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The Business of Convention

By Harriette A. Curtiss, Beta Tau

A few years ago a book was published entitled, "The Doings of the Late U. S. Congress." It consisted of a few score sheets of blank paper. No one could think of publishing such a volume about the Nineteenth National Convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma. From the moment the Grand President struck the gavel declaring convention in session until final adjournment, business was the keynote of the week. There was plenty of sociability, and a fine spirit of friendliness, but essentially this was a business convention.

In a letter sent to all chapters and officers last March the Grand President, acting for the Grand Secretary, submitted for "thoughtful attention, to be acted on at convention," suggested changes in rulings and additions to them as follows: Five in our constitution, twenty-four in our standing rules, and twenty-one general suggestions relative to problems vital for our development. This ground was all covered. The method used was that of any large legislative body, committees. At the first session eleven committees were appointed. The work was divided among them and certain standing committees appointed at the last convention. Thereby more or less expert attention was turned on each question. The committee reports were in the form of recommendations to convention.

The greatest change in our constitution relates to dismissals from fraternity. Experience has proved that to grade dismissals as honorably dismissed, dismissed, or expelled, in order to place the girl leaving us in as unembarrassed a position as possible, is not practical. The Grand President had written to the principal women's fraternities asking them for any information they were free to give about their rulings in this matter. The six or eight answers read at convention were very much appreciated by the delegates and were of inestimable assistance in helping us wisely to alter our constitution. Incidentally, this is only one instance of the courtesy of our inter-fraternity sisters. After free discussions the motion to include all severance of membership in two grades, *dismissed on request* and *expelled*, was passed. The former safeguards the girl; the latter, the fraternity. May neither ever be used!

Another improvement in our constitution was made at the suggestion of Sigma. The chapter registrar has a position that is becoming more and more important. If any other chapter officer is ill or in any way incapacitated, her duties may be attended to by the officer beneath her. To similarly provide for the registrar, the position of assistant registrar was founded. This should train more efficient registrars and prevent delays in business.

There was pretty free discussion about safeguarding our key. No constitutional change was possible because notice of it had not been inserted in convention letter. The Grand President had taken up the question of copy-righting or patenting a Greek letter fraternity pin, with a lawyer and with a great many fraternity men and women. As in the case of the society woman who attempted some such manner of protecting her calling card from use by younger members of her family, this was said to be inexpedient. The next alternative suggested was to have one official jeweler. The girls said that this would result in monopoly, would eventually increase the price of the jewelry, and would certainly delay

the receiving of the symbols after they were ordered. Perhaps when the instantaneous electric transmission service is installed over the United States and parcels can be sent as freely as messages can be now, we may revert to this alternative. All agreed that it is theoretically advisable. For the present the convention voted to leave the matter to a Custodian of the Key who must sign all orders for badges and be responsible for the return of the coupon after the order is filled; and to enter into new contracts with all official jewelers. The new contracts will at least recall to the jewelers their promises to sell no badge except on proper certification.

A number of minor changes in the standing rules were made on the recommendation of the constitution and standing rules committee. These were largely making definite certain rules that have previously needed interpretation by the Grand Council. For instance, who shall be initiated when a new chapter is added to our roster? Shall the first petitioners? Shall the last petitioners? Shall all who have belonged to the local society? Convention voted that Kappa Kappa Gamma shall take no cognizance of any local society in admitting a new chapter; that those women whose names appear on the petition granted shall be initiated, provided at the time they petitioned they were regularly matriculated students at the institution concerned and taking the required amount of work. This is a measure of justice. In the case of Beta Upsilon, the last petition was presented in the spring; in the fall following it was granted. In the meantime a girl who, for her four collegiate years, had been working to get the charter, was graduated. For seven years she had been interested in the society that had for its purpose the securing of a chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma for the University of West Virginia. According to the new ruling she may be initiated, as, indeed, she was on a Grand Council interpretation of the previous ruling.

A new song sheet to include chapter songs was authorized. Beta Alpha suggested a loose-leaf song book.

This would make it possible for any chapter to publish its songs in the uniform size and to sell them to any Kappa. It was the consensus of opinion that the publication of our new song book could be deferred, and therefore only a temporary song sheet without music was ordered.

The question of a Coat-of-Arms was referred to a special committee.

In line with a recent article in **THE KEY** a discussion of our attitude toward high school fraternities came up. There was a reassuring unanimity of opinion: high school fraternities should be discouraged. The article in **THE KEY** concluded by implying that in spite of the fact that the best element in high schools are in these societies they have constantly to give reasons for their existence. No one at convention held a brief for these societies.

A motion made it possible for the Editor of **THE KEY** to appoint a business manager. Another motion laid the responsibility for misspelled names in **THE KEY** on the chapter concerned. It seems that Kappas are not all expert pen-women. Therefore the ruling stands "The chapter concerned shall be responsible for the correction of a name twice misspelled in **THE KEY**."

Along the same line came suggestions for inter-chapter courtesy. Penmanship cannot be a determining factor in the election of corresponding secretaries, but it was suggested that an effort be made toward legibility in all communications and that promptness in answering letters be encouraged. Beau Brummel repudiated the query as to whether he was busy or not with "Busy! busy! No, I am not busy. No one but an insect or a city person is busy." He might have added a college girl. On all sides we hear of the amount of time demanded from college men by athletics. I contend that every college woman spends more time in the necessary mending, taking care of room and such housewifely duties, than any man needs to in athletics. In addition to that, she has to take exercise for her health. This the man gets with glory added in practice for the various events. However, we all

demand of our friends that our letters be promptly answered. So does the fraternity.

Mock initiations were, of course, discouraged. No one wants to use them. No one does, but, like Banquo's ghost, they came up at the feast and were once more consigned to oblivion.

Practically the most important stand the convention took had to do with qualification for membership. The fraternity is determined by its weakest members. Whom shall we initiate? Beta Epsilon sends her invitations to girls in the spring of their sophomore year. Other chapters pledge in the spring of the freshman year and initiate in the fall of the sophomore year. Other chapters are at liberty by their collegiate Pan-Hellenic rulings to pledge on or after matriculation day. Something like uniformity should be secured. With this in mind the Grand President sent letters of enquiry to all College Presidents and Deans of Women in institutions in which we have chapters. Without one dissenting voice these educational leaders advocated a late pledge day, a majority suggesting that the week after the first examinations are over and reports on college work are ready, is as early as any fraternity can determine the education qualification of its members. I wish some of those letters could be published in THE KEY. They express so graciously the fundamental idea that university and fraternity are working together to uplift humanity. The university is able to touch lightly the many within its walls. The fraternity can impress deeply the few whom it makes its members and inspire them to be leaders. The university and the fraternity together form a power for good that can revolutionize. More co-operation is needed. We could not exist without the universities. They cannot afford to exist without us, for we guide the sentiment that makes them strong. When university authorities agree on a subject, fraternities may well pause and consider it. We did, and from Phi to Pi, from Beta Omicron to Eta or Beta Pi, we found all agreed with the universities that a late pledge day is desirable. All agreed that our policy be to pledge not

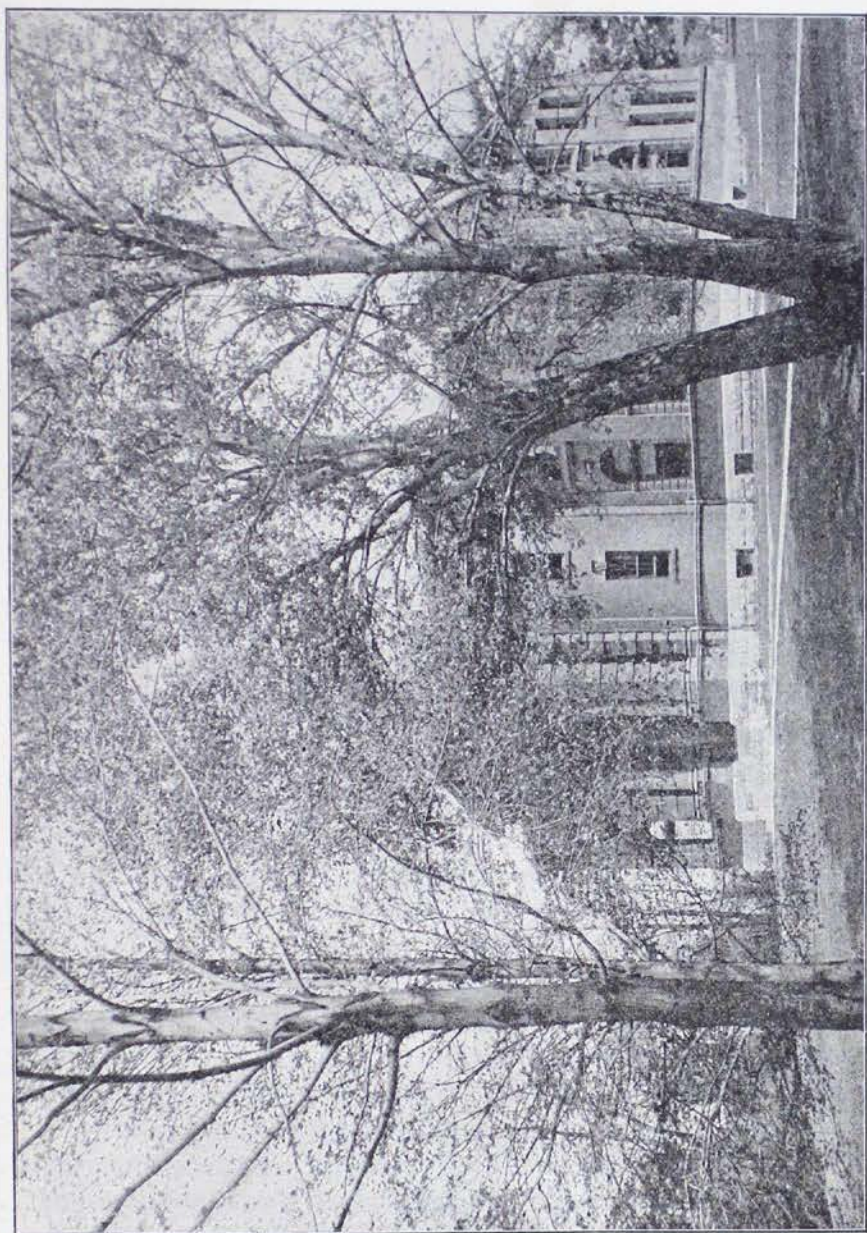
earlier than the beginning of the second semester. Another ruling in the interests of uniformity was to require that any girl must have fulfilled the entrance requirements for the College of Liberal Arts in the university in which she is entered, no matter what course she is pursuing, before she may be invited to join Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Reports on the various Pan-Hellenic Associations were very interesting. These associations concern themselves largely in doing away with the evils of rushing. No universal panacea has been found. All deprecate rushing, of course. Few parties and a late pledge day form the basis of uniformity usually in vogue.

An interesting new committee was appointed, consisting of the delegates from chapters having houses, to be called the Chapter House Policy Committee. The meeting was informal and largely informational, the girls exchanging accounts of how "we do" in regard to house hours, callers, engaging chaperons and so forth. Everyone expressed herself as feeling that one of the most important positions in any college is that of chaperon in a fraternity house.

Another foregone conclusion had to do with our position on extension. Once more the committee recommended that our policy continue to be internal development rather than external enlargement. Many petitions come to our attention every year. The Fraternity Extension Committee urged that the policy of the fraternity should be conservative, but if any charters were granted preference be given to State Universities, as endowed institutions.

These are some of the "corrections, alterations and amendments" made in our rulings at Meadville. It would take a stenographer's rather than a scribe's pen to give an adequate idea of the Business of Convention.



LIBRARY ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

Gamma Rho Hospitality

By Katherine S. Doty

Our week at convention is over. Was it really only a week? When we think of all the work accomplished, of all the things we have learned about our fraternity, and of all the pleasure we have had, it seems impossible that we were only one short week at Meadville. And was it only ten days ago that we met so many of our friends for the first time? Those of you who have never been to convention cannot possibly realize how much can happen in that week, how much those seven days can mean. And, therefore, our advice to all who do not know is—come and find out for yourselves next time. For those who do know, advice is never needed.

Convention began, as usual, even before we reached our destination. On the first evening of our journey some of us recognized each other by our keys and had a little Kappa singing and a great deal of Kappa talk together; and all along the way others kept joining us, until, when we reached Meadville, we could already prove, by our own party, that Kappa Kappa Gamma reached from California to New York.

That first day, after Gamma Rho had skilfully settled us in our proper places, we spent in getting acquainted. Perhaps this was an easy matter when only a couple of dozen girls from eight or nine chapters came to convention, but when the chapters have increased to thirty-three, and the girls to a couple of hundred, it is not quite so simple. Fortunately, our hostesses had planned an informal reception for the first evening, and there, carefully labeled with our names and chapters, we greeted with joy old friends of former conventions, or met at last others whom we knew through their letters only—often with amused surprise at our mistakes in conjecturing from their writing what they looked like, or learned to know for the first time chapters which had until then meant only empty names to us. When we

finally separated, it was with the feeling that we had never realized before how many of us there were, or how much we all had in common.

But convention is for work as well as play, and for most of the next four days we devoted ourselves to business, refreshing ourselves between times with the various entertainments arranged for us by Gamma Rho. On Wednesday afternoon Alpha Chi Omega invited us to a musicale in the college chapel, at which we enjoyed not only the delightful music, but also the opportunity of meeting the members of this other fraternity. Thursday evening, with consciences clear after a good day's work, we were all taken off on a trolley ride to Seagertown. There we rowed and paddled on the creek, which tempted exploration by the most fascinating windings and branchings in shadowy corners; there we sang our songs to each other all through dinner; and there we danced until our car left for home. The girls of Gamma Rho gave us next evening a lawn party on the college campus, at which we had the pleasure of meeting the families and friends of many of our hostesses, as well as some of the faculty. Nothing could be more beautiful for such a fete than the Allegheny campus, with its sloping tree-shaded lawns, lending themselves particularly well to the hanging of numberless Japanese lanterns.

There on Saturday evening, after watching and applauding a basketball game between Gamma Rho and "the visitors," we settled ourselves in the gymnasium for "stunts." Beta Zeta's trained ichthyosauri, Lambda's remarkable elephant, the new and improved version of Julius Caesar done to music by Beta Sigma, the romantic tales set forth by Gamma Rho and Theta, and the illustrations of the most striking stages in the Evolution of the College Widow presented to us by the Indiana chapters, not to speak of Beta Tau's bell-ringing and Beta Gamma's organ recital — all these were clear proofs of the "infinite variety" possessed by Kappas.

Were they not equally successful as actors, musicians, animal trainers and audience?

During most of Sunday we were all more or less scattered, but in the late afternoon we came together in the chapel, where President Crawford of Allegheny College did us the honor to address us. And again in the evening we gathered at the Phi Psi house, where the Council stayed, to sing our Kappa songs, both old and new. No wonder that after such an evening we decided that another song-book was an immediate necessity, lest any of our newly-learned and much-prized songs should be forgotten.

The last day of convention must come some time, unfortunately; and, since it had to be, there could not have been a better last day than our Monday at Meadville. After a long and full closing session for business, we all went out for a delightful picnic lunch at the Country Club. And then in the evening came our banquet. If our hostesses did not learn that night how glad we were to be there and how little we wanted to go, it was not because we did not sing them our sentiments often enough. All through the dinner the songs kept echoing back and forth, from one of the long tables to another, from one group of girls to another; some of them old favorites which we all knew, but most of them inspired by the moment. Songs to our Grand Presidents, past and present, or to Gamma Rho; songs about everything and for everything, but principally for amusement—anyone with sufficient leisure and sufficient paper to collect them might have had a song-book full. At last we drew back our chairs to listen to the toasts of the evening. First came warm words of greeting from Gamma Rho, then toasts from two of our alumnae officers, and from Beta Upsilon—what should we do without a new baby chapter to welcome at each convention?—and finally a “carefully prepared extemporaneous speech, complete with a joke, an anecdote, and a moral,” from Lucy Allen Smart. When all these were over, we rose for our mystic

circle—a circle grown far beyond the wildest dreams of most of us, and the more impressive for its growth. And then convention was ended.

Is it necessary to say that before and between and after all the events here told of, there were small and unofficial parties? Hulings Hall saw many a spread, heard many a singing, and listened to many a conclave where girls from Washington and Massachusetts, Minnesota and Louisiana, met on the common ground of fraternity and college interests. Perhaps it was in such gatherings as these that we learned to know each other best.

To Gamma Rho chapter we owe our thanks for the thoughtfulness, the care, and the hearty welcome which made this convention so successful. Through it we have gained a wider outlook over the colleges of our country, a stronger bond of sympathy uniting us with other chapters, and a deeper and truer fraternity feeling. Let us try to share our gain with those who could not come with us. It was hard to leave convention, hard to say good-bye to our old and new friends, with the realization that most of us would not meet again until the next convention, but it is better to have come and had to go away than never to have come at all. We enjoyed the work, we enjoyed the play, and especially we enjoyed each other. Our thanks are due the girls of Gamma Rho for all they have enabled us to add to

. . . "the friendships Kappa gives
That we find so real and true,"

and to

. . . "the Kappa memories
That last our whole life through."

The Things That are Vital

An Address by President William H. Crawford, Delivered in Ford Memorial Chapel on Sunday Afternoon, August 30, 1908, before the Nineteenth Convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

In speaking to you this afternoon, I fully realize that as representative of one of the largest and strongest Greek-letter fraternities of this country you are here with high ideals and serious purpose. What you want from me, I take it, is not to advise or suggest as to the future glory and influence of your fraternity. You will take care of that. What you desire of me is a message, in direct, earnest speech, touching the simple yet vital matters which are above all fraternities and above all human organizations of every kind.

For some days you have been discussing the various interests of your order. You have been hearing the reports from chapters. You have been considering every question whose solution might throw light on the working out of your problems as college women banded together for a specific and definite purpose. But today, the Lord's day, you have come together to pray, to worship, to praise, to think on the things that are highest. Such a coming together is eminently fitting. It is more than that; it is unmistakable evidence of the high place which you give to the moral and spiritual in your program of college life. For this you deserve the praise of all friends of higher education.

Some fifteen years ago, Dr. Anna Robertson Brown read a paper before the Philadelphia Branch of American Collegiate Alumnae in which she essayed to answer the question, "What is worth while?" She began by suggesting what we may let go, and contended that we may let go all things which we cannot carry into the eternal life. Among the things we may let go she named pretense, worry, discontent, and self-seeking, and then pointed out some things we should lay hold of, things we should keep, guard, and use. It is worth

while, she said, to be wise in the use of time. It is worth while to lay hold of the happiness of to-day. It is worth while to lay hold of common duties and relations. It is worth while to lay hold of friendship. It is worth while to lay hold of sorrow. And, above all, it is worth while to lay hold of faith. Faith, Christian faith, holds the key to the blessedness of the eternal life.

The paper which I have thus briefly outlined made a profound impression upon all who heard it. Later the paper was published in book form. From this publication has come a whole series of books, nearly a hundred and fifty in all, called the "What Is Worth While Series." In looking through the list of subjects treated, one is impressed by the remarkable unity in variety. The publishers have certainly kept to the main theme, and besides the titles of the volumes are wonderfully suggestive of the rich scope of the whole series. Let me name only a few of these: "Faith and Life," "Culture and Reform," "Art and Morality," "Problem of Duty," "Light in Dark Places," "Religion in Common Life," "Wherefore Didst Thou Doubt?" "Stillness and Service," "Where Love Is, There God Is Also." All the volumes of this most valuable series of little books have been brought together by the attraction of Dr. Brown's paper read before that company of college women in Philadelphia.

I suggested just now that in looking through the titles of this series one is impressed by the remarkable unity in variety. Personally I was so impressed by this fact that I made a classification of the titles, then I selected words as suggestive of each division. At first it seemed necessary in some instances to use two or three words for a division. Later I found I could combine divisions. At one time I had over twenty words on my list. I finally reduced the number to seven. As I looked at these seven words and studied them, they seemed to me not only comprehensive of all that is in the What Is Worth While Series, but comprehensive of all that is vital in life. These seven words I bring

to you—God, Duty, Character, Love, Faith, Service, Immortality.

There are three words in this list which have almost undisputed place in the great creed of humanity—God, immortality, and duty. Here and there a voice of doubt has spoken, but only here and there. George Eliot's was one such voice. Mr. Meyers, who has portrayed so beautifully the story of her life as revealed in her letters, tells how he walked with her one evening in the Fellows Garden of Trinity in Cambridge, and she, stirred beyond her wont, began discoursing concerning these three words. "She described to me how inconceivable is the first—God, how unbelievable the second—immortality, and how peremptory and absolute the third—duty. I listened," says Mr. Meyers, "until night fell. Her great face turned toward me like the face of a sibyl in the gloom as she took from me the two scrolls of promise—God and immortality, and left me the third scroll only—duty, awful, with its inevitable fate." Few writers in modern times have laid greater stress on duty than George Eliot. She was forever affirming, and in stern accents, the sovereignty of unrecompensing law. But we who read her writings can see, and that very clearly, too, where she got the driving force for her "I ought" and "I ought not." It was from her early Christian faith, when her pure girl-soul responded to God and her young life was flooded with intimations of immortality. Though from out of the hardening experiences of later life she could describe God as inconceivable and immortality as unbelievable, her heart was better than her logic. No such conception of duty as that found in the writings of George Eliot is possible apart from Christianity's conception of God. I do not mean to say that George Eliot's conception of duty is identical with Christianity's conception. What I do mean to say is that George Eliot could not have discovered the gospel of duty she preached. She got the wholesome part of her doctrine of duty from Christianity. This brings me to the statement

that a clear and true conception of God is first among the things that are vital. We cannot know duty or service as we ought to until we know God.

The great problem of humanity has ever been the problem of God. The fool solves this problem by saying there is no God; and for the fool this view of the case solves the problem. But atheism is not popular. It never has been; never will be. The agnostic solves the problem by saying there may be a God, but we cannot know it. God at best is the great unknown. A brilliant Scotch minister not long ago described the Gifford lecturers as a distinguished race of gentlemen who were endeavoring to enlighten the theological darkness of the land of Scotland. "One of them," says he, "a distinguished Oxford professor, has said recently that the most that can be said about God without impertinence is that He is. Well," says this Scotch minister, "I venture to say, and I hope also without impertinence, that it was hardly worth while saying even that. And still more do I venture to say that it was hardly worth while coming all the way from Oxford to Glasgow in mid-winter in order to say it. A God of whom nothing is known, except perhaps that He is, a God who is postulated as a kind of intellectual convenience—what soil have you there for the growth of the great Christian virtues?" Agnosticism, like atheism, need never expect large following. Then there is the method of the deists. The deist believes, or did believe, while there are enough of them to believe anything, that there is a God who created this world and us, but since then has been living far removed from us—at best, giving us only absent treatment.

The method of pantheism maintains that everything is God. The universe is God. God is all and all is God. But the God of pantheism is not a personal being. In deism and in pantheism there is offered the choice between a banished God and a buried God. Then there is the method of positivism—a method worked out by that brilliant French philosopher, Cousin, and preached in England by Frederick Harrison and others. Posi-

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tivism declares that humanity is God. Not an ideal humanity, toward which we are striving, but the humanity which actually is here and now. This is God. May I name these theories over again? Atheism, declaring there is no God; agnosticism, asserting that there may be a God, but we cannot know it; deism, admitting that there is a God, but too far off to hear or answer prayer; pantheism, maintaining that everything is God, but that God is not a personality; positivism, asserting that humanity is God. Over against all these theories—theories utterly impotent to satisfy the longings of the human soul—I bring you the glad, wholesome, inspiring, satisfying teaching of the New Testament—God, infinite spiritual being in three-fold personality, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Creator, Saviour, infinite Friend.

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There are some things too good not to be true, and one of these is the Christian teaching that the human soul is immortal.

Change and decay cannot touch the vital things of life. These abide. This is so because it must be so. Life is one. The source of life, the expressions of life and the spirit of life belong not to the passing years, but to the eternal years. These are the things we ought to seek. There are ten thousand things we may well afford to pass by or neglect, but knowledge of God, appreciation of duty, the building of noble character, the being controlled by the spirit of love that passeth knowledge, walking simply yet triumphantly in the way of faith, giving ourselves in unselfish service for others, and coming under the influence of the power of an endless life—all is vital and eternally vital if we would think the highest and achieve the noblest.

May I suggest as a closing word that your chief duty and mine is to get the best, the vital things, for ourselves, and then give ourselves for others. I said get the best. We do not need many things, but a few things we must have if our lives shall blossom and bear fruit in God's great garden. Turner, the English

painter, nowhere appears to such advantage as in his ability with a few bold strokes to bring out the essential things in a landscape. It was this in Turner that so challenged the admiration of John Ruskin. Whatever may be supreme excellence in painting, it is forever true that in character nothing is so important as to make sure that the few essential things are not wanting. If we are to be strong to help others, we must make ourselves strong by building into our lives those things which make for strength. Thus and thus only shall we be strong to fight battles for the right and give ourselves in wholesome, unselfish service which shall count for the betterment of human conditions, for the alleviation of suffering, for the lighting up of dark places and the brightening of human lives. The best for ourselves, then, and ourselves for others. So shall we honor God and serve worthily the age in which we live.

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FORD MEMORIAL CHAPEL



BENTLY HALL

Convention Reflections

As fall returns the college campus again becomes a scene of activity, though somewhat different from the scene of a few weeks ago when Kappas from every state in the Union graced the campus. Convention over—is it possible? It seems not, for the memory of it lingers with us so deeply that the great event to which we had looked forward for the past year seems ever present.

We say the memory of it, and what do we include? Better shall we ask, what do we not include? Let each visitor ask herself, what convention has meant to her, and then multiply many times and she shall have an estimate of what convention has meant and does mean to every Gamma Rho.

Never before had we realized the bond of sympathy which unites our thirty-three chapters; indeed, we scarcely realized that bond which unites the girls of our own chapter. But in entertaining convention we have had to work together, work that we might make the convention successful and enjoyable. But not one atom of it would we have spared. We have gained much; we have gained unity, breadth and enthusiasm.

Unity, for we have learned something of the beauty there can be in loyal friendship. We have been brought in closer contact with our alumnae and learned to appreciate them. Without their assistance we could have done nothing.

Breadth we have gained in many ways indeed, for we have seen so many varieties of typical Kappas, those whom other chapters have deemed worthy of the key, and consequently Gamma Rho's vision of a true Kappa has been immensely broadened.

We have gained enthusiasm for our college, for our fraternity and for our chapter. Never, never were we prouder of the little college on the hill, never had we fully appreciated our president and faculty before.

And never has the name Kappa Kappa Gamma meant so much.

Our only hope is that each visitor at Allegheny caught something of the inspiration that came to the entertaining girls, the inspiration to live a happier, more sincere and purer life; to think more of the ideals which are constantly before us in our fraternity, to think more of living up to them, and to help make the name of Kappa Kappa Gamma a power for good.

Let us hope that each chapter may some day have the privilege of entertaining a convention and that each may gain some of the inspiration which we have. Gamma Rho heartily endorses Dr. Crawford's invitation to a second visit to Allegheny at some future time.

MARY NICHOLLS.



The Nineteenth Convention was very fortunate in having present two former editors of **THE KEY**, Mary J. Hull and Lucy Allan Smart. In a few words Mrs. Smart has aptly expressed the feeling of all who enjoyed the hospitality of Gamma Rho Chapter.

"When President Crawford gave the fraternity an invitation to hold its next convention at Meadville, he did a very risky thing. For the hospitable dormitories of Allegheny will not soon be forgotten, and it would be pleasing to all who enjoyed her welcome to hear that the twentieth biennial convention would be held at Meadville.

"Meadville is a famous old college town, attracting both Unitarians and Methodists to the two institutions supported by these faiths. Allegheny College is situated on a hill overlooking the town. Made welcome, as we two hundred Kappas were, in the dormitories and fraternity houses, we had the chance to know each other as we could in no other way. All except the Council, who lived in the Phi Psi house, had our meals in Cochran Hall. So in the close companionship with

Kappas from thirty-three universities and colleges, we passed one of the happiest weeks of our lives.

"It has been the custom of Kappa Kappa Gamma to hold convention in a college town—on the campus, if possible—and in this way to become intimately acquainted with the college life of the entertaining chapter. The fraternity and the hostess have both been uplifted by this plan. I, for one, wish to commend this custom and trust that Kappa will never hold convention at a resort or in a hotel in some big city."

LUCY ALLEN SMART.



Had time permitted the following letter received from a former Grand Officer would have been read before Convention, for in it is embodied the true fraternity spirit. We hope that each chapter will read it not once, but many times, and measure its own standard by the one herein set forth:

My Dear Mrs. Canby:

The coming of the convention announcement and program has made me feel that I would like to express some of the thoughts on the fraternity question which have come to me from the frequent disturbances and the questions along fraternity lines which have come up lately. The question comes to me so often, "Do you really believe that fraternities are a good thing?" Of course it is my first impulse to say, "Emphatically I do believe that college fraternities are a good thing." My second thought forces me to add, "If they live up to the aims and principles and ideals upon which the fraternity was first founded, i. e., to help the young people away from home at school—to help them in all the phases of their school life—socially, mentally, morally—to help them to earnest, pure manhood and womanhood. If they do not live up to such a standard then I believe them wrong. And it is because some

chapters (I refer to fraternity in general)—it is because they lose sight of the original aims of fraternity organization and justify the accusation and reproach of clicking, of clannishness and snobbery so often brought against them, and that makes fraternities radically wrong. It justifies the prejudice against them and the war made upon them.

In the nature of things, people all, from childhood on through life, form certain associations and friendships; some closer and more intimate, others not so close; but they do not naturally parade these closer ties constantly and publicly to the point even of rudeness and discourtesy to the utter disregard of other but less intimate friendships. But our closer, more intimate friendships are based on similarity in habits, tastes, ideals. And so the grouping of girls of similar tastes into fraternity circles is a natural thing, only when formally organized into circles it makes such groups more conspicuous, and a tendency to exclusiveness arise, which needs watching to be avoided.

I once heard a minister say that every girl should have three friends—an older friend to whom she could go with confidence and trust for help and advice. A friend of her own age—of like tastes, with whom she could share in a sisterly way her pleasures, her work, her innocent confidences. A third friend—younger than herself, to whom she could be a help, an elder sister.

This seems to express so well my feeling about the fraternity life. While at home girls do not need these intimate friendships so much—her mother is her most intimate friend, or should be first, last and always. But when the girl is sent out to college, thrown upon her own responsibility, a new and untried experience, then these friendships of which I have just spoken can and ought to be realized in the right kind of a fraternity. Then the girl is a fortunate one who can step into a good fraternity. It can help to fill the want of the intimate dependence upon the mother, which many girls feel sorely when the first separation comes from

home and mother. I believe that the older girls should feel a responsibility for the younger ones, help and advise them in their social matters, in their attitude toward college affairs in general, toward their professors, their classmates, their standing in their classes (some chapters do not make this important enough); in fact, help them to take the best and highest stand in all the details of their college life. But if clicking, clannishness and snobbery creep in, if the chapter grows so narrow, so selfish, so indifferent or inconsiderate of the rights and privileges, the feelings and happiness or unhappiness of those outside of their own "select few"; if, I say, this comes to be the character of a chapter, then the sooner it is rooted out and forbidden the better.

This complaint has been brought against some fraternity chapters, I hope, unjustly. My great desire is that no such thing can ever be said with justice of any of our girls, or that any of our chapters will look upon the "social" or "swell" thing as a necessary part of their fraternity life. Fraternity should not be a constant drain upon our girls' time or strength or pocket book.

I am not much in touch with our Kappa homes, but something over a year ago I spent a little time in one which in every detail, so far as I could see and judge, approached very close to this ideal of fraternity and fraternity life. The spirit of affection, of loyalty to each other, the willingness to live up to the rules advised by the older girls and alumnae, the desire to make it a happy home, each doing her share, each showing respect and deference to the rights of others, and the generous, kindly spirit toward other fraternities and toward those not in fraternities, impressed me much. I felt that while no doubt there must be friction sometimes, yet there could be nothing radically wrong with that chapter; that it carried out the true spirit of fraternity. I hope this can be said of every Kappa home. Then no one can say that Kappa does harm. There is so much that young people have to meet when they go

out from a sheltered home, so much that is hard, disappointing, that brings grief and heartache. Why should worthy young people have it made harder by a certain few, who are often no worthier, often not as worthy, only by some freak of circumstance more fortunate in their surroundings?

These are the things which fraternities can think about; and when chapters will take a higher stand on these questions, when they add to their other reasons for existence an earnest, active desire to help others not so fortunately placed, at least take a generous, unselfish attitude toward them, then they can bravely and strenuously, with right on their side, defend their right to exist.

You have, no doubt, threshed this out many times, but I felt that I must give utterance to some of the feelings and thoughts on this question which is constantly before me, in so many phases, and which I am constantly defending. I feel like saying often, always and emphatically, "Make our standards higher, make our fraternity respected for its high and generous attitude toward those 'outside the charmed circle.' Compel people, even the most prejudiced, of other fraternities, to say of all our chapters what I heard said not long ago of one of them: 'The Kappas are much less given to snubbing the non-fraternity girls than some of the other chapters.' " The inference was (and I happen to know the inference is correct) that it was the usual thing at this particular place to "snub" the non-fraternity girls, to ignore them even to direct and flagrant discourtesy. So I should like to preach, compel respect by living up to the principles, the standards, the ideal of our founders.

My excuse for this long letter is my deep interest in my fraternity and of the young people of today. Being school people, the young folks occupy a large portion of my thought and plans and life. And I feel very strongly that our young people need much help and care. The times are so strenuous and the children

of today in experience and worldly wisdom are the older people of years ago. And I think if by careful supervision our college fraternities can stand for the right thing, they can help wonderfully in some of these vexed problems.

I shall hope to hear reports from the convention. I have not given up the hope of one day, in the near future, I trust, of attending a convention.

With sincere Kappa loyalty and affection.

KITTIE PARSONS HANNA...



Parthenon

**The
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of Rushing**

Perhaps the greatest difficulty that has confronted us during our short fraternity life, is the problem of rushing. Until last year it had been the custom in our university to send invitations to fraternity membership after about one week of strenuous rushing. Such a method we considered very unjust, both to the girl rushed, and to the fraternity.

During matriculation week a new girl has plenty to do if she gets her college work arranged satisfactorily and gets comfortably settled in her new abode. Furthermore, fraternity relations are for life, and should be considered seriously. The new girl should ask herself whether she could love and cherish each particular girl in a certain fraternity; whether each girl in this fraternity is such a girl as will influence her to live a nobler life. For each of us, no matter how commonplace we seem, exert an influence, be it an influence for good or bad. And the girl, when she first comes to college is generally unsophisticated and unused to the ways of the world. She is in that formative stage when every circumstance leaves its imprint, and generally an imprint for life. How important is it, then, that she make the right choice! College opens up to the girl a new vista; she must now give up a life of dependence in a pleasant home, for a life of responsibility and independence among a family of strange girls. Her fraternity takes the place of her home; her fraternity must perpetuate those ideals inculcated by a careful and painstaking mother. It is apparent, then, I think, that a girl should have plenty of time to know intimately every girl in the fraternity before she decides to cast her lot with that band of girls.

On the other hand, the fraternity needs sufficient time to become thoroughly acquainted with the new girl. She must be tested on every point and not found want-

ing. I do not mean, however, to claim that we must take only the girl, whom we often, in our effusion call "just perfect." Rather do I mean that we should seek the girl who possesses those innate characteristics that go to make a true and noble woman. Often the girl is young and we take her not for what she is but for what she may become, for her future possibilities. Many a stone rough to view becomes, with a little polishing, a diamond most brilliant. So the girl at first may seem very incapable, but if we can only penetrate this seeming crudeness, we can often find a capacity rare and worthy of cultivation. The fraternity, too, must have time to ascertain whether the girl will be congenial. If a fraternity is anything, it must be congenial. If the chapter would pursue its policy, if it would attain its ideals, it must be composed of members who move all with one accord.

Through our Pan-Hellenic Association we have tried to formulate rules to govern judiciously the practice of rushing. We permit no rushing whatever during registration week. During the four succeeding weeks we allow rushing, but limit each sorority to four rushing parties. Then during the fifth week of school we may send invitations to membership. The girl is then allowed two weeks in which to answer this invitation. During this time it is considered dishonorable to do rushing of any sort; no fraternity girl is to influence in any way the rushee's decision.

In this way we feel that we have solved fairly well the time element of the rushing problem. But there is yet another element not so easily solved. What kind of rushing parties shall we have? Whom shall we invite to these parties? Such questions as these are quite pertinent.

At first we invited to our entertainments only those few girls who seemed to be eligible. Then, perhaps, we would later invite one or two of these girls to join us. We felt, then, that the other girls whom we had entertained at the same time, had a feeling of being slighted.

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We then thought we could solve the difficulty by having one large party each term, and asking to this party all the nicest non-sorority girls, new and old. We tried to make these parties interesting, and endeavored to eliminate from them all fraternity features. We thought that we were being very unselfish; that we were providing a pleasant social evening for many girls, who were debarred from many of the college pleasures. And great was our disappointment when we learned that the outside girls considered our parties as "Horse-Shows," where every non-sorority girl was on inspection.

We decided, then, to give no more such affairs. And this last spring quarter we gave no parties whatever; in fact, we did no rushing. Obtrusive rushing had become so repulsive that we limited ourselves to the little courtesies that we were able to do in the classroom and on the campus, and to the sending of the invitation. In this way only did we express our desire to have the new girl join us. Our final plan, I think, met the approbation of the non-sorority girls, and we were much pleased with their approval, for there has been, during the past, some evidence of friction between the fraternity girl and the outside girl.

But, somehow, I feel that this plan lacked a certain degree of warmth and cordiality. The new girl, often homesick and disappointed, appreciates a rather generous amount of friendly association and solicitation, provided it be not too obtrusive and monopolizing.

We have tried both extremes, and in there has been a degree of satisfaction. We hope at convention this fall to gain from our sister chapters many new and beneficial ideas that will enable us to reach the happy medium, and so be able to cope more successfully with this difficulty.

MAE SULLIVAN, *Beta Upsilon*.



The Chapter House

The chapter house presents a very vital and interesting problem; no doubt it has been discussed again and again, and yet, for us, it is not settled. I remember reading an article, written by Beta Gamma, on this question, some time ago, and my impression is that they had found life in a chapter house to be narrowing. One can easily see how likely this is, but why, then, do men's fraternity houses flourish? Is it because men are more broad-minded than women, and do not let themselves become self-centered, or is it because they give no thought to the matter and do not care? The situation is rather unique, here at Cornell, as there are no dormitories for the men, and therefore their best experiences of college life are in the chapter houses. But elsewhere, dormitories and chapter houses are co-existent, and yet successful.

Psi has given much thought to the question; it seems that, living all together, we would become a whole; that our chapter would be unified, and that intercourse so intimate must be beneficial to us. College, however, should mean more to us than just a dozen or more close friends; we want to come in contact with the rank and file; to meet people of different types, and become broadened by contact with them. Is not our fraternity likely to be composed of almost the same types as ourselves? Is not that the reason that we choose it in preference to the others? Then, by being so closely held with our fraternity sisters, our little peculiarities become more marked, the corners are sharpened, as it were, instead of being rounded off by universal intercourse. Would not our non-fraternity friends feel our separation more than ever, and feel that they were on the outside, both literally and figuratively?

Men are naturally, I think, more democratic than women, and possibly they have discovered the secret of good-fellowship to such an extent that they can form and preserve close friendships, regardless of club or

fraternity relations, but it is very improbable that we shall ever obtain such a degree of fairness.

Again, the chapter house offers greater facilities for rushing; one can show to so much greater advantage in one's own home. On the other hand, if the freshmen see that we are living apart, virtually cut off from college activities, will the clear-minded freshman, the girl who is eager for true college life, wish to join us? Seclusion may be sweet, but it is not always advantageous. "To err is human," no doubt, but it is not pleasant, and we shall be very reluctant to take such an important step, and later be forced to admit that it was a failure. Several years ago, one of the other fraternities here made the attempt, but gave it up, and we are trying to profit by their experience, and are waiting until we shall be confident that the chapter house is the best thing for us.

SARA F. BURNS, *Psi*.



The Adjustment of the Fraternity

A speaker, at a fraternity banquet this winter, said that one of the aims of the fraternity was to teach its members "first, how to live with the Greek world, and then with the rest of the world." Fraternities in a Pan-Hellenic Association face two ways; they must consider their relations to each other and to the rest of the college. It should be the aim of the Pan-Hellenic Association in every college to extend the fraternity spirit to the whole Greek world, and to make inter-fraternity relations so cordial that, without losing their individuality, the separate fraternities may become as one large fraternity.

The second problem is one that is, if possible, even more important; what shall be the relations of the fraternity to the rest of the college? The actual existence of the fraternity depends upon its adjustment in the college. In the last analysis it will be the non-fraternity world that will pass sentence upon the life of the fraternity. The college is greater than the fra-

ternity, and if the fraternity is harmful to the college, if it breeds discord and discontent and works against college spirit and college principles, it cannot remain in the college.

If fraternities cannot be made actually popular, and even in colleges where there is the minimum of anti-fraternity feeling this seems impossible, they can at least be made as little objectionable as possible. There is no need to flout fraternity in the faces of non-fraternity people; the discontinuance of the wearing of emblems, as suggested by the Grand President, is in line with the efforts that the better-spirited fraternities are making to render fraternities less obvious and so to make them less disagreeable to the non-fraternity world.

Probably the most obvious and disagreeable feature of the fraternity is the rushing; if we find it impracticable to have sophomore pledging just yet and so indirectly do away with rushing, we can still rush quietly and sanely. The efforts of one chapter to regulate its rushing may aid others in dealing with this question.

The Pan-Hellenic Association is the proper and most effective means to obtain such reform; and it was in order to regulate rushing that the Pan-Hellenic Association here drew up the following laws:

"1. Asking day for new students entering in September shall be the Friday nearest December fifteenth. Pledge day shall be one week from asking day.

"2. Candidates may be entertained, by each fraternity, only once each month, during the months of October, November and December."

This was extended later to include two more optional parties, five in all.

"3. The relations between fraternity members and new students shall be perfectly natural, being those of college women as distinguished from fraternity women."

It was found that these regulations, being interpreted to mean that there should be no unnecessary communication between upper class men and freshmen, achieved their end—to make the fraternity less obvious—but with certain drawbacks; they did not give sufficient opportunity to become acquainted with new girls; they made relations between the upper classes and the freshmen less cordial; and somewhat strained the relations between upper-class girls and their freshmen friends. They ran the danger of such regulations, pointed out by Mrs. Canby in the KEY of last May, of making the fraternity “appear ridiculous to the outsider and unkind to the younger girls.” So, retaining the first two laws intact, the third was changed to read:

“There shall be reasonable communication between active fraternity women in the college and freshmen. The relations of fraternity women toward all freshmen shall be the same. The relations between former friends outside of college shall be the same as heretofore, the names of friends to be given to the council.” The only reason for the re-wording of this rule, for that is what it really amounts to, was the too strict interpretation of the rule as it first stood; there was no communication between fraternity girls and freshmen except upon actual business; these relations were not “natural;” the fraternity was emphasized by being so pointedly ignored. The looser interpretation, if conscientiously followed, should succeed, in a small college, very well; it probably would not serve in a large college.

If the fraternity succeeds in not being “obvious” and “disagreeable” during the rushing season, it has done much toward adjusting itself to the college community. Later it has only to choose its members wisely, to keep out of elections, to put college before fraternity, even class before fraternity, to be reasonably tractable to the faculty, and then neither on the part of students nor faculty can there be any objection to the continuance of the fraternity as a college institution.

MARIE B. LYONS, *Beta Sigma*.

The Influence of the Seniors on the Freshmen

When a freshman is initiated into Kappa Kappa Gamma, she does not immediately enter into the full realization and appreciation of Kappa. It is a constant and gradual unfolding, an unfolding which never ends, but which she begins to realize first, at the close of her freshman year. When the last meeting with the seniors is over, the happiness of going home for the summer, loses much of its brightness, because of the good-byes that must be said. The juniors think of how they will miss the companionship of the seniors; the sophomores think of the new freshmen class that will need breaking in without the seniors to help them; but the freshmen see nothing before them but a void and empty blackness. They cannot conceive of Kappa without the seniors, and they dread the coming year. For it is the freshmen who most feel the influence of the seniors. It is through the seniors that they have learned what Kappa really is. It is the seniors who have unconsciously supplied them with ideals, the highest ideals a girl can have, the ideals of Kappa.

And so it is that, as their first year ends, the freshmen suddenly realize what the seniors have done for them. They see how the seniors have been constantly giving, and how they themselves have been only taking. They awake to the appreciation too late, perhaps, to make a return to those who have given them so much; but not too late to show them their appreciation by their lives. And though time has so arranged it, that in a short while, we manage to get along fairly well without those who are gone, still time can never lessen the power of the seniors' influence on the freshmen, and the cords of the freshmen's love and gratitude to their first seniors, will stretch indefinitely to any distance that lies between them.

So this magic power and influence is handed down from senior to freshman—from Kappa to Kappa, and the chain keeps going on forever and ever. Tradition

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makes the seniors and sophomores sister classes, but Kappa binds the seniors and the freshmen together with even closer ties. And each Kappa freshman's symphony ends:

And finally—in three more years,

That I'll a senior be,

And do for other freshmen what

Our seniors did for me.

ROWE WRIGHT, *Eta*.

Editorial

Convention has come and gone, but the memory of it is still a vital force in the life of our fraternity. There have been larger conventions, there have been conventions that made more radical changes in the constitution and standing rules, but we doubt if there has ever been one where the true fraternity spirit was more helpfully evident. Each delegate came with a desire to give all that her thought and experience afforded, and every subject brought up for discussion was considered from the standpoint of the north, the south, the east, and the west; we saw it with the eyes of the large college; we noted its effect upon the small one. Thus a broader knowledge was obtained of the problems that must today be met by all college women.

In Hulings Hall and under the trees of the campus, confidences were exchanged, and friendships formed that will last a lifetime. The songs sung at the Council house on that long-to-be-remembered Sunday evening will send their sweet refrain from the Atlantic to the Pacific. When the banquet was over and we joined in the mystic circle, we realized that the week at Meadville was only a small part of convention, for its real power lies in the aftermath. How much or how little will each delegate take back to her chapter, how large a harvest will her own life yield? By this is measured the true worth of convention. In the pages of THE KEY the members may read of the strenuous hours in business session, of the garden party, the banquet, and the helpful Sunday address by President Crawford, but it is only by the delegates that the real spirit of convention can be carried; the atmosphere of unselfishness and sisterhood; the willingness to set aside personal desires for the general good; and the enthusiasm and loyalty that count no sacrifice too great for Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Once every year, in a church in the Far East, the priests gather just at dusk, and each lights his torch

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from the high altar. Then they go out into the streets of the city and into the homes of the people, lighting the candles of all they meet, until the whole town is aglow with light. Each delegate has kindled her torch at convention, and we ask her to carry it back into the streets of her college and into the home of her chapter that all may be helped by its warmth and brightness.



We were glad to have with us at convention a large number of alumnae, not merely as visitors, but as working members. Many associations have met the requirements of the national organization, and their delegates not only had the privilege of the floor, but were efficient members of committees. The reports showed that the formative period of alumnae associations has passed and that each is now working along some definite line.



Sincere appreciation is felt for the hospitality which our fraternity received at Meadville, both from the faculty and students. The college dormitories and fraternity houses were thrown open to us, and delightful and varied entertainments planned for our pleasure. The smoothness with which the wheels of convention turned told of the care which Gamma Rho Chapter must have bestowed upon every detail of convention week.



To our outgoing officers we give sincere thanks for the two years of faithful service which culminated in convention. Their work has been done cheerfully and thoroughly, and with no turning they have led us on to better things.

To our new officers we pledge our hearty support and extend good wishes for the future. We welcome Edith Stoner, Theta, as Grand President; Florence Bur-

ton Roth, Beta Delta, as Grand Secretary; Lydia Voris Kolbe, Lambda, as Grand Treasurer; and Margaret Bailey, Beta Epsilon, as Grand Registrar.



For the widely separated alumnae, who are able to keep in touch with the fraternity only through the pages of THE KEY, we have published the Business of Convention, by Harriette A. Curtiss. This does not pretend to cover the work accomplished by the delegates, but is an interesting glimpse of the non-secret proceedings of convention, and touches upon the subjects of college interest brought forward for discussion.



Alpha Province

Phi—University of Boston

Greetings to Kappas, all, far and near!

The two events uppermost in the mind of Phi are the house-party and the picnic. The former was held at Mrs. Burnham's cottage at Bailey's Island, Casco Bay, Maine. Ten of the girls were able to go, with Mrs. Furbush as chaperone. Very jolly accounts of all sorts of larks came to us stay-at-homes from the lucky ten—how they walked and read, and of the jokes that they played on each other. They stayed two weeks, which proves of itself that they had a good time.

Then the picnic was at Marblehead, June 5th. About fifteen of the girls started from Scollay Square at nine o'clock, and had a merry day, with launch-rides, games and the usual picnic good time.

Wednesday, May 27, Gladys Avery gave us our senior party, at her home in Newton.

Commencement went off happily for us all. We lost only three of our girls this year by graduation, but those three leave a gap out of all proportion to their number. But that is not the full extent of our loss, for, unfortunately, several of the freshmen are not coming back to college in the fall, but are to continue their studies in other places.

After the last meeting of the year, one of our juniors, Georgia Thompson, gave us a surprise by announcing her engagement to Mr. George Hanchett, of Dover, Massachusetts.

MARION EDWARDS TREADWELL.



Beta Epsilon—Barnard College

As a result of the spring elections, several important under-graduate positions will be filled by Kappas next year. Winifred Barrows is president of the Y. W. C. A.; Hilda Wood is president of the Classical Club; Lilian Egleston is president of the class of 1910; Mary Bailey is on the staff of the "Mortarboard" and of the "Bulletin;" Dorothy Kirchwey is editor-in-chief of the "1910 Mortarboard;" Harriet Fox is editor-in-chief of the "Bear" and on the staff of the Mortarboard."

Harriet Fox has been appointed one of the three student assistants in the department of Philosophy.

On May 1, 1908, Beta Epsilon held its last "spread." Several charter members were present.

A silhouette party for freshmen was given on May 7th.

Seven seniors graduated in June. Elizabeth Fox was "steps" orator on Tree Day. On Class Day, Marguerite Newland read the valedictory.

From June 9th to June 16th, Beta Epsilon was away on its eighth annual camping party at Barnegat, N. J. Eighteen graduates and under-graduates were together in "camp," and enjoyed a week of perfect weather.

LILIAN H. EGLESTON.



Beta Sigma—Adelphi College

Beta Sigma wishes to introduce to her sister chapters the following initiates of the past year, whose names have not appeared in **THE KEY** hitherto: Marie

B. Lyons, Abigail B. Remsen, Elsie M. Kraemer, Wilhelmine K. P. Wissman, Fanita E. Pando.

On June 6, we had the pleasure of entertaining Miss Margaret Sweeney, the new dean of the women students of Adelphi, and Mrs. Evelyn Wight Allan, who has been appointed dean of the women at Stanford University. Owing to this appointment, we shall miss her greatly at our parties next fall.

Our annual house-party has come and gone once more. This year we spent our week at Shelter Island Heights, Long Island, and now look back upon it as one of the most successful of all our helpful and inspiring Beta Sigma house-parties.

The most interesting problem of Beta Sigma during the past year, has been that of the Pan-Hellenic Association, for until this year Kappa has been the only national fraternity at Adelphi.

Kappa Alpha Theta and ourselves have tried out a new and best way to regulate inter-fraternity relations, and the relations of fraternity girls to the non-fraternity body. We have succeeded quite well, we think, in keeping the fraternity from forcing itself upon the notice of non-fraternity people, and in regulating rushing and pledging. We are glad to welcome Delta Gamma to the college this spring, and shall be glad to have her help in the Pan-Hellenic, striving toward good, wholesome relationship between the fraternities and the rest of the college.

ETHEL M. KIPP.



Psi—Cornell University

Our Easter this year was made very pleasant by the visit of Edith Reed and Anna Kirschner, two of our alumnae; and Mary Scattergood and Bessie Hanley, of Beta Alpha. We enjoyed having them with us very much, indeed.

Margaret Cuthbert, '08, and Agnes Gouinlock, '08, visited us in June.

On June 13th we had a Kappa luncheon. All our alumnae who had returned to Ithaca for commencement, were present. It proved a great success, and we hope to repeat it in the future.

It was with great regret that we said farewell to 1908, for we lose by graduation five of our dearest girls, Jane Gouinlock, Anna Stryke, Charlotte Baber, Alice Holbert, and Amy Rhodes. Elizabeth Bryn will not return next year, but will continue her work at the Cornell Medical School in New York City.

KATHERINE EATON.



Beta Tau—Syracuse University

The tenth of June found us with commencement over and our chapter scattered for the summer. We had four graduates this year—Christina C. Miller, Grace Campbell, Elizabeth Cunningham, and Pearl Clark. The commencement address was delivered by Hamilton Wright Mabie.

Our alumnae banquet was held June 6th, at the chapter house. There were fifty-seven present, including alumnae and active girls, and a thoroughly good Kappa time was enjoyed.

Marion Ballou, '07, spent a few weeks at the chapter house, at commencement time.

On Thursday, June the 15th, Ella B. Wallace, '07, was married to Friend S. Wells, Delta Upsilon, '06. A number of the chapter girls were present. Georgia A. Wells, '10, was maid of honor.

May 1st we initiated Helen Slade, '11, of Moravia, New York.

Pearl Clark received *Cum Laude* at her graduation from the University this year. She expects to teach in Ypsilanti, Michigan, next year.

FLORA M. WRIGHT.

Beta Alpha—University of Pennsylvania

Professor Conklin, head of the biological department of Pennsylvania, leaves this institution in the fall, to take up a similar position at Princeton.

At the Easter teachers' convention of Philadelphia, Professor Conklin addressed the teachers on the "Relation of Biology to Education." He laid great stress on the fact that each man has within himself so much reserve force, ordinarily not called into action, that the race—irrespective of hereditary transmission—must improve tremendously, if each individual converted this potential energy into useful work.

Another speaker at this same convention said that colleges get sixty per cent as the average maximum amount of work from the boys, but Dr. Conklin always secured at least seventy per cent, with an average percentage considerably higher.

The commencement oration was delivered by our vice-provost, Edgar F. Smith. His text was, and always is, "Pennsylvania." Speaking of prospective freshmen he sees wandering over the campus, he says: "As I look at them, I can't but envy them the grand, good days awaiting them here at Pennsylvania. They are coming into a goodly inheritance."

BESSIE GRAHAM HANLEY.

**Beta Iota—Swarthmore College**

To Our Kappa Sisters, Greeting:

Some important changes have taken place in Swarthmore College since the last number of THE KEY. The one which affects Beta Iota, herself, most closely, is a move made by the Pan-Hellenic Association of the college, to adopt a sophomore pledge day. This has been tried in many other colleges, and we entertain high hopes for its success here.

Another change made by the college is the abolition of all inter-collegiate football and basketball for at least a year. That this was done without the help of the Jeanes bequest, argues the sincere desire of the college for the betterment of its athletics.

The chapter gave its annual dance at Liberty Hall, in Chester, April 27. There were about twenty couples present, and the dance was quite a success.

Another of our spring entertainments was a dance given by one of our sisters, Helen Lukens, at her home in Swarthmore. The porch and nearer trees were decorated with Japanese lanterns, making a very pretty sight. The dance was very much enjoyed by all.

After the usual excitement of commencement week, the chapter adjourned to New Lisbon for its house-party. About twenty girls went, and as many boys spent Saturday and Sunday there. Most of our time was spent on the creek, and it was a very sunburned party which finally separated for the summer, after a week of solid enjoyment.

As convention this year is so near us, a good many members of the chapter, both active and alumnae, expect to attend. A great deal of good may be derived from seeing and communicating with our sisters from other chapters, as we can learn their views on various subjects of interest, and profit by their experience. We hope that the convention will prove beneficial to all concerned.

ELIZABETH WHITE.



Gamma Rho—Allegheny College

Our last Commencement brought to a close one of Gamma Rho's happiest years. 'Twas indeed with regret that we said good-bye to our two senior girls, Carrie Sowash and Bess Rist.

The year was filled with the usual round of pleasures and work. Our Pan-Hellenic Banquet was held at Saeger-town Inn, where about eighty Greeks gathered. Each girl returned home with a renewed feeling of better and broader fellowship.

During the Commencement week we entertained the alumnae in our chapter rooms. The chief topic of conversation was, of course, convention. It is only as the great event draws nearer that Gamma Rho realizes the honor which has been bestowed upon her. It had always been one of her dreams to have a convention at Allegheny, and now our only hope is, that the nineteenth one will number among the best and most enthusiastic in the history of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Cochran Hall, the gift of Mrs. Sara B. Cochran, to be used as a commons for the men of Allegheny College, is now complete. It is one of the most imposing of the college buildings.

The new Phi Kappa Psi house was formally opened by a reception held during Commencement week.

One of the most significant events of the year was the removal of the body of the first President of Allegheny, Timothy Alden, from Sharpsburg to Greendale cemetery. Up to this time, no particular honor had been paid to the memory of our great founder. The entire student body lined the driveway, as the procession slowly passed through the campus, thence to the cemetery. After the interment, fitting services were held in the Chapel, where all listened with interest to the life of a great man—a life full of hardships and difficulties, a life whose efforts were directed toward one thing, the founding of Allegheny. The senior class of 1908 very appropriately presented the College a tablet to the memory of Alden. It was placed in Bently Hall, the one building which Alden erected.

Too often do we students have to be reminded of our loyalty to our college; too often do we forget the football team; too often do we forget the struggles of the editors of our papers and monthly publications; and so it is with our fraternity. Too often we forget its

real significance; we are prone to let the responsibilities and burdens fall on some one else, to let the same ones do the work which another could do with just as much success if only the attempt were made.

Sometimes we lack enthusiasm—enthusiasm for one another, for one chapter, for the fraternity at large; and that lack of enthusiasm makes us indifferent and selfish. Would that we had more ambition to live up to the ideals of our fraternity. May they ever stand out clearly before us, and when we sing “The Dearest Name,” may it be with more fervor and more enthusiasm.

Let us hope that this convention will inspire us with the best of kind spirit—spirit for our collegè and for the fraternity; so that the name of Kappa Kappa Gamma will ever deepen in our hearts, and help us to live better and purer lives.

MARY NICHOLLS.



Beta Province

Lambda—Buchtel College

To all Kappas, Greeting:

The spring term has been a very busy one at Buchtel College, and Lambda feels that many of the things may be of interest to her sister chapters.

On May 15th, an annual carnival was held on Buchtel campus, which included a farce, circus, burlesque and beauty show. The scheme was thought out by the Woman's League, and it was a great success.

The seniors and freshmen gave a “spread” in the fraternity rooms Thursday, May 28th. Mrs. Morris (Fannie Loomis), of Philadelphia, and Margaret Prior, who just returned from California, were with us.

Mrs. A. A. Kohler entertained the alumnae and the active chapter at a reception, Wednesday afternoon, May 27th. A short business meeting was held, and the

alumnæ voted to send Miss Maude Herndon as delegate to Convention.

Commencement week began Sunday, June 14th, and we were glad to have with us a number of former Kappa graduates. Monday of this week, Mrs. Houser gave a reception for the alumnæ and active girls, at her home.

Tuesday, June 15th, the ground was broken for the new Knight Chemical Laboratory. The laboratory will be completed in the fall, and is to be named after the dean, Dr. C. H. Knight, in recognition of his life-long service.

Thursday, June 18th, the annual alumnæ luncheon was held at the Country Club. The out-of-town guests were, besides those from Kent and Cuyahoga Falls: Mrs. Gertrude Bruce, Mrs. Carrie Bell Clarke, Mrs. Elemie Warner Mallory, Miss Eva Dean, Mrs. Carrie Stewart, and Mrs. Blanche Widecombe Parsons.

Two of our girls, Cottie Shuman and Mabel Wilcox, graduated. We shall begin our work in September with six girls, Beatrice Rentschler, Helen Knight, Martha Ford, Grace Harpham, Bessie Hart, and Helen Harter.

BEATRICE RENTSCHLER.



Beta Gamma—Wooster University

For some time after our last letter, Beta Gamma existed with fear and trembling, but we are glad to say that after much discussion and uncertainty, the faculty decision was in our favor.

On the night of April 14, we received a warning from the faculty, saying that in three days all initiating and elective work of the two existing women's fraternities must cease.

April 16, we initiated our two pledges, and are now glad to introduce to you Charlotte Reese and Mildred Clark, '11.

It was through the combined efforts of alumni and active girls that on April seventeenth the previous motion of the faculty was withdrawn.

Things were allowed to go on as usual, but the struggle for existence had done a great deal toward relieving the strained feeling which has been felt between Kappa and Theta for some time. Again we are in reality "good friends," and our desire is to remain as such.

One feature of this year's activities which met with disfavor in the eyes of many of our faculty, was the strenuous rushing season which we went through last fall. In consequence of this the Pan-Hellenic Association has drawn up new by-laws which have been approved by the professors, and which we hope will be successful. Their aim is to exterminate rushing as far as is possible, thus prohibiting fraternity girls from placing freshmen under obligations to them.

The date of pledge day is set for Friday, two weeks preceding commencement week.

These rules will necessitate a small chapter of active girls for the coming year, but we hope that with the combined efforts of all, they may prove successful.

The petition from some of Wooster's girls to the faculty for permission to form into a chapter of Pi Beta Phi was not granted, and in May, was tabled for a year. At the annual meeting of the Trustees at the end of this year, the general question of "fraternities" was brought up and discussed. A motion was passed by them, to the effect that they favored fraternities and their extensions in the University, with the provision that they co-operate with the college authorities. This, we are so glad to say, holds promises for a future for Beta Gamma, and a more influential one than ever before; also in the near future, the installation in Wooster of Pi Beta Phi, which we gladly welcome.

On May 8, the chapter was delightfully entertained by Kappa Alpha Theta in their hall.

May 12, our two seniors in music, Mabel Felger

and Rhea Mowry, gave their graduating recital at the conservatory.

May 14th was the date of the first concert of the Girls' Glee Club, an organization which Kappa has had quite an interest in, as four out of its twelve members, and the accompanists, are Kappas.

Wednesday afternoon, June 17, we held a farewell reception to the alumnae and visitors. We parted, each with the question of "Convention" on her lips, and we hope to return again in the fall, with the same question ready for discussion. Our present plans are that a number of our girls may go to Convention and there discuss our plans for the future with Kappas from outside our little chapter world.

ANNIE E. GRAY.



Beta Delta—University of Michigan

May 9th, Beta Delta's Kappa Comedy Klub gave its annual spring play, which this year was "Kappagenda," a musical farce. After the play the girls were charmingly entertained by Mrs. Bonner, one of the chapter's patronesses.

May 24, Miss Hunt, another of our patronesses entertained the chapter with a tea, and the following week, Miss Parker, an alumna, entertained for us also.

Beta Delta has two new pledges, Alicent Holt and Myrtle White.

Edna Converse, '06, who has been spending the past year at Leland Stanford University, is with us for Commencement week.

The seniors will have their Annual Kappa Senior Luncheon at Mack's Tea Rooms, June 17.

There will be many festivities Commencement week. Monday night is the Senior Promenade, followed by the senior girls' play, "Cronford." Tuesday is Class Day, and on that day also the Ben Greet Players will present "Two Gentlemen of Verona," and "Midsummer

Night's Dream." Tuesday night the Senior Reception takes place, Wednesday night the Senate Reception, and Thursday morning the Commencement exercises.

The engagement of May L. Bennett, '08, to Mr. John A. McCarthy, '07, engineer, is announced.

LUCILE CARTER.



Xi—Adrian College

Another Commencement has passed, and we were glad to have so many Kappas back.

Our annual banquet was held this year in our newly refurnished chapter hall.

The following spent Commencement week with us: Marion Walker, Alice McAfee, Mabel Young, Olive Neer, Josephine Hall and Tat Link.

In May we enjoyed a pleasant call from Myrtle McCullom Warterman, who was on her way home from teaching at La Harpe Seminary.

Tat Link has a studio in Paris, Ill., and is meeting with success as an art instructor.

The Inter-Sorority Banquet was held in May.

June eleventh the active chapter and some of the alumnae took dinner at the "Maumee."

Mrs. E. T. Morden entertained the active chapter Wednesday afternoon, June 10th, and all had a jolly good time that will long be remembered.

EDWINEA WINDRUN.



Kappa—Hillsdale College

Another year's work has been finished, and we have scattered for the "vacation days." We suffered from the loss of two active members this spring, Mabel Sheldon and Maude Terwilliger, who finished with this year's class.

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One evening in May we were serenaded by six Pi Beta Phi girls dressed in man's attire and wearing the pins of Alpha Sigma Sigma. They proved to be very well-behaved and gallant young men, and we should like to have them come again.

The first of May our faculty performed some manual labor and the number of our campus trees was increased.

On the 22nd of May, the May queen was crowned on the campus and Merl McIntosh was a maid of honor.

We were greatly disappointed this spring, when, after having made all arrangements for the initiation of our pledge, Faith Elliott, she gave up to nervous prostration and was obliged to give up her work for several weeks. We are anticipating an early initiation next fall. In her favor we say her work was made up when college closed.

Our pledge, Joy Mauck, who has been taking her work in the Chicago University for the spring term, returned during the last week of college with many glowing accounts of social events, and also of good, hard mental work.

At present our Convention delegate, Bertha Clement, is anxiously awaiting the day to start for Convention. Kappa expects to have at least six girls there.

Helen Mauck returned for Commencement week, and was visited by the measles soon after her arrival. We girls were even more disappointed than she.

Orpha Newcomer Leas, one of last year's pledges, came from her home in Fresno, Cal., for Commencement week, and Maude Terwilliger returned with her to her former home at Byron, Ohio, for a short visit.

Kappa hopes that the last week of college passed off as pleasantly for all as for us. The week held one event dear to Kappa, the annual Commencement breakfast. All the alumnae who could, joined with the active members in making the morning a happy one. Two

active members, Bertha Clement and Lutie Thayer, were not present, as they left for their homes earlier.

Beryl McDonald and Merl McIntosh played the parts of Fairies in "A Midsumm'r Night's Dream," given by the Ladies' Literary Union and the Amphiction Literary Society.

LUTIE THAYER.

Gamma Province

Iota—De Pauw University

Greetings to all Kappa Sisters:

One of the most important features of the winter was the annual alumnae banquet, held January 25th at the Claypool Hotel, at Indianapolis. A larger number of the active girls than usual were present. In the afternoon a business meeting was held. At the banquet in the evening were present the husbands and friends of the members. In the absence of Miss Woody, Miss Harriet Harding, the newly-elected president of the alumnae association, was toast-mistress. The enthusiastic toasts of the alumnae assured them to be in active co-operation with the chapter.

On February 14th we entertained in the form of a minstrel show, given at the new home of one of our alumnae, Mrs. H. B. Longden, wife of the German professor of the University. To accomodate our many friends, we gave two performances, a matinee for the ladies and patronesses of Kappa, and an evening entertainment for our college acquaintances. The minstrel performance was well received and pronounced a great success. To such an extent was this so that we were requested to give it at the college carnival in which each fraternity presented some form of amusement.

Two of our girls—Jeanne Bishop and Martha Poucher—held important parts in the senior play given during Commencement week.

On June 6th the annual fraternity banquet was held. Many alumnae returned to attend it, and the fraternity meeting preceding was a delightful one.

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We have all been glad to have Amy Longcope, from Beta Xi, Texas University, with us for a number of weeks.

May 25th, we gave a morning party, inviting the junior and senior girls from each fraternity.

This spring four juniors, Myrta Smith, Julia Day, De Ette Walker, and Mildred Pyke, were taken into the senior inter-sorority, Sigma Pi Eta.

As a number of our girls are in summer school, the Kappa house will be open throughout the summer. Mrs. Dunning, of Boston, who is visiting her daughter, Mary French, will be with the girls.

Iota is looking forward to the pleasure of meeting her sister Kappas at the Convention in August.

MILDRED PYKE.



Mu—Butler College

GREETINGS TO ALL KAPPAS:

The close of college brought to us feelings of regret because, as one of the girls in our chapter expressed it, "we had just come to know each other well." But as seven of the girls will be in the city part of the summer, at least, we expect to keep in close touch with each other.

We were so impressed with the many evils of a short rushing season last fall that we held out for a year's contract for next year. Neither Theta nor Pi Phi would agree to that, so we have no contract at all. We prefer this rushing of one or two days, during registration, to that of ten days which we had last fall, as being fairer to all concerned.

The freshmen gave the older girls quite a surprise, during the spring term, in the form of a dance, the invitations to which were written on brown wrapping paper.

"Wear your best calico
And bring your best beau."

Of course everybody had a good time.

The very clever class play, written in the form of a Greek mask by one of the senior class, was the most attractive feature of Commencement times. The leading lady was a Kappa, Elizabeth Bogert.

Three of our girls graduated.

The big dance given annually on Commencement night was unusually successful this year.

Gem Craig, '06, was married, June 17th, to Mark Reasoner, of Detroit.

Elizabeth Brayton, '09; Irma Brayton, '07; and Ruth Allerdice, '06, are spending the summer in England and France.

PEARL B. FORSYTH.



Eta—University of Wisconsin

As usual, interscholastic rushing, examinations, and Commencement came and went with inconceivable rapidity, leaving one breathless. Rushing was peaceful and successful, our pledges being twelve, many of them the younger sisters, which made it very pleasant.

Great excitement, though not overwhelming surprise, was caused at the end of college by the announcement by Rhoda Rietow, 1908, of her engagement to William Reiss, of Sheboygan. Then on top of this came the announcement of the marriage of Josephine Crane, 1909, of Chicago, to Dr. Bradley, assistant professor of physiological chemistry in the university, which took place July 8th at the Crane's country home at Lake Geneva. Eta is much pleased at this, as it means that Mrs. Bradley will live in Madison.

The parting for the summer was made less abrupt by a house party after Commencement, and by the fact that five of the girls remained to summer school.

We are now looking anxiously fall-ward, and wondering how it will be possible to continue without our seniors, our chief comfort being that many of them promise to return in the fall to show us how.

JANET VAN HISE.

Beta Lambda—University of Illinois

DEAR KAPPAS:

The wedding of Mary Moss, '06, to Mr. Wiley on June 4th was a matter of much interest to Beta Lambda. It is the only Kappa wedding that has occurred in town for some time. It was an extremely pretty home wedding, and almost all the active chapter were there, besides many graduates. Kappas assisted in receiving and serving. About a week before, we had invited Mary over to the house for dinner. All the girls not living in the house were there, and afterward we had an envelope shower for our bride.

Annebel Fraser, '08, has a position for the summer in the library at Lake Placid, New York.

Marietta Davis came back to receive her degree this June and was with us from about spring vacation on. She is spending the summer visiting the chapter girls in and about Chicago.

Letta Brock and Louise McIntyre, '07, with a party of four others, are spending the summer in Europe. They sailed from Montreal and will start the return voyage from Naples, August 15th. Anne Drew went with them as far as England, where she stopped for the summer. On the continent, Eleanor Beardsley will join the party for a few weeks, but will remain to complete her year abroad.

On Tuesday, June 16, all of the Beta Lambda girls who were in or near Chicago, and were able to do so, met for a farewell luncheon to the voyagers in the Kappa corner at Field's.

Out of an active chapter of twenty-six this year, we expect twenty-three back in September. We lose only one by graduation, Annebel Fraser. Helen James expects to enter Chicago University, Elizabeth Parr is going to Wellesley, and Alice Eager will teach. Gertrude Taylor expects to be back in college. A number who have not been living in the chapter house are planning to come in, and, to supply the overflow, the rooms of a house next door have been secured.

Our plans for rushing are pretty well arranged. Margaret Herdman is to be captain. The campaign will be strenuous, for rushing season has again been limited to two weeks and a half, making pledge day October 10th. Restrictions are numerous, of course.

Eleanor Beardsley, '07, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa this spring.

Helen James is spending the summer in Europe with her parents.

May all chapters have as good fortune in the fall as we hope to have.

EVA L. MCINTYRE.



Upsilon—Northwestern University

DEAR KAPPA SISTERS:

Just at this time, of course, every Kappa is thinking of convention and planning to be there if possible. About fifteen of our girls are expecting to attend, and we hope to see you all there and ready for a glorious week.

The last of the college year ended all too swiftly. Many of our alumnae were back, and one moment we were rejoicing because they were there, and the next were mourning the near departure of the girls.

On May 25th we entertained at our annual formal party, at the Evanston Country Club. It was certainly a success and was voted the prettiest party of the year.

Margaret Ridlon was elected editor of the "Woman's Edition" of the *Northwestern Magazine* this spring. This edition is issued once a year by the women of the university.

Our Commencement week was splendid. Following out President Harris' plan, our Commencement week came before our final examinations, and several of the features were new and interesting.

On College night, President Harris announced the donation made by James Patton, of Evanston, for a

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new gymnasium, which is to be the biggest and best equipped in the West. This was certainly a good start for the week. On June 2d, the Dramatic Club gave an out-of-door presentation of Milton's "Comus," under the directorship of Donald Robertson. Tuesday was University Day, and one of the best incidents of the week was the torch-light parade that night. The campus was a veritable fairyland with the long line of lanterns. That same Tuesday morning the Kappas had their annual picnic on the beach, and he it announced that every girl in the chapter caught the six o'clock car from Evanston. Upsilon Kappas are ambitious!

On June 5, Mrs. Dart and some of the alumnae entertained the active chapter at Mrs. Dart's home on Ridge Avenue, Evanston. The girls certainly appreciate the fine spirit shown by our alumnae.

Now that the college year is actually ended, every one is beginning to look forward to the opening of college next fall, and we are all expecting a fine and prosperous year for Kappa.

The Upsilon girls send greetings to all the other chapters, and hope to see many staunch Kappas in August.

HELEN E. ADAMS.



Delta Province

Beta Zeta—Iowa State University

Beta Zeta's spring has been an especially active one. On May 8th we gave a formal party in the University Armory, and its preparation kept us all very busy. The entire hall was decorated with pink and white wistaria hung against a ceiling of green, and at each end were alcoves of dark green portieres. The whole effect was very pretty and added much to the good time which seemed to be so thoroughly evident.

We all wished that we could have had more Kappas with us on that night, for it has been voted the very prettiest party ever given, and we all feel well repaid for the long, hard work we had done.

The next most interesting event of the spring was Commencement week, when the class play was presented. The play was "Trelawney of the Wells," and three of our senior Kappas took part: Josephine Lynch as Avonia Bunn, Hilda Bradersen as Mrs. Telfer, and Catherine Green as Mrs. Mossop. The play was a success, as they always are, and we were glad to have Kappa so well represented.

Tuesday of Commencement week was Alumni Day, and Beta Zeta joined with the "Sorores in Urbe" and held open house at the Kappa House for all visiting alumnae. Many were back for the graduating exercises and we all got to know the girls and women who have done so much to bring our chapter up to the present standard. It was such a pleasant day that Beta Zeta is going to repeat it next year, in hope of adding still more names to the already long list of visiting alumnae.

It was with great regret that we left our Kappa house in June for the summer months, for it meant that, when September comes around again, six of our girls will be no longer with us. Hilda Brodersen, Helen Seerley, Gertrude Dennis, Josephine Lynch, Mary Helen Letts, and Catherine Green have completed their course. May each be successful in whatever line of work her life work leads her! That each Kappa senior may meet good fortune is the wish of Beta Zeta.

MARY HELEN LETTS.



Sigma—Nebraska State University

Vacation has come and our girls are scattered in all directions, most of them gone to their homes throughout the State or on vacation journeys. But we are a little more fortunate this year in renting our house

to a Kappa's family and having three out-of-town Kappas there for summer school. These added to the town girls made a splendid number for the summer months, and we have been meeting every week at different homes to sew and discuss various fraternity problems. Often we invite two or three girls who will enter college next fall, so that we may meet them very informally and know them before college opens.

Our inter-sorority rules were improved last spring, making rushing more simple and also shortening the length of time. No fraternity shall be allowed to entertain outside of a private home, thus making it less public, and refreshments shall not consist of more than two articles of food. Formerly rushing continued one week, but it is limited to four days, and fraternity girls are not allowed to help register freshmen, a day being set apart for this, during which no rushing is allowed. After these four days, no rushing or pledging shall be allowed until after the mid-semester reports, and freshmen pledged at their entrance cannot be initiated until these reports show that they have not been delinquent in their work. The Inter-Sorority Council is trying to gradually lead up to the semester pledge day, but they feel that a sudden change would do more harm than good.

The last of June, Lincoln had the honor of entertaining the Delta Delta Delta convention, and we were glad to be able to meet so many of their members. The town girls of the Pan-Hellenic gave an informal afternoon dance for them, which proved to be very enjoyable.

EDITH WILSON.

Omega—Kansas State University**GREETINGS TO MEMBERS OF KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA:**

The last few weeks of college were busy ones for the girls at Kansas University. What with the "cramming," examinations, the farewell visits, and the busy plans for the coming year, the last weeks went all too quickly.

Kansas University has inaugurated a custom which promises to become an annual event. This is the May fete, which was celebrated this year on May 23d. The whole fete was modeled after an old English May Day. The principal part of the day and the one in which we were especially interested was the May-pole dance. In this May-pole dance, there were five poles, each of the four sororities being represented, with the pole representing the university in the center. The May-pole ribbons were of the colors which represented the different sororities, and, of course, in our eyes, the blue and blue occupied the place of honor. Plans are being worked out to make this May fete more attractive next year.

The annual May Music Festival was another event of great importance in university life and one in which every one took the greatest interest.

Commencement this year was said to have been the most successful Commencement the university has ever had.

Now to affairs which interest Kappas exclusively. Four members of our Lawrence alumnae entertained the members of the active chapter at a card party the first week in May. Great bowls of our flower, the beautiful fleur-de-lis, were all through the rooms, and the idea was still farther carried out in the clever little score cards. This is only one way in which our alumnae members have shown their loyalty and interest to us this past year. It means so much to any chapter to know that back of them are the alumnae, as ours have been, always ready and willing to offer themselves.

Helen Phillips also entertained the girls at Sunday night tea at the home of her mother, Mrs. May Phillips.

Cards were received in May, announcing the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence White, of Council Grove, Kansas. Mrs. White was formerly Carolyn Armsby, of Council Grove.

We all regret very much that two of our girls are to leave us this year. Marguerite Axtell will complete her college work in Simmons College, Boston, beginning next year. Helen Graham, after remaining at home a year, expects to finish her course in an eastern college.

We were much pleased to meet and know Helen Tremper, Beta Pi, while she was visiting in Lawrence this spring.

Before we left for our homes, the plans for rushing season were, of course, the question at issue. We discussed many plans, especially the late pledge day, but, for various reasons, we could not adopt it this year. Next year we hope to make our plans to include the late pledge day. However, for this year, Pan-Hellenic has adopted the sixteen-day pledge, with several restrictions as to dates and parties. At the end of sixteen days, written invitations are sent to the girls elected. We are hoping that this year may be a very successful one. We are all looking forward to the time when we can hear from our delegate the reports of the convention of 1908, for we are sure that there will be so much that is fine and inspiring for her to bring to us.

With very best wishes for a successful rushing season.

ANNA WILLIAMS.



Epsilon Province**Beta Mu—Colorado State University****GREETINGS TO ALL KAPPAS:**

Since our last chapter letter, Beta Mu has celebrated her seventh birthday in Denver. The University of Colorado entertained many high school pupils of the State on High School Day. Commencement week brought many alumni and other guests to Boulder. The university students have now all scattered for their summer rest.

During vacation, our Kappa gatherings occur in smaller groups. We hear about the Denver girls carrying a picnic supper out to the park; we hear about the Boulder girls enjoying a beefsteak fry; and the small circle of Fort Collins girls plan an occasional dinner. But to keep the band of Kappa love and interest strong between all of the active girls in the summer, we have the "Round Robin." As this welcome visitor comes to each girl she contributes a letter, and we all expect at least two such visits during the vacation. Cora Nicholson took this means of announcing her engagement to Dr. Albert B. Tonkin, Beta Theta Pi. The wedding is to take place in early fall, after which they will make their home at Riverton, Wyoming.

ALMA CULVER.

**Beta Xi—Texas State University**

The close of this year brought about many changes in Beta Xi Chapter.

We had only two girls who were seniors this year, Helen Knox and Geils Adone. We are all very glad that Helen will still be with us next year, for she has accepted a position as teacher of mathematics in the Whitis School of Austin.

We are very much delighted with our plans for a new chapter house next year. We have rented a lovely house very near the university building. It is not quite large enough for all the girls, but an adjoining

bungalow is being built. Bennie Brown's aunt, Miss Mattie Lockett, expects to take charge of the house and act as chaperone. As we have all known Miss Mattie for quite a while, we expect to spend a delightful year together.

On June the 8th we had a Kappa reunion breakfast at the Dreskill. Several of the graduates were back, Fannie West Harris, Genoa Harrington, and Mrs. Seth Searcy. A great many of the girls gave toasts, and all had such an enjoyable time that it was decided that we should always have a Kappa breakfast at Commencement.

May Shelenire, Annie McCormick, and Fannie West Harris expect to spend a part of the summer in New York on their return from convention. Geils Adone, Bennie Brown, Marjorie Jarvis, and Annie Stratton also expect to attend the Kappa convention.

Numbers of the girls are visiting one another throughout the State. Mary Stedman and Margaret Runge have been abroad since the middle of June.

Katherine Searcy has recently been given a position as assistant librarian in the University of Texas. She has been taking a library course in New York the past winter. Grace Prather will also retain her position in the library.

WILLIE-PEARL GARDNER.



Beta Omicron—Tulane University

DEAR KAPPA GIRLS:

Everywhere the summer has come and we Beta Omicroners are taking a rest after our hard work during the past session. Commencement this year was more inspiring than ever and Beta Omicron had a sure-enough part in it. She had two graduates, Adele Monroe and Anita Norman, to be proud of and to add more honors to Beta Omicron list. Not all of our honors came out of the senior class, though, for Hilda

Phelps, our junior, won first prize in the public debate and was Junior Orator on Senior Class day.

Beta Omicron expects to have that "Perfect Chapter" next year, for, besides all the new convention enthusiasm we will have, there will be no "rushing season" to break the peace and harmony of our chapter life. For what do you think, girls, we have done at Newcomb? We have abolished "rushing" altogether. All the fraternities here came to the conclusion that rushing is very injurious to the health and college records of all concerned and that only girls who are willing to be regular sophomores are worthy of becoming "fraternity girls."

This year has been a year of weddings for Beta Omicron. We have two June brides. On June the 10th the marriage of Lucille Gillis to John Minor was celebrated and on the 30th that of Katherine Newton to Carroll Newell.

Beta Omicron's "annual," the *Fleur de Lis*, for 1908 was even more of a success than usual, the following being an extract:

Lest You Forget

When all seems dark and gloomy in your sight;
 When all your sorrows seem too hard to bear,
 If through the veil of darkness comes no light,
 And tedious days are fraught with heavy care,
 Then stop and think of days far in the past,
 Of patience, love, and gentle sympathy
 Held for you in a bond so firm and fast,
 Locked in the magic of a golden key.

Lest you forget the friends so staunch and true
 Ready to welcome you with words of cheer,
 Think on the ideal of the Kappa blue,
 And then go forward without fail or fear,
 And do the right! however hard it be,
 For love, for truth, and for fraternity.

—Hilda Phelps.

CLIFFORD DRAKE.

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Pi—University of California

Vacation is drawing to a close, and we are all looking forward to the opening of college with its rushing and festivities.

This seems to have been a season of brides for Pi. Edna Whitney, ex-'09, was married to Robert Bentley, Beta Theta Pi, April 22. On June 10, the wedding of Katherine Griffith, '10, and Grover Youngs, of Los Angeles, took place. Florence Berry, '09, an affiliate from Beta Zeta, was married June 29 to John Bowman, of New York. Marie Carter, ex-'09, has announced her engagement to Jack Geary. The wedding will take place this fall.

We are very proud to say that Martha Chickering, '09, was elected to membership in Prytanean, the women's honorary society in this university, last term.

Elizabeth Lee Breckenridge, ex-'10, after taking and passing the teachers' examinations, has procured a position in Lake County, where she will teach next term.

Lillie Sherman, '09, our delegate to convention, is enjoying a pleasant trip in the East.

Pi sends greetings to all chapters.

MARGARET GRIFFITH.



Beta Pi—University of Washington

Beta Pi sends greetings and best wishes to all Kappas.

From the successful results obtained from last year's rushing season, we have decided again to have pledge day at the end of three weeks after matriculation. Although local Pan-Hellenic has open season, we believe that in the long run our chapter is made stronger by doing thus.

This year has been a very busy year at the university. Probably the greatest excitement was the visit of thirteen battleships of the Atlantic fleet. A day was greatly enjoyed by the students visiting the different ships.

The sophomore classes in English this year started a custom by which they hope to develop considerable talent among the students. Each year those taking that subject will present two Shakespearean plays. This year a barge, which was bought with the proceeds, was presented to the Athletic Association.

The senior class held their Commencement exercises in the first building completed for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, the Manufactures building.

Owing to the exposition, which is to be held on the university campus and opens early in June, our college year will be made as short as possible. All holidays are to be omitted excepting one week for Christmas. Junior and Campus days will be held on Saturdays.

Beta Pi hopes to have the pleasure of being visited by many of her Kappa sisters during that time.

Clarice McGlaulin is expected home from an extended visit through the East. Jessie Lee Rembert left shortly after the close of college for her home in Dallas, Texas.

Prudence Wyman has left for the East, where she expects to visit during the summer.

Although two seniors and four post-graduates leave us this year, with the help of our alumnae we are looking forward to a very prosperous year.

MARGARET J. SACKETT.

In Memoriam

Anna Willets Pattee

Kappa Kappa Gamma mourns the death of Anna Willets Pattee, one of the founders of the fraternity and for many years an active member of Alpha Chapter. She died in Chicago, August eleventh, shortly before the Nineteenth Biennial Convention of the fraternity she had helped to organize. Her sweet, womanly character endeared her to all who knew her, and the fraternity grieves over the loss of one who not only brought it into existence, but has watched its growth with interest and devotion. In the death of this founder of the fraternity each member of Kappa Kappa Gamma must feel a personal loss.



Alumnae ❀❀❀
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G. Evelyn Fischer, '07, has returned from Kasota, Minn., where she has been teaching for the past year. She has accepted a position for next year as teacher of English in the high school at Mankato, Minnesota.

E. Josephine Martin, '07, is spending her vacation in Cambridge, after a year of teaching in Marlboro, N. H.

Dr. Amber A. Etarbuck, '02, has been appointed superintendent of the Wesson Memorial Hospital, in Springfield, Mass. Dr. Starbuck has been pathologist at the hospital during the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pickering (Grace Norton, ex-'07) are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son June 5, 1908.



Beta Epsilon

Alice Haskell, '03, and Margaret Bailey, '07, are spending the summer together in England and Scotland. They will return in September.

Katherine Poole, '03, sailed for England on the 24th of June.

Mary Eaton, '01, has resumed her position as secretary of the American Girls' Club in Paris for part of the summer.

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Virginia C. Gildersleeve, '99, received her degree of Ph.D. in June from Columbia University.

Alice Haskell, '06, Lily Murray, '05, and Elizabeth Thompson, '03, received M. A. degrees in June from Columbia University.

Elizabeth Thompson, '03, has resigned her position of assistant in botany at Barnard. She will teach next year in Packer Institute in Brooklyn.

Frances Hope Purdon, '05, was married on May 6 to Mr. Sheldon Leavitt, Jr.

Alice O. Draper, '05, has announced her engagement to Mr. Edward Carter.

Mrs. Thayer McLaren (Madeline Skinner, '03), who was married February 12th at the home of her sister in Baltimore, is now living in East Orange, N. J.

Born to Mrs. Malcolm D. Whitman (Janet McCook, '02), a daughter.

Born to Mrs. Thurber (Louise Lockwood, '95), a son.

Born to Mrs. Richards (Louise Shaw, '97), a daughter.

Born to Mrs. West (Mary Goldsborough, '00), a son.



Beta Sigma

Katherine F. Tobin, '05, was married to Mr. Howard Mullin May 18, 1908. Irma M. Weeks, '08, was married to Mr. George Lane June 6, 1908. Marguerite Welles, '06, and Emily Boole, '04, are spending the summer abroad.

Emily C. Chapman, '05, was married to Ralph A. Stoddard April 22, 1908.



Beta Alpha

Born to Mrs. Osborne Hopwood (Josephine Reed, '05), a daughter, Josephine Lindsay Hopwood.

Beta Gamma

Among the alumnae back for Commencement week were: Margaret Frame, '05; Helen Felger, '06; Elanita Allis, ex-'06; Edith Reese, '07; Catherine Vance, '07; Eleanor Douglass, ex-'10; Helen Lawrence, ex-'10; Faye Waite, ex-'10; Mrs. Myrtle Frazier-Irwin, '00; Mrs. Agatha Hard-Ohliger, ex-'10.

At a meeting of the alumnae held during Commencement week, it was decided that they would repaper the chapter hall; also that an annual breakfast would be given by them for the active chapter on Wednesday morning of Commencement week.

Fannie Forman, ex-'05, returned to Wooster for Commencement week, and she will spend the coming year at her home in this place.

This spring, Elizabeth Humphries, '06, was married to Edwin M. Townsend, A. T. They will make their home in East Liverpool, Ohio.

Soon to be married are: Caroline Agerter, ex-'97, to Carey McAfee, , of Wooster; also Eleanor Ewing, '00, and Mr. Jackson, of Little Rock, Arkansas.

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Mrs. W. C. Chappell, of Danville, N. H., is visiting her parents at Hillsdale.

Ruth Mauck, '07, will teach in Hudson, Mich.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bradley, of Chicago, a daughter. Mrs. Bradley and daughter expect to spend July and August in Hillsdale, where her sister, Mrs. James Thomson, of Titazhur, India, and husband are spending the summer.

Bella McIntosh, '07, will teach in the Hillsdale High School.

Hattie Cherryman, '07, will teach in the academy at Benzonia, Mich.

Among the guests at Commencement were Miss Bessie Camburn, of Burr Oak, Mich.; Mrs. T. C. Law-

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rence, of Cleveland; Miss Alice Demey, of Benton Harbor, Mich.; Mrs. Speed Butler Lease, of Fresno, Cal.; Miss Harriet Reynolds, of Kansas City, Mo.; and Mrs. Thomas Buell, of Union City.



Beta Mu

In June, Mae Carroll, '06, was married to Mr. Fry.

The girls of '07 planned to have a reunion at the Kappa Lodge during Commencement week. Those out of a class of seven who were present were: Mrs. Crawford (Phonie Huntington), of Boulder; Mrs. Merrill (Mae Lannon), of Los Angeles; Mrs. Garwood (Jean Coulter), of Denver; Mrs. Dwight (Ivy Campbell), of Denver; Marie Gill, of Ft. Collins; and Irene Parks, of Salida.

Other alumnae guests at the lodge were: Anna Bowler, Anna Affolter, Isabel Warner, Grace Pollard, and Clara Wilson.



New Orleans Alumnae Association

The engagement is announced of Lucille Gillis to Mr. John D. Minor. The wedding will take place in June.

Two Kappa weddings took place in April, that of Lucile Vardell to Mr. W. B. Gillican and that of Mel Robertson to Mr. Ben Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis are in New Orleans for a short stay, but will make their home in the East. Mr. and Mrs. Gillican are on a tour around the world, and will live in New Orleans on their return in October.

Mary Minor and Hester Craig are abroad for the summer.

The New Orleans Association and its patronesses entertained at a reception for the Pi Beta Phi convention which was held here during the winter.

Wedding of the Grand Secretary

Florence Burton Roth, Beta Delta, was elected Grand Secretary at the last Convention, and the following, copied from a local newspaper, will be of interest to our members. The best wishes of the fraternity are with her for a happy future:

One of the pretties weddings of the season took place last night when Miss Florence E. Burton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Burton, of the Buffalo road, was united in marriage to Dr. Augustus H. Roth, of this city. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Hugh L. Hodge, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church.

The Burton home was beautifully decorated for the occasion, lilies, carnations, asparagus ferns and smilax being used in profusion. Previous to the ceremony Mrs. Richard Arbuckle rendered a beautiful vocal solo. To the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, played by the orchestra, the bridal party entered the room and took their places beneath a canopy of palms and ferns, with white lilies surmounting the pillars of the altar gates.

The bride was becomingly gowned in white satin with Duchess lace. She wore a veil and carried a bouquet of bride's roses, lilies of the valley and maiden-hair fern. Mrs. Edith Burton Scarlett acted as matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Miss Mildred Hon-ecker, of Cleveland, O.; Miss Eda Hine, of Bay City, Mich.; Miss Edith Edmiston, of Cleveland, O., and Miss Maude Durlin, of Erie. They were prettily attired in pink messaline satin, and carried pink roses. Dr. Ralph Fox, of Bloomington, Ill., acted as best man. Dr. Charles Edmunds, of Washington, D. C.; Dr. Frank Batchelder, of Pontiac, Mich.; Max Mayo and Theodore Scarlett, of Erie, were ushers. Master Finis Moore, as page, was attired in white velvet and carried a basket of flowers.

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After the ceremony a wedding supper was served to the guests upon the spacious veranda. Flowers and Chinese lanterns formed the decorations. The bride's table was set indoors and was trimmed with smilax and cut flowers. A large oval of bride's roses formed the centerpiece.

Mr. and Mrs. Roth left last evening for a wedding tour among the Canadian lakes. They will be at home to their friends at No. 262 West Tenth street.

Exchanges

By Elizabeth Rhodes Jackson

Exchanges that receive three copies of THE KEY are asked to send exchange copies of their publications to Miss Edith Stoner, 1529 Wabash Ave., Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Frederick W. Potter, Pacific Ave., Piedmont, Cal.; Mrs. Ralph T. C. Jackson, 169 Locust St., Fall River, Mass.

Acknowledgment is made of the following exchanges:

March: *Rainbow, Crescent, Record, Garnet and White.*

April: *Kappa Alpha Journal, Lyre, Anchora, Scroll, Beta Theta Pi.*

May: *Kappa Alpha Theta, Alpha Phi Quarterly, Record, Delta Chi Quarterly, Garnet and White, Delta, Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

June: *Sigma Kappa Triangle, Beta Theta Pi, Crescent, Palm, Shield of Phi Kappa Psi, Scroll, Rainbow.*

July: *Lyre, Alpha Phi Quarterly, Anchora.*

The *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta each month heads its chapter correspondence with a black list of delinquent chapter secretaries.

Delta Delta Delta announces the establishment of Beta Zeta Chapter at Kentucky University, Saturday, February 22d.

The Kappa Chapter of Sigma Kappa was installed at the Women's College in Brown University, Providence, R. I., on April 10th.

The Grand Council of Kappa Alpha Theta announces the establishment of Alpha Lambda Chapter at Washington State University, Seattle, Wash., on Thursday, May 21st.

Delta Delta Delta announces the establishment of Alpha Upsilon Chapter at Colby College, Waterville, Me., Thursday, May 14th.

Omicron Chapter of Delta Gamma was installed at Adelphi College, Brooklyn, N. Y., on May 7th.

Here are some interesting suggestions for fraternity management and policies, culled from the experience of our sister societies:

Let us establish libraries! What kind of libraries? Chapter libraries! Think of the pleasure and the importance of it. The idea once formulated will surprise you in its rapid development. With a Lyre file, Baird's Manual, The Sorority Hand Book, your chapter books, a chapter scrap book and kodak book (chapter libraries are in a privileged class) you already have a nucleus, around which chapter birthdays, Christmases, and loving alumnae will soon build a library which will inspire pride.—*The Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega*.

Nearly twenty years ago Phi Delta Theta adopted the plan of having a special observance by alumni throughout the country on a particular day every year, and this plan has since been adopted by several other fraternities. The plan is of sufficiently long standing to demonstrate its success. Undoubtedly many alumni have their fraternity enthusiasm re-awakened and many alumni clubs are re-animated into activity by the annual observance of Alumni Day on the ides of March.—*The Scroll*.

A practical suggestion comes from one of our chapters, for convention, which might be adopted by others, especially neighboring chapters. In addition to the regular delegate, this chapter, when possible, pays half of the expenses for two other girls, and in this way it becomes possible for three from the active chapter to attend. Convention is a fraternity education in itself, and the more girls that can attend, so much more good does the chapter derive from their experience.—*Alpha Phi Quarterly*.

"We believe we have at last overcome the difficulty of uniting town and house girls in the closest friendship and strongest loyalty to our fraternity. * * * This semester some one suggested having each town girl visit the house for a week, and the success of the plan is proved in the mutual growth of affection and understanding between the girls in the house and out."

The Wisconsin Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta writes:

At the University of Illinois we are so fortunate as to have a chaperon who is both a Theta and a college student. As her studies take a great deal of her time, she cannot manage the house, so several of the girls take charge of it. One girl is the commissary. She orders the food, plans the meals, directs the cook and maid, keeps accounts, and pays bills for her department. All other bills are sent to another girl, the house manager. Beside paying the bills, the house manager orders coal and other supplies of that sort, and sees to keeping the house in repair. The laundry is done in the house, and a third girl takes charge of it. She has no official title because she objects to being called the laundress. Each girl has to mark her clothes and make out her own laundry list. The girl who runs the laundry, makes out the bills, and sees to it that the clothes returned tally with the girls' lists. In case any articles get into the laundry unmarked, they are seized and sold at auction. Recently a fourth office—that of proctor—has been established. It is the duty of these newest officers to keep the halls neat. To do this they take anything left in the halls and hold it until a fine is paid. The result has been very gratifying to the girls, who take especial interest in the appearance of the house.—*Kappa Alpha Theta*.

The Northwestern University chapter of Alpha Phi makes this contribution to a symposium on "What can we do for our Freshmen?":

Beta considers the necessity of interesting her pledges and those newly initiated in the sorority life as the most important factor in her dealings with freshmen. It is the custom in our chapter to have an informal social gathering each week, to which all the Alpha Phis in town are welcome. At these meetings the girls feel free to discuss any matters of interest, and to ask any questions concerning the general workings of the fraternity. As a rule, we sing the Alpha Phi songs and have a veritable "cozy time." The pledges are always present at these meetings, and thus they have an opportunity of being with the girls as a body before they can attend the regular meetings. As is the custom in the other chapters, the pledges learn a certain number, usually ten, required songs, the chapter roll and list of founders. Then, just before the initiation, one of the older alumnae talks to them, giving them some idea of the purpose of Alpha Phi. In this way they are prepared for the service. Probably the most unique method Beta employs is that of appointing what we call "Fraternity Mothers." Each freshman is assigned to one of the upper-classmen, to whom she can go for advice whenever she chooses to do so. It is through this upper-classman that all personal corrections are given, and the "Mothers" talk with the various professors several times during the school year concerning the work of their "charges," and thus are able to give the freshmen a clear idea of what they are doing in college, and what the professors expect of each freshman. They also watch the social life of the under-graduates, offering such advice and caution as they consider necessary. Once every month the chapter has a fraternity supper, either in the fraternity rooms or in the room of one of the girls. A sophomore or junior, assisted by two freshmen, has charge of the preparations. Very often we have several alumni with us at these suppers, and, inasmuch as everything is very informal, the freshmen have a good opportunity to become acquainted with the older members. In turn, the freshmen give us occasional surprises, such as new songs, impromptu performances, or an informal party.

A few helpful suggestions for the active chapters are found in the following extracts:

A chapter that is working for a house or raising funds to pay off a debt, is always healthy, prompt and conscientious in the discharge of its fraternity obligations, active in taking part in all college enterprises, alertly and energetically on the lookout for new material, and enjoys a harmonious chapter life of truly fraternal character. Let all specific object of endeavor be removed, and dry rot soon sets in. Selfishness, which should have no place in a fraternity man's make-up, will begin to make its appearance. Personal rivalry between chapter brothers may sometimes reach such an unfraternal point that serious results for the entire chapter will follow. The ideal chapter life is so delicately attuned that the slightest rift in the lute will produce a discord. We have known the harmonious life of a chapter to be jeopardized by the personal friction of two of its members who were striving for the favors of the same girl. The competition for college honors may produce the same disastrous consequences unless they are striven for in the sane, unselfish spirit we have already mentioned. If this spirit of broad, unselfish fraternalism distinguishes each member, he will sincerely rejoice in the successes of a chapter brother . . . We have only touched upon a few of the causes that

may produce this stagnation of chapter life—this going stale. Most of the remedies that could be suggested are preventive in their nature. But the best general panacea we know of is an informal, inexpensive feed for the active and alumni members of a chapter at least once a month. It is amazing how such an occasion can smooth out the little wrinkles of daily chapter life, remove causes for friction, and fan to a still brighter glow the flame of fraternal harmony and love.—*Rainbow*.

Our chapter letters in the *Quarterly* tend sometimes to mislead. Too often they read like a society letter from the seashore to the metropolitan press. What wonder that not alone the public is misled, but our own alumnae, long out of college, high-minded women, who lived their college life in the height of Alpha Phi ideals—women whose character and work have given us our place as a high-class fraternity in the general reckoning—are puzzled and disturbed! Such an alumna lately wrote, "I read so much of the gayeties of college life, with an occasional reference to 'settling down to work for mid-years' or 'cramming for examinations,' that I sometimes wonder if every-day scholarship is out of date. Will not the editor kindly refresh our minds regarding our ideals? Doubtless times change, but it seems to me that the ideals of true scholarship and of true womanhood do not change."—*Alpha Phi*.

Rushing season is bad enough for all concerned, but no one is so deserving of compassion as the little daughter and sister. The conditions surrounding her are always disadvantageous. She knows she is not half the girl her sister was at her age. She knows the girls judge her by the finished product of her family on leaving college, seldom considering what the first member was as raw material. The poor children are so self-conscious, they never do themselves justice. They are afraid to be too polite for fear they may be considered "rushing the girls," and are afraid to be silent for fear of being considered unappreciative and stupid. Probably no senior has left college without having many times heard a little girl say when asked, "Are you sure you want me for myself or do you think you have to take me on account of my sister?" If a relation is rushed persistently by other fraternities, the conditions are even more unnatural. The rushing is of the fiercest kind, for the rival fraternity would hardly dare begin the campaign without a special pull which usually tears the freshman's heart asunder before the battle is finished. The attention showered upon such a rushee would endanger an older head. It is a question whether the practice of rushing and taking other fraternity's relations is not too expensive to be indulged in, excepting in extreme cases. It has been known to result in unpleasant inter-fraternity relations, half-hearted loyalty in the girl and embarrassing social complications, for it is always dangerous to divide the interests of a family. Since rushing conditions are so unsatisfactory, both to the relatives and the active chapter, the older women owe them especial consideration and effort. When a chapter is forced to rush a relation against another fraternity it suffers in dignity and is placed in a position which usually causes talk and unfavorable comment in the college. This reflects in some degree upon the chapter but it reflects still more upon the older member in the family, even though she is in no way to blame. It is unfortunate to lose a relative to another fraternity, for it places the older member in the compromising position of having her loyalty and judgment questioned, justly or unjustly. Every active chapter has a right to expect that every sister and daughter will come to college, primed and brimful of interest in the fraternity. Every one of these younger girls has a right to be taught enough of fraternity life and methods to do herself and her family justice and not to be led in another direction in an hysterical rushing season.—*Kappa Alpha Theta*.

To the alumnae comes this suggestion:

Perhaps the most interesting thing in the Greek world at Denver is the Pan-Hellenic Club. Men of twenty-three fraternities are members of this organization. The top floor of one of Denver's best hotels gives spacious rooms, suggestively fitted with seals and pennants, and the tables loaded with fraternity publications. There is a private dining room where the men dine together daily and once a week this room is open to ladies. Weekly informal programmes—sometimes dances—are given. It is really strange that such clubs are not the rule in our large cities. This one is most successful.—*The Trident*.

The *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon gives an interesting statistical table showing college and fraternity affiliations in Congress. This is the summary:

COLLEGES REPRESENTED: Yale, 13; Michigan, 13; Virginia, 13; Harvard, 6; Cumberland, 5; Georgia, 5; Princeton, 4; Dartmouth, 4; Mississippi, 4; Vanderbilt, 3; Wisconsin, 3; Iowa, 3; Wabash, 3; Union, 3; Washington and Jefferson, 3; Rochester, 3; Wake Forest, 3; Cornell, 3; Albany Law, 3; George Washington, 3; Amherst, 3; Bowdoin, 3; South Carolina, 2; Emory and Henry, 2; Southern, 2; Arkansas, 2; University of the Pacific, 2; Pennsylvania, 2; Illinois, 2; McKendree, 2; Indiana State, 2; Franklin, 2; Kansas, 2; Dickinson, 2; Boston, 2; Christian University, 2; Columbia, 2; Williams, 2; North Carolina, 2; Georgetown, 2; Erskine, 2; Texas, 2; Washington and Lee, 2; Northwestern, 2.

The following colleges have one member each: Alabama, Florida Wesleyan, Missouri, Arizona, Hamilton, College City of New York, Bowdoin (Ga.), Mercer, Idaho, Monmouth, Chicago, Knox, Central Wesleyan, Indiana, Cincinnati, Hartsville, De Pauw, Cornell (Ia.), Iowa Wesleyan, Upper Iowa, Baker, Center, Central, St. Vincent's, Tulane, Louisiana State, Colby, Maryland, Massachusetts Technological, Naval Academy, Ohio Wesleyan, St. Olaf, LaGrange, Carleton, Bethany, Schleiz, Washington University, Missouri, Nebraska, Butler, Indiana Normal, Swarthmore, Manhattan, Wesleyan, St. Lawrence, Hamilton, Rutgers, Trinity (N. C.), Antioch, Findlay, Kenyon, Ada, Marietta, Mt. Union, Monongalia Academy, Ripon, Transylvania, Pennsylvania State, Alleghany, Brown, Wofford, Newberry, King, Bethel (Tenn.), Texas A. and M., Southwestern, Mansfield, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and Purdue.

NUMERICAL SUMMARY: Members of the Sixtieth Congress, 386. Number of Collegians, 228. Number of fraternity men, 109.

To fraternity members the following is of interest:

It has been estimated that there are at present about four hundred chapters of Greek-letter fraternities and local societies which own their chapter houses, and that the property owned by them is worth at least \$4,500,000.—*The Shield*.

Fraternities have received a body blow in the State of South Carolina. By an act of the legislature they are sweepingly excluded from all State institutions. Following this lead, several colleges have taken the same step, so that throughout the State all the leading institutions are closed against them.—*Alpha Phi Quarterly*.

The Key

The *Alpha Tau Omega Palm* gives these "Don'ts" for correspondents:

Don't "send greetings to sister chapters." Your letter is a greeting.

Don't tell the Fraternity about the campus in spring time. Every campus has its quota of "budding trees, green grass and singing robins."

Don't write, "In college affairs our brothers are holding the high standard that has always characterized Alpha Tau Omega." It isn't necessary. The Fraternity knows that—otherwise your charter would have been withdrawn.

Don't say, "We have the finest chapter in the institution." Somebody may deny it. If you must say it, be sure your PALM taxes are paid in full.

Don't say, "on the 16th," there are twelve dates of that number in a year.

Don't let the editor do your punctuating. He's a little shy on english grammar and might do you an injustice.

Don't compel the compositor to guess at your proper names. He is a poor guesser.

Don't use the Egyptian system of chirography. Use a typewriter if you can't write a legible hand.

And here is a contribution in verse from the *Alpha Phi Quarterly* that will awaken so many responsive associations in the Kappas who have just come from Convention that I am quoting it in full.

THE DELEGATE.

"Now, let's discuss Convention, girls,
While gathered here we sit,
And whom we send for delegate—
The student or the wit,
Who most would give the frat a treat
And who would make a hit."

"Well, first there's Sister Belle Regarde,
The ideal queen to go;
Her daily bunch of violets
Will surely go to show
There's someone in our chapter
Who sports a steady beau."

"Now, girls, you know that's not at all
The way we should commence.
There's Sister Never-Stop-Till-Dead,
Who loves to ride and fence;
Her orthopedic shoes at least
Would show them we have sense."

"Well, Sister Pound the Gavelhard,
Whom fame can never sate.
Is one to carry all by storm
And snatch a bow from fate.
I prophesy she'd come back home
Elected something great."

"But still you know for vocal charm
We'd all choose Birdie Wing.
Her speaking tones would captivate,
Her speech through ages ring;
And only fancy, girls, our pride
If she were asked to sing!"

"If Fluffy Ruffles would behave,
Her new spring hat—the imp!—
Would overshadow statemanship,
And we would gladly skimp
To let that dear Parisian lamb
Display her Marcelle crimp."

"Or if we want an actress who
Would turn their heads in sooth,
And make their hair stand up on end
In manner most uncouth,
Of all our stars there's never one
Like Fiodora Booth."

"But Brilliant Sister Dreamy Thought,
We'll keep her home with vim;
She took her chapel hymnbook
And carried it to Gym.;
Her chances of remembering
The meetings would be slim."

"Is this the way in Alpha Phi
Discussions ever go?
And is it true we ever speak
Of looks, or 'hits,' or show?
Could such a talk occur at all?
Oh, no, no, no, no, no."

"But if you've many kinds of girls,
All charming, gay or neat,
We beg you won't keep one at home,
But send them all, en suite.
Come one, come all, to Madison
And give the frat a treat."

The Key

College Notes

By Elizabeth Rhodes Jackson

Seven graduates of the University of Wisconsin are deans of law colleges, a record better than that of any other university in this country.



Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese Minister at Washington, was announced as Commencement speaker at the University of Illinois and the University of Iowa.



A school of commerce is to be opened at Northwestern University this year, and another at Harvard.



A fully equipped daily newspaper plant with a special telegraph service and in charge of a competent newspaper man is the plan of the University of Missouri for the new department of journalism. The daily paper will be known as the *University Missourian*. The journalistic course of four years will include lectures upon history, economics, sociology, public law, etc., as well as upon the technical details of newspaper work. A course in preparation for journalism has been established also at the University of Illinois.



Oberlin College occupies a unique position in American history. First of all American colleges it gave its degrees to women. It has received students regardless of race or color, and has stood steadily for social service and high Christian ideals. The celebration of its seventy-fifth anniversary, June 19th-25th, was worthy of its past. Any man who saw the 3,000 persons who gathered for the

alumni dinner on the campus could appreciate what the college has been in our history. There is no other institution in the country where an undergraduate could welcome his grandfather and grandmother among the alumni.—

The World To-day.



The adoption of a professional advisory system by the Columbia faculty is regarded as an important step in the development of the so-called arts department. The plan aims to bring about a closer relation between undergraduates and their instructors. Each student entering the college hereafter, and each one who matriculated this year, will be assigned to a member of the faculty, who will act as an advisor in matters relating to choice of courses, academic standing, and other questions. Assignments will be made each year, so that in three years all the college students will be under individual faculty supervision. It is believed that the plan will ultimately combine some of the elements of the tutorial system as practiced at Princeton. As long as a student's work is primarily undergraduate, he will be required to meet his adviser not less than twice a month.—*Alpha Phi Quarterly.*



The first women's inter-collegiate basketball contest has been held at Lincoln, Neb., between the teams of the Universities of Minnesota and Nebraska.—*Kappa Alpha Theta.*



At the conference for education in the South, held at Memphis the week of April 20, Dr. Lillian D. Johnson, of Memphis, told what she termed, "some plain and painful, although necessary, truth," when she declared that of the ninety-nine women's colleges and universities in the South, only three were of the first rank. "Many of the others," she said, "were little better than high schools, due to the self-complacency which would not go elsewhere for ideas, and the lack of money for endowment."—*Sigma Kappa Triangle.*

The student council of the University of Michigan will assume judicial powers in addition to its present legislative powers. By arrangement with the Mayor of Ann Arbor, the council will try all petty cases which fall under police jurisdiction where students are involved. The councilmen will decide upon such punishment as the cases warrant. President Angell has offered to support and aid the council in enforcing its decisions. Hereafter a member of the faculty will be present at each of its meetings.—*The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.*



The fraternity situation in Wellesley College may be of interest to all national sororities, because it has in a slight degree tended to eliminate those evils which have been prevalent among our national organizations. Mr. Durant, the founder of Wellesley College, first established societies with a literary aim in view. Unlike the national organizations, these Wellesley locals are to a great extent under faculty control. All society actions are submitted to its faculty for approval, and through the combined efforts of the society girls and the faculty, certain rules have been drawn up which entirely govern the societies. These inter-society rules and resolutions state that

I.—All invitations due at the end of the year shall be sent on the morning of alumnæ day. During the year invitations shall be sent only on the first day of each month.

II.—All invitations shall be written and sent through the mails.

IIIa.—No student who has failed to obtain diploma grade shall be invited to membership in, or receive invitation to societies.

IIIb.—No student ineligible before the June examinations shall be elected to membership before the following September.

IIIc.—Exceptions may be made to these rules by a committee of society presidents.

IV.—No one shall be invited to join any society until the Christmas vacation of her sophomore year. No one

entering college with higher rank than that of a freshman shall be invited to join any society until she has been in college one semester.

Va.—Until students have replied to their invitations, the exclusive right of communicating with them in regard to society matters shall be reserved to the presidents of the societies.

Vb.—There shall be no pledging of girls not in college.

In comparing the situation in Wellesley with that of our national sororities we must take into consideration the vast benefit afforded us by Wellesley's dormitory life. The girls form their friendships in the dormitories, thus gaining a broader attitude toward societies. Naturally, rushing is less violent in Wellesley, for other than the restraint put on the girls by the inter-society rules, the mere fact that the society is a subordinate interest to the college girl, keeps her from the desire to bring her society interests before non-society girls.—*Anchora*.



From the Magazine World

By Elizabeth Rhodes Jackson

In *Appleton's* for September, G. Stanley Hall writes on "The Kind of Women Colleges Produce." His observations are based on the answers to that question given recently in one of the weeklies by the presidents of Wellesley, Barnard, Mt. Holyoke, Vassar, Smith, Western, and Radcliffe. He notes that "the spinster presidents" lay stress on specialization, "the male presidents, who are also husbands and fathers," emphasize the purely womanly qualities and those of the heart, and of general culture. Only one out of the seven emphasizes the promotion of health as an important aim. Dr. Hall means by health, not merely the question of avoiding invalidism, but of tiding the girl over the intermediate period until her nature finds its "true goal" as wife and mother. He criticizes colleges for women adversely, in that they are not normal schools, since a little of the teaching experience is the very best preparation for motherhood, if marriage be delayed, and the best substitute for it if it does not come at all. Dr. Hall objects to ethics and other introspective studies, and is especially denunciatory of instruction in philosophy on the basis that the universe is subjective rather than objective, for he believes that such a view of life is "disenchancing, ghastly, and neurotic," and tends to "kill joy and paralyze endeavor."



After losing sight, with Dr. Hall, of the college girl as an individual, and thinking of her as a composite representative of her sex, it is healthful to turn back to the editorial comment in the *Ladies' Home Journal* for July, under the caption, "So Easy to be a Teacher."

In spite of all the new openings for women, an astonishing number of parents and guardians still cling to the superstition that there is but one truly refined and pleasant profession for their girls. Some even go so far as to believe it also to be easy. Just consider this one fact, that in no other business save in teaching is the purchaser radically opposed to receiving the goods after they have been paid for! Imagine your butcher

having to coax you into letting him send home the beef that you have bought and paid for. Yet the teacher has to contend with the preference of every wholesome child for play rather than work. Beyond all questions of equipment, the teacher must be born with a blind instinct toward teaching. Her mind must be so constructed that she no more questions the value of what she is doing than a robin wonders whether it is worth while to build a nest. She must possess enough lasting enthusiasm to make her pupils like what they naturally dislike. Failing this, she is doomed to struggle and discouragement. And yet, year after year we see girls unknowingly taking up this difficult profession.

The *Ladies' Home Journal* publishes, also, Rudyard Kipling's address to the students of McGill University, of which the following is an extract:

When, to use a detestable phrase, you go out into the battle of life, you will be confronted by an organized conspiracy which will try to make you believe that the world is governed by the idea of wealth for wealth's sake, and that all means which lead to the acquisition of that wealth are, if not laudable, at least expedient. . . . You will live and eat and move and have your being in a world dominated by that thought. Some of you will probably succumb to the poison of it.

Now, I do not ask you not to be carried away by the first rush of the great game of life. That is expecting you to be more than human. But I do ask you, after the first heat of the game, that you draw breath and watch your fellows for awhile.

Sooner or later you will see some man to whom the idea of wealth as mere wealth does not appeal, whom the methods of amassing that wealth do not interest, and who will not accept money if you offer it to him at a certain price. At first you will be inclined to laugh at this man, and to think that he is not smart in his ideas. I suggest that you watch him closely, for he will presently demonstrate to you that money dominates everybody except the man who does not want money. You may meet that man on your farm, in your village, or in your legislature. But be sure that, whenever or wherever you meet him, as soon as it comes to a direct issue between you, his little finger will be thicker than your loins. You will go in fear of him; he will not go in fear of you. You will do what he wants; he will not do what you want. You will find that you have no weapon in your armory with which you can attack him; no argument with which you can appeal to him. Whatever you gain he will gain more.

I would like you to study that man. I would like you better to be that man, because from the lower point of view it doesn't pay to be obsessed by the desire of wealth for wealth's sake. If more wealth is necessary to you, for purposes not your own, use your left hand to acquire it, but keep your right for your proper work in life. If you employ both arms in that game you will be in danger of stooping; in danger also of losing your soul. But in spite of everything you may succeed, you may be successful, you may acquire enormous wealth. In which case I warn you that you stand in grave danger of being spoken and written of and pointed out as a smart man. And that is one of the most terrible calamities that can overtake a sane, civilized white man today.



A Non-Fraternity Federation.—Of large significance to those interested in the growth of the spirit of democracy among the American colleges, says the *Outlook*, is the recent formation of the National Commons Club, whose second annual convention was held in January, at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. This federation of the non-fraternity clubs of the Eastern colleges was established in December, 1906, at Dartmouth, and is now composed of societies of neutrals from Brown, Wesleyan, Norwich, and Middlebury, while the non-fraternity elements at Amherst, Union, and Colgate, which were also represented at the recent convention, seem likely to ally themselves with the central organization in the near future. It is the endeavor of the individual clubs to unite the non-fraternity elements of their respective colleges into strong organizations, thus securing to them the many advantages which such associations naturally vouchsafe. While in no sense anti-fraternity, they endeavor to give an opportunity to all men of good moral character to join their ranks, irrespective of their wealth or social position. A systematic effort to further extend this influence of the club will be made during the coming year. A New York alumni association has already been formed.



In an article called, "Oxford as an Educational Center for Women," in *Education* for June, Lillian V. Lambert dwells upon the historic and intellectual associations of Oxford, which give her an interest and charm peculiarly her own. Here is a summary of women's classroom opportunities:

Women are not admitted to matriculation at Oxford, neither are they granted degrees. They are given full privileges of study and the opportunity of attending nearly all the courses of lectures offered by the university and the various colleges. The entrance requirements for women are the same as those for men. Some time before the end of the term, they must pass arithmetic, algebra or geometry, Latin and Greek. There are but two other examinations—"moderations" during the second year, and "finals" which close the course. There are two grades of examination—the "pass examination" and the "honor examination." Women are admitted to "honor examinations" only. They are given a certificate indicating their rank. This certificate is here considered equivalent to a bachelor's degree from any of our best colleges.

Another American view of Oxford is given in a letter from B. R. Lacy, Jr., a Rhodes scholar, published in the *Kappa Alpha Journal*. To quote it, in part:

All of the gardens are walled in with high stone walls, with iron spikes on the top to prevent fellows climbing over at night. There seems to be no earthly way by which a fellow could get in or out if the gates were closed, but of course there are. In this we are locked every night at 9:30. It seems strange, does it not? And yet, after being here a while it seems only natural. If one is out and comes in after 9:30 it costs him a penny. After 10 it costs threepence, and after eleven sixpence. If you are so unlucky as to come in after twelve you are expelled. Your breakfast is served in your room. This is one of the great times to do the hospitality stunt. You may ask several boys out to breakfast with you. The morning is supposed to be taken up with work. At 1:30 we have our lunch. Then athletics, and I may say all Englishmen engage in some kind of athletic sport. Every college has athletic fields that make our best American ones look sick. They are perfectly smooth with soft green turf all over them. Each college also has an athletic club-house with showers, etc. Each college also has a barge on the river. Rowing is the greatest of Oxford sports and no end of money and time is spent on it. If we are out after dark, we have to have on a cap and gown. That is so that the Proctors can catch us if we do any damage. And now I must tell you about the Proctors. The town authorities have no power over us unless the University turns us over to them; so, in order to keep the boys in order there are two "Dons," or professors, appointed, whose duty it is to look after the university students. Both of these Proctors sally forth at night in their robes of office accompanied by two "bulldogs." These same bulldogs are, one an ex-prizefighter, one a sprinter. If you are wanted by the Proctor he sends his bulldogs and they nab you. It is no use running for then they double the fine. Now if you are unlucky enough to be out without cap and gown and he catches you he takes your name and college, tells you to report at his room the next morning, and then relieves you of five shillings or \$1.25. I may add that it is not considered good form for a fellow to wear his cap and gown after dark, for he is supposed to be sportsman enough to risk getting caught. Oxford has without any doubt the finest classical course in the world. To take an A. B. degree in Classics here is equivalent to almost any Ph. D. in America in the same branch. And now the question comes up, do men really work here? They do. I have done very little else since term began. If you are here three years and want to get a good mark in any degree work, you must work a fair amount during term, as much during vacation, and the last year you must do nothing but work.

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