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The Installation of Beta Pi.

THE installation of a chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma in one of the younger universities of the great Northwest is full of interest to Kappas everywhere. This marks the second significant step of our fraternity within the past year. Last May, in the establishment of our chapter in Tulane University, New Orleans, we included in our sisterhood a group of women who are products of what is best in the spirit and culture of the old and the new south. Convention proved the wisdom of this step, when our eastern, northern and western chapters were privileged to know personally their new southern sisters. Our very hearts beat faster and our sympathies were deepened in response to the warmth of nature and enthusiasm of the Beta Omicron girls.

Our advent into the far northwest is of equal interest and importance, though for different reasons. Washington is a new State; its university is young. The history and traditions of both are, in the largest degree, yet to be made. But you cannot journey through this section of our United States and spend a week in the city of Seattle without being deeply impressed with the courage and the splendid enterprise of the northwest. The vague term "the spirit of the West" defines itself in your consciousness, and you are at once fascinated. You can see their institutions grow before you on every side. The day when Kappa Kappa Gamma entered into the life of the University of Washington, to grow with it, to have a share in making its traditions, to aid in moulding the character of its

young womanhood, is destined to prove itself one of genuine import.

On Thursday, February second, the writer, to whom had been given the pleasure of installing the new chapter, reached Seattle. Members of Alpha Kappa Gamma and the Washington State Alumnae Association met her and she was taken to the home of Mrs. Nellie Wade Hurlburt, on Capitol Hill, to be the guest of the president of this Alumnae Association. In the evening an eager note of welcome from the members of the local sorority came to her with dozens of deep red carnations—the flower and color of Alpha Kappa Gamma. Eight Kappas were ready to assist her and they began at once to complete all preparations for the installation on Saturday, February fourth.

These preparations were most pleasantly interrupted on Friday afternoon by a tea at the home of Colonel Blethen on Queen Anne Hill. Here were met all the members of Alpha Kappa Gamma. On the eight charter members were placed the two blues.

The Alumnae Association had secured the exclusive use of a full suite of rooms and dining room at the Renton Hill Club, for the installation and banquet. The rooms were appropriately arranged and decorated. During the day three other Kappas arrived—two from Portland, one of the latter being Mrs. Irene Hazzard Gerlinger, the representative of Pi chapter. This made twelve Kappas in all, and among the number only one chapter, Beta Eta, had more than one representative, there being two from that chapter.

Late in the afternoon the eight charter members were installed and the charter, which vested in them all the rights and the privileges of Beta Pi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma, was given into their keeping. The service differing as all may not know but little from our beautiful initiation service, was conducted by Miss Sinclair, assisted by all the resident and visiting Kappas. Early in the evening, with the additional assistance of the eight new members, sixteen members of Alpha Kappa Gamma were initiated into the chapter, twelve of whom are pursuing under-graduate work, and four post-graduate courses in the University. A little later followed

the banquet. The blue and blue had been tastefully carried out in the plan of decoration for the long table. Just before sitting down, a box of pure white roses was sent in from the chapter of Delta Gamma existent here, enough to place one rose at the plate of each new Kappa and thus express in a beautiful manner the good wishes of a sister fraternity.

It was a typical Kappa banquet—an echo of convention to the two of us that were in Columbia last August. Between the courses, telegrams and letters of greeting were read from the officers and all chapters of the fraternity, and from several of the Alumnae Associations. Songs were sung, the call and Kappa laugh practiced and given with genuine spirit, toasts given and responded to, then, most impressive of all, the mystic circle formed and "Good night, Sisters," softly sung.

On Sunday Miss Sinclair dined with Marion and Florence Blethen. In the afternoon, two hours were delightfully spent in an automobile ride over the business and residence portions of Seattle. From the best points of observation one could look out over the city spread over the "seven hills of Seattle," and over the beautiful fresh water lakes nestling at their bases. On one side, far in the distance, were the rugged peaks of the Cascades, while on the other side the snow-covered Olympics follow the Sound to the sea. Puget Sound and its islands were visible for many miles and away to the south the great white watch-tower, Mt. Rainier.

During the rest of her stay Miss Sinclair was entertained delightfully at the Beta Pi chapter house, located near the university campus, which is about five miles from the city proper. On Monday the first regular meeting of the chapter was held, at which time, members were instructed in the regular routine work of the chapter. The officers took up their new duties earnestly.

Tuesday afternoon and evening the chapter house was opened to the friends of the girls in university and city circles. The rooms were made unusually attractive by effective use of the sword fern and Oregon grape that grow in such abundance on the campus, and great clusters of red carnations, arranged with smilax and ferns in Indian baskets were placed throughout the rooms and hung on the walls. In addition

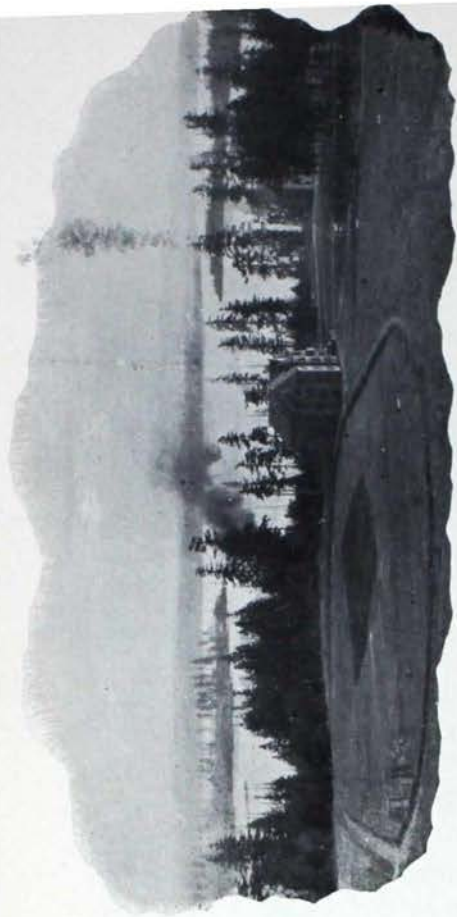
were beautiful flowers sent by the various fraternity friends of the girls. Mrs. Gerlinger, Mrs. Nellie W. Hurlburt, Mrs. J. T. Condon, patroness of Beta Pi, and Miss Sinclair formed the receiving line, with the eight charter members. During the hours, four hundred called and wished the chapter all good things, congratulating both Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity and Beta Pi chapter upon the very auspicious entrance into the University of Washington.

Wednesday and Thursday were quietly passed. The university buildings were all seen and the marvelous natural surroundings of the university enjoyed. After the inspection of the buildings a long walk was taken to Lake Washington, then home, along one of the many paths through the forest of mighty fir trees that covers much of the one hundred and twenty-six acres of the campus. Conferences were held with the officers to aid them in getting well in hand the work of their respective offices. Thursday afternoon a call meeting was held, when matters of general fraternity interest and importance were discussed. This was followed by a "spread" furnished by the five freshmen pledges. There again were read other greetings. Kappa songs were sung, and later, around the fire-place, wherein burned the sweet-smelling fir branches and bright Oregon grape, the house girls gathered in the fire-light, to talk over all the joys of the present and the hopes of the future in Beta Pi chapter, and to make loving mention of Kappas everywhere, who have honored these latest born by the wearing of the blue and blue.

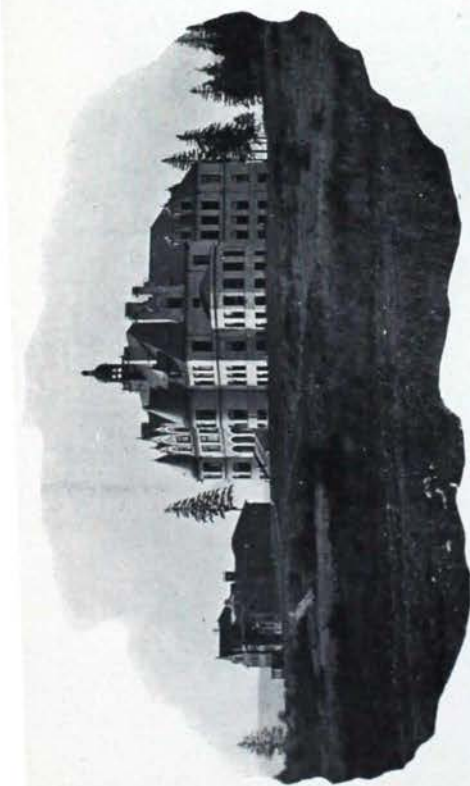
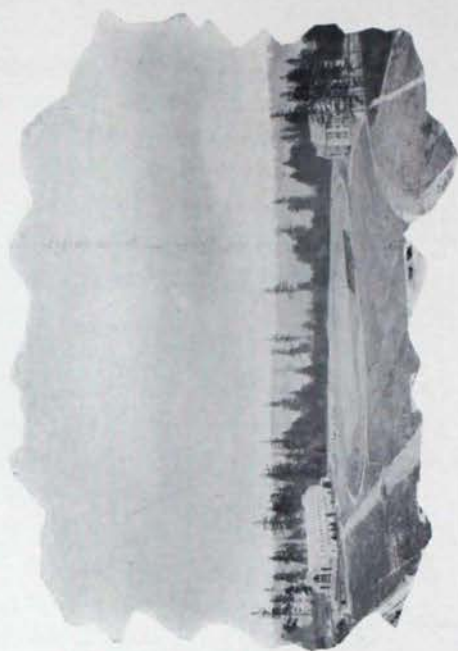
Early Saturday morning the writer started on her journey homeward. Members of the new chapter and the Alumnae Association were at the depot to see her off and present the flowers, the last message of love from Beta Pi.

Virginia Sinclair.





WOMEN'S DORMITORY



ADMINISTRATION BUILDING



SCIENCE HALL

The University of Washington.

THE University of Washington, like many other state universities, has had its checkered career. It has had its ups and downs, its periods of deep depression and gloom, but has evolved an institution well worthy the pride of its founders. The history of this university may logically be divided into three periods, that of an academy, that of a college, and that of a university.

The academy was founded February 22, 1861, seven years after Gov. Isaac Ingalls Stevens had recommended it in his message to the first legislature of Washington Territory. The Rev. Daniel Bagley, president of the first "Board of University Commissioners," was an untiring worker for the thorough establishment of the "Territorial University," and his name has been handed down as that of the first patron of state education in Washington. For fourteen years, until 1875, the work of the institution was of necessity quite meagre in character and these years constitute the academic period. The first class graduated in 1876 and consisted of one member, Mrs. Clara McCarthy Wilt, now residing in Tacoma. The present roster of the alumni association numbers 650 members.

The original site of the campus was a nine-acre tract now in the heart of Seattle. Here a few wooden buildings and their most limited equipment stood for the university until 1895, when the splendid campus of three hundred and fifty-three acres was opened as a suburb of the city. The years from 1876 to 1895 then constitute the college period. The real University scheme was inaugurated upon the opening of the present beautiful Administration building which stands a monument to the new education of the State of Washington.

The present equipment represents an expenditure of over half a million dollars in buildings and apparatus. The biennial legislative appropriation of 1903-05 for maintenance was \$200,000. The University owns 100,000 acres of state land of a minimum value of ten dollars per acre, 320 acres of valuable suburban property in Tacoma and the original nine-acre campus in Seattle. The productive income from these properties for the future, presages one of the best endowed universities in the United States.

The Washington campus in point of natural beauty is com-

parable with those of the universities of Wisconsin, California and Cornell, while many enthusiasts claim that it is unequalled anywhere. Certain it is that more than 350 acres of the wild forest of the Puget Sound country afforded a most excellent basis for a campus that was to represent the freedom of western student life. The campus is practically surrounded by a horizon of mountain chains, the Olympics to the west and the Cascades to the east, both studded with peaks of perpetual snow. Lakes Washington and Union, most picturesque fresh water lakes, border the grounds, while majestic conifers and madronas stand sentinels, linking the forest primeval and the educational center of the new commonwealth.

The University is co-educational and now has an enrollment of 803 students, 445 of whom are men and 358 are women. The abolishment of the preparatory school, a few years since, has very materially increased the average age of the attendants. There are now 257 freshmen, 115 sophomores, 78 juniors, 39 seniors, 55 graduate students, and 259 distributed among the department of law, the various unclassified work in special teachers' courses, engineering and mining.

This enrollment represents a consistent growth of from 10 to 15 per cent. year by year, and in addition thereto a most satisfactory growth in earnestness and application of those enrolled.

The University is divided into the following schools:—The Graduate School, The College of Liberal Arts, The College of Engineering, The School of Mines, The School of Pharmacy, The School of Law, apportioned at present as follows:—Graduate School 54, College of Liberal Arts 517, College of Engineering 110, School of Mines 45, School of Pharmacy 21, School of Law 56.

The faculty consists of 44 members at the head of which staff is President Thomas Franklin Kane, Ph. D., who is completing his third year of administration. The faculty represents the best training of the leading universities of the United States and Europe.

The development of the Graduate School is a subject of special attention at the hands of the present administration and the results are already manifest, students registering with baccalaureate degrees from the best universities of the country.

The class room and laboratory equipment at Washington is more than could be expected of an institution of but practically ten years of age and compares most favorably with that of many older universities. The laboratories of the biological as well as of the physical sciences have received special attention. Ten thousand dollars have been expended during the past two years in raising the general library to the plane necessary for the proper development of the graduate school and the other schools and departments.

The social life of the students at Washington is quite naturally divided between the dormitories and the fraternity and sorority homes. The dormitories (one for men and one for the women) are the scenes of the most democratic gatherings while the Greek letter homes are considered the centers of the more exclusive society. While this very natural division obtains, it is by no means to the exclusion of a proper democratic spirit among the entire student body, all of whom meet on common ground at the several university functions during the year. The Pan-Hellenic League embraces the larger portion of the fraternity element of the school and governs very largely the social activities of the fraternities and sororities signatory to the league. The Greek letter fraternities now represented at the University are Sigma Nu, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi, Kappa Sigma, Phi Beta (local), Phi Sigma Epsilon (local). The sororities are Delta Gamma, Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, K. T. T. (local), Alpha Tau Delta (local). The presence of four literary and debating clubs, one of which is exclusively for women, three science clubs and a debating senate bespeak the anxiety of the students for self-improvement in lines other than those offered in lecture room and laboratories.

Washington has met its responsibility in initiative for the establishment and maintenance of its institutions of higher learning. Though young, the University has developed along the right lines. Its traditions are limited in number but are of the best. Its precepts and its results make for the best citizenship, and that is success.

Herbert T. Condon,
Registrar, University of Washington.

Parthenon.

Narrow or
Broad • •

Frequently we hear it said: "Fraternity life is narrowing." Once in a while we hear the sadder words: "I have become narrow since I joined my fraternity." I will not say that this

was ever spoken of Kappa, but, if you have any cause, you may think of Kappa 'way down in your hearts. To get the other side we have but to turn the leaves of the Key, peep in on an initiation scene, or watch the bustle of a convention. All is bristling with appreciation of the worth of Kappa. To reconcile the contradiction we decide that membership in a fraternity may be the most narrowing or the most broadening influence in a girl's life; and that the result depends upon the girl. A young woman has many temptations in a fraternity to become narrow. When she finds that her new sisters are the most satisfactory friends she ever had, she is in danger of caring to gain no others. So she fails to become one in the happy democracy of college life. The unavoidable clashing in rushing season may embitter her towards another fraternity to an extent that is a detriment to her womanliness. Increase of social opportunities may give her a show of vivacious talk and fine clothes hiding low ideals.

Indeed, there are so many dangers of becoming narrow that it seems that the girl who grows broad does so not because of, but in spite of, her fraternity. This is not the case. The girl who takes the freshest and most individual interest in her society becomes broadest. She is the girl who is not satisfied with leaving the noble sentiments in the preamble of the Constitution, but who tries to put them into her own life. She does not believe that high fraternity ideals belong to the Grand Council alone. She believes that she herself must realize them if she can. She feels the fundamental importance of the unit in the organization. She sees the true relation between herself and her fraternity. It becomes to her not a set of forms to which she subscribes, but a means of inspiration, a way of gaining the best, in order to give the best both to her sisters and to others. And if she wears the golden key, she does not make of it a mask, but leaves it an emblem.

Lucile Carr, *Sigma*.

Individuality

Much has been said at different times about a fraternity type. Now, if this means that a Kappa is to be known everywhere by her upright character, by her honesty, her straightforwardness and, in terms of "Pan-Hell,," by her "whiteness," it is a good thing to have a fraternity type. But, if by this we mean that she follows a certain fraternity policy, that she moulds herself or is moulded into a fixed cast, so that she loses all distinct personality, all individuality, such a type will do the fraternity no good and will be a hindrance rather than a help to its growth. What is the use of taking in good, strong, individual girls if, immediately after their initiation, they shall be cut down into a certain pattern?

There is much that a fraternity can do to help its members, in making them more earnest and conscientious, in giving them higher ideals to live up to, and it is good for the older girls to feel the responsibility of having to be an example of earnestness to the younger girls who love and honor them. Each girl should, beside the general fraternity stamp, have a distinct and personal weight in the circle in which she lives. It is for each one of us to stand for something individual.

Emma Jane Wilson, *Beta Iota*.

**The Real Question**

At this time of the year when our freshmen are beginning to enter into the inner circles of the Kappa realm and to understand more fully its true meaning, what is the question that they should ponder over? At first, probably their thoughts were only: "What will Kappa mean and do for me? How will I be aided and helped in the social world and in my studies by the older girls of the fraternity? What will Kappa mean to me after leaving college and how proud will I be to wear the key and, above all, how helpful will be the close bonds of friendship which I most desire?"

Now, should not their thoughts and the thoughts of every Kappa turn to: "What will I mean to Kappa, and what will I do for her? Shall I merely take what she offers and give nothing in return? Shall I not endeavor to raise the standard higher, to reflect honors on my fraternity by holding responsible positions in my college life; to be a woman in the true

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sense of the word; to be helpful to others; able to appreciate their good qualities and to overlook their bad ones; to be a person to whom all Kappas will be proud to point and say: "She is a member of our fraternity."

Addie F. Lander, *Omega*.



Kappa

Friendship

Those of us who have been long in Kappa realize how strong is the spirit of sisterly love within the bonds, and know how much it counts, but the freshmen—sometimes I think they are a little troubled by the change initiation is sure to bring. They have been so petted and humored during the rushing season that they scarcely know how to accept the humble position they find waiting for them when they are within Kappa's doors. Perhaps, too, they think the criticism labeled "especially for freshmen" are unkind and personal. But, believe me, dear freshmen, of all the classes yet to come the criticism is lovingly given, and kindly, helpfully meant. No Kappa sister would ever intentionally wound; and you do not understand true Kappa friendship unless you believe that it is so broad that it reaches beyond all class spirit, and so deep that its influence will endure as long as we live to wear the key.

Here are a few words on the value of friendship, by someone who has felt just what I want to say, and has said it much better than I can: "So long as we love, we serve; so long as we are loved by others, I would almost say that we are indispensable; and no man is useless while he has a friend."

Julia Hillis, *Beta Tau*.



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Fraternity in College Politics

The fraternity in college politics is a question of vital interest to Beta Pi, and no doubt to other chapters in young institutions. In our university the position of secretary to the Associated Students is traditionally held by a girl, and usually a fraternity girl. But to the obtaining of this position is attached all sorts of wire-pulling. The question arises before Beta Pi: Is this electioneering and vote-buying dignified? Shall we guarantee to vote for someone's Alpha brother if he will vote for our Beta sister? Is it womanly to mix with

the men in this political auction? We do not feel that it is. Our girls are representative ones, well able to hold their own in sterling qualities against any others, whether fraternity or non-fraternity girls. They do hold their own in class and in other offices, but that one position of secretary we almost wholly ignore, because we are so out of sympathy with the principle of political graft. As our university grows older it will no doubt broaden out of this narrow system, but in the meantime are we pursuing the right policy? We ask advice and counsel from the older chapters, who have been through this experience and understand our position.

✿✿✿ Celia D. Shelton, *Beta Pi*.

Optimism in "Rushing"

It has been my experience that every year, just before freshmen are asked to join Kappa, pessimism prevails throughout the chapter. Tales of entertainments given by other fraternities to the most desirable freshmen go the rounds spreading consternation. Early in the fall we are cheerful and sure of our position, but as pledge-day approaches we become more and more modest until we fear that we are not going to get the people we want. When the eventful day at last arrives, it brings with it the joyful surprise that we have won all the freshmen we asked. Why should we go through an awful state of apprehension each year? It is the freshmen's undecided attitude that is responsible, but we should not allow ourselves to be so influenced by their actions. They often attend the entertainments of several fraternities although they have made up their minds which one they want to join. I have heard girls say that they had decided early in their freshman year that it would be Kappa or nothing with them; the reason they did not go with Kappa exclusively was because they did not want people to know their feelings in case they did not get a Kappa invitation. Freshmen never realize what a cause of worry they are to the fraternity girls who are interested in them. Let us therefore be more confident in the future, and instead of wasting them in despairing of the freshmen, put all our energy into living up to our Kappa standards. If we do this faithfully the freshmen cannot help but be inspired.

Josephine Paddock, *Beta Epsilon*.

**Settlement
Work**

University settlement and missions of all kinds in the slum districts of the great cities, have for years drawn a number of the men and women of our colleges into the open avenues of their work. With a great many, unfortunately, the slums have become a fad, taken up earnestly at first, but the novelty having worn off, the workers shrink from the monotony of dirt, physical and moral, and, with a light word of excuse to themselves, disappear from the place and the people, leaving them worse, morally, for the poor effort. The examples we give to those we would help must be examples of persistent moral strength, not changeful enthusiasm.

It is the number of earnest, thoughtful, stable workers who, despite discouragements and monotony, persevere to the end in carrying the comforts of higher ideals to others who learn to know to some degree the meaning of slum work and gain living inspiration from the college settlements. Since the great cause of evil is the lack of a perfect knowledge of good, it is necessary that the cornerstone of settlement work be education—common school education and of more importance still, the deeper education of the feelings, love of beauty, harmony and moral law. Those whose opportunities have been boundless, whose lives have been spent amid the fullness of the best influences can scarcely imagine what degrading conditions do exist at our own doors—conditions in which vice, filth and squalor are supreme factors. Perhaps sometimes, unconscious of the injustice, persons even blame those who, amid such conditions, through ignorance rather than depravity, fall under temptations of which we are not even called to think. And yet, a deeper thoughtfulness and sympathy will show where the bulk of responsibility rests. It is ours; we, who selfishly enjoy educational advantages, ought to feel the responsibility which we incur in sitting at ease while the little growing children read bad books, see degrading plays and use profane language—and we are making no effort to show them the beauty of better things.

In the Philadelphia slums, and this is no exception to other large cities, there are little girls who have never yet felt the humanizing influence of a doll, and boys who have

never known the joys of the freedom of a day in the country. These children have spent their little lives in a dirty, dreary slum district, seeing horrors and hearing profanity. It is no wonder that the energy of unguided childhood finds outlet in torturing animals, stealing, and defacing property. The college settlement offers refining but interesting amusements to the boys and girls of the streets, active games for the evening, interesting books, bright songs, and best of all, a leading spirit to create, help and enjoy the fun, in the young man or woman who enthusiastically becomes one of their number. Unconsciously, the refining element sifts into the mental content and the boys grow to need the better things in their lives. Were the object to give these dwarfed little natures legitimate amusement, settlement work would be justified. Its object, however, is more far-reaching than mere amusement and its influence penetrates into the very heart of the municipal questions of the day, and education along higher lines is a far more reasonable solution to the problem of civic conditions than legislation.

Many are willing to cry out for laws and multifold penalties for crime, but few are equally anxious to attack the root of the trouble and personally help to overcome the ignorance which is its primal cause. By statistics, many families involved in the child-labor question place their young children in mills and factories as much from ignorance as necessity. If we overcome even to a small extent the moral, physical and spiritual stupor in the children of the slums, the next generation must show a marked advance toward cleaner lives and better conditions. These are the existing conditions, and needs; and these people are our neighbors, and the responsibilities of their lives in part must belong to every one who enjoys the advantages which chance alone has denied to the children of the slums.

Josephine L. Reed,
Beta Alpha.



Editorial.

Kappa Kappa Gamma is glad and proud to introduce to the fraternity world its new chapter, Beta Pi, of the University of Washington. The Key extends a warm welcome to the new members, and wishes for them all that is happy and helpful and stimulating and strengthening in fraternity life.



Discussion of the fraternity situation is still vigorous in the columns of the New York Tribune. The issue of January 29, 1905, contains twenty-five letters "attacking" the fraternity system, and nearly the same number appear February 5, 1905, defending fraternities. The letters are written by men and girls of many colleges and universities throughout the country. Most of them are very much to the point; some of them ingenious, others pathetic. It is interesting to note that not all the letters "pointing out the detrimental side of college fraternities" are written by non-fraternity people; nor are those that uphold the system written by members of these organizations. What is more significant, however, is the fact that none of the letters contains suggestions for improvements in results, or for amelioration of conditions of fraternity life. The denunciations are too absolute, the praises too extreme and sweeping. The detractors recognize no merits or real advantages, and offer no suggestions for betterment; the upholders of the organizations admit no defects or shortcomings, and point out no opportunities for improvement.

Such discussion might continue indefinitely and leave no mark on either side, save perhaps that of equally distributed emphasis. Difference of opinion and of feeling will very likely always exist, and there is no reason why it should not; but bitterness, disdain, envy, disintegration, can only be unfortunate and demoralizing for all concerned. Whatever we as fraternities can do to avoid and to eradicate such effects, let us do with all the earnestness and all the intelligence at our command. Thus, and thus only, can we promote good feeling and friendly co-operation, and strengthen the justification of our existence.



From one of the chapters comes the expression of a desire that Parthenon articles and chapter letters shall not be limited to discussion of fraternity matters alone: "We are college women first of all, and as such have planes of interest other

than fraternity on which we can meet. We should like to know what interests the Kappas at other colleges, of their work and interests outside of fraternity matters. Would it not be possible to discuss these questions in the Parthenon? If the articles provoke discussion or invite comment from other chapters, so much the better." We heartily agree with this statement, and will welcome all news of the special interests and activities of any chapter, or of any individual Kappa.

A few words concerning the general character of chapter letters seem pertinent here. One cannot read a group of chapter letters without feeling how inadequately they reflect the real life of the chapters. So identical are the accounts of events and the suggestions of the spirit of the different chapters, as indicated by these letters, that one would almost believe there were some pattern letter which all were supposed to follow as closely as possible. Sift the letters; what impressions remain?—new girls, "pink teas," a Junior Prom., someone's engagement, offices won or to be won, banalities, platitudes. Is this all there is to say of three months of life and work at college? What are the girls of your chapter really like? What are they planning and thinking and doing? Surely all of them are not continually, and merely going to dances, giving spreads, and dreading examinations! Tell us about your college or university. What are its peculiar interests and conditions, its customs and traditions? What is happening there? How is it growing? What is it doing?

These are some questions we should like to have answered. We wish to know, so far as we may, the character and life of each college, the character and life of each chapter, how it is individual, and what part each Kappa is playing in its development. Is there a danger that we are letting the deep and permanent interests and activities pass by, over our heads, while we play or drift, or dawdle or whirl through the things that are superficial and transitory at best? The more good times we can have, the better; and these good times are an important factor of college life. We are glad to hear of each other's fun; we should be just as glad to know something of each other's work.

At first it is difficult to account for the character of chapter letters in general. It is not that there is only the social side; it is not that fraternity affairs are in the foreground and college interests far back; it is not that the chapters are vying with each other as to which shall record the greatest number of ga-

ieties and triumphs—though at first glance any of these might seem to be the reason for the remarkable uniformity as well as for the general character of chapter letters. Is it not rather because the letters are hastily written at the last possible moment? Have they not come to be in some degree a troublesome task, more or less a dreaded duty? And do we not “dash off” something feeling that “anything will do!” and send the result to the editor with never a thought that the contents, tone and spirit of that letter are the basis upon which opinions are formed with regard to the chapter? We seem to have dropped into a rut in this matter of chapter letters, and we ought to get out of it. Let us send letters next time that shall be, so far as we can make them so, a true reflection of all sides of the college life, and of all sides of the chapter interests.



Miss Ruth Paxson, student secretary of the American Committee, sails this month for Europe as delegate to the World's Student Christian Federation Conference. Miss Paxson will first attend the conference of the Student Volunteer Movement at Halle, Germany, April 26-30, and then go to Zeist, Holland, where the World's Student Christian Federation Conference is to be held from May 30 through the 7th. The latter is a conference of the students of the world: America, Canada, many of the European countries, and some of the Oriental countries will be represented by students and professors, and Miss Paxson is the representative of the women students of America. This is the first time women have been invited to the conference, although organically affiliated with it, so the number of women present will doubtless be small, both in representatives and delegates.

After the conference is over, Miss Paxson will spend a month in visiting France, England and Scotland before her return to America in June.

Notice.

The Grand Registrar needs the following copies of the Key. Can anyone supply a single copy?

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Alumnae Association Letters.

Boston Alumnae Association.

A very successful year for the Alumnae Association of Phi is drawing to a close. Under the efficient leadership of our president, Alice Quirin, we have had a series of very interesting meetings. Since October, we have met each month at our chapter rooms to listen to a talk or a reading by one of our members, and to be served with light refreshments.

Phi is extremely fortunate in having enrolled a number of "talented" people and these have not hidden their talents under a bushel, but have responded cheerfully and willingly to the invitations extended to them to address us. Miss Katherine Everts has given a very delightful reading, and Dr. Austin talked one afternoon upon "Some medical facts of general interest." Dr. Allen, who for ten years lived in Japan, gave us a good idea of the life and curious customs of "the little brown Jap" at one of our meetings. Mrs. Anna Fall gave us an entertaining afternoon by telling of her experience when she first started upon her profession of law.

Next month we entertain the active chapter and are looking forward with much pleasure to the reading which is to be given by Miss Ethel Bourne. Our members show their interest by their goodly presence, but the chapter hopes so to train them that by another year when notices are sent for meetings to begin at three they will come before half past four.

Phi sends her best wishes for the prosperity of all the sister chapters.



New York Alumnae Association.

The luncheon given by the New York Alumnae Association on Saturday, February 25, at the Hotel Astor, was a delightful affair. Thirty-nine alumnae from many different chapters—all the way from California to New York—gathered about one long table in the Yacht Room of the hotel. The decorations were simple but effective, the menu excellent, and everyone had a good time, which, of course, was the chief thing. When

the coffee had been served, it was suggested that the guests change places before the toasts were given, so that all might become better acquainted.

Mrs. William Warner Penfield, the president of the Association, presided as toast-mistress, and a very happy one she made. Miss Elizabeth M. Rhodes, of Psi, responded to the toast, "Kappa Types," Miss Jeannette B. Gillespy, of Beta Epsilon, "Kappa Friendships," and Mrs. Winthrop B. Scarritt, of Iota, "Illusions that Pass."

Two other Kappas had been asked to respond to toasts but were unable to be present on account of illness. One of these, Miss Adele Lathrop, editor of the Key, was to have been the guest of honor. The other was Miss Caroline Lexow, of Beta Epsilon.

After the toasts had been given, the members spent an informal half hour together.



Syracuse Alumnae Association.

Dear Kappas Everywhere:—

The Alumnae Association in Syracuse can report to you all only the most satisfactory news. We are spending a thoroughly enjoyable year together.

If in making up our annual letter we are to enumerate the usual list of stereotyped items concerning our association we shall have to say that our organization consists of about thirty members representing six colleges, that it is presided over by three most efficient officers—President, Secretary and Treasurer and Entertainment Commissioner—that meetings are held every third Monday at the home of one of the members and that the nature of the meetings is the usual "business," "program" and "refreshments." At the beginning of the year typewritten schedules of the meetings for the year, with place of same, were sent to all members and these have been frequently supplemented by personal notes of invitation, especially to out-of-town members, sent by the individual member at whose home the next meeting was to be held.

Now it is quite probable that Kappas everywhere may be more interested to hear what we do under "program" than in

the formal report given above. As was stated, we have an appointed officer who, together with chosen assistants, arranges our entertainments for the year. This officer is Margaret Brown. Under her direction we listened to stories of travel by Susie Brown who spent last summer in the British Isles, heard writings from the pen of Mabel A. Potter, '95, and enjoyed a fine breezy account of the August Convention from a letter written by Frances Thayer, ex-'96.

But the regular meetings do not comprise all of our delightful times. There are informal parties when no business is done, such as the Hallowe'en party upon which we ventured, inviting also the allied husbands, fathers and friends. The plan of entertainment in this case was the outcome of considerable study in adapting the spirit of the occasion to those whom Fate had already joined together. So great was the success of our venture that we offer our plan to any Alumnae chapter that might wish to utilize it for another Hallowe'en. Then, also, on the evening of the Pledge Day, we joined with the active and pledged girls in holding a fairly riotous jubilee at Mrs. Wallace's. It seems to every one of us that our freshman babies, probably because they are the last, are certainly the very best.

Later, at Christmas, we resolved our regular meeting into a party and summoned the girls from afar and near. The active chapter, as our guests, very kindly presented a little farce, called "Six Cups of Chocolate," and then followed a distribution of gifts which the girls had brought concealed in almost impossible shapes and accompanied by enigmatical descriptions of the contents. These packages were distributed by number, the owner being obliged to guess the enigma of her own parcel. A fortnight ago the girls had an old-fashioned "spread" at Grace Wight's. Donated provisions were served by the girls themselves in the good old way and a surplus of supplies were sent over to the Chapter House, where the active girls then in chapter meeting were treated to a surprise spread of their own.

Recently our Association has had itself photographed and while this affair may not have been originally classified as entertainment, nevertheless any Kappas who may have ex-

perienced a group photograph taken in a Cooper-Hewitt light will readily understand why we so classify it. And, too, we have visited chapter meeting up at the House in a body, and there enjoyed dancing and a warm good welcome. In fact, the cordial, yes, intimate relations which have united the active and alumnae chapters throughout the college year have been one of the most strengthening influences in our work.

The Social Service in Syracuse.

At a meeting of the Pan-Hellenic Association of Syracuse University held in November last, the following resolutions were introduced by the Alumnae delegates from the Beta Tau Chapter, and met the approval of the members present. There being little time for discussion at this meeting it was voted that they be laid upon the table to be brought up and discussed in detail at the next meeting.

Resolutions for Social Service.

Whereas, The Inter-Sorority conference in Convention assembled has recommended to each co-educational college in which two or more national fraternities exist the establishment of a form of organization whose object shall be co-operation between faculties and students, looking to the proper adjustment of general social relations, and

Whereas, There being no such organization in Syracuse University, we believe that the Pan-Hellenic Association through its influence can bring about improved relations of cordiality and liberal feeling between existing sororities, also between sororities and the independent student body, therefore

Resolved, That we, the Pan-Hellenic Association of Syracuse University, recommend to the earnest consideration of the sororities represented in this assembly certain measures intended for the accomplishment of this end, as follows:

First, That the members of the sororities shall avoid grouping in the college halls and at general exercises, also avoid select conversations in isolated places and discussions of fraternity matters in the hearing of neutral students;

Second, That each member of a sorority shall assume an individual obligation to show all reasonably courtesy to her uninitiated associates both in the college building, on the campus, and wherever encountered;

Third, That each member of a sorority shall agree to cultivate one personal friendship with a member of another fraternity.

Fourth, that the Greek Letter Sororities shall, if deemed feasible, inaugurate a custom of making salutation to all women students of the University; and

Fifth, That the members of sororities shall study to consider themselves first, units in the general student body, afterwards, units in the selective body, the importance of their sisterly relations being estimated in the same order.

Pittsburg Alumnae Association.



Pittsburg Alumnae Association.

Members: Xi, 18; Gamma Rho, 5; Beta Gamma, 5; Iota, 2; Beta Mu, 2; Beta Lambda, 1; Eta, 1; Omega, 1; Beta Tau, 1; Lambda, 1.

Pittsburg, always progressive and up-to-date, is proud to announce a most successful year. Organized December 12, 1903, through the efforts of Mrs. C. E. Wilbur of Xi chapter, with only nine members, our circle has widened until now there are thirty-seven active members. Twenty-one are members of the National Alumnae Association, and twenty-two are subscribers to the Key. Thirty "Records" and twenty "Kappa Symphony" cards have been sold.

A brief review of our year's work may be interesting. At the first meeting on September 23 we were the guests of the Steubenville, Ohio, girls at the home of Miss Altai Floyd. This was "Convention Day" and Miss Floyd's report was the principal feature of the program. It was so full, so concise, so cleverly written, that when she finished we almost felt we had attended Convention. On October 29 we were given a Halloween party by Miss Clara Howard and Mrs. W. A. Philips at the beautiful home of Mrs. Philips in Park Avenue, Pittsburg. The afternoon was devoted to "Kappa Study," Mrs. M. H. Lichliter opening the discussion with a review of the work of the fraternity. A Christmas party, which took the form of a musicale, by members of the Association, was held in December at Hotel Henry, Pittsburg. The banner meeting from the standpoint of large and enthusiastic attendance was

the valentine party given us on February 25 by the Bellevue girls at the home of Mrs. C. E. Wilbur. Twenty-seven members, representing eight chapters, were present. The program, including a review of the Key and an explanation of alumnae work, and the attractive social features combined to make the afternoon most pleasant and helpful.

From this review you will see that we emphasize the social element and the study of fraternity interests rather than the general literary work attempted in most Associations. Many of our members belong to prominent literary clubs in the city and we all felt that our time together was better spent in social converse and fraternity study.



Columbus Alumnae Association.

The Columbus Alumnae Association meets on the third Saturday of each month. In every other meeting the active chapter is invited to join. As almost all the members belong to other clubs, literary and musical, these meetings are purely social, the object being to keep up fraternity spirit, to continue the intimacy between Kappa schoolmates and to deepen the interest between new and older members of the chapter. The meetings begin with a "spread" at six o'clock and are followed by a general good time. There are fifty members of the Alumnae Association, and the average attendance is about thirty-five.

Miss Cassandra Gill, of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been the guest of Miss Edna Pratt for the past month, and Beta Nu has once more enjoyed her presence in Columbus.



Wooster Alumnae Association.

The year that has passed has been a very pleasant though uneventful one for the Wooster Alumnae Association. Our meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month, when possible, at the homes of the members. During the year we have held ten regular meetings and two called meetings.

September 22 we entertained the active chapter, the girls whom they had already pledged, and those whom they were

"rushing," at a six o'clock dinner at the Frontenac. We are feeling very proud of our active chapter, since they have pledged ten of the most desirable new girls, four of whom have already been initiated.

We are happy in having with us this year Tillie Shelhart Revennaugh. Mr. and Mrs. Revennaugh are making their home in Wooster while Mr. Revennaugh is taking a graduate course in college. We send greetings and the best of wishes to all Kappas, active and alumnae.



Adrian Alumnae Association.

The Adrian Alumnae Association, though not yet two years old, feels that already great benefit and pleasure have been derived from its organization. It has brought us into closer sympathy with each, and with our local chapter, and has renewed our interest in all matters concerning the fraternity at large. Our meetings, which are largely social in their nature, bring back the college days, the enthusiasm and excitement of the rushing season, and all the old love for college and fraternity.

During the past year we have lost one of our members to the Pittsburg Association, Miss Ethel Moorehead, who is now teaching at Ingraham, Penn. We have also added to our list two former Xi girls, Mrs. Florence Wilcox Wells and Mrs. Margaret Knapp Wilson.

Our November meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Jennie Gilkey Boyd and a very pleasant evening it proved to be. One feature, which was of great interest to all, was a report of Convention by Miss McCullom, Xi's delegate. Our January meeting was held in the Chapter Hall, after which we joined with the active girls in welcoming to Kappa Kappa Gamma four new sisters.

We are all busy women, but we find it a rare pleasure to lay aside the larger duties and assemble in our Kappa room, college girls once more.

Greetings to all alumnae and active sisters.



Chicago Alumnae Association.

Interest in our Chicago Alumnae Association is increasing, and consequently the attendance at our monthly meetings. Beginning in September we have had from twenty to thirty at each of our regular luncheons on the fourth Saturday of each month at Marshall Field's tea room. After luncheon we discuss fraternity business and pleasures. The report of our delegate to Convention aroused old-time enthusiasm in fraternity affairs, and the prospect of additional privileges for alumnae associations was hailed with delight. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit from Mrs. Penfield when she was in Chicago attending the Inter-Sorority Conference. It was our pleasure to give a formal dinner in her honor at Hotel Victoria, September 17. Covers were laid for thirty Kappas, and one special one for our good friend, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Penfield's mother. Miss Sharp came down from Champaign for this dinner, so we had two ex-Grand Presidents at our board that evening. "Social Service" was naturally the topic most discussed.

At Thanksgiving time and also during the holidays we had the pleasure of meeting many of the active members from Beta Lambda and Eta, who were home for the holidays.

There is a Round Robin fluttering around somewhere, and we hereby advertise for him: Lost.—One after-Convention Round Robin; any information concerning him will be gratefully received. A reward for his return, dead or alive, to Mrs. D. D. Otstott, 606 West Sixty-seventh Street, Chicago.

Have you ever heard of our chapter at the University of Chicago? No, of course, you never voted for any such chapter, for the very good reason that it isn't a Kappa chapter, but a chapter of Kappas! There are about a dozen loyal Kappas, who have come from the uttermost parts of the Kappa world, either as students or as wives of faculty members at the University of Chicago, and they have the best of times together, in spite of the fact that they can neither pledge nor "spike."

Our greetings and best wishes to all Kappas, old and new, to our new Baby chapter in Washington State University, and to our dear Grand President.

Madison Alumnae Association.

The Madison Alumnae hold their meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at the Kappa house. After dinner at six o'clock with the active chapter, and an informal general gathering after dinner, the alumnae members withdraw to the reception room and hold their business meeting. The membership at present is twenty-seven.

**Iowa City Alumnae Association.**

The Iowa City Alumnae Association meets usually on the second Wednesday of every other month, at the homes of the members. The meetings are social, with business sessions when necessary. The association has thirty members. We keep in close touch with the active chapter in order to help them whenever we can do so. We have found the association most enjoyable, and feel that it has greatly increased and renewed our fraternity spirit.

On February 22 we entertained the active chapter at a fancy-work party in honor of Miss Katherine Jewell Everts, who was visiting her sister, Mary Sleight Everts, Dean of Women at the University of Iowa, and a member of our association.

**Kansas City Alumnae Association.**

There are thirty-five members of the Kansas City Alumnae Association. Meetings are held on the third Saturday of every month at the homes of the members. Committee meetings and called business meetings are usually held in the parlors of some hotel down town.

This year we are making a study of Kappa Kappa Gamma. At each meeting a paper is read on some feature of the fraternity. So far, our subjects have been "Kappa Secrets," "Kappa Representation" and "Kappa History." We are then at the disposal of the hostess, who plans some special form of entertainment.

The officers for this year are: Mrs. Herbert H. Clark, president; Miss Edith Scholey, vice-president; Mrs. William McLaughlin, secretary, and Mrs. Taylor, treasurer.

Iota Alumnae Association.

The youngest alumnae association of K. K. G. makes its bow to the Kappa world and stretches its hands for a welcome. It is awed by a cloud of witnesses and dazzled by the light of an opportunity. Until four weeks ago it had gained no reality, existing only in the desire of certain Iota alumnae to see each other again and, if possible, to be of some use to the active girls at DePauw.

The small beginning of the organization was when Gertrude Larrimore Lichliter wrote to some of the Iota girls in January, 1904, asking that they join her in a reunion at Indianapolis. Sixteen responded and at a dinner at the Dennison it was decided that a larger meeting must be held the next year. Just before last Christmas Mrs. Lichliter, Marion Wood and Dinnie Palmer Working began to push the matter of another reunion in January. One hundred letters were sent out and on the afternoon of January 21, 1905, thirty-five Iota Kappas met at the Claypool in Indianapolis. Words fail me when I try to tell what a splendid reunion it was. There were girls whom we had not seen for years. Not only their dear faces smiled back at us, but old dreams and ambitions took shape again, to question and to judge the worth of present realities. It was hard to be dragged down from the joyfully haunted heights to the business of coming to order and appointing a chairman, but both these worthy objects were finally accomplished. Mrs. Lichliter, who occupied the chair, after brief devotional exercises, proposed a reading of a report of the doings of last Convention so that we might have some adequate conception of what the fraternity has in mind. That any possible lack of motive or enthusiasm was magnificently supplied by the ideas set forth in this Convention report, was seen in the experience meeting that followed. All were desirous of organizing to a definite end and that end was to be the specific one of helping the girls at DePauw lift Iota to the high plane that the fraternity demands of its constituent parts. Among those who spoke was Nettie Wiggs Bacon, a charter member of Iota.

An election of officers resulted in the choice of Cora Bennett Stephenson for president, Mrs. Lichliter for vice-presi-

dent, Marion Wood for corresponding-secretary, Addie Smith for recording-secretary, and Lucia Hurst for treasurer. Committees were arranged for, and Indianapolis chosen as the place for the meetings. Owing to the lack of time and the experimental nature of the whole undertaking, no definite arrangements had been made for a banquet on this occasion, but it was decided, in meeting assembled, that in the future a formal dinner, at which our husbands would be expected, should be a feature of each meeting. That same evening, however, fourteen of us, including four of the aforesaid husbands, had a corner of the big dining-room to ourselves and feasted together, body and soul. An hour or two later we gathered around a piano and those unaccustomed halls rang in praise of old DePauw and Kappa Kappa Gamma and with other excusable nonsense that robs our years of age and puts vigor into our undertakings. We spoke often and longingly of the Iota girls who are far away, and of these none were more gratefully remembered than Jean Nelson Penfield and Minnie Royce Walker.

The Iota Alumnae Association has it among her first purposes to stand in hearty support of the Key. We hope immediately to increase its circulation among Iota alumnae and, if possible, to assist in its realizing its ideal as a literary product and as a fraternity organ.



Chapter Letters.

Alpha Province.

Phi—University of Boston.

Since the last Key initiation has passed, and with it came the renewed inspiration which it always brings. Not long after it, we found this poem to the tune of "Blest be the Tie that Binds" inscribed in a note-book of one of the freshmen:

I'm glad I'm in K. K. G.
I'm happy as happy can be;
Our faults are not many,
But if we have any,
We won't when we leave K. K. G.

It shows the proper spirit, doesn't it?

On January sixth our new sisters entertained the older girls most delightfully in the chapter hall. According to custom a gift was made to the rooms. This time it was a handsome and substantial chair.

Examinations have come, and, breathe it gratefully!—gone. After the recess which followed, we gave an "At Home" for the faculty and their wives.

Social events have prospered lately at the college on Beacon Hill. We have been entertained by Lambda of $\Theta \Delta X$, and have in turn entertained their charge. A gay little valentine party was given for Upsilon of $B \Theta \Pi$. Several dances have been held at the rooms. The most recent was given on February 17, after the "Klatsch Collegium" the annual social affair at Boston University.

But we have not neglected college activities. Helen Wright was elected secretary of the Philomathean Society; Ethel Rich was president of the junior class for the first semester, and Augusta Farnum of the sophomore. By the second semester elections Emma Fall is vice-president of the junior class and Mabel Case of the freshman. Augusta Farnum was recently elected vice-president of the Y. W. C. A.

Phi sends greeting to all in Kappa.

Beta Epsilon—Barnard College.

The result of our early pledge-day has been perfectly satisfactory, and we have three freshmen to introduce to the Kappa world—Elizabeth Freeman Fox, the class president, Marguerite Corlies Newland, class historian, and Catharine Buckingham Woolsey.

Our chapter life has been as busy as ever. One innovation we have made in our social meetings, which bids fair to become an annual institution. We call it a "Mothers' meeting." The mothers of all the active chapter were invited to tea at the Kappa apartment. Almost everyone came, and the enthusiasm they showed over the apartment, and in seeing each other, encouraged us to make the "Mothers' meeting" an established thing.

The mid-year examinations over, the college is working hard to get in its favorites before Lent. On February 21 the Junior Ball was held, most successfully managed by an able committee, whose chairman, Anna May Newland, is one of us.



Psi—Cornell University.

Now that examinations and junior week are safely over, we here at Cornell have settled down to the regular term's work again. Our spring vacation is not far off, but before that is here, various important events are to take place. All interest is at present centered in basket-ball, and the annual interclass games come off the middle of March. Charlotte Crawford is captain of the junior team, and we are hoping to be represented by several other girls in the various class teams. Class spirit, of which we have much at Cornell, runs high at this time, and a great deal of interest is manifested.

The other event in which we are interested is the annual French play to be given on March 17. "Les Cabotins," the French society here, will this year give Moliere's "Le Malade Imaginaire." In this Charlotte Crawford, '06, has the principal role, that of "Toinette," and Anna Kirchner, '07, is the "Prologue." The plays heretofore have been very well given and we are sure this will be no exception.

Honor and recognition came to Psi recently through Molly Crawford, '04, who is doing graduate medical work here in Ithaca before her final two years in the Medical College in New York, when she spoke at the annual banquet of the New York Alumnae Association of Cornell, held in New York, February 18. She is the only undergraduate who has ever been honored with a toast at an affair of this kind, and from all reports, we have every reason to be proud of her.

Since we wrote our last letter to the Key, we have initiated Anna Elsa Kirchner into the fraternity, and she is now wearing our little golden emblem. We have been to the usual number of dances and "stunts" given so far, and are planning a few ourselves. Our annual dance will be given right after Lent, and each class also entertains the chapter in some way.

Come and see us, Kappa, if you are ever near Ithaca. We shall be glad to see you at any time. Best wishes to all the chapters.



Beta Tau—Syracuse University.

To all sisters in Kappa, Beta Tau sends the heartiest greetings.

The serious problem of "rushing" which burdened our hearts in the fall, has ended happily, and we have eight freshmen to introduce to you. They are Florence Lowry, Jessica Doty, Pearl Clark, Charlotte Lennard, Anna Cartwright, Blanche Bicknell, Grace Campbell and Elizabeth Taylor. We are justly proud of them, and quite willing to entrust the future of Kappa to their hands.

Now that mid-years are a thing of the past, and life is somewhat less strenuous, various plans are being made to entertain our friends in other sororities and fraternities. On February 25 the local chapter of Psi Upsilon spent a social evening with us and on March 2 the freshmen gave the annual party to the freshman men.

We are glad to tell you also that the coming year will see many changes for the better in Syracuse University, for two new buildings are in process of erection; one, a hall of natural science, and the other a building for the College of Applied

Science. They are the gift of our generous friend and benefactor, Lyman C. Smith.

The fraternity circle here has been widened and strengthened by the addition of two men's fraternities, charters of Zeta Psi and Theta Delta Chi having been granted to two local organizations. We are looking for a new era of prosperity for ourselves and for our university.



Beta Alpha—University of Pennsylvania.

Beta Alpha has initiated Martha B. Shoemaker, Jessie E. Jones, Sally Mark Barclay, Bessie Hanley and Georgeana Sharpless Mendenhall. Another thing of interest was the annual banquet of the Philadelphia Alumnae Association on February 11, 1905, at which members of Chi, Omega, Beta Iota, Beta Delta, Beta Epsilon read letters of greeting from their chapters. Ten active Beta Alpha girls were there.

But the greatest event at the University of Pennsylvania was the celebration of University Day on February 22. The Emperor of Germany, represented by Baron Speck von Sternberg, and President Roosevelt received honorary degrees. The President was the orator of the day and spoke on "Some Maxims of Washington." The maxim which appealed to us as college students was, "Promote as an object of primary importance institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge. In proportion as the structure of a government gives force to public opinion, it is essential that public opinion should be enlightened." On this the President spoke as follows: "No nation can permanently retain free government unless it can retain a high average of citizenship, and there can be no such high average of citizenship without a high average of education, using the word in its broadest and truest sense to include the things of the soul as well as the things of the mind. School education can never supplant or take the place of self-education, still less can it in any way take the place of those rugged and manly qualities which we group together under the name character; but it can be of enormous use in supplementing both. The educated man is entitled to no special privilege save the inestimable privilege of trying to show that

his education enables him to take the lead in striving to guide his fellows aright in the difficult task which is set to us of the twentieth century. The problems before us to-day are very complex and are widely different from those which the men of Washington's generation had to face; but we can overcome them surely, and we can overcome them only, if we approach them in the spirit which Washington and Washington's great supporters brought to bear upon the problems of the day—the spirit of sanity and courage, the spirit which combines hard common-sense with the loftiest idealism."



Beta Iota—Swarthmore College.

Since our last Key, Swarthmore's late pledge day has come and gone, and we are glad to introduce five new Kappas—Mildred Hallowell Bentley, Rosalie Middleton Painter, Alda Hill Preston, Frances Richardson and Elizabeth Lane Verlenden.

Although, on account of the restrictions of our inter-fraternity contract, the season has been trying for all three fraternities, it has not been all hard work for Kappa. First of all we were very happy to initiate Mary Verlenden, '07, at the home of Ethel Beardsley, '02, on January 4, 1905. Then, too, our B. I. Alumnae Association held one of their meetings here, giving us another opportunity not only to welcome them, but to receive that encouragement which only alumnae can give.

One of the jolliest of our social affairs was a skating party given at the home of Elizabeth Hall, in Media. After the strain of examinations was over, Mary Verlenden gave a Saint Valentine's party in Darby; the first prize in the hearts' contest was a large bunch of violets, our chapter flower.

Once more Beta Iota was delighted to receive an invitation to the banquet of the Philadelphia Alumnae Association, where the girls as usual enjoyed exceedingly meeting Kappas from far and near. On the 28th of January, Kappa Alpha Theta gave an inter-fraternity tea to Pi Beta Phi and Kappa Kappa Gamma at the home of Caroline Comly. The appropriate use of the different chapter flowers for decoration, and the

general good-fellowship felt, made the occasion a most enjoyable one. Another inter-fraternity affair was the opening of the new chapter rooms of Delta Upsilon, at which the faculty and all the fraternities of the college were present.

When "Parsifal" was in town, Beta Iota had a theater party, and anyone who has heard this play can realize what a treat that was.

From the old and new members of Beta Iota, greetings.



Gamma Rho—Allegheny College.

Gamma Rho sends greeting to all in Kappa Kappa Gamma.

This has been an unusually happy term for the girls of Gamma Rho. We wish to introduce our new girls, Mary Beyer and Helen Heiner, as true and loyal Kappas.

Our chapter room has been the scene of two delightful spreads. The first was in honor of Charlotte Heiner whose engagement had been announced. The second was held February 13, our birthday. We celebrated by having a picnic supper, and afterward spent a very merry evening singing Kappa songs and making plans for a chapter house. Although we feel sure that our chapter house will not be a reality for some time, we are living in the joys of anticipation which, after all, make the realization much dearer to us.

The College Glee and Mandolin Club gave a very successful concert February 8. Miss Anita Rio, of New York, was the soloist, and her singing captivated the audience.

On February 22 the annual Washington's Birthday dinner was given in the gymnasium. Classes vied with one another in songs and yells, and the college spirit was manifest on every hand. As usual this proved to be the event of the term.

Our basket-ball team has maintained its splendid record, not losing a game up to the present time this season. Yale, Westminster, Hiram, Oberlin and University of West Virginia have gone down in defeat.



Beta Province.**Beta Gamma—Wooster University.**

Beta Gamma sends greeting to all the Kappa world and most especially to our new sisters of Beta Pi, so far away from us and yet so near and dear in the bonds of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Since our last letter to the Key we have had initiation, and now we can proudly introduce to you, four new girls, who have been wearing the blue and blue since December 9: Florence Tawney, '08, Lucy Kinney, '08, Rowena Rayman, '08, and Mabel Felger, '08. Moreover we have our two pledges, who on account of faculty rules can not be initiated until June. Lois Axtell, '08, and Leila Beimel, '08. Believing that "All work and no play makes Jill a dull girl," we have combined all kinds of good old Kappa times with the common grind of school work. We have been so glad to have back again, if only for a short visit, three of the girls who were in school last year, Marie Turner, '04, Jessie Vogt, '04, and Lillian Durstine, '06. Mrs. William Annat, one of our resident alumnae, recently entertained the seventy girls of Hoover Cottage, the woman's dormitory, at a thimble party and afternoon tea. On the evening of February 18, we gave our mid-winter party at the home of Mrs. J. P. Emrich. Besides this we have had numerous "spreads", and informal receptions in our hall, where, shut away from the rest of the world, we of Kappa Kappa Gamma in Wooster hold full sway.

**Beta Delta—University of Michigan.**

Many social events have claimed almost our entire attention for the past few weeks. The Women's League gave a fancy dress party, which was a great success; great enthusiasm was shown and nearly every character of history or fiction was represented. But for Kappas of Beta Delta the past few days have been especially happy ones, as there have been many pleasant gatherings given in honor of Jesse Bane, who left for her home in Ohio at the end of the first semester. Two very pleasant afternoons were spent with Inez Bedel and Persis Martin. Perhaps the most novel entertainment

was the mock wedding which took place at the home of Olive Wines. Everything was secretly discussed and planned and although outbursts of enthusiasm had to be checked occasionally the affair was as much of a surprise as a pleasure, and the different characters so cleverly played their parts that they were a source of great amusement to all.

The fourteenth of February was celebrated by a spread, suggestive of the day in every detail even to the arrangement of the chairs, which were placed about the room in the shape of a heart, and a miscellaneous shower followed which every one enjoyed immensely. Stories and Kappa songs brought the pleasant evening to a close.

We are now looking forward to a visit from Mrs. William Johnson, nee Laura Rinkle, of Boonville, New York, who is an alumna of Beta Delta.



Xi—Adrian College.

President Anthony is making a successful tour in the interests of Adrian through different sections of the country. Through his efforts the college attendance this year has increased sixty-two per cent over last year. Thus every organization existing here feels the impetus of new life.

Xi Chapter's new members are splendid young women and we are proud to introduce them to our sister Kappas: Alice McAfee, Amity, Pa., Edna Buchanan Miller, Adrian, Irma Finnicum, Hopedale, Ohio, Marian Walker, and Margaret McClinton, Steubenville, O. Pansy Sheldon of Adrian is pledged to us also.

The members of the Adrian Alumnae Association have helped us a great deal this year. Two of them have entertained at their homes this term. They have attended our initiations. But best of all was the surprise they gave us Saturday evening, February 18. They had asked for the use of our rooms for an alumnae meeting, but when the evening came the active girls were invited in, entertained and feasted most royally.

We were glad to have as our guest for a few days after the Christmas vacation Ethel Finnicum-Moreland, '00-'91, of Morgantown, W. Va.

Mabelle Young attended the Junior Hop at the University of Michigan, February 10.

Monday evening, February 27, we were much pleased to receive a visit from Della McIntosh and Ruth Mauck of Kappa Chapter, who were here to attend the Hillsdale-Adrian basket-ball game. Such visits are always a source of inspiration and general helpfulness.

Xi sends greeting to Kappas everywhere.



Kappa—Hillsdale College.

Kappa has been very busy since our letter of last fall. With initiations, mid-year examinations, oratorical contests and the like, we have been working hard. December 3, we initiated two new girls, Hattie Cherryman and Mabel Sheldon, and one of our last year pledges, Maude Terwilliger. Saturday afternoon, January 28, we went to our hall and initiated our first Kappa baby, Ruth Mauck.

The winter term is always the term of many contests at Hillsdale and Kappa feels that she has received her share of the honors. Della McIntosh won the Maggie Ambler prize, which one of the literary societies offers; Bessie Camburn won the first prize of fifteen dollars and Ruth Mauck the second prize of ten dollars in the Fowle contest open to all girls above the freshman year. We felt justly proud of them.

We have managed to have some very pleasant times, also, in the midst of our work. Mrs. Cora Bailey Dimmers entertained all the Kappas of the city at her home January 28, and we had a very happy and informal time. A few weeks ago, one of our girls, Bertha VanAken, entertained Pi Beta Phi and Kappa Kappa Gamma at a luncheon at her home a few miles from the city. Two sleigh loads of jolly girls made merry and thoroughly enjoyed their evening. Monday, February 27, Hillside played basket-ball at Adrian. Ruth Mauck and Della McIntosh attended the game and had a delightful time meeting and visiting the Xi girls. Greetings to all chapters!

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Delta—Indiana State University.

To all Kappa Kappa Gamma, greeting:

Since our last letter Delta has been a very busy and consequently a very happy chapter. All sorts of events from grave to gay, have occupied us, and made the time seem to fly.

It is with great pleasure that we introduce to you, Maude Brentlinger, of Vincennes, Indiana, and Mary Wright, of Washington, Indiana. Every initiation leaves us more enthusiastic than we were before, and we are glad to say that our initiates have already imbibed the fraternity spirit and promise to be a credit to our fraternity.

We have lost four girls this semester: Gray Davis, who is at her home in Indianapolis on account of the serious illness of her sister, Edith Brasleton, who has recently moved to Bowler, Colorado, and Elva Reeves, who was prevented from returning to college on account of ill health. We sincerely hope they will all be in college with us next term.

We are all very much interested in basket-ball now. Two of our girls are captains of the junior and sophomore teams; Ruth Maxwell of the "sophs" and Hazel Hatch of the juniors. The final game between juniors and "sophs" comes off on March 18, and we are all looking forward to it with much interest.

On January 20 occurred the Foundation Day exercises of the university. President Hughes of DePauw University delivered the principal address. The student play, which always precedes Foundation Day, this year was "Merry Wives of Windsor."

Grace Norwood, ex '05, is visiting us. We all enjoy having our Kappa sisters with us again.



Iota—DePauw University.

The winter term opened at DePauw with good prospects for Iota. We were sorry to miss from the number of our active girls Effie Redding, Flossie Vermillion, Nona Burkett and

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Helen Black. On the second Saturday, January 14, Bertha and Bess Bacon, daughters of one of Iota's charter members, were initiated.

On Friday, 17th of February, we gave our annual valentine party, and the comic opera "Princess Bonnie" seemed to please our friends. Today our seniors, Bess Baer, Edna Place, Beryl Hart, Elsie Naylor, Elma Haworth appeared, with the rest of their class, for the first time in caps and gowns. We were justly proud of them.



Mu—Butler College.

Mu began the midwinter term with the same number of loyal Kappas, but there were two changes in our roll-call as Gem Craig cannot be at college this year because of her mother's illness, and Lena Diggs is with us again after a three months' absence. In January we held initiation at the home of Essie Hunter. After an especially impressive ceremony we welcomed into the bonds of Kappa, two of our pledges, Margaret Whitesides and Susanne Davis.

Among the visitors at the initiation was Miss Anna Stover, a Mu alumna, who told us of a proposed new College Settlement to be established in a manufacturing district in north-eastern Indianapolis. Miss Stover, who will have charge of the organization, has had much experience in Settlement work in Baltimore and elsewhere. We girls of Mu expect to present a play to the Kappa Club and their friends for the benefit of the Settlement.

Butler College celebrated Founder's Day, February 7. Exercises were held in the chapel where several interesting addresses were enjoyed. In the afternoon some of the students played John Kendricks Bangs' "Proposing Under Difficulties."



Eta—University of Wisconsin.

Almost the busiest period of college life, the time from before the Christmas holidays till after the mid-year examinations, is just ended and we are now entering upon a new semester. Before the girls went home for Christmas, we had a

jolly time at our annual Christmas tree. Mr. Raymer, one of the Kappa fathers and a very loyal Kappa, was present, and in the capacity of Santa Claus distributed the little jokes we had prepared for each other. We also enjoyed a large box of candy sent by Alma Peterson, one of the "older girls." During the latter part of January, Bertha Taylor entertained the active girls at tea. On the second of February we celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of Eta. All the active girls, as well as the other Kappas, were entertained at dinner in different Kappa homes in town, and later in the evening we all met at the chapter house, where we gave a play as a surprise to the alumnae. The active girls, however, were surprised themselves, when on their return they found a very handsome "grandfather's clock" standing in the hall.

In each of the amateur plays given lately by the university dramatic clubs Kappa has been represented, in one by Elvira Wallis and in the other by Agnes Walsh. Last Friday the "junior prom.", the greatest social event of the year, came off, and we enjoyed flying visits from several of our "pledglings" and alumnae who came to attend. In closing, Eta sends hearty greetings and best wishes to all her Kappa sisters.



Beta Lambda—University of Illinois.

Beta Lambda is occupied at present with preparations for the annual party. We are going to decorate in a "Japanese effect." We have invited several Kappas from Epsilon and Upsilon, and hope to have a most enjoyable time.

Last month we began a series of informal teas to university girls. They are to be given once a month on Saturday afternoons. A committee of three is appointed to take charge of the whole affair. Each girl invites one guest and we try to have some from each of the other fraternities and several non-fraternity girls. The first has proved a great success.

We have been unusually fortunate in having several of our alumnae visit us this winter. Helen Stookey spent a few days here in January, and Aimee Sides, Carrie White and Annabel Fraser came back for the Phi Delta Theta Annual in February.

The University was visited by the State Legislature last month and we hope for a liberal appropriation.

The men's fraternities are planning a Pan-Hellenic dance to be given in May. In this way the faculty hope to eliminate some of the numerous dances and bring about a closer union among the fraternities.

All the chapters have Beta Lambda's best wishes.



Upsilon—Northwestern University.

Since the October letter, Upsilon has been very busy and very happy. On December 8 we were entertained by the mother of one of our girls at an informal dancing party. We spent another pleasant evening at the home of Mrs. Shurman, one of our alumnae, who gave a dinner for the active chapter. Mrs. Cook entertained recently in honor of Miss Helen Burbridge of Chi, whom we were very glad to meet. Upsilon has had one other visitor this month, Miss Davidson of Pi. It is such a pleasure to know Kappas from other chapters. We heartily wish that more of them might visit us.

The Pan-Hellenic Association is busy discussing rules for "rushing" for next fall. On March 11, the association is to give a matinee dance for the fraternity girls, in order that they may become better acquainted. The great social event of the university, the Pan-Hellenic Prom., took place February 14. Most of the girls went and enjoyed themselves immensely.

Upsilon sends best wishes to every Kappa.



Delta Province.

Chi—University of Minnesota.

To all in Kappa Kappa Gamma, greetings.

Chi has celebrated two of her historic annual festivals, namely, the Christmas tree and the valentine party. The Christmas tree was somewhat different this year, in that instead of having on it gifts for each one of the chapter, we

made it into a shower for one of our last year's freshmen, Hazel Brown Luce, who was married on December 27, 1904, to Earle D. Luce of Minneapolis.

And how many of us have discovered since our valentine party that we are blessed with the poetic genius! We put our valentines into a large box, and sitting around in a circle, most of us on the floor, each girl had to read all of her valentines aloud; and it was often a very trying process as some of the girls were most merciless in their witticisms.

Chi is now looking forward to her birthday banquet, April 21.

On Friday afternoon, February 17, Katherine Jewel Everts gave the reading of "My Lady's Ring" under the auspices of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Miss Everts is charming herself and her reading was wonderfully given.

We have written before of the seven freshmen whom we initiated in October. The first of this semester we pledged Marguerite Morgan, and shall initiate her March 1.



Beta Zeta—Iowa State University.

After starting the year with only four active members, Beta Zeta now numbers twelve and boasts two recent pledges besides.

On December 3, we initiated Mary West, of Sioux City, and after the Christmas holidays we pledged and initiated Augusta Brown, '06, of Wall Lake, Iowa. We shall soon be able to present as full-fledged Kappas, Marcia Dunham, of Troy, N. Y., and Cecilia Knittel, of Sioux City, Iowa.

Our fraternity circle at Iowa has been increased in the last few weeks by the installation here of a chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Mary Lytle, -98, and Winifred MacFarland, -99, were in Iowa City during the holidays and for a few days after we had all come back to school.



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Theta—University of Missouri.

Hearty greetings and good wishes to all in Kappa Kappa Gamma: Be it known to you, first of all, that Theta chapter is rejoicing in the acquisition of a new pledge, Ada Lefevre, a town girl whom we have been watching with covetous eyes all through her high school course.

We feel that Missouri University is entering upon a period of great growth and activity. Our State Legislature has responded most generously to our call for funds. Work on the new men's gymnasium is to be pushed rapidly, and we are even beginning to hope for a large and beautiful library.

The girls are all taking a great deal of interest in our track team which is already hard at work for the indoor meet with Kansas that takes place in three weeks. Girls' basket-ball is also occupying a prominent place in our thoughts. An exciting class schedule is being played off, and seven or eight of Kappa's girls are taking part in these matches. A game has been arranged with Nebraska for the last of March, and we are hoping that some of our Sigma sisters may descend upon us then.

Theta expects to celebrate a very joyful event upon the second of April—namely her thirtieth birthday. She feels astonishingly old and important and only wishes many of you could be with her upon that occasion. It is going to be a real birthday party, and all her alumnae and town girls are to come, each one bearing an offering for next year's chapter house, which is to be furnished with furniture all our own.

We have been having many good times lately for February is always a gay month with us, with the "Glee Club first night", and the annual Read Hall dance, beside an unusual number of fraternity entertainments.



Sigma—University of Nebraska.

The State University has just held its mid-year commencement, celebrating at the same time the thirty-sixth anniversary of the granting of its charter. This Charter Day holiday is always appreciated by the students. Besides the com-

mencement exercises and the annual address before the society of Sigma Xi, the usual indoor athletic contests were held in the University armory. The most exciting event was the inter-fraternity relay race, which was won by the local fraternity of the Alpha Theta Chi.

On the evening of December 11 the annual County Fair was given by the Y. W. C. A. in the university armory, for the benefit of the college settlement. The different sororities had booths, and many were the curious costumes and stunts in the way of attractions.

During the Christmas holidays the annual art exhibition was held in the art room in the library building. This collection of pictures was brought together by the Nebraska Art Association, and included paintings by all the leading American artists. Many of the pictures exhibited this year were brought from the St. Louis exposition. One picture is usually bought each year by the association for our growing art gallery. The fine collection of pictures brought together was an inspiration not only to the art students but to all university students.

The University Glee Club gave its home concert Thursday evening, February 16. The theatre was decorated with scarlet and cream bunting and with the different university and college pennants. The university band furnished a few selections and this, with the excellent work of the club, made the concert a great success.

The decision of the girls' Pan-Hellenic Association in regard to refusing invitations to university, fraternity or class dances, on week nights, has been announced to the public at large and to the men's fraternities in particular.

At present Sigma is enjoying a visit from Miss Ruth Paxson. Beside all the meetings held at the university, the girls of Sigma gave a "tea" for Miss Paxson, on Saturday afternoon, February 25, at the home of Ethel Burket.

One more eventful and happy day, since the last issue of the Key, came January 21, when we pledged Bertha Brown, a special student. We hope to initiate our "latest" in the near future.

Sigma sends best wishes to all Kappas.

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Omega—Kansas State University.

The girls of Omega have been very busy both socially and with their studies since the Christmas holidays. Our first semester closed January 27 with the much dreaded "final quiz" week.

The annual spring parties given by the fraternities and societies began immediately after our return. We entertained about two hundred and fifty of our friends at a dance on the 13th of January. It was given in the new Fraternal Aid building, the entire third floor of which is a dance hall. No decorations were allowed, but Kappa spirit reigned supreme and made our guests forget the unadorned walls.

Mayme Maher, who left school on account of her health last fall, is with us again this term. Anna Allen has gone to California to spend the remainder of the winter. We have a new pledge to introduce to you, Miss Elizabeth Rogers, of Chanute, Kansas, of whom we are very proud.



Beta Xi—University of Texas.

Though we have rather subsided from the social world since our large and successful dance in November, yet we have enjoyed ourselves in other ways. You people in the north, who see snow and ice all winter, cannot realize the joy that a little snow can give us. Last week the weather was very cold for Austin and sleet fell several inches deep. The engineers immediately improvised all sorts of sleds and toboggans out of rockers, boxes and anything that would slide down hill and the whole university turned out for a good time. Never before did a small stretch of ice afford so much pleasure.

Since our last letter to the Key we have initiated our twelfth freshman, Abbie Crane, who is the sister of one of our charter members, Olatia Crane. She was the only initiate, and instead of our usual banquet, we gave a little dance at the chapter house in her honor. It was a simple affair but full of fun, such as Kappas always have together.

Lois Lake, one of our alumnae, was married on the 14th of December to Mr. R. S. Shappard, and one of our active mem-

bers acted as bridesmaid. Mrs. Shappard is the second bride from Beta Xi.

Spring will soon be with us in the south and we shall welcome it with its field athletics and other out-of-door possibilities. Work will soon begin in earnest on the baseball field and prospects are flattering for a successful season, which begins on the 17th of next month.

Kappa has gained a new chapter. May Beta Pi, our baby sister, have all success and happiness. And now we Texas girls have changed our song to

Away out west in K. K. G.
Another star does shine;
There are thirty-one in the field of blue,
Instead of twenty-nine.



Beta Pi—University of Washington.

Beta Pi sends greeting to all Kappas!

For six years we have worked with one end in view, and on the sixth birthday of Alpha Kappa Gamma, installation opened to us the doors of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Surely no baby chapter ever had more cause for thankfulness and happiness than Beta Pi.

Miss Sinclair's visit was a never-ending source of pleasure and inspiration to us; and then friends were so kind. Flowers came from Kappa Alpha Theta, Delta Gamma, Gamma Phi Beta and from individual friends in the city. One gentleman who takes us for glorious sails on the Sound, in his yacht, sent out a large framed picture of the "Kelpie" flying before a rollicking breeze. Last but not least came a lovely picture from Pi Chapter.

Truly Beta Pi sings with all her heart, "Hail to the K K G."



Alumnae Personals.

Boston Alumnae Association.

Georgianna Crane of Gamma Rho is studying at Radcliffe this winter.

Clara J. Miller, Beta Alpha, is teaching in a Boston private school.

Sara Cone Bryant, '95, has recently published a book, entitled "Story Telling."

Dr. Belle J. Allen, Gamma Rho, expects to return to Japan in a couple of months, to resume her missionary work.

Elizabeth Palmer, '00, is teaching domestic science in a Boston Normal School.

Miss Ruth Jennison, '04, is teaching at Franklin, Mass.

Miss Elsie Tucker, '04, is teaching at Kennebunk, Maine.

Miss Alice Crane, '03, is in the cataloguing department of Brooklyn Library.

Miss Ellen Stevenson, '03, is teaching at Monson, Mass.

Miss Florence Colby, '03, expects to return for a few months from Paris. She expects to arrive May 18.

Miss Mary Nelson is attending Radcliffe and teaching at Medford, Mass.



Pittsburg Alumnae Association.

Mrs. C. E. Wilbur, Bellevue, Pa., Xi chapter, has been a Kappa for twenty years, a subscriber to the Key for fourteen. She is a charter member of the Pittsburg Association.

Married.—On October 19, 1904, at Steubenville, Ohio, Miss Elizabeth Kithcart, Beta Gamma, and Mr. J. W. Morgan, Sigma Chi, of Jackson, Ohio. At home, Ashland Avenue, Toledo, Ohio.

Miss Nelle Jackson, Xi, Beaver Falls, Pa., teaches and lectures on physical culture in Pittsburg and suburban towns.

Born.—On January 10, at Bellevue, Pa., a daughter to Mrs. F. C. Leslie (Edna Gibson, Xi).

Miss Clara Howard, Beta Lambda, is librarian at the Wiley Avenue branch of the Pittsburg Carnegie Library.

Married.—January, 1905, at East Liverpool, Ohio, Miss Mary Moore, Beta Gamma, and Mr. Samuel Moore. Mr. and Mrs. Moore are residing at Derry, Pa.

Miss Anna K. Ewing, Beta Gamma, who is teaching in Woodstock Seminary, India, will return to America in the early spring.

Miss Myrtle E. Fraser, Beta Gamma, of East Palestine, Ohio, spent some weeks in East Orange, N. J., with eastern friends.

Seventy-six attended the meeting and banquet of the Adrian College Association on the evening of February 24, at the Hotel Henry, Pittsburg, Pa. Thirteen Kappas of Xi chapter were present.



Minnesota Alumnae Association.

Katherine Jewell Everts, '94, who is this year teaching in the Leland Powers' School of Expression in Boston, read "My Lady's Ring" in Minneapolis on February 17, 1905, under the auspices of the Minnesota Alumnae Association. The play has been written especially for her by Alice Brown, of Boston. The affair was delightfully successful in every way.

Anna Hawley, '97, has been appointed assistant librarian at the University of Minnesota.

Florence Powell, '97, is studying pottery at Newcomb.

Mabel Robinson, '97, is librarian at the Music School of Providence, R. I.

Married.—In Washington, D. C., March 7, 1905, Margaret Castle, ex-'98, to Edward Raymond Stone, U. S. A. Lieutenant Stone is stationed with the Thirtieth Regiment at Fort Crook, Nebraska.

Polly Bullard, ex-'03, sailed from Boston, March 11, for six months' travel on the Continent.



Bloomington (Illinois) Alumnae Association.

Married.—January 18, 1905, Kate Downing, Iota, to Mr. Charles W. Crews, of Pueblo, Col. After returning from a trip abroad, they will be at home in Pueblo about May 1.

Married.—October 19, 1904, Flora B. Jones, Epsilon, to Mr. Otis Allen, of Topeka, Kansas. At home, 1619 West Sixth Avenue, Topeka, Kansas.

On February 7, the Kappa Club (Alumnae) entertained the active girls at a minstrel show at the home of Mrs. Robert Cowles (Leila Stevens, Eta).



Chicago Alumnae Association.

Mrs. Stella Berry Arnold, Kappa, is still in Colorado Springs, where she has been for a year on account of her health. She is slowly gaining, week by week.

Mrs. Nelle Lamson Lobdell, Psi, attended the luncheon in January, after an absence of seven years. We hope to see her again before January, 1912!

Mrs. Ida Bonnell Otstott's home was a sort of "half-way house" for several girls who attended Convention. She had the pleasure of entertaining Joanna Strange, Beta Zeta, Della McIntosh, Kappa, and Mrs. Penfield. In October several of the southside girls gathered at her home for a spread, in honor of Miss Elizabeth Gray of Psi, who was her guest for a week.

We are glad to number among our new members: Pauline Crouse, Beta Zeta; Miss Thorne, Beta Delta, and Mrs. Marion Twiss Smith, Beta Mu. We are glad also to re-claim Bess Dalzell Jared, who has returned to Chicago from Cleveland.

Mabel Hayward, Beta Lambda, has a position in the John Cregier Library, Chicago, so she is able to attend our meetings regularly.

We had one good visit from Ruth Paxson. She spares but little time for herself, but we most earnestly wish that we might have her among us every month.



Eta.

Miss Flora Mears and Miss Helen Palmer have gone to Europe for a four months' trip.

On February 2, Eta celebrated its thirtieth anniversary. Six of the alumnae entertained the other alumnae and the active chapter at dinners, after which every one gathered at the Kappa house and enjoyed a play, which was presented by some of the active girls.

Exchanges and Fraternity Notes.

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Will the *Scroll*, the *Delta*, the *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi, the *Shield* of Delta Chi, and the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* please come with more regularity to 203 South Fourth Street, Aurora, Ill.? *The Key* reaches their exchange tables regularly (according to our records), and "a fair exchange is no robbery," they say.

Alpha Phi Quarterly, this month, is a number of supreme excellence. The best article therein is too good to blue-pencil. It is called "What Have we a Right to Expect of Fraternity Women?"

There is much about "our ideals." There is much discussion, too often of a vapid, sentimental nature, of the great and beautiful principles for right living for which the fraternity stands; much talk of what is expected of us as fraternity women. A great deal of this talk is, beyond question, highly emotional and extremely superficial. As a matter of fact, the busy world, with its workaday interests, its occasional rude knocks, its frequent kindnesses, expects no more of us as "fraternity women" than it expects of active, intelligent women in any other walk of life. We like to tell ourselves that we are different; that we are in a class by ourselves, and that the world regards us as distinct.

The world does not so regard us, but perhaps, in a sense, we are distinct. This does not mean that we have any more to give to the world than other women, or any less. It means merely that our environment is different from that of women in general. We are a community, and our community life is of a complex quality, which belongs perhaps to no other phase of the life of women. The college woman whose interests are merely in the college as a whole, does not experience it. The club woman does not understand it. The woman of society would probably never completely realize the meaning of the peculiar relations existing between college fraternity women. We are not superior to other types; not stronger, not broader, perhaps. Yet there is an intensity about the fraternity life which, if rightly applied, should train its members to stand firm, as individuals, in relation to the various influences of the broader world outside responsive to the right, austere against the evil.

The fraternity is not an institution of constant delight, or of un-failing harmony. Neither is the world itself. Both are composed of

persons whose natures are distinct, often strong-willed, often selfish. When people join a fraternity they are not transformed into saints. Individual natures of different colors do not always blend. It is not easy to force one's will to give way before that of another, even for the greater good. Personal feelings are strong, and there is no harder task than "to renounce when that shall be necessary and not be embittered." Yet contact with other natures, while it does not always accomplish that greatest of tasks, tends nevertheless to produce a broader point of view, a more active sympathy, a kindlier toleration of the standards of other minds. This is the result it tends to produce; this the opportunity it affords. Whether the opportunity shall be embraced rests not with the fraternity, not with the chapter, not even with the fraternity member, as such, but rather with the individual in every practical walk of life, in college, in business, in the home, or in society.

This is what we have a particular right to expect of the fraternity woman—an intelligent, serious application of the training afforded by this contact with conflicting natures. If the fraternity is to be of any value in the development of our influence as women of culture and education, it must be for breadth of sympathy and interests. It must eliminate the all-too-common tendency to a weak sentimentality, and must develop in its place a more rugged strength, a more serene cheerfulness, a healthier attitude to life. If the fraternity woman shall have attained this end, she will have demonstrated beyond question the right of her fraternity to survive as an important element in the furtherance of a good education.

The *Beta Theta Pi*, for February, prints an editorial on the vexed questions of "Transfers." The remarkable thing about this editorial is its amazing frankness and openness in discussing a fraternity policy usually debated behind closed doors. A disgruntled alumnus writes, and Mr. Beard replies in no uncertain tone, so that he who runs into this same danger may, at any time, read here both sides of the unhappy question freely debated.

Surely, so extreme a case never exists in Kappa Kappa Gamma, *i. e.*, a chapter kept alive almost entirely by transfers, but, at any rate, it is instructive to scan such a possibility and learn whither a most liberal policy toward transfers may tend. We cannot help sympathizing with the complainant. One likes to have some voice in determining the personnel of his chapter, and we certainly prefer the Kappa method of recognizing (or not recognizing) transfers.

The alumnus writes:

In the past five years we have received nineteen transfers and taken in thirty initiates. Of these transfers some have made us most excellent men; in fact, the majority have. But the good we have received from this source has been more than offset by the trouble we have had with some whom we have found it impractical to recognize. Having unrecognized men in college hurts a fraternity's general standing to a very material extent; yet to have men to affiliate that are entirely uncongenial is almost sure death to the chapter's spirit.

While these fellows have been all right sort of men, yet they are an entirely different type from the fellows that compose this chapter, and this has been one of our greatest problems in the chapter life.

We attribute this to the large membership of the fraternity entirely. To keep on in the present course seems to us to be a very dangerous policy and to seriously threaten the future of *B Θ II*.

To which Mr. Baird replies: (The italics are ours.)

Our correspondent's statement of the trouble which his chapter has had with transfers, however, emphasizes the fact that his chapter is flatly disobeying the law of the fraternity, which is that a Beta, yet an undergraduate, removing to an institution where there is a chapter, *becomes at once by that fact, and without any further ceremony, a member of the chapter located at the institution to which he removes.* Evidently his chapter has been placing some obstacles in the way of consummating this new relationship in some cases, and has been grafting upon the laws of the fraternity some rules and regulations of its own; as, by our constitution, a chapter is given complete jurisdiction over all of the Betas at the institution at which it is located. If a Beta who is not affiliated with the chapter does anything for which he should be expelled, it should take action accordingly and expel him; and if he is guilty of no such offense he should be cordially received and made welcome. These are fundamental principles in the fraternity. And it seems to us that it is disobedience of these principles, rather than any undue expansion on the part of the fraternity, which has caused the trouble of which our correspondent complains.

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And yet another matter: Within the past twenty-five years his chapter has four times been at death's door. In fact, for about ten years of that period it was about as inactive as a chapter could be and yet retain its charter. It was entirely kept alive by transfers; and yet, when circumstances have changed, so that the chapter has been enabled to lead a proper active existence, we find the chapter at once forgetful of its former condition, and eager to do what it can to destroy the very source of its existence.

Again the alumnus writes:

The editor has critized us severely on the point of not recognizing transfers. He states that we have full jurisdiction of every under-

graduate Beta matriculated at the university, and that if his conduct is not as it should be we ought to expel him, and if not he should be received cordially and made welcome. He seems to forget that there is a great middle ground between these two extremes, and that while a man may be guilty of no act justifying expulsion, yet he may be uncongenial in every respect. To be forced to recognize such men and have them around does not tend to imbue the younger men in the chapter with the proper regard for the general fraternity which they should have.

Eleven out of these nineteen transfers have come to us from two colleges, five from one and six from the other. In other words, about 25 per cent. of the men of the chapter in the last five years have been made so by an agency over which we had no control. In both instances chapters are located at very small colleges whose class of men, we are forced to believe, has deteriorated both in numbers and quality since the chapter was established there.

Here the matter is left, for the subject gets complicated and begins to include a still broader and more delicate question, that of the withdrawal of charters.

X Ω—The next convention of Chi Omega will be held in Washington, D. C., in the summer of 1906.

Δ Υ—Delta Upsilon announces the installation of the Ohio State Chapter of the fraternity in the University of Ohio, December 9, 1904.

Δ Δ Δ—Tri-Delta has chartered Pennsylvania, Iowa and Mississippi. The last place was entered by the absorption of Tau Delta Theta, a local which has existed since 1896.

Σ Ν—Sigma Nu convened at New Orleans December 28-30.

Δ Υ—Delta Upsilon did an enormous amount of business at its recent convention in Chicago. Next year's convention is to be held in New York.

Σ Χ—Sigma Chi entered Syracuse last fall.

Φ Δ Θ—Mr. Charles Eastman, the full-blooded Sioux Indian and accomplished author and scholar, is a member of the Amherst chapter of Phi Delta Theta.

X Ω—Chi Omega has entered Texas University with eleven charter members. She is recognized as a "national" in the new edition of Baird's Manual.

Σ N.—From the *Delta*:

The wise provision for delegates' railroad expenses made by the last Grand Chapter will enable every chapter to send at least one delegate whose expense for transportation will be borne out of the general Delegate Tax Fund of the fraternity.

Kappa Kappa Gamma feels that "imitation is the highest flattery," her delegates' expenses having been thus paid for so many conventions past.

Α Τ Ω—Alpha Tau Omega convened in New York December 28-30. Their Purdue chapter was recently installed.

Β Θ Π—Beta Theta Pi announces the installment of a chapter at Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland.

Σ Α Ε—Sigma Alpha Epsilon has entered Iowa University. These notes are clipped, as to their convention:

Speaking of conventions and re-elections, S. A. E. went through both in Memphis during the holidays, returning practically all old officers, including Wm. C. Levere, M. E. Holderness and Editor Henry Sydnor Harrison. Eminent Supreme Archipelago Levere was considerably on hand, and presided in a quondam silk hat that had been once worn by Founder DeVotie. Next to President Levere Founder DeVotie was as usual the *piece de tremendous* of the Sig gathering; other chief features of which were a banquet attended by about fifteen hundred and a box party by about two thousand, which numbers, while seemingly large, were in reality rather small, considering that there were in the neighborhood of five thousand delegates present. If these figures astound read the newspapers and bill boards.

Official statistics exhibit the college enrollment for the current year as follows, taking in order the fifteen universities that head the list in point of numerical importance:

Harvard	6,013	Wisconsin	3,221
Columbia	4,557	Yale	2,990
Chicago	4,147	Pennsylvania	2,664
Northwestern	4,007	Syracuse	2,207
Michigan	3,726	Princeton	1,383
California	3,690	Leland Stanford, Jr.	1,370
Illinois	3,661		
Minnesota	3,550	Total	50,624
Cornell	3,438		

A significant feature of this list is the surprisingly large representation of western colleges. Out of the total of fifteen universities, with an aggregate enrollment of 50,624 students, eight with 27,372 students are in western states.

Beta Theta Pi.

Mrs. Hearst has been most generous to the institution with her wealth. Dean after dean of the different colleges has gratefully acknowledged her aid in enabling them to do much for their respective departments which otherwise they would have had to do without. The director of the observatory was enabled by her to complete his shops and improve his equipment; she fully equipped several branches of the medical department; the department of anatomy established and aided—a large philological library bought—a marine biological laboratory supported—the department of anthropology sustained—exploring expeditions sent to Egypt and Peru—twenty-one scholarships provided—Hearst Hall (the woman's club) built—the Hearst Domestic Institution established—all and more have been testimonies of her deep regard for this fortunate university and the cause of education.

The *University (of California) Chronicle* for the last year contained the following summary of her gifts:

For buildings.....	\$599,875.53
For salaries (exclusive of those paid at affiliated colleges).....	21,760.00
For scholarships.....	63,363.00
For department of mining (exclusive of amounts for erection of Hearst memorial mining building, and of mining laboratory, included under "buildings").....	5,200.00
For archaeological research and departm't of anthropology.....	226,674.45
Other gifts to departments at Berkeley.....	56,142.16
For Lick observatory.....	8,100.00
For affiliated colleges.....	45,672.10
For the Hearst architectural plan.....	149,262.07
Gifts not immediately to the university.....	45,142.94
Total.....	\$1,221,192.25

Alpha Tau Omega Palm.