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THE INSTALLATION OF BETA OMEGA

BY DORIS BRONSON, *Beta Pi*

To each and every loyal Kappa, who on January eleventh wore the double blue, let me introduce the very new members of Beta Omega chapter. The fortunate few who were able to attend the installation realize with others who have ever attended one, that it is surely a beautiful, never-to-be-forgotten event. And we who are here at Eugene now are sure that these newly initiated Kappas are as splendid and Kappa-like as any new chapter could ever be.

The excitement of installation began with the arrival of Miss Powell and Mrs. Irene Hazard Gerlinger, Pi, on Friday morning. Shortly after noon the Beta Pi delegation arrived, nine strong. The girls were all entertained at the chapter house. And let me say here, that Beta Omega has a wonderful chapter house, the plan of which every chapter might profitably copy.

Friday evening the installing officers were guests at a reception given by the local Panhellenic association at the Delta Delta Delta house. Every one of us appreciated this very much because it gave us the opportunity of meeting other college people and of hearing some splendid things about the girls. Saturday morning at nine-thirty the Kappas-to-be were politely allowed to leave the house and the Kappas prepared for the installation. At two-thirty the charter members returned and with Miss Powell in charge were installed into membership in Kappa Kappa Gamma. This was followed by the initiation of the ten active girls. The services were long and we were all tired. But these twenty girls wearing their newly acquired keys made us all proud and happy. The charter members are: Alice Larsen, Carolyn Dunstan, Olive Donnell, Lila Irwin, Clementine Culter, Neta Bartlett, Loretta Showers, Frances Young, Hazel Wightman and Ruth Hardie. The ten active girls are: Maude

Service Kerr, Carin Degemark, Gladys Cartwright, Helen Holbrook, Lucile Abrams, Marguerite Rohse, Eva Roche, Florence Avery, Olga Poulsen and Genevieve Cooper.

At eight o'clock the banquet was held in the beautiful Japanese tea room in the Hotel Osburn. Thirty-eight Kappas from eight different chapters sat down to a table beautifully decorated with violets and hyacinths and each guest had a bouquet of the same flowers. Those who were there from other chapters were: Miss Powell and Mrs. Gerlinger of Pi; Mrs. Agnes Deach Dunstan, Marie Williams, Ada Williams, Omega; Virginia Yancey Hamilton, Theta; Sally Elliott Allen, Eta; Nan Stewart, Sigma; Alice Helen Egbert, Beta Tau; Marguerita Sinclair Wilt, Hannah Woodnut, Lucille Eckstorm, Lois Bronson, Lottie Trenholm, Leila Parker, Hazel Fitz Randolph, Doris Bronson and Ruth Miller, Beta Pi. Mrs. Gerlinger acted as toastmistress. A toast to the charter members of Beta Omega was given by Gladys Cartwright. "What Kappa Kappa Gamma means to us" was given by Olive Donnell, one of the charter members. This was followed by a toast to the Initiates by Hazel Wightman. Lottie Trenholm spoke on the relation of Kappa Kappa Gamma to the university and the relation of Beta Pi chapter to Beta Omega. Mrs. E. W. Allen gave a splendid toast to the non-fraternity girls. Lucile Abrams then toasted "Our Guests". This was responded to by Miss Powell. Telegrams and letters were read from thirty-one chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma, from alumnae associations, members of the Grand Council and other Kappas, fraternities and from other friends of the new chapter. Beta Omega must surely feel how very welcome she is into the great national fraternity world.

The banquet did not end the festivities. On Sunday afternoon the girls held open house for the entire university and congratulations and good wishes were further expressed. The new chapter was the recipient of many beautiful gifts from the various fraternities represented at the University of Oregon.

Sunday evening most of the visiting Kappas departed reluctantly for their homes. Four of the Beta Pi alumnae who were not burdened with the cares of college remained to assist Miss Powell in conducting the first meeting and instructing these very new Kappas to whom we all wish every possible success.

STUDENT LIFE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

BY MAUDE STINSON

Since the eleventh of January, when Beta Omega of Kappa Kappa Gamma was installed in the University of Oregon, all Kappas must feel a keen interest in that college in the far northwest. As all the undergraduates and probably a number of the alumnae as well have heard not a little of the present status of the university, and of the Beta Omega girls, from literature sent out by them and from discussions at the last Convention, we are going to tell you here something of the student life at Oregon.

The university is most fortunate in its location, being situated on a gentle slope from which it overlooks the blue Willamette river and commands a view, in the far distance, of the snow-covered peaks of the Cascade Mountains. The stately evergreens on the campus are, for a few days once or twice during the winter, bent beneath a weight of snow, but there is never a time when the roses do not bloom—such lovely ones too, for Oregon, you know, is famous for its roses.

The thing that must impress one who goes to the University of Oregon from a larger university is its democratic spirit. Partly because of its size, (there being fewer than one thousand students) and partly because of its youth, it lacks those sharp dividing lines that exist in so many of our institutions of learning. In the first place, all Kappas will doubtless be pleased to learn that the University of Oregon is not a man's university. The women students are treated with the utmost respect and cordiality by the men as well as by the faculty, and have an equal chance in every way. They hold their share of class and student body offices, are put in generous numbers on committees, and are more than welcome to compete for any scholastic honors. The Failing and Beekman prizes are won by the women as often as by the men, both of them, in fact, being carried off last year by women—and one of those, too, by a woman speaking on an equal suffrage theme. These are two cash prizes, (one of \$150 and the other \$100) open to any member of the senior class who wishes to compete. The six best are chosen from among all the contestants and deliver their orations one evening as a part of the commencement week program.

The charge that the fraternities kill the spirit of democracy in a university is less true of Oregon than of the average college where they are found. Some of the strongest friendships exist there between members of different fraternities, or between fraternity and non-fraternity students. A great deal of informal entertaining is done among the fraternities, at luncheon or dinner, or one house frequently invites another to drop in after dinner, when up come the rugs and after an hour of rollicking fun all the guests go home to work, with only the kindest feelings for their neighbors. Nor do the fraternities entertain each other alone. They try to make the non-fraternity girls feel that there is a sisterhood large enough to include them all.

All this is not confined to the students. The members of the faculty take the most personal interest in all their students, and consequently come very close to them. It is customary for most of the fraternity houses to entertain a number of the faculty at dinner once a week; and after a pleasant evening spent together, the students learn that even the most formidable professor is very human after all, and very appreciative. Probably the one instance in which the interest of the faculty is not appreciated is in their restriction of social affairs. As a matter of fact, however, the majority of the men and women are at heart grateful for that very thing, as they recognize the wisdom of it. In order to keep up the standard of work and yet prevent the necessity of students' leaving college before the end of the semester, nervous wrecks, strict rules are enforced by which no formal or semi-formal entertainment may be given by any organization on a school night, except by special permission. Furthermore, only a limited number may be given during a semester. Each fraternity gives one formal entertainment each semester; usually a reception in the fall, and a dance in the spring. Few of the fraternity houses being large enough for a dancing party, most of the fraternities give theirs in the men's gymnasium, which they decorate elaborately. This, however, makes the affair so much like a class party that our girls have always given theirs in their own house, it being larger and better arranged for dancing than most of the others, and having a large sleeping porch on the third floor which can be converted into a charming supper room.

But a great many students get their recreative pleasure not in

receptions or card parties or dances, but in the out of door life which offers so much in Oregon. From September to November there are hikes into the nearby woods for autumn leaves and berries; and from February until the close of school, over the green hills for the most wonderful of wild flowers—great armfuls of purple iris and field lilies and sweetbrier; and in the woods dainty, sweet smelling little orchids that peep up from under the bed of fir needles. The botany class in Oregon is certainly a fortunate one, and a happy one too. I might also add, it is a mixed one.

Even more popular than strolling through the fir woods, or taking the seven mile tramp to the top of a near by butte, however, is canoeing on the mill race, or for more daring spirits on the Willamette River. The mill race is the distinctive feature of Eugene. It runs—a little off-shoot from the Willamette about three miles long—winding in and out, by the university and through the outskirts of the town. It is fringed with foliage nearly all the way—sweetbrier, banks of wild blackberry, Japanese maple, and large trees that in many places meet overhead and form a cool shaded lazy retreat on a warm summer afternoon, where one can get away from all sounds save the song of the robin, or the regular dip of the paddle as some canoe shoots past. So anxious are the students to get on the race that the daring ones are out the minute the water subsides enough to make it possible to shoot through the head gates. Of course there are many "spills" but that is part of the fun if one can swim, otherwise he usually keeps off a little longer. Many of the girls become expert in handling a canoe, and go up to the head of the race by themselves—however, it might be noticed that they usually let a man do the paddling in the evening. And so bewitching is the race on a warm moonlight night, that it is doubtful if the rule, to be off by nine o'clock is always observed. A canoe carnival was planned as part of the commencement week program a couple of years ago. Each fraternity had made elaborate preparations for decorating its canoe, but the weather being unfriendly that evening, the affair was called off.

Oregon's commencement is, I suppose, much like that of other colleges—a busy happy time, when all the houses are overflowing with guests and hosts are thankful for a bit of floor to sleep

on. One of the prettiest ceremonies of the week is the flower and fern procession. All the women in college dress in white and, headed by their alumnae, wind about the campus, each bearing an armful of flowers and ferns which she finally deposits on the green slope of the campus in a huge U. of O., singing meanwhile, an Oregon song.

You may enjoy hearing, too, of junior day, a part of the junior week-end program held earlier in the spring. On this day every man in college dons the oldest clothes he can find (and it is surprising where they can find so many) and goes forth to do his allotted piece of work on the campus. Each year one gang lays a strip of cement walk into which it stamps its class numerals, until now the entire walk from Dady Hall to the edge of the campus (something over a block in length) represents the work of junior day squads. After completing their work, the men—a grimy, hungry horde—line up and march to a shaded part of the campus where a substantial lunch is handed out to them, provided and served by the junior girls. Though the girls get less glory than the men on junior day, they undoubtedly work much harder. It is a great day and one which the junior week-end guests always enjoy—unless they become discouraged and leave before the bread line (which precedent says must be served first) has all filed by.

On the whole it would be difficult to find a more happy, more loyal student body than that of the University of Oregon. Any Kappa who will drop in upon them will meet with the heartiest welcome, and will, I predict, be more than pleased with our baby chapter.

PI'S NEW CHAPTER HOUSE

By MYRTLE SIMS HAMILTON, *Pi*.

It seems strange to be able to write of "Pi's new house" as an actual living fact when it has been merely a dream for four long years. It was in October, 1908, that we first took definite steps toward acquiring a permanent home for the active chapter and it was not until October, 1912, that the house was actually finished and the girls in.

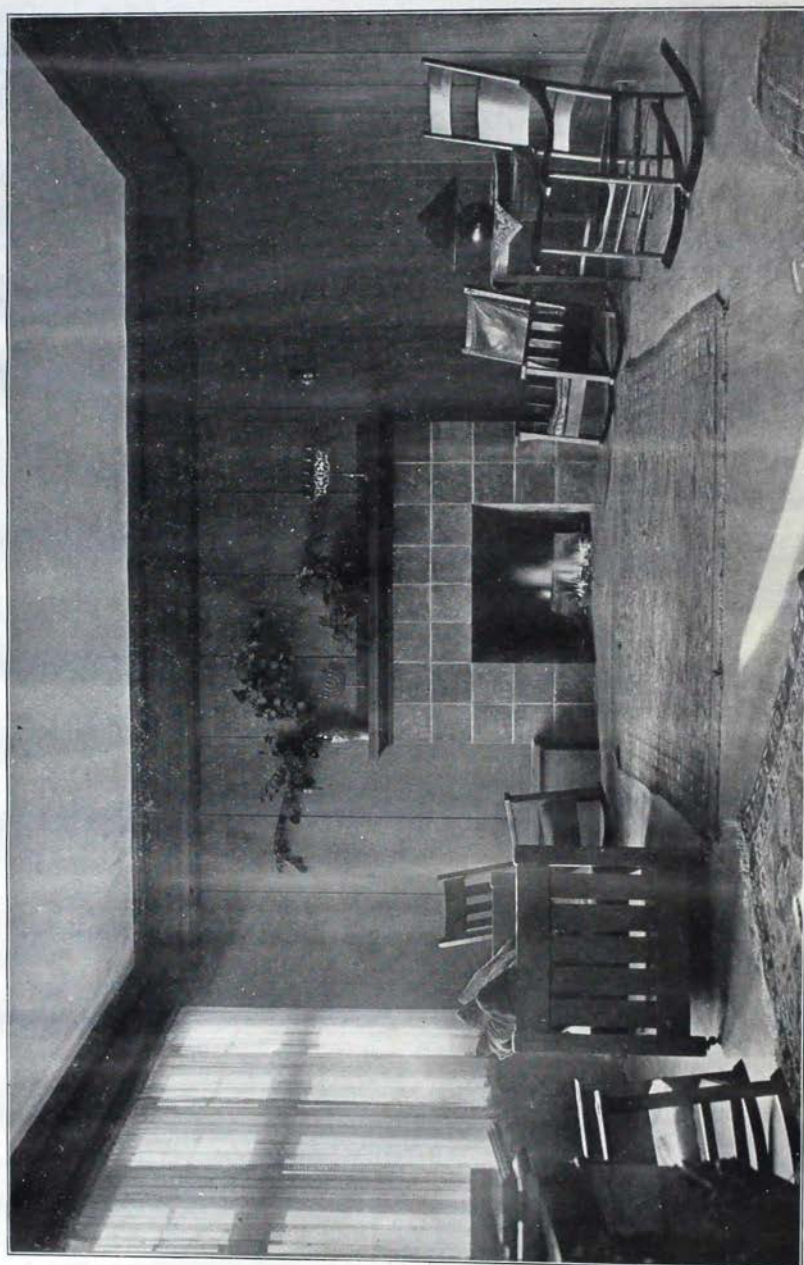
Pi Alumnae Association was organized in 1898 for the sole purpose of "acquiring property and building a home for the active chapter" and for ten years there was much discussion of the subject—but that was all. Finally one of the girls in far off India sent a contribution as a starter for "the house fund" and that brought, what was more or less a dead issue, vividly before the association. Three permanent trustees were appointed to take charge of "the fund"—a chairman, secretary, and treasurer. A set of resolutions was drawn up, printed, and sent, with a printed pledge card enclosed, to every member of Pi chapter, active and alumna. From then on things began to move. In these resolutions we tried to make every girl feel morally responsible for twenty-five dollars in actual donation and most of our first pledge cards came in for that amount. Each year we sent out a printed report enclosing another pledge card, always accompanied by a personal appeal, and the girls nobly increased their gifts as they could. In this way we have secured donations from nearly every girl in Pi chapter—some for large amounts, some for small. I don't mean to imply that we only asked for money once a year—oh no. We kept at people constantly and continuously and devised wonderful schemes for money-making, such as Christmas sales, vaudeville shows, etc. When we first looked over the field and calculated our possible receipts, we figured that we could raise about \$2500 in gift. To date we have raised in actual donations \$9000, so, chapters who are working now, just keep at it—you will get there in time. In order to keep interest from lagging we settled upon a lot in a desirable location, a lot 75 x 130, much larger and more expensive than we could really afford, and worked to acquire it. You will find that it is much easier to work for some definite thing than for an intangible some-



Pt's NEW HOUSE—CORNER OF LIVING ROOM LOOKING TOWARD THE SUN PORCH

thing that you may or may not get—and take my advice, aim high. The price of the lot was \$6500 and after much hard labor we were able to make a first payment of \$4600 in January, 1911, and the following year made the final payment of \$1900. This left just \$98 in the bank. Then began the actual preparations for building. We decided not to incorporate, as incorporation taxes are heavy; and it seemed unnecessary, since we had already raised so much in gift. We settled upon a \$12,000 house as being the limit of expenditure and then began to negotiate with the bank. They gave us \$7,500 valuation on our lot and on the total investment guaranteed to lend us \$10,500 at 6 per cent. That left us about \$2,000 short so we started in immediately to raise that much more. We were able to borrow some of it from the girls and fathers, but the rest came in additional donations—even in a sufficient amount to pay the extras on the house, which cost, instead of \$12,000, about \$13,500. The active chapter pays \$100 a month rent and we pay to the bank \$92.50, including interest and part on the principal. Each new girl who is initiated pledges herself to give \$50,—\$10 upon initiation and \$10 a year for four consecutive years thereafter. This will enable us to pay more to the bank each year, and together with other permanent resources, such as one-third alumnae dues, one-half the initiation fees, wedding assessments, etc., we feel that we have a very safe business proposition.

The house itself is a three-story plaster cement house, containing twenty rooms and seven bathrooms. On the first floor are the reception room, living room, dining room, kitchen, pantries, laundry, entrance porch, and a sun porch opening off the dining room and living room. Then, shut off from the rest of the house, with only an outside entrance, are the two servants' rooms and bath. The second and third floors are exactly alike, containing twelve bed rooms, an alumnae room, chapter room, six bathrooms, linen and broom closets, and six sleeping porches. The latter are the special feature of the house; and since it has been occupied, fourteen girls have been constantly sleeping out, a nice tribute to our Berkeley climate. The basement contains merely rooms for trunks and furnace. The house is heated by a vacuum steam system, considered one of the best, and a Ruud heater furnishes the hot water for the numerous bathrooms. The



PT'S NEW HOUSE—FIREPLACE IN LIVING ROOM

interior finish is in natural redwood, the living room, dining room, and hall being paneled to the ceiling. The floors downstairs are of hardwood and we hope to have hardwood floors throughout some day, but we had to leave a little for the future. What would life be if we didn't have something to look forward to?

The yard has been planned with the idea of a minimum of expense for up-keep; so, instead of laying out an elaborate garden scheme in our rather large back yard, we graveled most of it, simply leaving a seven foot bed around the outside for flowering plants. The front yard is laid out in lawn.

The active girls have taken great interest and pride in beautifying their rooms, and I doubt if you could find a more attractive feminine group of rooms in any fraternity house. The furnishings downstairs are, as yet, rather meagre, but we hope to have money for that later on.

Come to California any time (it is always lovely here) and we shall take great joy in showing you about. Though the "new house" is of paramount interest to Pi chapter just at present, there really are lots of other things to see.

ASPIRATION

In my own wee separate chamber, tired heart's refuge from the storm,
Burns a single, tall white candle, burns unfailing, strong and warm.
It is hidden from the tumult and the stress of things that are,
Hidden from Life's ceaseless striving for the things I see afar;
It knows nothing of vain longings rising e'er within my breast,
It sees only what is nearest, calmness, quiet, peace and rest.

But the wind is blowing roughly through the curtains of my room,
And my candle, tall, unfailing, flickers as though in a tomb.
And I watch it. Will it fail me? Can the wind blow out my light?
Will my rest and comfort leave me—leave me in the gloom and night?
It is almost gone! But rises! Shines out now with steady rays,
Hath regained its poise, and 'tokens peace and rest yet other days.

So when Life shall run to meet me in the days that are to come
Bringing crises and distractions until I am almost dumb
With the weight of all that troubles,—though I flicker and oft fail,
Though I tremble oft and father underneath Life's heavy flail,—
May I still, for all that troubles, shine forth steady, strong and warm,
Shine unfailing, hope regaining, weather bravely every storm.

—LALAH RUTH RANDLE, *Iota*.

CHARACTER BY HANDWRITING—AND OTHERWISE

BY CLEORA WHEELER, CHI

I used to stand and wonder who she was. She had such lovely eyes and her hair was so soft about her face, and in her Esmerelda costume of gray with the white cap and collar and cuffs,

and her hair hanging down her back, she *was* a picture. So I used to stand and look at it. That was very, very long ago when I was a little girl with my hair in a braid too, only mine had never yet gone up and hers had, for she, I found, was in the university and "Esmerelda", the university play. Little did I think then that I should ever be her little Kappa sister and that I should call her Katherine.



CLEORA WHEELER

I have seen her since when she played Jessica in "The Merchant of Venice" with Ada Rehan and Otis Skinner. She wore her key that night on her black velvet jacket so that Beta Iota could tell which she was when she came on. They had been granted special dispensation that night by Dean Bond, if they would come under my chaperon-

age, "and thee must remember thee is not to miss the ten o'clock train back", she had said. So, between us, Jessica and I felt grave responsibility as to their seeing which was Jessica and as to their getting home again. You see I had grown up.

I have heard her read "My Lady's Ring", that Alice Brown has written for her, and it is perfect, every bit. And in herself I have found what the Esmerelda picture prophesied—lovely gray eyes that look directly at you, deep sympathy that is born

of intuition and insight, a directness and an idealism that combine to give you faith in yourself and in others. Do you know her handwriting? Don't you, too, find there the intuition, the sympathy and the sweet strength of her personality? When you do see it, if you never have, you will understand, perhaps, why even the envelope, or the Katherine Jewell Everts of her signature is as exquisite a thing as the wood flowers that she herself loves so—violets.

When I picked up the *Sun* in New York the other evening and saw Mrs. Penfield's picture as leader of the woman's suffrage party, it brought back in a flash the first evening that I ever saw her—as Grand President of the Fraternity. Before that Convention week was over I had mustered up courage to ask her to sign her name in the little ten cent black and red note books such as we all used that year for signatures and addresses. We have laughed about it since—how she said to me, "Young woman"—and I was petrified. I think it was more the white horses and the cloud of white dust that she rode about Ann Arbor in, that week, that gave me such an undue sense of awe. For you who know her, know as I do now, that together with the absolutely fair, judicial judgment that is hers, and the clarity of thought and expression, there is a sweetness and a rare naturalness that differentiates the great from the near great. All this you will find in her handwriting, as well as her humor and the open hearted vigor with which she works, in whatever sphere her interest may be.

In May Whiting-Westermann's you will find her method, tact, and even balance as well as her sweet courtesy and buoyancy; you will find in Elmie Warner-Mallory's the quick decision, the exuberance of spirit, the same direct and unswerving confidence in your ability that she gives you herself. Mary Griffith-Canby's shows the strongly scientific mind, the love of the seemingly insignificant which makes her see the small graces that we would not even credit ourselves with, and her belief in the value of appreciation. Edith Stoner's shows the ease with which she plans and directs, the joy of living, the strong estimate she places on live qualities as opposed to mummified traditions. Florence Burton-Roth's shows her love of the happy wholesome things: out-of-doors and folks who live out of doors and folks

who don't but who ought to. It gives the strong inflection she puts into her voice in her enthusiasm over things, and a touch of the contagion of her laughter.

Don't you see in Miss Powell's signature, the energy and the alert force with which she directs; in Mrs. Kolbe's the splendid vigor, the broad grasp of her mind, and her abhorrence of artificiality; in Mary Rodes's the openmindedness that makes for depth and beauty of character, especially when it is combined as it is with confidence and loyalty; in Grace Broadhurst's, the ability to enjoy people thoroughly, which in turn makes them enjoy her; in Mrs. Jackson's, the firm strong hand that bespeaks ability, consecutive thought, an appreciation of the classic—the Greek—beauty as expressed in all phases of life?

Mary Scattergood's tells just what she is—a dear Quaker in her quiet culture, her sweet consistency, and her love of all true simple beauty. Her writing you all have on your membership certificates, for she is the one to fill in your names.

You may not as often see Mrs. Wallace's writing. It shows her love of home and of those who are dear to her, her sweet, strong, buoyant nature, her strong loyalty, her faith and her perfect poise.

Mrs. Goddard's gives you a glimpse of her quick alert mind, her continued interest in any subject that has once caught her attention, whether it be people or some knotty problem, her keen power of delineation and her love of beauty whether it be concrete or abstract.

I have been asked so many times when I have been reading character for the girls, how I came to do it. I'm very glad to tell you how it was. There used to be an average of a thousand letters a year coming to me while I was Grand Registrar, not long ago, some from girls I already knew, but most of them from ones I had never seen. I used to wonder what these Kappa sisters of mine were like—it was interesting to see whether the writing would connect itself in any way with the type of work each one was doing with me. It was no trick to recognize each handwriting as I picked up the envelope. Each stood for a distinct personality. It wasn't long before I could tell the mood in which they wrote; the mood always affects the hand; it tells instantly whether the person was happy or depressed, dis-

tracted or just rushed with overwork when they set pen to paper. The variation in the writing of the girls whom I knew personally was so often explained by the news the letter brought that it gave plenty of proof of this and material enough for comparative study.

I was so eager to know what these girls were really like whom I had never seen, that I kept on. Accounting for the variations in their writing from time to time, on the ground of mood, or the pressure of the moment, I found certain characteristics always present in each. On these I based my analysis. When I met them at Convention, things matched up that I had been both puzzled over and sure about. It was interesting. I shall never forget how one girl looked at me when I told her I believed she would hate to have me see her bureau drawers! And I was sure that Beta Omicron's Charlotte Prentiss and Beta Zeta's Marcia Dunham and Beta Sigma's Juliette Hollenback would be accomplishing unusual things before long. I am willing to prophesy the same of Eleanore Myers of Beta Epsilon and Jeanette Dair Gray of Iota and Bob Lindsay of Theta, though I have never seen one of them.

It all interested me so much that I began keeping scraps of the most unusual writing and these I pasted all together in a record, interspersed with snap shots and half-tones from *THE KEY*, taken from the chapter cuts. It included not only girls from my own chapter but many from other chapters, often girls whom I had never met. As time has gone by, I have added to this the signatures of the girls whom I have met at Conventions, those of freshmen as they have come into my own chapter, national officers and alumnae as they have come to visit. Each signature stands to me for a personality.

Kappas whom I have perhaps never met, I have had reason to follow in the successive steps of their careers. These, too, I have thought of and claimed among Kappas I have known. For I have known them so far as interest is concerned. The cuts and articles which *THE KEY* is to run of Famous and Interesting Kappas, will give you all a chance to know these Kappas and you too will follow the subsequent articles and notices in the general press with the keenest interest. For instance, in the same issue of the *Sun* with Mrs. Penfield's picture was one

of Dorothy Canfield-Fisher in connection with the notice of her new book "A Montessori Mother". The next day's gave Virginia Gildersleeve, Dean of Barnard College.

You will find some of these Kappas whose line of work especially attracts you; others in whose faces you read some special trait of character that is a stimulus to you. If you lay the magazine aside and lose track of it, you will lose track of the picture even if you preserve the magazines on file, for you know what that usually means—on file in the attic.

The chance for you all to have these cuts from *THE KEY*, and other photographs, and bits of handwriting in an accessible form, ready for additional press entries in each case as time goes by, is what formed the basis of my decision to issue for you the book which has been published during the year, "Kappas I Have Known."

The present Council cuts have already appeared in the December *KEY*. The ones of noted alumnae are beginning. These have been especially provided for in the two sections of the book: "National Officers" and "Kappas From Other Chapters". Once you have the cuts entered, it will be a very easy matter to get some of these signatures entered beneath the cuts, on Council visits or at Convention and in this way the page will be made more personal, the face and handwriting combining to make the personality always vivid in your mind.

There are about two hundred and fifty initiated into the Fraternity each year. You freshmen will never have an opportunity to know more than a small portion of these but you will be able to know your own chapter well, and within your lifetime some girls from other chapters.

Suppose you begin to enter in the section "My Chapter", the set of individual pictures of your present active chapters instead of having the collection framed. There will be room for them all—it might be wise to leave a blank page next each for her later career—and room for plenty more. All at the expense which the frame would probably cost.

Most college scrap books or photograph books are large and ungainly in size. A few years after college they are stacked away because they will not go on the library shelves. This little book with its one hundred and fifty pages has been prepared

with loving care. Even the size of the type and the color of the ink has been studied as well as the binding and the Japan paper. The size was the first matter of special consideration, then the material. It was made of regulation book size for the very reason that it will stand the same height as the rest of your library books. To be truly artistic a thing must be practical for all time. The materials used were the best that could be procured. The price is as near as possible to the cost of production. I know of no other college record that excels or even approaches the quality of material at the same price. It could have been made with larger pages, as some are, and have been ungainly. It could have been made without stubs and have been like others, inadequate. The paper could have been cheaper than the binding by machinery, and both weaker. But the book could not have been offered to you as an example of true workmanship.

Years ago college men paid twenty-five dollars for their class books in which the individual photographs were mounted with signatures below. To see them pore over these books now makes you understand the added affection that comes with the years. If you will fill the pages of these Kappa books with nothing but photographs in this way, you will find yourselves richer each year for the first real extravagance, if you will, for which you tapped your dime savings bank.

While the capacity for friendship may lead you at each new turn of life into fresh and ardent associations, you will never put out the old fires if you are true Kappas. It is because I long to have you have the personalities that have come into your life through this Fraternity of ours, where you can turn to them often and easily in later years as well as now, that I commit this little book to your love and consideration. And this much I can promise: that if you will study solemnly the signatures that will be entered on the pages of your own, you will begin to understand character by handwriting even if you do not do it by the light of the new moon!

PARTHENON

More Efficient Women

The increase, in the past decade, of the number of women who go to college, would astonish the old pedagogues of a half century ago who were horrified at any mention of a woman's departure from the sacred precincts of the home. We, who are a part of that increase—many of us having been brought up with the idea that ahead of us lay a college course—cannot but feel a joy in the fact that we are parts of a great tide that will change the affairs of the world. The finishing school used to be the aim of the ambitious girl, and came to be approved by the most fastidious parent. But today the university with its tremendous gamut of opportunities for training, is inviting and receiving more and more women whom it will send out into the world for efficient service.

Ten years ago, almost all the women in college were specializing in subjects that fitted them to teach in the high schools—Greek, Latin, literature and history. And today what are they doing? From the girls in our own chapter house let me point you these: two in medicine, one in dramatics, one in physical training, one in music, one in domestic science, preparing for overseeing large dormitory or hotel kitchens and dining rooms; one in dairy bacteriology, preparing for milk inspection; two in history for teaching, two in sociology, one of whom goes into the stenographic branch and the other into settlement work. Would you have found such a diversity ten years ago? I think not.

Of course this increase in training meets an increase in the demand for efficiently trained women, in the fields that each year become subdivided, with a call for specialization in a particular branch. The last decade has seen a tremendous change. A kind of top-notch of it all came to us at Wisconsin last year in the shape of a vocational conference for women, for which splendid women were called to give their views of their own vocations to those women who were then considering the fields for which they were best fitted. This year we have a vocational adviser, (who by the way is a dear, splendid Kappa) to whom the girls go for advice. And they go. She has at hand valuable information from people in this country who have answered her

carefully selected questions as to compensations, conditions for work, satisfaction, and so on.

This year, in January, through her efforts, we are to have the second conference, of three days duration, and we look forward to the inspiring, enthusiastic talks by these successful purposeful women.

"Efficiency" is the great cry of today, and we at Wisconsin are meeting it by putting before even the freshmen, the serious proposition of finding out where their abilities and inclinations lie, so that they may go out after their four years with a consciousness of working toward an end.

Somebody says, "But four out of five women college graduates get married. Why should they choose a vocation, instead of getting a smattering of the culture subjects?"

True! they do get married; I am glad that they do, for it is the college women who make the splendid mothers of splendid men and women. But women must rise to the responsibility that awaits every human being in the onward march toward better, cleaner humanity, and specialization in one line cannot but help that sincere, deep spirit of service that the training of today fosters. Hand in hand with the responsibility of wifehood and motherhood, is the great fact that "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world", and the more capable and efficient that hand and the woman behind it, the more effective that rule that sweeps ever onward toward a more perfect society.

CAROLYN ELIZABETH ALLEN, *Eta*.

The Fraternity Situation at Barnard

Barnard is facing an interesting situation this year in regard to the fraternity system. Several times before in the history of the college the question as to whether fraternities helped or hindered the college on the whole has been raised; the excitement, however, has always died down without any decision being reached. This year the question was raised again by an article in the college monthly, called "Fraternities versus Democracy". The article was well written and made a few good points, although much of it was exaggerated and showed only a superficial knowledge of the system. It had, however, a tremen-

dous effect on public sentiment at college. Discussion flourished in the Bulletin weekly, and undergraduates and alumnae wrote pro and con for some time; fraternity and non-fraternity girls discussed the question as freely as possible, and Student Council made it a topic of discussion in their meetings. The feeling, on the whole, was remarkably good; there was very little bitterness on either side, adherents of both sides were made to see the other's point of view. It is almost impossible to give any adequate summing up of the arguments here, because the whole situation at Barnard is rather unique. The college is largely non-resident, the class of girls very mixed and the Jewish problem a difficult one. The college needs a strong social interest to bind it together. Fraternities form, of course, the most coveted social units, and they tend on the whole to split up the college rather than to unite it. Their social life is outside of the college proper, in their respective apartments largely, and in this way they take time and energy from the more uniting social forces at college. The fact that many fraternities exclude Jewesses as a whole, without any regard to their individual fineness, has also been used as an argument against the system. It is hard for others to realize how real an issue this is at Barnard, and we are proud that Kappa has no constitutional rulings against Jewesses, and Beta Epsilon boasts several among its present members. I have given here two of the arguments against the system; there are many more brought forward, of course, some very petty, some with much truth. What can and has been said in favor of the system I do not need to put down here. I know many other colleges have had to face this issue and have heard much on both sides.

Our present plan for solving it is interesting. A committee has been organized to investigate the system, its effect on Barnard, its success or failure in other colleges and possible social systems for substitution. The committee consists of the dean (chairman), four other members of the faculty (those constituting the faculty committee on student organization), four alumnae (two of whom are fraternity members, two of whom are not), a fraternity senior and junior and a non-fraternity senior and junior. Every member of the committee is to act as an individual, that is, a fraternity girl is not bound to vote for the continuance of the fraternity system, if during the session she becomes convinced that

another method would benefit Barnard. The committee is to have open meetings at which any one may give testimony concerning the question in hand, and written communications will be carefully considered. The committee holds its first meeting on January eighth, and will set no time for the completion of its task. The question, of course, is a serious one and particularly close to the fraternity members themselves; they have everything to lose and only an uncertainty to gain, while the non-fraternity girls have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

PRISCILLA LOCKWOOD, *Beta Epsilon*.

*Kappa in the Small
College*

At the present time, whenever new chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma are established, the large colleges and universities of the country are almost invariably the recipients of the honor. But back in the early days of Kappa several small colleges were granted the right of establishing chapters of the fraternity, and a goodly number of these chapters still exist and are active in the Kappa world today.

After every Convention we hear it rumored that some among "the powers that be" feel that the chapters in the small colleges are not doing their duty toward the fraternity, are not typical of what the chapters of a great national fraternity should be, and in brief, should no longer be allowed to exist. This report always causes us of the despised small colleges to ask "Why is there such a feeling against us?" It is possible that simply because a chapter of Kappa happens to be located in a small school, we should necessarily be lacking in loyalty, service, and love toward our fraternity? Do not the small chapters produce quite as good and true and well educated Kappas as the large universities? Are we lacking in scholarship? The answers to all these questions can be found in the records which the small chapters have made for themselves in the history of Kappa—and those records are not to be lightly passed by.

Take a concrete example. A girl comes to a small college. She is quiet and unassuming perhaps—a little hard to become acquainted with. But since the Kappas at this college know most of the new girls, they learn to know this freshman also and to

see her real worth. She becomes a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. She brings honor to her chapter and is one of its best loved members. Not only that, she makes herself needed and felt in the general college life. She is a woman of whom Kappas everywhere may well be proud. But had she gone to a large university, her very quietness would possibly have kept her from being a fraternity girl. You all know of similar cases. Are not the chapters in the small colleges of use there?

Now as to scholarship. Often a higher standard exists in this direction in a small college than in a large one. There are some wonderfully good teachers who are not in the big universities, and in a small school where they come into more personal contact with their pupils, the influence they exert is very great. Then too, the chapter in the small college is as eager to stand well with regard to scholarship in the fraternity as the university chapter is. We of the small chapters are just as anxious as you big chapters that our scholarship grades shall be high. We talk it just as earnestly to our freshmen, and we desire that Kappas shall always be in the front ranks in college life and work.

Our chapter life is not a bit less interesting than is that in large schools. True, we may not have chapter houses, but we do take great pride in our fraternity rooms and no place on the campus is better loved. We may not be so wealthy as our sisters in larger schools, we may not do things on such a big scale socially, and we may be fewer in numbers; but in spite of all this, our love for Kappa is no less strong and our desire to serve her both in school and out in the world is very great. And since we, in company with Kappas all over the land, are striving to fit ourselves to be strong, true, fine women, are we not fulfilling the real mission of Kappa Kappa Gamma—the seeking and finding and giving to others of the very best in life?

HELEN H. BAKER, *Xi*.

The "Out-of-the-House Girl."

The "out-of-the-house girl" frequently forgets the importance of the house rules. It is so easy to permit an interesting caller to remain after ten o'clock when there is no "good night" bell rung, and if one allows an ardent suitor to call more than once during

the week, who will be the wiser—providing one is careful not to mention it at breakfast the next morning?

This is too often the attitude of the girl outside of the house. She does not realize that she is living under the critical eyes of the other girls in the rooming house, and that as tales spread they are often enlarged, and otherwise modified, to make a better story.

Every fraternity house has its set of rules, a few of which apply only to house girls, but the majority apply to all of the members whether they live in the house or outside, and these should be just as rigidly observed by the out-of-the-house girls as by those under the direct supervision of the chaperon.

Since the proprietors of rooming houses often have such vague rulings that they may be interpreted in almost any manner, it is a good plan to inform the landlady of the fraternity house rules, so that she will be able to "jog" the forgetful sister's memory as she grows careless and neglects this important code. Many girls resent this "outside interference", but after the reasons for it are carefully explained to them, they realize that it is not "outside interference", but instead, hearty co-operation.

BETA LAMBDA.

*Sustaining One's
Ideals*

The girl who stands at the beginning of her college course, sees a wonderful vision through those college doors. She sees great opportunities for friendships, for learning, and above all, for service.

College is to her a splendid privilege which allows her to come in contact with some of the finest minds, and to form lasting friendships with those who, like herself, are going to "do" something in the world. Best of all, her own knowledge and understanding are about to be broadened and extended so that she may express them in terms of finest service. The thoughts of such results from her college training which is about to begin, thrill her, and she enters the sacred portals with enthusiasm not un-mixed with awe.

Four years pass, and she stands in cap and gown at her commencement. As she looks back on her college course, does the

vision still remain or has it passed into the commonplace? Do the privileges she has had now seem to her merely a matter of course, and her associates merely ordinary mortals? If such is the case, she has missed the biggest thing of her college course—the conservation of her ideals.

If, on the other hand, during these four years of training, she has never allowed her ideals to descend to the ordinary, has she not proved her ability to at least enter the lists of the great?

The same principle may be applied to every walk in life. For instance, the successful teacher is the one who, after several years of teaching, still considers it a wonderful privilege to be allowed a part in the guiding and shaping of young minds, and pursues her work with the same enthusiasm as she did her first year. The successful woman is always the one who sustains her ideals, and by her very strength holds up others in her sphere of influence who are on the verge of faltering.

And now just how may we apply these principles to our fraternity? Do we not remember when we as initiates first heard Kappa's ideals? How beautiful and impressive they were to us. The friendships among the active girls and alumnae, and girls from other chapters, the ties that bound them together sent little thrills of love and happiness through our hearts. We determined that our very best was none too good for Kappa, and that although Kappa's ideals as such were secret yet we would live them in such a way that the results would be apparent.

I hope there has never been a time when we have fully lost sight of those freshman ideals and resolutions, but I fear that sometimes we have seen them but dimly. Perhaps we are a little negligent about serving Kappa promptly, perhaps we are "too busy" sometimes to perform little courtesies toward others.

But let us show ourselves and Kappa that we are big enough to hold to those ideals very closely, and never sink to the commonplace and so lose our right to success and greatness.

LAURA E. SMITH, *Phi*.

Christmas Aftermath

Is it the Christmas spirit lingering beyond his appointed time that makes us look about us with the exhilarating thought of bringing cheer into dark hearts and lives? Or is it only the overflowing of the

blessings and happiness of friendship, and our sane desire to put that overflow to some real use? Whatever it may be, we find abroad today, in the generous heart of the average college woman, a desire for social service. She may not always have stopped to reason out her own vague ideas on the subject—it is more or less of an instinct. College and incidentally her fraternity have broadened and deepened and filled her life with good things, and the only normal thing to do is to pass on her happiness to someone else. And veritably there is magic afoot. For not only does she not lose any of her own portion of happiness as she gives of it generously to others—but, (and did I not say there was magic in it?) she finds her own personal store increasing in proportion as she gives it away!

So is it any wonder that fraternity women are finding real pleasure in their work in soup kitchens, lunch and tea rooms for the overworked and underpaid “business girls”? It may cost in time, but what is there of value in this world that does not cost? And I venture to say that every chapter that fosters and cherishes loyally her pet philanthropy, that with energy and good faith tries to take bravely her share of the world’s burden, and bring sunshine into the dark places—that chapter, I say, is the one where you will find friendships the truest and happiness the most lasting. How do I know? Well, “that is another story”. But, my friendly sceptic, try it yourself and then let us hear what you have to say.

BETA PSI.

*What a Fraternity Means
to a Girl in Europe*

It is an old idea that there are many places in the up-to-date countries of Europe where the average traveler will have to use motion conversation or else do without because there is no one about who is able either to speak or to understand English. Everyone has heard tales of unfortunate circumstances where English has been unknown and, until I went myself, I had pictured my troubles at table in some restaurant or hotel. But that idea is not true any longer. It is seldom that the traveler cannot find someone who can speak a little English. The stores use the sign, “English spoken here”, as an ad-

vertisement, and a foreigner is held in great respect when he can say even so little as "good morning", or "thank you".

In this same connection many people have said to me, "What good can a fraternity be to you when you are away, as no one knows English and least of all anything about colleges or fraternities?" Perhaps not in some cases, if one meets others who are not interested in education, and, having never heard of colleges, never care to hear. But a fraternity pin means to its wearer almost as much as a title does to its owner. It is an object of curiosity, it is something different from the ordinary, commonplace things, and it leads to many interesting and worthwhile pleasures.

We often think that Europeans are not interested in American colleges. That is not so. They are interested and intensely so. An American college girl can excite more interest than half a dozen other girls who have gone into society and derived nothing but a little ease of manner. The European girls do not go to college like the American girls, but they want to hear about them and they show their interest by their questions. And what brings out these questions? Why the fraternity pin, of course. They inquire about it and often they are the more interested because they have some brother or cousin who went to an American college and belonged to a fraternity. At once the fraternity girl has something in common with them, and although she may never have seen them before, she can carry on a conversation that never grows tiresome because it covers so much area. A fraternity gives each member a footing, it gives a certain guarantee among all.

Every tourist, I may say, has been to Thomas, Cook & Son, the great firm, which is almost like a bureau of information to everyone. Here is where the fraternity comes into evidence. Americans go in and out, college boys with fraternity hat-bands and college girls. It is a bond of friendship, it is in itself an introduction to meet some one, who by seeing your fraternity pin can place you in your fraternity. You feel that here is one who is in sympathy with you and you feel as though you had found a long-lost friend when you see an American come hurrying into Cook's and ask for a time table, especially if she is wearing a fraternity pin and it should happen to be a key.

So everywhere the traveler can find English, so everywhere he can find those interested in American colleges, and so everywhere his fraternity is something that links him with people of all kinds. He has a subject of conversation that appeals to all and that gains many friends and good times.

MARTHA A. SHARPLES, *Beta Iota*.

Rah! Rah! Rah!
Michigan!

I think that anyone that has come in contact with Michigan students, or heard much about their attitude toward their Alma Mater, has been impressed by their deep seated loyalty. One might say in this connection, that a person is naturally loyal to his own college, or he is not worth much, and this is true, but we of Michigan are more than plain loyal. We are absolutely bubbling over with enthusiasm where old Michigan is concerned. No one who has ever lived long in Ann Arbor could help but be. The pretty little place with its winding streets and knotted old trees is a typical college town.

Sometimes I wonder if our customs have not something to do with this indescribable feeling which we hold, for they are many and old. First of all, in the fall term, everything is football. Huge mass meetings are held in University Hall. Pictures of the players and Prexy Angell and Hutchins are thrown on the screen, and amid wild cheering and applause, the band plays some new field song, composed for the occasion, and the team marches in. I could never describe the wonderful enthusiasm or inspiring attitude of a true Michigan mass meeting, but if ever you are glad you are one little part of good old Michigan, it is then.

Later comes the "freshman spread". Each junior girl has a freshman to escort, and they play the gallant in style, sending flowers, carriages, and seeing to it that their lady has the very best time. The grand march is one of the prettiest features, and when the big "M" is formed in the middle of the gym. the sight is indeed good to look upon.

The Woman's League banquet is another feature. A huge reunion of Michigan women from all over the country, assembles in Barbour gym. to partake of the feast prepared by the league. The freshmen serve. After the feast all go up to Sarah Caswell

Angell Hall, where the junior play, written to the senior class, is given.

In May comes the "May festival", and "swing-out". The festival lasts a whole week. Concerts are given afternoon and evening by the best artists procurable. "Swing-out" is the day when all the seniors appear for the first time in caps and gowns. The campus is crowded with onlookers, and the long line of seniors marching two by two, promenades from one end of the campus to the other.

Perhaps the prettiest event we have is "cap night". This also takes place the last of May. Everyone goes down to "sleepy hollow", a part of the women's athletic field. A huge bonfire is built in the hollow and this lights up the thousands of faces that look out from the dusk of the surrounding hills. Speeches are made, seniors march in their caps and gowns, and then all the freshmen rush pell-mell to throw into the fire, the tiny, little gray cap, which has rested carelessly on the backs of their heads, all during their greenest months. It is a wonderful sight, and as you sit there on the hills, the twilight falling, and the stars coming out, the crackling of the fire in your ears, the funniest little feeling comes tugging at your heart, and you rise with the multitude and sing through the verses of "Where, oh where are the verdant freshmen?" rejoicing again that you belong to old Michigan.

Finally, in June comes Commencement—which lasts a week. Last year there was added interest at this time, because we celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of our Alma Mater.

But I must not forget to mention the things of minor importance. I say minor importance, but they are not so minor after all, for when you are rooted from your bed at the weird hour of two, by the call "serenade", and you stand huddled together near some window, listening to the tinkle of mandolin and guitar, you feel it is of great importance, indeed. As the strains of "Gipsy Sweetheart" or "The Victors" float out on the air, you listen, again with strange feelings in your hearts, feelings that would never be stirred except by tinkling serenades at two o'clock in the morning.

The glee and mandolin clubs give an annual serenade; they send warnings, in the shape of cards, to tell when they are coming, so you can have the "eats" ready. They come in a big

moving van, and when they file up to the porch, they look like a big regiment of soldiers. You again think they are soldiers when you pass around the "eats".

Sometimes the boys bring a piano around on a wagon, and nothing is funnier than to see some big fellow grinding out rag-time on this wagon, while his cohorts loiter around it, playing other instruments, or doing the "Boston".

The Sphinx initiation is another interesting event; the initiates are all bound like mummies, piled on a wagon, and hauled about town, while the upperclassmen, in Egyptian costume and well browned with stain, cut up strange antics.

And so it is all these things which are particularly individual and characteristic of Michigan, that make it so dear to us who know it. All the happenings go one step further to strengthening our loyalty and appreciation. Even Smock, the old clothes man, who wanders about attacking students for cast-offs, has a place in our hearts. There is something about the atmosphere that gets into our blood, and I think we feel our appreciation even more when we are far away. Then all this flood of memories comes to us when we are musing. We feel a strange ache in our hearts and we know that never could we hold the same feeling toward any other place, as we do toward Ann Arbor.

MADELINE McVOY, *Beta Delta*.

*A Worn Out
Subject*

The present age is full of mechanical wonders. There are "short-cuts" and simplified methods for almost every phase of human activity. But aren't we over-doing it just a little when we begin to introduce such methods into our conversation. So mechanical is the speech of some people, that we almost instinctively know just what they will say before they utter a word. They make a few pithy slang phrases do the work of five minutes conversation in "regular" English.

A professor in the English department of a western college said not long ago, that college people used more slang than any other class of people. This seems a little sweeping, but nevertheless there is a rather large grain of truth in it. The slang in itself, however, is not the most objectionable part. The trouble lies

in working a few poor, thin, little phrases to death. Entire conversations are made up of platitudes and stereotyped expressions.

Sometimes we feel that it might not be a bad plan to introduce courses in "Intelligent and Intelligible English" into the curricula of our colleges.

Of course from the standpoint of "Are you a Bromide?" it would then follow that we should all be self-conscious and all passing remarks about "climatic conditions" constructed according to the "Rules and Regulations of the Pure English Act, June 6, 1979" and we should all be extremely dull. As it is now we are affected but not conscious of our affectations. But wouldn't it be a good thing once in a while to stop and think about our habits and manner of speech? Is it necessary always to use such extravagant words for trivial things. Some time we may have a real emotion and it will be quite a calamity to find that we have exhausted every word in our vocabularies and we are as helpless as a woman at the dentist's.

EDITH ELLIOTT.

*The Responsibilities
of a College Girl*

"Politeness is to do and say
The kindest thing in the kindest way."

Among the many questions a college girl has put to her while at home is this one: "Why are you attending college?" I wonder if any of you who will read this have ever heard the same question? Well, I have, and for the first two years I answered in many different ways, among these—that I didn't exactly know, that father thought best, or that it was the thing to do, and I think I have answered that I came for a good time. Then in my junior year I decided that I wanted to teach, didn't care just what I taught, but thought that "teaching" sounded pretty well. So I kept that as my stock answer.

But you know when I began to think about it, as we are all bound to do sometime in our lives, I suddenly realized that I had been wasting three years. Of course, it is true that I had met a number of lovely girls and some splendid men and had made a great many friends, but yet, after all, your friends cannot help so very much when you look deep down into your inner self and find that you are not making the most of your op-

portunities, that you are not learning those things which will help lighten your burdens and the burdens of others—and indeed they are heavy ones. In short, you have not climbed on your ladder as high as you might in order to get a broader and better view of life and humanity.

So, freshmen, why not begin to climb early? Why not make up your mind as to why you have come to college and *do* make that reason one worth while. Those of you who intend to teach, not necessarily in schools for that is only one form of teaching, do not start out with the idea of merely earning a few cold dollars or you will be a failure so far as your profession goes, if such teaching could be called a profession. Start out with the idea that you are going to teach something besides mere Latin, Greek and English; something which will be a benefit to mankind; something which will make each one feel more keenly the obligations each and everyone owes to himself and this great nation of ours. So live, that your life may be an inspiration to those with whom you come in contact.

Perhaps some of you will think that to be able to inspire, you must be perfect yourself and that you will have to give up your "good times", and retreat to some hidden spot and become what is commonly known in college as a "grind". Not at all. On the other hand you must stay with the crowd, get acquainted, be an all 'round man or woman. Of course it is very nice to rank at the head of your class but it seems to me that it is better to learn to read men and in so doing learn the secret of those things which make life of real value. You can learn this in the class room, in the church, in the home, in the shops, and wherever you may be. The master can learn from the servant, and the millionaire who is forced to rub elbows with the day laborer, if he be honest and upright, should feel honored and be willing to help and to learn in whatever way he can, instead of brushing the brick dust from his sleeve with an air of disgust.

I believe in democracy, but in true democracy, and in order to have that, the college men and women of today must make the best of their opportunities, must be democratic themselves and make their four years in college a preparation for something worth while. Of course, we can't all stay in the home and rear children, we can't all help in the social settlement and social re-

form work, nor can we all "walk from New York to Albany"; but *we can* all add the little "plus" sign to our lives and make the best of the advantages civilization has given us.

So, Kappa sisters, and all who may be interested in Responsibilities of a College Girl, let us, with the year of Nineteen Thirteen, start out with the idea of learning the art of being kind, serviceable, sympathetic, and charitable, and, "of knowing the best that has been thought and said in the world and making that prevail." A happy New Year to you all.

KATHLEEN STILLWELL, *Delta*.

KAPPA BOOK NOTICES

Of the books of the autumn, 1912, output, none is more interesting to the student of French literature and also to the general literary worker, than "The Spirit of French Letters", by Mabell S. C. Smith, Phi. This volume, published by Macmillan, is the result of two years' work in France and is an authoritative and at the same time fascinating survey of French letters and their relationship to the political and economic periods which produced them. The treatment is scholarly and comprehensive; the style vivid and facile. The author's aim in relating the literature of each era to the other phases of the era may be seen in the following chapter titles: Stirring of Democracy and the Great Awakening, When the Printing Press Came, The Century of Beginnings, The Century of Discussion, The Century of Inventions.

Of interest to every teacher and educator, as well as to every mother, is Dorothy Canfield Fisher's new book, "A Montessori Mother". Mrs. Fisher is a member of Beta Nu chapter. During a recent sojourn in Rome, Mrs. Fisher had unusual opportunities for knowing Dr. Maria Montessori, whose remarkable results with little children have set the whole world talking, and her book deals with the part of Doctor Montessori's work in which every mother should be interested and of which she should know. The book is brimful of good pedagogical ideas but it is, at the same time, vivacious and intensely readable.

Another Kappa book of the winter is "My Mountain Tops, The Romance of a Journey Across the Canadian Rockies", by Lalah Ruth Randle, Iota, Alumnae Editor of *THE KEY*. Of it the publishers have the following to say:—

"Delicate in fancy, sympathetic, high-spirited, sweet-tempered, and roseate with the glow of youthful enthusiasm is Miss Randle's romance of a journey across the Canadian Rockies."

The mountains are so high, the air is so pure, and, on every side, rising against an untarnished sky, vast cloud-capped peaks—ah, the mountains beheld by the eyes of youth, what splendid palaces they shrine, what castles builded of dreaming and desire! And if the eyes of youth be also the eyes of love, and if a beautiful, happy girl possess them—, and if this happy girl, just out of school, wild for experiences, goes a-summering with her delightful mother and her more delightful grandmother, and other loves come, and the moon shines, and the mist-hidden valleys lie below so darkly silent . . . A prose rhapsody, fresh, and girlish and simple; a lovely variation of the old truth, "There's nothing half so sweet in life as love's young dream!" "My Mountain Tops" bears the imprint of the Neale Publishing Company, New York City.

EDITORIAL

Greetings to the Baby Chapter! The whole Fraterniy is glad to extend its welcome.

After twenty-five years of a cordial or at worst a neutral attitude towards college fraternities on the part of faculties and state legislatures, there has dawned a period of opposition. The chapter letters in this issue from Beta Epsilon, Beta Gamma and Beta Xi touch upon local aspects of this rather too general prejudice. The situation in Ohio is perhaps the most pronounced. A bill is said to be in preparation in the Ohio legislature to prohibit the existence of fraternities in institutions supported by the state. This bill would affect Ohio State University, the home of our Beta Nu chapter, Miami and Ohio University. At Wooster, also in Ohio, a benefactor of the university has approached the trustees in the spirit of Kipling's "Maggie"—"You must choose between me and your cigar". The choice that he gives is between his money contributions and college fraternities. The trustees, at the time THE KEY goes to press, have not yet come to a decision in the matter—a decision which will be of moment to Kappa, as Beta Gamma chapter is one of our oldest chapters.

In the midst of a good deal of misinformation and biased judgment that is cropping up daily in the press, it is a pleasure to read such a summing up as the *Atlanta Journal* quotes from President Pearce of Brenau College. The *Record* gives the *Caduceus* credit for it.

The advantages of sororities are numerous. I shall point out only a few which have been manifest in my own experience.

First. The individual is differentiated from the mass. Eleven sororities will certainly develop eleven leaders and probably many more.

Second. While individuality is emphasized by separation from the mass, the spirit of unity and co-operation, of subordination of the interest of the individual to the interest of the group is developed in a remarkable degree.

Third. Practically the members of a sorority help each other in numerous ways. For example, after each term examination a committee from each sorority is given the privilege of copying the record of each of their own members. If a member is deficient in her studies she is called to account, and, better still, some of the older members are appointed to coach her if it seems to be necessary. In matters of conduct the sorority as a rule is very decided and definite in its demands upon

its members, and frequently, as is characteristic of young people, the sorority is more radical in its discipline than the faculty would be in a similar case.

Fourth. From the standpoint of the college the sororities are of much value. They foster college spirit, support the administration in matters of discipline, and solve the problem of the division of an unorganized mass into separate units.

In this whole fraternity discussion, it is evident that there is too much voicing of personal opinion, based entirely on limited personal experience in one or two colleges or even one or two chapters; and too little consideration of the value of the general fraternity system. There is also unfortunately too much destructive criticism and too little constructive suggestion. To kill the fraternity organization will not kill the evils—whatever they may be—that have made the fraternity organization unpopular; and persecution is a fine stimulus to growth. A really valuable contribution is "Fraternities on the Defensive" by Walter B. Palmer, Phi Delta Theta, in *Banta's Greek Exchange* for December. The whole article is worth every chapter's reading. This is the conclusion:

It is my opinion that the widespread and growing criticism of fraternities originates with the large and increasing body of non-fraternity men, and that they have so strongly presented the delinquencies of fraternities to the university authorities that the latter have been compelled to act and impose restrictions on fraternities. And in some states the non-fraternity men, not satisfied with merely restrictive measures, are endeavoring to have the whole fraternity system smashed through legislative action. At some institutions where fraternities have recently been compelled to submit to faculty regulation, the question cannot be regarded as permanently settled. The trouble is likely to break out again within five years, and a demand made for even more radical measures if not total abolition. Everyone who is acquainted with conditions in the state universities and in some of the colleges realizes that fraternities are now on trial; not only that, but that they are fighting on the defensive.

The remedy? I believe for their own preservation fraternities must give up the idea of forming a small aristocratic class, closely bound cliques and exclusive social coteries. The new spirit of democracy will not submit to it. It would be wise, I believe, for fraternity men in all colleges and universities to encourage other students to organize groups, with the view of obtaining charters from fraternities already founded, or failing in that, of becoming affiliated with similar groups in other institutions, thus founding new fraternities. Fraternity men should not only throw no obstacles in the way, as they have often unwisely done, but should actively aid in such efforts at organization.

Throw down the bars and welcome the new associations. Help non-fraternity men to organize and to secure charters or to found new fraternities. For my part, I should like to see enough chapters to afford all students an opportunity for membership. You say this would lower the standing of fraternities. But if all students belonged to fraternities, the fraternities would be distinguished by the character, ability and deportment of their members. The leaders will always lead, and there would be different classes of fraternities, some with a better reputation than others, but the members of all would derive the benefits which fraternity associations afford. There would be a healthy rivalry among fraternities, and inevitably leadership would be determined not by considering money, good clothes and other externals in the choice of men for membership, but by considering the manliness, brains and true worth of men.

In the renewed warfare against fraternities the older state universities are the storm centers. Some fraternities have a policy to enter only state universities or other very large institutions, and many fraternities have entered only state universities in some states, and these chapters in universities oppose second chapters in the state. But fraternities now need all the support they can get to overcome the powerful opposition which has developed against them, and which promises to become more and more powerful. If they are wise they will establish chapters in other colleges than the state universities, so that the number of fraternity men shall be multiplied. The more fraternity men there are in any state the less effectual will be the opposition.

Banta's Greek Exchange is a newcomer and the only one of its kind. It is not a fraternity, but a Pan-Hellenic journal, and it is published by our printers, the Collegiate Press, Menasha, Wisconsin. Mr. George Banta, Phi Delta Theta—the only man, by the way, present at the luncheon of the Pan-Hellenic Congress in Chicago—is editor-in-chief and writes delightful editorials of real literary quality. George Banta, Jr., of the same fraternity, writes the exchange editorials. Mr. Walter Palmer conducts a fraternity department and Mrs. Martin, author of the "Sorority Handbook", the sorority department. The December number—volume one, number one—contains some good articles and one good fiction sketch. Subscribe for the *Exchange* for your chapter. It is a literary digest for the fraternity journals and well worth its dollar a year.

CHAPTER LETTERS

ALPHA PROVINCE

PHI, BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Christmas has come and gone. And next week will find us all back at school again, with plenty of work to do in the three or four weeks before mid-years. These come once again just to remind us how fast time flies.

Next week will be eagerly looked forward to, for at last it brings pledge day, which we sincerely hope will prove joyful. We have met with Pan-Hellenic difficulties which have caused a postponement of pledge day. We have not only been delighted but greatly assisted by visits from Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Roth. We were extremely fortunate in being able to have them with us.

Mary Lowden, '14, served on the committee from the elocution department for a series of readings given at the college.

Pi chapter entertained some of the men from college at a "freak" dinner party given at the Acacia Club of Dorchester. To eat peas with a tooth pick and salad with a mixing spoon were among the chief stunts.

On December eleventh our last rushing party, a conflict party, was given at the home of Virginia Thompson in Melrose. Ten entering students were present. We had our refreshments, sitting about a Christmas tree, and afterward gave a "children's entertainment." At the conclusion, while singing our college song, we heard it echoed, and eleven men from college, after singing their fraternity and other songs, came in and helped us to enjoy the remainder of the evening.

Our annual Christmas party took place at the rooms on the Friday afternoon before Christmas. The usual "slams" were "enjoyed". We were glad to have many of our alumnae with us then.

Mrs. Coleman of Beta Sigma, who is living at Cambridge, has visited us, and has been kind enough to offer her home for initiation.

Best wishes to all for a happy and successful New Year.

MABEL H. SARGENT.



BETA SIGMA CHAPTER

BETA EPSILON, BARNARD COLLEGE

Pledge day for Beta Epsilon was a month earlier than usual this year, and by the end of November we had pledged and initiated five new girls: Katherine Fox, Phyllis Hedley, Helen Jenkins, Margaret Myer and Louise Walker. The early pledge day was, on the whole, very successful, and it was agreed that a short season before sophomore pledge day was an advantage. For the first time in several years a formal rushing party was given by each fraternity; no other rushing is allowed, so that the party became in the eyes of many of paramount importance. Kappa, however, felt that it gave very little opportunity to see the girls they had asked, and that it was really of little advantage to any one; after the holidays Pan-Hellenic is to discuss the advisability of continuing such a plan.

We have changed our "spread" programme a little this year. On the last Thursday of every month we have a supper spread, to which the alumnae are invited. Our apartment is small but we served forty there last month. On the third Wednesday one of our alumnae, Eleanor Doty, has lunch for all the active members and alumnae too, so that we have had several parties this year.

We have three Kappa transfers at Barnard this year whom we enjoy very much; they are Ruth Martin from Upsilon; Lucile Law from Beta Xi and Mary Sistrunk from Beta Omicron.

BETA SIGMA, ADELPHI COLLEGE

Beta Sigma chapter is very happy in having seven fine pledges: Grace Corey, Jean Lucas, Susande Peyster, Leila Wadsworth, Clara Mohrman, Hester Flynn and Dorothy Zehner. We gave our rushing dinner at the home of Ruth Cawl, '15.

Every effort is being made to increase our endowment fund. All of the indebtedness of the college has been provided for and more than \$50,000 was subscribed toward the endowment fund during the month of December. Plans have been made for a senior house and we hope to have it ready for occupancy by April.

The last day of college before the Christmas holidays, the students gave a party to the Lincoln Kindergarten. We had a large tree in the study hall and gave them dolls and toys. The



BETA TAU CHAPTER

Adelphi Associates made stockings which they filled and distributed among the children in the wards of several hospitals.

Olga Lafrentz entertained Beta Epsilon and Beta Sigma during November. We were very glad to meet Delta Gamma's Grand Council, when they visited them recently.

ELIZABETH TRUNDLE.

PSI, CORNELL UNIVERSITY

On January eleventh we shall initiate four freshmen—Betty Seelye, Lake George, N. Y., Constance Wait, New York, Virginia Van Atta, Ithaca, and Elsie Botsford, New Jersey. Initiation will be held as usual at the home of Julia Melotte. Afterward, at Rogues Harbor, we will have our annual banquet. All our alumnae who live in Ithaca expect to be present. Cynthia Seelye, '12, and Geraldine Watson, '11, will also be with us for the week end.

We had our one rushing party on December seventh. First there was a "drag" ride down the lake to a large, old-fashioned farm house, then a splendid turkey supper, after which we gave various stunts—chiefly dramatic. Finally we rode home by midnight—not moonlight.

Christmas vacation was over all too soon. There were various small Kappa parties and reunions, usually near New York City, and then we came back to college, full of hearty good wishes for a happy new year to you all.

MARIAN F. STURGES.

BETA TAU, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

I don't know but some of you would be interested to hear about our plans for a new chapter house and how we are earning money for it. For the last two years we have realized our need for a house but have only started in good earnest just lately to work. Last spring, through the help of our alumnae, we formed a business corporation and now sell shares to all the alumnae and active girls. We do appreciate all they did for us and through their efforts we now have quite a fund toward the house.

About two weeks before Christmas the active girls held a sale of embroidery and fancy work from which we made about

fifty dollars and a short time ago we also had a rummage sale. We have found out that now when we really mean business, we can find many things to do. So, girls, if any of you want a new chapter home, don't wait, but begin immediately to start a fund by doing some of these things which really take very little time.

Mrs. Gladys Erskine Allis entertained the alumnae and active girls at her new home in the city a few weeks ago.

We gave a little afternoon tea recently in honor of our new chaperon, Mrs. Preston, so that our alumnae and friends might meet her.

The underclassmen have been entertained by Miss Margaret Brown.

Alice Hurd, '13, receives the honor of having her name engraved upon the Ella Wallace Wells cup for having the highest scholarship in the junior class.

Miss Edna Wakefield and Miss Ruth Waldo, two Adelphi Kappas, have visited us this year. Mrs. Wallace entertained the girls in their honor.

Mrs. Grace Church Low of Coxsackie has visited us lately.

The following alumnae have been back this year: Mrs. Grace Church Low of Coxsackie; Miss Marguerite Dunham, '11, of Alloway; Miss Cherrie Sutton of Bath; Miss Bessie Heffner, '12, of Cherry Valley; Miss Pollie Clark, '12, of Polaski; and Mrs. Ethel Andrews Dexter, '10, of Herkimer.

Happy New Year greetings to all.

HELEN SHERWOOD.

BETA PSI, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

We are very glad to announce that on November fifth, Dorothy Luke was initiated at the home of Eleanor Davis. Many of our graduates were present and we had a very jolly evening.

The great social event of the year at Victoria was the *Conversazione*, which took place on the sixth of December. The halls were beautifully decorated, and crowded with the undergraduates, graduates and friends. Grace MacLaren, '09, was one of the patronesses.

Beta Psi has adopted the second year pledge day for a year or two at least. We think that in this way we get to know the

girls a great deal better and that this also does away with much of the unpleasantness of rushing.

Winter again; perhaps that does not mean much to all the Kappas, but to the Canadian chapter it means skating, sliding, snowshoeing and unlimited fun. And we are looking forward to visits from some of our graduates during the next few months.

Lenora Porte and Phyllis Denne spent a few days with us last month.

MARJORIE FLANDERS.

BETA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

This is the eventful month in many of the chapters, and it certainly is for us. And yet we cannot say anything about the exciting things that occur in this month because, as this letter is written, they haven't happened yet. Such are the woes of the magazine contributor. No wonder the Christmas periodicals appear at Thanksgiving time.

Pledge day for us is the first Friday in February, and initiation is to be on either the last Saturday in this month or the first in March. We are always delighted to have as many visiting Kappas as possible at our chapter initiation, so if any of the KEY readers are to be in Philadelphia about this time, we cordially invite them to the ceremony. In the meantime, our alumnae will hold their annual banquet. This time, however, and hereafter, the function is to be known as a Kappa banquet, and not merely as a Beta Alpha alumnae banquet. This means that the active chapter will be just as responsible for the success of the affair as the alumnae, and all Kappas in or near Philadelphia will be invited to attend. (Roaming Kappas please take notice).

We are still having rushing parties. Our next one is to be a kind of indoor picnic with everything very comfortable and cozy within, while the elements rage outside. For we are all to gather around an open fire and toast marshmallows, pop corn, and crack nuts and ancient jokes. Later, we are to be treated to the homely but heavenly sandwich, to a hard juicy apple and a mug of cider, and finally to that crowning touch of the modern picnic, an ice cream cone. This will be a welcome change from the eternal chocolate-and-sandwich or ice-cream-and-coffee menu

of the regulation rushing affair, and besides, nothing melts the social ice like marshmallow-toasting. For what lady, however reserved, can maintain her stately dignity while kneeling on the hearth, searching for a smokeless spot among the embers wherein to delicately brown her marshmallow?

As to the success of this final party of ours—well, we shall have to speak of that in the farewell letter for the year, because the results are still in the future.

Alice M. Rodman.

BETA IOTA, SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

Another rushing year is over and we have three new Kappas. The initiation service was held in the village, at the home of Phoebe Lukens, a last year's graduate. We had several alumnae back with us. After the initiation, refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. We then sang some of our old Kappa songs. The new Kappas are, Elizabeth Shoemaker, Edith Satterthwaite, and Helen Spiller—three girls well worthy of wearing the little golden key.

We were very glad to have with us this year Miss Cleora Wheeler. Although her visit was very short, still she gave us some very good advice and we hope to profit by it. May her visit be longer next time.

We had our usual Christmas party on Wednesday night, December the eighteenth. We had a Christmas tree, and this year instead of exchanging gifts among ourselves, we each gave a present to the chapter room. Several of the girls clubbed together, and so gave one big present. We found that this manner of giving to the chapter was very satisfactory, and our room looks much better with the lovely gifts.

We also gave a little gift not exceeding five cents in cost to every girl, and we had much fun out of these presents.

The night before we left for Christmas vacation, we had our annual college Christmas dinner and dance. The dance was a big success. It was very informal but everyone had a good time.

The freshmen were very lucky this year in having two receptions given them, one by the juniors and one by the sophomores. Both were great successes, and the freshmen now

feel that they know most of the college people. The hall gymnasium was used for both receptions, and was tastefully decorated with pennants, banners, etc. The freshmen were made the prominent people of the evening and special effort was made to give them a good time. Most of the evening was spent in dancing.

The sophomores are now busy rehearsing for a play, "The Garnet Flower" which they are to present on January the eighteenth. We are proud to have all our Kappa sophomores in the play, and especially to have Reba Camp and Sarah Sheppard taking leading parts.

SARAH SHEPPARD.

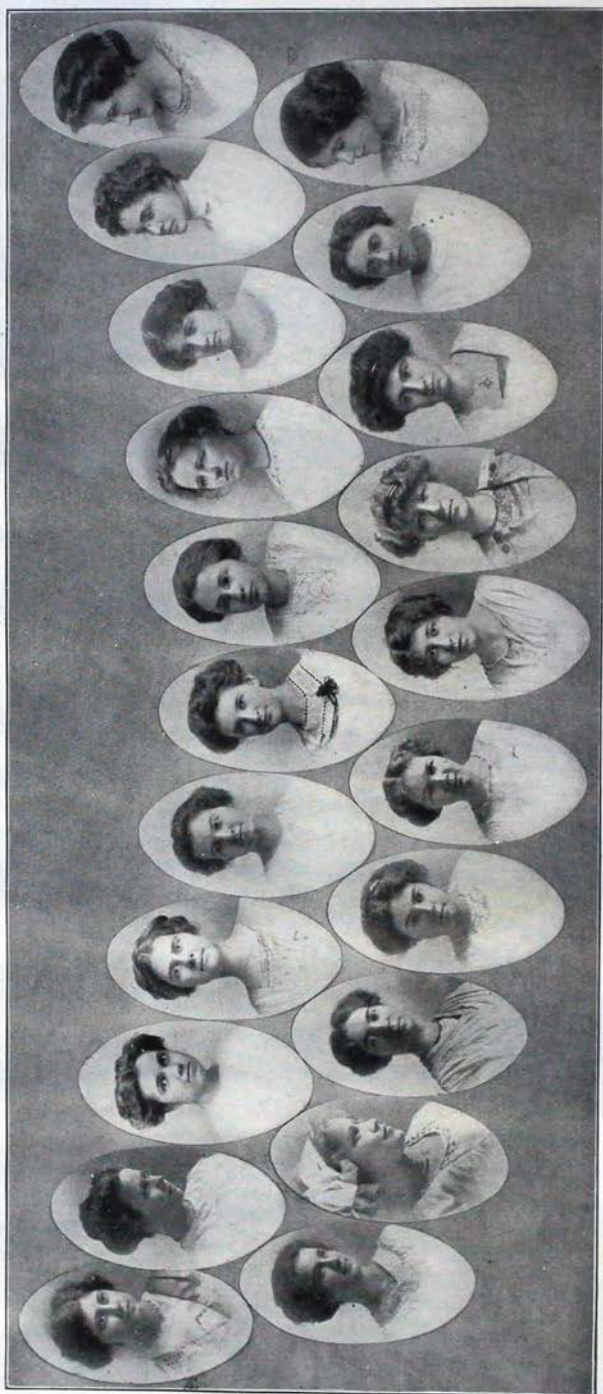
GAMMA RHO, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

It is hard, extremely hard, in the midst of a glorious Christmas vacation to center your mind on the events of the past when those of the future appear so bright. But true as this is, it ought not to be so, for Gamma Rho has had a very successful and happy time these last four months.

Without a doubt the greater part of our interest was fixed on bidding day, which came the ninth of December. We had an especially fine freshman class to choose from this year and as a result nine splendid new girls have been pledged to K K Γ. They are, Elizabeth Best, Mary Carroll, Florence Downing, Jeanette Furguson, Helen Gates, Louise Irvin, Helen McKenzie, Bernice Thoburn and Emma Waring. The bids from all fraternities were sent out on the noon mail and according to the contract they were to be answered by four o'clock. Pledge service was held that evening and was followed by a dinner in honor of our new girls.

We have all been working earnestly to keep up a high grade of scholarship. In order to increase our interest we have started a contest among the different classes. The class which stands first at the end of the term is to be banqueted by the others.

But it is not all work at Allegheny and so we have many good times to look back upon. Early in November, Mrs. Florence Stem Carpenter, one of our alumnae living in town, entertained the active chapter with several of the alumnae, at an afternoon tea. The first week in December the girls were entertained at dinner at the homes of Mrs. Swartley and Florence Scott.



GAMMA KHO CHAPTER

We have made all preparations for a spread to be held the first night on which we return.

Initiation will take place the first Saturday night of February. We are planning on having a large number of alumnae with us for the important event.

May each day of 1913 be a successful one for all Kappa chapters.

KATHARINE FOWLER.

BETA UPSILON, UNIVERSITY OF WEST VIRGINIA

Beta Upsilon chapter proudly announces the possession of eleven new members: Mrs. Bert Holmes Hite, Poly Royce, Anna Mary Marshall, Marie Smart, Edna Greenan, Bertha Griffin, Pauline Musgrave, Ethel Hault, Flora Furbee, Myra Nefflen, and Sarah Reiner.

The initiation was held Friday, January tenth. This interesting occasion was followed by an elaborate banquet in which thirty-three happy Kappas participated. Among the out of town alumnae back for this joyous event were, Misses Edna Arnold, Weston; Ethel Ice, Fairmont; Clara Lytle, Fairmont; Pauline Theakston, Pittsburgh; and Katharine Kumler of Grafton. This initiation increases our number from eight to nineteen and we are seeing visions already of a chapter house and honors galore.

Miss Moore, our dean of women, is to go abroad this summer and Edna Arnold, a Beta Upsilon girl, has been selected to fill Miss Moore's position during the summer school.

Flora Hayes gave a linen shower on December seventh in honor of her cousin, Miss Grace Hodges, the only daughter of our president, and a loyal Kappa friend, whose marriage to Mr. Frank Gibbs of Wheeling took place December thirty-first.

Anna Mary Marshall of Connellsville, Pennsylvania, entertained at a Pittsburgh theatre party during the Thanksgiving recess, in honor of her house guests, Misses Louise Stealey, Polly Royce and Myra Nefflen.

Louise Kumler and Anna Mary Marshall entertained the active chapter at a chafing dish party given in honor of our baby Kappa, Marie Smart, on her seventeenth birthday. We feasted on cake and nonsense. A happy chapter evening.

In November under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A., a college women's banquet was held. Covers were laid for about two hundred guests, invitations having been extended to all the women students. The military band rendered the musical program, which was greatly enjoyed. Twelve young men of the Y. M. C. A. served the dinner. Miss Colwell, of the faculty, acted as toastmistress. The following toasts were given: "The Freshman Lover"; "Can College Spirit be Expressed by the Vocal Organs"; "Our Tyrants, the Professors"; "To Study or not to Study"; "The Co-Eds the Hope of the University"; "A National Crisis, More Co-Eds", (an allusion to the overflow at the woman's hall) and "Foibles of the College Woman". This affair was the first of the kind given here and greatly increased college spirit among the girls.

KATHARINE KEARNEY.

BETA PROVINCE

LAMBDA, BUCHTEL COLLEGE

After much waiting and planning, our house party finally happened. We began with a progressive dinner on the afternoon of November fifteenth, ending up at Ruth Feiberger's, where we spent the night, and on the next afternoon we attended the Buchtel-Marietta football game. We broke up sadly Saturday evening, for our good friend and president, Doctor Church, was dying. His death came as a shock to everyone, but Kappa was touched the more deeply because he was so close to us—his wife, daughter, and niece all being our fraternity sisters. Mrs. Church was a Beta Beta Kappa at St. Lawrence University, while her daughter, Evelyn, and niece, Kathrine Blanchard, are Lambda girls. Mrs. Church will spend the winter at Edmeston, New Jersey, Evelyn and Kathrine remaining at the dormitory.

On the afternoon of November twenty-sixth, there was great excitement in Kappa's room, and all of us huddled in tense whispering groups and waited! Would they come the Kappa way, those three freshmen we wanted so badly? Yes, they came, and it is with a feeling of great delight that we introduce to all of you our three pledges: Minerva Shubert, Ann Allen, and Clementine Glock.

After pledging we had just a little spread to celebrate—our big

spread came two days later, when we had a dinner in the rooms, after which we went to see "Little Women", a play we enjoyed very much, although some of us did have to hang out 'kerchiefs to dry after each act.

Since then we have had the usual lull after the excitement of rushing, but that does not mean that we have lost enthusiasm! Far from it! But Christmas time is "hustlin'" time, and for a while every one is engrossed in her own affairs.

Our Christmas spread we held on Friday evening, December twentieth, and we had our usual jolly time over our Christmas basket, in which we all found queer little packages containing some "take off" expressing our particular "failing".

During vacation Ruth Harter held a little shower and dinner for Martha Seward, one of our engaged ones, and May Rinehart also entertained for us.

Of course Christmas would not be complete without our girls coming back from school, so we were very glad to have Harriet Hotchkiss and Adele Carpenter with us again.

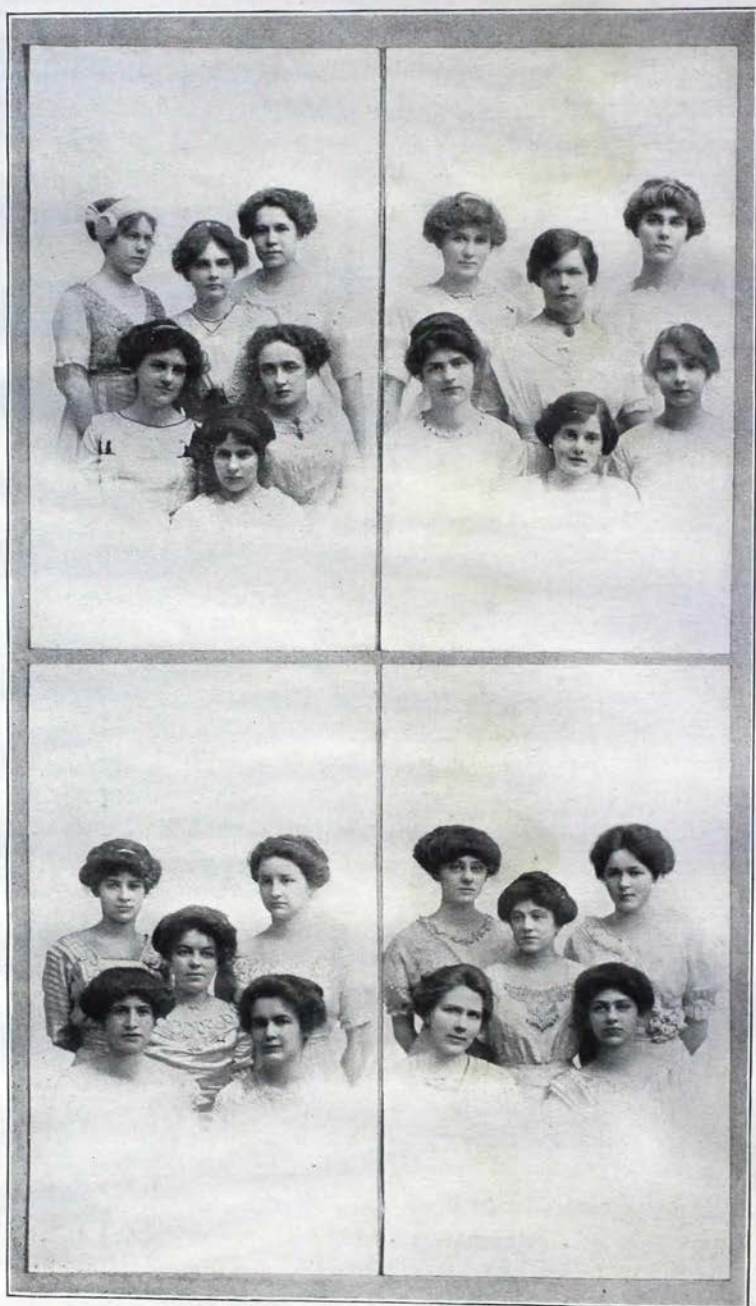
At the Christmas dance we were glad to meet a Kappa sister from Wooster. We wish we might meet more girls from other chapters, for it makes us realize how big and grand an institution fraternity is.

And, now, a new year is before us. Kappa's record will be filled with new names, new honors, new successes, and to all Lambda extends the old, old wish for much happiness and prosperity!

FLORENCE G. CAMPBELL.

BETA GAMMA, WOOSTER UNIVERSITY

Beta Gamma, together with the other fraternities of Wooster, has been passing through a very trying experience, the outcome of which is still uncertain. In order to retain the support of one of Wooster's best friends who is not in sympathy with fraternities, the faculty asked us all to give up our charters. There has been a wide difference of opinion as to the right course to pursue. Consequently the matter has been left to the trustees, who will decide it at their next meeting. You can imagine the conflicting emotions which we feel and the anxiety through which we have passed.



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Our Christmas season was saddened by the death of one of our most loyal alumnae, Mrs. Miriam Hard Allis, at whose home we have had so many real Kappa good times. She has always been as interested in the chapter as any of the active members and we shall miss very much indeed her loyal interest and advice.

Two of the girls who were with us last year have been married within the last few weeks, Elsie Machle to Mr. Wilbur White, Beta Theta Pi, both of the class of 1912, and Mary Dunlap to Mr. Theodore Richle, of New York City.

ELLA M. MURPHY.

BETA DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Beta Delta had a fine rushing season this year, pledging eight new girls—Honor Gaines, Ruth Hutzle, Nena MacIntyre, Edith Macauley, Marguerite Haag, Elizabeth McRae, Helen Humphreys, Nellie Hanna.

We had just settled down from that strenuous work, when the sad news came of the sudden death of Ethel Trask Rouse, and our pins were draped with black for several weeks.

Just after rushing season we had a short visit from Marie Steketee, one of last year's seniors. She stopped on her way to California.

It seems so good to have three of our old girls back again, Mary Louise Powers, Julia Henning, and Elsie Kindel. Only lately we have found that Elsie will leave us at Christmas time and not come back, for she is going with her people to Washington. Her father has just been elected United States Congressman from Denver, and while we are glad for Elsie, we certainly hate to see her go away from us.

Our chapter has further been added to by an affiliate, Marion Hine, from Hillsdale, with whom we have all fallen in love.

Notice came lately of the birth, October thirtieth, of a first baby boy—Beardsley Arthur Gammel—to Edith Edminston Gammel, of Cleveland, Ohio.

November the fourteenth, we had our annual freshman dance. Every dance we have at the house makes us appreciate more and more what a lovely place it is.

Saturday, November twenty-third, was a big day for us.



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Initiation and banquet brought back many of our alumnae, who are scattered around here. The banquet was a pretty sight. Fifty-three sat down at the tables in our roomy dining room—patronesses, alumnae, guests, and actives.

In early November, elections to Wyvern and Mortar Board, (junior and senior honor societies on the campus), came out. Julia Henning and Beatrice Merriam were taken into Wyvern, making four Kappa members, for Julia Anderson and Nellie Hanna were elected to membership last spring. Irene Murphy was elected to Mortar Board, making two, with Helen Henning, in the organization.

Mrs. Boucke, one of our patronesses, gave a party for our seniors in November.

Blanch Martin, '11, announced the date of her marriage to Lawrence Johnson, '10, to be Christmas day. Mrs. W. H. Butler is to give Blanch a shower, December fourteenth.

To-day, December seventh, is the date of the freshman spread, when we all turn out to the dance and spread given by the sophomores for the freshmen. It is the juniors' duty to be freshman escorts. The seniors are also invited to join in the fun.

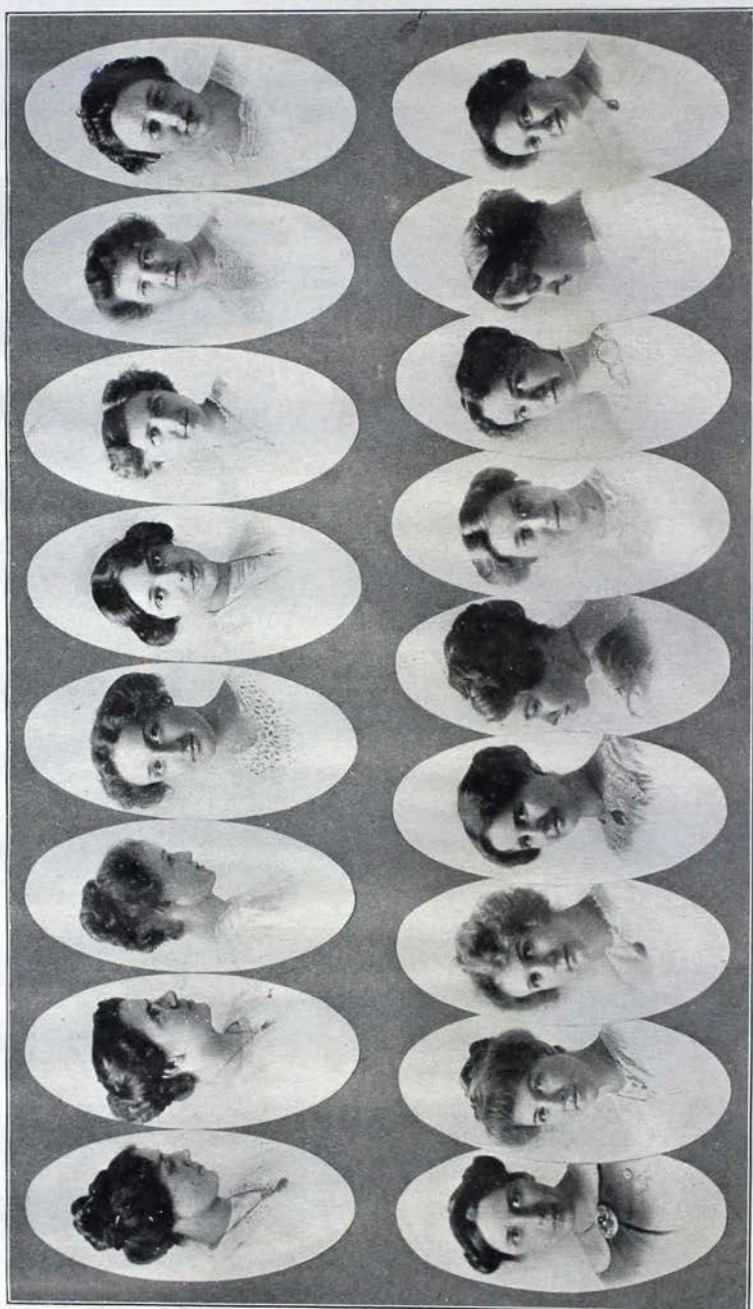
Beta Delta extends a hearty greeting and welcome to all her Kappa sisters.

BEATRICE MERRIAM.

XI, ADRIAN COLLEGE

Even though pledge day was Friday the thirteenth of December, we were very fortunate in being able to pin the blue and blue upon five splendid girls: Katherine Mersereau of Hartford, Michigan; Elizabeth Dalzell of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Iva Swift, Dorothy Clement and Hazel Potts of Adrian. The plan of pledging this year was very successful. Invitations from both fraternities were given to Miss Knott, dean of women, before noon of pledge day, and were given out by her at three o'clock. A committee of four girls, two from Kappa and two from Tri Delta remained at the college to receive the answers, while the rest of the girls were entertained at an informal tea at the home of Mrs. Priddy, of Tri Delta.

A few weeks before pledge day we entertained some of the new girls and Miss Knott, Mrs. Catlin and Miss Robinson at



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a progressive dinner. The first room was decorated as a gypsy room, then came a modern dining room, a colonial room, a Japanese room, and a stunt-room. In each room two girls with garb appropriate to their particular room served the course. It was a very jolly evening and the rooms were very unique and pretty.

We had the pleasure of a visit from Lucile Goucher, '11, of Toronto, Ohio, for a few days.

Elma Ellis, '13, is the newly elected president of Star Literary Society.

Several of the girls received boxes at Thanksgiving time which were full of all kinds of good things to eat. Most of the girls went home for the holidays and those who did not spent their vacation with friends.

Edwinea Windrem, Helen Hitchings, Belle Peters McKee, Emeline Metcalf and Ruth Anthony attended the missionary convention of the colleges of Michigan, which was held at Lansing in December.

Miss Belle Peters of Steubenville, Ohio, visited her niece, Belle Peters McKee, for a few days.

Xi sends best wishes to all chapters.

IRENE JENNINGS.

KAPPA, HILLSDALE COLLEGE

We are all very much elated over our rushnig season and its outcome, for we can now introduce three new Kappa sisters, Fern Sawyer, Marion Wilder and Ruth Harnden. We bid and pledged the girls on November ninth, after which we had our "spike" supper.

As an initiatory stunt the "spikes" entertained the active chapter with a progressive dinner party, on November twenty-third, with each course served in a different girl's room.

In the afternoon, December seventh, the initiation of the new girls took place in our rooms. Our annual initiation banquet came in the evening. We still observe the custom of inviting the mothers of any Kappas who live in town. The tables were profusely decorated with yellow chrysanthemums, smilax, ferns and candles, and the place card, menu and list of toasts were contained in a small burlap book. After the five-course banquet,

Grace Van Aken introduced the toastmistress, Mrs. Albert Dimmers, '93, who then introduced the following speakers:

Mother's Toast—Mrs. M. W. Chase.

Pledge Toast—Fern Sawyer.

Patroness Toast—Mrs. F. M. Gier.

Alumnae Toast—Edith Shepard, '00.

Chapter Toast—Amy Willoughby.

Miss Gladys Race, Miss Marian Hine of Beta Delta, and Miss Sarah Putnam, '95, were out of town guests for both our initiation and banquet.

Dean Arnold of Simmons College spoke before the students on November fourteenth.

There has been a Pan-Hellenic council formed, consisting of two members from each fraternity—Delta Tau Delta, Alpha Tau Omega, Pi Beta Phi and Kappa Kappa Gamma. Our two representatives are Grace Van Aken and Amy Willoughby.

By the time this letter reaches you, you all, most probably, will be through with your examinations. But if not too late, Kappa chapter wishes you all good luck in them.

MARIAN WILLOUGHBY.

GAMMA PROVINCE

DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA

Winter term opened January the second. We had initiation on Monday the sixth, so that the freshmen wore their keys at our open house dance on the eighteenth. We were delighted to welcome our seventeen fine pledges into the fraternity.

Our annual Christmas party was held on December the ninth at the homes of Helen Beck and Ruth Telfer. We had dinner at Miss Beck's and the Christmas tree at Miss Telfer's. Each guest received two gifts, a funny one and a pretty one.

The Indiana Union football dance in the student building had many novel features. The floor was lined off like a gridiron and after the grand march a picture was taken of the dancers seated on bleachers.

The university chorus and orchestra gave a concert on the fifteenth of December in the men's gymnasium. Kathleen Stillwell was one of the soloists.

We have a new pledge, Alida Van Vessen, '15, of Holland, Michigan.

Betsy Dunning, ex-'12, has been in Bloomington to attend the Beta house party, and to visit the sisters.

ELIZABETH GRIFFITH.

IOTA, DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

This fall Iota has enjoyed two initiations. First, on Saturday, November sixteenth, we initiated two of our city alumnae, Mrs. Lammers and Mrs. Gilmore, who had been pledged some time ago at other schools. Then on the following Saturday night we initiated Esther Edwards, who has sophomore classification, and also Dorothy Lockwood, Elizabeth Ruthenburg, Esther Coombs, Mildred Morgan and Lala Clare Lammers, all freshmen who are daughters or sisters of Kappas. In the spring we shall pledge freshmen who are not members of Kappa families.

We feel very fortunate this year in having with us two of our alumnae, Mary Ann Baker of 1912, who is teaching German and English in the DePauw Academy, and Alice Trout of 1911, who is teaching music in the new Asbury Conservatory of Music here in Greencastle.

Our president, Doctor Grose of Baltimore, is at last with us permanently and has already won the support of every student; however, we are expecting his success to increase with time.

An Iota alumna, Mrs. Snider of Brazil, has invited the entire chapter to spend an evening with her after the holidays. As Brazil is only a short distance from Greencastle we expect to have a special car on the interurban for the trip and are looking forward to a most enjoyable evening.

Just now the holiday spirit is uppermost. Every spare moment is spent with needle or shuttle as the many beautiful bits of embroidery, tatting, crochet, etc., will testify, and many holiday plans have developed while needles were flying.

We are planning for and working on our annual minstrel which is to be the principal feature of entertainment at our formal party which we give in February.

Iota sends to all best wishes for the most delightful vacation and a very prosperous and successful new year.

LOTTA THOMAS.



IOTA CHAPTER

MU, BUTLER COLLEGE

Fall term closed at Butler with the usual dreaded finals. The honor system with a student council, elected by the students, was successfully used. Three Kappas, Dorothy Kautz, Mary Critchlow and Elsie Felt were elected to the honor committee at the class elections.

On November second, Mrs. Scott, one of our Butler alumnae, gave a spread at her home in North Indianapolis for the active chapter and freshmen in whom we are interested.

On November first, the dormitory girls gave a delightful "kid party", with the girls of college living outside the residence as their guests.

November sixth and seventh the district Y. W. C. A. secretary visited Butler, bringing vigorous inspiration to the Y. W. C. A. here. The Y. W. gave a spread in her honor at noon on November sixth, in the Y. W. C. A. room in the main college building. Her inspiring personality was a stimulus which the college and the Y. W. girls particularly, will not soon forget.

On November eleventh, we initiated Mary James, who was pledged on matriculation day. We are all glad to have Mary among us as a full-fledged Kappa. We were pleased to have Mrs. Dill, one of the charter members of Mu, with us at the initiation.

Early in the fall term, Miss Graydon, teacher of English and friend of the students, procured Miss Stanton to give dancing lessons to all the girls of the college who desired to take. The term of lessons was ended delightfully by a cotillon given by the Lotus Club in the dining hall of the dormitory. It proved to be the most delightful and successful social event ever given by the Lotus Club.

On December sixth several of the Kappa alumnae gave a dinner to the active chapter and guests at the home of Lucile Carr in Irvington. White roses, smilax, and white candles were effectively used in the table decorations.

On November twenty-third, Mrs. Pruitt and Miss Carver gave an enjoyable house dance at the home of Mrs. Pruitt for the active chapter and some of the freshmen.

Our round of gaities has gone along with some hard work

and we are hoping not to fare badly when the averages of the fraternities are drawn up.

The women's fraternities here are maintaining their eighteen week contract with pledge day set for February seventeenth. There are many splendid girls among the freshmen and prospects for Mu seem good indeed.

MABEL M. FELT.

ETA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

We filled Christmas stockings this year for some of the Madison children who otherwise would not have been remembered with gifts. This little bit of charitable work gave us so much pleasure, that we will doubtless establish it as one of our customs.

In spite of the excitement of the holidays, we have had time for our faculty reception and also to entertain for our chaperon. We were fortunate in meeting several professors and instructors who are experiencing their first year at the university.

We have had Madison alumnae at our meetings all year, with a few exceptions. On several occasions, they have talked to us of visits made to other chapters. Mrs. Olin spoke of the pleasant time she had at Michigan.

Eta wishes you all a most successful New Year!

BLEND A KJELLGREN.

BETA LAMBDA, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Our annual banquet usually held in the spring, was given this year on Saturday evening, November the sixteenth, during "homecoming" time. Many of our alumnae came back for the occasion. In fact, including our own active girls, I believe there were fifty-three Kappas there. After the banquet was concluded and the toasts were given, the entire party went to the chapter house where clever entertainment in the form of a minstrel show, was given by the freshmen. The local "hits" and original songs deservedly called forth hearty applause.

Just at present there is much talk about the installation of the honor system in the various departments of our university. The student body in general greeted the idea with great enthusiasm. As yet, however, there has been little trial of it, but

we sincerely hope it may find a prospective future in our institution.

Because of the restriction of second semester initiation decided upon by local Pan-Hellenic and later by the university authorities, we have not initiated any of our freshmen as yet. However, we are looking forward to the time when we can introduce them as full-fledged Kappa sisters.

Junior prom., one of our four large university parties of the year, was held on December the thirteenth. Glowing reports were brought back by those who attended.

At eight o'clock on the evening of December the eighteenth, we held our annual Christmas party. This is one of our most cherished and popular entertainments or customs handed down in the history of the chapter. About the grate-fire and tinsel Christmas tree, jolly old Santa distributed his ridiculous presents. Much literary genius and poetical talent shine forth at this time, and disappear, only to gleam forth again the following year in the light of our Christmas tree.

AMELIA L. KELLOGG.

UPSILON, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

The annual college carnival, a great success, given by the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. at the Northwestern gymnasium, December seventh, was under the chairmanship of Irene Farnham.

On November ninth Upsilon gave an informal dance at the Winnetka Woman's Club.

Ramona Herrod has been initiated into Sigma Sigma, an inter-sorority society.

The junior "prom", held in the gymnasium on December thirteenth, brings more elaborate decorations and a better time each year.

Irene Farnham has been elected associate editor on the *Daily Northwestern* staff.

The Northwestern dramatic club presented Sheridan's "The Critic" at the "Evanston" on December sixteenth and seventeenth. Ramona Herrod was chosen on the cast.

The active chapter was entertained by the alumnae at the



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home of Helen McCarrele on December eighteenth. The freshman "stunt" proved to be a Christmas tree for the other girls.

We were very sorry to have Irene Templeton leave school before the holidays, but we hope to have her with us again the second semester, as well as Mary Hard, Eleanor Hanna, and Florence Graham.

SUE MARKLEY.

EPSILON, ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Illinois Wesleyan has just finished a successful campaign of raising \$125,000 in Bloomington and is now working on a \$200,000 campaign in the county. This shows a marked advance for Wesleyan.

The central Illinois missionary conference was held here the middle of December and Genevieve Dupuy, Beta Lambda, and Jess Campbell of Iota, were here at that time.

The Friday before Christmas we had our annual Christmas tree party in our hall and instead of putting presents on the tree for ourselves we put our money together and got presents for the hall. We found this a much better way of celebrating Christmas.

Margaret Merwin entertained all the active chapter with a sewing party January fourth. We are all looking forward to Kappa Club guest day, that is to be held in the near future. They are planning a "kid" party.

December twenty-seventh, the engagement of Myra Sinclair, '09, to Dr. Ralph Pearis of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was announced.

The home of Mary McIntosh has been saddened by the death of her mother, which occurred December twenty-seventh.

Epsilon wishes all her sister chapters a happy and successful New Year.

MARY GREEN.

DELTA PROVINCE

CHI, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Initiation was held at the chapter house November fifth. The interest of the alumnae was shown by the large number present.

The custom of having open house after all of the football

games, was changed this season, and we put all of our energies into two teas given after the Illinois and Wisconsin games.

We have been very glad to have as house guests this fall two visiting Kappas, Miss Dugan of Iowa and Miss Arnold of Wisconsin.

Everyone is now looking forward to the annual reception and dance. The reception is one of our three important social functions of the year and the one at which one meets not only Kappas but the families and friends of the active chapter, faculty members and their wives, and members of other fraternities and sororities. After the reception the active chapter gives a formal dancing party.

ELSIE TANNER.

THETA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Instead of all the girls exchanging presents with each other this year, Theta tried a new plan. Each of the girls gave a certain amount of money, which was put aside for our house fund. Our very highest ambition is to have a home of our own, especially since the girls who went to Lawrence for the Missouri-Kansas football game came back with such glowing accounts of Omega's new house.

Several nights before the Christmas holidays began we had a Christmas tree, but the gifts were strictly limited to jokes and roasts upon the girls.

We are glad to have Ellen Foley, of Indiana, with us this year.

Two of our seniors, Katherine Barnes and Adeline Jesse, were elected to L. S. U., an honorary society for senior women to which only five members are elected each year.

ABBIE W. ELWANG.

SIGMA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

The University of Nebraska closed December twentieth, for two weeks, which is a longer vacation than usual at Christmas time. The preceding week was filled with Christmas parties, and every fraternity had its Christmas tree. We had ours on Wednesday evening. One of the girls dressed as Santa Claus and distributed the ten-cent presents and the accompanying verses. Aside from these "take-offs" there were many nice

gifts for the fraternity house, including silver, china, glass and linen for the table. In the midst of the excitement a half-dozen older Kappas who live in Lincoln walked in bringing an assortment of jelly, jam and preserves. This thoughtfulness was especially appreciated by the active chapter as the visitors all had families and interests at home.

December fourteenth the Kappas gave a dancing party at the university Temple. Several out-of-town alumnae and a few rushees were present.

Sigma chapter was delighted to make the acquaintance of Crete Stewart, of Omega, who visited us at the time of the Kansas-Nebraska football game.

During the Thanksgiving recess the members of Sigma, both active and alumnae, who live in Omaha, gave a luncheon in honor of some Omaha and Lincoln high school girls.

May the New Year bring good luck to each and every Kappa.

DELLA LADD.

EPSILON PROVINCE

BETA MU, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

Beta Mu is proud to introduce to her Kappa sisters, her pledges, Susie Brewster, Gladys Clark, Besse Low, Freda Meentz.

We held our annual Christmas tree December eighteenth. Estelle Kyle played the clever Santa Claus, and read the "hits" on each present. Each pledge before receiving her present had to read a little original Christmas poem.

The house received several lovely Christmas presents. Miss McCracken, our chaperon, gave us a stunning lunch cloth and salt and peppers for the table. We also received two dozen salad forks in "blue and blue" cases along with several other useful presents.

The Woman's League gave a vaudeville, December fourteenth. Every sorority contributed some stunt, the Kappas furnishing the band.

Beta Mu will give a dance for her pledges, January eleventh, 1913. We shall also be celebrating the installation of our new chapter in Washington.

MARGUERITE NELSON.



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BETA XI, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

On January seventh we initiated ten freshmen who had made their "C average" for the term preceding. One other freshman who made her average was ill and could not be initiated. Three failed to make the average, but we hope they will do so this term. Those freshmen we initiated are: Elizabeth Barry, Mary Berry, Margaret Bozman, Maidie Dealey, Emma Lee, Mary Masterson, Miriam Moore, Ethel Murray, Sarah Pace, and Margaret Runge. After initiation our annual banquet was held at the Driskoll. Besides our active girls the alumnae, the three pledges, and our chaperon, Miss Lockett, were present. Miss Herma Ujffy of Galveston was toast-mistress.

The evenings of the second and fourth Tuesdays in each month have been reserved for "stunt night". Each class is responsible in some way for the evening's entertainment.

There is an active movement on the part of the non-fraternity men and women, in the university and throughout Texas, to abolish fraternities. This matter is to come before the next session of the legislature.

Irene Blair of Theta chapter, who has been with us in the library for the past two years, resigned in December and returned home.

Two Kappa weddings of interest this year are that of Cornelia Rice of Galveston to Will Scarborough, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, of Austin, and Lorena McDermott and Walter Rosen, both of Dallas.

A committee is at work on plans for a chapter house for next year.

Beta Xi announces the birth of Carey Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burke Baker of Houston, Mrs. Baker being remembered as Bennie Brown.

CLARA THAXTON.

BETA CHI, KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY

Beta Chi chapter has not been as gay this year as in former years, as our hearts have gone out in sympathy to our two dear sisters, Mary M. Rodes, our Grand Secretary, and Elizabeth Rodes, who recently lost their beloved father.

We had, however, a very successful rushing season and have

nine brand new Kappa sisters to introduce you to. They are Katherine Mitchell, Carolyn Barker, Natalie Woodruff, Carleton Brewer, Ella K. Porter, Martha Willis, Jane Shannon, Martha Weakley, and Lulie Harbison.

We have a larger chapter roll this year than ever before, and one can readily see how our university is growing.

Jean Bishop of Iota chapter is teaching music in Hamilton College in Lexington, and we are so happy to have her with us.

The women's Pan-Hellenic council has been considering petitioning Phi Beta Kappa, and in order to raise the standard of scholarship in Kappa, Beta Chi decided to post the grades of each member every month in the chapter house, and these grades will remain on our bulletin board throughout the month. All the visitors to the house may see them. We want to have our girls prepared so they will be in readiness, if Phi Beta Kappa comes into our midst.

A tea has been planned, to be given immediately after the holidays. It is to be given for our patronesses in order that the new girls may meet them.

Elizabeth Threlkeld is spending the fall and winter in New York.

ELIZABETH GRAEME MOORE.

ZETA PROVINCE

PI, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

As examinations have swooped down upon us and the sisters have become recluses for a season, we have almost forgotten the "social whirl" of early November.

First in importance came the "big game" of November ninth, our yearly struggle with the cardinal fifteen. Beta Eta was with us, with willow plumes wrapped tenderly in oiled paper and feathers dripping, for the rain was pelting down upon us in the most inauspicious manner. The game itself was a sad vision of "animated bronze states" in a great sea of mud, but the old-time spirit was there in all its vigor, in spite of the tie score which greeted us at the end. Pi swelled with pride as she displayed to the Stanford Kappas her mansion, to which they had not yet been introduced.

On November twelfth we celebrated our house warming to

the college public in the form of a reception in honor of our Grand President, Eva Powell. Both afternoon and evening the house swarmed with interested friends, and each room was adorned in its very best for the occasion. Our pride, we found, was not alleviated by time, and our visitors that day encouraged us in any satisfaction we might feel.

November twenty-ninth was the annual, all-important "junior day". The farce, given in Oakland, was a splendid success, and the prom., too, was pronounced of the same character.

On Saturday next we are planning to celebrate the spirit of Christmas in a tree at the house for twelve little orphan children. The function is to be a party in the afternoon, with a sparkling tree, games and presents for each one. We are anticipating it with as much interest and enthusiasm as the recipients can possible feel.

We have been very fortunate in having with us for our chaperon during the last month, Edith Stoner, of Theta chapter. She is certainly "one of us", and we should heartily like to keep her always with us.

Pi wishes all the chapters of Kappa the very best and most prosperous New Year ever!

RUTH SHERMAN.

BETA PI, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

On this dreary, rainy day in the Christmas vacation, Beta Pi sends heartiest good wishes to all Kappas for a happy and prosperous New Year.

All the girls have gone home for the holidays, and from what we hear are enjoying to the fullest extent the long looked for vacation. The work has been unusually heavy this year and a rest is truly appreciated just now before the examinations. Our new semester begins February fourth, our chapter installation day. On that day we shall have our initiation and banquet. Next time Beta Pi hopes to introduce to you several splendid, new, real Kappas.

The Pan-Hellenic Association here has worked hard all semester for some favorable system of rushing. At this date nothing definite has been decided, but from present indications, it would seem that Washington is to have a semester pledge.

The faculty is supporting this idea and the majority of the fraternities seem in favor of trying it out next semester. Beta Pi thoroughly approves and hopes to see the plan materialize.

This year the chapter gave Christmas dinners, clothes, and presents to two very needy families. Besides this we had our usual gifts to the house. The alumnae gave us a beautiful rug for the entrance hall; the freshmen, two dozen salad forks; and the rest of the girls gave very pretty and useful gifts. Our Christmas celebration at the house this year was greatly saddened by the departure of two of our girls before the holidays. March and Kathryn McGlauffin were called home by the death of their father. March, '14, will return to school, but Kathryn, pledge '16, will remain at home on account of very poor health.

Gertrude Barnum has played splendidly on the freshman hockey team and so far shows every possibility of making the basketball team.

Margaret Thaanum served on the "Junior Jinx" committee, Hazel Randolph on the junior dramatic committee, and Doris Bronson on the junior booth committee for the varsity ball. The ball was held December thirteenth in the gymnasium, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. About two hundred and fifty couples attended.

Lucile Thompson, '13, is very capably assisting in the journalism department of the university.

Lucille Eckstorm, ex-'13, of Lethbridge, Alberta, is visiting us at this time.

Elizabeth Fox, Beta Epsilon, has been in Seattle for the holidays, and on December twenty-sixth, she entertained Kappas at tea in her apartment.

Several of our girls are thinking now of the splendid privilege we are to have on January eleventh. At the present time nine of the girls, Lottie Trenholm, Lelia Parker, Hazel Randolph, Florence Day, Lois Bronson, Doris Bronson, Ruth Miller, Jessie Lee Poole, and Lucille Eckstorm, are surely going to be present at the installation of Beta Omega at Eugene, Oregon. We only wish there were more chapters of Kappa near, that they might also be with us at that wonderful event.

-DORIS BRONSON.

BETA PHI, UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

We initiated Ruth Cronk of Townsend, Dorothy Sterling and Ona Sloane of Missoula.

The engagement of Margaret Lucy to H. S. Thane has been announced.

The annual co-ed prom. was held in the gymnasium October twelfth, and under the management of Mildred Ingalls, proved to be a great success. This is looked forward to by all the women of the university. Half of them went as men and the other half as women.

At a meeting of men's and women's Pan-Hellenic councils it was decided by the fraternities and sororities to have sophomore pledge day. This motion went into effect September twelfth, 1912. A motion is now before the faculty to the effect that freshman pledging be granted.

The first part of the year the alumnae Kappas gave a number of spreads so that we might become acquainted with all of the freshmen.

Mrs. Weisel recently entertained for both alumnae and active Kappas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Toole. An enjoyable opportunity of getting acquainted with out-of-town Kappas was afforded.

GRACE M. LEARY.

DIRECTORY OF MEETINGS

CHAPTERS

Any member of Kappa Kappa Gamma is cordially invited to attend meetings of the active chapters.

PHI

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

PSI

meets in room 29 of Sage College, Ithaca, New York, every Saturday evening at eight o'clock.

BETA TAU

meets every Friday evening at seven thirty o'clock in the chapter house at 718 Irving Avenue, Syracuse, New York.

BETA PSI

meets every second Saturday at eight o'clock at the homes of the girls in the city. Definite information may be had by telephoning Miss Helen Scott, Hillcrest 227.

BETA ALPHA

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

BETA IOTA

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

GAMMA RHO

meets every Saturday night at eight o'clock in the chapter rooms on the fourth floor of Hulings Hall, Meadville, Pennsylvania.

BETA UPSILON

meets each Tuesday evening at 6:15 at the chapter room, 334 Willey Street, Morgantown, West Virginia.

LAMBDA

meets every Tuesday at one thirty in the fraternity rooms on the third floor of Curtis Cottage, the girls' dormitory, on the campus of Buchtel College, Akron, Ohio.

BETA GAMMA

meets at the chapter room in Kanke Hall, Wooster, Ohio, every Friday evening at eight o'clock.

BETA NU

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

BETA DELTA

meets in the chapter house, on the corner of Church Street, 1204 Hill Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

XI

meets at half after seven o'clock on Saturday evenings, in the chapter rooms, in South Hall, Adrian College, Adrian, Michigan.

KAPPA

meets every Saturday night at seven thirty in the chapter rooms at the college, Hillsdale, Michigan. Communicate through Marion Wiloughby, 225 West Street. Telephone 171 R.

DELTA

meets every Monday evening at the chapter house in Forest Place, Bloomington, Indiana.

IOTA

meets every Saturday night at seven o'clock at the chapter house on the corner of Bloomington and Anderson Streets, Greencastle, Indiana.

ETA

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

BETA LAMBDA

meets every Monday evening in the chapter house, 404 East John Street, Champaign, Illinois.

EPSILON

meets on Friday afternoons at two thirty in the Kappa Hall in the main building of the university. The last Saturday evening in each month Epsilon has a dinner at the Woman's Exchange at five thirty for all Kappas.

UPSILON

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

CHI

meets every Monday at 5 P. M., at the chapter house, 1728 4th Street S. E. Minneapolis, Minnesota. It may be reached from downtown district in about twenty minutes by the Oak and Harriet Street car. Supper is served after meeting.

BETA ZETA

holds fraternity meetings at seven o'clock every Monday evening in the chapter house, 431 East Jefferson Street, Iowa City.

SIGMA

meets on Monday evening at seven thirty o'clock at the fraternity house, 435 North 25th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

OMEGA

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

BETA MU

meets in the Kappa house, 1221 University Avenue, Boulder, Colorado, at seven on Monday evenings during the college year.

BETA OMICRON

meets every Friday afternoon at four o'clock.

BETA CHI

meets on Monday afternoon at three thirty o'clock at the fraternity house at 349 South Limestone Street, Lexington, Kentucky.

PI

meets every Monday evening, at seven fifteen in the chapter room of the Kappa house, 2725 Channing Way.

BETA ETA

meets in the chapter house at Stanford University every Monday evening at seven thirty.

BETA PI

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

BETA PHI

meets every Wednesday at four thirty o'clock in Craig Hall, Missoula, Montana.

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATIONS**NEW YORK ASSOCIATION**

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

WESTERN NEW YORK ASSOCIATION

meets in January, April, June and September. For dates and places of meeting address Mrs. Harrison Montague, 97 Adams Street, Rochester, New York.

BETA IOTA ASSOCIATION

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

SYRACUSE ASSOCIATION

meets once a month. For dates and places of meeting address Miss Georgia A. Wells, 234 W. Kennedy Street, Syracuse, New York.

PHILADELPHIA ASSOCIATION

meets once a month except July and August, alternating Saturday afternoons and Tuesday evenings. For exact dates and places of meeting address Martha B. Shoemaker, 1715 Green Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

PITTSBURGH ASSOCIATION

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

COLUMBUS ASSOCIATION

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

FALLS CITIES ASSOCIATION

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

FRANKLIN NU ASSOCIATION

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

CHICAGO ASSOCIATION

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

KANSAS CITY ASSOCIATION

meets the first Saturday of each month. For places of meeting address Miss Eleanor Beardsley, 3643 Walnut Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

DENVER ASSOCIATION

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

BLOOMINGTON (ILLINOIS) ASSOCIATION

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

NEW ORLEANS ASSOCIATION

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

PI ASSOCIATION

meets the first week of every second month beginning with January at a place and time varying according to the convenience of the members; also on the third Monday of each month from four to six, when tea is served, in the Alumnae room of the Kappa House, 2725 Channing Way.

MINNESOTA CLUB

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

ADRIAN CLUB

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

INDIANAPOLIS CLUB

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

LOS ANGELES CLUB

meets for luncheon the last Saturday in each month at the Hotel Lankershim, Los Angeles. Kappa tourists especially will be cordially welcomed.

ALUMNÆ DEPARTMENT

LALAH RUTH RANDLE, ALUMNÆ EDITOR

Among the customary kindly greetings to each other and to the active members of the fraternity, the alumnae of Kappa Kappa Gamma in this issue of THE KEY take occasion to include greetings and congratulations to Beta Omega, newest of the chapters. These greetings are hereby extended by Myra Sinclair, Alumnae Secretary, in the name of the great body of Kappa alumnae whom she represents.

In this issue the Alumnae Department of THE KEY is answering questions, questions which for the most part, have been asked, not once, but many times, questions with which the alumnae editor, since her appointment, has been fairly assailed. In answering these, she has summoned the assistance of those who may, by reason of their loyalty and experience in fraternity life, speak with authority, and she begs that each inquirer shall read every word contained in this department, for somewhere that inquirer's question is answered.

The following inquiries have been most frequent:

Do Kappas outgrow their fraternity?

Of what real use are alumnae associations?

Of what value to Convention were alumnae delegates?

Why are not all our alumnae associations fully qualified associations?

How may informal associations become regular voting associations?

Where can this information be obtained?

All of these questions are answered for the benefit of the alumnae in a most able article in this issue, entitled "Alumnae Associations, What's the Use?" by Florence Burton Roth, Beta Delta, Grand President, 1910-1912.

Another oft-repeated question is, how may the individual active chapter retain the interest of its alumnae? In response to this will be found two articles, presenting the active and alumnae sides of the question, the first by an active girl, Carrie Herdman of Beta Lambda, who was one of the most influential delegates present at the 1912 Convention, and who comes from a chapter that most successfully *does* retain the interest of its

alumnae; the other, the alumnae side of the question by Elmie Warner Mallory (Mrs. Herbert S. Mallory), Grand President from 1906-1908.

What opportunities for work are open to alumnae associations? was answered in part at least, by the results of an investigation made by the alumnae editor and published in the December number of THE KEY. The discussion is, however, not closed, and we are glad that Mrs. Roth has touched on this subject in her very able and instructive article. We also present an article by Cleora Clark Wheeler, Custodian of the Badge, on another opportunity for service which will appeal, doubtless, to many individual alumnae, and we hope, to many of the alumnae associations, as well. In a personal letter, Miss Wheeler says:

"My hope has always been to have a department in THE KEY which would be a bureau of vocational information and assistance, run by the alumnae. Why wouldn't this be the opening—to be developed gradually? Applications to come from girls wanting special work, and from alumnae wanting able assistance; a bureau to look into cases and recommend after judging their preparation, etc., or put them in touch with some Kappa who could advise as to the next step in their preparation. The Association of Collegiate Alumnae has just such bureaus run on a big plan, applications coming from business firms, but ours would be quite sufficient, I think, among ourselves. I also see other possibilities ahead—a paid secretary, a woman of wide experience, to travel among the chapters, to know the girls personally and help them in choosing vocations, her time to be at alumnae expense."

Surely there is no dearth of opportunities for service! Let us arouse ourselves to the *many* opportunities there are before us!

Alumnae clubs desiring to become formal, voting associations, (we have learned of several of these, and hope that all will be interested in taking this step) should write to the Grand Registrar, Miss Grace A. Broadhurst, 290 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, for copies of the Constitution and Standing Rules of the Fraternity, and to Miss Myra Anne Sinclair, Normal, Illinois, Alumnae Secretary.

This number of THE KEY introduces, also, the new "Kappas

Known to Fame" which is to appear in each issue. Photographs and short articles concerning famous or especially interesting Kappas will be gladly received, as we feel it to be a great privilege (and a duty as well) to know the many distinguished members of our fraternity. May not the chapters (alumnae as well as active girls) engage in a friendly rivalry to see which chapter has produced the greatest number of distinguished women! In this issue Phi has first place. The alumnae editor wishes to express her indebtedness to the editor of the department of "Interesting People" in the *American Magazine*, in connection with this new feature.

The editorial pen and typewriter are really very busy! Will the secretaries and correspondents please remember to write plainly, with ink, on one side of the paper only, leaving margins; and if possible, to have news letters typewritten!

TO BETA OMEGA CHAPTER OF KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA—GREETINGS.

It is my pleasant privilege to extend greetings and a message of welcome to our new chapter, Beta Omega, and to do this in the name of "the widely distributed yet closely united sisterhood" of American college women. These words of welcome take on volume and weight when you are reminded that Kappa Kappa Gamma is over forty years old and that thousands of North American college women wear the Key.

We welcome you to the same enduring and enriching friendships that membership in Kappa Kappa Gamma has meant to us. We bequeath to you the spontaneous, friendly interest that every wearer of the Key will have in you wherever she may meet you. And we, today, include you among the groups of college and university women to whom the ideals and purposes of Kappa Kappa Gamma are incentives to conscientious scholarship, to broader and kindlier sympathies, and to a generous co-operation with other by-products of college life that exist for the benefit of all women students. We are happy thus to honor you.

MYRA ANNE SINCLAIR, EPSILON,
National Alumnae Secretary.

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATIONS! WHAT'S THE USE?

No doubt some measure of comment was occasioned during the last administration of our fraternity history by the sudden

falling off of the long list of alumnae associations, whose existence was recognized by the publication in *THE KEY* of the names and addresses of the secretaries, together with the names of the associations. Owing to the difficulty which arose in fraternity records of distinguishing between regularly qualified, voting alumnae associations, and those whose organization was informal and unofficial, partaking more largely of the nature of a social club, it was decided by Council vote to recognize in *THE KEY* only those alumnae organizations which had fulfilled the requirements of the old Standing Rule 64, and were thereby entitled to a voice in fraternity legislation. This meant the sudden dropping out of *THE KEY* of the names of fully half of our more or less completely organized alumnae associations, and brought forcibly to the attention of the Council the question, "Why are not all our alumnae organizations fully qualified associations?" and an informal investigation of conditions was carried out by the visiting officers thereafter. It was found that there was no dearth of loyalty, or even of interest in fraternity affairs among the alumnae clubs, but that one of two conditions prevailed—either the complaint was, "We are so out of touch with active chapter affairs that we no longer know what the fraternity is doing, or what is expected of alumnae associations", or else, "Our members are engaged in so many other organizations of philanthropic or literary interest, that they prefer to have our Kappa meetings of a purely social nature, and little interest can be aroused in meeting the technical requirements of fully qualified associations." Visiting members of the Grand Council have always found among alumnae the most cordial interest in fraternity affairs, an interest that was eager to learn of the fraternity's growth and evolution, and a real appreciation of the opportunity to hear from official sources the recent progress and news of Kappa life. Many times after the visit of a Council member an informal Kappa club has made immediate application for official recognition, and has satisfied all technical requirements for the sake of establishing closer connection with the fraternity at large.

In my mind, one of the wisest legislations of the recent Convention, was that which removed from direct chapter and alumnae association support the financial requirements of our magazine,

thereby not only giving THE KEY freer, wider scope of development, but at the same time removing the most difficult and unpleasant requirement formerly made of both active and alumnae chapters.

The November number of the *Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega has an excellent alumnae article, entitled, "Are You a Progressive?" from which I borrow the following: "Are you alumnae keeping pace with the progress of the fraternity? I believe not, though much has been accomplished since the establishment of alumnae chapters. So many new ideas have been put into execution, such radical changes have been made in the government of the fraternity, that unless the alumna girl keeps her eyes and ears open and her mind receptive, she will soon find herself a back number, a condition to be deplored by any true woman, whether the subject be clothes, hair-dressing, or fraternity."

And then the writer proceeds with several pertinent and well-put suggestions as to how we are "to keep up with the procession." First of all she recommends subscribing for the fraternity magazine; and here let me quote again, "You will learn what the fraternity as a whole is doing, and what the girls of your own chapter are accomplishing, while the items in the alumnae news about the girls you used to know, will set you wondering, and make you feel quite freshmanish again. Find a place for you—(and here let me transpose her words and say)—your 'KEY' between the volumes of 'Good Housekeeping', and Doctor Holt's 'Care and Feeding of Infants'—one will lend interest to the other."

But since taking THE KEY is one of the obligations for at least a third of the members of a regularly organized alumnae association in Kappa, we may place first in *our* list—Join a fully qualified alumnae association, or, if your association has not gained official recognition, lend your ardent efforts and enthusiasm to make it eligible. Bring some of your old "Kappa spirit" into the meeting of your association. Send to the Grand Registrar for a copy of the Constitution and Standing Rules, where you will find full information as to alumnae organization. If not all the members read THE KEY regularly, have a committee whose duty it shall be to report at each meeting some interesting items of Kappa news, or to read aloud one of the splendid,

worthwhile articles of general interest which appear in every number. Be a progressive. Keep abreast of the times. Know who your national officers are, and what they are like. Don't be so far behind the current of progress that you don't know the name of your Grand President. If you left college before the days of Pan-Hellenic associations, study up Pan-Hellenism. Learn how it has revolutionized fraternity conditions. Read not only your own fraternity magazine, but borrow the one which your Theta or Alpha Phi or Pi Phi, or any other Greek letter friend, man or woman, receives. Inform yourself of real present conditions so that when you read an article like that of Miss Rickert's in the recent issues of *Century*, you will know that despite all they may print against it, the fraternity system is not "going to the dogs"; nor are half the charges laid at its door, true. If you are at a loss as to what your association may do at its regular meetings besides "eat", why not form a fraternity or Pan-Hellenic study class? Call it "current events" if you like, and you will find a great deal of interest concerning the colleges themselves, new presidents, great endowments, amazing enrollments, higher standards. And then, being a regular alumnae association, you will receive just as active chapters do, announcement of all Council and chapter votes, all formal petitions with information concerning the same; you will receive the Pan-Hellenic reports, Convention and Council session minutes, and the final report of each administration. You will have the privilege of voting upon the installation of new chapters. In short, you will be keeping up with the college world at large, and you will be a broader, better informed, more enthusiastic, *younger* Kappa.

Now, all this is about the personal good that will accrue to you from membership in a real live alumnae association. And what about the fraternity? Yes, we need the help of our organized alumnae; we need the benefit of your maturer, wiser judgment; we need your constant interest and loyalty, to prove that fraternity ties are lasting ties, that fraternity friendships are not hedged in by chapter lines; that fraternity ideals are not mere sentimentalisms, which belong only to the emotional period of life, but that they live and grow and blossom throughout the years which follow college, when we have an opportunity to give back to the world, whether it be in domestic, professional

or commercial life, a truer womanhood, a nobler service, because of the privileges of fraternity experience which we have enjoyed.

After more than forty years of the existence of fraternities for women, the alumnae form the great mass of fraternity membership. To revert once more to the article of our Alpha Chi friend, "Do you want to admit that your freshman days are so far in the past that you can't put yourself into sympathy with the girl who is just beginning her fraternity life? To her its ideals are very real and worth while, as they will seem to you if you will leaven your indifference with the magic yeast of enthusiasm. And having once become enthusiastic, you will keep step with the procession instead of lagging behind. The active girl is valuable to the fraternity, *but the earnest willing alumna is indispensable.* The active girls will be all alumnae some day, else I dare not say that."

And right here let me speak of another way in which the alumnae are very much needed. The fraternity needs your presence at Convention. I heard one of the active girls at the recent Convention in Evanston say that, to her, the most impressive thing about the whole gathering was the number of older women who came, and who took part in the discussions, or joined in the stunts and social occasions, thereby proving that their hearts were young with Kappa life and enthusiasm, even if their locks were silver. And those of you who were there, will you ever forget how helpful and interesting their talks were! Do we need the alumnae delegates? Why, Convention wouldn't be Convention without them, and the only lamentable part about the last Convention was that there were not four times as many fully qualified alumnae delegates at every session. If any active girl ever dreamed that alumnae delegates are dry and fossilized, she should have been in Evanston to hear Franklin Nu address the Convention, or to hear Pi Alumnae Association deliver a monologue, which was more to be expected as a contribution from Oliver Herford or George Ade to the funny page, than as the official report to Convention of that admirable organization on San Francisco Bay.

As a matter of fact, alumnae members are attending Convention in larger numbers each time, and we hope in every way to make each succeeding Convention more attractive and more

helpful for them. It is *your* Convention quite as much as that of the active delegates. We hope hereafter to minimize the technical side of Convention business, and to find ample opportunity for the bigger, broader, worthier things of fraternity life. If your association is apathetic or aimless, just send a goodly representation to the next Convention; let them attend the meetings, get into the spirit of it all; and you will never again have cause to ask, "What is the use of regular alumnae delegates or alumnae associations?"

So put on your key, (wear it every day, as you did when you were in college, or, if you haven't a badge, just add that item to your birthday or Christmas list) and see if it won't help revive the old Kappa spirit which meant so much to you in college days, and which has helped to interpret the best things in life for you all these years, only you haven't realized it. Give Kappa her due—renew your loyalty.

FLORENCE BURTON ROTH, Beta Delta,

Grand President, 1910-1912.

HOW CAN THE CHAPTER RETAIN THE INTEREST OF THE ALUMNAE?

I

Keeping in touch—that is the keynote of keeping in interest, for unless we know about people and what they are doing we can not be interested in them. The problem, then, is how to keep in touch with the alumnae, and it is as vital a problem to Kappa's welfare as moulding the underclassmen.

Town alumnae, whether of the chapter or not, may join in all the activities of the active girls, assisting in rushing, giving advice on Pan-Hellenic questions, helping and guiding in many ways; and because they are near, become the closest friends. There is, however, no reason for marling graduation as a stopping of Kappa growth for the out-of-town girl. It should be but a new phase, and partly in realization of this, each chapter sets aside a special time in the year for reunion, whether dance, initiation, or banquet, at which old friendships may be renewed and strengthened and new ones formed. But I think the most intimate bond of Kappa friendship is fraternity meeting, especially if it come at a time when the older girls are looking back over

their college days. Such a fraternity meeting as there might be now—with reports from several of the active chapters on scholarship and progress, work in university activities, good times and hard times; and then discussion. And there will be much to discuss, for chapter life does not change radically from year to year. The older girls have had to meet much the same problems as those that now confront the younger ones; and their interest is as keen, coupled as it is with greater knowledge and broader experience.

This is all well for the alumnae who can come to reunion. What of the girl who must stay away? For all, especially, as well as for all alumnae, let us have a chapter bulletin, a little catch-all of active chapter and alumnae news. It need not be very long; it need not come out more than two or three times a year. It will have fulfilled its purpose when, through it, each alumna may follow her chapter's plans, know of its successes, and become acquainted at least from hearsay with the active girls. It will be to the chapter what *THE KEY* is to Kappa as a whole.

And so, as we strive for a more perfect union in Kappa, we must never lose sight of interest, the basis of unity, and not only the interest of the four college years, but of all years which come after college.

CARRIE B. HERDMAN, Beta Lambda, '13.

II

If we should hear the whole truth from the active chapters we might be chagrined to find that from their point of view there may be such a thing as too much enthusiastic alumnae interest. Since the alumna can never look at things in exactly the same light as does her active sister it would not be surprising if at times the active girls should wish that the alumnae would, nationally, "go find an enthusiasm of their own."

It is a simple matter to set down on paper a plan whereby an alumna may be encouraged to "retain her enthusiastic interest" in chapter affairs. Let the chapter appoint a standing committee on "alumnae enthusiasm"; let the committee group the alumnae under two heads, town alumnae or those within personal reach of the chapter; isolated alumnae or those who can be reached

only by mail. The result will possibly be an occasional thimble-tea party for the town alumnae and a yearly letter or a marked copy of THE KEY to the distant alumna.

But why should the girls of the active chapter be called upon to try to retain the enthusiastic interest of an alumna who ought to retain her own interest or who ought not to be expected to be enthusiastically interested in chapter affairs?

If the active chapter is naughty it will hear from us, that is assured, but let us assume that in times of peace there is a limit to a woman's enthusiasm. The young woman who returns home from college is likely to find herself overwhelmed by family cares or by social demands; she hasn't much enthusiasm left for long distance chapter affairs. We all know how hard the young teacher must work to establish herself; she needs her enthusiasm for the school-day routine. There is the bride—no one ever expects much extra enthusiasm from a woman who has left college to learn to cook and to keep house. The young mother ought not to be expected to retain an enthusiastic interest in anything; she has to do to watch the cutting of teeth and to see the little ones through measles, chicken-pox and whooping-cough; her enthusiasm is expended in the making of strong men and noble women.

Why should the active chapter girls attempt to inspire enthusiastic interest in these women who are absorbed and who ought to be absorbed in matters which so vitally concern them? Would it not be better for the alumnae, for the active chapter and for the whole Greek letter world if the strength spent on the alumnae were devoted to getting lessons, to working off conditions and to simplifying the chapter social life?

This may sound pessimistic. It is not meant to be so. Of course the active girls will be gracious and cordial, always gracious and cordial to the alumnae. This much is due us because we are old, if for no better reason. If, in spite of the chapter's graciousness and cordiality we alumnae wander from the fold, it will not be the fault of the active chapter. But, listen, *if we have ever been of much use to our fraternity or if the fraternity has ever really meant something vital to us, we shall come back.* After our families have received from us what is their due, after we have learned to teach, after we have learned

to live within our husbands' incomes and after the children have grown up we shall come back to the chapter, come back with an enthusiastic interest stronger and richer because of the absorbing experiences which have been ours.

ELMIE WARNER MALLORY, *Lambda*,
Grand President, 1906-1908.

THE ALUMNAE—A FORCE IN THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING OF THE UNDERGRADUATES

Every year faculties are considering how the intellectual life of the student body may be stimulated. While they endeavor to bring to a higher plane the work offered to all, the main purpose is to fit as many as possible for useful work in the world.

There are constant changes being made to obtain greater cohesion in courses elected. Advisers from among the faculties try to secure intelligent election, and by explaining the value of courses as to mental discipline and systematic acquisition, make the curriculum more attractive to a majority of the students. The desirability of bringing in more of the incentive of competition in respect to the intellectual life of a student body has been recognized. Wiser still is the growing tendency to decide competitions upon tests which try ability as well as industry, which give due weight to originality of thought. The individual must be tested as to power rather than as to mere acquisition.

Successful work in the world depends largely on the scholastic training. The graduates of our colleges are finding the value or the weak points in their own individual college work, with each year of experience. Talks before student organizations by graduates successful in different lines, intended to emphasize the value of scholastic training as preparation for a vocation have proved of the greatest importance.

We alumnae of our fraternity number well over five thousand women. Our approval of scholastic work is evidenced by the splendid work of two representatives, Harriet Blakeslee-Wallace who is such a force at the head of the scholarship committee, and Charlotte Powell-Goddard, who has in charge the Student Aid Fund. Many alumnae associations are maintaining scholarship funds for the use of their local chapters. At least one associ-

ation has a fund which has been used by graduates who have wished to perfect themselves in some special vocation, and who have been able to take at least one year of special work through its use.

Faculties, especially if the relationship between instructors and students is effective, can be of great assistance in the planning of a course suited to the personal need of the student. But further than this, the help of some one who has entered the same line of work that the student is contemplating, would be of inestimable value if the year's work and the year beyond that would become basic in its value. The intelligent and sympathetic help of an older sister who is already working in that very field would be of untold worth to an undergraduate debating in her mind perhaps for the first time, her vocational training. To have the information given freely, gladly, by an older sister to a younger one, would make the suggestions mean all the more, and the Kappa bond all the dearer and stronger.

We have among our alumnae women who have chosen special lines of work, and who are succeeding there: architects, musicians, nurses, librarians, physical directors, dramatic readers, dieticians, journeymen, physicians, deans, business women of all professions, social secretaries, association secretaries, social service workers—some one to answer the inquiry of every undergraduate and consider it a joy to do so.

The way is long. Just to know, from some one who had gone the path before, the fact that eight or ten years was the average length of time for preparation for a certain profession or needed before one could be expected to make good, would encourage some younger girl who had gone half way and become well nigh discouraged at the outlook. More courage is needed for the girl one, two, three, four years out of college, oftentimes, than for the undergraduate. Sometimes the college work was not planned to give consecutive preparation and time was lost. Sometimes a girl gropes about for two or three years after graduation, not knowing what vocation she wants—looking into many opportunities. She needs intelligent information if her preparation is still unfinished; if on the other hand, it is complete, and she is ready to give capable assistance, she needs and will appre-

ciate the special interest of those who are most sure to give her their best co-operation, the alumnae of her fraternity.

The Alumnae Department of THE KEY is to run sketches of alumnae who have specialized in different lines. I venture to say there is not one of them who would not consider it a privilege to tell some younger Kappa anything which would bring her out of a quandary. I venture to say there is no alumna who would not be glad to give her Kappa sister the first chance to fill some position under her direction which might be at her disposal, provided she could produce recommendations which were equal to those which any other applicant could show. It is a matter of competition in which the alumnae at large can show themselves ready to be of definite value and in which they would gladly stand by a fair test.

If we could develop in THE KEY a bureau of vocational information, which would bring together by letter, the Kappas wanting special information and those who could give it, what a blessing it would be, and what happy friendships would be started! Moreover, alumnae in need of assistance could apply to this bureau for the name of any Kappa who might be on file for any one of a dozen lines of work. The bureau could be of the most practical help if well informed on each case, both as to personality and capability, through recommendations from faculty, chapter and alumnae association.

Standing committees in the alumnae associations could work to the most positive advantage to such a bureau, by supplying the secretary of the bureau with names of new applicants and special recommendations upon request from her, and by giving the work of the bureau publicity in alumnae meetings, thereby spreading its scope and possibilities.

We alumnae stand in the eyes of the undergraduates not only for traditions, but for ideals. Our enthusiastic support, evidenced not only by approval but by intelligent, sympathetic, definite appreciation would go far toward making us a living vital force in the lives of our younger sisters.

CLEORA WHEELER, Custodian of the Badge.

KAPPAS KNOWN TO FAME

Mabell S. C. Smith

Mrs. Mabell Shippie Clark Smith, is a member of Phi chapter, having graduated from Boston University in 1887. She received her M. A. degree from the University of North Carolina in 1905



MABELL S. C. SMITH, PHI

and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa by the chapter at Boston University in May, 1912. In 1892 she was elected secretary of the Massachusetts Society for the Universal Education of Women, and in the same year was made president of the Boston branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae. In 1904, while acting dean of women at the University of Tennessee, she was chosen third vice-president of the Southern Association of Collegiate Women. Since 1910, she has been assistant editor of *The Chautauquan* with headquarters in New York. Mrs. Smith is

a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Colonial Dames, and the Women's University Club of New York. She has written several books. In 1903 was published a novel, "A Tar-Heel Baron", and in 1910 and 1911 she edited "Studies in Dickens" and "Dickens Day by Day". One of the new books of last autumn was her "The Spirit of French Letters" and *The Chautauquan* for 1912-1913 is running "A Reading Journey Through Paris", which is to be expanded into a book for the fall output of 1913. In January, Mrs. Smith delivered a course of six lectures on Paris before the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences.

Eleanor Louise Guernsey

Eleanor Louise Guernsey, Mu, was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, but most of her life has been spent in Iowa and Illinois. She entered the Art Institute of Chicago in 1898 and studied sculpture under Charles Mulligan and Lorado Taft until 1904,



ELEANOR LOUISE GUERNSEY

when she spent a part of the year in Mr. Taft's studio. Miss Guernsey was graduated from the normal department of the Art Institute in 1906 with honors and taught in the Art Institute during the following summer. The year, 1906-1907, was spent abroad, visiting the studios of England, France, Italy and Greece. Then, for four years, Miss Guernsey taught modeling in the James Millikin University, where she also took her own college work. In 1910, she went to Butler College, where she soon became a member of Mu chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma. During the follow-

ing year, she taught modeling at the John Herron Art Institute in Indianapolis.

Miss Guernsey is a member of the Art Students' League and the Society of Chicago Artists. She has exhibited portrait busts and original compositions and in 1909 she took the Mrs. Lyman Walte prize for ideal composition, her subject being "A Child's Drinking Fountain". This piece, which is reproduced in *THE KEY*, stands now in the sculpture court of the John Herron Art Institute of Indianapolis.

Of a retiring and modest disposition, Miss Guernsey rarely talks of herself, but her friends are only too glad to make known her varied interests and wonderful powers.



"A CHILD'S DRINKING FOUNTAIN"

By E. Louise Guernsey

Sarah Matilda Hobson

Sarah Matilda Hobson, Phi, was born in Island Pond, Vermont, September 25, 1861. She was given the good fortune to grow up in one of the rarest homes which an English Yorkshire family, modified by New England country life, could produce. From 1883 until 1887, she attended Boston University, where she was a member of Phi chapter and from which she received her Ph. B. degree. Her medical training was received in the Boston University School of Medicine. Her life has indeed been a busy

one. For five years previous to the establishment of her medical practice, she taught in public and private schools; for five years she was adjunct professor in pediatrics in the Chicago Homeo-



SARAH MATILDA HOBSON, M. D.

pathic and Hahnemann Colleges in Chicago. At one time she was medical inspector in the public schools of Chicago, and for a time she was attending physician, and later, consulting physician to the Chicago Home for the Friendless. In 1909-1910, she was second vice-president of the American Institute of Homeopathy, and in 1910-1911, was president of the Chicago Homeopathic Society. In 1905, Doctor Hobson was one of the organizers of a social club, the After Dinner Club, with a membership of seventy-five medical women, meeting once a month for dinner and informal conference. Since 1909, she has been assistant

editor of *The Clinique*. Since 1892, she has been engaged in general medical practice, with special reference, in later years, to preventive medicine in childhood and adolescence.

Doctor Hobson herself says:

"Inevitably there has been little time to keep up fraternity associations. But Kappa has always meant to me making my own small circle a little better for the ideals which were emphasized by the Kappa girls who initiated me into Phi, chief of whom were the Kappas of 1885, Emma Cooper, Marion Butterfield, Frank Webber, Mary Warren, Mabel Goss, Carrie Sawyer and Charlotte Barrell.

"And taking it altogether, no one has said a better word for the medical profession than George Eliot: 'I should never have been happy in any profession that did not call forth the highest

intellectual strain, and yet keep me in good warm touch with my neighbors. There is nothing like the medical profession for that; one can have the exclusive scientific life that touches the distance, and befriend the old fogies in the parish too.' ”

E. Jean Nelson Penfield

E. Jean Nelson Penfield, Iota, was born in Indiana, and was graduated from DePauw University in 1893. In the annals of



E. JEAN NELSON PENFIELD

DePauw she is known best as the girl, who in 1892, won the Interstate Oratorical Contest. In 1893-1894, she studied in New York. In 1897, she married Judge William Warner Penfield, and since that time has made her home in New York. In 1900-1902, Mrs. Penfield was Grand President of Kappa Kappa Gamma, and in 1903 was president of the New York Alumnae Association. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, (being descended from the Nelson and Yates families of Virginia and the Alexanders of Maryland), the Daughters

of 1812, Sorosis, and other clubs. In 1910-1912, she was chairman of the Woman's Suffrage Party of New York City, and she is well known as a lecturer in behalf of equal suffrage. She is also a teacher of parliamentary law, and the author of Penfield's Ready Reference Leaflet in Parliamentary Law. Distinguished in appearance, a most gifted speaker, intolerant of social injustice and broad in all her views, she is besides and above all these, a charming, womanly woman.

Mary Kingsbury Simkhovitch

Mary Kingsbury Simkhovitch, Phi, is the director of Greenwich House, one of the settlement houses of New York City,

and is widely known as an economist and social worker. She is a member of the Committee of Fourteen of New York City, a board member of the New York Probation Association, and



MARY KINGSBURY SIMKHOVITCH

a member of the Label Committee of the National Consumers League. She was appointed by the Mayor a member of the Public Research Commission, and is a director of the Equal Franchise Society. Not only does she attend to all the duties belonging to these public offices and philanthropic societies, but she is associate instructor in the New York School of Philanthropy and lecturer on socialism in the National Young Women's Christian Association. Her husband, Mr. Vladimir G. Simkhovitch, is professor of economic history at Columbia University. Mrs. Simkhovitch is the mother of

two children, nine and ten years of age, and spends half of each week with them on a New Jersey farm, where, we are told, one of her chief delights is to do her own gardening, pickling and preserving. Mrs. Simkhovitch belongs in the list of former editors of *THE KEY*, and in that capacity she installed Beta Epsilon chapter. In spite of her many duties and the large part she is playing in the work of the world, she is an active member in the New York Alumnae Association and is always interested in the advance and prosperity of Kappa Kappa Gamma. We may well be proud to claim her as one of us.

ALUMNÆ LETTERS

BETA IOTA ASSOCIATION

Born, to Dr. and Mrs. George F. Blessing (Martha White, Beta Chi) a daughter, Elizabeth Anne.

Helen Walker, ex-'00, has returned from a trip to Bermuda.

Mrs. John C. Curry, '97, has changed her address to Riverside, Connecticut.

The engagement is announced of Katharine R. Witmeyer, '11, to Mr. A. Harry Ehrgood, of Amherst, Psi Upsilon.

The engagement is announced of Loraine Fitch, '12, to Mr. Raymond Storb, Swarthmore, Phi Kappa Psi.

ELIZABETH WHITE, *Secretary*.

SYRACUSE ASSOCIATION

The Syracuse Alumnae Association held its annual Christmas party and business meeting at the home of Mrs. Archambo, 125 W. Castle St. The house was decorated with Christmas bells and wreaths. Refreshments were served in Christmas stockings which also contained each a present. There were about thirty at the party. The active girls who were in town were the guests of honor.

The marriage of Blanche Hinman, '10, to Elwood Smith, Alpha Chi Rho, '05, took place at the home of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Hinman, 202 Slocum Ave., December twenty-first, 1912. Miss Sarah Lamoreaux of Newark, New York, was maid of honor.

Miss Belle Brewster, instructor in vocal music at Syracuse University, has returned from a six month's trip abroad.

Grace Henderson Lewis, '06, entertained the Beta Tau Kappas in New York City at Thanksgiving time.

Harriet Hollis Damon, '95, who has been living in Helena, Montana, has moved to her old home in Pulaski, New York.

GEORGIA A. WELLS, *Secretary*.

PHILADELPHIA ASSOCIATION

Dear KEY: Writing to you after a lapse of some years, during which I have caught only fleeting glimpses of you, is very like renewing correspondence with an old friend whom one has seen occasionally between trains. I do not know how you look, but

I realize that you always keep the freshness of youth, and I need not wonder about your gray hairs, nor whether you wear a switch! I do wonder how many children you have and whether you are as splendid a mother as you were in years gone by! Perhaps you are stouter—yes, you probably have put on the portliness of maturity, but I know you have not abandoned your fondness for blue dresses.

I expect to see you this winter for I have come to Philadelphia for some months and of course am again in the Kappa alumnae association there. We shall look eagerly for your visits. At the first meeting I was told that I must write to you before January first, and it was to be a "news letter"—likewise "personal".

As for personal news I can tell you of the engagement of Miss Clara Miller, Beta Alpha, to Mr. Murdock Mac Arthur. They are to be married in the spring and go to distant Alberta to live.

Mrs. Joseph Fels, Beta Alpha, whose home is in London, is in Philadelphia for the winter.

Ever since I left Philadelphia I have been an associate member of the alumnae association, and have enjoyed the reports of the meetings which came monthly. But the reports were rather meagre in detail and were plain statements of facts. I tried to read between the lines whether the president were going about sighing, "What *can* we do to make the meetings interesting?" "They *will not* come to meetings without a definite program!" "The members have few interests in common and they are all too busy to waste an evening. We must give them something worth while!" Well, I gleaned nothing of local color from the cheerful and sphinx-like reports, except that the meetings seemed fairly well attended in spite of lack of program each time. Then I went to the meeting at May Solly Wilson's in November most eagerly. There were eleven members present, all of them keenly interested in the problem of the fraternity room for the active chapter, in the question of an alumnae party for Beta Alpha, in the selection of table linen—a gift from the alumnae to the future Kappa room—and in the financial status of the association. Animated discussion of these subjects occupied the afternoon, but there was a goodly substratum of conversation concerning suf-

frage, the political situation, opera, babies, servants, books, Christmas gifts and the like. And there was no mention of "lack of interest" or the necessity of a musical program!

I was so content to be just there—home—with the old girls just as they used to be, and the newer ones just as they should be, that I forgot cynical thoughts of alumnae associations and was most happy! Everyone else seemed to be as glad as I was to be there, in spite of their all being such busy women.

Two weeks after that meeting the alumnae association gave an evening party for the active chapter at the home of Martha Shoemaker. Thirty-five is a good many to take part in charades, but we did it, the active chapter forming one side, the alumnae the other. *Fraternity*, *alumnae*, *Woodrow Wilson* and *mendicant* were some of the words cleverly acted, the active chapter shining especially brilliantly.

The December meeting was held on a stormy night with Adeline Jacobs, whose home is in the middle of the city. Eleven members were present, many of them from the suburbs. Plans were made for the annual dinner which will be given on the evening of February twelfth. Invitations are to include any alumnae who are near enough to come, and Beta Alpha chapter.

I know we shall speak often of you, dear KEY, and we shall certainly toast you. "Here's to your good health—may you live long and prosper!"

Faternally yours,

MARY GEISLER PHILLIPS.

COLUMBUS ASSOCIATION

The Columbus Association is never very active during the early winter as we do not hold any meeting at all in December and then wait until the third Saturday in January. It is rather hard to arouse much enthusiasm during the busy holiday season for everyone seems to have many other interests, and so we find that by skipping December, we can expect an especially good meeting the next month.

Several of our former members were in Columbus for Christmas, among them Mrs. Walter Klie (Mabel Fuller) with her new baby, and Mrs. George Gascoigne (Myra Sherman), both of whom are living in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Richard Develin (Nelle Malloy) of Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, Ohio, has also been visiting us.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Spence (Nell Daugherty) who have been living in Boston, have returned to make Columbus their home again.

Mary Welling is spending the winter in Los Angeles, California. Her address is 316 Wilton Place.

Bertha K. Krause, formerly of Beta Nu, but lately affiliated with the New York Association, has accepted a position at the Ohio State Library, and so can become one of us again.

Dorothy Canfield, who is now Mrs. Fisher of Arlington, Vermont, is a Beta Nu girl and daughter of the late James H. Canfield, former president of the Ohio State University. She has just published a book entitled "A Montessori Mother". The book contains many illustrations showing the suggested apparatus and practical experiments and will be found of much value for children from three to six years of age. Mrs. Fisher had special studies at Columbia in the languages and was therefore prepared to act as interpreter for the English delegates sent to obtain information regarding the Montessori method—as the Italian teacher speaks only her native tongue. Mrs. Fisher spent the year in Rome and found great inspiration in the personal association with Mme. Montessori.

LILLIAN HUFFMAN ROSE, *Secretary*.

FALLS CITIES ASSOCIATION

A very happy and prosperous New Year to all our Kappa sisters, from Falls Cities Alumnae Association!

Since our last letter, Falls Cities' has had no regular alumnae meeting, but our girls were all very much interested in a Pan-Hellenic meeting which was held in Louisville the second Saturday in November, at the home of Alice Cary Williams. Kappa promoted this meeting and sent invitations to all the Greek women that we could locate within a radius of twenty miles of Louisville. We were more than delighted with the interest shown by everybody, and were very proud of the fact that there were present about thirty-five women representing five different fraternities and eleven colleges. An informal business meeting was held first, and Mrs. George Wood, Kappa Kappa Gamma, told

us quite a good deal about Pan-Hellenic in general, after which the meeting was thrown open to all, and various local Pan-Hellenic conditions were discussed. All were in favor of making the organization permanent to the extent of having at least two meetings a year, on the second Saturday of October and April, and two officers were elected to take charge of the business affairs. Miss Lizette K. Woerner, Pi Beta Phi, Wisconsin, was elected regent and Miss Anna Heick, Beta Alpha of Kappa Kappa Gamma, secretary. At the conclusion of the business meeting, tea and sandwiches and cake were served in the dining room, Mrs. C. T. Wolfe, Delta, and Miss Helen Ruthenberg, Iota, pouring the tea. The decorations were carried out in the Kappa blues, and the mints were light and dark blue fleur-de-lis. The character of the April Pan-Hellenic meeting will be determined by the officers, but we are all looking forward to it with a great deal of pleasure and enthusiasm.

Our next regular alumnae meeting will be held the second Saturday in January at the home of Mrs. Samuel B. Mitchell, (Sally Mark Barclay), and we would be so delighted to have with us then any visiting Kappas who happen to be near us.

Jessie E. Jones, Beta Alpha, spent the Christmas holidays at Saranac Lake, New York.

Miss Katherine Mitchell and Miss Sarah R. Marshall, both of Beta Phi, spent several days during the holidays with friends in Louisville.

ALICE CARY WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

FRANKLIN NU ASSOCIATION

In November, Mrs. Coons, president of the Franklin Nu Association, entertained for Governor-elect and Mrs. Ralston, of Indiana.

Mrs. C. E. Goodell, secretary of the association, has been seriously ill.

The mother of Nettie Craft has been ill for weeks at her home in Franklin, Indiana, but is slowly recovering.

The December meeting of the association, held in Indianapolis, at the Y. W. C. A. building, was a most enthusiastic one.

LAURA OGLE GOODELL, *Secretary*.

CHICAGO ASSOCIATION

The second annual Christmas dance of Kappa Kappa Gamma in Chicago, was held Friday, December the twenty-seventh. This custom was started last year by Beta Lambda Kappas and proved very successful. One of the Beta Lambda alumnae takes charge, and every Kappa in the city is given an invitation to participate. So far, however, the party has consisted of only Northwestern and Illinois girls. It is held at the Chicago Automobile Club, a very central location and we sincerely hope that Kappas from other chapters who are in Chicago during the holidays, will join us next year. Every one has a good time and it is a splendid opportunity for the alumnae to meet the active girls who live in and near our city.

A recent number of *The Chicago Tribune* contained a lengthy article in "Vocational Training in the Schools", by Ella Adams Moore, Iota. Mrs. Moore has spoken on this subject before the Chicago Alumnae Association and is deeply interested in it.

News has been received of the birth of a son to Mrs. Bion Howard (Lucille Jones) Beta Lambda, in November, at her home in Paris, France. Mrs. Howard was a member of Chicago Alumnae Association until her marriage a little more than a year ago.

ANNE DE WOLFE MACK, *Secretary*.

MILWAUKEE ASSOCIATION

The Milwaukee alumnae have labored in vain over the problem of forming a successful alumnae association. At first the plan of having a monthly luncheon in a down town grill room was tried, but the city is too small, with too few alumnae, to make that plan successful. Then down town afternoon teas were held monthly, for about two years, without any large or inspiring attendance. So, finally, it was decided to give up our organization, and to meet socially at the homes of the various members. These meetings are now held only upon special occasions, but we would be very glad to have a special occasion if any of our Kappa sisters are in town for a time. For though there is no official Kappa Kappa Gamma association here, now, there are Kappas, the bonds which bind us are strong, and the Kappa love grows with the years.

Milwaukee Kappas have had to bid farewell to several of their sisters during the past year.

Mrs. Wm. Magie, (Lucile Cheever) has moved to Evansville, Indiana.

Alice Currie, now Mrs. Harold Drew, is at home in Indianapolis, Indiana.

F. Elvira Wallis, now Mrs. B. Frank Bennett, lives in Baltimore, while her sister, Eva Wallis, is now Mrs. Harold Detienne.

Emily Elmore is spending the year in Munich, Germany.

Florence E. Weissert is now Mrs. Lewis Sleeper, of Winslow, Arizona.

Marion C. Bell is now Mrs. James Chamberlain of Vavenby, British Columbia. Her letters are filled with the spirit of the primeval forests and everlasting hills, in the midst of which her little cottage is located.

AMY ALLEN.

ST. LOUIS ASSOCIATION

On December third, the St. Louis Alumnae Association held a record-breaking meeting, twenty-one being present, and with the enthusiasm of undergraduates we inscribed our twenty-one imposing signatures on a message of greeting to the new chapter to be. Who could have dreamed in 1870 that Kappa Kappa Gamma would ever go clear through the Greek alphabet a second time and reach Beta Omega in the year 1913? But to return to our meeting. It was held at the home of our greatly admired and loved Mrs. Lichliter (Gertrude Larrimore, Iota, '00) whom we are to lose from our association, as Doctor Lichliter has just accepted a call to Grace Church in Baltimore. Mrs. Lichliter was assisted in serving luncheon by Mrs. E. P. Lyon, (Nellie Eastman, Kappa) and Catherine Burlingame, Iota. An impromptu discussion of Miss Rickert's article in the November *Century* and of the suffrage question roused us to such excitement that we sought relief in adjournment to Doctor Lichliter's church where the annual exhibit of the Needle Work Guild was held. Contemplation of the hundreds of articles to be distributed to hospitals and orphan asylums, and especially of the cunning baby kimonos which we had made tended to soothe our ruffled feelings, but we decided to devote the January meeting to a further discussion of Miss Rickert's article, and the February

meeting is expected to make those of our number who are still halting between two opinions ready to carry the banner, "Votes for Women".

Although Theta is our nearest chapter and more than half of the members of our association were initiated by that chapter, we have been very little in touch with the active girls at Columbia, as few of them have been St. Louis girls. This year, however, five of Theta's freshmen were from St. Louis, and in order that we might meet them, Marie Bryden, Theta, invited us to a tea on January second. The affair was not social, merely, for Gertrude McLean, chairman of the building committee of the chapter told of plans for a chapter house and made an appeal for the sympathy and financial support of our association. In the future we shall plan for a holiday meeting in order that we may have the pleasure of knowing these younger girls personally and of hearing from them of active chapter affairs.

Three names have been added to our roll since our last letter, Verna Burd, Beta Zeta, Suse Beerman, Delta, who teaches in Smith Academy, and Mrs. Joel Watson (Louise Malloy, Beta Xi) whose home is in Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Mrs. Emmet North (Maude Isabel, Theta '04) has spent the past year abroad with her husband who has been studying medicine in Vienna. They returned just before the holidays and we rejoice not only in the fact that we are to have Mrs. North with us again, but also that her sister, Mary Isabel, Theta, is to spend the winter with her.

Mrs. Don Gates (Edith Seymour, Theta) of South Pasadena, California, formerly a member of our association, attended our December meeting.

Beth Patterson, Theta, is teaching in the Kirkwood high school.

Lillian Vandiver, Theta, is to spend the next six months in San Antonio, Texas, and will be greatly missed at our meetings.

We frequently compare St. Louis with Chicago and New York and regret that we see so few Kappas here, but during the past six weeks—unfortunately between meetings—some of us have had the pleasure of seeing Rose Burns, Theta, who spent Thanksgiving here, Luella Gilmore, a senior from Iota who was here for the holidays and Mrs. John Calvin Hanna (Kittie

Parsons) president of the Chicago Alumnae Association, who visited her daughter, Mrs. Robert Elder (Margaret Hanna, Beta Gamma).

MAY WHITING WESTERMANN, *Secretary*.

KANSAS CITY ASSOCIATION

The meetings of the Kansas City Association for the last four months have been characterized by the usual good fellowship and interest. Convention and the rushing seasons of the various chapters represented were the chief topics of conversation until the December meeting, when the discussion of our Christmas charities was in order. We decided not to draw from our scholarship fund, which now amounts to more than a hundred dollars, but to subscribe individually to a fund for the use of Swope Center on the Missouri side and the Children's Home on the Kansas side.

The officers elected for this year are Mrs. Clarence Waring, president; Mrs. Jack Julian, vice-president; Miss Margaret Corbin, treasurer; and Miss Eleanor Beardsley, secretary.

The weddings of the season have been those of Miss Mary Lambert, Omega, and Mr. Sidney Hodge; Miss Maude Olander, Omega '06, and Mr. Clarence Waring; Miss Laura Snodgrass, Theta, and Mr. Dexter Rice Hewett of New York; and Miss Elsie Warren, Theta, and Mr. Stephen Owen.

We have a Kappa baby, now three months old. He is the son of Faith Pearse Miller (Mrs. Leo Miller).

ELEANOR BEARDSLEY, *Secretary*.

DENVER ASSOCIATION

The Denver Alumnae Association held its third regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Albert Sichrist (Harriet Babcock, Sigma), Alice Grace, Beta Beta, and Mrs. N. O. McClees (Caroline Fisher, Omega), assisting, on the last Saturday in November. At the business meeting after luncheon, it was voted again to become a member of the Coal Guild, the association having been a member for a number of years. It was also decided to give some Christmas cheer in the way of money towards the Christmas dinner for Craig Colony. Craig Colony is a little tent city for men sufferers from tuberculosis, which is supported en-

tirely through charity. It may be interesting to other associations to know that all gifts made by the Denver Association are paid for out of an emergency fund. This fund is separate from the treasury. It was created several years ago to assist in defraying the expenses of a sick Kappa Alpha Theta. After her death it continued to be used for charity, wedding gifts, and flowers for the sick. It is supported by a ten-cent-a-month tax upon each member.

At this meeting we were glad to welcome as a member, Mrs. Jack Lawrence (Jessie Duckwall, Beta Delta) and sorry to be obliged to say "goodbye" to Mrs. H. O. Burnham (Bina Van Petten, Eta) who, with her husband and two children, has moved to Boston for permanent residence. We recommend her to Phi as a woman of charming personality and ideal Kappa spirit.

The Saturday after Christmas, the Christmas meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Richard H. Goddard (Charlotte Powell, Mu), Marjorie Ford, Beta Mu, Sue Davis, Iota, and Mrs. Omar Garwood (Jean Coulter, Beta Mu) assisting. It was an afternoon party at which ten of the active Beta Mu girls were present. Each Kappa brought a gift, the cost of which had not exceeded fifty cents. These were tied with ribbons to a holiday attired barrel hoop, and with eyes blindfolded, the guests selected their gifts. (Thanks is given to the Indianapolis Alumnae Association for this clever suggestion). Before the blindfolds were removed and likewise the wrappings about the gifts, each one in turn gave a detailed and amusing description of what she expected to find within.

Dr. and Mrs. Randolph Hudston (Ethel Simpson, Beta Mu) left for Germany the first of December. Doctor Hudston expects to continue his study of medicine in Europe for about two years.

Grace Frawley, Beta Mu, spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Audrey Yantis (Josephine Frawley, Beta Mu) in Shelbyville, Illinois.

Paul Matlock, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodford A. Matlock, (Jessica Shadomy, Mu) was awarded the East Denver high school oratorical prize.

Mrs. Herbert Knowles (Caroline Oldham, Beta Mu) of Sterling, Colorado, has been visiting in Denver and was present at the last two meetings of the association.

A few of the association members have enjoyed the privilege of meeting Susanne Watson, Chi, who is a patient in the Agnes Phipps Memorial Sanitarium. On account of a recent operation for appendicitis, she was unable to be present at the Christmas party.

CHARLOTTE POWELL GODDARD, *Secretary*.

BLOOMINGTON (ILLINOIS) ASSOCIATION

The Bloomington Alumnae Association sends warm greetings and hearty good wishes for the new year to her sister chapters.

After Christmas vacation we shall begin again our bi-monthly meetings. We have a custom of having a "guest day" twice a year when we invite the girls of the active chapter to our alumnae meeting and entertain them with some especial "stunt", such as a garden party, an amateur play, or an impromptu vaudeville. One of the guest days was scheduled for January second, at the home of Miss May Johnson, but was indefinitely postponed on account of the death of Mrs. McIntosh, mother of Mary and Ruth McIntosh and also on account of a tragic rifle accident which caused the death of Ruth Merwin, a sister of one of our active Kappas, Margaret Merwin.

Our next reunion will not be a regular meeting, but we shall attend the annual banquet of the congress of clubs of Bloomington and Normal.

Some of the literary and social clubs have joined with the college alumnae organization and formed an association that meets once a year and is entertained by a dinner, after which there is a program of toasts and papers given by members chosen as representatives from four or five of the clubs. This year it is the Kappa Club's turn, among others, and we shall be represented by Mrs. Virgil Griffin (Mae Ayers). The active girls promoted a congenial little scheme this winter. Every last Saturday of the month any of the Kappas who can (active or alumnae) meet at the woman's exchange for supper, and the reunions are always jolly and entertaining.

The newest Kappa baby is Stover Dameron, born November eighteenth, to Mrs. John Dameron (Mae Stover).

Myra Sinclair's engagement to Dr. Ralph Piers of Milwaukee, was announced at a tea given at the home of Bernardine Brand, on January the second.

Miss Florence Parritt has returned from spending the holidays with her sister, Nell Parritt Shreve, in Huntsville, Alabama.

Miss Gertrude Shreve is spending the winter in Huntsville, Alabama.

HAZEL E. FUNK, *Secretary*.

NEW ORLEANS ASSOCIATION

We wish all Kappas the happiest possible year in 1913!

Due to many causes our association has had no meeting yet this year but we expect to get together this month. So many of the girls have married and gone away to live that there are very few of us left, but we hear from our absent members of their lives in other places, where many are forming affiliations with other associations.

Gladys Moulton is to be married January fifteenth to Dr. John Colson O'Ferrall, and will spend next winter in Boston.

Elizabeth Ficklen, '10, is to be married on March 12 to Mr. Thomas Hilton and will go to Savannah, Georgia, to live.

We are glad to have Mrs. George Willians (Adele Munroe) back in New Orleans as she has been living for two years in Pensacola.

Dorothy Thompson is here for the winter from her home in Virginia.

Anita Norman is teaching in a private school.

Sylvia Norman is making her debut this winter.

Mrs. S. M. Logan is the mother of a daughter, born January second.

ELIZABETH FICKLEN, *Secretary*.

PI ASSOCIATION

Pi Alumnae Association sends greetings and best wishes for the new year to all. 1912 ended well for Pi Alumnae. The new house was well finished and on November twenty-third a sale of Christmas fancy work and goodies was held which assisted in paying for the last details of the new fraternity house. This sale was held in the new house itself and was a pleasant social occasion as well as a financial success. The final result was two hundred and forty-two dollars. During the sale a meeting was held in the new alumnae room upstairs and Mary Downey was elected president for the coming two years.

Even in its present partly furnished state the alumnae room is proving a source of great pleasure. Two of the usual monthly alumnae teas have already been held there, those of November and October. The active chapter and all visiting Kappas are to be the guests of Pi Alumnae in this room from half past three to half past five on the third Monday of each month and it is hoped that all Kappas visiting California will come and give Pi Alumnae an opportunity to become acquainted with them.

On January fourth, thirty-six Kappas gathered at the Hotel Oakland for the annual holiday luncheon. Greetings were read from Alice Rising in Groton, Massachusetts, and from Florence Mason Palmer in London, and Mary Bell Morwood sent a beautiful group picture of herself and her three children all the way from India. The address of the afternoon was Ethel Catton's report of her Convention experiences. This was delightfully humorous and was received with much laughter and applause.

Elizabeth Gray Potter, formerly editor of *THE KEY*, will return to California for a visit on February first. She is now acting as librarian in the Carnegie Library School in Madison, Wisconsin.

Mary Bell Morwood expects to return to California for the fair in 1915.

Marion Wilson has been studying singing for some years in Europe. She will return this year.

HELEN POWELL, *Secretary*.

IOTA CLUB

Miss Clara Conklin, '87, Professor of Romance Languages at Nebraska University, spent last summer in Paris.

Miss Ota Bartlett spent the summer in Germany.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Tukey of Marion, Indiana, on November tenth, a daughter. Mrs. Tukey was Marietta Coffin, ex-'11, and Mr. Tukey, a DePauw Phi Psi, ex-'10.

Miss Helen Child Taggart is at home at 1334 Hinman Avenue, Evanston, Illinois.

Mrs. James Clyde Weatherford, husband of Fleta Ward, ex-'10, is a newly elected state senator in Washington, and is the youngest member of the Washington state legislature. Mrs. Weatherford should be addressed at Olympia, Washington.

The Iota Club is preparing for its annual meeting to be held the last of February in Indianapolis. The nature of this meeting is a luncheon at one o'clock, with toasts and a reception following. Those in charge are urging that the older members of Iota, especially, shall attend that they may meet the younger members and the active girls, who will also be present.

MARIETTA COFFIN TUKEY, *Secretary*.

MINNESOTA CLUB

Our Alumnae Association is at present vitally interested in Chi's "House" campaign which was started last spring. The time now seems ripe for the acquisition of a home of our own and funds are being so rapidly raised that it seems certain that Chi's months in a rented house are numbered. Minnesota already has a prosperous fraternity city and it is high time we joined it; but our chapter is made up so largely of town girls who live in either St. Paul or Minneapolis, that the need has not been a crying one.

October thirteenth the alumnae celebrated founder's day by serving tea to the chapter's freshmen at the chapter house.

Clare Cross, who has been teaching for six years in Tokio, Japan, has been visiting for several months in Minneapolis before completing her trip around the world, resuming her work in Japan.

Mrs. Theodore Knappen (Nellie Cross), whose home is in Vancouver, B. C., spent a month in Minneapolis this fall visiting her sister, Mrs. Francis Shenehon (Kate Cross) former Grand President and wife of Dean Shenehon of our college of engineering.

Lila Swain, ex-'11, who is teaching domestic science in Humacao, Porto Rico, is to be married in June to J. Paul Bains of Philadelphia, now of Hibbing.

Miss Julia Gallup, former social secretary to Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, is to be married January twenty-second to John Harrison, one time football captain at Minnesota.

Prof. and Mrs. Frederick Washburn (Frank Wilcox) have announced the engagement of their daughter, Martha, ex-'10, to Professor Cephas Allin, of the economics department of the University of Minnesota.

There have been many Chi brides this fall; among them, Doris Dalrymple, who was married to Morris Moore in September; Charlotte Shepardson, now Mrs. Lester Warford; Ruth Sykes, now Mrs. Rudolph Block, who is living in Chicago; Alice Tillotson, who was married to Hadwen Barney, in the late summer; Elizabeth Thompson, who married James Lindsay, October twenty-third; Elsie Stone, who is now Mrs. Percy G. Crocker, and lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts; Marjorie Edwards who has been spending the past year with her uncle, President David Starr Jordan of Leland Stanford University and who was married in October to Frank A. Blake of Los Angeles.

There is also a new and interesting collection of Kappa babies. Northrop Beach, now ten months old, is the promising son of Elizabeth Northrop Beach, (daughter of Cyrus Northrop, our much loved president emeritus) and Joseph Beach, professor of English at our university. His striking resemblance to his noted grandfather arouses the hope that the next generation may enjoy, in another Northrop, the wonderful personality which has meant so much to us.

A Chi granddaughter was born in November—Jane Augusta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Colton (Grace Gilette), and granddaughter of Mrs. George Gilette (Augusta Perkins), a charter member of Chi.

Another Chi grandchild arrived at Thanksgiving time. John Stone Randall, son of Stella Lyford Randall and grandson of Mrs. C. C. Lyford (Emma Henderickson).

Elizabeth Hawley Chute, Jessie Schutten Miner, and Flora Edwards Bailey have brand new sons whom they hope to bring up as loyal Kappa men, while Avery Trask Barnard is training a little Avery to be a real Chi girl.

Chi is fortunate in having Elsie Koffer with her again. Her husband, Lieutenant James G. Woolnough, of the regular army, has recently been appointed commandant at the university and has brought his family to live a few doors from the chapter house.

JESSIE SCHUTTEN MINER, *Secretary*.

INDIANAPOLIS CLUB

December sixth, 1912, the Mu alumnae entertained the active girls and their rushees at a delightful dinner at the home of

Miss Lucile Carr, in Irvington. About thirty guests were entertained, seated at small tables lighted with white tapers in crystal candle sticks. The places were marked by white satin ribbons bearing the name and a rose design stenciled in gold. This work was done by Miss Lena Diggs. The favors were white roses and maidenhair ferns.

The Indianapolis Alumnae Association will entertain the active chapter with a spread and musicale at the home of Mrs. Mansur Oakes, 2121 N. Alabama Street, some time during the early part of January.

During the holidays the Mu alumnae will give a dance for Miss Gertrude Pruitt and Miss Ruth Hendrickson who have been away teaching this winter.

Mrs. Mansur Oakes sang several solos at a concert at the Murat theatre, December eleventh, which was given for the benefit of a Christmas fund for the city's poor.

Mrs. J. C. Scott and her family have gone to California to spend the winter.

Louise Stevenson is general secretary of the Y. W. C. A. at Fargo, North Dakota. Louise Guernsey is secretary of the girls' department of the Fargo Y. W. C. A.

ELIZABETH BOGERT, *Secretary*

BLOOMINGTON (INDIANA) CLUB

Miss Sallie Duncan, '07, and Mr. Philip Hill, Phi Psi, of Bloomington, were married Thanksgiving day at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Clay Duncan. They have taken a house at 607 North Walnut Street.

Mrs. Nat U. Hill and Mrs. P. K. Buskirk gave a most beautiful reception for Mrs. Philip Hill, December the nineteenth. They were assisted by Mrs. Nell Showers Teter, Delta, Mrs. Josephine Reed, Delta, Mrs. Alice Buskirk, Iota, Mrs. Ruth Steele Brooks, Delta, Mrs. Mary Brodix Faris, Delta and Mrs. Ida Fulinwider Hottle, Delta. The Misses Emma Batman, Leafy Davis, Ruth Telfer and Helen Beck, active Kappas, assisted in the dining room.

Mrs. Robert Rossow (Ethel Simmons, '06) and her daughter, Nancy, of Culver, Indiana, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Rossow's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Simmons.

Mrs. Beryle Showers Holland will leave in June for Europe, with her husband, who will attend clinics in the European hospitals. They will be gone six months.

Mary Wright, '12, was married to Mr. Andy Gill at Berne, Indiana, on November twenty-first.

Edith Hoadly and Mr. Roger Lee were married November nineteenth at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. John Hoadly, Stinesville, Indiana.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Stilwell, November thirtieth at Anderson, Indiana. Mrs. Stilwell was Miss Grace Triplett, Delta, '98.

Mrs. Wm. G. Ure (Minnie Faris, Delta) and her three children, of Omaha, Nebraska, spent the Thanksgiving week with her brothers.

MARY B. FARIS, *Secretary*.

LINCOLN CLUB

The Kappas residing in Lincoln have no regularly organized alumnae association, but meet for luncheon on the second Saturday of each month at the Lincoln Hotel. Both active and alumnae girls attend. This is the second year for these meetings and they have proven very enjoyable, both socially and as a means of bringing the older and younger members of Sigma together.

On Wednesday night before the university closed for the holidays, several of the alumnae surprised the active chapter, by going unannounced to the chapter Christmas tree, bearing jellies and jams and pickles for the house girls. Those who went so enjoyed the occasion and the delight of the girls that they promised more jelly and more alumnae to furnish it, when the first supply is gone.

On October twenty-eighth, baby girls were born to Louise Hargreaves Stein and Gladys Hargreaves Southwick.

May Whiting Westermann, Sigma '96, formerly Grand President of Kappa Kappa Gamma, visited in Lincoln in the fall, and attended the October luncheon.

Three recent graduates of Sigma chapter are now on the teaching staff of the University of Nebraska. They are Jessie Beghtol, instructor in the department of physical training, Orpha Nesbit, instructor in the department of domestic science, and Viola Barns, instructor in the department of American history.

Miss Louise Pound was asked to be one of the directors of the men's state tennis association during the year, and served in this somewhat unique position.

Miss Louise Pound of Sigma, professor of the English language in the university, presented a paper on "Indefinite Composites and Word-Coinage" during the holidays at the central division of the Modern Language Association at Indianapolis. The paper will be printed in *The Modern Language Review*, published in England. Miss Pound gave an address on "The Standard Pronunciation of English" before the state Teacher's Association at Omaha in November. Her paper on "Traditional Ballads in Nebraska" read before the ethnology and folk-lore division of the Nebraska Academy of Sciences at its last meeting is to be published in a coming number of the *Journal of American Folk-Lore*.

ADELLAYD WHITING WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

OMAHA CLUB

The Omaha Alumnae Club comprises about thirty-seven members at the present time.

We endeavor to meet once every month at a luncheon which is given during the winter at the different hotels and tea rooms and during the summer at the clubs.

Our last meeting was held November twenty-fifth at the Hotel Loyal where we had as guests the active Omaha girls who were home for the week-end and a number of Omaha and Lincoln rushees.

The Omaha Pan-Hellenic association met Monday, December twenty-ninth for their semi-annual banquet which was held at the Rowe. Officers for the coming year were elected and Doris Wood, '09, of Sigma chapter was chosen president.

Anne Dennis, '09, will leave January third for a six weeks' visit in Chicago.

Eva Penney, '06, is spending the winter in California.

Rozeetha Skinner, '10, of Sigma, is teaching kindergarten in Council Bluffs.

Doris Wood, '09, is substituting in the Omaha high school.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Bliss, (Clara Dimmick), a son.

The active Kappas are planning a New Year's dance to be given

January second at the Sanford. The alumnae are invited to be present and a good time is anticipated.

HELEN CALKINS, *Secretary*.

SEATTLE CLUB

Although not an official alumnae chapter, the Seattle Alumnae Club of Kappa Kappa Gamma is a flourishing and enthusiastic organization, meeting the first Saturday of every month.

The year's program, beginning with the April meeting, has been carefully planned and brought before each member in the form of an attractive booklet in blue and blue. Each meeting is held at the home of one of the three hostesses selected for the day.

The meetings so far have been very successful, the last one being a Christmas sewing-bee, at which thirty-five were present, held at the home of Mrs. William Adair Rembert. The next meeting, to be a musicale at the home of Miss Emily Simpkins, will be held January the fourth. We are fortunate in having some very talented members, among whom is Miss Ellen Shelton who has just very successfully filled the leading role in the musical play, "The Mystic Rose", given for the benefit of the Day Nursery.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Loren Grinstead (Edna Gullixson), a son.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence M. Cole, (Nellie Sloss), a son.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Elliott (Clarice McGlauffin), a son.

Born, to Dr. and Mrs. Stewart Malkid, (Ada Hammond), a son.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Randolph P. Scudder (Marjorie Moran) a daughter.

The engagement of Gertrude L. Walsh to Mr. Harry Lee Coe, Φ Δ Θ, has just been announced, the wedding to take place next summer.

We wish to thank Mrs. F. W. Hurlbut, Delta, to whose efforts and enthusiasm the success of our organization is largely due.

The season's greetings to all. We will be glad to welcome any Kappas coming to Seattle. Miss Ellen Howe, 22 W. Highland Drive, is chairman of the membership committee.

LUCY JANE CAMPBELL, *Secretary*.

BETA UPSILON

The marriage of Jane Etta McKinney to Chester Penn Higby was an interesting event of the summer. Mr. and Mrs. Higby are at home to their friends in Fairmont.

Mrs. William Barrington, Beta Nu, has moved to Fairmont, West Virginia.

Mrs. James Ritchie, Beta Gamma, entertained the resident Kappas of Fairmont at an informal tea. Louise Stealey from the active chapter was present and reported the news of the chapter.

Katherine Kumler, who is teaching in the Grafton High School, was a visitor in Fairmont November twenty-second.

Margaret Buchanan, a graduate student at Bryn Mawr, spent the holidays with her parents in Morgantown.

Elizabeth Stalnaker is doing graduate work at Columbia. Her place at Fairmont Normal School is being supplied by Ethel Ice.

CLARA LYTLE.

BETA GAMMA

Edna Endly, who graduated from Drexel in June, is teaching domestic science in the high school at Shelby, Ohio, this year.

Jeannette Carpenter, Clementine Taggart, and Hazel Kirk are taking work at Simmons College in Boston.

Marguerite Bange is teaching in Mansfield, Ohio. Anne Ewing is superintendent of schools at Lucas, Ohio. Jean Kirk is a senior and Clara Lehman a junior at Smith College this year.

The engagement of Mary Compton, daughter of Prof. Elias Compton, Dean of the University of Wooster, to Mr. Herbert Rice of India, was announced at a charming dinner given at the Compton home on the fifth of October. The wedding is to take place in Switzerland, in July, after which they will go as missionaries to India.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Francis Jackson (Elenita Allis), at their home in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, in October, a son, John Mather Jackson.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Goheen (Anna Ewing) who have been missionaries in India for the past seven years, with their two little daughters are spending their furlough in Wooster.

Born, September, 1912, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rogers (Anne Gray) at their home in Lisbon, Ohio, a son.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Twitchell (Rhea Mowry) in Xelianople, Pennsylvania, a son, Lawrence Mowry Twitchell.

Margaret Browne, who graduated from Wellesley in 1911, is teaching in the high school at New Philadelphia, Ohio, this year.

FLORENCE McCLURE.

KAPPA

Faith Elliott, '11, who is attending Simmons College at Boston, recently took the part of "Alice" in "Alice in Wonderland", given by the dramatic club of that college. From reports we hear she did exceedingly well.

Maude Terwilliger, '03, is taking D. S. work at Ypsilanti Normal.

Celinda Sheldon, '11, is taking a nurse's course at Grant's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

Loueze Hawes, '12, who has been attending the University of Southern California, will leave soon for China, where she will teach in the interest of the Student Volunteer Band.

Mrs. Harriet Knight Moffat, one of our charter members, is living in Chicago.

The marriage of Miss Hazel Fenton, '08, and Mr. George Schermerhorn, took place at Reading, Michigan, on January eighth.

Miss Neta Sawyer, '11, is teaching music and domestic science in the schools at Rockville, Indiana.

Miss Harriet Reynolds, '87, is a teacher in the public schools at Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. Florence Reynolds, '90, resides at Rockford, Illinois. Her son Keith is taking work here at Hillsdale College.

Miss Sarah Putnam, '95, is in Litchfield for this year. She attended our initiation and banquet on December seventh.

Kappa extends sympathy to Mrs. Mary Ward Phelps, '98, because of the death of her mother, Mrs. J. T. Ward at Hillsdale. Mrs. Phelps is located at Kyoto, Japan.

Mrs. Shirley Smith Thompson, '86, with her two children, is expected to make a visit in Hillsdale. Her home is at Fitagher, India.

Mrs. Lena Seley Lawrence, '90, resides in Cleveland, where

her husband has a pastorate. We expect her daughter to be in college next year.

Mrs. May Gurney Lash, '97, is expected here from California for the summer.

BETA LAMBDA

A daughter, Martha, was born on December ninth, to Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds (Aimee Sides).

Helen Milligan resigned her position at Belvidere this fall on account of the ill health of her mother, and is at home at Hinsdale.

Florence Antoinette Schwarzkopf, '09, and Earl Willoughby Donoho, Phi Gamma Delta, '08, were married in October, and are now at home at 6100 Monroe Avenue, Chicago.

October twenty-eighth, a son, Bion Bradbury, Jr., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bion Bradbury Howard (Lucile Jones, '04). The Howards live in Paris, France, at 41 Rue Guersant.

Eleanor Aldrich Sponsel and Mr. Sponsel have moved to Champaign from Powell, Wyoming, where they have been living since their marriage last June. Mr. Sponsel is employed by the Burr Company, and their address is 402 North Edwin St.

Announcement was made this fall of the engagement of Mildred Barlow to James Canavan of Streator, Illinois. The wedding will occur in January.

EVA L. MCINTYRE.

BETA XI

Married, June twelfth, 1912, at her home in Brenham, Texas, Mamie E. Searcy, '10, to Mr. Richard M. Kleberg, Sigma Chi. They are at home in Kingsville, Texas.

Married, June twelfth, 1912, Annabel Irion, ex-'09, to Mr. Joseph Worsham, of Dallas, Texas.

On June twenty-sixth, 1912, Helen Grant was married to Mr. Raleigh Hontenstine in Palestine, Texas. They are at home in Dallas, Texas.

On October thirty-first, 1912, in Galveston, Texas, Cornelia I. Rice, ex-'10, was married to Mr. John William Scarborough, Sigma Alpha Epsilon. They are at home in Austin, Texas.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Burke Baker (Bennie Brown, ex-'08)

in Houston, Texas, on December eighth, 1912, a daughter, Cary Baker.

The engagement has been announced of Nettie May Wilkes, '11, and Mr. Leslie Gardner, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, both of Waco. The wedding will take place in February.

On January sixteenth, 1913, in Dallas, Lorena McDermott, ex-'15, will be married to Mr. Walter Rossen.

Lyndall Finley, '12, and Maydelle Campbell, '12, visited the chapter during the fall.

Herma Ujffy, Phi Beta Kappa, '10, visited the chapter in January.

Helen O. Devine, Phi Beta Kappa, '03, has a position in the university library.

Married, in Waco, Texas, in November, 1912, Genoa Harrington and Mr. Brenkerhoff.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Buford, (Christine Littlefield, '06) at Austin, Texas, in December, a son, Robert Littlefield Buford.

MARY STEDMAN GRAVES.

BETA PHI

Mae Murphey, '08, who formerly lived in Helena, has moved with her parents to San Diego, where they will make their future home. Hazel Murphey, ex-'14, has entered the University of California, and affiliated with Pi chapter.

Marjorie Ross, '11, spent last year studying music in Boston, and has taken up the same work this year.

Frances Jones, '08, is teaching in the public schools of Anaconda.

The engagement of Margaret M. Lucy, ex-'10, to Herbert Shirley Thane was announced in November. The wedding to be solemnized in January, 1913.

Mrs. T. S. Huston (Ruth Smith, '08) of Tacoma, Washington, visited in Missoula in the fall.

Eva Coffee, '11, returned in November to her home in Missoula from a six months' visit in southern cities.

Dorothy Green, ex-'12, after several year's study in Berlin has returned to her home in Helena.

Nan Vivian, ex-'12, spent the past year in study in Munich, combined with delightful travels in Europe.

Florence Leech, '12, of Dupuyer, has been visiting in Missoula. Mrs. A. E. Leech (Ethel Wilkinson, ex-'11) remained in Missoula until after the holidays.

Mary Rankin, '09, and Wellesley, '11, spent the holidays in Missoula. She is at the head of the English department of the high school in Colfax, Washington.

Grace Rankin, '12, is ably assisting her sister, Miss Jeanette Rankin, in the cause of woman suffrage.

Mrs. Claude Bielenburg (Ethel Marcum, ex-'12) who lives in Race Track, visited in Missoula during November.

Mrs. James Mills (Ethel Evans, ex-'11) and her daughter, Mary Jane, were guests in Missoula during the past month. Their home is in Butte.

MAUDE B. McCULLOUGH.

In Memoriam

ETHEL TRASK ROUSE,

Beta Delta Chapter

Died in Indiana Harbor, Michigan, October third, 1912

CLARITA MERCEDES KNIGHT ERLANDSEN

A member of the class of 1893 at Barnard College, and a charter member of Beta Epsilon chapter.

Died December eighteenth, 1912

MIRIAM HARD ALLIS

Born February second, 1884, at Wooster, Ohio.

Initiated into Beta Gamma chapter, in October, 1906.

Married to Clarence L. Allis, May fourth, 1911.

Died at Wooster, Ohio, December twenty-third, 1912.

two weeks after the birth of her son, Clarence

Livingstone Allis, Jr.

A most loyal and enthusiastic Kappa! One who ever strove to maintain the highest ideals of true Kappa womanhood in her beloved chapter. One who was ever ready with words of loving sympathy and advice, or kindly admonition, especially for the younger members of the chapter.

We, the active, associate, and alumnae members of Beta Gamma, feel that we have lost in her, one who was indeed our sister and our friend!

EXCHANGE NOTES

BY KATHERINE TOBIN MULLIN

Exchanges are asked to send copies to: Miss Eva Powell, 2703 Dwight Way, Berkeley, Cal.; Mrs. Ralph T. C. Jackson, "Hearthstone", Dighton, Mass.; Mrs. Howard B. Mullin, 62 Van Buren Street, Brooklyn, New York.

We gratefully acknowledge, since our October number:

November: *Bent* of Tau Beta Pi; *The Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta; the *Phi Gamma Delta*; *To Dragma* of Alpha Omicron Pi; *Sigma Kappa Triangle*; *Delta Chi Quarterly*; *Beta Theta Pi*.

December: *The Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon; the *Parchment* of Sigma Iota Chi, *Alpha Xi Delta*.

Note to editors: The poor exchange editor of this magazine humbly begs to know why only half the number of exchanges comes to her this year? Hasn't she treated you kindly? She is hungry for more work, and is suffering from ennui, and a bridled muse. What has become of the Pi Beta Phi *Arrow*, the *Kappa Alpha Theta*, the *Alpha Phi Quarterly*, the *Trident* and others?

The *Triangle* of Sigma Kappa has three interesting letters from far away sisters, one from Manila, one from Cuba, and one from Japan.

To Archie Butt, a Titanic hero, a memorial tablet has been erected at the University of the South, by his chapter of Delta Tau Delta. It was designed by Arthur Howard Noll, a Delt.

A Swedish fraternity called the "Sothiod", the first Swedish fraternity organized in the United States has been established at the University of Minnesota. Only students of Swedish extraction are eligible for membership. Plans are now being formulated for the establishment of chapters at Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Nebraska and the other universities.—*Parchment* of Sigma Iota Chi.

The first song book of Beta Theta Pi was made in 1860 by the Western Reserve chapter. William H. Gaylord was one of the

compilers of it, and in the November *Beta Theta Pi* he gives some interesting reminiscences of the early musical struggles of his fraternity. In closing his letter he says:

Allow me to earnestly entreat the fraternity to at once secure a complete set of every known published Beta Theta Pi song book, to zealously and devotedly gather all written and unpublished songs, *disjecta membra* exposed, a prey to the gnawing tooth of time; to rescue from father to son tradition, the history of its songs and the life of its song writers; to recover, as far as possible, every lost chord which has resounded in Beta's halls, and to preserve in some permanent volume for Beta's sons the complete symphony which has ever inspired Beta's sires.

Fors an et haec olim meminisse juvabit.

It is not generally known that two women were members of Beta Theta Pi. They were initiated by the Wabash chapter on June 15, 1860, at Waveland's Indiana Academy. They were Emma Bennet and Celia Crocker. The Wabash boys must have been unusually broad-minded, for in those unenlightened days, college women were looked upon as freaks and monstrosities, unwomanly and almost anarchistical. We wish Emma and Celia had given us memoirs.

The old theory that college graduates never got into the active world, but spent their lives as theorists and \$15 a week clerks, should at last be cast aside. Almost every man of worthy importance on the political horizon at present is a college man, and every month another fraternity magazine claims one as its own. The last is the Phi Gamma Delta, which has published its "Thomas Riley Marshall" number. Mr. Marshall, for the benefit of the freshmen who say they never have time to read the papers, was the running-mate of Governor Woodrow Wilson on the last presidential election, and will be the next vice-president of the United States. He is a "Phi Gam" from Wabash College from which he was graduated in 1873. This fraternity number in November had pictures of him playing golf, in an automobile with Woodrow Wilson, in his study. Never mind, girls, two million women vote, and maybe THE KEY, too, will some day be exploiting its candidate for vice-president.

In this same Phi Gamma Delta (from which we are quoting enough to make up for the delinquent magazines) Christy Mathe-

son, the New York's great baseball pitcher, comes next to Governor Marshall. He was a Bucknell College man, now known as "Matty", "Big Six", and a good Fiji.

Avery Hopgood, the author of "Nobody's Widow", "Seven Days", "Clothes", and other dramatic successes, has an article in the Phi Gamma Delta on "The Play-Writing Business". While he was a student at the University of Michigan, he wrote his first play, "Clothes". That reminds me, some ambitious members of the class of 19— at — College wrote a senior play which I'm sure Mr. Hopgood or Mr. Belasco would appreciate. The verdict at the time was not indicative of a Belasco success but a prophet is without honor in his own country. This must be investigated.

This from the enemy's camp:

THE SORORITY QUESTION

BY A NON-SORORITY GIRL

After one has been an alumnus for several years and at the same time, has kept in touch more or less with the college world, one has an opportunity to consider many questions from a broader standpoint than was possible during undergraduate days.

The question of sororities is one that has been and still is attracting a great deal of discussion. Like all other questions—it has its advocates and opponents and many of these seem unable to see anything on the other side.

Looking at the question from the standpoint of the individual, I think that sorority life is more of a benefit than otherwise. The girls have a definite home of their own, a number of "sisters" who are more or less deeply interested in their welfare, a definite place in the social life of college, a chaperone when a chaperone is wanted, the opportunity to meet more people and more pleasant acquaintances than their non-sorority sisters have—and if they, as a whole, wish to utilize it, the chance of cutting down their college expenses by co-ordination.

Many people say that sorority life tends to encourage cliques and snobbishness, but, wherever a number of girls are thrown together, we will find cliques, more or less keeping to themselves, and if the older sorority sisters do their duty by the younger ones, they can discourage snobbishness very effectually.

The house life seems to me to be a very important factor in helping the girls and through them, the college, especially in colleges where there are no dormitories. No one knows better than a non-sorority girl, the unsatisfactory task of hunting for a good boarding house, the sometimes frequent changes during four years of college life and the being

in more or less close contact with people who are not always congenial. Sorority girls have none of these conditions to meet for they have their own home and if they are careful in selecting their members they should be very congenial. This brings me to what seems to me to be the greatest fault in the sorority system—the method of selecting new members or rather, the short time taken in which to select them. It is absolutely impossible to know a girl in an acquaintance of just a few weeks and meeting her only in a social way, to know whether she would make a good house girl or not, to know whether she would be congenial with most of her sorority sisters, to know how she will adapt herself to the new conditions which confront all beginners and last but not least, to know what kind of a student she will make. The rushing system is bad too, from the standpoint of the older girls, for their first few weeks in college are given up almost entirely to it and neither they nor the freshmen can give a proper amount of time to their studies and to their other college work. Undoubtedly, many girls fail in their work because they have not been able to make up the work neglected during these first few weeks. If the sororities could agree among themselves to eliminate these several strenuous weeks and bid late in the second semester or on class day, would they not succeed in helping their cause wonderfully? During these six or eight months, they could entertain girls quietly and more personally, and could really learn to know them and find whether they would make good sorority sisters or not—also, they could find out what kind of students they were, both from the college and scholarship standpoints—and this last point should be considered more than it now is for outsiders criticize sororities more on the ground of poorer scholarship and too much social activity than any other. In fact, these two points seem to have caused most of the present agitation against sororities.

All the women's fraternities have been much roused by the Edith Rickert attack on fraternities in the *Century*, commented upon editorially in the December KEY. Miss Rickert has been presented with a vast number of facts which she overlooked before writing her "yellow" story.

Thomas Arkle Clark, Dean of men students at Illinois, has made these illuminating discoveries:

SCHOLARSHIP

We think we have touched some of the underlying causes of the decline in scholarship in fraternities and in the student body generally:

1. That the diversity of aims and number of distractions in college life are too great.
2. That the estimate put upon high scholarship, as compared with that on the other things having less claim on college life, is too low.

3. That the temptation under the elective system, to choose the easiest course is always a menace to high scholarship.

4. That even if in spite of all draw backs it is attained, there is no public or private recognition or appreciation of it.

The fraternities, we think, share this culpability to the extent, first, that they do not in their own hearts place a high enough comparative estimate upon scholarship; second, that they do not demand it in their initiates or members, following its attainments or its neglect with perceptibly effective rewards or evidences of disapproval.—Mrs. C. B. Alexander, in the *Adelphean* of Alpha Delta Phi.

The fraternity with poor internal organization will be likely to have a low general average since it does not force the one or two men who have a tendency to loaf or to devote their time to trivial social matters, to keep up their work.—Thomas Arkle Clark, Illinois Dean of Men.—*To Drama* of Alpha Omicron Pi.

Miss Edith Rickert, please read this:

It seems to me that the national sorority is a great agent in keeping up interest in the alma mater. Not only is this true during the years when the student is in college but also after graduation.

No matter what is said against the sorority girl or sorority life, I think one must admit that the fraternity girl has a broader outlook. She has this almost without any conscious effort on her part, because her life with her chapter in a way partakes of the life of other chapters, perhaps in very distant universities or colleges. In learning of the fraternity life in other institutions she learns also of their general standing, customs, outlook. Her knowledge of other colleges teaches her to compare her own alma mater with them and to work for it and keep up a general high standard.

After graduation comes the matter of reunions and, while, in a great measure, they are social, they fill a great need. It is usually true that the non-fraternity woman does not make as lasting friendships in college as the fraternity woman. At least they are not as numerous. In after years when reunions come, the former student will be much more apt to come if she has a fraternity to increase her interest.

Very often the fraternity renders it possible to take some concerted action, such as making some gift to the alma mater. I know of a case of a chapter of fraternity men of a decade ago sending the daughter of a fraternity brother through college. This is an admirable instance of the fraternity fostering the interest in the alma mater. It occurred in the men's fraternity world, but might very well have happened in the women's.—*To Drama*.

COLLEGE NOTES

BY KATHERINE TOBIN MULLIN

Presidents who were college men:

The nomination of Woodrow Wilson, a graduate of Princeton, of President Taft, who is a graduate of Yale, and of Theodore Roosevelt who was graduated from Harvard, calls attention to the prominence of college-bred men in political life. Of the twenty-six men who have filled the presidential chair, seventeen have been college graduates. Harvard and William and Mary lead the list, each having contributed three presidents from among her sons. John Adams, John Quincy Adams and Theodore Roosevelt all were graduated from the famous New England institution, and Jefferson, Monroe and Tyler owned the Virginia college as their alma mater. Yale and Princeton have each had but one graduate who became president—Taft of Yale and James Madison of Princeton.

The following colleges have given one alumnus to the presidency: Hampden-Sidney College (Virginia), William Henry Harrison; University of North Carolina, Polk; Bowdoin, Pierce; Dickinson College, Buchanan; West Point Military Academy, Grant; Kenyon College (Ohio) Hayes; Williams College, Garfield; Union College, Arthur; Miami University, Benjamin Harrison.

Of the 500 principal institutions of higher education in the United States thirteen have graduated men who became Presidents.

The Presidents who never attended college were Washington, Jackson, Van Buren, Taylor, Fillmore, Lincoln, Johnson, Cleveland and McKinley.—*Parchment* of Sigma Iota Chi.

Students at Cornell are endeavoring to cut the cost of living. They have formed an association to deal directly with the consumers.

With a view to bringing producers of farm products and consumers closer together, so that the cost of living may be reduced, a score of students of Cornell University have been inspecting poultry yards, refrigerating plants, markets and commission houses in New York City. The students were in charge of Earl W. Benjamin, representative of the New York State College of Agriculture, at Cornell.

As a result of their observations, said Mr. Benjamin, organizations of farmers in various parts of the state will be formed as soon as practicable to deal with consumers direct, the object being to dispense with the middlemen. All farmers identified with these organizations will own shares of stock therein, do all business through these associations and enjoy all the profits that may accrue.—*New York Herald*.

Have you a "perfect woman" in your college? This Venus

weighs 170 pounds, and is five feet seven inches tall. Read how you may be perfect too.

ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 20.—The most nearly physical specimen of womanhood at Cornell is Miss Elsie Scheel, a student in the College of Horticulture at Cornell University, who entered from Brooklyn, where she studied in the Packer Collegiate institute. According to Dr. Esther Parker, Medical Examiner of the 400 "co-eds" in the University, Miss Scheel is not only a young woman of great strength, but in her physical makeup there is not a single defect.

Miss Scheel, who is a light-haired, blue-eyed girl whose very presence bespeaks perfect health, is 24 years old, weighs 171 pounds, and is 5 feet 7 inches tall. Her normal chest measurement is 34.6 inches, waist 30.3 inches, hips 40.4 inches. She is very fond of outdoor sports and walking; her hobby is motoring; her favorite sport basketball; she is an ardent suffragette. She is much interested in horticulture, but if she were a man she would study mechanical engineering, as she likes to work about an automobile.

She eats but three meals in two days and almost always goes without breakfast. She does not believe in eating mechanically. Her favorite food is beefsteak; she doesn't care about delicacies, and has no liking for candy. She has never taken a drink of tea or coffee in her life, and keeps regular hours. She says she has never been ill and doesn't know what fear is. Girls would be happier if they got over the fear of things, she says. The girls at Sage College, she thinks, work too hard at their studies and too late at night.

When she finishes her course Miss Scheel is going to grow vegetables on her father's farm on Long Island.

When we went to college our expenditures were just about \$1.69 a year. The New York *Herald* here tells what the average expenditures for women and for men students is now.

Some interesting details about the millions of dollars expended every year by students in universities are found in an article printed in the *Herald*. It appears that the tendency of the young women students is toward a much more economical life than that of the young men. In Vassar, for instance, the average expenditure for all purposes is about \$885 yearly, while at Yale the class of 1911 spent an average of \$1,097 during its career. Some students got through on \$100 a year and to some the cost was \$5,000 or \$6,000. Of this five per cent goes for stationery and five per cent for intoxicants and tobacco; twenty per cent for pleasure and the remaining seventy per cent for necessities.

Curiously enough, while the cost of living increases outside the colleges the movement toward cheaper living and fewer expenditures grows in the universities.