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GIRLS' CHAPTER HOUSE LIFE SEEN FROM THE WITHIN.

I have often wanted to express, for the benefit of those people who object to chapter houses, my experience with that life during one year of my college course. I debated some time before I went into the chapter house, for I had heard so many people say that I could not do good work there and that the girls cared only to entertain their friends and have a good time. However, I decided to try it for a year.

For the first few days there seemed to be a little stiffness among the girls. Some of them were total strangers, while some knew each other well but had never before been placed in such intimate relations. In just a little time, though, there was a difference. As we all got our work straightened out and began to go regularly to college a feeling of sympathy was aroused. We were all interested in the same thing, and just there the common chord was struck.

In the evenings after supper we all gathered in one of the downstairs rooms. There we grew to know each other better and to find the ready sympathy we all needed after a day at college. We felt no constraint in those little meetings where each girl's individuality asserted itself. This is one of the special points I want to speak of. So many people have said to me, "My one great objection to a girl joining a fraternity is that she loses her identity and becomes simply part of the whole."

That is not true. Nowhere is one's originality brought out more strongly and appreciated more than in a fraternity, and especially in the chapter house. Each girl in the chapter house likes all the other girls in an individual and peculiar way. We almost always connected a girl's characteristics in some way with the girl when we spoke of her. That is why we enjoyed each

other so much. While one girl would not satisfy us in a certain way, we could be sure to find the lacking quality in another. Taken together we presented as many moods and tenses as one would care to meet.

But there is one very definite way in which the chapter house life affects a girl's personality, yet it is to her advantage rather than otherwise. In the chapter house a girl cannot be selfish for any length of time. That is one characteristic which will not be put up with. A girl is simply not allowed to be selfish. She is so shamed by noticing that the girls are free to ask little favors of each other, which are all granted very pleasantly, and that they so kindly offer little acts of unselfishness, that she finally of her own free will gracefully falls into the habit of performing little acts of unselfishness for the other girls. The majority of the girls will not allow any signs of selfishness to remain. They take it for granted that they are living as a large family and the rough places as well as the smooth must be shared alike by all.

Another advantage for a chapter house girl is the social polish she acquires. The chapter house girls are usually the ones who have to look after the larger part of the entertainments given by the fraternity. In that way a girl who has lived in a small town and has not had many opportunities to go into society will be forced to appear. She, perhaps, will be put on the reception or refreshment committee at an "open meeting," and one who has gone through this ordeal many times will be able to appear at ease at almost any reception. Then, these girls are expected to have an "at home" day, and in that way they lose their timidity about receiving and making calls.

To a certain extent, too, a girl's mind is broadened by chapter house life. So many unpleasant things come up, which have to be forgiven and forgotten, that before long the girl finds it easier to forgive outside people and is less ready to judge others than she once was.

Now, after I have stated all these things, am I ready to say whether the girls there study as much as they should? I will not answer that positively, for we may not all agree on that point. For my part, I can say that every girl that leaves the chapter house after having lived there a year, feels that she has gained something that will help her to interpret life better than

the few hours study she has lost. There is an atmosphere in that life that can never be lost. There is a fullness and sympathy in the friendships formed there that cannot be experienced elsewhere. Perhaps we might have studied more, living in some other place, but were not those hours we spent together in the most delightful companionship, learning to know each other, to respect each other's feelings, to have the rough edges polished off, better than the study hours lost? Are we not to learn human nature and the art of sympathizing with others, with what we are learning at college?

What can be more delightful than to look back on those days and evenings when we were together, happy as children, telling funny experiences, laughing over some joke, kindly criticising the faults of each other, and as ready with our love and sympathy as if we were real sisters instead of sisters in name only. In those times we cared less about men's society than any girls in college. In fact we would rather spend those few hours by ourselves than to have a man around, however entertaining he might be. Whenever a man appeared it was the signal for us to disperse to our separate rooms and leave the chosen one, who while seemingly delighted to see him, many times wished he had stayed at home.

Indeed, in the recollections that are most dear to me the college men played a very small part. In a chapter house a girl learns that there are many friendships and associations which are very dear to her without any outside society at all.

Taking the life as a whole, the true friendships, the pleasant associations, the broadening influences, and the very dear remembrances, more than compensate for the study hours lost, although some think study the only essential in college life.

FRANK A. STEVENS, *Delta*.

HOW TO BE HAPPY, THOUGH A COLLEGE GRADUATE.

Ever since the days when Rasselas went out from the Happy Valley, and tried to find the most desirable condition of life, people have been employed in the same search, though most of them have not been handicapped, like poor Rasselas, with so dispiriting a place as a starting point. It has been reserved for

the end of the nineteenth century to succeed in this quest, and the college girl is the fortunate pilgrim. Listen to the enthusiasm with which she urges others to go to college. She makes it evident that a college education is the be-all and end-all of human life. That is where the trouble comes. A guide to happiness that is good for only four years, has its weak points. Of course, all agree to ignore this limitation in time, but it is there nevertheless. No college graduate would admit for a moment that she lacked anything essential for life-long blessedness; but how can a woman be happy who is obliged to look after the universe? Her condition is as bad as that of Johnson's astronomer, who thought himself commissioned to regulate the weather. Is it possible that some day, like him, she will find that her super-human weight of responsibility is only a figment of her own brain?

No one is less disposed than I to undervalue the advantages of a college education. It is not only worth having, but worth working hard to get! Still, value it as one will, it is merely training, and a college is not the only place where that is obtainable. It does not set the seal of superiority upon all who have had it. Most women are much the same after college that they were before. Some traits are more prominent, perhaps, others have become subdued; but even these changes are partly due to the fact that the college years are those when development is to be expected, wherever one may be. The college life and training help, but they are not indispensable. It is nonsense for a college woman to draw her skirts aside, and take it for granted that she and her kind constitute the elect. At a college luncheon not long ago the general impression given by the speeches was that no outsider need expect to be saved. The non-college woman, characterized as "the other girl," was accused of all the logical and aesthetic sins in the canon. Probably she does occasionally dress in bad taste. College women have been criticized on that same score and with as much justice. Perhaps she is frivolous, but one should admit an occasional exception. Perhaps she is ignorant of parliamentary law and of business methods. Are college women unimpeachable in this respect? Of course, this is heresy of the rankest kind in the eyes of any college woman who takes herself seriously, as nine-tenths of them do. They seem to forget that

the best of training is valuable only when it is so much a part of one's self that it has ceased to be a fetich to be blindly worshiped.

As long as college life lasts, the students keep one another from too great self-respect ; but once they are out in the world, their one aim seems to be to encourage the spirit they formerly condemned, only now it is in the name of the college and not of the individual. An assemblage of college women is awe-inspiring. One of their favorite pursuits is to thank the Lord that they are not as other men are. No matter what subject comes up for discussion, they say : " What shall we do, as the college women of the community, to make ourselves felt in this matter ? " More emphasis is laid upon the college attitude than upon the thing to be done. Now, a pedestal is a dignified appendage, and is agreeable to everyone at times ; but in ordinary life it is most inconvenient. It is cumbrous to carry, and it renders locomotion practically impossible. No wonder that its possessor looks tired !

Just to show the all-pervasive influence of this tendency, which leads me to lay down the law for other people, I am minded to formulate some rules. If I had followed them myself I should be too wise and too modest to give precepts to others ; but I, too, am a college graduate, and blood will tell.

I. Don't take yourself too seriously.

II. Don't assume that you are necessarily the superior of every woman who has not been to college. Give her a day or two to prove that she is a fool, before you regard it as an established fact.

III. Don't look upon yourself as divinely appointed to reform the world. The world is too old to be changed much, even by a whole club of college women.

IV. Don't distribute information *gratis*. Free lectures tend to pauperize the masses.

V. Don't consider it a crime to see the funny side of college women, yourself included.

VI. Don't spell the words " college " and " woman " with a capital, even in thought. Freshman rhetoric should have warned you against that fault.

VII. Meditate occasionally upon how little you know in comparison with some of those around you who have not been to college.

VIII. Again and again and again, don't take yourself too seriously.

Obey all these rules, and, though you may not be happy, you will certainly have a good time ; and it will be possible to advise girls to go to college, without stopping to consider whether four years of bliss are worth a lifelong responsibility for the welfare of the entire human race.

G. N. D., *Psi*, '96.

THOUGHTS FOR 1900.

When I used to write compositions for school, I generally commenced by looking carefully through Bartlett's "Familiar Quotations." After having selected a suggestive quotation for the beginning, an impressive one for the end, and several others appropriate to the body of the theme, I felt prepared to express my own ideas on the subject in hand. It was some comfort to know that the essay would not be wholly worthless.

To-day, I am tempted to try my plan of old. A sentence from the November *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi furnishes the initial quotation : " But let us have done with publishing aimless prattle and mawkish sentimentality." We are urged to promulgate earnest thoughts and honest sentiments. Our every word and action should express both sincerity and heartiness.

January, 1900, is a time well suited for a bit of self-investigation. Whether or not we are conscious of the fact, we live the first few days of a new year in a way quite different from those that follow. No doubt we have given up making New Year resolutions, as was our custom when children, because of our inability to keep them. Still we experience a delicious sensation of starting afresh, as we replace the old calendar by one of days to come.

These days, of unknown cares and pleasures, will make the same general demands on us all. As women, as college students, and as members of a fraternity, we share a common trust. As great as are the privileges and advantages we enjoy, so great should be the benefits we confer. Being college women we must demonstrate practically the value of training and culture. With the power and resources in ourselves, we should be ready to assist others less favorably equipped.

As Greeks, an additional joy has entered our lives, to be mani-

fested in a hundred ways through kindly deeds. Each pleasure, each delightful moment that the fraternity affords, should be accepted gratefully and enjoyed to the fullest. But the enjoyment must not end there. For each pleasure we receive, another must be conferred. Let us live the year 1900 with Emerson's words in our hearts: "But for every benefit you receive, a tax is levied. He is great who confers the most benefits. He is base—and that is the one base thing in the universe—to receive favors and render none. . . . Beware of too much good staying in your hands."

ADELENE H. JACOBS, *Beta Alpha*.

WHERE THE BLAME LIES.

In looking over some back numbers of *THE KEY* I was greatly interested in an article from *Beta Zeta* on the relation between the fraternity girl and the outsider.

There is one phase of the subject that struck me most forcibly a short time ago, when I heard a fraternity girl (she was not a *Kappa*) boasting that she had not a single friend in college outside her own chapter. This, it seems to me, should be any thing but a matter for rejoicing. Of course, where a girl becomes a member of a fraternity early in her freshman year, it is only natural that her closest friends should all be her "sisters in the bonds;" but when, as is often the case, a girl does not join until the end of her sophomore or in her junior year, she must have formed valuable friendships among her other class mates.

That her attitude towards these friends should change after she becomes a member of any Greek society seems to me a sad commentary on the character of that particular society. As a matter of fact, I know this change sometimes actually occurs, and when it does happen, the outsiders are bound to notice, and to draw unfavorable conclusions, not as to the one girl, unfortunately, but as to the general influence of the fraternity. And rightly so! A girl must be made of poor stuff indeed, if she feels bound to break all old ties when she forms new ones.

At the same time, I can understand how it may come about naturally enough. There may be a temptation to prove her loyalty to the new bonds by shutting herself off altogether from

the old associations. Some of the girls in the chapter may seem to doubt her enthusiasm and she is so disturbed over this possibility that she really harms the fraternity by enjoying the new friends to the neglect of the old.

If a girl stops for a moment to think the matter out, she must realize that the worth and influence of a fraternity depend upon the worth of character of the individual members. She must know that the Barbarian judges the fraternity by the individual, and that the censure for a broken friendship between the member of a society and the outsider, rests always, whether justly or unjustly, on the girl who has joined the fraternity.

And so, I think we should all remember that the best way to be loyal to our fraternity, is to be true to ourselves, and being true to ourselves, we must be faithful to the old friendships as well as to the new.

Beta Epsilon.

UNIVERSITY FRATERNITIES.

BY PROF. GOLDWIN SMITH, LL.D.

A short time ago I had the pleasure of attending the convention of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, of the Cornell Chapter of which I am a member. The question naturally suggested itself as to the functions and usefulness of these fraternities, about which I have sometimes found myself at variance with good authorities in university matters, with one especially for whose opinion I have the highest respect. The fraternities are accused of fostering social cliquishness and exclusiveness, sometimes to an offensive extreme. I can imagine that there may be danger on that side, tho' not having been as a student at an American university I am unable to measure the extent. But I cannot see that such tendencies are at all the essence of the organization.

"Fraternities" seems the proper name. "Secret society" suggests a covert, perhaps illicit, object, and is a name on that account abhorred by European police. It is needless to say that there have been secret societies in history without number, formed for purposes which could not be avowed. In Greece there were secret societies for mutual aid in judicial trials and

political elections. A good history of secret associations would be a curious addition to literature. Some of our modern national or benefit societies, if they are not formally secret, really have the object of the Greek association, at least so far as political elections are concerned : being, in fact, spoils clubs in disguise. But so far as I have been able to learn, none of the Greek letter fraternities can be fairly charged with any other object but fraternity.

A fraternal bond has especial attractions in a society like that of this continent, vast and migratory, where a man without any special connection would feel himself a grain in a heap of shifting sand. It is pleasant and certainly not unwholesome to feel that you are not utterly lost in a boundless and nameless crowd. It may be a help, however slight, in keeping the paths of honor to feel that your name is in a record and that the eyes of old comrades may be upon you. I do not mean unduly to magnify this influence. It may be little, but of little things, as has often been said, life is made up.

At the university the fraternity has, it seems to me, an obvious social use, provided it avoids the dangers to which the critics point. The primary object of a university is study : but a secondary and not insignificant object is friendship. For this a body of two thousand or even of one thousand students is too large. Oxford and Cambridge, as federations of colleges, have circles of intimacy in the college. What the college does there the fraternity may do here.

To the country at large the fraternities may do a service by keeping up and propagating the university spirit ; by which I am far from meaning anything pedantic or intellectually exclusive. I mean that loyalty to principle which high education ought to inspire ; that freedom from devotion to gain which, without weakening business aptitudes, intellectual culture rightly regulated ought to produce. Nothing in the present critical situation of the American Republic strikes an observer so much as the absence of leadership worthy of the political virtue and wisdom which abound in the country. Into the political causes of this it would be out of place here to inquire. But in the absence of commanding men, molding influences have special value. Nothing is more to be deprecated than a participation of the universities or their heads and

professors in the political fray, by which their just influence could not fail to be fatally impaired. But the prevalence of the university spirit in public and social life is not the less to be desired ; and as channels for the diffusion of that spirit the fraternities may play a useful part.—*The Independent*, Oct. 5, 1899.

THE VITAL THING IN COLLEGE LIFE.

Why did we come to college? Now that we are here, what are we working for? Some few of us, possibly, cannot answer these questions. We work along from day to day with nothing particular in mind. We came here as a matter of course, and drift along, doing our work as it comes, with no aim in view. Others of us say we have some life work in mind and are here to better prepare ourselves for it. And still others of us, because of the pleasures which study gives, are here to satisfy those desires. No such immediate end can be the vital one in any one of our lives. We will all grant, I think, when we consider that all that is worth while for us here is higher spiritual living and thinking. Just so far as we have learned to live more unselfish lives, learned to have higher ideals, learned to live on a higher spiritual plane, just so far has our college life been of vital importance to us.

Are we conscious of this underlying purpose? Should we not be? In the hurry and excitement of our daily lives, it does seem as though there were no time for the consideration of anything but immediate ends, but if we are conscious of the great purpose we will realize that each end is of importance only in so far as it contributes to this one great end,—character,—and our actions, words and tasks will be colored by it, and we may, after our four years, leave college better fitted to do our little share in helping the world on toward perfection.

ETA.

THE KANSAS CITY BANQUET.

The Thanksgiving banquet given at the Midland Hotel in Kansas City by the Missouri and Kansas Kappas was an undeniable success.

The presence of Mrs. Miller, one of the original nine of Alpha chapter at Monmouth College, added to the interest and pleasure of the occasion. Mrs. Miller had seen the notice of the banquet in the evening paper, and left a family dinner party in order to come to us for a short time. Her talk on the early days of Kappa Kappa Gamma was much enjoyed by everyone present.

The table was arranged in the form of the Greek letter, Gamma, and was decorated with our Fraternity colors. The following toasts were given: "The New Kappa," Miss Baum; "The Last Convention," Miss Morris; "The Coming Convention," Miss Long; "Art Students," Miss Potter.

After the toasts all the girls joined in the discussion of fraternity subjects, and it was decided by a unanimous vote to make the banquet an annual function. Mrs. Brown was elected president, and Miss Landis secretary of the Kansas City Alumnae.

The girls went to the Missouri-Kansas football game in a body, and when we parted that night it was with the feeling that it was good to have been together. We hope next year to have twice as many present, and trust that Nebraska and Iowa will send at least one delegate, as this is an excellent opportunity for becoming better acquainted with sister chapters.

The names of those present were as follows: Marie Morris, Hiawatha, Kan.; Mrs. Lawrence, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. Trotman, Kansas City, Mo.; Marie Rees Lawrence, Kansas City, Kan.; Mrs. William Miller, Kansas City, Mo.; Alice Hoyt, Ohio; Ethel Hoyt, Lawrence, Kan.; Bessie Potter, St. Joseph, Mo.; Susie Alexander, Kansas City, Mo.; Elizabeth Schweitzer, Columbia, Mo.; Ida Howard, Columbia, Mo.; Laura Long, Columbia, Mo.; Emily Guitar, Columbia, Mo.; Blanche Engert, Stanberry, Mo.; Stransie McCoslin, King City, Mo.; Hattie Gordon, Kansas City, Mo.; Julia Harvey, Moberly, Mo.

Laura Long, *Theta*.

*Alumnae Department.**SOME THOUGHTS AT INITIATION TIME.*

Fraternity is worth while to any of us, only when we are striving to live up to its high ideals. The aim of every woman's fraternity in existence is, I suppose, sisterly love.

If we are loyal to our fraternity and to that aim, we are helping on the world in a way that we scarcely realize. It has been said by a wise economist, that the social and political problems of the day can never be solved by Socialism, College Settlement work, Labor Unions, or any other suggested remedy, for it is the humanity at the bottom of the problems, which must be changed through love. It is love, then,—that quality insisted on by Christ, which is now being emphasized by economists. And we men and women, bound together under Greek letter names, if we are living up to our ideals, are giving the world an example of sisterhood, of love, which it has never seen before.

Fraternity loyalty demands three things—faithfulness to the national organization, to the chapter, and to the individual girls.

The duties of the first class are plain,—a zealous attempt to keep the national standing of the fraternity high, an active interest in other chapters, respect for the decrees and wishes of the Council and conventions and support of the fraternity journal—*THE KEY*. The demands are not unusually hard.

But now come those of the second class,—our obligations to our chapter.

Among the first of our duties to our chapter comes that of good scholarship. As a university fraternity, Kappa Kappa Gamma is proud of the scholarly women who wear the key, of the many valedictorians and Phi Beta Kappas in her ranks. Excellent scholarship is not the highest benefit that we can confer upon our fraternity, but it is always well to look to our laurels.

The most important obligation which we owe our chapter, it seems to me, is that of adding to our loyalty to the girls in our chapter, a breadth of view, a wideness of feeling, in relation to all of the other women of our college. Narrowness never does anything but dwarf one's nature. Confining one's interests to a

chosen few of a certain set, is apt only to deepen one's prejudices. The perfectly rounded woman is she whose interests are so wide that she can enjoy meeting people of all descriptions, and whose heart is so sunny that it can show cordiality to all. Now the girl who is winning friends for her chapter by pleasant intercourse with the members of other fraternities, is doing far more for her fraternity, than she who is narrowly working to build up its strength and reputation. The admiration and love of your sister-fraternities will prove its value in a dozen ways if you will give it a chance. Let the chapter-loyalty overflow its bounds and take in womanhood in general.

The duty of each girl to the other, in the chapter, needs emphasis once in a while. As a usual thing it is admiration for one another which draws the girls of a chapter together, but sometimes such a thing as this may occur. Two girls with nothing in common find themselves in the same fraternity. They cannot seem to come in touch with one another. It is then that fraternity loyalty becomes a duty, and where it says—"Try to understand one another! A real feeling of love may never come, but warm comradeship will, and you will have proven your Kappa loyalty."

This duty to one another may be taken a step farther. It includes, as a matter of course, interest in one's sisters, and a readiness to help them. But it seems as if loyalty should insist on one thing more—such absolute truth to one's sisters that harsh or slighting criticism of one by the other should never be heard, even among ourselves, or be tolerated for a moment, from outsiders. Wouldn't that be true loyalty?

The two most valuable things in fraternity to an alumna, are the friendships she has formed and the new tolerance that fraternity has given her. Her chapter friendships are apt to be the dearest of her life. The breadth of view gained by intimate contact with sisters of widely differing tastes and opinions, is an education. The habit of meeting very different characters with love, is, as I said in the beginning, that which ought to make fraternity life of some worth in the world at large.

An organization of hundreds of women—most of them unknown to one another—bound together in love and good will, through similarity of ideals! That sounds rather queer and

Quixotic. But we know that fraternity feeling is very real and we feel sure that the other women's fraternities feel it just as strongly as we.

And so, Kappa sisters, let us join hands with all of those working toward the same end as we, and say—"Universal love and sympathy need be no myth." We have made the first step toward it! Let us help one another to carry our fraternity lessons out into the world!

LILLIAN RANDELL MOORE, *Chi.*

THE INDIANAPOLIS ALUMNAE.

The Kappa Gamma Literary Club of Indianapolis has issued a very attractive programme for the year 1899-1900. It consists of a little book bound in water color paper and printed and tied in blue. In addition to an outline of the winter's work, a list of the members is given with their addresses. From this can be learned that the club has 84 members, 43 from Mu, 21 from Iota, 11 from Delta, 5 from Nu and one each from Epsilon, Upsilon, Beta Eta and Beta Beta.

The officers are President, Miss Edna Wallace, Mu; Secretary, Miss Inez Elliott, Iota; Treasurer, Mrs. Alice M. French, Nu, and the arrangement for meetings is as follows:

OCTOBER FOURTEENTH.

HOSTESS, MISS MAY BRAYTON.
England.

Its Boundaries, Geographical Divisions and Government

A Tour of the Chief Cities Miss Retta Barnhill
Literature Mrs. Alice M. French
..... Miss Clara Goe

NOVEMBER TWENTY-FIFTH.

HOSTESS, MRS. CHARLES RAILSBACK.
Ireland.

Its Geography and People Mrs. Kate Hadley Buchanan
Its Government and History Miss Rose Elliot
Chief Cities and Points of Interest Miss Wilhelmina Wallace

JANUARY SIXTH.

HOSTESS, MISS EDNA WALLACE.

Irish Writers and Speakers of Note Miss Lena Byrd
Annual Election of Officers.

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JANUARY TWENTY-SIXTH.

Reception to visiting Kappas and friends attending Oratorical Contest.

MARCH TENTH.

HOSTESS, MRS. HOYT MCCLAIN.

Scotland.

Location and Geographical Division Miss Inez Elliott

How Governed Now and in Times Past and the Character of the People,

Mrs. C. A. Wallingford

Industries and Points of Special Historic Interest..... Miss Ethel Cleland

The Literature of the Scots..... Miss Josephine Buchanan

APRIL, FOURTEENTH.

HOSTESS, MRS. WM. BUCHANAN.

Wales and the Isle of Man.

Government and People..... Mrs. J. L. D. Chandler

The Welsh and Manxmen in Literature Mrs. Carrie W. Smith

The British Colonies and a History of their Acquaintance,

Mrs. Lilian Cline Higdon

MAY TWELFTH.

Guest Day.

HOSTESS, MRS. B. C. KELSEY.

JUNE SECOND.

HOSTESS, MISS RETTA BARNHILL.

Farce,

Miss Emma Johnson, Miss Mary Deputy, Miss Mary Brouse.

THE BLOOMINGTON KAPPA CLUB.

The Kappa Club of Bloomington is continuing the study of Shakespeare which was begun last year. The following programme has been issued for 1899-1900 :

MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM.

OCTOBER 5—MISS BASSETT.

Origin of the Play..... Mrs. Augustine

Puck ; Comparison with Ariel..... Miss Bassett

OCTOBER 19—MRS. COLE.

The Fairies..... Mrs. Cole

Bottom..... Miss Cole

MACBETH.

NOVEMBER 2—MRS. HALL.

History and Plot of the Play..... Miss DeMotte

Macbeth..... Mrs. Ferguson

NOVEMBER 16—MISS LITTLE.

The Weird Sisters..... Mrs. Hall

Banquo..... Mrs. Kerrick

THE KEY.

DECEMBER 7—MRS. WELCH.

Lady Macbeth.....Miss Loudon
 Macduff.....Miss Little

DECEMBER 21—MISS PARRITT.

King and His Group.....Miss Florence Parritt
 Ethical and Moral Teachings of the Play.....Mrs. Parritt

ROMEO AND JULIET.

JANUARY 11—MRS. FERGUSON.

Story of the Play and Selections.....Miss Florence Parritt
 The Ardent Lovers.....Miss Probasco

JANUARY 25—MISS LOUDON.

Juliets of the Stage.....Mrs. VanLeer
 The Minor Characters.....Mrs. Welch

ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA.

FEBRUARY 8—MISS DEMOTTE.

The Plot.....Mrs. Augustine
 Historical Scenes of the Plot.....Miss Bassett

FEBRUARY 22—MRS. KERRICK.

Cleopatra.....Mrs. Cole
 Cleopatras of the Stage.....Miss Cole

MARCH 8—MRS. VANLEER.

Antony.....Mrs. Hall
 Octavia.....Mrs. Kerrick

MARCH 22—MISS COLE.

Octavia Caesar.....Miss Loudon
 Criticisms on the Play.....Miss Little

OTHELLO.

APRIL 5—MISS PROBASCO.

Desdemona.....Mrs. Parritt
 Iago.....Miss Parritt

APRIL 19—MRS. AUGUSTINE.

Othello.....Mrs. VanLeer
 Ethical Teachings of the Play.....Miss Probasco

MAY 3—MRS. PARRITT.

Annual Business Meeting.

CURRENT EVENTS.

Foreign News, Mrs. Welch ; Noted Men, Mrs. VanLeer ; American Politics, Miss Probasco ; Music, Miss Florence Parritt ; Art, Mrs. Parritt ; Science, Miss Parritt ; Inventions, Miss Loudon ; Noted Women, Miss Little ; Literature, Miss Kerrick ; Nobility, Mrs. Hall ; Philanthropy, Mrs. Ferguson ; Athletics, Miss DeMotte ; Navy, Miss Cole ; Sociology, Mrs. Cole ; Foreign Politics, Miss Bassett ; Stage, Mrs. Augustine.

The club has sixteen members and its officers are :

President—Miss Clara Louise DeMotte.

Vice-President—Mrs. Archibald Augustine.

Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Frank Parritt.

Executive Committee—Mrs. Homer Hall, Mrs. Charles Cole, Mrs. Frank Welch.

PERSONAL NOTES.

PSI.

Mary C. Spencer, M.S., '95, has been made head of the Department of Physics of Newcomb College, New Orleans, La.

Christabel Fiske, '98, is teaching in the Misses Shapley's School at Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Edith Read, '98, is teaching science in the High School, Troy, N. Y.

Frances Hunt, '99, is studying at the Art League, New York City.

Alice Brickelmaier, '99, is attending the Teachers' College, New York City.

Cora Barber, ex-'96, is teaching in the Brooklyn Schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Caleb Lord announce the marriage of their daughter Mary Williamina Lougee, '88, to Samuel Johnson, on Tuesday, October 10, 1899, West Roxbury, Mass.

BETA IOTA.

Lucretia Blankenburg, ex-'99, is studying music in Leipzig, Germany.

Helen D. Walker, ex-'00 is completing her course at Smith College.

The engagement of A. Virginia Gillespie, '98 to Guy T. Tishniski, '98, is announced.

XI.

Sara Luella Huntington was married to Mr. Frank L. Parker, November, 14, 1899, at Clinton, Michigan.

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At Birdsall Michigan, October 31, 1899, Emma A. Hallock was married to Mr. William L. Corbin, of Chicago. Their home address is 29 The Kenilworth, Oak Park, Illinois.

ETA.

At Boston, Mass., on November 16, Myrtle Grace Adams, ex-'00, was married to Clarence Wallace Roe.

At Lancaster, Wis., on November 29, Mabel McCoy, '96, was married to Benjamin Carrol Parkinson.

At Rockford, Ill., on October 3, Daisy Sames, ex-'96, was married to Lieutenant William Hase, Delta Upsilon.

OMEGA.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bowersock announce the marriage of their daughter Don, to Mr. Irving Hill, on Tuesday, October 17, 1899, Lawrence, Kansas. At home, 1126 Tennessee St.

BETA ETA.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Chapman announce the marriage of their daughter Elizabeth to Mr. Robert L' Amy Donald, Wednesday, September 13, 1899, Oakland, California.

The Parthenon.

In order that an upper-class girl may come to a proper appreciation of the duties and responsibilities which are hers in relation to the younger members of the fraternity, she has only to look back to the time when she herself was a freshman, and remember in what light she regarded the older girls of the chapter. When she recalls how she was accustomed at that time to model that new phase of her existence after the example offered her by those who had been under the influence of the Kappa bonds for the longest time, something of the true nature of her position will begin to dawn upon her.

**The Responsibility of
the Upper-class girl.**

Especially will she treat the matter more thoughtfully if she remembers how in those first days some idle remarks of an older member changed for a while the lofty ideal which she had carried away with her from initiation.

That these fair ideals must oftentimes be changed, or at least modified, to suit the demands of the work-a-day life in the chapter is of course clearly understood ; but it depends greatly on the older girls whether the change thus wrought tends only to strengthen and beautify the shrine of Kappa in the heart, or whether it shall make it less lovely and less sacred. If those to whom the ties of our fraternity should have come to mean the most, can yet speak lightly of matters, on hearing which for the first time the younger girl has experienced a feeling of reverence and inspiration, it will not be long before this feeling of reverence and inspiration becomes a dangerous familiarity, and even ceases to exist.

By this it is meant not that a Kappa on becoming an upper-class girl should change from a jolly, fun loving girl to a long faced solemn adviser, but that she should grant enough serious consideration to her conduct so that, confident in her own love and loyalty for Kappa, she may not disturb inadvertently that of a younger girl.

The future of the chapter may depend much upon the new girls coming into the fraternity, but on the other hand the rela-

tions which they will hold to it will be for the most part made or marred by those to whom they look for advice.

E. R. B., *Phi*.

Beta Lambda is glad that the day has passed when children were expected only to be seen and not heard, for she has a word to say in regard to Eta's thought expressed in the October KEY about keeping the beauty of our initiation forever with us as an incentive and an inspiration.

A Recent Dedication.

Failure to keep with us the beauty of life is not confined to fraternities. Why did a well known modern writer put this inscription in his book? "Dedicated to the girl who still believes in God and man." Not "the girl who believes" but "the girl who *still* believes," and not "believes in God," but "believes in God *and man*."

The dedication is a short one in words, but reaches far in meaning. Evidently the world is of the opinion that we are not growing in faith. The business world suffers a collapse when men cease to have confidence, is the social world different? Not at all. The better and more sturdy the faith we have in our acquaintance with mankind, the wider our plane of social life and the higher its influence. "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm" says Emerson, and this enthusiasm is like the outside box holding those boxes one within the other that we enjoyed as children; within the enthusiasm is faith, and within the faith lies the ever present appreciation of the inner beauty of men and things. To some extent these are inborn, but to a greater extent they are developed.

It is said that New Year resolutions are poor things, but it is not true. No worthy resolutions, be it short-lived or long, is a poor thing, and Beta Lambda wishes to make the "In conclusion" of her sermon a plea to every Kappa girl to set herself to work to prove that this recent dedication is a wrong one. Let her begin with that best of all places, her own chapter, and let her not cease this side of the horizon.

Beta Lambda.

What is done, must be done with reason. In reading THE KEY one is astonished at the number of chapters that chronicle two initiations yearly. Is this reasonable? If so well and good. If not let us set it right now. Granting exceptions, the arguments appear to me to be mainly in favor of one grand initiation each year and only one.

A second one brings with it just a little hint that we did not thoroughly know our own mind at the first. At least, this is an outsider's view of it. Also, it might convey the idea to some girls that an initiation will be arranged to suit their convenience in joining. Constant repetition could not make our beautiful ceremony trite to us, but one or two girls joining at an extra initiation will lose the deep and subtle bond existing in a class joining together.

There can be no possible objection to pledging a girl at any time, but this need not entail an immediate initiation. The relationship between pledgling and chapter is very sweet and can, with profit to both, be prolonged until a regular ceremony. I hope this question will never come up in many chapters. It cannot if the right precedent is established. We have had, however, numerous tussles with it, but have decided that everything possible must be sacrificed to one grand annual initiation.

LAURA EDITH OSBORN, *Beta Tau*.

There is a question concerning which Beta Iota has thought much. This is the question of a thorough and systematic study of fraternity laws and regulations.

It seems as though the average fraternity woman is not thoroughly and accurately acquainted with this part of fraternity life and yet it must be felt by all of us that in order to realize what a grand thing this fraternity of ours is, a thorough knowledge and an intelligent conception of the laws which govern us must be obtained in some way. The question is what this way is to be. What is most necessary and important seems to be to interest the new Kappas in this phase of our fraternity. But

how? It is most easy for a newly initiated sister to realize the benefits derived from a union of a number of thoroughly congenial girls and to become adapted to the delights of sisterhood in the fraternity. But it is impossible for any of us to realize to the fullest extent what an ennobling and uplifting institution this fraternity of ours is, and what it all means without understanding the real basis of its government. Will not some of the chapters make suggestions as to the best plan of arousing deeper interest in this important question?

A. V. G., *Beta Iota*.

While making the fraternity a sophomore society would do away to a great extent with the evils of rushing, it would also shut out a desirable class of students from a sufficiently long career as active members. With the credit system at present existing in our colleges, it is not at all unusual for a student to so arrange her high school course as to gain credits enough to be able to obtain the Bachelor's degree in three years. In such a case on entering college she is almost invariably classified freshman, and so she would be limited to a fraternity activity of two years, a period insufficient for full development of the real fraternity character and spirit. This class of students is very large, especially in the state institutions and smaller colleges in the middle west. There is a certain class of special students also in every university which are there to get what they can out of the work. They are for the most part older and of more settled disposition than the mass of college girls. They are intense and too strong not to be in a fraternity, although their course is to be but two years. The sophomore qualifications would be a source of annoyance here. A reform of this kind appears too hard, too radical. We would suggest, rather, a certain per cent., say ten, of the credits required for graduation as a necessary qualification for becoming a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. This would require a closer examination into the standing of new members, and while it would not do away with rushing altogether, it would do away with that indiscriminate rushing which is always afterward a source of regret.

GRACE GOOKIN, *Mu*.

In most of our chapters it is not long after the opening of college until some of the new girls forsake the paths of the barbarians and follow in the footsteps of the Greeks. Do they receive the same consideration and attention that they did while they were outside the pale of the mystic sisterhood? I am compelled to say, "No, in many cases they do not." They are not made to feel that they are now an integral part of the chapter, that the life and success of the fraternity depends as much upon them as it does upon the older girls. As a consequence the new members do not take a proper interest in the organization, and it is not long before the standard is lowered.

"Why," said a girl to me not long ago, "I never took a bit of interest in the fraternity until my second year,"
New Members. simply because the old girls never made me feel that anything depended on me. I always felt as if I were an invited guest at the meetings, instead of feeling that their success would be due to me as much as to the seniors."

Many another girl has had the same experience, and it is the result of a wrong idea. How can a girl become interested in something she knows nothing about? The new girls should be drilled in the workings of the fraternity as soon after joining as possible. They should be helped in the study of the Constitution, the Standing Rules, Convention minutes, etc. Learning these things will naturally awaken an interest that otherwise may not be manifested. The new members, also, should take an active part in all discussions at the meetings, and in assigning work the President should see that each new girl has her share.

Let us resolve to make each new member of the coming year feel that she is really one of us, and that she is a necessary part of the chapter.
Delta.

It will soon be time for us to ask "Whom are we going to send to convention from our chapter?" since this is usually decided during the winter.

Shall it be the prettiest girl in the chapter, or
Convention the most popular girl or the one with the best
Delegate. knowledge of the fraternity affairs? Shall it be the girl who can express herself the most easily, or the girl whom the chapter most desires to honor?

It may be a temptation to send the most popular or the "swellest" girl but although such people are necessary in the chapter they are more than useless at convention unless they have something besides their popularity to recommend them.

Perhaps the greatest danger the chapter runs is in sending the girl they wish to honor when it is really not a wise choice. In almost every chapter there is some one who is able to do more for the fraternity than the others and we feel she deserves the honor. She is a dear girl, no doubt, and ready to do anything in her power for her chapter and yet may be as unfit as possible to be a delegate.

The ideal delegate may be pretty and popular and all the rest, it will be no drawback, but she will combine with these qualities, tact, good sense and self-reliance. She will put her chapter's opinion before her own but be ready to form a clear judgment for herself on all questions. She will not make herself objectionable by constantly urging her opinions upon others but she will be ready to state clearly and concisely her own or her chapter's opinion of questions at issue.

With such delegates the coming convention must surely be successful.

Sigma.

Special students were a subject of much discussion to Lambda Chapter this year and perhaps our solution of the problem may help some other chapter.

There is often a special student to whom the fraternity would be a source of much help and pleasure and who would be a help to the fraternity if she should attend college during a four years course. But she cannot put her whole soul in-
Specials. to a work with which she will be intimately associated only one or two years and the fraternity demands the highest grade of scholarship which is more usually attained by regulars than specials.

Thus the question stood with these arguments against it and daily before our eyes the charms of two specials on whom we desired to pin our colors, when one of our alumnae suggested that

we pledge specials until that time in the second or following years when they shall be admitted to full class standing with the intention of completing the four years' course.

We tried the experiment this fall and found the specials very willing to make themselves regular for the privilege of wearing the key not realizing how much they are helping both themselves and the college thereby.

MAUDE HERNDON, *Lambda*.

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

PHI—BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

Phi's cordial greeting goes out to all the chapters, and her welcome to the new Kappas.

College work has begun and the fervid rushing days have come and gone since Phi wrote last to her sister chapters. We have all settled down to regular study, over which glows the setting beams of the initiation. But to descend from metaphor to plain intelligibility, Phi has six new Kappas.

The initiation was in Brookline, at the home of Bertha Hirshberg, '98. The rooms were decorated with the colors and with fleur-de-lis, and there assembled about sixty Kappas to witness the ceremony. The initiates were Elsie Bullen, Florence B. Colby, Alice Crane, Eva D. Phillips, Ethel Sparrow, Ellen Stevenson, all of 1903, and four A.Bs. The service passed off exceptionally well.

Ethel Bourne, 1901, was toast mistress at the banquet which followed, and the freshmen responded nobly. Several alumnae were toasted, one of whom was Mrs. Trask, one of Phi's earliest members.

Dancing succeeded the toasts and it was ten o'clock before the last strains of Kappa songs died away.

BETA EPSILON—BARNARD COLLEGE.

For the last time I sit me down to write Beta Epsilon's word of greeting and good wishes to her sisters in the bonds. The duty has always been a pleasant one and it is with regret that I have to say "this is my last."

The beginning of this college year has been rather more uneventful than usual for us, since we have as yet had no initiation, and have done nothing startlingly exciting with the exception of opening up the college festivities by giving a large reception. Elaborate preparations had been made for this affair, music,

floral decorations, and a fine supper, and a great many people had been invited to partake of our hospitality. But alas! the Weather Clerk frowned upon us and sent us torrents of rain and gusts of wind that turned the umbrellas of our guests inside out and the hearts of the Kappas upside down. However, three hundred and fifty, or thereabouts, of illustrious souls who ventured out enjoyed themselves and stayed late to join in the dancing which followed the reception.

Several days ago the college was entertained by the associate alumnae of Barnard who gave a very pretty tea. The affair was particularly enjoyed by the Kappas for we had the opportunity of meeting and knowing many of our Beta Epsilon Alumnae whom we rarely ever have a chance to see. We had a fine time comparing notes as to our chapter in the days gone by and the days that now are.

Since our last letter to *THE KEY*, Alice Duer, one of our members whom we had looked forward to having with us this year, has become Mrs. Henry Wise Miller. She has gone to live in Costa Rica where she is having all sorts of experiences which I have no doubt take on the garb of romance all because of their novelty. As selfish as it may seem, we long to have her back with us.

To all her sister chapters Beta Epsilon sends her most cordial greetings for a bright and successful New Year, and her earnest hopes that with the old century we may leave behind us all that may be hurtful to us, and that with the new era Kappa Kappa Gamma may receive new life and vigor and true warmth of fraternity spirit!

PSI—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Upon our return to Ithaca this fall we, of Psi, found several little surprise-parties awaiting us. In the first place all of our faculty members had "folded their tents like the Arabs and silently stolen away." We began to realize, too, what it meant to have the membership of a chapter dwindle during the summer from twenty-two to eleven. Four of these eleven live in town so we of Sage College can truly say that "we are seven." We set merrily to work, however, each nobly encouraging all the others "to do their prettiest". Unfortunately our rushing is not yet

over so we cannot announce our glorious victories to an admiring audience. Meanwhile college affairs have kept us busy. Cornell defeated Yale in the cross country run and her foot-ball team won brilliant victories over Princeton and Columbia. True, Pennsylvania ran up a score of twenty-nine to nothing against us, but we had our celebration before that happened. What a celebration it was! Hundreds of Cornellians were at the station waiting for the train to bring the team home from New York. Amid yells and cheers the men were carried from the cars to a float waiting for them, in which they were dragged through the town, up the hill and around the campus. Fire-works, singing, and cheering marked the progress of the team and its followers past Sage College, gaily decked out in bunting and Chinese lanterns, past the library, where the chimes were ringing out the sweet music of Alma Mater, to the armory where the float was broken up that each student might have a souvenir of that happy evening.

Now the term is almost over and we have only to wish our sisters a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

BETA BETA—ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

All Beta Beta's active members returned this fall, and the year has started with every sign of prosperity.

The rushing season at St. Lawrence was a short one. During that time we gave an informal reception to the freshman girls at the home of Miss Harriett Jackson, which gave the members of the chapter a chance to meet all the '03 girls.

Beta Beta pledged her girls, bringing them out with double blue bows pinned with Beta Beta attachment, and initiating some weeks later. The initiation banquet was held at the Haven House, October 30. There were twenty-nine present, among them Miss Sarah Cauble, Delta Chapter, and our three new girls, Miss Alice Poste and Miss Irma Hale, both of Canton, and Miss Melva Perin, of Boston. Miss Perin's father is a prominent clergyman of Boston, at one time at the head of the Universalist Mission in Japan, where Miss Perin spent several years. Miss Poste is the daughter of the late William A. Poste, First Deputy Attorney General of New York State and for some years a State Civil Service Commissioner. Miss Hale is a true Kappa child

and scarcely needs an introduction, being the daughter of Mrs. L. P. Hale, one of the charter members of Beta Beta.

Dr. Almon Gunnison, the new President of St. Lawrence, has received a gift of \$10,000 for the Woman's Professorship Fund from a friend of the university at Meriden, Conn. This fund now lacks less than \$4,000 of the \$30,000 required; \$24,000 for the college has also been presented by a gentleman of Worcester, Mass. Dr. Gunnison has planned many improvements about the buildings which are to be effected in the near future.

Through THE KEY Beta Beta wishes to announce the forthcoming *Latch-String*, a quarterly magazine, the first number of which will be issued this month. It is intended to keep the chapter in touch with its alumnae, and as a means of communication with the active and alumnae members of other chapters. Miss Ione A. Jillson is Chairman of the Board of Editors and Business Manager, with Miss Grace P. Lynde, Mrs. F. N. Cleveland and Miss Mabel H. Benner as associates.

BETA TAU—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

What a difference there is in the condition of the chapters since the last KEY appeared! How eventful the last two months have been! Reminiscences of this chapter's doings will not differ much from those you have of yours, my sister reading this. The first weeks briefly summed up are: We rushed, we pledged, we initiated. Please all consider yourselves introduced to Anna Babcock Brockway, Sarah Gertrude Connell, Harriet Olive Fox, Clara Maude Hodges, Florence Robinson Knapp, Jessie Adell Knapp, '02; Flora Mitchell Metcalf, Bessie Ethel Olmstead, '02; Mary Elizabeth Preston, '02; Mary Caroline Reynolds, Eva Gertrude Richardson, '02, and Anetta Williams. Make your very best bow to them for they are worthy, every one. We initiated the afternoon of the fraternity's birthday and banqueted the same evening. I can only hope that you all had as enthusiastic a time as we did. The very air was blue—with Kappa jubilee. Our alumnae added to the day's success by their presence in large numbers.

A few weeks later we entertained the men of the upper classes in honor of our initiates and they have just responded by issuing cards in our honor to the men of the freshman class.

Our city alumnae are proving a vast help to us this year. They meet fortnightly and are as enthusiastic as the chapter itself. May you all have as good alumnae sisters.

Never have our girls done more faithful college work than this year. But in this as in the other things, no doubt our experiences coincide.

New golf links have been arranged on the campus and these interest many of our girls. This also closes the little circle that we write about to *THE KEY*. It is all about ourselves socially, collegiately and athletically, but let me tell you there are many other important phases to our life. However, we must now bespeak for all Kappadom a Merry December 25th and a Happy January 1st, 1900, and may it usher in a happy year for you all.

BETA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

College work is at its height now, and those long idle vacation days belong truly, to the past. Beta Alpha has no initiates as yet, to tell you of, but there have been two very pleasant social gatherings. The first a tea for all the women of the college and the second just an informal afternoon with the new girls.

There are many new interests at the University this year. A vivarium is now in regular running order, announcement has just been made that a new physical laboratory is to be arranged, and a gymnasium for women has been opened. This gymnasium appeals particularly to us and enough cannot be said in its praise.

But before we read these letters in *THE KEY*, Christmas will have come and gone, with its holly, its jingling bells, and merry wishes;—and on the threshold of the New Year, Beta Alpha sends her warmest greetings to all.

BETA IOTA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

Beta Iota started this year with the small but enthusiastic number of five. Odds were greatly against us and we scanned the freshman class with eager glances for possible Kappas.

As always happens, we were but a short time in finding these and our earnest five went to work. As a result we have won three girls of whom every Kappa would be proud, and each one of whom will do her part toward advancing the interests of the fraternity.

Meanwhile, during one of the fiercest rushing seasons in the history of the fraternity, we have had a very busy fall in a social way. On October 14, our loyal alumnae gave us the usual autumn tea at the home of Aida Evans in Malvern. It was enjoyed in a truly fraternal manner.

The next excitement was the wedding of Hallie Haines, '96, to Charles Hodge, also '96. From six rows of pews especially reserved in the front of the church, a gay gathering of Beta Iota, active and alumnae, witnessed a beautiful wedding procession and ceremony. In the intermission between the service and the reception a regular Kappa reunion was held and we then adjourned to the new home of the bride where the wedding reception was held.

Two days after, down in Delaware, Frances Stevenson, '93, was married to Hamlet Pettit of Virginia. Many old Swarthmoreans attended the ceremony.

One evening of the next week, Beta Iota, once more attired for festivities, journeyed out to Wayne, Pa., to the marriage of M. Gertrude Scott, ex-'96, to S. Warren Hall, a former student at Swarthmore. As before we occupied reserved seats with our alumnae and again saw a Kappa bride and Kappa bridesmaids move solemnly down the aisle. A reception followed at the beautiful residence of the bride during which Edith Kenderdine, '96, who was maid of honor announced her engagement to James Andrews, of Darby, Pa.

On the Saturday night before Hallowe'en we gave a large spread which our always thoughtful alumnae provided, and a week later our sister, Mrs. Carter of the first Pi Chapter, gave us a jolly taffy pull.

The chief event of interest to the college, during the season was Swarthmore's glorious victory over our old football rivals, Haverford College, the score being 34 to 12. Few of us will ever forget that occasion with its excitement.

A short time ago we were delighted to receive from Edith Kenderdine, who visited the west this summer, a photograph of Chi Chapter. We have heard glowing accounts of these Kappas and they would realize how proud we are of the photograph if they could overhear the remarks passed upon it and could see the prominent place which it occupies.

Now, I want to introduce to the chapters our two new sisters whom we have just initiated, Gertrude Powell Griseon and Amelia E. Himes. Before this number of *THE KEY* is out we shall have more.

Greatest success to our sister chapters from Beta Iota.

GAMMA RHO—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Another term is almost over and as we look back over the busy weeks that have passed it is hard to select just what will be most interesting for the news-letter.

This fall when we came back, we expected to have a contract, as we have had the past two years. We found, however, that the other fraternities were not willing to enter into such an agreement, and as a consequence, we had to begin the old-style rushing very much against our wishes. To tell the truth, none of the girls now in fraternity had ever rushed in this way and we were quite at a loss to know how to go about it, until some of our town alumnae came to the rescue. Now that it is over, we are still in favor of a contract and hope that next year, the opposition to it may no longer exist.

Several weeks ago, we initiated four girls who seem already to have entered into the true spirit of Kappa Kappa Gamma. An informal reception in their honor was very much enjoyed by Gamma Rho and her friends shortly after initiation.

Sara Crawford, one of our most enthusiastic sisters, is in Smith this year.

Charlotte Heiner, our sweet singer who graduated last year, has gone to Cuba, where she will spend the winter.

On the evening of the twenty-first of November, one of our town alumnae, Miss Georgia Porter, was married to Rev. Don McLeod, who has recently accepted a call to be assistant pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Washington, D. C. of which Talmage was formerly pastor. Mr. and Mrs. McLeod left immediately for Washington, where he will begin his work at once.

One of our girls who was married last year, Nelle Laffer Hogg, expects to visit us soon.

In closing, Gamma Rho sends greetings to sister chapters.

BETA PROVINCE.

LAMBDA—BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

Each year we look forward with especial interest to the January KEY, which introduces our new sisters from all chapters. Lambda takes great pleasure in presenting to you her six pledgings, namely : Hattie Hammel, Ethel Jefferson, Louise Horix, Gladys Parshall, Eva Hart, and Lydia Voris.

During the rushing season we were entertained at the homes of Metta and Nell Dague and Harriet Parsons. The party at the Misses Dague's was an autumn party and each guest was given a very dainty leaf painted in water color as a souvenir. Miss Parsons gave a Hallowe'en party and we all enjoyed the usual amusements accompanying such a party.

One of our members, Esther Frank, has just recovered from a supposed case of smallpox and we are glad to welcome her again after such an absence. Three of the girls called upon her after she was taken ill, and the following day the physicians pronounced her disease smallpox, consequently these three girls were quarantined. They were quarantined in a house not far from the college, and we would go to see them each day not daring to go any nearer than the sidewalk in front of the house. There was much which they were eager to know as it was just at the close of the rushing season, and they were compelled to miss the parties, rides, and other good times. The day we pledged the new girls we took them to the quarantined house for the girls to extend their congratulations. In spite of the fact that four of our members were in quarantine during the rushing season, leaving only four active members, we succeeded in getting all the girls we invited.

We expect to have initiation and a banquet in our hall Saturday evening, Dec. 9.

Gertrude Lewis was married at her home in Medina, Ohio, October, 16, '99, to Mr. Joseph A. Mack of Cleveland.

Edith E. Mallison, '98, and Dr. Joseph H. James '94, were married Tuesday morning November 28, '99, at the home of the bride's parents, 207 Wooster Ave. Akron, O. Miss Mallison since her graduation has been assistant professor of Chemistry. Since the illness of Dr. Knight, the Professor of Chemistry, Dr.

James has filled the vacancy. Dr. Knight will resume his duties after December 1, and Dr. James has accepted a position as chemist for the Lake Superior Power Co. Dr. James was a member of the Lone Star Fraternity here. He took post graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania receiving the degree of Ph.D. in June, '99.

A jolly crowd of college people assembled at the depot to bid farewell to them before they started for their new home in Sault Ste. Marie. They received showers of rice and many good wishes. That afternoon at fraternity meeting we enjoyed eating wedding cake as the bride kindly remembered us all.

Lambda sends most cordial greetings and best wishes for a glad New Year to all whom Kappa bonds unite.

BETA NU—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Beta Nu's cup of joy has certainly contained the gospel measure pressed down and running over. You would not wonder at this if you but knew our six initiates, Mary Follett, Sarah Harbue, Ruth Southward, Faith Bartram and Mabel Baldwin for then you would be surprised that we even tried to measure the joy of sharing their love and friendship by anything so small as the largest cup you ever saw or ever imagined.

Our initiation was held on October 13, at the home of Eliza Barcus in whose hospitable home we have our chapter room. After initiation our alumnae very graciously banqueted us at the home of Lillian Huffman. On this occasion we were greatly strengthened not only in bodies but in Kappa love and loyalty. The toasts which were especially appropriate and helpful were responded to by Mignon Talbot who is so well known to most of you, Mrs. George Cless, Miss Wright and others.

Perhaps you would like to know that the life at the university in which we are students is unusually spirited and happy and that this is not entirely due to the brilliant recitations, numerous merits, receptions and dances but also to the success of our football team which has been so great as to enthuse the most æsthetic un-athletic maidens in our midst.

Then, too, our new president, Dr. Thompson, is such a man as to inspire in all who come in contact with him high ideals and true standards.

Sisters in Kappa Kappa Gamma, although Beta Nu is conscious of the great responsibility of having convention in Columbus she is looking forward with great pleasure to the time when she can meet so many of the members of the sisterhood in which she is so deeply interested.

BETA GAMMA—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Even though vacation seemed to end so soon, it was a pleasure to come back to school, not only with the expectation of another year's duties, but also with the joy of once again meeting each other after the summer's separation.

At the beginning of the term there were ten active members and one pledgling, but since then four initiates and three pledged members have been added to our number. The new active members are Altai Floyd, Elizabeth Kithcart, Elsie and Grace Cover, and the pledged ones are Annie Wherry, Daisy Thackwell and Jane Blair. We had already pledged our girls when the faculty made the rule that no student in the preparatory department should join a fraternity. We were very glad of this new rule, as thus all chance of mistakes are avoided, although we are not at all sorry that the rule was not made sooner.

The first social event of the season was a lawn party at the home of Jane Glenn, given especially for the new girls. The inauguration of our president, Dr. Holden, took place on November 3d. Many of Wooster's alumnae came back for the occasion, and among them Mrs. J. C. Hanna, one of the charter members of our chapter. Miss Firestone, one of our alumnae members, gave an informal party at that time so that we might have the pleasure of meeting her.

About two weeks after college opened we were made happy by the return of Effie Pomeroy, after her severe illness.

The last, but not by any means the least, event of the term was the party we gave at Mrs. McDonald's. It seemed a fitting close to the pleasures of the past three months, before the much dreaded examinations, which are now the most important subjects of thought and conversation.

Before closing we would not forget to wish for our sister chapters as congenial and happy a set of girls as our own, and that we may all live to add glory and honor to the name of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

We are back again in our home on Monroe street, which we found so pleasant last year and which we expect to enjoy even more this year. As we expected, we miss the girls who graduated in June, but are becoming very fond of the new girls.

About the middle of November we initiated five freshmen who are, needless to say, worthy in every way to wear the key. We wish to make them known to you—Elizabeth Lundstrom, Louise Emlaw, Pearl Taylor, Georgena McSweeney and Lena Cochrane. At the initiation we were fortunate in having a number of our alumnae present.

The Woman's Gymnasium has been completed this fall and was first opened to the girls November 26 with a fancy dress party given by the Woman's League. Some of the girl's costumes showed great fertility of resource.

We are now looking forward to the freshman spread, which is one of the most enjoyable events for college girls during the year, and which will be a thing of the past before this is printed.

XI—ADRIAN COLLEGE.

We are living at last in the much-talked-of twentieth century, but there are some things which came into Xi's life during the last few months of ninety-nine which we hope will be of interest to our sister chapters. When college opened we were greatly disappointed to know that two more of our girls would not be with us at the beginning. This made our number small, but we did not feel that we lacked in strength.

The weeks following the opening were busy, but happy ones notwithstanding. Soon after college opened we initiated Florence Crum, who was pledged last year. In addition we have four new pledged girls to introduce to you: Maude Peebles, Bertha Packard, Edna Neer and Livia Livesy.

On the evening of October 9 the students were given a reception by the faculty in South Hall parlors. The general verdict was that it was an unusually pleasant affair.

Beta Province of Delta Delta Delta met here in convention the third week in October. All members of the fraternities represented in college were invited to meet the visiting delegates at the

home of Miss Stearns the last evening of the convention. It was a pleasure to meet those who came from colleges where we are represented.

Our meetings this fall have been especially enjoyable, for we had with us almost always some of our associate and alumni members. If there is one thing more than another that inspires a chapter to good work and love for fraternity it is the interest and sympathy of those who are no longer active.

Xi sends greetings and trusts the New Year may be truly beneficent to all.

KAPPA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

We can scarcely realize that another term of school is so near its close. It has passed only too rapidly, but it finds Kappa a very happy chapter.

Last spring we were feeling rather blue at the thought of losing so many of our girls and did not see how we could do without them. Now, although we miss them in a thousand little ways, the new school year has brought to us four active girls, Idella Akers, Eva Doyle, Mabelle Stewart and Florence Birdsall, who, if they cannot exactly fill the places of the others, will make ones for themselves and be just as dear to us all. We also have two Kappa pledglings, Tillie Reynolds and Katharine Hobson.

We held our rushing party at the home of Mary Ward and our initiation at May Gurney's where the pleasure of the evening was greatly increased by the unexpected arrival of Cora Bailey, one of our senior seven and also by a letter from Zoe Smith, another one, whom we have lent to Epsilon while she is teaching in the schools at Bloomington.

Although we have all been busy with our college work yet the social life has been as gay as usual with a hay ride given by one fraternity, a party by another, an informal reception held at the Alpha Tau Omega house for the Adrian Alpha Taus who were here for a football game, a party at the Phi Pi Phi hall and other like pleasures.

We are now entertaining each of the men's fraternities in return for the many good times they have given us. At the entertainment given to the Phis at Daisy Prideaux's they presented us with a handsome Kappa banner. Another one is to be at Zoe Smith's home to-morrow evening.

Thus far we have held our chapter meetings at the rooms and homes of the girls but, by the time this reaches you all, we hope to be settled in a room all our own in one of the college buildings. We have wished for one so long and now we are very enthusiastic over it. We are looking anxiously forward to our holiday vacation and that you all may have a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year is the wish of your sisters in Kappa.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

DELTA—INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Delta takes great pleasure in introducing her new initiates to the chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Clara Davis, Margaret Drinkut, Millicent Coss, Madeline Norton, Margaret Burnside, Helen Davis, Mary McPheeters, Pearl Fisher, and Carrie Egnor.

Delta has had an unusually pleasant fall. We met in several conflicts with the other chapters at Bloomington and came off victorious.

Most of our old girls came back this year and all overflowing with fraternity enthusiasm. The usual spreads, informal dances, drives and miscellaneous parties were given for the new girls' entertainment, all resulting most pleasantly for Delta.

We close wishing all a happy Christmas and successful New Year.

IOTA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Iota opened her new year with fourteen girls, all of last year's girls returning except Marie Van Riper, who is teaching school near Alexandria, Indiana.

Since college opened we have initiated seven new Kappas, Alice Switzer, Sara Darby, Maude Spinning, Florence Dice, Agnes Howard Root, Esther Bechtel and Ruth Ross, who are already enthusiastic and ardent wearers of the key.

During the spike we had a number of functions which proved most delightful. Our alumnae and town girls helped us greatly in these. One affair was a Musical given at the home of Blanche Moody, when the talent of our active chapter was put into service. Another event, which was the greatest success of the spiking season, was a country breakfast given at the home of

Mrs. Tarr, one of our alumnae, who lives about four miles from town.

We did not celebrate our anniversary this year as initiation took place on that night.

Two of our alumnae have entertained the fraternity at their homes, Miss Stella Perkins and Mrs. James Nelson. We are always glad to be entertained by our alumnae and to have them with us. We have had visits from several of our ninety-nine girls as well as others from our older alumnae.

On November 11 we gave a hay-ride to Cloverdale for our friends in the university. There we were royally entertained by two of our Kappa sisters, the Misses McCoy, and all spent an enjoyable evening.

Our alumnae in Greencastle have organized a society known as the Kappa Club, which is doing good work along literary as well as social lines.

Iota sends best wishes to all of her sister chapters.

MU—BUTLER COLLEGE.

This fall has been one of the happiest periods in the chapter life of Mu. We feel that we are coming to appreciate more and more the significance of the bonds holding us together. Five bright, enthusiastic members have been added to our numbers and three more are pledged. Our banquet in celebration of October thirteenth had to be postponed this year on account of the death of Bona Thompson, '97. This is the first loss Mu has sustained for years and we all felt it very deeply.

On November 8 we entertained our friends at the home of one of our new girls, Miss Belle Layman. Dancing was the amusement of the evening and afterward we enjoyed a hot oyster supper.

We are very happy to have with us once again Carrie Howe, '97, whose presence is a great help and inspiration. With best wishes for the holidays Mu sends greetings to all Kappa sisters.

ETA—WISCONSIN STATE UNIVERSITY.

Eta chapter wishes all her sisters a prosperous new year and hopes that they have enjoyed the fall months as much as she has.

Of our chapter of twenty-three, eleven live in our new house, where with but two exceptions our rushing was done. This

made us appreciate the value of having a home. After two weeks we pledged eight fine girls. They are: George Challoner, Ida Elliott, Clara Froelich, Almira Johnson, Josephine Kimball, Guinevieve Mihilks, Nell Parkinson, Leila Stephens.

We are glad to have with us this year, Jessie Sherwood, formerly of Mu chapter, and later of Iota.

For a few days this fall we enjoyed having with us Eleanor Mitchell, of Chi, who was visiting Helen Palmer.

Chi chapter so royally entertained eight of our girls this fall, at the time of the Wisconsin-Minnesota foot-ball game that their enthusiasm over our Minnesota sisters made all of us feel that we would like to know them.

BETA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

Three months may bring many changes and as we take a retrospective glance over the time which has elapsed since our last communication to *THE KEY* we feel the force of this truth.

Happy, light hearted girls of summer have become studious, though we hope none the less happy girls of winter.

Our first season of rushing is past. To help fill the places left vacant by the four who left us at the close of last school year Beta Lambda has opened her portals to eight new members and a feeling of pride fills our hearts whenever we see one of them wearing the key. They are true Kappas and we would be glad to introduce you to each—Mabel West, Ella Engstrom, Elizabeth Snyder, Margaret Mann, Alice Ensign, Ruth Abbot, Marjorie Graves and Evelyn Burrill.

Though we have no fraternity house we are fortunate enough to have Miss Sharp's house thrown open to us on all occasions and with its four Kappa inmates it has become quite a Kappa home.

On the thirtieth of September we gave a card party and on the afternoon of October 14, Miss Sharp entertained the chapter and its patronesses.

One of our plans of last year which we have carried out has been our "At Homes." We issued cards for the fourth Saturday of each month. Our second evening, November 25, brought about as many as the first and we hope that our friends will enjoy coming as well as we enjoy seeing them.

So far we have held our meetings once in two weeks but we find so much business that we have decided to alternate these with social gatherings.

It was our pleasure a few weeks since to meet Miss Bronson of Upsilon chapter who was attending a Y. W. C. A. convention being held here.

Before this reaches the readers of *THE KEY* the Christmas season will be past and we will be starting on a new year. Beta Lambda sends greetings and wishes for a prosperous year to her sister chapters.

UPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Upsilon sends greetings to all her sister chapters and proudly introduces to you six new Kappa sisters:—Mary Brown, Francis Rawlins, Myrtle Strickler, Nellie Ball, Martha Wood and Estelle Rose.

The initiations took place in the chapter rooms which were prettily decorated for the occasion.

Besides a number of our alumnae, we were fortunate to have with us Miss Mitchell of Chi and Miss Palmer of Eta.

We regret that Martha Wood will not be with us the remainder of this year as she has gone to California to spend the winter with her sister but will be with us again next year.

We are glad to have with us in our active life Miss Birdie Jones who comes to us from Omega chapter.

EPSILON—ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

The warmest of greetings to all the chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

The beginning of school found most of us at college and glad to be together once more. The first chapter meeting is always so full of happiness and enthusiasm that one wishes it could last forever. Think of an endless Kappa meeting!

We have been dividing our time between work and play, with a generous slice for pleasure. There is no room to tell of the many times we have been delightfully entertained with Hal-lowe'en frolics, dinners, box parties, and all that.

Of our own entertaining, the first was the annual reception to the girls of the college. It was an informal affair, but was help-

ful in bringing the old and new students together. Then came the initiation on October 3, when Grace Cochran and Gertrude Means entered our circle. We are unfortunate in losing the former, as she was recently called home on account of the serious illness of her mother. The initiation was held at the home of Clara De Motte, and was attended by a number of our alumnae.

The anniversary of the fraternity was celebrated by a feast in our hall. Just ourselves were present, and it was one of the most pleasant of our gatherings. We gave a party to some of the new girls at Virginia Sinclair's home in Normal, on October 21.

Epsilon is very proud of the fact that she is twenty-six years old. Our birthday was November 25. We invited the Kappa Club to be our guests on that afternoon, and the reunion was much enjoyed. We received many beautiful presents and wish that birthdays came more often. In the evening Phi Gamma Delta entertained us in their rooms, so the memory of that day is in every way a pleasant one.

At two chapter meetings we have been surprised by the receipt of large baskets sent by friends, and containing every dainty dear to a girl's heart.

We have not been idle in school, and have been working faithfully. Every department of the University has had new life infused into it. Our football team has been making wonderful scores, and we are very proud of it. So proud, indeed, that the girls of the University are to give the team a Thanksgiving dinner after the game on that day. The visiting team is Rush Medical College of Chicago, and we are to entertain it as well. The dinner will be held in Cooper Hall, and will be followed by a large reception.

Our glee club made its debut for this year recently, and it is greatly improved.

We are glad to have Ethel Hopson, an alumna, with us this year. She is assistant in the chemical laboratories.

Miss Zoe Smith, of Kappa, is teaching in the city High School, and we are delighted to know her.

We are to lose Nellie Parritt, '97, soon. Her engagement to Mr. Ornan Shreve, of Minonk, has been recently announced.

DELTA PROVINCE.

CHI—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

It seems impossible that another term is in the past and that winter has come, but such is the case.

Chi has many things to be pleased about this month but that which pleases her most is that she can introduce her eleven new sisters to all of you. They are Florence Watson, Clara Wheeler, Flora Edwards, Avery Trask, Cornelia Kennedy, Virginia Rugg, Harriet Armstrong, Eva Smith, Inez Lord, Elsie Stone and Polly Bullard.

Our first large party of the year was given at the home of Cornelia Kennedy on Nov. 20, to introduce the new members to the men friends of the older girls. It was a delightful affair. The house is large and most conveniently arranged for dancing and we all look back to the evening with pleasure.

The annual football game between Minnesota and Wisconsin caused great excitement in Minneapolis. It was played on "Northrup Field," our new athletic grounds, and thousands were out to see it.

Chi entertained eight members of Eta Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma and it was such a pleasure to become well acquainted with so many girls. The day was spent at the University during the morning, at a luncheon in the chapter rooms, at the game in the afternoon and a social evening at Flora Edward's where amateur theatricals were enjoyed. Six of the freshmen gave the little play called "Six Cups of Chocolate." It had been rehearsed secretly and was a surprise to the other girls. Of course something had been imagined because of the many whisperings and frequent reports of how "some of the freshmen are planning a surprise," but no one really knew a thing about it.

We are all looking forward to a happy, busy winter and we know that winter will be past and spring here before we can realize it.

BETA ZETA—IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Greetings to all the chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma from Beta Zeta.

The fall term at Iowa opened September 14, with thirteen loyal

Kappas in active service. Four of our girls were graduated last spring and two others did not return. At first it seemed we could not get along without them, but already we have found "others to take their places, loyal in heart as they"—yet the old girls will always have their place.

Our fall rushing has been very pleasant, as we have been assisted in many ways by our local alumnae members. They gave a reception in our honor at the home of Mrs. McChesney, to which all the alumnae and the girls whom we were rushing were invited.

One especially pleasant event was a breakfast at the home of one of our girls, Jean Macbride, followed by a drag ride.

Besides these, we have had several informal spreads at the homes of our active members.

We pledged three girls, all of whom have been initiated, and we now introduce to you our babies—Florence Seerley, of Burlington; Gladys Whitley, of Webster City, and Ethel Suare, of Iowa City. We are very proud of them and know you all would be if opportunity were given to meet them.

The new president of Iowa is very much liked by us all. He has the welfare and interests of the students at heart, and has done much toward making better understanding between the faculty and students.

We are also proud of the success which our foot-ball team has met with—the only team which has been able to score against us being Chicago, and that game resulted in a tie.

Two weeks ago we had several alumnae visiting us—Ruth Paxson, '98; Theresa Peet, '95; Ida Kriechbaum, '98, and Helen Clapp, '99. In their honor we were delightfully entertained by Mrs. Cannon, one of our alumnae, who has just moved into a beautiful new home, and who opened her doors first of all to the Kappas.

We also enjoyed meeting Miss Theo Irvin, of Upsilon, who is teaching at Cornell, and who spent the day in Iowa City not long ago.

Beta Zeta sends best wishes to her sister chapters, and hopes they have all been as successful as she.

THETA—MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.

How the feelings that prompt this letter differ from those that inspired the last. Then for the first time we were buckling on our armor and though confident of success the winning of our spurs was still before us. Now the battle with foe worthy of our steel has been waged and it is with great pride that we lay at the feet of our sisters the spoil of our victory, these names, Ethel Rinego, Blanche Eugart, Ava Steel, Maud Montgomery, Julia Harvey, Lena Storm, Ella Reed and Bessie McConathy, all of whom are now loyal wearers of the key.

The presence of a rival fraternity has done much for us in making things more interesting and animated. The competition has roused us from our lethargy, forcing us to exert our best efforts and revealing to us one phase of chapter life that otherwise would have remained a veiled mystery, an unknown dread.

A few weeks ago the Pi Beta Phi's gave a most delightful reception to which many happy Kappas thronged and from which they returned with increased admiration for the graceful hospitality of their hostesses. But the event of the season, the affair to which Theta girls have been looking forward with such joyful anticipation—the Kansas-Missouri foot-ball game—came off at its appointed time Thanksgiving day in Kansas City. At two o'clock a crowd of Missourians with the confidence of victory in their pose and manner gathered about the field of battle. What loyalty and enthusiasm! The whole party a brilliant mass of black and yellow. One by one the yellow ribbons were surreptitiously thrust away until at five-thirty not a golden strand fluttered in the breeze, black, nought but black everywhere and blackest, gloomiest of all the feelings beneath. But come with me an hour later into a brilliantly lighted room beautifully decorated in the emblems and colors of our fraternity and observe the nineteen loyal Kappas from Kansas and Missouri seated side by side mingling their happy voices in enthusiastic conversation. Not a trace of the recent antagonism, of the attitude of hostility remained. In the glowing warmth of Kappa enthusiasm and loving sympathy, the chill of disappointment and defeat disappears. What better proof of the strength of Kappa bonds could be given?

An important change has been made in the University curriculum. A student may now elect work from his freshman year. This is done in imitation of the large Eastern Colleges.

On December 18 the cadets give a gigantic reception. Every girl is hoping that she will be one of the fortunates chosen to be present. After that comes Christmas and at that season Theta wishes all the merriest and happiest of vacations.

SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Hail to the girls east and west who have this year proudly donned our colors!

Sigma brings to you seven sisters as enthusiastic and loyal as can be found. This has been for us a year of surprises for we expected to find material scarce—that is *Lincoln* material, for we so seldom have out of town girls that we do not fear for them. We really have only one Lincoln girl, Blanche Edminston, who cannot keep from showing how happy she is to be a Kappa.

And the other six? Well, they make us feel that the fraternity is very much like an endless chain. We have always been proud of Mabel Hayes whom we initiated last year, and now our joy is increased four-fold, for here come her two cousins Blendena and Blanche Emmons from Denver and two friends from her former home, Beatrice, Teresa Salle, and Rosanna Bradt, all of whom we promptly pledged. Then there are the two Fairbury girls, Emily Jenkins and Constance Sarback, who have been properly trained at home by a loyal Kappa from Beta Zeta and by two of Sigma's own girls.

On October fourteenth at the home of Mabel Richards the initiation was held, and never have we had a more beautiful one, but the last always seems to be the best, for the ritual impresses one as being more beautiful and the vows as more binding and sacred, each time new sisters are added to our circle. Only one thing marred our happiness, Barbara Burt who was pledged to us last June, was not able to be initiated with the rest.

If you should see our extracts from the chapter history for this year you would consider us very frivolous, but it has been such a pleasure for us to be together again that we have not been able to resist the temptation to entertain ourselves as well as our friends at numerous little affairs. The most pretentious of these

have been when two of our associate members, Mrs. W. L. Marshall and Maude Risser opened their homes to us. So completely have the freshmen won our hearts, that hardly a week has passed without some girl explaining apologetically, "Really, girls, this doesn't count, for I am just going to have the new girls."

Probably the most interesting event of the fall for us was the marriage of Gertrude Hansen, of Fairbury, to Henry Wilfred Donbrava, '97, Sigma Chi, Sigma Xi, which occurred on the evening of October 17. Eleanor Raymond was the chapter representative on the occasion, as she sang the wedding march, and the two new Fairbury girls were also present. Mr. and Mrs. Donbrava will live at 2521 Kenmore Avenue, Chicago, and we hope that Upsilon's members will make her feel that she is still in the land of Kappa.

May C. Whiting has returned from a visit with the Grand Treasurer in Minneapolis, bringing the most glowing accounts of the cordial welcome she received from Chi chapter. She has preached several sermons with Chi for text, and unhesitatingly affirms that if she were a freshman in the University of Minnesota it would not take her long to decide which fraternity she wished to join.

Phi Delta Theta is arranging for a Province Convention to be held here November 16-18. Sigma expects to enjoy the privilege of meeting the visiting Phis by giving in their honor a reception at the home of Mabel Richards.

The University of Nebraska is still without a Chancellor, Dean Bessey filling the position temporarily. We have no doubt that the girls of Beta Zeta are finding Chancellor MacLean as warm a friend as he ever proved himself to be toward Sigma's girls.

May this year be the most successful ever known to each university and college where our fraternity dwells! May each Kappa find it the happiest and most helpful year!

OMEGA—KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

The year has been unusually successful for Omega. With the opening of college came fifteen of our girls full of enthusiasm for the year's work and for Kappa Kappa Gamma.

We have added to our number six true and loyal Kappas: Edna Barnes, Nellie Potts, Jeanette Townsend, Alice Spaulding, Jean Bowersock and Frances Hoyt. As pledglings we have Kittie Sellars and Margaret Davis.

Kansas University has been prosperous as well as Omega. The enrollment has this year reached almost twelve hundred, a great increase over last year. Ten positions have been created in the departments of French, chemistry, physics and physiology while a school of medicine has also been established.

On November 18 we gave a fudge party at the home of Colonel Moore, a farewell to Mary and Jean Bowersock who accompanied their father, Congressman Bowersock, to Washington for the winter.

November 10 we entertained informally for Ida Simmons of Upsilon.

We are all looking forward with much pleasure to the reunion and banquet for Kappas from Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas to be given in Kansas City on Thanksgiving night. If it is as great a success as we hope, it is to become an annual event.

Omega sends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all Kappas.

PI—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

A most cordial greeting to our sisters. We wish you might have shared in the greeting given to some of Pi's girls by our Beta Eta sisters at their recent initiation, when they introduced us to three charming Grecian maidens.

And Pi has some new sisters—seven in number. We would that you all might know them.

Pi's girls had the pleasure of extending their hospitality to President and Mrs. Wheeler some weeks past, but since then, with the exception of our Hallowe'en evening, our life has been rather quiet.

We are now looking forward to our vacation and to our Kappa Christmas tree after our return.

Pi's best wishes to all her Kappa sisters.

In Memoriam.

BONA THOMPSON.

It is with sadness that Mu chapter announces to her sisters the loss of one of her members. Bona Thompson died at her home in Irvington October 12, after an illness of less than a month.

Miss Thompson was born in Edinburg, Indiana, May 17, 1878. In the fall of 1890 she moved with her parents to Irvington. After one year spent in the Public Schools here, she entered the Preparatory Department of the University of Indianapolis. At the beginning of her freshman year she was initiated into the fraternity. For four years she was a loyal Kappa.

After her graduation in 1897, Miss Thompson entered Wellesley College, but was compelled to leave her work here soon after Christmas, on account of ill health. Last winter she spent at home and in the latter part of June sailed with her mother for a summer's travel in Europe. She contracted a severe cold in Paris and on her return home in September, her illness developed into typhoid fever.

Miss Thompson was a bright lovely girl, and beloved by many. Her bereaved parents and friends will miss her daily, but their one comfort must be that He has seen fit to call her to that heavenly home, where there is no more sickness and sorrow.

C. R. H., '97, *Mu*.

WHEREAS—God, our Heavenly Father, in his wisdom has taken away our sister in Kappa Kappa Gamma, Bona Thompson, and,

WHEREAS—We wish to express our sympathy for her bereaved parents, be it,

Resolved, I.—That in losing her, the Kappa Kappa Gamma club of Indianapolis loses a friend and sister, and we sorrow at the thought of this, our first loss, yet we shall endeavor to feel that God knows best, "His will be done."

Resolved, II.—That in this sad hour we extend our deepest sympathy to the parents and pray that their grief may be lessened.

That copies of these resolutions be sent to her parents, placed among the records of this club, and sent to THE KEY.

Committee	{	JENNIE A. HOWE, '89, <i>Mu.</i>
		RETTA V. BARNHILL, '96, <i>Mu.</i>
		CARRIE R. HOWE, '97, <i>Mu.</i>

ALBERTA MERRITT CLEMENS,
Beta Eta Chapter.

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College and Fraternity Notes.

While the doctor's degree has been granted to a number of women by German universities, a positive innovation has been introduced by the University of Halle (which has all along been the most liberal in its appreciation of the scholarship of the sex) by giving a woman the double degree of doctor of philosophy, and doctor of laws and master of arts, *honoris causa*. The recipient of this rare honor is Mrs. Agnes Smith Lewis of Cambridge. The eulogium correctly said that this lady is distinguished by her literary and scholastic attainments not only among the women of her own country, but among those of the whole world. The honor was bestowed especially in recognition of her services as discoverer and editor of the Syrian Gospel palimpsest on Mount Sinai, which she published with the assistance of her sister, Margaret Dunlop Gibson. She made no fewer than four journeys to the famous cloister in the interest of the publication. Mrs. Lewis had also the good fortune to bring to Europe the first sheet of the Hebrew original of the book of Ecclesiasticus, lost for centuries. Her scholarship and zeal compare favorably with the literary brilliancy of the clever women of the Renaissance period. The Halle innovation is all the more noteworthy as a theologian, Dr. Emil Kautzsch, is the present rector.—*The Nation*.

President Harper of the University of Chicago recently met representatives of the various fraternities having chapters in the university and submitted to them a plan for the erection of fraternity houses. This action on the part of Dr. Harper was made possible by a gift of land to the university by Martin A. Ryerson last spring, and it was announced at that time that the gift would be utilized by the fraternities. The lots lie in Ellis-ave., between Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth sts., opposite the campus. President Harper said that six lots, 48 by 130 feet, are immediately available to the fraternities on ninety-nine year leases, at rental of 5 per cent on a valuation of \$5,000. This makes the cost to the fraternities about \$250 a year. The fraternities are to construct their own houses, and will not be limited in any way. The proposition is strictly one of business, and it is at the discretion of the fraternities to accept it.

In the future the *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly* is to be issued eight times a year, three of these numbers being secret. One is to contain the geographical distribution of the names of the members, the second is to contain the annual reports of the chapters and the third the minutes of convention.

Alpha Delta Phi has recently issued a new catalogue and Delta Kappa Epsilon is preparing a new edition.

The *Alpha Phi Quarterly* offers to the active chapter sending the four best chapter letters for 1899-1900, a prize of ten dollars. Details of the contest have been sent to each chapter. Three well known members of the fraternity are to act as judges and their decision will be announced in September, 1900.

The first college in Alaska has begun in a small way at Skaguay. Funds were collected for the purpose last spring, and in October ground was broken for the building, which will be a substantial structure of granite. The college is co-educational, and opened for the fall term with an enrollment of fifty pupils. Mrs. Sarah McComb, the preceptress, is a graduate of the University of Michigan. Dr. LaMotte Gordon, the president of the college, is a Scotchman and a graduate of Oxford.

All members of the Yale chapter of Alpha Delta Phi wear the original form of Alpha Delt pin—an oblong slab with rounded corners, displaying a crescent bearing the letters "A Δ Φ" on a field of black enamel; above the crescent a green star, and below the date "1832" in gold. The members of all other chapters wear the badge which was officially recognized in 1875—a jeweled crescent, displaying the letters "A Δ Φ," holding a star between its horns.—*The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta*.

The Alpha Delt pin above described is still worn by some of the earlier members of other chapters, notably, Hamilton and Cornell.

Probably the matter most discussed in connection with fraternities this term, was the accidental death of Edward Fairfax Berkeley, which occurred October 27, the day on which he was to be initiated into the Cornell chapter of Kappa Alpha.

On account of the burning of the beautiful home of the Cornell chapter, its members were invited by the Hobart chapter to hold their fall initiation at the Geneva chapter house. On the arrival of the Cornellians at Geneva on the afternoon of the 27th, each

candidate was put in charge of a junior who was to care for him and see that he was put through his paces in the interval which should elapse before the time appointed for meeting at the chapter house. Among other things, Berkeley was told to take a paper and pin it upon a railroad bridge. In order to go directly to the spot, he had to go through the canal. In doing so, he slipped or fell—the facts are not exactly known—and was drowned before help could reach him.

The case, while very sad in itself, was peculiarly melancholy for this chapter since it is the second time in their history that a man has been killed during the tests—"a cross country run," the Kappa Alphas are said to call it—which are preparatory to their initiation.

While sorrow for the chapter is universal the matter has still excited much indignation against the carelessness and roughness which under any circumstances could lead to such pitiful results. In consequence the chapter asked the Cornell faculty to thoroughly investigate the matter and a committee was appointed to do so but the plan was abandoned on finding that the District Attorney was determined to bring the matter before the Grand Jury.

An examination was held before that body and the report was brought in December ninth. No indictment was found but a resolution was passed asking the New York Legislature to pass a law restricting the character of all secret society initiations in order that fatal accidents to candidates might be avoided in the future.

Editorials.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A number of "women's meetings" at the Paris Exposition have been announced in the papers and a Woman's Club Day, when many American women are expected to be in attendance, is to be conducted by the General Federation of Women's Clubs some time in September.

It might be practicable to have a fraternity day but after the lack of interest shown at Omaha it seems unnecessary. The question arises, however, whether it would not be worth while to attempt to have a space assigned, were it only desk room, as a meeting place for the women's fraternities.

There are probably a number of fraternity women studying or living in Paris, some one of whom would be willing to see that the few pieces of necessary furniture were in place. A book for the registration of names and a desk where notes may be written and left is all that is absolutely requisite. Those who were at Chicago will realize what pleasant meetings and excursions might result from such an arrangement.

Several Psi girls expect to be in Paris some time during the season and there must be many there from other chapters of our own and other women's fraternities. If those who are interested will write to THE KEY about the matter, what arrangements can be made will be ascertained and announced in the April number.

Something should be done by the next convention toward making the chapter records more uniform in character. The lists of membership ought to be so carefully kept that the publishing of a correct and complete catalogue would be possible at a month's notice. The events of the past two years have shown that it is scarcely possible to make the lists exact even at two year's notice. But the catalogue has gone a long way toward correcting errors and completing records and with that as a basis each chapter should now be able to make its membership lists perfect.

The fault lies partly in the method which has up to this time

been employed. The majority of chapters have kept their lists arranged in a book according to classes, new entries being occasionally made when the registrar happened to think of it. When the registrar is a young girl who knows little of the alumnae and less of their classes, it is a difficult task for her to look up their names and make the necessary additions and corrections. Her work would be much simplified if each chapter were equipped with a small file like those used in the retail shops for keeping small, day by day, accounts. These files are filled with lettered slips on which the names are alphabetically arranged and any name can be found in a few seconds without reference to dates or classes. With such a file and the aid of the new catalogue, a few hours would suffice to put the membership list in excellent order. The files might be supplied by the general fraternity and the records looked over at Convention by the Grand Secretary or her deputy.

In addition to this at a stipulated time each year, an alumnae letter asking for information should be sent to each graduate member by her chapter. Chapters which have tried the alumnae letter report excellent results both in the interest the replies have awakened and the stimulus which the letters have proved to the alumnae.

Still better methods than these may occur to some of the chapters. These are merely suggestive. But the matter ought to be considered in advance by every delegate to the next convention, for the keeping of records is one place in the fraternity where reform is imperative.

Exchanges.

From *The Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi is clipped a letter which tells its own story. A plan similar to the one herein advocated was at one time discussed in our own fraternity but was decided not to be feasible. Is it wise to bring the matter up again?

To the Editor of the Shield:

Will some undergraduate reader of *The Shield* give reasons in the next number of our magazine why undergraduates should

continue to be permitted to exercise the control they now possess over the management of our Fraternity? Wouldn't it be more dignified and wouldn't more effective results follow if the graduates had more reason to take an interest in the guidance of our affairs? We are fifty years old. Certainly a man forty-two years of age knows twice as much as a man of but twenty-one. If he knows not only twice as much but, generally speaking, twenty times as much, as to what should be the proper management of an organization like our own should such men not be placed in the position of governing our affairs? In other words, would it not be well, while necessarily an undergraduate association theoretically, to make ourselves practically an association of graduates? Why not have a new governing body created composed of seven graduates, and make that body, among other things, the judge of the propriety of granting new charters? In this way the Grand Lodge, that overburdened organization, might be relieved from much labor and responsibility.

Yours in Chi,

Forty-Two.

The same number contains a delightful article about James Whitcomb Riley who is one of Phi Kappa Psi's most honored members. Such sketches are as valuable to a fraternity as anything which its magazine can offer. Unfortunately for the women's fraternities both because they are young and because the majority of women's lives, however useful, do not contain as striking possibilities as those of men, it is almost impossible for them to obtain material for alumnae sketches.

In turning the leaves of the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* for October the reader can not fail to be impressed with the large number of songs with music which it contains. Several of them seem to be excellent of their kind and this issue will doubtless be valuable for use at initiations and banquets although songs are not particularly interesting to the casual reader.

The *Delta of Sigma Nu* appears again after having skipped two issues for lack of funds. No doubt it will be warmly welcomed by the members of Sigma Nu.

The *Scroll of Phi Delta Theta* has a long account of Phi Delta Theta's Semi-Centennial Celebration at Miami where everything possible seems to have been done to honor that fraternity and its members. A poem of more than ordinary excellence was read by one of the fraternity members and the last verse which sums up the idea of the whole poem is quoted here.

Hail ! Our fraternity.
All hail ! Her destiny.
In evil hearts no brotherhood can live,
Where love is fugitive.
The magnet may be hid within the sphere,
But every star and soul,
True to its rightful pole,
Finds its own orbit and its best career,
True glory, only where they all in one appear.

A thoughtful article in the *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly* defines the Function of a Graduate Chapter as follows :

I think it may be said without danger of successful contradiction, that the exaggeration of the social side of fraternity life in college is the prime weakness of the system and has a tendency to turn the opportunities of the fraternal association into agencies for evil, and to bring the ideas of secret societies into disrepute. I may say then, that I consider the social function of a graduate chapter as but a means to an end, and that end, broadly stated, to conserve the enthusiasm and direct the experience of the older men towards the upbuilding of the fraternity. It may be accepted as equally true, that the graduates cannot expect to rule to the exclusion of the younger men ; so in looking for the functions which properly belong to a graduate chapter, they are to be found in a union of moderate sociability and reasonable ruling powers. The graduate chapter must be an integral part of the fraternity ; it must help support, and it must help govern it. It must give consistency to the fraternity policy, and so leave neither the policy nor the government to the whims of every generation of college boys, or to the unseasoned zeal of a new generation of Rip Van Winkles. Such changes as either the policy or government may demand must be made in agreement with the nature of the fraternity and its laws of development. It is proper to tie up a straying or over-weighted tree branch ; it is proper to cut off a decaying or straying limb ; it is proper to prune, to graft, to fertilize, if you please,—but save the fraternity from the topiary artist who would turn a living tree into a poor semblance of an animal.

The November *Arrow of Pi Beta Phi* appears in a new cover, designed by one of the fraternity members. The design is effective and might be pleasing were it printed upon paper of some other hue, but it has been put upon an unwholesome shade of yellowish green suggestive of Pre-Raphaelitism in its last throes.

Let us hope that this was only an experiment and that the next number by using some other color, may do justice to a design which deserves better treatment than is now accorded it.

This number is a typical Convention number and is filled with the comings, goings and doings of the Pi Phi delegates who met at Boulder, Col., from August 29 to September 2. Judging from all accounts they seem to have enjoyed themselves but the only matter of real interest to THE KEY's readers are the two suggestive facts that Pi Beta Phi possesses twelve alumnae associations and that her Grand Treasurer reports fourteen hundred dollars remaining in the treasury after all bills were paid.

In this connection it is pleasant to note that the November *Kappa Alpha Theta*, also, reports that the "retiring Grand Treasurer left a considerable surplus for her successor." This is attributed partially to the fact that the Convention was held in Indianapolis and a central spot has been proved to make conventions much less expensive. This number is also a convention number and chronicles many festivities which are now pleasant memories for Kappa Alpha Theta but are of little service to other fraternities. The habitual peruser of convention numbers must always be reminded of Praed's line "Our love was most like other loves."

In anticipation of our own convention a bit of timely advice to delegates is quoted from *The Trident*.

Thoughtful and deliberate study of the constitution, the history of the fraternity and all perplexing questions ought to be the self imposed duty of a delegate as soon as she is elected. For this reason delay in the election is hazardous. Only by a well-defined knowledge of the defects and needs of the fraternity can a delegate think quickly and decide intelligently upon the convention questions. No conscientious delegate will depend upon any system of cramming for effective preparation.

The chapters, too, have responsibilities and it is their duty to aid the delegates by discussion from every point of view the subjects liable to be considered at the convention. Now that the absorption and excitement of rushing is over, the meetings can be profitably devoted to this imperative work.

A short article entitled "A File of Old Anchoras" which seems filled with the right spirit is quoted from *The Anchora* for the benefit of the few alumnae who may have relapsed into their earlier custom of reading THE KEY:

The Editor wanted certain numbers of the *ANCHORA*. Of course the Editor's word was law, so after a month of waiting for a leisure hour, an alumna finally chose a frosty morning and clambered to the attic

Over in the corner was a box labelled "College Papers," a rough, unsightly box. No Pandora's curiosity tempted the alumna to pry into its well known contents. Yet, because she must, she lifted the lid; a cloud of dust floated out and with it not real live evils, but the ghosts of troubles past. They could no longer sting, these shades of sorrow, but they touched her somewhere,—was it near the heart?—and left just a tingle, a faint memory of sharper pricks.

It is easy to see whence the phantoms came. On the very top lay bulky note-books, each of which seemed to bear the legend of the broken oar: "Oft was I weary when I tugged at these." Beside them were notes in envelopes, neatly labelled for future reference. Was that a real prick she felt, a touch of regret because she had never referred to them? No, she mourned rather because she had wasted time labelling them, for she realized at last that it was only what she had written in her mind as she had traced the words on paper, that had been worth the toil. There was a pile of essays and orations, folded and endorsed, but cold everyone. Two or three of them were once white hot. Those had been good days when the alumna could look upon one side of things, glow with enthusiasm and be content in her own righteousness.

She pried deeper and came to files of the college paper, once the reflection of her whole world. Even here a wraith of work and weariness escaped from its prison, and, brushing past her ear, whispered of days when the printer waited and inspiration would not come. But she remembered learning, at last, that plain drudgery will either charm back inspiration or partly fill its place, and she could not grieve, even in memory, over a lesson learned.

She shivered as she lifted the pile of *ANCHORAS*, but that was only from the cold, not from excitement; here was the old, the very old number for which the Editor had asked. The alumna turned to the chapter letters and lo, she and her contemporaries had just been initiated. Is it possible there was a time before she was initiated? Did she ever live and breathe and love her friends, and not keep one special little place in her heart for Delta Gamma? She forgot that the attic was cold and that she was only looking for copies of a magazine to oblige a certain young lady in Baltimore. She turned the magic pages and read of initiations, marriages, deaths, many of them unreal and far away, now and then one that made her catch her breath. Still she turned the pages and still the space about her was peopled

with earnest, joyous, young women, her former self among the number. What jolly times had been theirs! What good times they had enjoyed. She could have stayed and read on forever. But alas, there was a fatal ANCHORA, when she too had been graduated. Suddenly it grew colder in the attic and dark. The sun was shining on her desk downstairs and she had work to do.

Dear Delta Gamma memories, to an alumna's eager heart you are ever an inspiration to obey the call of present duty.

The new cover microbe seems to have been working havoc among the fraternity magazines and Alpha Phi is its latest victim. The *Alpha Phi Quarterly* has appeared in a cover of gold and chocolate. While both colors are weighted with pleasant suggestions to the feminine mind, it seems to THE KEY that this design, too, would be better on another colored paper, that so deep a brown is too heavy a color for it and gives an impression of dinginess that does not accord well with an outsider's notion of Alpha Phi.

To show the members of Kappa Kappa Gamma how tenderly they have been treated, THE KEY calls attention to two facts gleaned from *The Anchora* and *The Trident*: first, that *The Anchora* requires each associate Editor—one member from each chapter—to secure at least ten dollars worth of advertisements unless her chapter be too distant from Baltimore in which case ten alumnae subscriptions may be substituted; second, that a province convention of Delta Delta Delta recommends that *The Trident* assessment be one dollar or one dollar and twenty-five cents per capita on active and alliance members and that the deficit be made up by the chapters of Delta Delta Delta in general.