world evidence to show that that coal bill story is wholly false. It is a shocking thing that a Greek-letter fraternity should have difficulty in paying its coal bill "during a severe winter." Of course, some worthy householders who don't know Alpha from Omega also have difficulty in paying their coal bills.

The next article in the series will answer the question, "What Can We Do About It?" The case having been diagnosed with the aid of the friends and neighbors, we shall now have the prescription. It seems to be a very serious case. "Evils inherent and ineradicable" sounds as if the fraternity system were a very sick patient indeed. We wait breathlessly to know whether Miss Rickert will show a little humanity and recommend letting the incurable patient die in peace, or whether, lured by hope of living up to the sensational standard she has set, she will advise a major surgical operation.

CHAPTER LETTERS

ALPHA PROVINCE

PHI, BOSTON UNIVERSITY

There are fourteen of us back in the active chapter this year. And we feel ourselves particularly fortunate in having with us Florence MacArdle, 1912, who is doing work for her master's degree.

The season started with the usual interest and enthusiasm. The building itself had been most carefully cleaned and painted, and presented an almost new appearance as we assembled registration day. A new psychology professor has helped make busy, if not altogether happy, the lives of us juniors.

We have also given considerable attention to the political campaign which has been so strong here in the midst of the city. Though by no means "ardent suffragists", we have given some of our time to the organization of the Progressive and Wilson Clubs of the university.

Rushing has of course been among our chief interests. Our Pan-Hellenic rules however, have bound us down so that "rushing" is limited to two parties. The first of these Phi chapter held at the Acacia Club, Dorchester, where sixteen entering students were our guests. The next party is to take the form of a conflict party.

Amy Kleburg from Beta Xi is again studying at the Conservatory of Music, and has been a guest of the chapter.

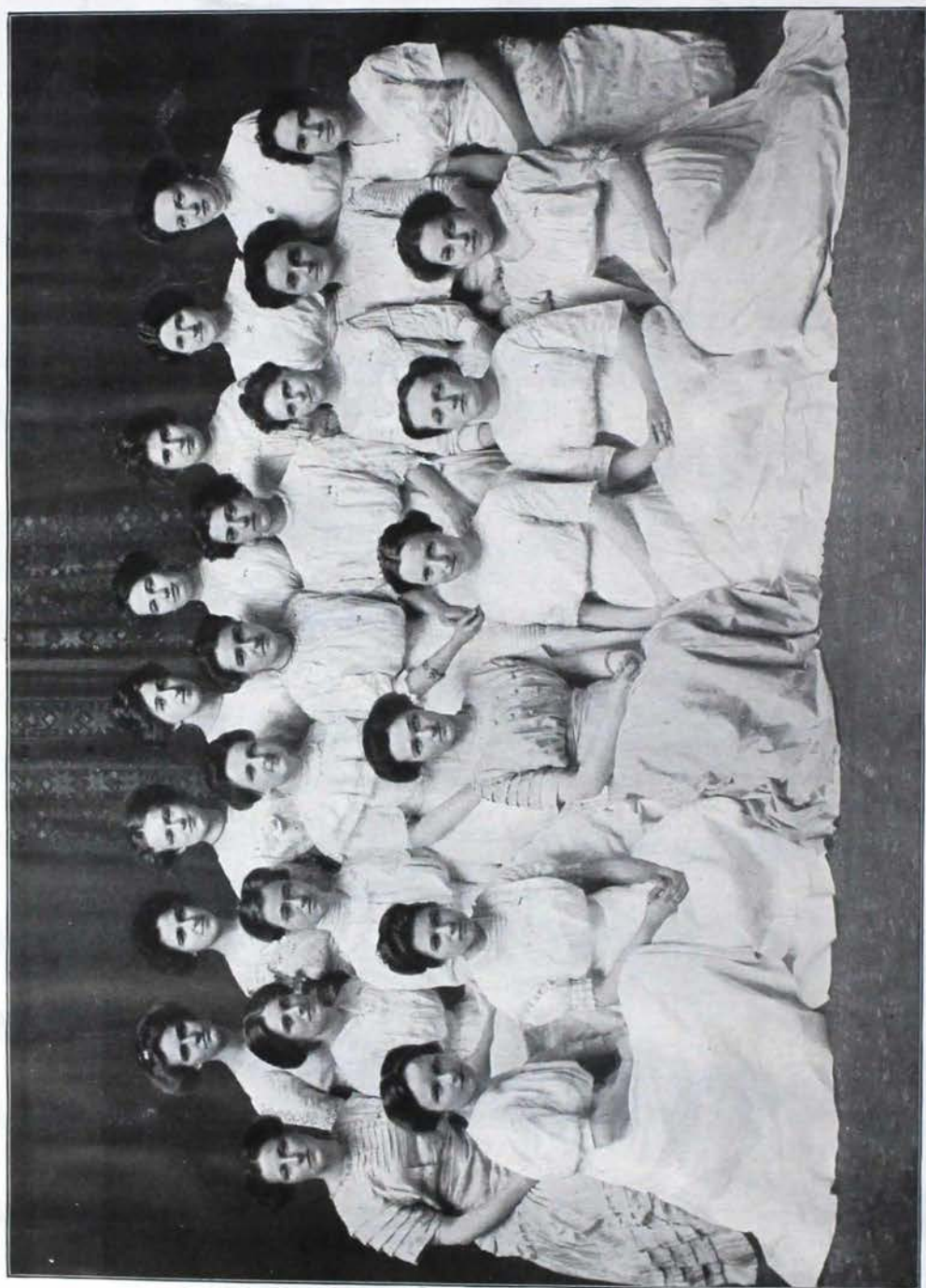
We were pleasantly surprised to find a note in the rooms one day, telling us of the visit from girls of Beta Rho and Beta Eta chapters. We were extremely sorry, however, to miss the opportunity of meeting them.

Helen Brounstein, Phi 1915, is studying at Syracuse University this year.

Elsie Putney, 1914, is taking a course at Boston University medical school in addition to her work here at the college of liberal arts.

Mary Lowden, 1914, is chairman of the Silver Bay committee.

Ellen Coles, 1915, was chairman of Gamma Delta initiation.



PHI CHAPTER

when the freshmen went through the horrors of meeting the Gamma Delta goat.

Wilma Bashor, 1914, is at her home in Waterloo, Iowa, where she is continuing her study of music.

Roberta Miller, 1912, is teaching at Plymouth, Massachusetts. She has recently visited the chapter.

Nina Gilley, 1912, is at North Hatfield, Massachusetts. Louise Anderson is at Claremont, New Hampshire. Margaret South is at Rockland, Massachusetts.

It may be of interest to some to know that as a chapter Phi is about to do a little practical social work. Situated as we are in the center of Boston, we have our eyes continually opened to the need for social work. Our work consists in each one of us writing once a month to a prisoner. In this way we hope to be of some use in bringing cheer into a life that might otherwise lack all interest.

Our rooms are situated this year at 65 Westland Ave., Suite 2, Boston.

MABEL H. SARGENT.

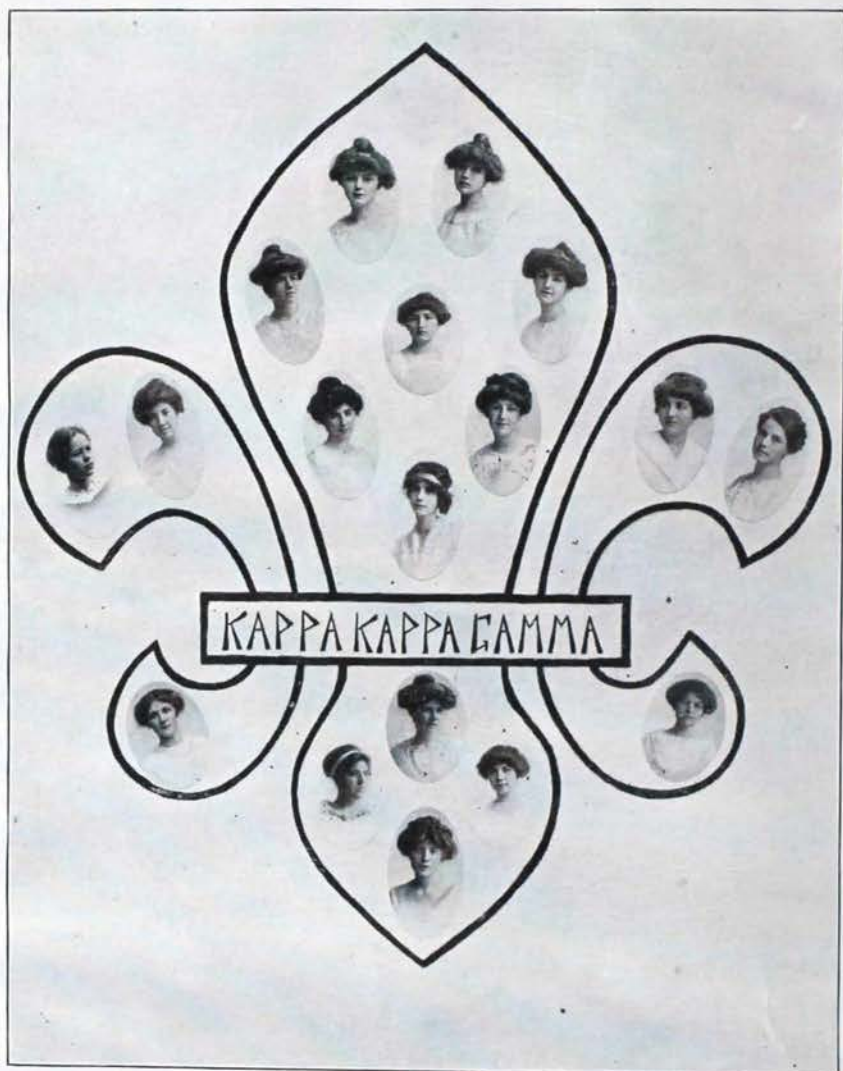
BETA SIGMA, ADELPHI COLLEGE

Our first supper meeting this year was an alumnae reunion. Quite a number of the alumnae were present. We have had our rooms repapered and have new hangings and a new rug.

We hold our first rushing party on October thirtieth. There is quite a large freshman class this year and our prospects seem good. By this year's Pan-Hellenic rules each fraternity gives two informal teas and one formal party. There will be no Pan-Hellenic tea. Our rules in general have not been changed from those adopted last year.

On October twenty-eighth, a tea was given by the faculty in order that the college might meet Doctor Cadman, our president pro-tem., and our new dean, Miss Harvey. We are very sorry to lose our president and dean of last year.

Kate Tobin Mullin, exchange editor of *THE KEY* is living in Brooklyn this year and comes to see us often. The sophomores give a party to the freshmen on Hallowe'en night. On the first Friday of college, the Y. W. C. A. gave a tea to the freshmen. It was quite a success. For the Hallowe'en party, Elizabeth



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Trundle, 1915, is chairman of the committee. Ella Dutcher is president of 1914; Agnes England, vice-president of 1914; Ruth Cawl, vice-president of 1915; Emily Botsford is business manager of the Oracle; Ella Dutcher, 1914, is delegate to the Women's Student Self-Government Association Convention held at Wells College.

ELIZABETH TRUNDLE.

PSI, CORNELL UNIVERSITY

When we first returned this fall we were all delighted with the great number of splendid girls in the freshman class, but this very fact has since perplexed us not a little, for our rushing list still contains sixteen names.

Cynthia Seelye, '12, came back this fall with her younger sister, who is just entering, and honored us by staying over a month. Margaret Thorp, '12, was also back for a visit, so that our chapter, with the exception of one girl, was the same as last year. The active chapter wanted to pay the "grads" some slight tribute, so we gave an informal dance in the gymnasium. It was a jolly affair and everyone seemed to have a good time. The girls were also here for the Pan-Hellenic tea, on October sixteenth, and we greatly appreciated the help they give us in rushing.

We were fortunate in having Florence Yoch transfer to us from Pi. This raises the number of our sophomore class to ten.

Cornell is proudly watching the erection of five new buildings this year. We, of course, are most interested in the new dormitory for women, the domestic science building, and the new auditorium, but we are proud of the growth which brings us a large building for the agricultural college and one to the veterinary college.

Psi sends the best of good wishes to all her sisters in Kappa Kappa Gamma.

BETA TAU, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Beta Tau initiated eight new girls on Friday, October twenty-fifth. They are Anna Wearing, Marion Pyle, Marie Mevis, Marie Dockstader, Marjorie Parse, Marie Wood, Florence Sangstacken and Martha Christy. Helen Straub, one of our pledg-

lings, will be initiated in the spring. Helen Brounstein, class '15, of Phi chapter, Boston University has been affiliated with Beta Tau.

On Saturday evening, October twenty-sixth, we had one of the largest and best initiation banquets held in years by Beta Tau. We were very much pleased to welcome back many of our alumnae.

The Camp Fire movement of Y. W. C. A. has just been organized in Syracuse University and is a great success.

We had a very interesting visit from Miss Cleora Wheeler a short time ago. While here she told us a great deal about our new crest and the time and effort necessary to establish the correct form. Miss Wheeler also explained the details connected with her new Kappa book, which is just out.

Martha Reed, class '14, has been elected president of the Syracuse Silver Bay Association.

Miss Dorothy Rand, of Phi chapter, spent a few days with us before returning to her work in Boston.

We were glad to have Elizabeth Lowry of last year's class with us for two weeks of rushing.

Grace Potteiger has been elected president of the women's glee club.

Annette Kellerman gave an exhibition in the university swimming tank last month for the benefit of the students.

A great many marriages have occurred among our girls during the past year.

Helen Beattie, class '11, and Leslie Wiles, Phi Kappa Psi, were married at Warwick on July thirty-first.

The marriage of Marion Lusk, class '10, and William McDermid, Phi Gamma Delta, occurred September tenth.

Miss Florence Lowry was married to Henry Schiefer, Psi Upsilon, at Berwick on June nineteenth.

Marjorie Gardner and Arthur Johnson, Delta Upsilon, were married at Manlius on August twenty-eighth.

The marriage of Ethel Andrews to Henry Dexter, Phi Delta Theta, will occur October thirtieth.

HELEN SHERWOOD.

BETA PSI, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

After a very busy month we feel that we are again well started upon another university year. The many student organizations have, with much thought and work, been successfully launched, and we are looking forward to a very happy and successful year.

We still miss the 1912 graduates very much, but are glad to have Jessie Keagey and Mary Shorey in the city this year attending the Faculty of Education.

Mrs. Blake, of Berkeley, California, was in Toronto for a few days early in October. We have also had very short visits from Lepa Denne, Ethel Tate and Mrs. Vickery.

When we returned in October we were delighted to find that Mrs. Parkiss from Brooklyn, New York, had come to make her home in Toronto. Beta Psi is always most happy to welcome any of the Kappas from the States.

Irene Stitt, '10, is teaching science in Ottawa, Ontario.

Ethel Tate, '11, is teaching household science at Ontario Ladies' College, Whitby, Ontario.

The intercollegiate tennis tournaments are being played now and are of great interest to us. We are also very much excited over the football situation, as McGill is putting up a very good fight for the championship which Toronto University has held for so long. The decisive game will be played on the ninth of November.

Hoping this will be a successful year for all Kappas everywhere.

MARJORIE FLANDERS.

BETA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Things are certainly looking brighter for the girls at Pennsylvania. At last one of the houses owned by the university has been lent to the "co-eds" for use as a dormitory and club-house until such time as the university can build quarters especially for the girls. The fraternities are to be permitted to rent rooms in this house, and we are expecting to have a room there very soon. However, endless repairs seem to be going on in the said house, and we are waiting patiently but anxiously for them to be finished. We are used to waiting, though, and the knowledge



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that this time we are really going to get something at the end of the waiting is enough to keep up our courage and enthusiasm. For the first time, too, we are now allowed to buy athletic association books of tickets just as the men students are. And in the distance, we see visions of a real girls' college, with all the sports and recreations that other college girls enjoy.

Our open, semi-annual Pan-Hellenic meeting has come and gone, and both of the fraternities represented declared themselves well satisfied with the new date for pledging. For in the spring, the Pan-Hellenic Association changed pledge day from December to the first Friday of the second term of freshman year. This gives us more time to really know the new girls at college, and to learn their actual scholastic ability at the end of a whole term of college work. So we are proceeding calmly and deliberately with our rushing, instead of hurriedly and feverishly as before. We have had one big party for all the freshman girls, and all but one of them came to it. This may sound rather remarkable, but the truth is that our entire "co-ed" freshman class consists of just eighteen girls. Only five of these attend classes at the normal time; the rest come to college in the afternoon and evening, in the so called teachers' courses. It is this night-school arrangement at Pennsylvania that makes it difficult for us to see each other very often, and to fix upon a convenient time for fraternity meeting. However, it is said that all this is to be remedied in the near future by the establishment of a girls' college here, so we are always cheerfully hopeful of better things.

Our chapter is small now, as compared with some of the western ones, but we rarely have more than twelve active members at any time, so that our membership of nine girls does not seem too small for happiness and success, at least to us. When that much-to-be-desired college really comes into being, perhaps we shall have a chance to see what a big active chapter is like by having one of our own. Here's hoping that some of our dreams are realized by the time the next news-letter is due. And in the meantime, a happy Christmas to you all.

ALICE M. RODMAN.



BETA IOTA CHAPTER

BETA IOTA, SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

Swarthmore opened on September eighteenth and found the members of Beta Iota back and ready to work both for the college and for Kappa. Our five 1912 girls left a big hole in the chapter and we miss them in the active work of the fraternity.

This year we have six weeks' rushing season which makes pledge day fall on November second. Of course, we are very anxious to have the time come when we can pledge the girls we want.

The first Saturday of college the Y. W. C. A. gave an informal reception to the new girls in the girls' gymnasium. This is given every year and is for the purpose of making the freshmen feel at home and get acquainted. There was dancing and then refreshments were served.

On Saturday the twenty-eighth of September, Beta Iota gave a dance at the club house here in Swarthmore for our rushees. Many of our alumnae came back and the affair was a decided success as far as any of us could judge. We were glad to have Elsie Mackley from Beta Gamma with us at that time.

On the twenty-eighth also Mr. Mercer, who is doing such wonderful work among the students of the American colleges, came to visit us at Swarthmore. He stayed two or three days and left an impression which will be remembered by every one who heard him.

On the fourth of October President and Mrs. Swain gave their annual reception to the students. These receptions are always enjoyable as they give the new students a chance to get acquainted with the old, as well as the faculty.

Swarthmoreans were very happy when on October twelfth our football team defeated the University of Pennsylvania by a score of 6 to 3. We may be justly proud for we have not quite 250 men to pick the team from while Pennsylvania has over 3000. Then on Saturday the nineteenth, the team further distinguished itself by defeating the Navy at Annapolis.

College work is running smoothly enough but there is the undercurrent of anxiety and we will be glad when the six weeks are over.

Beta Iota sends the best wishes to all the chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma for a very successful pledge day.

DOROTHEA FITCH.

GAMMA RHO, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

First of all Gamma Rho wishes to introduce a new Kappa, Eva McKinney, '13, who was pledged the first Saturday of this term and initiated on October the nineteenth. This fall found sixteen of us back for work. Besides the four seniors whom we lost last June, four of the sophomores also did not return. Jeanette Robinson and Marie Waring are teaching this year, but expect to enter the junior class next fall. Florence Scott has taken up library work, and Marion Moorehead we have loaned to Chi chapter for the year.

On September the twenty-sixth we entertained the town alumnae at an informal tea given in our chapter rooms. On October the twelfth, we entertained at a progressive dinner. Courses were served at the homes of Mrs. S. S. Swartley, Isabelle Thoburn, '14, Margaret McLean, '15, and Miriam Shryock, '14. The favors at the last course were roses for the girls and silver key rings with gilded keys attached for the men.

This last week has been a very sad one at Allegheny. Miss Lucy Crawford, an Alphi Phi, Goucher College, '14, the only daughter of President and Mrs. W. H. Crawford, died very suddenly at Baltimore on Wednesday morning, October the twenty-third.

Allegheny was especially honored last Saturday when President Taft addressed the students of the college during his short stop in Meadville. He was on his way to Cambridge Springs where he delivered an address at the opening of the new Polish Alliance College.

On November the second the four sororities will entertain all the new girls at a dance to be given at Saegertown Inn. Bidding day comes on December the seventh so we are hoping soon to have some fine new pledges.

KATHARINE FOWLER.

BETA UPSILON, UNIVERSITY OF WEST VIRGINIA

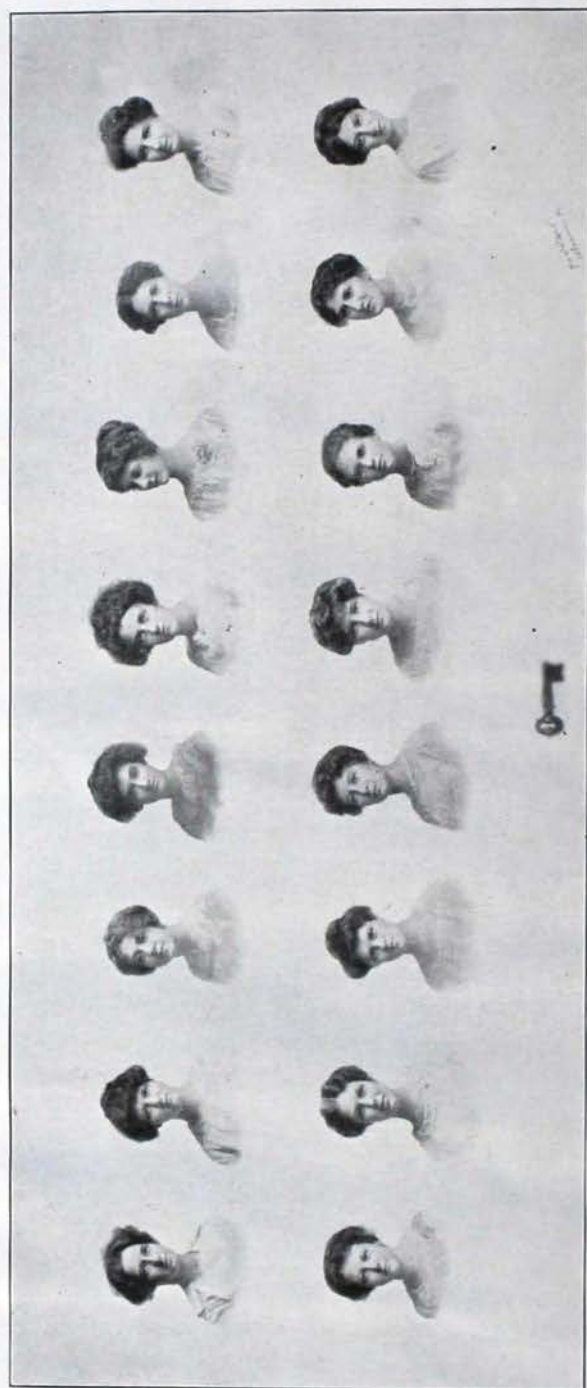
The college year has opened most auspiciously for Beta Upsilon. Registration day found all our girls here anxious to enjoy the new chapter room, which our home alumnae had prepared for us, and to welcome the members of the largest freshman class our university has ever had.

A new Pan-Hellenic ruling reduced the rushing season from six to four weeks and allowed only two rushing parties. Our first affair was a picnic at Oak Park—a nearby summer resort. This was our most effective rushing “stunt”. It was an ideal autumn afternoon and we had the grounds entirely to ourselves. Our invitations were considered rather unique; the following is a copy:

“We’re to have a little picnic on the
twenty-eighth you know,
If you think you could arrange it
we would like to have you go.
We will try to have the weather so ’twill
neither rain nor snow,
But if it does, beneath a roof we will
have it even so.
At twelve o’clock on Saturday please at
the station be,
And don’t dress up, but only wear a smile
of youthful glee,
Because we’ll slide upon the slide and
may be climb a tree,
’Cause you’re having as your hostesses
the girls of K. K. G.”

Our second affair was a formal dinner party at the Hotel Madeira. Covers were laid for twenty-seven. The picnic and dinner party were in pleasing contrast. Asking day immediately followed. Kappa honored eleven girls with invitations. Each was promptly accepted. The following girls were formally pledged on October eleventh: Mrs. Bert Holmes Hite, Morgantown; Polly Royce, Cleveland, Ohio; Anna Mary Marshall, Connellsville, Pa.; Marie Smart, Montgomery; Edna Greenan, Moundsville; Bertha Griffin, Belington; Pauline Musgrave, Clarksburg; Ethel Hout, Fairmont; Flora Furbee, Middlebourne; Myra Nefflin, Keyser; and Sarah Reiner, Morgantown,—a big array of splendid girls.

We are particularly pleased to have as a pledge Mrs. Bert Holmes Hite, the wife of one of our professors. She is a charter member of Kappa Delta, the local sorority which won the Kappa Kappa Gamma charter for West Virginia University.



LAMBDA CHAPTER

Beta Upsilon announces the marriage in August of Jane Eta McKinney, '07, to Professor C. P. Higby of the Fairmont Normal School.

Best wishes to all chapters for the coming year.

KATHARINE KEARNEY.

BETA PROVINCE

LAMBDA, BUCHTEL COLLEGE

We take great pleasure in introducing two new pledges, Catherine Blanchard and Ina Fleming.

This fall has been a busy one for Kappa as well as for the whole college; a new spirit seems to have entered and it is busily at work in all branches of student activities.

We enjoyed our first spread in the rooms on the twentieth of September, and on the twenty-eighth we were entertained by Evelyn Church.

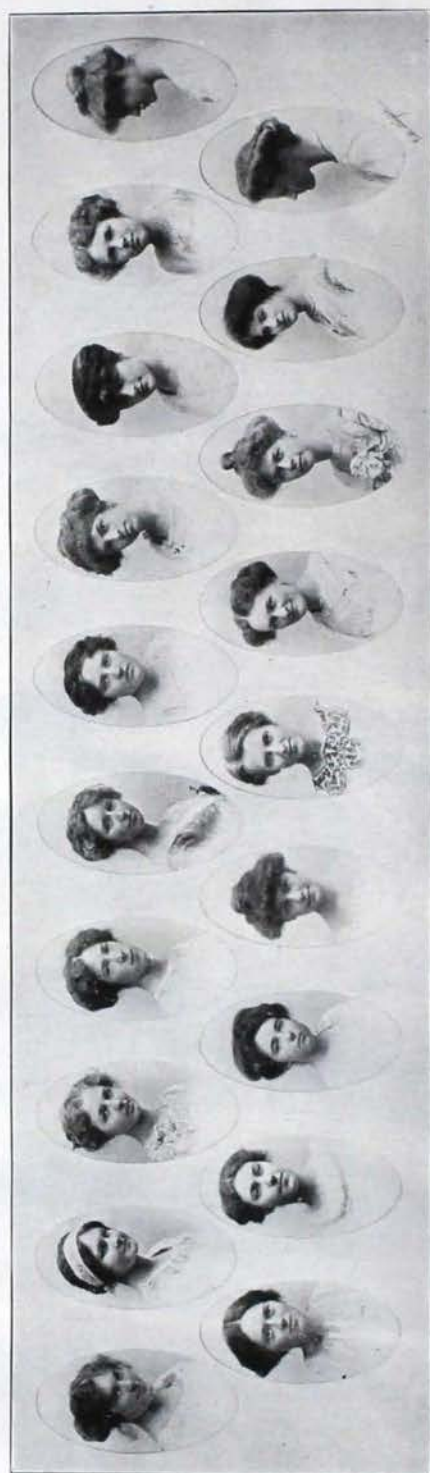
One of our alumnae, Helen Knight, was married on the eighteenth of September to Robert Iredell, and Martha Ford of Milledgeville, Ohio, Bess Hart of Girard, Pennsylvania and Lillian Pence of Urbana, Ohio, were the guests of Katherine Otis for the wedding.

We were delighted to have with us for a few days our Grand President, Miss Powell. We only wish that we might have more visits from members of our Grand Council although Lambda is more fortunate than most chapters in having the Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Kolbe, with us most of the time. We felt greatly benefited by Miss Powell's visit and feel sure that other chapters share our appreciation. On Thursday, October third, the alumnae gave a reception for Miss Powell and the following Saturday we had a spread in the rooms.

The new Phi Mu fraternity entertained Kappa and Delta Gamma at five hundred on the fourth of October.

Mary Waters has returned from Eagle's Mere, New York, where she spent the summer and has resumed her studies in Buchtel; also Katherine Otis who is taking a post-graduate course, was made active, so our circle numbers eleven.

We all attended the Buchtel-Hiram game on Saturday, after which we had a spread in the rooms.



BETA NU CHAPTER

Plans for initiating our pledges and for rushing are well under way and we hope to be able to announce several fine freshman girls as pledges to Kappa Kappa Gamma in the near future. Many wishes for all the chapters for success in rushing.

FLORENCE G. CAMPBELL.

BETA GAMMA, WOOSTER UNIVERSITY

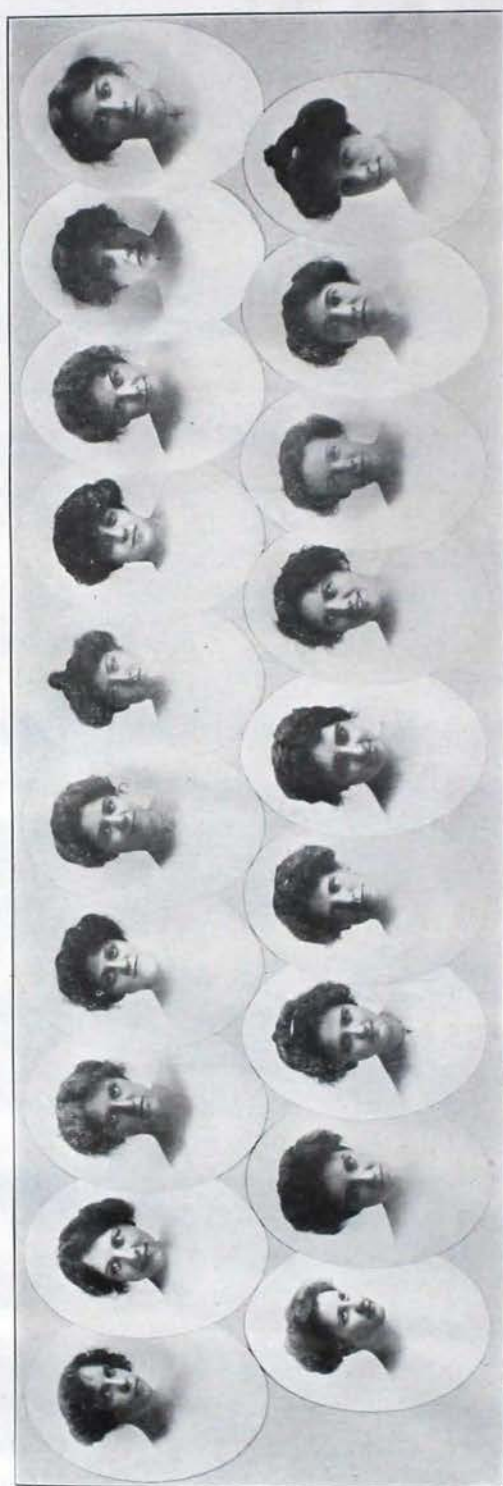
Owing to the fact that sophomore pledging and initiation have been introduced into Wooster University, Beta Gamma cannot make a report on new members. However we have pledged Florence Ravenaugh and Jeanette Jones, daughter and sister respectively of Kappas formerly of this school. As the new time of initiation has just been established this year, we are laboring under difficulties which we hope will be removed in time.

The pleasantest feature of the year so far has been the visit of our Grand President, Miss Powell, who won the heart of every member before she had been with us twenty-four hours. The first evening of her stay we spent at the home of Mrs. Aliss, an associate member of Beta Gamma. There Miss Powell entertained us with convention reminiscences and interesting items about sister chapters. As the next evening one of our active members was to give us a beefsteak roast, we were delighted that Miss Powell could enjoy it with us. The roast was held in "The Old Park", a pretty woods near the university. After a delicious picnic supper, we gathered around the dying fire and gave a Kappa "sing", closing with the Wooster love song, in which all joined.

The next morning Miss Powell delighted us all by going to classes with us and proving in more ways than one that she was indeed a Kappa sister and truly one of us. We shall be more deeply interested than ever, after knowing Miss Powell, in whatever she does, and we wish her success.

The next week Mildred Foss gave us one of the lovely dances for which Mildred's home is noted. There were about twenty couples there in addition to a number of out-of-town and invited girls.

Last Saturday evening one of our loyal Kappa friends, Dessa Brown, gave us a dainty little dinner in honor of Elizabeth



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Krichbaum, a visiting Kappa from Canton. After dinner, music entertained us until the lateness of the hour warned us that dormitory rules must break in upon even a pleasant evening.

Of course we are not permitted to give our regular rushing party this year, and university regulations prohibit us from indulging in very many social affairs, so we close here with the most sincere wishes for a happy and successful year to you all.

ELLA M. MURPHY.

BETA NU, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

We recently had the pleasure of entertaining Miss Eva Powell for a few days and we certainly enjoyed her visit and wished that she might have stayed longer.

Beta Nu announces that two new pledges are added to the chapter, Mary Ellen Yontz and Frances Mitchell.

We are delighted to have with us this year Harriet Bretz of Beta Gamma and Gertrude Brady of Delta chapter.

Gwladys Walters, '13, was married to Mr. DeWeese Fuller of Urbana, Thursday, October seventeenth, 1912.

Bess Allen was recently elected as leader of the glee club for the coming year and Hazel Zeller was made society editor of the "Lantern".

On October twenty-second the women's council gave their annual spread for the freshmen. It was held in the gymnasium and more than seven hundred girls attended. After supper clever "stunts" were given by different organizations of the university. In spite of a very rainy evening it was very successful as in former years.

MARIE KOUNS.

XI, ADRIAN COLLEGE

The opening of college brought back eight active members of Xi chapter for another happy year together. Since that time we have initiated two pledges of last year, Florence Butler, of Morenci, Michigan, and Irene Jennings of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Helen Baker, '12, who is taking a post-graduate course, is also with us this year.

There are two new instructors in college this year, Professor Robinson, who takes charge of the history department, and Prof. George Pratt, head of the department of vocal music.

Improvements are being made during the summer in the interior of South Hall, the women's dormitory.

The local Pan-Hellenic set pledge day for the last Friday before Christmas vacation. There are several worthwhile freshmen who we hope will some day be Kappas.

Early in October the alumnae planned a delightful afternoon for the active girls at the country home of Miss Harriet Tayer, where a supper out-of-doors and a corn-roast were enjoyed by all.

Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Delta Delta gave a reception for the new girls. The affair was held in South Hall parlors and proved a very pleasant means of getting acquainted.

We feel that our first rushing party was a decided success. On the evening of October nineteenth, we invited seven freshmen to go with us for a hay-rack ride to a country home about three miles from Adrian. The night was ideal and we all did full justice to a very bountiful supper, and enjoyed a jolly evening together.

Edith Neer, '12, of Mechanicsburg, Ohio, was a most welcome visitor for a few days in October.

The appearance of the chapter rooms is being improved by the laying of a hardwood floor which we have been wanting for a long time.

MILDRED ARMSTRONG.

KAPPA, HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Hillsdale opened for the fall term on September the sixteenth, the chief topic about the campus being football. The team is doing exceptionally fine work. We played with the University of Michigan freshmen and defeated them 33-6. Also, on October twenty-sixth, we played Olivet and won, 19-0. This was considered an especially great victory as this was the first time in some years that Hillsdale has defeated them.

Pan-Hellenic rules have been changed in that we have first semester bid-day, which occurs on November ninth, instead of second semester, as we had last year. Therefore, this is an especially exciting time for us. If we win, however, we will surely feel rewarded, for the girls we are rushing are all the true Kappa type.

We are glad to have Amy Willoughby and Marie Clement back with us after a year's absence.

On October nineteenth, the alumnae and patronesses spent the evening with us in our sorority rooms.

Recently two of our girls took parts in a Ben Greet play, "The Palace of Truth", given by the woman's club of this city.

According to the rushing rules, we are allowed only two large parties and for one of these, we gave a week-end party at the lake recently. There were eighteen of us, including Miss Ruth Fisher, our chaperone, whose mother is a Kappa from Beta Gamma. This party certainly was considered a success by all of the girls.

Our next party was a dinner party, given by the patronesses and alumnae, at the home of Mrs. Golloway, on October twenty-fifth. The tables were decorated with yellow chrysanthemums and the place cards were in accordance with Hallowe'en. An elaborate dinner was served, after which we all sang Kappa songs and ended with our call.

In the literary society elections, Grace Brandon was elected president and Marie Clement secretary of the Germanae Society, and Doris Mauck secretary of the Union society.

Much enthusiasm is being shown in the girls' glee club this year. There are twenty-five girls in it, and Kappa is very well represented.

Hazel Fenton, of Reading, came over for our dinner party.

MARIAN E. WILLOUGHBY.

GAMMA PROVINCE

DELTA, INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Delta sends greetings to all Kappa sisters and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Fall term opened very auspiciously for Delta. We had three days of exciting rush, after which we were proud to announce our new pledges:

Helen Crawford, Anna Koch, Mary Reeves, Irene Odell, Hilda Cleveland, Margaret Harlan, Margaret Curran, Doris Hoffman, Ruth Weatherly, Mae Woolery, Marie Comstock, Doris Carpenter, Gladys Gilmore, Eunice McCullough, Mary Esther Walls and Nellie Van Antwerp.



DELTA CHAPTER

Ten of the girls from Iota chapter visited us during rush.

Our fall term open house dance was held Saturday evening, October nineteenth. It was a great success and everyone had a fine time.

Ruth Edwards, '12, and Pauline Workman visited us a few weeks ago.

Of last year's graduates, Samuella Norman is teaching in Veedersburg, Carrie Ong in Columbus, Ruth Woolery is assisting in the University, Daphne Hoffman is at Wellesley, Ruth Edwards is at home in Spencer.

Bess Williams is back in school again this year.

ELIZABETH GRIFFITH.

IOTA, DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

This year has seemed somewhat uneventful to us DePauw Kappas as compared to the usual rush and excitement attending our previous rushes, which have lasted from two weeks to several months.

This year, according to the university's new sophomore pledge ruling, we are only allowed to pledge Kappa sisters and daughters and sophomores this fall. As the number of old girls who returned approached our number limit we only pledged the four sisters and daughters who entered and one sophomore. This was done with comparative ease, relieving us of the strain with which school generally opens. In the spring we shall pledge freshmen, who will not be initiated until next fall. We are not doing any formal rushing of freshmen and will not give any parties until after Christmas.

The greatest event in college life so far was "Old Gold Day", our annual school holiday, set aside for demonstrations of school and class spirit and a good time in general. The members of the faculty are doing more and more every year to add to the significance and success of this holiday, the gratifying result of which was evident in the unusually large number of alumni and other visitors present this year. The day was taken up with athletic contests of various kinds and ended with a most successful vaudeville performance at night to which the different organizations contributed stunts. Kappa's stunt, "At the Sign

of the Romany Cross", closed the program, forming a splendid ending for the day.

Our newly elected president, Dr. George R. Grose of Baltimore, made his first appearance before a DePauw audience Sunday, October twentieth, when he delivered a splendid sermon at the regular monthly university service. He arrived in Greencastle on Saturday and called at our "open house" Saturday evening, when we introduced our pledges to the men's fraternities and their pledges. He was also a guest at the Kappa house for dinner Sunday.

On Saturday afternoon, October nineteenth, we entertained the ladies of Greencastle and the faculty at an "at home" at our chapter house.

One of our alumnae, Mrs. Torr, delightfully entertained us at her country home on Monday night, October twenty-ninth, with a picnic supper in keeping with the season.

DePauw has recently organized the "Panthygetarian", a kind of woman's club to which all the women of the University are invited to belong and whose motive is to promote friendship among the girls. It began its career with an informal reception at the art school on Friday afternoon, October twenty-fifth.

LOTTA THOMAS.

MU, BUTLER UNIVERSITY

The new school year at Butler opened with a good attendance and everyone has settled down to earnest work.

The football season has been unusually successful so far, and we are justly proud of our team.

Mrs. Edgington, former matron of the college residence is now residing in Boulder, Colorado. Miss Evelyn Butler is the new head.

All the stay-at-homes greatly enjoyed the glowing reports from the glorious Convention. Our chapter feels inspired and invigorated and Kappa means more to us than ever before.

On the first day of school we pinned the double blue on Mary James, whom we proudly introduce to you.

According to our Pan-Hellenic contract each fraternity is entitled to give two parties a month to which new girls may be

invited. Pledge day will be February the fifteenth. In September we gave a spread on matriculation day and a week-end camping party which proved to be a huge success.

A most enjoyable affair was a reception, October fourteenth, at the home of Mrs. Harris. The alumnae assisted the active chapter. Our guests included our mothers and the mothers of the freshmen. The house was decorated in autumn leaves and chrysanthemums.

October twenty-first we gave a colonial costume ball at the home of Mabel and Elsie Felt. The dancing of the Virginia reel and cotillions presented a truly quaint and charming picture. The rooms were draped with American flags and lighted by candles.

The annual luncheon at the Claypool was given Saturday, October nineteenth. Mary Critchlow represented the active chapter with a toast.

The Kappas are active in Y. W. C. A. work. Haidee Forsyth is president and Dorothy Kautz, Mary Critchlow, and Verna Sweetman are members of the cabinet.

Death has taken from us Mrs. Ralph Batton, formerly Portia Pearcy. She died Friday, September twenty-seventh at Anderson, Indiana.

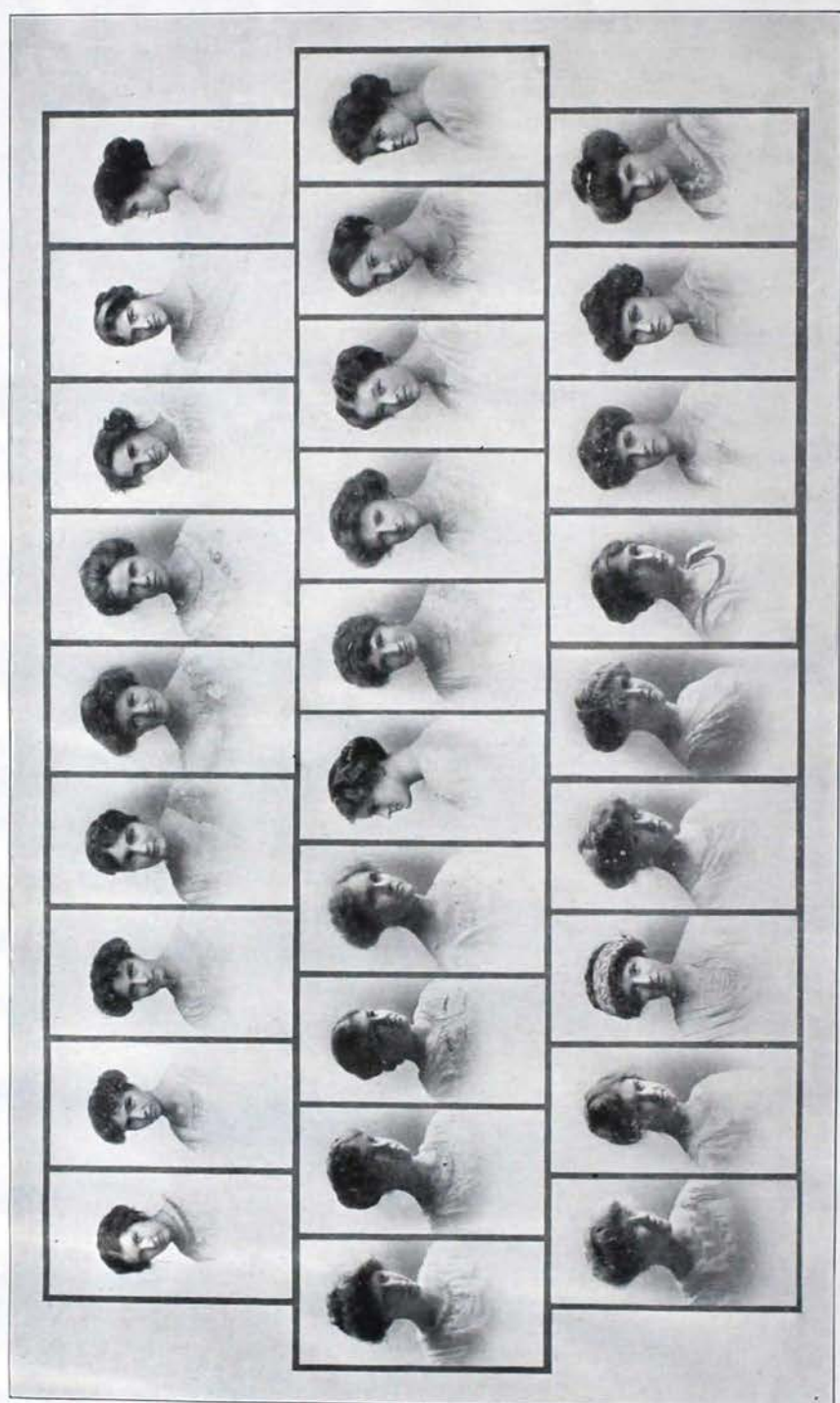
MARGRETTE BOYER.

ETA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Eta is very much pleased with sophomore pledging. The success of the new system depends, however, on the attitude the fraternities will take regarding the Pan-Hellenic ruling. We feel that the committee that drew up the regulations for rushing and pledging are to be complimented. For although the rules seem to be somewhat complicated at first reading, there is no doubt but what they will answer any question that may arise concerning rushing and pledging.

We have four pledges, Alice Winger, from Wellesley, Cecile Davidson, Columbia, Bird Arnold, head of the women's athletic department of Northwestern University, and Anna Kjellgren, graduate of Milwaukee Downer.

It has been customary for Eta to give an alumnae banquet in



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the fall, on or near the anniversary of the founding of the fraternity. But this year we have planned to give it in the spring, during commencement week, so that alumnae coming back for class reunions may arrange to be present.

Nina Edwards, ex-'13, is engaged to Charles Bray, Psi Upsilon, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

BLEND A KJELLGREN.

BETA LAMBDA, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Beta Lambda chapter wishes to announce her eight new freshmen, Bernice Smock, Helen Howe, Dorothy Chew, Laura Bardwell, Laura Albaud, Margaret Washington, Irene Liggett and Harriet Barto.

Rushing season, this year, lasted but two weeks, making this period a rather short and strenuous one. However, Beta Lambda, supported by seventeen active members and two pledges from the preceding year, together with the splendid assistance of our town Kappas, visiting alumnae, and patronesses, found her rushing tasks exceedingly lightened, and we are proud to say, successful.

At present we are very much interested in a new chapter house which we hope to have ready to move into by next September. As yet, our plans are rather vague, but we are hoping to bring them to some definite conclusion at "home-coming" time which occurs about the middle of November. By giving our annual alumnae banquet at this time we are hoping to have a splendid opportunity to put our suggestions before the older girls for their advice and approval.

Those receiving preliminary honors for high scholarship for the first two years of college work are Carrie Herdman and Miriam Knowlton.

Pauline Halliwill has been invited to become a member to Yo Ma, an intersorority sophomore society.

Harriet Gates, Genevieve Dupuy and Amelia Kellogg are the new pledges for the womens' athletic association.

In the womens' class organizations we are proud to announce Helen Abbott as president of the senior class and Carrie Herdman as secretary of the junior class.

Bernice Wright has been elected captain of the junior basketball team.

At present we are rather busy compiling a new chapter bulletin which will contain the names and addresses of all our alumnae and active members, news items of general interest, and a collection of the new Kappa songs. Our idea is being heartily supported by the alumnae.

The marriage of Miss Antoinette Schwartzhoff, '08, to Earl Donaho has been announced.

From our happy strain we are forced to return to a more serious one. We greatly regret to announce that Margaret Taggart formerly of Beta Gamma chapter and who has been acting as our chaperon and house mother for the past year and a half, has been forced to leave us because of ill health. Our love and appreciation for her individual kindness and sympathy cannot be expressed.

Beta Lambda sends greetings to all Kappas.

AMELIA L. KELLOGG.

UPSILON, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Many sisters, and even our grand officers have wondered what effect a convention has upon a chapter. How could Upsilon's interest and enthusiasm help but be increased many times after having been in the very heart of such loyalty as the Convention brought out?

We came back to college more refreshed than ever, and well pleased with our financial standing. However, our trial of sophomore pledge day came at a very opportune time, and after comparatively no rushing, we pledged Wilha Hamilton, Ferne Reid, and Mary Head.

The Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. gave an informal reception to all students at the Northwestern gymnasium September eighteenth.

Three hundred and fifty attended the Y. W. C. A. membership banquet held at the gymnasium October twelfth to welcome the freshman women.

Irene Farnham has been appointed chairman of the social committee for Y. W. C. A.

Sarah Harris (alumna), Irene Farnham (senior), and Ramona Harrod (junior) have been chosen to represent Kappa in the Pan-Hellenic Association.

Ramona Harrod was elected junior Pan-Hellenic delegate to the university social committee.

At the close of the National Pan-Hellenic Congress in Chicago, a luncheon was held in Evanston, October nineteenth, for all fraternity women. We were all glad to have Miss Powell with us, and to hear her interesting toast.

SUE MARKLEY.

EPSILON, ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Epsilon chapter had a very successful rushing season this year and are proud to announce eight new pledges: Helen Roe, Helena Karr, Louise Evans, Katherine Garretson, Sally Reeder, Guida Hudson, Sina Belle Read, Willah VanBettan.

Rushing was limited this year to Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Wednesday, September twenty-fourth, we gave a sewing party at the home of Helen Neiberger. Friday, October fourth, we took our rushees three miles out in the country and had a fine picnic supper. The Kappa Club delightfully entertained us October fifth. They gave a take-off on the *Ladies' Home Journal* that was exceedingly good. Our rushing season closed with a dinner party October tenth and pledge day was Friday, October eighteenth. We are going to try second semester initiation for the first time this year and are anxious to see how it will work.

Saturday, November ninth, we enjoyed an indoor picnic at the home of Alice Marquis. We are planning for a party November twenty-seventh to celebrate our chapter's thirty-ninth birthday which comes on the twenty-fifth of November.

Edith Elliott is vice-president of the senior class; Mary McIntosh and Mary Green are both on the *Argus* staff and Mary McIntosh is also on the *Wesleyana* staff this year.

Illinois Wesleyan will start on a financial campaign November eighteenth. A great amount of the work will be done in Bloomington and Central Illinois. We are all hoping that the school will be most successful.



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The students' missionary conference of Central Illinois will meet here in December. There are expected to be more than one hundred students from different colleges visit us at that time. Miss Myra Sinclair, '09, has been chosen chairman of the conference.

Miss Grace B. Wells, '08, was married October fourteenth to Mr. Frank Ives of this city.

Epsilon chapter sends best wishes to all her sister chapters.

DELTA PROVINCE

CHI, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Written bids were sent out through the local Pan-Hellenic this year and it was with the greatest excitement that we waited on September twenty-first for our freshmen to respond in person. The fourteen that came were Ruth Stevenson, Caroline Beach, Elizabeth Tryon, Margaret Anderson, Eloise Webster, Nell Moody, Helen Day, Mary Edwards, May Sutherland, Charlotte Chatfield, of Minneapolis, Gladys Edison, Larimore, North Dakota, Lois Storm, Waterloo, Iowa, Dorothy Zeug, Davenport, Iowa and Margaret Rockwell, St. Paul. Mary Crissman, of Minneapolis, has since been pledged.

Alice Anderson, 1912, has succeeded Elizabeth Bruckholz as general secretary of the university Young Women's Christian Association. Helen Drew, 1914, is vice-president.

We are glad to have as our chaperone this year Mrs. Nye, a teacher in the Minneapolis schools. She has all the requirements for the position and the entire chapter as well as the eight girls living in the house feel that in her they can always find a true friend.

The freshman party was given October twenty-fourth and upper classmen as well as freshmen declare it was the best Kappa party ever given.

The girls' organizations at Minnesota are aptly named "Bib and Tucker", "Pinafore", "Tam O' Shanter", "Cap and Gown". We are very proud of the fact that one of our freshmen, Margaret Anderson, has just been elected president of "Bib and Tucker".

Corinne Bliss, 1913, is assisting in the rhetoric department.

The alumnae association gave a tea October twenty-fifth at the chapter house in honor of the freshmen.

Emily Simmons is spending a year abroad and her witty appreciative letters are a constant joy to the chapter.

ELSIE TANNER.

BETA ZETA, IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Beta Zeta is very much elated with the success of her last rushing season for she has twelve splendid pledges to introduce to Kappa: Helen Berg, Ruth Beusher, Alice Duval, Chelsea Final, Ethel Gordon, Frances Oliver, Cecil Palmeter, Cornelea Prentiss, Helen Smith, Margaret Stockman, Grace Williams, and Alice Willard.

As in the past four years the week before school opened was set aside for rushing season and the twelve active girls were back early to open the house. The pledging as prescribed by the girls' Pan-Hellenic took place at five o'clock, Monday afternoon, September sixteenth.

Beta Zeta has been fortunate also in class elections, Alice Loos being elected secretary of the sophomore class, Edith Hoaglin receiving the election to vice-presidency of the junior class and Gertrude Van Wagenen holding the office of class delegate in the senior class.

The active girls gave a reception October fourth to introduce our new chaperone, Mrs. Virginia Clark.

On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, October fourteenth and fifteenth, the active girls entertained the fraternity men at the chapter house to introduce the pledges.

We are celebrating birthdays this year and each month have a birthday party for those girls who have birthdays within the month.

Two of our Beta Zeta girls of last year, Zoa Keating and Jo Ramsey, who are taking domestic science at Ames this year have invited the chapter to visit them November sixteenth for the Ames-Iowa football game at Ames.

Anita Hopkins, '10, was married to Willis M. Mercer, Phi Kappa Psi, on September twenty-second.

Beta Zeta sends greetings to all Kappas.

GERTRUDE VAN WAGENEN.



THETA CHAPTER

THETA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Pledge day late in the session being unsuccessful last year, we this year returned to the old way, and pledge day was the Saturday of the second week of school. We started the year most favorably by pledging Ruth Rollins, a town girl who has been in the university several years and has each year received several spikes. Then, on the twenty-eighth of September we pinned the blue and blue on twelve girls whom we are proud to introduce. They are: Marie Able, Ruth Timberlake, Gladys Udell, Katherine Mize, Geneva Campbell, Helen Harris, June Van Nostrand, Grace Pearce, Eleanor Asdale, Helen Williams, Margaret Dorsey and Mary Margaret Shore, the last three being town girls. On November fifth, we initiated seven of them, they having the necessary twenty-four hours credit. That much is now required here before the initiation.

On the twelfth of October, we had our annual birthday banquet. Mrs. C. C. Bowling was the official toastmistress. At the close of this function the engagement of Rebecca Harris and Cowgill Blair was announced. The wedding occurred the next week.

Katherine Helm has been elected to membership in Pi Lambda Theta, the honorary fraternity in the School of Education. Katherine Smith is president of the sophomore girls. Best wishes to all the chapters for a prosperous year.

ABBIE ELWANG.

SIGMA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

The first event of general fraternity interest which occurred this fall was the initiation of Margaretta Burke, of Omaha, and of Helen Hall and Marie Reichenbaugh of Lincoln, Nebraska. These girls were in school the second semester of last year, but according to the Pan-Hellenic rules, were not eligible for initiation until registered for twelve hours work this fall. We are very proud indeed of these three new Kappas.

A small dancing party was given at the chapter house last week, and the preceding Saturday was the first Kappa alumnae luncheon. The active chapter always attends these luncheons, and at the last one we all had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. May Whiting Westermann, a member of Sigma who was formerly Grand President of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Because of the new rushing rules, we have no freshmen in the fraternity, but we have become acquainted with some delightful first year girls and next semester we hope to have them for sisters.

Since the fourth week of classes very limited rushing has been allowed. We are permitted to call at the girls' homes any evening from five to six and we have entertained twice, very informally, at dinner.

I hope that every chapter may have as enjoyable a college year as Sigma is looking forward to.

OMEGA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Rushing season was for us a very successful one and we are proud to announce the following pledges: Hazel Clark, Phyllis Burrough, Hazel Williams, May Kelly, Mary Preyor, Beulah Davis, Nina Kanaga, Agnes Smith, Helen Dawson, Genevieve Morris, Kathleen Winters, and Charlotte Smart.

We will hold initiation November twenty-second and hope to have Theta chapter with us for the initiation and the Kansas-Missouri game, as well as many of our alumnae.

Lois Dillie and Virginia Siegel have visited us since school opened. Florence Payne was elected president of the woman's suffrage league, and Emily Berger has been appointed to the Y. W. C. A. cabinet. Ruth Smith, Phyllis Burrough, Hazel Clark, Emily Berger, and Madeline Nachtmann were elected to membership in the Thespian dramatic club.

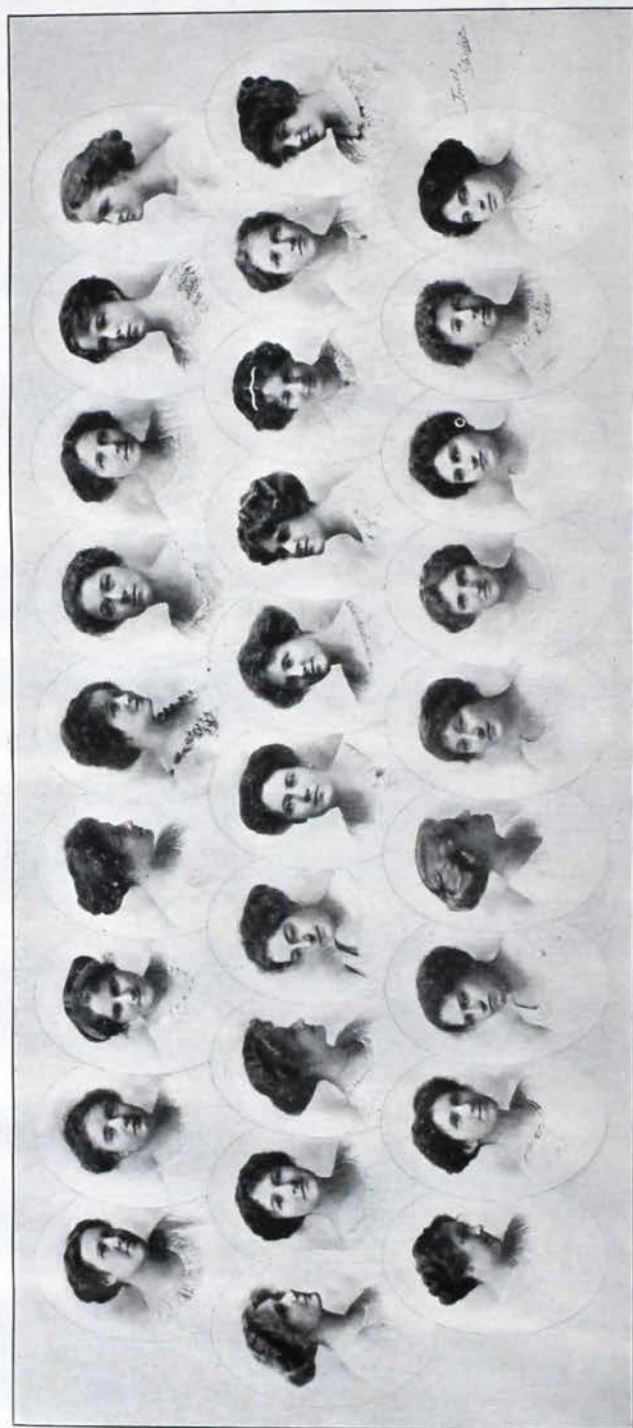
Our ambitions for a chapter house of our very own are at last realized and we wish that you might all visit us in our new home.

MADELINE NACHTMANN.

EPSILON PROVINCE

BETA MU, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

It really seemed strange when school opened this year not to have all the excitement of rushing season, but now the excitement is in full sway, as they have changed pledge day from the Thursday before Christmas to the day before Thanksgiving, and we only have a month more to convince all the good girls in school that they want to be Kappas.



BETA MU CHAPTER

We are very proud to introduce to you our new Kappa, Ruth Musser, whom we were able to pledge, as she was in school two years ago. She was initiated October fifth, and after initiation we had a banquet at the house. We are also proud to introduce our new pledge, Susie Brewster, who graduated from Smith, and is taking P. G. work in the university. We gave an informal tea for our new Kappas on October sixth.

On October twelfth we gave a dance for them. The house was decorated with autumn leaves, and several of the alumnae came up from Denver.

The one rushing reception we are allowed to give came off October first. We have felt that it was quite a success. Our drawn evening date is next Saturday night. We are going to have a formal dinner, served at small tables. The house is to be decorated in blue and blue butterflies. After dinner our alumni from Denver will entertain the rushees upstairs while we prepare the rooms downstairs for our minstrel show.

Margaret Read gave a tea for all the Kappas at her home on Mapleton Hill, September twenty-fourth.

Beta Mu is looking forward to a very successful pledge day just before Thanksgiving.

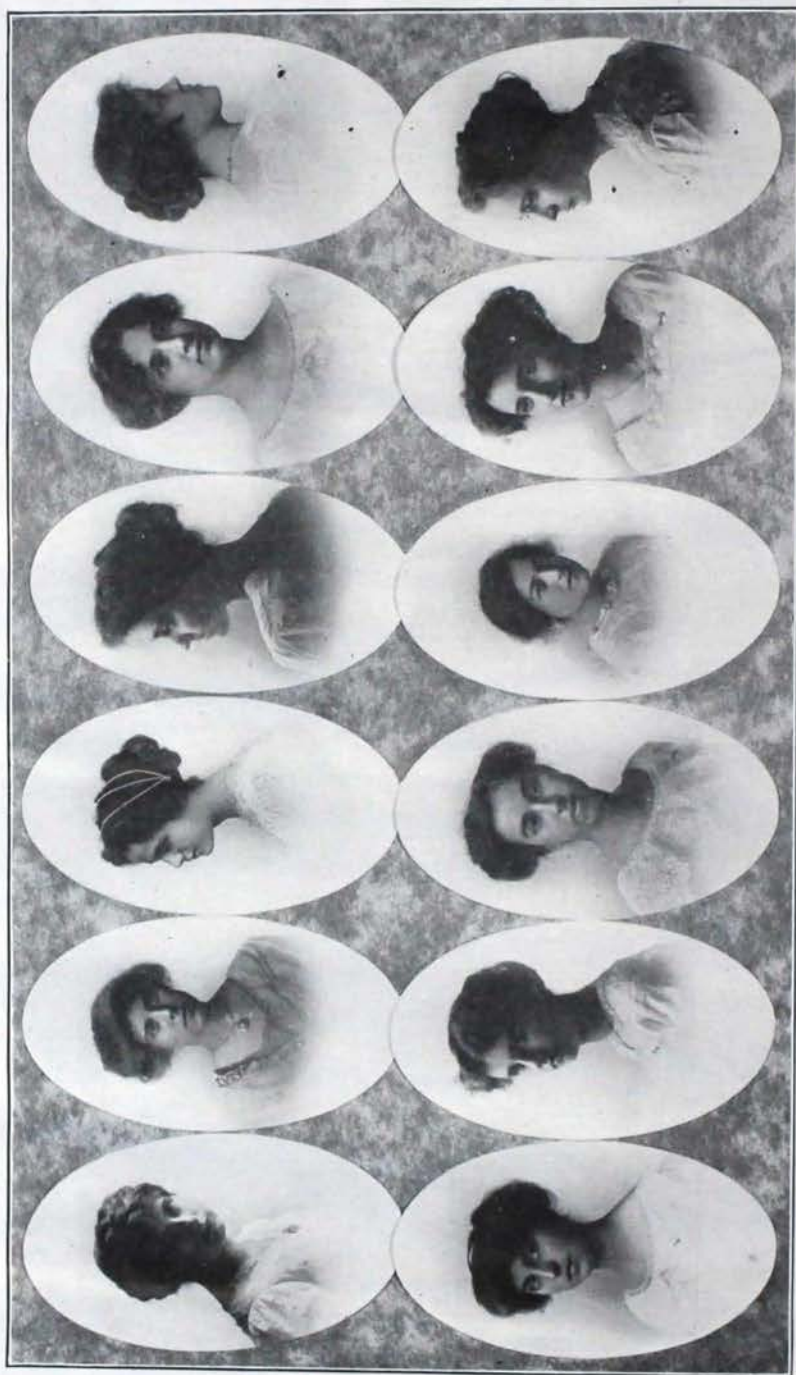
MARGUERITE NELSON.

BETA OMICRON, TULANE UNIVERSITY

Truly, the beginning of this year of our college and fraternity life has been eventful!

To begin with, we found our rooms transformed—all done over in blue and blue with attractive hangings and new furniture. It was a surprise from one of our patronesses, Mrs. P. O. Hébert, and to celebrate the event we gave a "house-warming" in the form of a lunch for our rushees.

Our invitations were mailed on the Thursday after our arrival, and Sunday afternoon, in spite of torrents of rain and peals of thunder, our mackintosh chapter plodded its way, splashily but recklessly, to Eleanor Luzenberg's, one of our active members. Minutes of agonizing suspense followed as we awaited the "special deliveries" which were to seal our fate—and finally the girls themselves came. Wet umbrellas, damp feathers, dripping coats, enclosed humanity, and all were hugged and kissed



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and smothered with love, and deafened with shrieks of delight. We pledged Charlotte Frere, Mary Drake, Mary Manley Elmore, Virginia Williamson, Odelle Milling, and July Breazeale—and we can say very honestly and without one bit of prejudice, that they are unusually fine and attractive girls.

In the midst of our plans for initiation we awoke one morning to find the Josephine Louise dormitory with a diphtheria placard posted up boldly upon its door—and with three of our initiates and one active member prisoners inside. We initiated, however, Charlotte Frere, July Breazeale and Odelle Milling—and two weeks later held a second initiation for the other three pledges, Mary Manley Elmore, Mary Drake, and Virginia Williamson.

On account of diphtheria, college closed for a week, and the whole seven days we heard and heeded the cry—"Beware of the germ"!

We are hard at work again, however, and much excitement prevails over the straw presidential election which we are to hold at the end of this week. The election is to be preceded by stump speeches and campaigning. Dorothy Hébert gave a rousing speech yesterday for Wilson, and, we think, should ever woman's suffrage prevail, she—but never mind!

Beta Omicron is enjoying its share of honors this year—Dorothy Hébert is president of the Newcomb athletic association, Charlotte Frere is treasurer of the student body, and Eleanor Luzenberg is president of the debating club "evens", business manager of the Jambalaya, literary editor of the Arcade, and representative to the Tulane oratorical and debating society.

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

HELEN M. MOUTON.

ZETA PROVINCE

PI, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

At last the dreams of Pi chapter are realized, and we are duly and firmly settled in our splendid new home. This event has been by far the most important in Pi's life this term, and efforts and plans have all centered about the attending circumstances. Since its absolute accomplishment, the sisterhood individually and

collectively have chattered with wild enthusiasm over the palatial grandeur of their surroundings. The very sense of ownership of six sleeping porches and six shining white bathrooms is well-nigh intoxicating to the western sisters. What though these luxuries form only a wee portion of our elegance!

One means toward the financial end of the situation, which necessarily must peer in upon us, was our moving picture show which depicted admirably on our home-made canvas the vacation joys of numerous sisters. We are grateful to many of the eastern chapters for responding so promptly to our plea for chapter house pictures.

After meeting on the night of October twenty-first, we welcomed informally parents and alumnae who had done much to make our gleaming plaster home, with all its three ample stories, a possibility and a reality. Their satisfied nods after gazing into every nook and cranny proved that they too were in no way disappointed.

Our Grand President, Eva Powell, has recently returned from the East, and we are claiming her as guest of honor at a reception dated for the twelfth of November. This will be the occasion of our actual housewarming, and we are bursting with pride to display the fruition of our hopes and labors.

At our initiation banquet one of Pi's juniors, Lillian Barnard, announced her engagement by the customary quick descent beneath the board. It precipitated all sorts of good wishes, and congratulations to Mr. Harold Haven, the fortunate man!

While we were still in the old home, a dance was given in honor of our eight freshmen. A most successful and lively occasion it was pronounced.

On the night of October eleventh was the annual women's masquerade, a "spook soiree", at which several Kappas quite distinguished themselves in a melodramatic production of nonsense.

All energies are concentrated now on the big Stanford-California game of November ninth. Excitement is swelling mightily every day as the blue and gold team approaches that perfection which will carry them to the longed-for victory. Pi will keep open house on that occasion, and we are anticipating a hearty reunion with Beta Eta.

RUTH SHERMAN.

BETA ETA, LELAND STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Beta Eta chapter extends greetings to all of you wherever you may be.

We have had the happiest family here at Stanford since the first of September! Our pretty home, all clean and shiny, made us enthusiastic to entertain our freshman friends. "Rushing", which was to last for four weeks, was so successfully managed by Pan-Hellenic this year, that it was happily and unexpectedly concluded at the beginning of the fourth week. We bid and pledged seven lovely girls: Dorothy Davy, Mildred Powers, Marie Tobin, Margaret Forbes, Elsa Olcese, Madeline Turner, Stella Conbelly.

And we especially wish you to know that our beloved house mother, Mrs. Lynette Vandervort, returned to us this year as a registered student in the university, and is now wearing a key. Our initiation banquet was a very happy occasion, although we were disappointed at not having with us the Grand President. Many chapters were represented and a number of our own alumnae were back for the evening, among the number being Lou Henry Hoover, '98, who has come to California for the winter. These opening months with their joy of our return to one another, our problems of "rushing" and our renewal of vows, make us feel more keenly the responsibility of Kappahood, both towards our sisters and towards our community. We hope our present happiness is warranted.

A "Merry Christmas" with all the love and good cheer that Santa Claus can possibly carry to every Kappa sister!

DOROTHY JOAN COOPER.

BETA PI, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

This is the sixth week of college and we are availing ourselves of this, our first opportunity to introduce to you all sixteen splendid Kappas-to-be. On September the sixteenth, registration day, we pledged Kathryn McGlaulin—the third Kappa we have in that family. At the close of the two weeks' rush she was joined by fourteen more freshmen. These were Grace Kennedy, Blendine Hayes, Claudine Rose, Genevieve Thompson, Margaret Griffin, Marguerite Black, and Gladys Carey—all out of town girls, and Esther Perine, Margaret Breck, Helen Hustin, Catherine Baxter, Anne Agnew, Gertrude Barnum and Ruth Thomp-



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son. After we had pledged these girls, we discovered one more and on October third pledged Alberta Cram, a junior entering from Wellesley.

With our increased chapter, the house that we have occupied for three years became inadequate for our needs. We were very fortunate however in securing a splendid large house occupied by a fraternity last year. On October nineteenth, when we were sufficiently settled, we entertained informally at tea for the alumnae and mothers.

Beta Pi has already received part of her share of honors for this year. Gertrude Barnum has been elected secretary of the freshman class and Hazel Randolph of the junior class. We are represented on every social committee thus far: Gladys Carey on the freshman committee, Florence Gellatly on the sophomore, Margaret Thaanum, junior, and Mildred Donaldson senior. The *University Daily* has four Kappas on the staff. Lucille Thompson is editorial associate, Hazel Randolph, dramatic editor, and Helen Moore and Blendine Hayes, reporters. A great many students turn out for this activity and we feel very proud of our representation. A number of the girls are in the chorus which is to present the operetta, "Fair Ellen", shortly before Christmas. Blendine Hayes has been chosen as one of the two soloists. This is the first time in the history of the university that a freshman has been given a leading part.

Lucille Talbot, ex-'14, who was forced to leave school during her first year, is in school this fall. She and Rozelle Milburn will be initiated some time before Thanksgiving.

We are very glad to have as an affiliate this year, Clara Nelson, '15, of Mu chapter.

The engagement of Gertrude Walsh, '08, to Harry F. Coe, Michigan Phi Delta Theta, was announced October twenty-sixth.

Betty Gamble, ex-'10, is to be married November fourteenth to Lloyd Hale Woodnut, Phi Gamma Delta.

Beta Pi has lately had several very welcome visitors, among whom were Florence Wendling, Beta Eta, Edna Brown, Eta, and Lita Towner, Beta Zeta.

Washington is on the direct road to its fifth consecutive championship in football. We hope to report it as the champion once more at the end of the season.

DORIS BRONSON.

ALUMNAE DEPARTMENT

LALAH RUTH RANDLE, *Alumnae Editor*

Alumnae of Kappa Kappa Gamma! Allow me to introduce to you the following new officers comprising the Executive Committee of the Alumnae Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma: Mrs. Guy Morrison Walker, Iota, Alumnae Supervisor; Mrs. Samuel B. Mitchell, Beta Alpha, Financial Officer, and Miss Myra Sinclair, Epsilon, Alumnae Secretary.

Mrs. Guy Morrison Walker, (Minnie Royse), Alumnae Supervisor, was a student at the State Normal School at Terre Haute, Indiana, and entered DePauw University at Greencastle, Indiana, in 1887. She received her A. B. degree in 1890, and her A. M. degree in 1893. She married Guy Morrison Walker, Phi Kappa Psi, December fifteenth, 1891. She is the author of *Kappa's Record*, *A Short History of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity*, and has served as the president of both the New York Alumnae Association and the Iota Alumnae Association. In October, Mrs. Walker, her husband and two sons, sailed from San Francisco in a cruise around the world. They expect to reach New York in April.

Mrs. Sally Mark Barclay Mitchell, Financial Officer, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1907. In the spring of 1908, she showed her great enthusiasm and interest in Kappa by bringing together the Kappas in Louisville, Jeffersonville and New Albany and organizing the Falls Cities Alumnae Association, of which she was elected president at that time. Mrs. Mitchell has attended every Convention since her initiation except the last one at Evanston, which she was forced to miss on account of severe illness. Last year she was elected secretary of the State Forestry Committee which was interested in the adoption of a state forestry bill in Kentucky. The bill was successfully passed, and Kentucky now has a paid forester, whose duty it is to see that the trees of the state are preserved. In February, 1910, Sally Mark Barclay married Samuel B. Mitchell.

Myra Sinclair, Alumnae Secretary, was graduated from the Illinois Wesleyan University in 1909, with honors. In 1910 she was awarded a B. S. and a bachelor's diploma in Education from the Teacher's College of Columbia University. Since that

time she has tutored in Bloomington and Normal, Illinois. At present, Miss Sinclair is an instructor in the Academy of the Illinois Wesleyan University and has personal supervision of the library. Miss Sinclair was the delegate of the Bloomington (Illinois) Alumnae Association at the last Convention, where she was elected to her present office. She is the sister of Virginia Sinclair, who, some years ago, served the fraternity in the capacity of Grand Treasurer.

During the past two months, the alumnae editor has been interested in working out the problem, What possibilities for work are there open to the alumnae associations of Kappa Kappa Gamma? How can they justify their existence and prove of real benefit to themselves and to others? In seeking for the answer to these questions she has written and received dozens of letters, from secretaries of alumnae associations, from secretaries and sometimes from presidents of Pan-Hellenic clubs, she has conferred with alumnae members of her own and other fraternities and she has searched the pages of many fraternity journals. The results of her search are here given in the hope that the alumnae associations of Kappa Kappa Gamma may find in this report incentives and plans for better work and also methods of increasing fraternity enthusiasm.

The editor has found that the purposes and plans of alumnae associations, both in Kappa Kappa Gamma and in other fraternities, are many and varied. In a few of the larger cities the meetings are simply luncheons held in the tea room of some store; a Kappa table is reserved, but there is little opportunity for systematic work or even general intercourse as some of the guests eat and leave before others come.

In other places, the meetings are freely social, a general good time is enjoyed by all of those who attend, but several members of organizations of this nature have confessed that in the game of bridge and in the social good time, the fraternity element of the organization is almost entirely lost sight of, and the club element is emphasized. Other members have confessed that in an association of this sort, the "regular" members, or members of certain chapters are likely to form in little coteries and the

occasional member who is a stranger or who is a member from another chapter is not always made to feel entirely at home.

A few alumnae associations are taking a special interest in a certain chapter or chapters, are aiding them by their support, financial, social and advisory, and we have almost invariably found that it is in these associations that the fraternity spirit burns brightest and that these associations are the ones that do most for the maintenance of fraternity loyalty among the alumnae, and the setting of right ideals and examples for the undergraduates.

A few of our alumnae associations are doing systematic club work, sometimes in addition to the supervision of some special chapter, as is the case with Bloomington, Illinois Alumnae Association, whose very interesting printed program we have received and which we are delighted to present in another place, to the readers of *THE KEY*. In these associations we have found that the fraternity spirit has not been lost sight of, that it pervades the organization and holds the first place of interest, but that the association does something, as well, for the *present* good of its members.

In a very few of our associations, extremely few as compared with the alumnae associations of some other fraternities, philanthropic work is being done. During the summer the alumnae editor had the pleasure of attending a house-party at which Miss May L. Kellar, the charming Grand President of Pi Beta Phi, was one of the guests, and from her and through the pages of *The Arrow*, she learned of the magnificent philanthropy of the Pi Beta Phi fraternity in founding a settlement school for the poor whites in the mountain district near Gatlinburg, Tennessee. At a cost of \$500 up to March fifteenth, 1912, and with an endowment for the work of \$2,265 at that time, the fraternity has opened the school with one teacher and a trained nurse. This philanthropy is supported by the entire fraternity but is, we understand, directly under the supervision of the Chicago Alumnae Association of Pi Beta Phi. The editor notes with pride the Kappa Christmas party of last year at which the Kansas City Alumnae Association entertained most generously one hundred children from the slums of Kansas City, and we venture the assertion that the members of the alumnae association enjoyed the

afternoon as much as the children did. Word has also come to us of the fact that the St. Louis Association has become affiliated with the Needlework Guild of America and that each member is pledged to furnish two or more new garments or articles of household linen which are to be distributed at Thanksgiving time to the various orphanages and hospitals of the city.

Summarizing, the editor urges the following:

First: That each alumnae association take as its foster child or children some one or two adjacent active chapters, thereby keeping the members of the alumnae association in touch with the active work and life of the fraternity. This is the surest way of maintaining the unity of the fraternity and at the same time keeping their own minds and hearts young in fraternity life. An occasional meeting with these active chapters and an occasional invitation to the active chapter to meet with the alumnae association are suggestions offered, and with these, the support and regular perusal of THE KEY, which from time to time will deal with the interrelationship of the active chapter and the alumnae association.

Second: That we do not minimize the importance of social intercourse among alumnae, but that we keep in mind constantly that a Kappa alumnae association is primarily an organization in the interests of fraternity and for *fraternity* and not *society* women, and that we welcome *all* Kappas cordially.

Third: That, believing that Kappa Kappa Gamma is only a part of a greater body of college women, whose ideals are much alike, though the symbolism that represents them may be different, we support the Pan-Hellenic idea enthusiastically and lend our aid wherever possible.

Fourth: That we unite our interests with those of the outside world whenever possible, by either doing something for ourselves, in the nature of club work, or better yet, by an enthusiastic interest in some definite philanthropy or philanthropies.

This discussion is not closed, and the editor will be glad indeed to receive and publish any letters or suggestions relative to the subject which may come to her.

Miss Torrance, the author of the article in this issue on Girls' Schools in the South is a member of Nu chapter, and she writes

with authority, having been an instructor in Agnes Scott College at Decatur, Georgia, for a number of years.

Will the secretaries of alumnae associations please give maiden names, in parenthesis, and also chapters, in reporting personals. Most of us feel better acquainted with our friends as Mary Brown and Bessie Smith than we do as Mrs. Charles Peacock and Mrs. George Jones!

The alumnae editor is endeavoring to obtain alumnae news from chapters not largely represented in alumnae associations. Will the corresponding secretaries of the active chapters consider themselves chairmen of committees to suggest to the alumnae editor *live, enthusiastic, centrally-located* alumnae who might be willing to collect personals for THE KEY four times a year.

Beginning with the next issue the alumnae editor hopes to have a department of *Famous and Interesting Kappas* in each number of THE KEY, and she will be glad to receive photographs and *short* articles from all who would like to contribute, active and alumnae. Which chapter can find the most interesting and unusual Kappas among its members? May the response be immediate and enthusiastic!

Following are copies of the very interesting and attractive programs of the Bloomington (Illinois) Alumnae Association, and the Indianapolis Alumnae Club.

THE BLOOMINGTON (ILLINOIS) KAPPA CLUB

"The noblest motive is the public good."

September 26	.	.	.	.	Guest Day.
October 10	.	.	.	.	Helena Ritchie and "The Iron Woman".
					"Women in Labor".
October 24	.	.	.	.	Politics up-to-date.
					Notable Art Collections.
November 7	.	.	.	.	Philippine Civilization.
					Treaties of Recent Date.
November 21	.	.	.	.	Open Air Schools.
					Our Postal Service.
December 5	.	.	.	.	Our Mineral Wealth.
					The New Childrens' Bureau.
January 2	.	.	.	.	Guest Day.
January 10	.	.	.	.	Congress of Clubs.

January 16	The Advent of American Opera.
	American Aeronautics.
January 30	Reclamation Service.
	Mental Therapy.
February 13	The Pageant in America.
	Kings of Finance.
February 27	Southern Negro Industrial Schools.
	Arts and Crafts.
March 13	Nature Study.
	The Monroe Doctrine of Today.
March 27	The Jew as an American Citizen.
	Present-Day Fiction.
April 10	First American Ruins in Arizona.
	Evolution of the Human Dwelling.
April 24	Red Cross Work.
	Reciprocity.
May 8	Bureau of Standards.
	Convention Letter.
May 22	Club Picnic.

Isn't the Bloomington Alumnae Association going to be well informed?

INDIANAPOLIS ALUMNAE CLUB

September 21	Reports from Convention.
October 19	State Banquet.
November 10	Social Meeting.
December 20	Christmas Party.
February 18	Playlet.
April 21	With Butler Active Chapter.
June 10	Picnic.

A happy new year, and one full of enterprise and fraternity loyalty and support to all alumnae members of Kappa Kappa Gamma!

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meets the third Saturdays of October, November, January, February, March and April at the homes of the members. For places of meeting address Miss Jeanette Clenen, 52 Broadway, Room 834, New York City, New York.

WESTERN NEW YORK ASSOCIATION

meets in January, April, June and September. For dates and places of meeting address Mrs. Grace Bingham, R. F. D. No. 2, Rochester, New York.

BETA IOTA ASSOCIATION

meets in January, March, May and October, on the second Saturday in the month. For dates and places of meeting address Miss Elizabeth White, The Marlborough-Blenheim, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

SYRACUSE ASSOCIATION

meets once a month. For dates and places of meeting address Miss Grace Wight, 303 Marshall Street, Syracuse, New York.

PHILADELPHIA ASSOCIATION

meets once a month except July and August, alternating Saturday afternoons and Tuesday evenings. For exact dates and places of meeting address Miss Margaretta Atkinson, Berwyn, Pennsylvania.

PITTSBURGH ASSOCIATION

meets the second Saturday of October, December, February and April, at 2:30 at McCreery's in the Tea Room.

COLUMBUS ASSOCIATION

meets monthly, December excepted, at five o'clock on each third Saturday at the homes of the members or at "The Sign of the Samover". For further particulars address Mrs. George Rose, 95 West First Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

FALLS CITIES ASSOCIATION

meets the second Saturday in January, March, May, September and November. For places of meeting address Miss Alice Cary Williams, 1387 South Second Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

FRANKLIN NU ASSOCIATION

meets in the Y. W. C. A. building at Indianapolis. For dates address Mrs. C. E. Goodell, Granville, Ohio.

CHICAGO ASSOCIATION

meets on the fourth Saturday of each month from September through June, at Marshall Field's in the East Tea Room at 12:30 o'clock.

KANSAS CITY ASSOCIATION

meets the first Saturday of each month. For places of meeting address Miss Amy Merstetter, 901 Ann Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas.

DENVER ASSOCIATION

meets the last Saturday of each month from September to June. For places of meeting address Mrs. Richard H. Goddard, 1100 Colfax Avenue, Denver, Colorado.

BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION

meets twice a month from September to June. For dates and places of meeting address Miss Hazel E. Funk, Bloomington, Illinois.

NEW ORLEANS ASSOCIATION

meets once a month. For particulars address Miss Hilda Phelps, 1523 Harmony Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

MINNESOTA CLUB

meets the third Friday of each month. For place of meeting address Miss Marjorie Edwards, 914 E. 19th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

ADRIAN CLUB

meets once a month at the homes of the members. For places and dates address Miss Sadie J. Palmer, 26 N. Locust Street, Adrian, Michigan.

INDIANAPOLIS CLUB

meets September 21, October 19, November 14, December 20, February 18, April 21, June 16. For places of meeting address Miss Beth Bogert, 2625 E. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

DIRECTORY OF CHAPTER MEETINGS

PHI

meeting is held every Thursday afternoon at 4:45 P. M., at the chapter rooms, 65 Westland Avenue, Suite 2, Boston, Massachusetts.

PSI

holds its meetings in room 20 of Sage College, Ithaca, New York, every Saturday evening at eight o'clock.

BETA TAU

holds her meetings every Friday evening at seven thirty o'clock in the chapter house at 718 Irving Avenue, Syracuse, New York. We would be very glad to have any of the Kappa alumnae with us at any time for meeting.

BETA PSI

meetings are held every second Saturday at eight o'clock at the homes of the girls in the city. Definite information may be had by telephoning Miss Helen Scott, Hillcrest 227. We are very glad to extend an invitation to any alumnae who may be in Toronto to be present at our meetings.

BETA ALPHA

meets Wednesday evenings at half past seven. For place of meeting address Alice M. Rodman, 1011 South 48th Street, Philadelphia. Alumnae visitors are welcomed.

BETA IOTA

We have our meetings at seven thirty on Wednesday evenings, in a room set aside as a chapter room, in the girls' dormitories, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

GAMMA RHO

holds its meetings every Saturday night at eight o'clock in the chapter rooms on the fourth floor of Hulings Hall, Meadville, Pennsylvania. All alumnae are cordially invited to meet the girls at this time.

BETA UPSILON

holds fraternity meetings each Tuesday evening at 6:15 at the chapter room, 334 Willey Street, Morgantown, West Virginia. Any member of Kappa Kappa Gamma is most cordially invited to meet with them at that time.

LAMBDA

Our chapter meets in the fraternity rooms on the third floor of Curtis Cottage, the girls' dormitory, on the campus of Buchtel College, Akron, Ohio. Meetings are held every Tuesday at one thirty and Lambda would be more than glad to welcome any Kappa sister who can find it convenient to attend our meetings.

BETA GAMMA

holds meetings at our chapter room in Kanke Hall, Wooster, Ohio, every Friday evening at eight o'clock. We wish to extend a hearty invitation to any alumnae, who happen to be in the neighborhood, to meet with us at this time.

BETA NU

holds meetings at the homes of the different members in Columbus, Ohio, every other Saturday night.

BETA DELTA

We live in our own house in Ann Arbor, which is situated on the corner of Church and Hill Streets—or 1204 Hill Street. We are at home to any Kappa during the entire college year—October to June and would be mighty glad to have visitors.

XI

holds its regular meetings at half after seven o'clock on Saturday evenings, in the chapter rooms, which are located in South Hall, Adrian College, Adrian, Michigan. Kappas who might chance to be in or near Adrian at the time of a regular fraternity meeting will always receive a most hearty welcome from the members of Xi chapter.

KAPPA

holds meetings every Saturday night at seven thirty in the chapter rooms at the college, Hillsdale, Michigan. All visiting Kappas are invited to join them. Communicate through Marion Willoughby, 225 West Street, Telephone 171 R.

DELTA

meets every Monday evening at the chapter house in Forest Place, Bloomington, Indiana. The girls are always very glad to welcome any of the alumnae at their meetings.

IOTA

Our meetings are held every Saturday night at seven o'clock at the chapter house on the corner of Bloomington and Anderson Streets, Greencastle, Indiana. We are always delighted to have any of our alumnae present at the meetings and extend a most hearty invitation to any and all of the alumnae to meet with us at any time they might find it possible.

ETA

meets every Monday evening at seven P. M., at the chapter house, four hundred and twenty-five Park Street, Madison, Wisconsin.

BETA LAMBDA

holds its chapter meetings every Monday evening in the chapter house, 404 East John Street, Champaign, Illinois. She extends an invitation to all neighboring alumnae members to attend such meetings whenever they feel that they can do so.

UPSILON

holds chapter meetings on Monday afternoon from five to six o'clock in Room 62, Willard Hall, Evanston.

CHI

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, holds its chapter meetings every Monday at 5 P. M., at the chapter house, 1728 4th Street S. E. It may be reached from down town district in about twenty minutes by the Oak and Harriet Street car. Supper is served after meeting and we are *always glad* to welcome alumnae and active members.

BETA ZETA

holds fraternity meetings at seven o'clock every Monday evening in the chapter house, 431 East Jefferson Street, Iowa City. Any alumnae, or Kappas from other chapters will be welcomed at those meetings.

SIGMA

holds weekly meetings on Monday evening, at seven thirty o'clock at the fraternity house, 435 North 25th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. All alumnae members are welcomed.

OMEGA

holds chapter meetings every Monday evening at seven o'clock at the chapter house, 1602 Louisiana Street, Lawrence, Kansas.

BETA MU

chapter meetings are held in the Kappa house, 1221 University Avenue, Boulder, Colorado, at seven on Monday evenings during the college year.

BETA OMICRON

Meetings are held every Friday afternoon at four o'clock. We are always delighted to have other Kappas with us.

BETA CHI

holds its regular weekly meeting on Monday afternoon at three thirty o'clock at the fraternity house at 349 South Limestone Street, Lexington, Kentucky. Beta Chi wishes to extend a cordial invitation to any visiting alumnae who may be in Lexington at that time.

PI

holds regular meetings every Monday evening, at seven fifteen in the chapter room of the Kappa House, 2725 Channing Way. We are always so glad to welcome alumnae in the neighborhood at this time, as well as visiting Kappas of other localities.

BETA ETA

chapter holds meetings right here in our chapter house at Stanford University every Monday evening at seven thirty. We do most sincerely wish to have any alumnae or active member who is visiting our neighborhood to spend some Monday evening with us at our chapter meeting. Please never let us lose the wonderful opportunity of widening our circle of sisters, and we will try to make the visit worth while.

BETA PI

holds chapter meetings every Tuesday from four to six, at the chapter house, 4714 17th Street, North East, Seattle, Washington.

BETA PHI

We hold our chapter meetings every Wednesday at four thirty o'clock in our suite in Craig Hall, Missoula, Montana. We would be only too glad to have any Kappas who may be near attend our meeting.

NEW YORK ASSOCIATION

The New York Alumnae Association meets the third Saturdays of October, November, January, February, March and April, each time at the home of one of the members. On January eighteenth, 1913, the annual luncheon will be held, but as yet the place has not been determined upon.

The next meeting, November sixteenth, will be a political symposium.

The October meeting was held at the home of Mrs. F. E. Brewer, and there the report of our delegate to Convention, Florence Armstrong, was given.

JEANNETTE CLENEN, *Secretary*.

BETA IOTA ASSOCIATION

A regular meeting of Beta Iota Alumnae Association was held in Swarthmore College on the afternoon of October thirteenth. It has always been the custom in the chapter to hold a meeting on this date or as near it as possible. As the alumnae of Beta Iota are getting well scattered, it is impossible to have regular meetings more than about four times a year. But we always hold our October meeting at the college, where the alumnae who live at a distance can see the active girls, get their point of view, and give advice about rushing, which is always the important topic of the day. The other three meetings of the year are held in January, March and May, the first two at houses of alumnae who live in Philadelphia, the last, or May meeting, being held immediately before the annual luncheon of the active chapter and alumnae.

The October meeting was a small one. There was comparatively little business, the most important being the report of our delegate to Convention, Rose Spencer Lynd. An interesting discussion followed her report on the adoption of the new by-law forbidding the wearing of certain fraternity jewelry, and on the ideas of Convention on the time of pledge-day, and its regulation by the conditions prevailing in the individual colleges and universities.

It was also suggested at this meeting that a plan be thought of, whereby all Kappas living in or in the vicinity of Philadelphia, might get together once a month for just a jolly social gathering. One suggestion was that they should go to the College Club at 12th and Spruce streets for luncheon, but no definite decision was reached. This does not include merely Beta Iota alumnae, but all Kappas living in the vicinity are to be cordially invited, so if any Kappa expects to live near Philadelphia this winter and would like to come to these informal Kappa gatherings she should notify Miss Lydia Biddle of Lansdowne, Pennsylvania, who will be glad to give full information.

Ex-'10—The marriage of Katherine B. Kessler to Mr. M. Quay Corbett took place on September tenth, at Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Ex-'14—The engagement of Laura Parry to Mr. J. Augustus Cadwallader is announced.

ELIZABETH WHITE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

SYRACUSE ASSOCIATION

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Howe Damon, of White Plains, New York, September twentieth, 1912, a son, Albert Howe Damon, Junior.

Married, July thirty-first, 1912, Helen Beattie, '11, to Dr. Leslie L. Niles, '11, Syracuse Medical College, Phi Kappa Psi. Dr. and Mrs. Niles are living in Amsterdam, New York.

On August first, 1912, Gertrude M. Sholes, '04, was married to Mr. Charles Howe Anten, of Princeville, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Anten will make their home in Princeville.

Margaret W. Knapp, '10, is teaching English in William Penn High School for girls in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Marjory Huntington Gardner was married to Mr. Byron Arthur Johnson in Manlius, New York, August twenty eighth, 1912. They are living in Rochester, New York.

Georgia Wells, '10, is making a success in the insurance business in Syracuse, New York.

Among those who came back to the initiation banquet at the chapter house October twenty-sixth, were: Hazel Hale, Waterbury, Connecticut; Blanche Bicknell Lewis, Washington, D. C.; Sarah Lamoreaux, Newark, New York; Mrs. Olin Wood, Auburn, New York; Mildred Lincoln, Fairport, New York; Katherine Reed Wolcott, New York; Marjory Gardner Johnson, Rochester, New York; Clara Mac Farlan Hummer, Potsdam, New York; Elizabeth Dibble, Wayland, New York; Irene Cushing, Auburn, New York.

Beta Tau this year initiated three Kappa daughters, Martha Christy, a daughter of Violet Telfer Christy; Marie Wood, a daughter of Kate Rollo Wood; Marjorie Parce, a daughter of Grace Hill Parce.

GRACE FRANC WIGHT, *Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA ASSOCIATION

The Philadelphia Alumnae will hold one meeting a month, alternately Saturday afternoon and Tuesday evenings; but during July and August the meetings will be omitted. If all are as delightful as the first, on September twenty-eighth, a most successful year of good fellowship is before us. This meeting was held in Lansdowne at the home of Mrs. Lacey Evans (Helen Euston), who with her three little Kappas—Jack, Teddy and Marcella—entertained us most charmingly. We were favored in having with us at this time Mrs. F. E. Phillips of Bethesda, Maryland, and her six months' old son. He is a lovely baby, never cries, and on this occasion graciously made friends with the new aunties who were all eager to hold him at least a few minutes. Since Doctor Phillips is to conduct some research work during the winter in the biological laboratory of the University of Pennsylvania, his family will be in or near Philadelphia and we are very glad that this arrangement makes it possible for us to have Mrs. Phillips with us again and to become acquainted with her three boys.

The most important topic discussed in the business meeting was how we might help the girls of the active chapter and get into closer touch with them. For fear that these plans may not have materialized before *THE KEY* appears, I must not mention them more specifically at this time.

We also considered how we might increase the membership of the association. After the business meeting and a pleasant social hour, we adjourned to the dining room where refreshments were served.

The second meeting was held Tuesday evening, October twenty-second, at the home of Martha Shoemaker in Philadelphia. We were glad to have as our guest, Margaret Knapp of Beta Tau, whom we hope soon to count a member of the association.

The other meetings are scheduled as follows:

November 9—Hostess, Mrs. Wm. M. Wilson, Frankford.

December 10—Hostess, Adeline Jacobs, Philadelphia.

January 11—Hostesses, The Misses Bramble, Roxborough.

February 11—Hostess, Marion Lape, Philadelphia.

March 8—Hostess, Helen Booth, Philadelphia.

April 8—Banquet.

May 10—Hostess, Catharine Beekley, Media.

June 7—Hostess, Mrs. J. O. Hopwood, Primos.

On the fourth of September, Florence Sargent of Altoona, Pennsylvania, was married to Mr. John H. Alfred Bousfield. Mr. and Mrs. Bousfield will be at home after November first in Saint Johnsbury, Vermont.

We are glad to hear that Clara Custer Miller has returned to her home in Ardmore after a trip of several months through California and the west. We hope to see her at our meetings.

Mrs. Wm. M. Wilson (May Solly) has been abroad, but is expected home in time for the November meeting.

Mary Howell was also abroad during the summer.

Dr. F. E. Phillips, whose wife is a member of the Philadelphia Association, is spending the winter in Philadelphia in order to carry on some experimental work with bees in the uniform temperature room of the zoological laboratory of the University of Pennsylvania, which the authorities have kindly placed at his disposal. The problem is the wintering of bees under varying conditions and the work is carried on in connection with the Bureau of Entomology, Department of Agriculture.

MARY HOWELL.

COLUMBUS ASSOCIATION

This fall the Columbus Alumnae Association has decided to make a slight change in the time-honored custom of holding its meetings at the girls' homes. Our number is increasing each year, so that now a meeting, which always means a "spread", is getting to be of a size to demand plenty of room, so this year we are to hold our meetings alternately at "The Sign of the Samovar".

This "Sign of the Samovar" is a delightful little restaurant which has been established by several of the university girls. We held our October spread there and its decided success was the main reason of the change.

The chief event of interest and pleasure to Columbus Kappas this fall, was the visit of Miss Eva Powell, our Grand President, who in the very short time she was here, made herself a general favorite.

A spread for the active and alumnae girls and a tea for all fraternity girls of the university were held in her honor.

Miss Gladys Walters and Mr. De Weese Fuller, Beta Theta Pi, were married Thursday afternoon, October tenth, 1912. They will live in Urbana, Ohio.

Marie Carroll, who is teaching at Junction City, Ohio, and Elizabeth Baldwin, who is teaching at Troy, Ohio, were with us at the October spread. Another guest was Mrs. G. G. McIlroy (Hortense Brown) of Irvin Station, Ohio, who has been visiting Maybelle Cornell.

Mrs. N. P. Oglesby (Mary Hunt) leaves November sixteenth for an eight months' trip around the world.

Mrs. Richard Develin (Nelle Malloy) of Cincinnati, Ohio, has been visiting her mother for several weeks.

LILIAN H. ROSE, *Secretary*.

FALLS CITIES ASSOCIATION

The Falls Cities Alumnae Association held its first meeting this fall at the home of Miss Anna Heick, on the second Saturday in September. It was largely a business meeting, committees were appointed, and plans for the coming year were discussed. For some time we have been interested in a Pan-Hellenic meeting of all the Greek women within a radius of twenty miles of Louisville, and this meeting is to be held November the ninth at the home of Alice Cary Williams. Our regular luncheon meeting which usually takes place at that time we hope to have some time during Christmas week. We are delighted to find out that there are quite a number of fraternity women in and around Louisville, members of the various national fraternities, Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Alpha Theta, Alpha Phi, Alpha Xi Delta, etc., and we hope to make the meeting interesting to all. It is to be decidedly informal and social and there will be several short talks, after which tea will be served.

Our regular meetings for the rest of the year will come the second Saturday in January, March and May, and we are always more than delighted to see any visiting Kappas.

ALICE CARY WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

FRANKLIN NU ASSOCIATION

The interest in our association and in Kappa is constantly increasing among the women of Nu. Recently word came from Cora Casper Harvey asking that THE KEY be sent to her new address in Leavenworth, and she added: "I do not want to miss a single number of THE KEY."

Katherine Torrance and Frances Torrance Williamson renewed their subscription for THE KEY before the blanks for the same had reached them. After our business meeting and luncheon at Franklin in September, Minnie Tracy Clark, who was with us for the first time, remarked that she had renewed her youth that day, and that she would never again miss a meeting of the association.

It is just such interest and enthusiasm as is indicated by the above for which we are working. We are hoping that we may yet find some plan by which we can connect all women of Nu with our association, unless they are affiliated with some Kappa organization nearer at hand.

Mrs. Coons and her daughter, Fern, who is a member of Beta Delta, attended the Convention at Evanston. Mrs. Coons writes: "Not for anything would I have missed that Convention." Soon after reaching home in Lebanon, Indiana, she had as her guest Nannie Stanley Kennedy. Mrs. Kennedy's son Stanley, entered Wabash last September and is now pledged to Sigma Chi.

We are delighted that Bertha Howe's daughter, Helen, is pledged to Kappa at Illinois University. She is very happy in this new relation. Mrs. Howe will visit her daughter next semester, at the time of her initiation.

Women of Nu who read THE KEY will be interested in a word concerning Mary Clark. A few years ago she married Mr. Frank Best, of Columbus, Indiana. She is very happy in her home on Franklin Street of that city.

We had an enjoyable letter from May Thomas Morris some time ago. She lives on a farm near Hartsville, Indiana. She has two children, a son and a daughter. Rannie Boaz McCullough lives near Columbus, Indiana. Address her there—
R. F. D. No. 9.

Eva Payne Ott's son, Rollind is connected with the Citizens' National Bank in Franklin.

LAURA OGLE GOODELL, *Secretary*.

CHICAGO ASSOCIATION

At the September meeting of the Chicago Alumnae Association, election of officers was held. The result of the election was as follows: Mrs. John Calvin Hanna, President, (this is Mrs. Hanna's third term, but we do not anticipate any disaster resultant in her re-election); Mrs. Orin K. Earl, Vice-President; Mrs. Charles Foote Mack, Secretary; Miss Mabel Hayward, Treasurer.

A strong effort is being made to increase our membership and to gather in to the meetings many Kappas who reside in the city but never come. An open letter sent to them brought some pleasant responses, and several new faces to the October luncheon.

MRS. CHARLES FOOTE MACK, *Secretary*.

ST. LOUIS ASSOCIATION

The St. Louis Alumnae Association has held two meetings since the beginning of fall activities—two very successful meetings in point of numbers and of interest.

At the suggestion of our new president, Mrs. Charles E. Witter (Katherine Janes, '97, Upsilon) we now meet for one o'clock luncheon instead of for the afternoon merely. This new plan promises to work admirably. The buffet luncheon, which is simple, is served by the hostess and two others, and is really less burdensome than the late afternoon refreshments which we have always had. There is the advantage of having all assemble promptly, of having a full attendance when business is conducted immediately after luncheon, and it is possible for us to reach home at a much more reasonable hour than formerly.

This fall we have taken up a line of work which, while not strictly fraternity, appeals strongly to our members as being suitable work for an organization such as ours. While in no way changing our organization as an alumnae association we have constituted ourselves a branch of the Needlework Guild of America. Each member is pledged to contribute two or more new articles of wearing apparel or household linen during the year.

These are collected at Thanksgiving time and distributed to hospitals, orphan asylums and similar institutions. Our December meeting is to be held on the day of the annual exhibit of the Guild and following our luncheon we shall go together to see the thousands of articles contributed by the various branches in our city.

We were all much interested in the glimpse of Convention which our delegate, Mrs. Ellstrom, Upsilon, gave us and at our next meeting we plan to learn more of what was done there, as we read together parts of the articles in the October KEY.

Three names have been added to our roll this fall—Mrs. Miller Gordon Taylor, Mrs. Ada Lefever Blackman and Miss Marie Bryden, while to our baby roll have been added in the last six months the names of Gertrude Lee Walker, daughter of Mrs. Gertrude Zoll Walker, Joel Scott Branham, Jr., son of Mrs. Katherine Ware Branham and Franklin and Henry Ardeen Miller, twin sons of Mrs. Maude Barnes Miller.

MAY WHITING WESTERMANN, *Secretary*.

KANSAS CITY ASSOCIATION

The September meeting of Kansas City Alumnae Association was held with Miss Margaret McFadden, Miss Cahill, Miss Snodgrass and Miss Warren, assisting. A luncheon was followed by bridge.

Mrs. Ridge was hostess to the association on the fifth of October, with Miss Sprague, Miss Gordon and Miss Peters assisting. Mrs. Albertson, our delegate to Convention, gave her report and all enjoyed it very much.

We hear excellent reports of successful rushing from Omega and Theta, those chapters being located nearer to us than any of the others.

Miss Maud Olander was married on October ninth, to Mr. Clarence Waring. They are living at 733 Parallel Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas. Mrs. Waring was a member of Omega chapter.

Miss Vivian Springer, Omega, was married on September twenty-fourth to Mr. Edward Lowe Martin. They are at home at 6129 Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Miss Mary Lambert, Omega, and Mr. Sidney Hodge were married on November the second. They will live in the city.

AMY MERSTETTER, *Secretary*.

DENVER ASSOCIATION

The first regular meeting of the Denver Alumnae Association was held on the last Saturday of September at the home of Mrs. John A. McCaw (Alice Maitland, Sigma), twenty-eight members being present. Mrs. Harry C. Burnham (Bina Van Petten, Epsilon), Mrs. Ernest Rhoades (Isabel Warner, Beta Mu) and Mrs. Randolph Hudston (Ethel Simpson, Beta Mu), assisted Mrs. McCaw in serving the luncheon. Mrs. James A. Bowles, (Hazel Simmons, Delta) and Mrs. E. C. Guthrie (Emma Hayes, Theta), who are now making their homes in Denver, were welcomed into the association.

The second meeting of the Denver Alumnae Association was held on the last Saturday of October at the home of Mrs. E. C. Healy, (Sara Howland, Beta Tau). Mrs. George A. McDonald (Terressa Sallée, Sigma), Mrs. Woodford A. Matlock, (Jessica Shadomy, Mu), and Miss Edna Potter, Beta Mu, assisted Mrs. Healy in serving a Hallowe'en Dutch lunch. Twenty-six members were present. The association was happy to enroll the name of Miss Caroline Dayton, Chi, who has lately come to Denver in the interests of the city Y. W. C. A.

On October nineteenth the Women's Pan-Hellenic Association of Denver was entertained by the local alumnae chapter of Delta Delta Delta, which holds the presidency of the association. Members were invited to a Greek tea, which took place in the beautifully decorated Greek dining room of the Metropole Hotel. Here they were entertained by a group of bare-foot dancers who appeared in classic dances.

Mrs. E. C. Healy (Sara Howland, Beta Tau) spent September in central New York.

Mrs. Albert Sechrist (Hattie Babcock, Sigma) spent the months of August and September in a trip through Canada.

Mrs. Flora Swank Johnson, Epsilon, spent two weeks in Platte Canon.

Mrs. Woodford A. Matlock (Jessica Shadomy, Mu) spent most of the summer in New Mexico.

Mrs. Eva Howe Benedict, Omega, Edna Potter, Beta Mu, and Sue Davis, Iota, had summer outings at Green Mountain Falls, Colorado.

Alice Grace, Beta Beta, and her sister spent the summer in European travel.

Mrs. H. C. Burnham (Bina Van Petten, Epsilon) spent the summer in Boston and at Sebago Lake, Maine.

Helen Fowle, Beta Eta, returned to California with her guest, Roberta Haslett, Pi and Beta Eta, to be gone until Christmas.

Alice Romans, Sigma, was a guest in Denver during the summer.

Mrs. Richard H. Goddard (Charlotte Powell, Mu) spent a month during September and October in Indianapolis and New York City.

Mrs. L. C. Greenlee, (Rachael Banman, Epsilon) spent several weeks this summer visiting relatives in Bloomington, Illinois.

Mrs. George A. McDonald (Terressa Sallée, Sigma) spent the month of July visiting her parents in Boise, Idaho.

Mrs. Carl Parrish (Blanche Emmons, Sigma) and Mrs. De Berard (Blendena Emmons, Sigma), spent the summer in Colorado. Mrs. De Berard has returned to her home in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Parrish and their young son will leave soon for South America where Mr. Parrish has mining interests.

CHARLOTTE POWELL GODDARD, *Secretary*.

PI ASSOCIATION

Pi Alumnae Association has had a very successful year and has accomplished what she has been striving for ever since her existence—a home for the active chapter. And in October the girls took possession amid great jollification and jubilation, and now they are comfortably settled, all eagerly looking forward to the reception on November twelfth to be given for Eva Powell, and also to formally open the house.

The meetings for the year have been devoted principally to the discussion of house plans and ways and means of raising money, but I will briefly outline them. As is our custom the January meeting was preceded by a luncheon, given at the Key Route Inn, and this day is always devoted to the absent members of Pi Association, who write letters to the girls for this meeting, telling of their life and doings in other parts of the world. The letters are full of interest to us all and we are thus able to

keep in touch with every member, no matter how far distant she may be.

At our next meeting in March, we entertained for Mrs. Roth at luncheon at the Cleremont Country Club.

A special meeting was called in April to discuss the plans for the new house, and a building committee of six girls was appointed to supervise the construction.

Eleanor Bennet and Lutie Ruch entertained the girls at tea in May, and the graduating class were received into the Association at this time. Later in the month another special meeting was called at the home of Mildred Knox for further discussion of the house and finances and all the plans were completed, ready for actual work.

Helen Weston gave a tea at her home in September, inviting the active chapter and the girls they were rushing, and in October a business meeting was held at the home of Helen Powell. All of the regular meetings hereafter will be held in the Alumnae Room of the Kappa house, and also it was decided that once every month the president appoint three girls to serve as hostesses at tea in the Alumnae Room, inviting all the alumnae, visiting Kappas and active girls. We have had one of these informal teas so far, and it was such fun meeting all the girls and having a good old gossip!

We are again planning a Kappa fair—this time to raise money for furnishing the house and we are hoping it will prove as successful as the one last year, when we cleared over \$260.

Nine of Pi's girls attended the convention at Evanston this year, and they are all most enthusiastic over the good time they had, and are very anxious for the opportunity of returning it.

Pattie Chickering, '09, has been appointed state secretary for the Y. W. C. A. in California.

Lillie Sherman, '09, is in New York attending Doctor White's School for Bible Study.

Margaret Witter, '11, is in Paris, studying art and music.

Margaret Griffith, '10, is teaching in San Jose.

May van Waren, '11, is teaching in Fair Oaks.

Anita Ebner, Edith Harmon, '11, and Marion Mitchell, '11, have returned from a trip to Japan.

The following engagements have been announced:

Margery Stanton, 1912, and Arnold Weber, Beta Theta Pi.
Mildred Porter, 1912, and Albert Rowe.

Olive Trask, 1913, and Allen Leonard, Sigma Xi.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Palmer Merritt (Varina Morrow)
a daughter.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. William Cooper (Edna Curtis) a
daughter.

MARY DOWNEY, *Secretary*.

IOTA CLUB

The last meeting of the Iota Alumnae Club was held February the tenth, at the Claypool Hotel in Indianapolis. A short business meeting preceded the luncheon which came at one o'clock. This is the only regular meeting of the year. About eighty members were present. No definite work was planned. The secretary feels however, that in order to hold its members together the Kappas of the Iota Club ought to support THE KEY and she requests that each member feel herself responsible for as many news items and personals as she can obtain, these to be sent to the secretary, who will gladly receive them at any time.

In June, during commencement week, the alumnae who were in Greencastle were guests at a reception and buffet supper given by the active chapter at the house of Mrs. Tucker. This year's Kappa minstrel show, which was given on stunt night at Convention, was given, and the alumnae were most delightfully entertained. This reception and supper took the place of the commencement banquet of former years and the alumnae were delighted with the innovation.

Members of the Iota Alumnae Club were invited to attend a luncheon given at the Claypool Hotel in Indianapolis on October nineteenth by the members of the Indianapolis Alumnae Club.

The wedding of Miss Claudia Armstrong, Iota '11, and Mr. Albert Lathrop, DePauw 1907, Beta Theta Pi, took place November twenty-sixth at the home of the bride in Eaton, Indiana. They will reside in Washington, D. C., where Mr. Lathrop is a government employee.

The wedding of Miss Mable Werner, Iota, ex-'09, and Mr. Leroy Millikin, DePauw '09, Phi Delta Theta, took place at

Muncie, Indiana, September eleventh, 1912. They are at home at Indianapolis, Indiana, where Mr. Millikin is principal of a department in the State School for the Blind.

The wedding of Miss Frances Merryman, Iota, ex-12, and Mr. Avon Burk, Indiana University, Phi Kappa Psi, took place at the home of the bride in Decatur, Indiana, November twenty-third. They will live in Decatur, where Mr. Burk is deputy county treasurer.

Miss Mayme Trueblood, Iota '07, is teaching English in the high school at Snohomish, Washington. Her address is 511 Avenue C.

Miss Lottie Stoner, '02, of Greencastle, Indiana, is teaching English in one of the high schools of Portland, Oregon.

Miss Vera Winship, 1912, holds a position in the public library of Indianapolis.

Miss Florence Brown, '10, is teaching school at her home in St. Joseph, Michigan.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Clint McArdy of Bedford, Indiana, October first, a son. Mrs. McArdy was Julia Day, 1910.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Bollinger of Seymour, Indiana, a daughter. Mrs. Bollinger was Eunice White, ex-1912.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thompson of Grand Rapids, Michigan, a son. Mrs. Thompson was Helen Lathrop, ex-1911.

The marriage of Elsie Naylor, 1906, to Frank J. Bittles, DePauw, Phi Delta Theta, which took place on the morning of November sixth, at Greencastle, Indiana, is announced. In view of the recent death of the bride's mother, the wedding was very quiet, but Iota chapter extends sympathy in her sorrow, and congratulations in her joy to one of Iota's most talented and best-loved members. As chapter counselor, as a member whose interest and enthusiasm have never flagged, as the manager and chief author of each year's minstrel show, and as a typical Kappa girl, Elsie Naylor's name will always live in chapter history.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy M. Walker (Minnie Royse) and their two sons, sailed in October from San Francisco for a cruise around the world. They will be gone until April. Mrs. Walker is the newly elected supervisor of alumnae clubs.

Alma Holt Wiant, '08, has spent the fall visiting in Maryland

and New York, but is now at home in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Notice has been received of the death of Beth Shufey, ex-'04, which occurred in September. Iota extends her deepest sympathy to her surviving friends and relatives. Her loss will be felt greatly.

Iota also extends her heart-felt sympathy to Helen Hurst Preston and Lucia Hurst, both 1904, on the death of their father, Charles Hurst, of Anderson, Indiana.

Fleta Ward Weatherford, ex-1909, of Dayton, Washington, writes of her interesting experiences as a voter this fall. She adds that although her politics may not be the most astute and learned in the country, woman's suffrage is nevertheless a success.

MRS. WALTER TUKEY, *Secretary*.

ADRIAN CLUB

The active and alumnae members of Xi chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma held a gypsy picnic at the country home of Miss Harriett Tayer on Thursday afternoon, September seventh. It took three fires to bake the potatoes, fry the bacon and cook the other things necessary for a good meal. Each member was furnished with a long roasting fork on which to fry her own bacon. We had a jolly good time and then we all went into the house and danced and sang fraternity songs.

The meetings for the rest of the year will be held at the homes of the club members, in alphabetical order. Our meetings are informal but are full of Kappa spirit.

SADIE J. PALMER, *Secretary*.

INDIANAPOLIS CLUB

On October nineteenth about forty Kappa alumnae and almost the entire chapter of Butler enjoyed a most delightful luncheon at the Claypool Hotel. Mrs. J. F. Pettijohn had charge of the arrangements and menu. On account of various other club meetings October nineteenth was as near as we could come to Founders' Day. This October luncheon is an annual affair for our club.

Mrs. Mansur Oakes (Georgia Galvin) made a most entertaining toastmistress. Without leaving out one whit of fraternity spirit the toasts responded to had quite a flavor of the current issues of the day. Miss Mary Critchlow of Butler chapter responded to "Kappa—A Progressive", followed by Mrs. Harmon Bradshaw, of Lebanon, Indiana on "Kappa—A Standpatter". What could be more fitting after that than "Kappa—A Democrat"? Miss Lacy of Indianapolis did justice to this subject, and then we closed with "Kappa—A Suffragette" by Mrs. J. K. Beck of Bloomington.

Mrs. Pruitt, one of the founders of our alumnae club, gave an informal talk on the beginnings and growth of the club.

Our president, Mrs. Ellis Hunter, presented Mrs. B. F. Scofield with a beautiful silver spoon as a gift from the club. Mrs. Scofield is moving to Chicago to live and it is with deepest regret that we let her go, to be, as we know she will, a faithful member in another club.

After the regular toasts and talks we drifted into a lively and informal discussion of ways and means of "doing things worth while". As it was growing late we decided "to continue" at a November meeting on the sixteenth with Mrs. Railsback, 1616 North Illinois Street as hostess.

The marriage of Miss Helen Brown to James Henry Peterson Jr., of Chicago, took place October second, at her home, 1128 Broadway, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Cordelia Kantz, who attended Butler last year, is studying for the opera, in New York.

Katherine Brown, ex-'12, is studying art at Columbia University.

Mrs. Mansur Oakes (Georgia Galvin) is soprano soloist at two churches. She sings at the Temple on Fridays and at the Central Avenue Methodist Church on Sundays.

ELIZABETH T. BOGERT, *Secretary*.

XI

Adelaide Shepherd, '12, is making an extended visit in Illinois.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Francy of Toronto, Ohio, (Ada Elson, ex-'13) a daughter, Dorothy Jean.

Miss Jessie Byers of Steubenville, Ohio, and Mrs. Margaret Knapp-Wilson, visited at the college for a short time in the autumn.

Helen Brittain, '12, of Pittsburgh, visited the active chapter for a few days.

MILDRED ARMSTRONG.

KAPPA

Joy Mauck, who is attending Simmons, has been in the hospital for a few weeks with typhoid fever.

Grace Stewart, Beta Delta, is at home in Hillsdale this year.

Mrs. Claire Sands Newcomer of Bryan, Ohio, recently visited here.

Mrs. Ruth Coe Harnden of Kansas City, Missouri, spent a few days at the first of the college term in Hillsdale.

Faith Elliott is attending Simmons. She expects to receive her diploma this year.

Loueze and Minnie Hawes are attending the University of Southern California at Los Angeles.

Hallie Jennison, '12, is teaching at Charles City, Iowa, near her home.

Helen Mauck, '12, is teaching at Sault St. Marie.

IOTA

Mrs. Minnie Royce Walker writes, in a personal letter:—"We sailed September twenty-seventh on the Japanese boat, the Tenyo Maru. On the boat were Jettie Taylor, Sigma '11, and Mary Taylor, Sigma '12. They knew a great many I did. Their father has been a commissioner at all our expositions and is now head of the department of agriculture in the Philippines. They, with their mother and younger brother will spend six months in the Philippines, then will spend the summer in Europe, going by way of Japan, China, India and Egypt. Miss Patricia Butler, Phi '11, was also on the boat. She was a year in Phi, then graduated at Wellesley in 1911. She, with her mother and two sisters, are on a two years' trip around the world. She was a member of one of the Wellesley societies and I was very much interested in her account of them. She is a strong Kappa. They live in

Brookline, while the Taylors live in Denver. We have had a pleasant trip so far—ideal weather until today when it is raining. I missed seeing Mrs. Kuhns in Tokio for she has gone by way of Korea and China to spend the winter in Cashemire."

BETA LAMBDA

Elizabeth Parr was married on June twelfth to Franklin W. Marquis, Alpha Delta Phi, '05, of the Engineering Department. They will live in Urbana.

Orma Innis, '10, was married to Chester A. Smith, (Monmouth) in October, and is living at 714 E. 9th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Lilah Richmond, ex-'13, was married in October to Brace Baldwin. Her address is Tampico, Illinois, R. F. D. No. 1.

The engagement of Nell Gilmer, ex-'12, to Donald Stophlot, Chicago, Phi Delta Theta, was announced recently.

Eleanor Aldrich, ex-'13, is to be married in July to John C. Sponsel, Chi Beta, '11.

La Della Strong, ex-'14, has announced her engagement to Walter V. Turner, Illinois '12.

Luella Swift, a pledge last year, was married this spring to J. C. Forkner, of Fresno, California.

Ruth Llewellyn, '11, is in Berlin; Theodore Abbott, '11, is in Spain, and Beatrice Drew, '11, and Mildred Drew, ex-'14, spent last winter in England.

Grace Lloyd Hathaway died in Chicago, December twenty-third, 1911.

Florence Antoinette Schwartzkoff was married to Earl Wiloughby Donoho on October twelfth. They will live in Chicago.

THETA

Married—Elsie Warren, '13, to Steve Owen, Phi Delta Theta, November twentieth, 1912.

Married—Rebecca Harris, '13, to Cowgill Blair, Sigma Nu, October twentieth, 1912.

In Memoriam

PORTIA PEARCY BATTON

On the twenty-seventh of September, 1912, occurred the death of Mrs. Portia Percy Batton, at the home of her father in Anderson, Indiana. She was initiated in January, 1911. She was married to Ralph Batton, a Delta Tau Delta of Butler College, in April of the same year.

EXCHANGE NOTES

BY KATHERINE TOBIN MULLIN

Fraternities that receive three exchange copies of THE KEY are asked to send theirs to: Miss Eva Powell, 2703 Dwight Way, Berkeley, California; Mrs. Ralph T. C. Jackson, Hearthstone, Dighton, Massachusetts; Mrs. Howard B. Mullin, 62 Van Buren Street, Brooklyn, New York.

From October to December is the closed season for exchanges. Only eleven have come to us, and for these we thank their editors. They are:

June, *Beta Theta Pi*; July, *Bent*, of *Tau Beta Pi*; August, *Sigma Kappa Triangle*; September, *Garnet and White* of *Alpha Chi Rho*, *Alpha Phi Quarterly*, *Record* of *Sigma Alpha Epsilon*, *Alpha Tau Omega Palm*, *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*; October, *Crescent* of *Gamma Phi Beta*, *Caduceus* of *Kappa Sigma*, *Shield* of *Phi Kappa Psi*.

According to the *Shield* of *Phi Kappa Psi*, when the civil war broke out, there were eighteen flourishing men's fraternities. *Delta Kappa Epsilon* stood at the head of the list with twenty-seven chapters, and *Beta Theta Pi* next with twenty-one. And now our elders tell what outrageous things Greek-letter societies are! How can we help it? We inherited the disease. Even in 1825 which was the year when Erie discovered the Erie Canal, wasn't it?—some of our gay old ancestors were indulging in Greek revels. The first fraternity was *Kappa Alpha*, founded in 1825 at Union College, Schenectady, New York.

The *Record* of *Sigma Alpha Epsilon* shows sixteen pictures of attractive fraternity houses which belong to some of their enterprising chapters. And they don't look either as if the plans were taken from "How to Build a Home for Sixteen Dollars" in the *Homely Ladies' Journal*. Any one of them would suit a nice little *Kappa* chapter in the East which boasts of "two rooms and kitchenette".

Brigadier General Tasker H. Bliss, who was the commander and chief umpire of the army maneuvers in Connecticut last summer, is a *Phi Kappa Psi* man. In the same fraternity were

the chief engineering officer, Colonel William M. Black, and the judge advocates and provost marshal, Colonel John A. Hull.

The October number of the *Crescent* of Gamma Phi Beta is "Insignia number" in which the significance of the badge is discussed by prominent Gamma Phis. One little hint among the announcements in this book is a good one for our Kappas to take. Of course we don't mean for you to take it literally, but to apply it to your own publication, THE KEY.

The editor passes on to you the splendid suggestion of the business manager—namely—to give a year's subscription to the *Crescent* as a Christmas gift to some Gamma Phi who does not subscribe. This will help us financially and will revive the interest of the recipient of the gift.

The *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* is now in the garb of one of the "regular" magazines. It is large, with good big print and in its general make-up is better than most fraternity magazines. Its pictures are particularly good.

THE SOCIAL CLUB VS. THE FRATERNITY

I suspect that one difference between a club and a fraternity is that a club calls for no high endeavor, asks nothing, does not inspire; a fraternity, from one's undergraduate days on, calls one out of contented comfort, makes demands upon a man, requires that he give and give up for others, makes him live for his friends.

Sometimes a young fellow joins this or that fraternity because he thinks it will pay; because it will bring him into acquaintance with influential men. He is often disappointed; if the fraternity is large enough to count for much, he finds that, after all, he is one of so many promising young men. I am not sure but he ought to be disappointed. If he seeks acquaintances for what he can get from them, he is joining a club. A fraternity has a different aim; its relationship has a different motive. To be, to do, to give, to help one's friends; to live, for part of our lives, for something outside our little narrow, petty, sordid selves—this is the aim and end of the fraternity relationship.

And so, in nearly all the American colleges, this finer relationship exists. It is not merely a bond of pleasure that unites the members of a fraternity chapter, it is a bond of duties. The upperclassmen, to guide and direct the underclassmen; the undergraduates, to welcome heartily the retiring alumnus; the graduates, to advise, to assist and sustain the undergraduate chapter; and all to do their part in aiding and promoting the wider activities of the fraternity at large. A fellowship of duty; and joy in the duty. This is the symbolism of which the preacher speaks. Shall we deny that symbolism?—we?—*The Shield* of Theta Delta Chi.

George Fitch, a Beta Theta Pi, whose stories about life at Siwash College are known, wrote the following copyrighted article in the newspapers:

The Greek-letter society was invented over one hundred years ago in an American college and there are now so many of them that the Greek alphabet is becoming sadly overworked and must soon be enlarged to take care of the rush of business. Greek-letter societies are harmless, and, moreover, are of great good. Many a collegian has, through them, learned the Greek alphabet so thoroughly that he has remembered it long after French and trigonometry have cantered from his memory. Contrary to popular supposition, the members of these societies do not spend their time writing letters in Greek. No doubt they could if they chose, but the kind of letter that father understands and answers most kindly must be written in English, and the Greek-letter member is usually a most faithful correspondent as far as his father is concerned.

A Greek-letter society is secret and its members are supposed never, no never, to reveal what has happened behind the black curtain with the crossbones on it. Anything secret is suspicious, as John D. Rockefeller has found out. But we are about to divulge the four principal secrets of the Greek-letter society. (Turn down the lights, please.) They are as follows:

1. The rent of the chapter house is now two months overdue, and tomorrow the high priest of Delta Flush Chapter is going to try to jolly the landlord along another month.

2. If a certain tow-headed freshman is made president of his class he can be snagged away from the other frats and into our noble order. Vote, brothers, vote.

3. On the third of next month an informal dance will be given with an imported orchestra, and when the Fli Gammas hear of it they will expire with envy.

4. On next Saturday night at midnight three shuddering neophytes will be inducted into the awful mysteries of our mighty band. Let no brother forget to bring a barrel stave.

There are a few other dark secrets, but none as black as these.

The last *Bent* of Tau Beta Pi had fastened on the inside of its cover an interesting little package, which we opened with feverish haste, thinking it might be a special little offering to THE KEY. It proved to be hundreds of small baby blue sheets of paper entirely surrounded by names. We have not yet discovered why.

COLLEGE NOTES

BY KATHERINE T. MULLIN

The poor but honest college boy was always supposed to be the best student, and the youth from the idle rich class has been reputed to spend all his time in buying lobster newburg and shopping for foolish hats. But that has been disproved by Dean Frederick P. Keppel of Columbia University. In his annual report he says:

"Current opinion as to the elements in the college community which are doing the best collegiate academic work is far from accurate. Our high-stand students, for example, are found much more commonly among the well to do and even the rich than is popularly supposed, and, on the other hand, some of our most negligent boys are sent to college at great personal sacrifice on the part of their parents. Another general impression is that, particularly in a metropolitan institution, the best work is being done today by boys of foreign parentage. Here again, in spite of the fact that only the picked boys among the latter are likely to come to college at all, the work of the older American strains compares very favorably."—New York *Evening World*.

Columbia has begun its 159th year. The new School of Journalism was opened, with Doctor Talcott Williams as director.

Visitors at Harvard will no longer be allowed to watch the students being fed.

No more visitors will be permitted to enter Memorial Hall, the dining place of the Harvard students, which seats 1,000, during the hour of dining.

The managers of the hall have found that its crockery bill increases as the number of visitors grows. The students are annoyed when visitors appear in the gallery and look down on them while eating, much as wild animals in a zoo are watched at meal times.

When visitors have appeared the students have greeted them by pounding plates, cups and saucers with knives and forks. If this terrific din from hundreds of the diners was not enough to frighten away the unwelcome onlookers the students sometimes resorted to throwing pieces of French bread at them.

Barnard girls will take places of nursemaids and act as heads of households, according to the New York *Herald*.

Mothers by proxy are a new feature this year at Barnard College. And they are the nicest looking young girls, too, who are perfectly willing

to take care of the baby or give a girl or boy lessons while mother and father take a little vacation from their parental duties.

All a young mother needs to do when she discovers that her club meeting or *matinée* engagement conflicts with the nursemaid's afternoon off is to telephone to Barnard College and ask to have a "proxy" sent up right away.

There is a committee in charge of a sort of employment bureau which helps the students to find work and supplies employers with excellent help. This committee sees that a girl arrives promptly in response to a telephone call for assistance. And the student sent will relieve the mother temporarily of her family cares.

Some of the Barnard girls will take children for a walk on regular afternoons, or if the infants are too young for this exercise the proxy mother will stand guard over them in the park while the real mother shops or goes to a tea.

Dr. Mary E. Wooley, president of Mount Holyoke, does not as a rule approve of girls working their way through college.

Probably a vast majority of the students of educational problems will agree with Mary E. Wooley, president of Mount Holyoke, in her temperate opposition to the disposition of some girls to "work their way through college". She says: "It is too great a task for the average girl to maintain her studies and support herself at the same time. It would seem wiser for her to work for a year or two, if necessary, and enter college at a later age." But not even this college president could persuade any individual young woman that she, the young woman, is "an average girl". The first principles of feminine psychology stand in the way. And perhaps it will be conceded that with most fields of polite occupation glutted, a girl who has still to get her education might have to work much more than two years to save up money for a college course of four years. In fact, even if she were economical and industrious, all her youth might be required for the task.

Yet for a girl, as for a boy, there are grave disadvantages in self-support during college years. Distraction of attention from the course of study may not be sufficient to prevent passing examinations, but it is sufficient to rob the student of the greatest good of the years so spent, the forced divorcing of mind and soul from materialism, forced absorption of idealism, that will be an elevating influence while life lasts, long after most of the facts acquired have been forgotten. Even saving of money in advance is disadvantageous to some degree, because it prematurely hardens and toughens character.

On the whole, no college life is better than college life that ends merely in a "sheepskin". That is a fact that it is especially hard for the New England boy or girl to realize in time to prevent an error that is very far reaching.

Poor men go to Harvard. Nearly one half of the class of 1916 prepared in public schools.

Harvard will soon cease to be considered a mecca for rich young men.

Statistics of this year's freshman class, telling where they prepared for college, shows a marked contrast with Yale's figures, on the question of private schools. A really wealthy family sends its son to a private school.

At Harvard, in the class of 1916, 287 are from public schools and 291 from private schools, while twenty of the new men were self-prepared.

At Yale the proportion of men entering from private schools to those from public schools is 460 to 269, or nearly double.—*New York World*.

William Rankin of Summit, New Jersey, 102 years old, the oldest college graduate in the United States, is dead. He was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, and was graduated from Williams College in 1831.

The cost of living has gone up at Cornell.

Cornell students of today pay one-third more for their living than those who attended the university sixteen years ago, according to the annual report of Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman, the president, to the Board of Trustees. He demonstrates clearly that the college man is as much a sufferer from the high prices of food as any other.

Professor Walter Wilcox furnished the data in Doctor Schurman's report. Doctor Wilcox in his investigations found the Cornell man of today pays an average of \$7.35 for his room and board for one week, whereas records show that similar accommodations were to be had in 1896 and 1897 for \$5.35. This increase has come about gradually, the report says, the rate being about two per cent a year.—*New York Herald*.

Mount Holyoke in October celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary.

"This year's freshman class is the best physically that ever came to the university", said Dr. James Naismith of the Kansas surgeons' physical training department.

Alexander Meiklejohn, Ph. D., was inaugurated president of Amherst College on October sixteenth. He was formerly dean of the law school at Brown University.

Where college girls surpass college boys.

Wellesley undergraduates, in response to the question, "What reform

programme would you adopt at Wellesley had you the power"? presented, among lesser reforms, larger freedom in the election of courses, more modern treatment of contemporary life and the introduction of instruction in domestic sciences.

The three things fairly well express the woman of today so far as her aspirations have been made public. She wishes larger freedom, a wider and clearer knowledge of life as it is, instead of the cloistered and conventional concept of it, and a scientific method of dealing with the common problems of the home and the family.

It is doubtful if the undergraduates of any man's college would make so good a choice in the way of reform programmes. In fact, there have been of late manifest tendencies in many of the universities to return to something like mediævalism in their modes and objects of study. It has been repeatedly shown that the students of Wellesley and Vassar and Smith are as a rule on the side of strikers and labor movements generally, while at Yale and Harvard and Columbia, so far as they show any consideration of such things at all, they are conservative and even reactionary.—*New York World*.

Girl students at Northwestern University by a rule of the students' association will not be allowed to mingle with the men students on days of football games. They are said to spoil the cheering of the men.

Girl students at Northwestern University, by a rule of the Students' Association just promulgated, will not be permitted to mingle with the male students on football days hereafter. That their presence distracts from the sterner features of the sport is the reason given in the announcement.

Peter Wilson, president of the students' association, said: "The girls practically have disrupted our cheering squad. At Bloomington recently two hundred rooters made more noise than do five hundred in Evanston. Our men cannot be cheered on to victory by girls eating chocolates. The men won't keep their minds on the game when they take girls with them to watch the sport."

The *Cornell Daily Sun* is conducting a vigorous campaign for the amendment of the State Constitution so as to permit college students to vote in state and national elections at their colleges instead of compelling them to return to the place of their residence if they wish to vote.

Fo Sun, son of the ex-Provisional president of the Chinese Republic, Dr. Sun Yat Sen, is a student at the University of California. His bride of a few months is with him.

MAGAZINE NOTES

BY MARY LOUISE LOWDEN

"Does College Education Pay"? An interesting discussion took place in many of the current magazines, when Richard C. Crane of Chicago, asked this question concerning college men who had entered business life. In the *Chautauquan*, Doctor Hibbey of Princeton says: "College does not undertake to prepare boys for business or profession; but it does aim to develop mental faculties, teach methods, and instill a love of efficiency and thoroughness. It enlarges the horizon, and imparts, not so much knowledge as power to use knowledge and improve opportunity. The college that does this is successful and will stand any test that the most hard-headed man of business can apply."

In the December issue of the *Educational Review* we have an account of Bernard Shaw's lecture on the schools of today. In his own inimitable manner, he proceeds to describe and criticise school from the "patient's" point of view. "Schools are prisons in which innocent and eager victims are cribbed and cabined for many hours a day just in order to keep them away from their homes where they would be badgering their parents and asking them questions that no one can answer. The punishment, or torture chiefly used in schools is the exacting of answers to questions based on schoolbooks.

"But in schools of the future children will read books because they want to, and at their own expense, in order to be helped in learning by reading those books. Any child will be free to go out when the teacher bores him, just as adults do now when at the theatre seeing one of my plays."

In the same magazine we find an article "The College Regulation of Fraternities" by Ernest Shaw Reynolds of the University of Tennessee. Mr. Reynolds, it seems, would have all fraternities and clubs composed of students, regulated by the faculty or college authorities.

"There are two points of view", he admits, "from which this subject should be examined. The first, that from the college or university, the second, from the fraternity.

"The object of such a rule, controlling and regulating the

fraternities, is threefold in nature. (1) To make sure that the members of the clubs and fraternities are bona fide students; (2) To insure the prospective member an opportunity to become reasonably well acquainted with the members of the fraternities, and so not make the mistake of joining a group with whom he would not be congenial; (3) To give the chapter an equal opportunity to become acquainted with its possible new members."

Mr. Reynolds advises the following plan: "The rushing season should extend from the first of the term for six weeks, or until the mid-term, or from six weeks or a month before the mid-term to the mid-term. Then only men should be pledged who have done work that is counted by the college as satisfactory."

Duane Mowry, in the *Educational Review* for December, gives an interesting article on "Fraternities and Sororities in State-supported Institutions".

"The democracy of education undoubtedly finds its fullest expression in state-supported schools. The secret society in the school life of the individual is the expression of the aristocratic idea. It is therefore opposed to democratic ideals and purposes and is foreign to the atmosphere of the state-supported institution.

"The atmosphere of the Greek-letter societies tends to make of our sons and daughters mere snobs—social snobs of small worth and little ability. While this fact is not true universally, it is, in a large measure, too lamentably true in institutions with which I have been connected."

The war waged against the fraternity world has been fierce, but the greatest onset comes in the November *Century*, when Edith Rickert publishes "The Fraternity Idea Among College Women".

"At our request," the *Century* editor says, "Miss Rickert has made a complete, comprehensive and impartial investigation of the question".

And Miss Rickert says, in part: "The fraternities are aristocratic in that they are destructive to freedom of intercourse. The fraternal spirit is the great modern separator. It builds first a high wall between Greeks and barbarians, and then a maze of social distinctions between fraternity and fraternity."

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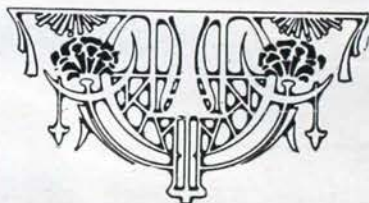
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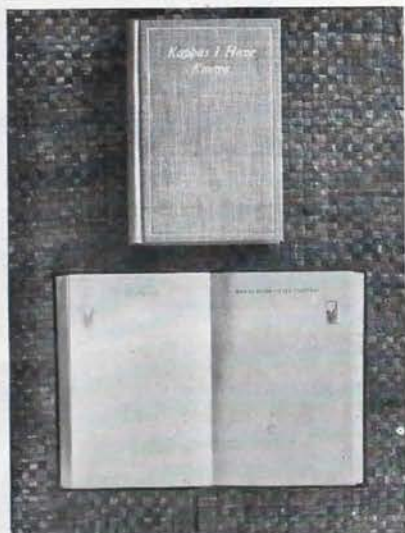
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