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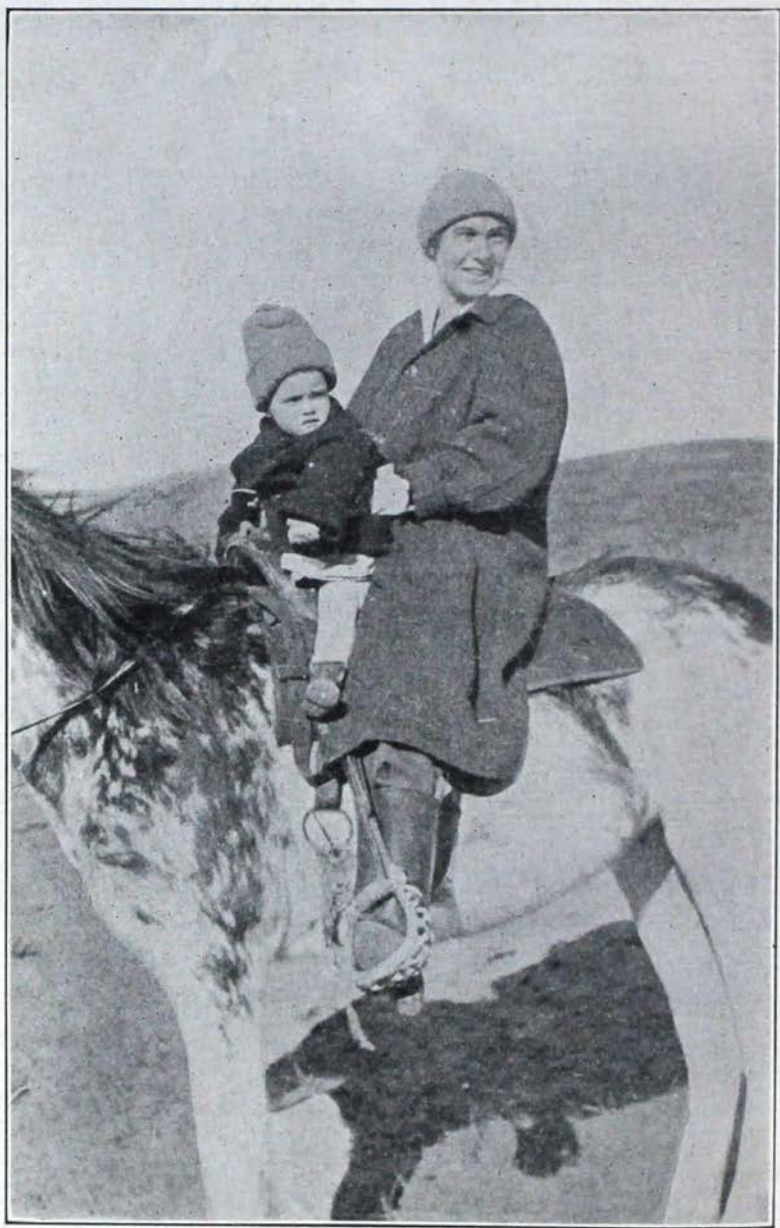
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MARY RODES LEAPHART AND MARY, JR.
On the Headless Horse of Her Wyoming Ranch

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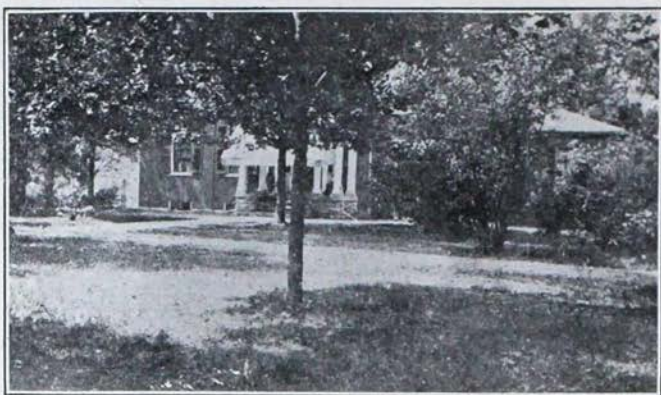
HOMESTEADING IN WYOMING

MARY RODES LEAPHART

Up into Wyoming, seven thousand feet high, and where coal grows in your back-yard, went Mary and Billy and Little Mary. And there Billy built a house for them. For other details of homesteading, read the Grand Registrar's own account—all about the more than perpendicular hill, the cistern that Mary dug—and look at the pictures.

Clearmont, Wyoming, January 4, 1918.

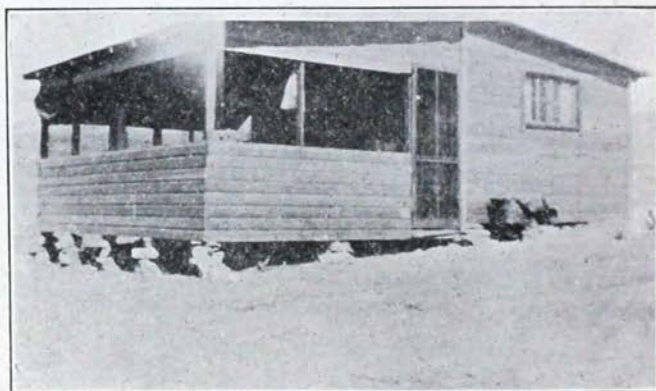
In order to homestead you have to file on land that is open to entry, settle on it, with the intention of making it your home, and live on it for three years. There are other requirements which I shall not stop to enumerate except to tell you that for the period of five months in the year you can live in town. The rest of this will be about my own life. You know Billy and I have always felt that we have wanted new fields to conquer (having conquered each other) so we packed our doll rags and baby and hit the trail for Wyoming. But I fell off at Kentucky and let husband blaze the trail. Pretty soon, as all pioneers do, he picked up a few followers and they journeyed on for two more days until they pitched camp at a little place called Clearmont. Here they discovered splendid claims of grazing lands which they hope will be designated as stock-raising homesteads to contain 640 acres each. The land is rough and desolate looking when first you look at it. Three of us sisters and brothers have our claims adjoining, which we shall fence together giving us nearly two thousand acres



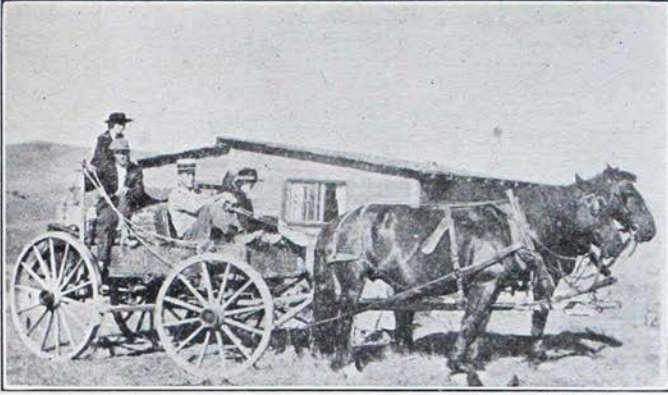
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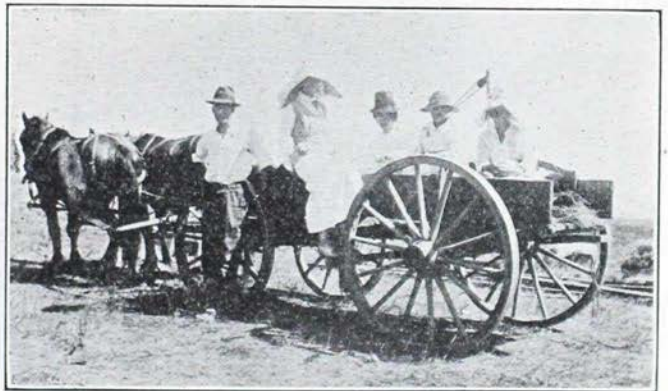


NUMBER 3



NUMBER 4

in one tract. That sounds big, but not so big out here where some people own for twenty-seven miles in one stretch. The roads are terrible and we are out twelve miles. Billy and followers went out and made themselves at home in a tent, which had the happy faculty of blowing down in every storm, and commenced to build our shacks. It is a day's trip to go into town and out again so hauling provisions, household goods, and lumber, and then digging wells, building houses, fencing corrals, and ploughing for crops, with no one but yourself and brother and sister is rather slow work. After the ranch was put into running order, Billy telegraphed me to come, so again I packed the baby and a few other little articles and started out. I was leaving a wonderful time at home and from the pictures you can see for yourself



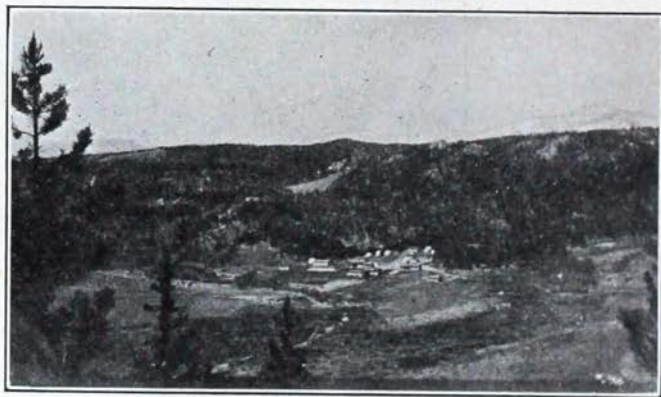
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the happiness I was leaving: Number 1.—My Old Kentucky Home; Number 2.—A group of Kappas spending the day at my home.

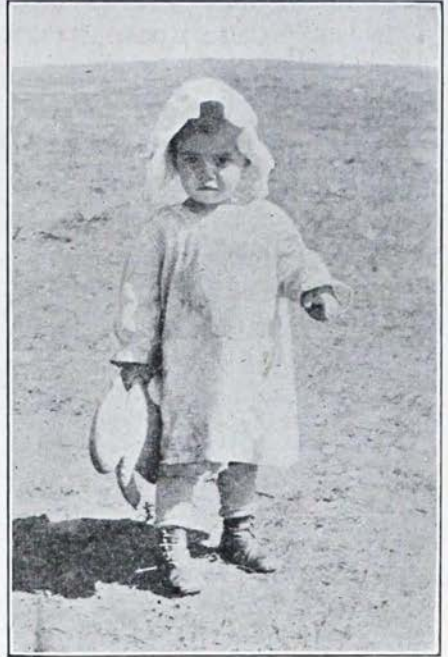
As I was nearing my destination we passed several God-forsaken little towns and I hoped and prayed that Clearmont was not like them but we slowed down and I peered out and saw one that I thought we had left behind. The only difference was that Billy was there so I did not see the town after all. Well we started to the ranch in style, a Ford, my dear—but, honey, those hills! When we had gone over several that were perpendicular, we tried one that leaned toward us. Well we reared and we pitched but we couldn't make a jump so we finally got out and the boy drove the car up sidewise. The rest of us stood on the upper running board to keep the car from flopping over. I felt



NUMBER 7

like "Mrs. One Horse Chaise" when we reached the top. That one was the worst. We rode gently after that. When finally we pulled up Billy said, "Here we are at home" and there stood the little house that Billy built: Number 3. I was crazy about it for it is our first real home. We have not tried Fords since but our two-horse runabout called Monte and Jerry: Number 4.

My, the fun we have had. Number 5 shows a picnic party. We were going to have it under a tree but could not



NUMBER 8



NUMBER 9

find a tree so had to come and sit behind the house to get in the shade. It is so high and dry and invigorating out here. Our spring is not far from the house but we girls and the hired boy have dug a cistern nearer. That was work. Did I shovel dirt? Well I am ready to enlist for trench service. One of the best duties I have is to go for the cows. Baby and I get on our pinto (Oh, but he was unruly for a while) and ride away over the hills for Tootsie and Bossy. Toots has the cutest little calf, christened Cecilia

Josephine; looks just like a teddy bear.

Along with a few other duties we brand our stock: Number 6. This last picture was not taken on our ranch but on the well-known Paradise Ranch, Number 7, which so many easterners are beginning to appreciate. I will recommend this country as a health resort, especially our ranch for we have water that will put Excelsior Springs in the shade. As for game we have deer, sage hens, prairie chickens, and coyotes. Thousands of head of stock roam over these hills and it is a joy just to live out in the open. Number 8 shows Mary Junior and her rag doll. Number 9 shows that two of my family are healthy and happy and if I could have taken it to include myself you would have beheld that same old grin.

KAPPA'S AID TO FRANCE

We have received this delightful letter from Madame Fischbacher in Bellevue, France, who is Dorothy Canfield's friend, and the dispenser-in-chief of the aid that the Kappa Aunts sent to Bellevue. Read little Pierre and Cecile and Laure, and then hurry and finish your bundle for them. And don't forget the little American flags this time? Or the "ever-wanting shoes!"

Bellevue, 12 Janvier, 1918.

My dear, unknown friend:

I send you, in the enclosed, a few simple cards which have been given to me by several people "to be sent to our unknown friends in America." Many others have asked me to express their thanks (they did it, sometimes, in a very awkward, rather funny way; America is such a big, distant, *imaginary* country for them!) Of course, I am quite willing to do it: the only trouble is that my bad English makes it rather difficult for me to express all that I want to tell you. The best I can do is to give you some details about the people you are helping here.

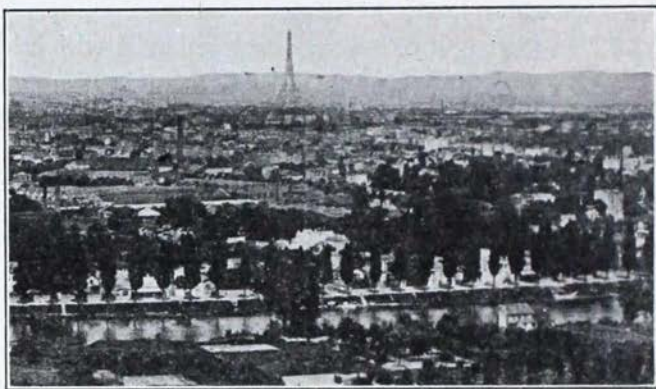
As a rule, I try to see the people in their own homes, and the first packages received, at the beginning of December were disposed of in that way. For instance, the three enclosed cards from Mmes. Pellerin, Hugges, and David come from some of these families.

Mme. Hugges is the grandmother of a refugee-family. She lived in a small two roomed hut, with one of her grand-daughters, when arrived her son with seven children and no other luggage than the clothes they had on. I went there myself with a bundle that I judged sufficient by its weight, and some anxiety lest the things would not fit. Well, in a few minutes, every one of them had jumped into some garment: the one year old had a cap and a smiling face, the big girl admired her boots, and what did not fit one was just the size for the other.

The Pollerins are a fair example of the state to which are reduced many people whom war does not affect directly (I wish to insist upon that point, which is most difficult for you to realize;

while wives and children of soldiers are helped by the state, such people as these have to face, with the same pay as before, the fairly doubled cost of life. The father earns 8 francs a day; their rent is 450 francs a year; the children are five, ranging from ten to four; a sixth is soon expected. They are respectable, tidy people, who would not want to resort to public assistance, who are liable to go without many necessary things, rather than to ask them. To them, and the like of them, the David family, for instance, the occasional sending of a substantial meal is a welcome addition to the much needed clothing.

But Christmas was at hand, and snow, making an unusually early appearance, made it seem necessary to hasten as much as



BELLEVUE-MEUDON—PANORAMA SUR PARIS,
VUE PRISE DE LA TERRASSE

possible the distribution to the families who had not received anything. From lists handed by the school-teachers and the War orphans committee, about forty children were invited for Christmas morning, and as many lots of girls' dresses, sweaters, corduroy suits, underwear, shirts, stockings, and shoes (the ever wanting shoes!) as we could afford were bought. Just on top of that, I received six new packages from Kappa Kappa Gamma, containing among many other things, some nice baby things, two excellent pairs of woolen socks, and a lot of delightful gray petticoats, so much better and warmer than anything we can presently find here! I need not tell you that they were in good place!!

When Christmas morning approached, I confess I had an anxious feeling: since the war, we have had no Christmas tree (the children understanding that the money spent in decorating the tree could be better spent elsewhere) but I was afraid that receiving clothes only would be, for the little ones, a very dull performance. A basket of oranges, a box of chocolates afforded a first enhancement and I happened to tumble on a bargain of nice-looking handkerchiefs out of which each "kid" was allowed to pick his choice of three. Two flower-pots full of the Allied flags gave a holiday look to the table, and were also to be distributed—but, alas and alack, there was a great disappointment. . . . In spite of a desperate hunt on the preceding day, no American flags were to be found in Paris (except very costly silk flags at three or four francs each)! really suppose they had been in too large demand and the stocks were exhausted. (Why on earth are the stars and stripes so elaborate that a whole night's work would not have allowed the concoction of forty flags! . . .) and we had to do without them: Do include a few dozens of them in one of your next packages: I suppose in the States you may still find some!

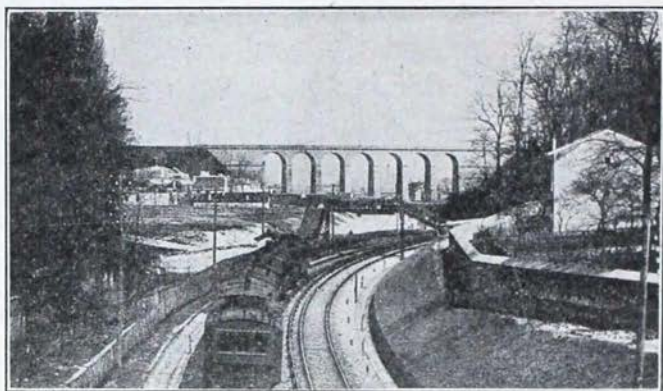
On Christmas morning, the appointed hour was ten o'clock, and a few minutes before, I had the pleasant surprise of receiving three unexpected guests: Miss Atcherson, Mrs. Highes, and Miss Bissel who came in your name. All of a sudden, I realized how difficult it was for me to drop my French and express myself in English; I had such a lot of things to say, which had to remain unsaid. And just at the time the children were there, and there was no room left for conversation.

Some of them have written their names on the enclosed cards, but I don't suppose that these names and cards will give you any idea of their joy! One or two mothers had brought their whole families, down to the little tots—a certain one year old Alfred kept tottering all over the place and inspecting the premises in the funniest, matter-of-fact way . . . another two year old citizen resented as an insult our efforts to try a cap on his head and maintained himself in a state of towering rage as long as we paid the least attention to him!

Some of the children came in the care of their grandmother or elder sister, the mother, when the father is soldier, being

detained at home. . . . In every case, we did our best to provide for the ones that had been left at home, making a guess at their size from the rather insufficient mention of their age! Some undersized elder-sisters looked like little ants with their big parcels when they went away.

At one o'clock, everybody had left, except two rather tall, very tidy, and nice looking girls. We had a moment of dismay, comparing their size with the rather disconnected lot of clothes that was left. But it did not last: we soon discovered that the dress that did not suit Madeleine would be just the thing for Cecile, and that the boy's suit that could not be offered to Laure, would be much appreciated by Pierre, for their were nine others



MEUDON—LE VIADUC E. M.

at home! The reality of the fact has been ascertained, it isn't fiction. We had no other resource than to make two bundles of nearly all that was left and to give them to the girls. You will find the names of the whole family (Jacquemain) on one of the cards: the eldest sister was very particular about writing them all down.

At the time, all the Kappa's packets had not reached me. Five or six have reached me since then, and also your check. As new applicants have appeared too (people that we did not reach first or who happen to have heard of that distribution) both packages and money were very welcome to satisfy their wants. Moreover, babies are expected in several of these families and infant-clothing will have to be supplied for them.

This is but a faint report of the joy and comfort you have given to them who have benefited of your kindness. America is just now taking such a large place in the expectations of our people that I am sure it was for many of them a most cheering *reality* to feel some help coming *personally* to them from American friends. May I add that for myself I am indebted to you for the very best Christmas morning I could dream of at the present time—and that I thank you VERY MUCH for it.

MARGUERITE FISCHBACHER.



MRS. ALICE MOORE FRENCH

KAPPAS KNOWN TO FAME

LALAH RANDLE WARNER, *Department Editor*

ALICE MOORE FRENCH, Nu '82

First War Mother of Indiana

Mrs. Alice M. French, Nu '82, has been appointed War Mother of Indiana. Indiana is the first state to organize the mothers of the soldier boys and Mrs. French is the first war mother.

The *Indianapolis News* says:

"Since the organization of the War Mothers of Indiana was effected, with Mrs. Alice M. French of Indianapolis as leader, in order to aid in the campaign to obtain signatures to the Hoover conservation pledge cards, the idea has expanded until the War Mothers promise to become among the staunchest organized supporters of the government in carrying on the war.

"Every mother of a soldier automatically becomes a member of the organization, which purposes," Mrs. French said, "to make all mothers of soldiers understand that complete coöperation with the government is the surest way to help shorten the war."

"Letters have been coming to Mrs. French from all over the state since the project was started. Many of the communications indicate that mothers believe they have a grievance against the country which has taken their sons from them. Mrs. French and her ninety-two county chairmen are enforcing the creed of pushing through every war project which the government undertakes.

"The campaign to obtain signatures to 50,000 Hoover pledge cards, which was undertaken by Mrs. French several weeks ago, will close on November 1, she has announced, and results will be tabulated. The response has been splendid."

EDITH Y. LOCKE, *Sigma '01**Advertising Writer*

In answer to an inquiry concerning her work, Miss Locke writes:

"After leaving college at Lincoln, Nebraska, where I joined Kappa Kappa Gamma and also Omega Psi, I returned to my home at Omaha. For several years I was society editor of the



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EDITH Y. LOCKE

Omaha Daily News, which experience proved to be a good schooling in writing. I had considerable leisure time, however, and, being a member of the Omaha Country Club, spent several afternoons a week on the golf course. Suddenly I grew ambitious to do bigger things and I persuaded my mother to close our Omaha home and go to New York, just to see what the big city offered.

My opportunity came very soon after my arrival and I was made special copy writer for R. H. Macy and Co., one of the large department stores. I wrote women's, misses' and children's fashions. It was fascinating work, as, of course, all women love pretty things, new things, and especially, New York fashions.

Soon a larger and better position was offered me to write all the women's and misses' fashions for Franklin Simon and Company, one of New York's most exclusive specialty shops, right on wonderful Fifth Avenue where the loveliest fashions imaginable are seen daily. I am delighted with my work, and I say to all ambitious Kappas who are looking for a delightful, well-paid career, "Go into advertising." The possibilities are unlimited and the work never grows tiresome as new fashions arrive daily.

I not only write all the newspaper advertisements, but also the illustrated fashion pages that appear in such publications as *Vogue*, *Vanity Fair*, *Harper's Bazar*, *Town and Country*, etc., as well as the advertisements that appear in the Rotogravure Section of the *New York Times* and the Graphic Section of the *New York Tribune*. I hope that Kappas who read these Franklin Simon and Company advertisements will not only think of me, but will call at my office at 38th and Fifth Avenue when in New York. I shall be delighted to see them."

Personal inquiries concerning the possibilities of advertising work may be addressed to Miss Locke at The New Weston, Madison Avenue and 48th Street, New York.

CHARLOTTE PRENTISS HARDIN, *Beta Omicron '04*

Poet

"Some men are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them."

Charlotte Prentiss Hardin tries to assure me that her work comes under the class of achievement through hard work, but as I

have known her since a very few years after she came into the world I know that she is a poet born (not poetess, for real poetry is above sex) and her work bears me out in this testimony.

As far back as I can remember Charlotte has always had a wonderful imagination and gift of language and our greatest delight as children was to have her tell us ghost stories.

She first began to publish in 1905 when no less a literary critic than Julia K. Weatherall had an exquisite bit of verse published in what was then the *New Orleans Times-Democrat*. From time to time several other poems appeared in the same paper and in 1907 the *Atlantic Monthly* woke up and published "Wind Scents" with which they were so well pleased that in 1908 they published "Chanson de XIII," in 1909 "Musings of a Pre-Raphaelite Painter," and in 1910 "A Letter to William de Morgan." The latter, after the style of "Letters to the Dead Poets," imitates de Morgan's style in a most charming way, beside being a delightful review of his works.

In 1916 *Poet Lore* brought out Charlotte's translation of "Les Fleurs du Mal" of Beaudelaire and the 1918 New Orleans Calendar has a charming prose poem on the second page which is a quite perfect presentation of the romance of the old New Orleans and the ever growing activities of the new.

All of Charlotte's friends have tried in vain to get her to publish a book of her verse but she usually replies "What for? Just to have another slender volume to put the glass of water on at night?" Or in a different mood she will say, "Why that same money would buy a Ford and that would be so much more fun!"

What is to be done with such modesty? However, we all know that the day will come when it will be another case of

" 'Poet' the world cried,
 ' From thy hidden ways come forth,
 And be thou crowned with bays.
 Fame waits to crown thee
 With impassioned praise.' "

And then the Kappas will have cause to be even prouder than some of them are now of Charlotte Prentiss Hardin of Beta Omicron.

KITTIE MONROE WESTFELDT, *Beta Omicron* '03.

FLORENCE HARRISON, *Chi '00*

Actress and Red Cross Worker

Florence Harrison attended the University of Minnesota in those happy days when students did not conceal their love of reading poetry and French even though it had not been assigned as a class exercise, and who openly favored amateur dramatics as a most living form of literature and good fun.

This was not the earlier time in which young men, now old, inscribed Latin verse on their photographs for classmates, nor yet the recent dates when fashion compels a mask of indifference to both classics and moderns in verse and drama.

Bred in an atmosphere of art, music, and literature and of a gay, social nature, this particular Kappa was a well-loved personality.

She brought charm to her work and ability. After special training in dramatic art in the East, she became a member of a stock company in Northampton, Massachusetts. This was the first experiment in a community theater in this country. The selection and performance of plays adapted to audiences made up of manufacturing and collegiate groups in addition to the usual elements in a New England town taxed the resources of actors and manager. The success of this town theater is part of the history of that wide movement which has swept through the United States producing little playhouses, open-air theaters, drama leagues, and pageants.

Miss Harrison has shared in all of these forms of expression of the national life and feeling which have given enough of variety and picturesqueness to her story since graduation. She possessed sympathies and talents which drew her two ways—to acting and to coaching.

Coaching became her main interest. The new technique of stage setting in color, form, and lighting was admirably used by her. In program making, she liked best perhaps to assemble one-act plays on the same theme by different nationalities, for example a French, Russian, and American treatment of jealousy. Her cosmopolitan experience made her all the more eager to find good American plays.

All the world around celebrated the Shakespeare Tercentenary. The University of Minnesota for its part in the festival, produced



FLORENCE HARRISON

The Comedy of Errors under Miss Harrison's direction. Every detail was artistically and historically perfect and true to the days of good Queen Bess.

The Great War crumbles millions of careers to nothingness ; it divides in a sharp and ineradicable way the life of many more individuals and of all nations.

To Florence Harrison with her international sympathies and French speech, the call for active service abroad was persistent. At last in December, 1917, she sailed for Bordeaux under the auspices of the American Red Cross. There she is doing canteen work, helping to meet and feed the thousands of soldiers in transit "Somewhere in France."

HOPE McDONALD, *Chi '94.*

WISCONSIN DEFENDED

We are very glad to print the following statement by Carol McMillan, *Eta* 1917. It includes a letter to President Wilson from Charles R. Van Hise, president of the University of Wisconsin, answering the charge made by Mr. Carl Vrooman, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, that he had found the students at Wisconsin unresponsive in his talk to them on patriotism. The editorial in *THE KEY* to which Miss McMillan refers called attention to the fact that every chapter in a recent number of the *Beta Theta Pi* was highly patriotic except the Wisconsin letter, in which the war or the country's ideals, or the brothers in service were not once mentioned. The editorial also stated that our own Kappa Chapter was all that could be desired, patriotically, and that we judged from the tone of our *Eta* letter that Wisconsin La Folletism had not spread far over the campus.

EDITOR.

301 Woodard Ave., Kalamazoo, Mich.
January 12, 1918.

My dear Mrs. Mullin:

In reference to the editorial in the last number of *THE KEY* entitled "College Men and a Wisconsin Letter," I should like to quote from the latest issue of *The Wisconsin Alumni Magazine*:

"Over 700 stars decorate the service flags of the thirty-one fraternities at the university."

"Over one hundred men who recently received commissions at Ft. Sheridan are Wisconsin men."

"Academic credit to students enlisting in the War forces of the government is under consideration by the faculty. It is probable that the seniors will be given their degrees and the rest of the students credit for the unfinished semester."

"A new war course combining the president's lectures on conservation and Prof. Lloyd Jones' course in contemporary politics was approved at the beginning of the first semester."

"The LL.D. which was awarded Bernstorff in 1910 has been rescinded by the regents" (for unpatriotic utterances).

"Over 300 applications have been received by the military department for the thirty-four recommendations to be made to the third officers' training camps."

"A monster loyalty meeting was held in the gymnasium Wednesday November 21. Preceding the meeting the entire cadet corps passed in review before Major Kerwin. At the meeting over \$7,000 was subscribed to the War Work Fund." (It is worth noting that the university raised \$2,000 more than it was allotted.)

"Union Vodvil will donate the entire proceeds of the performance to the War Fund of the Y. M. C. A. The performance will be given at the Fuller Saturday, January 26."

"War service has claimed over one hundred faculty members according to figures issued by S. S. Hickox, secretary of the faculty."

"German classes show a decrease of 42.9%, while French has increased 14.2%. The instructional staffs show a proportionate change."

Similar statements of fact could be quoted at length from this and other publications. May I say that the students, faculty, regents, and the state at large greatly resent the reflections which have been cast upon the loyalty of the state and of the university by those who have not investigated the facts. Does it seem to you that one letter from one student correspondent for his fraternity paper is a fair test of the patriotism of the university, of the fraternities, or even of the one fraternity which the letter represents? It appears to me that this is a poor time to make implications of disloyalty, without foundations, upon members of "our own national family."

A letter follows, written by Charles R. Van Hise, president of the university, to President Wilson:

November 27, 1917.

My dear Mr. President:

On Wednesday, November 21, Mr. Carl Vrooman, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, made two addresses at the University of Wisconsin; the first, a brief address at a patriotic convocation, arranged before it was known that Mr. Vrooman was to be here, in order to assist in carrying through the campaign to raise the amount allotted to this university for the Y. M. C. A. Fund; the second at an agricultural meeting in the stock pavilion.

Since Mr. Vrooman was advertised as being your personal representative, I wish to call your attention to the character of one of these addresses. The most objectionable paragraphs of the address read as follows:

"I had the honor to review the university regiments this afternoon. I never saw a finer set of young men. But during the first fifteen minutes

of my talk on patriotism before them in the university armory *they were less responsive than any audience I have talked before and I have talked before audiences in three-fourths of the states in the union since the war began.*

"I understand this to be the first loyalty meeting held at the University of Wisconsin this year. I could not help asking myself: Has the university the right kind of patriotic leadership? Is it guided by a milk and water patriotism, a kind of platonic patriotism? If this university is not most outspoken, if it does not express a militant patriotism at this time, it expresses no patriotism at all. The students on parade that I reviewed, the students I addressed are all right. I am sure of that. What they need is patriotic inspiration, patriotic leadership, patriotic education, and then they'll have the enthusiasm of patriots. Is this state university giving them this kind of education at this time when it is so needed? It is the first duty of a state university to give this kind of education at this time. If the university is not doing this, it is not doing its duty by our country, by the people who created it and who maintain it."

These paragraphs are an attack upon the active patriotism of the University of Wisconsin, not by direct statement, but by the far more objectionable but less courageous method of implication.

The alleged facts presented in support of the implication of lack of aggressive patriotism are first, that the loyalty meeting at which Mr. Vrooman spoke was the only one which had been held at Wisconsin in this year; second that the student audience was not responsive to his address.

The first statement is wholly without foundation. There has been a series of patriotic meetings at the university this year, of which one of the most important was addressed by Mr. McAdoo, the Secretary of the Treasury. Among the other important patriotic meetings held the present semester are the following: (a list of six follows).

In addition to these and other large popular meetings, we have had lectures twice a week by members of the staff of the university, open to the entire student body, and to the public. The lectures consider almost every aspect of the war. This course has been running since the opening of the semester and it is expected it will be continued throughout the year.

Since I was absent from Madison last week when Mr. Vrooman gave his address, I am unable to express a personal opinion as to whether or not the students made adequate response to him by applause.

The nature of the address of Mr. Vrooman is called to your attention for the reason that the regents, the faculty, and the students deeply resent the serious reflections made upon the patriotism of this institution by a high public official.

As giving some indication of the activity of this university in relation to the war, I present a summary statement which I made to the university faculty at the opening of the autumn semester in regard to the activities to that time. (I omit a long summary of activities.)

The present semester the war committee of the faculty, temporarily appointed last year, was made permanent for the duration of the war.

All money demands have been more than met. The faculty and students subscribed to the second Liberty Loan about \$200,000. The Red Cross allotment to the university was fully met. The allotment of \$20,000 for the Y. M. C. A. campaign was oversubscribed.

The Military Department this year is continuing vigorously to train young men to enter the Army or Navy. From time to time men are withdrawing to enter some branch of one service or another. There will come before the faculty at the next meeting a recommendation of the war committee to give scholastic credit to such students to the end of the semester during which they leave.

Additional members of the faculty have been given leave of absence to take up war work; and many others are giving a part of their time to such work.

Since Mr. Vrooman's statement seems to be especially directed toward officials of the university, I may say that I gave my entire summer, with the exception of three weeks, to the work of the food administration; and since the end of the vacation have continued to devote much time to that service. The particular task assigned to me is the organization of the work of the food administration in the higher educational institutions of the country—universities, technical schools, and normal schools. In addition to the preparation of a set of lectures to be given in these institutions, at the request of the food administration, I have given numerous addresses in different parts of the country.

In short, this university has aggressively taken the initiative in many lines of effort to assist in the prosecution of war and has given prompt and complete response to all suggestions and demands from the outside.

In view of the foregoing facts, for Mr. Vrooman, officially speaking for the government, to cast extremely objectionable reflections upon the patriotism of the university without any knowledge of what we have done, or attempt to ascertain the truth, seems to us so seriously to misrepresent your position that I feel you should know the facts.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Secretary of Agriculture, to Mr. Vrooman, and to the Regents and Visitors of this university.

Very respectfully yours,
(signed) CHARLES R. VAN HISE.

Will it be asking too much for you to print some statement affirmative of the patriotic loyalty of the University of Wisconsin, either taken from this letter, or of your own, in the editorial section of the next KEY. The name and reputation of our university and its members is very dear to us, especially at this time.

Very sincerely yours,

CAROL MC MILLAN.
(Class of 1917.)

THE GERMAN PHILOSOPHY

Robert M. McElroy, professor of history in Princeton University has recently finished a painstaking study of the eleven posthumous volumes of the works of Frederick the Great of Prussia.

"These statements," said Dr. McElroy, "are characteristic of the philosophy which Frederick the Great gave as an inspiration first to Prussia and then to Prussianized Germany. The methods of his life were true to his philosophy. Vice and fraud and dissipation were the inspiration of his career, and the ideas which he implanted in the minds of the German people bear fruit to-day in the shape of a war conducted as he felt wars must be conducted to be efficient.

"The following phrases from the legacy of Frederick the Great to his successors in the Hohenzollern dynasty are characteristic of his whole vile philosophy:

If there is anything to be gained by it we will be honest; if deception is necessary let us be cheats.

One takes when one can; one is wrong only when one is obliged to give back.

No ministers at home, but clerks. No ministers abroad, but spies.

Form alliances only in order to show animosities.

Kindle and prolong war between my neighbors.

Always promise help and never send it.

There is only one person in the kingdom—that is myself.

If possible, the powers of Europe should be made envious against one another in order to give occasion for a coup when the opportunity arises.

If a ruler is obliged to sacrifice his own person for the welfare of his subjects, he is all the more obliged to sacrifice treaty engagements the continuance of which would be harmful to his country. Is it better that a nation should perish or that a sovereign should break his treaty?

Do not be ashamed to make interested alliances in which you yourself can derive the whole advantage. Do not make the foolish mistake of not breaking them when you believe your interests require it.

When he is about to conclude a treaty with some foreign power, if a sovereign remembers he is a Christian he is lost."

WESTMINSTER CHIMES

I

Though others chant youth's litany,
Though other songs are sung,
It seems but yesternorning
That love and I were young,
And from my bended shoulder's
The weight of years is flung,
As I hear again the sweet Westminster Chimes.

2

Along the Thames' Embankment,
We strolled one day in spring,
And lingered in the Abbey,
By tomb of bard and king;
As homeward we were turning
We heard the vespers ring,
And were silenced by the sweet Westminster Chimes.

3

It was on a golden evening,
Oh day with joy replete!—
When first we learned love's secret,
And felt our pulses beat,
As we stood in mystic gladness,
In that cloistered old retreat,
And listened to the sweet Westminster Chimes.

4

Though years have reaped their harvest
And taken my love from me,
They've left a hallowed keepsake—
Her blessed memory,
And ofttimes I have fancied
That she is sending me
A message in the sweet Westminster Chimes.

5

When I finish life's Mosaic
Of mingled sun and Shade,
I hope to find in heaven
My fair celestial maid;
And I approach death's portals
Heart-high and unafraid—
'Tis the promise of the sweet Westminster Chimes.

SARAH H. WEAVER.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Remember the word we never write. It begins with R, has four letters, and ends with SH. Nobody has invented a substitute for it, so let us use neither it nor an attempted synonym and let us try to make it a tabooed word on the campus.

A hopeful sign of the times appeared in several of the chapter letters this month. The Panhellenic spirit seems to have been put into practice more than ever before. There is no doubt of the fact that the war is making us realize more and more the importance of the old words "in union there is strength."

Fraternities are doubling up on war work in many colleges, and surely nothing could be more sensible. At Syracuse and Montana, Panhellenic rather than single chapters, have combined their efforts in some cause, with not only good practical results, but with a gain in the All-American, All-Greek spirit.

We should like to see many of our chapters follow the example of Beta Psi at Toronto and join the Women's Land Army this summer.

It is not yet decided whether we shall hold convention this year. Most of the opinion thus far gathered is for omitting it on account of the expense and difficulties of travel. The business of the fraternity will have to be done by mail if we give up our convention. In this event, will the chapters use every effort to coöperate with the Grand Council, and expedite the work?

We are late in offering our felicitations to our Grand Secretary, Estelle Kyle who married Frank A. Kemp, Jr., at Denver, Colorado in June. They have moved from their new little bungalow at Boulder, Colorado, because Lieutenant Kemp is now stationed at Camp Grant, Rockford, Illinois. Mrs. Kemp's new address is 422 Rocton Avenue, Rockford, Ill.

And now we have the Grand Treasurer's engagement to announce. Martha Willets is engaged to William K. Hoyt,

Swarthmore 1912, Δ Υ, who is now at the Aviation School at Austin, Texas. Her two sisters Susanne and Margaret (Sue and Peg) are both engaged too. Sue is to marry Dr. George H. Parker in February. Dr. Parker is the medical director of the Mercer Hospital in Philadelphia, where she has been technician in the pathological department. Peg's fiancé is John Mason, Jr., of New York, of Swarthmore 1915 and Φ Κ Ψ.

Two Kappas who are among the first to go to France for war work are Evelyn Thorp, Psi 1916, whom we remember as our very efficient and charming Marshal of Convention at Ithaca in 1916, and Jeanette Comstock, Beta Sigma 1912, the Custodian of the Songbook, and attended of all our recent conventions. Evelyn is enrolled as chemist in the New York Infirmary Women's Hospital Unit and sailed for France early in February to do relief work among the civilian population. Jeanette is to sail soon and will do canteen work with the Y. M. C. A. in the American Army.

Our Students Aid Fund has been increased this month by three contributions. They are:

Pi-Alumnae Association—second contribution.....	\$200.00
Philadelphia Alumnae Association—first contribution.....	30.00
Cleveland Alumnae Association—second contribution.....	20.00
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	\$250.00

BLACK LIST FOR FEBRUARY

Chapter letters missing:—See list at head of CHAPTER LETTERS.

Late letters: *Eta, Beta Phi, Beta Sigma, Omega, Beta Zeta.*

Not typed: *Sigma, Omega.*

Not correctly signed: *Beta Phi.*

Special delivery: *Beta Sigma.*

Not on official paper: *Eta, Beta Pi, Sigma.*

PARTHENON

Two conspicuous factors brought out by the war are the necessity of coöperation and specialization. As fraternity life is a life of coöperation we should appreciate the opportunity it affords us now for learning this lesson. We find it in

The Fraternity Girl and the War

the Y. M. C. A. work especially. In Kansas State College the fraternity and the nonfraternity people have worked together as one in the much needed war work that has been done here. But the end of all is democracy, and if we do not show democracy now we will never gain it as a permanent world institution.

Fraternity girls learn coöperation in their chapter life. There is the coöperation of the upperclassmen with the freshmen, which means much to them in their first year. In the doing of freshman duties which often prove irksome, the lesson of doing for others and forgetting one's self is being learned, and at this time we need this spirit more than ever before.

The woman of today must be more democratic and go wherever she will be most useful, more than ever subordinating fraternity and social ties. The Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. are calling for more workers, and these must be women who will put their very souls into the work. There are Christmas packages to be sent to the soldiers at the front. There are bandages to be made. All this is women's work—a work in which everyone must and should take apart. Everyone who has read Dorothy Canfield Fischer's call in the last KEY and her article in the last issue of the *Delineator* will realize that Kappa is doing her part.

Devotion to fraternity must mean devotion to world fraternity of humanity, regardless of social function. Only as a woman serves her country and humanity will she bring honor to her fraternity. May the blue and the blue be our service flag, and may it wave over every key.

ELIZABETH COTTON, *Gamma Alpha*.

She was a very enthusiastic little pledgling, and very eager to know all about it.

"Well, tell me just this much," she begged one day. "What is your key the key *into*?"

**The Door That
The Key Unlocks**

"I'll tell you one thing to remember," I said. "It is *not* a key *in* to anything. It's a key *out*."

She looked at me with visible surprise.

"Why," she said, "I never thought of that."

I knew she hadn't. But I wanted her to realize, before ever she learned what door it is the Kappa key unlocks, that the right use of the key is *not* to let the wearer *in* to a little group of selected, privileged, lucky girls. That conception of it is sheer irresponsible selfishness. The true use of the key is to unlock a door that swings *outward*, giving us a chance, if we will to take it, of wider understanding, wider responsibility, and wider service.

We all of us love the keys we wear, and they come, inevitably, to mean to us a great deal of special, private happiness. But that is only a part of Kappa, and we owe it to her to remember which way the Kappa Doorway leads.

ISABEL BRIGGS, *Beta Iota*.

A strong harmonious Panhellenic society can only be brought about by coöperation in some non-Greek activity where frictions and animosities can be forgotten. This will bring forth friendships between girls of the different groups

Harmony

Makes Usefulness

which otherwise might lie dormant throughout their college days. Working together in a common cause is one of the best means for creating harmony among competing groups and arousing a get-together feeling.

Several years ago, Beta Phi Chapter instituted a Christmas tree at their house with presents, a jolly Santa, ice cream, and all of the rest of the Christmas trimmings, for the poor children of the city. This year the Beta Phi girls saw that a Christmas could come to a larger group of needy children if they coöperated with the other Greek-letter women's fraternities. Whereas the Beta Phi girls could only entertain fifty children the Panhellenic society entertained one hundred and fifty.

The Christmas celebration was held at the university gymnasium. Children swarmed everywhere with enthusiastic girls wearing keys, kites, anchors, and shields in the midst of them. The boys were organized into a military group with the drilling guns, headed by a captain wearing a kite. Then the girls served more hot chocolate, buns, and ice cream than the children could

eat. Then came Santa to deliver the gifts which had the children's names written on them. When it was sleepy time for the wee youngsters the children were packed into automobiles, each with a bag sack of rosy apples and a stocking full of nuts and candies. All the children called back "Goodbye-Goodbye" as they drove away.

Then the clean-up committees went happily to work. "Weren't they dears?" "Did you hear that one little boy ask Helen, 'Are you the lady what wipes our noses?'" These were only a few of their remarks as the girls with various Greek-lettered emblems gathered together.

Then one girl said, "Who knows but that some day some of them may be wearing kites, anchors, keys, or shields?"

RUTH MCHAFFIE.

We believe in Kappa's ideals, we value Kappa's friendship, and we know that Kappa will ever be true to us; thus, we receive the very best of Kappa. In our seeking we turned to Kappa and there found all that we sought, but is the same true of Kappa? Does she find that we not only believe in her ideals, but are inspired by them? Is our friendship of great value to her? Do we react and give back the very best of ourselves? Someone has said that one gets out of something only what one puts into it. If this is true, in order for us to receive so much from Kappa it is necessary for us to put a great deal into it. We must, however, first prove that this is true. Once proven, then the statement that "it is in Kappa that we both seek and find the beautiful" will have the reciprocal which will read, "it is in us that Kappa both seeks and finds the beautiful." Let us now prove that what we give to Kappa is equivalent to what we receive from Kappa, then proudly say that we and Kappa are reciprocals.

LUCILE O'KELLY, *Beta Omicron*.

University of Akron is progressing as well as some of the larger and more renowned colleges of this country. We have had student government for the past two years, and it has been so successful that this year we adopted the honor system. An honor committee, composed of three members of the Student Council, is ap-

**Kappa and the
Honor System**

pointed by the president of the Student Council. This committee then takes care of all cases that may arise and deals with the accused as it sees fit. It surely has been a pleasure to take our "quizzes" without the watchful eye of the professor fastened upon us. Thus being placed upon your honor to be fair in the school-room leads one to practice the honor system in everything we do, whether it is in business affairs or social doings. It is just one step farther in the fulfillment of our ideals of womanhood and this is where it especially applies to all Kappas. Kappa should stand for something vital and practical, something big and real in our college life and complying with the rules and spirit of the honor system is just one way to prove to the faculty and to writers of articles against Greek-letter societies that fraternities are not an evil but a necessary good. As Kappas we should use our influence to promote the interest of the honor system, and by being honestly able to sign the pledge required on all papers we will show to others what our honor means to us. If a fraternity accepts a new project and works for its success, sooner or later the rest of the students will fall into line.

There is an old saying that well applies to the honor system: "By their fruits ye shall know them." We are making our characters in every act that we do, and it is every one's wish to have hers as good as possible. The honor system is going to promote scholarship and social standards, and as these are some of the things Kappa is working for, let it be the New Year's resolution of every girl who wears the golden key to be fair and square in all she does.

ANNA NALL, *Lambda*.

Second Lieut. Donald Hankey concludes his article "An Experiment in Democracy" with these significant words, "Much depends on the women. If they carefully guard the ancient ruts against our return, and if their gentle fingers press us back into them we shall acquiesce, but if at this hour of crisis they too have seen a wider vision of National Unity and learnt a more Catholic Charity, the future is indeed radiant with hope."

**Against
Their Return** Kappa sisters, do we realize the problem that is before us? Are we doing anything to solve it? Our men are beginning to come back to us in Canada and to come back with a different view of life. They are men who have faced naked facts and elemental

truths over there in the trenches of France, and no man can live through that and remain unchanged. Are they to find us unchanged? Are they to come through the fire purged of their petty interests and their false pride to find us still concerned with the trifles and frivolities of life? We can only guard against this by carefully taking thought for the future and preparing ourselves against their return.

This is a time of great national crisis for all the combatant nations. Church and state and private life must be affected by the altered vision of our returning soldiers and only those institutions and organizations will prove themselves worthy of their existence that help in some manner to turn this national crisis into a national good. We who remain at home must be educated to understand the problems that face the men in the trenches, and what they are doing to solve them, since it is inevitable that their problems give rise to ours.

Is our fraternity going to rise to the occasion? Are we going to study and strive to escape from the old ruts, and to make the wider vision ours, or are we going to let our fraternity meetings be a time merely for social amusement and to discussion of local feminine topics?

ELEDA HORNING, *Beta Psi*.

We so frequently hear it said that "She is a typical ————" or "You could tell she was a ———— just to look at her" that we cannot help wondering what constitutes the typical girl of any

**Many Types
Needed In
Strong Chapter**

particular fraternity and why she should be. I think it is a case of a chapter type rather than a type of the fraternity at large, which is intended. There seems to be a silent assumption that the chapter or fraternity has somehow stamped its members as its own. What its intangible mark is, analysis generally fails to disclose, but apparently the chapter has had some formative influence upon the individual. We unconsciously admit this when, in considering a girl for election to membership, we often say she is "good material." Already we must be planning to mold her to our standards; and this after all is as it should be, we are following the ideals passed down to us by those whom we love and honor, and we must show her the way.

I trust it is not the modern concern for the rights of the individual which has recently made me question the advisability of this, and I have come to several conclusions. Before initiation we are acting within our province when we "bring up the freshmen"; after initiation the bond between us justifies our guidance, but only in so far as adherence to our standards demands. The step beyond this in most cases is not best either for the girl or the chapter, as it tends to produce a type by the domination of one personality over another. Our greatest strength will lie in the individual girl; we need all types of girls, not all girls of one type. If we "take," or develop in our chapter life, girls of only one type, we cannot hope for strength or progress. Our broadest development, individual and chapter, must depend upon the normal, not forced development of the individual girl. The bond of sympathy between us and the close intimacy of chapter life, should do more to foster this than any definite training which might be carried on.

Much is being said these days of "standardizing the fraternity." What some may mean by this is not always clear, but I cannot see how standardization, while it may perhaps increase scholarship and efficiency, can fail to hinder the development of the individual, and by forming a type place a check upon the progress of fraternities.

BEATRICE STANTON WOODMAN, *Phi*.

Then said Roland: "Oliver, companion, brother . . . we shall have a strong and tough battle, such as man never saw fought. But I shall strike with my sword, and you, comrade, will strike with yours." (*The Song of Roland*.)

For a High Morale

Our swords back here are not tools of steel and gas and flame, but of money and service and morale. Morale is the sum total of past and present effort. Service comes after preparation, and money answers a demand that must be fulfilled now. In the midst of all this werewolfery and frightfulness, and courage and beauty of ideals, all things fade into insignificance, except as they stand in relation to the Great War. Beta Nu recognized this fact and when the opportunity came, immediately pledged its help in the form of \$500 for the Y. M. C. A. fund. Five hundred dollars is a grain of sand on the seashore, but it is a grain. Aside from its material help, it is a symbol of our being a part of the moving force back of the Allies.

Procuring the \$500 tests the ingenuity and unselfishness of every member of the chapter. The methods of getting the money are many and varied, from giving dances at a dollar "per couple" to the dignified simplicity of washing dishes in the Home Economics Building at fifteen or twenty cents an hour. The girls save from their allowances, make and sell sandwiches, serve lunches, make sweaters, paint cards, etc. They do anything that shows itself to them as a means of adding either a few cents or a few dollars to the fund.

Of course, Beta Nu is not unique in any of this money-giving which is the least any of us can do. Greater than money is the recognition of the importance of a healthy, encouraging morale, which demands continuous effort from each of us. Such a morale is more important now than ever before, because it ceases to be of merely personal merit in becoming of national necessity.

MARGARET HEINLEIN, *Beta Nu*.

Isn't it hard to study these days? The world is moving so swiftly about us. There is so much to be done and so little time. To many of us it has become a perplexing problem, this choosing and persevering in our choice of the "most worthwhile things." We wonder whether Red Cross ought not to claim more of our time than—well, say them are English thesis. Perhaps the newspaper seems to contain much of as vital an interest as a report of long ago history. On every hand we have conflicts. It seems that the war has knocked our sense of values flat from under us and we are groping for support.

What are we going to do? Not reinstate our old system of values I hope. No, we must reconstruct a new system, a system which will meet the demands of these new situations that war has forced on us. We must crowd in numerous complicating duties and new loyalties. And Kappa is going to help most. It is by keeping her ideals clearly before us that we are going to be able to find that delicate adjustment which will give to mental growth, to physical growth, and to spiritual growth a proportion that can set us on our feet again.

We know that as Kappas we must keep our minds alert and fit for efficient service to our country. But let us not sacrifice to an

over ardent love for "grades" the spiritual growth that comes from doing what we can to help relieve the war suffering. And let us not in our enthusiasm overtax and strain our physical capacities. Let us remember to consider our values in the light of their contribution to Kappa ideals that we may stand as a body of women fit in every sense of the war.

ELIZABETH GASWIGNI, *Upsilon*.

A KAPPA WAR-TIME SONG

(Air: *There's a Long, Long Trail A-Winding*)

While our country's voice is calling
Men to serve the state,
Hard to us the lot is falling,
Just to stand and wait:
Let us then be up and doing
All the good we know,
Holding high, while flags go marching by,
Our creed through weal and woe.

Chorus: Here is Kappa Kappa Gamma
To pledge allegiance to thee,
O our Mother-land of freedom!
Take our service free.
Though the war be hard and dreary,
We'll still be loyal and true
To the beauty that we dream of
And the good that's all true-blue.

We too hear the call of duty
Like our soldier-boys,
For we love the truth and beauty
That our foe destroys:
Soldiers! take our heart's devotion
To the flag you serve;
Though we wake and watch with hearts that break,
Our faith shall never swerve.

IRENE MCKEEHAN, *Beta Mu.*

CHAPTER LETTERS

No letters received from: Beta Xi, Adrian; Beta Lambda, Illinois; Alpha, Pennsylvania; Beta Iota, Theta, Missouri; Beta Omicron, Swarthmore; Psi, Cornell; Beta Tulane; Beta Kappa, Idaho; Pi, Psi, Toronto; Beta Rho, Cincinnati; Mu, Butler; Delta, Indiana; California. Next letter due April 1.

ALPHA PROVINCE

BELLS, CHANTS, AND CLICKS

Phi, Boston University

A bright and hopeful New Year to our sisters one and all!

Phi has been ringing with wedding bells, initiation chants, and the click of knitting needles during all these winter months.

On November 28, Harriet S. Woodman was married to Lt. Leighton F. Johnson, Alpha Psi Upsilon, of Syracuse University 1912, and B. U. Medical 1915, the brother of Miriam Johnson of Beta Beta. The wedding took place in Washington, D. C., after which they went on to Charlotte, North Carolina, where Lieutenant Johnson is with the Medical Corps.

A memorable initiation service was held December 15 at the home of Miss Emma Shipman, 66 Chestnut Street, Beacon Hill. The initiates were Lora E. Blanding, Bangor, Maine, formerly of Wheaton College, and Katherine H. Kendall, Brockton, who came this year from Valparaiso.

Wherever you find Kappa Gamma girls in Boston you will see the inevitable gray yarn and shining knitting needles. While many social activities have been barred this year, we have celebrated a few important occasions. On December 19 our pledged girls held a most entertaining Christmas party in our honor. Everyone came dressed as a child, either a winsome little girl or a rollicking boy, and the party boasted one long dress and little white bonnet.

The annual entertainment of the Young Women's Christian Association took the form of *A Village School at Copley Square*, in which Marjorie Coles, Pauline Hoyt, Marjorie Colton, and Elsie Woodland represented various humorous characters.

An honor has come recently to one of our girls. Marian Clark was made chief elector of the Boston University Chapter of the Intercollegiate Community Service Association.

ELSIE M. WOODLAND.

BY HARD WORK RAISED \$3,000

Beta Sigma, Adelphi College

What did college people have to keep them busy before the war? Every week or so now, some new war work comes, that must be done, and somehow we always find a way to do it. We hardly thought,

when we began active Red Cross work that there would ever be time for anything else, but when the great drive for the Y. M. C. A. forty millions started, Adelphi started too, as never before. We are more than proud of the results, for we raised over \$3,000 just among our 300 college girls themselves. Furthermore, many of the girls earned their own money. Ruth Lenfest's shine parlor down by the freshman dressing room, was popular. One very attractive knitting bag was raffled off successfully; not the least part of the fun was that Andrew the elevator man, won the bag.

Several Kappas were active workers in the drive; Ella Taylor, student president; Mary Ranous, junior president; and Emily Mount, one of our freshmen, were captains. Alice Doyé, Alice Wilson, Gladys Vorsanger, and Margaret Crane were workers.

Our new Kappas this year are Edna Davidson, Dr. Maryland Burns, Helen Robb, Charlotte Miller, Emily Mount, Louise Jachens, Ethel Jamieson, Alice Wilson, and Esther Spielman.

MARGARET CRANE.

BETA PROVINCE

PANHELLENIC TABLE AT CITY RED CROSS

Beta Tau, Syracuse University

Christmas is in the air, and Beta Tau's annual party for poor children is almost here. We have a Santa Claus for the youngsters and try to have the jolliest sort of a time. Often we find that we have almost forgotten how to play like children, but we soon remember that "Ring Around the Rosy" and "Drop the Handkerchief" do not belong to the dim past after all. Each child goes home happy with candy and some real presents from Santa!

The war is making changes here at Syracuse as well as at other places. We women are trying to do our part to help. Beside knitting, we have taken two Liberty Loan Bonds as a chapter and are supporting a French orphan. Individual members are doing other things.

The Panhellenic Association has decided to have a table Tuesday afternoons at the city headquarters of the Red Cross. Each week one member from every chapter is to spend two hours at the Panhellenic table.

Syracuse has just entered the association of American colleges in France. A great many of our Syracuse men are in the service, either in France or on their way there, and to them this association will give many advantages.

November 27 was an exciting day here at Syracuse. Our football team beat Colgate with a score of 27 to 7. The game came as a grand climax to a big week.

The Intercollegiate Association for Student Government held its annual convention here. Beside the business sessions there was a tea at the home of Chancellor Day and an elaborate banquet and dance at the Onondaga Hotel.

Kappa was well represented at the convention. Ella Taylor from Adelphi, Ruth Mumaw from Allegheny, and Catherine Bellville from Swarthmore were delegates to the convention. Three Beta Tau girls, on account of membership on small board of Women's League, were allowed to attend the meetings, thus giving Kappa the largest representation of any fraternity. We were more than glad to get acquainted with the Kappa delegates as well as the other girls and were very sorry when they all had to leave.

On December 8, we held our annual freshman dance at the chapter-house. About thirty couples attended, and we surely had a good time.

We made about sixty dollars at our annual Kappa fair which was held November 10. We appreciated more than ever the patronage of the alumnae on account of the war.

With the house darkened and the corners filled with corn stalks, we greeted the Thetas after chapter meeting one evening in the last of October. We asked them to go upstairs backwards, and then various stunts were given by the Kappas who were all in crazy costumes of various descriptions. After ghost stories, we sang Kappa and Theta songs and then the Thetas trooped across the park singing the praises of Kappa.

ISABELLE M. KNAPP.

THIS IS A GOOD CHAPTER LETTER

Beta Beta, St. Lawrence University

It's not a bit easy to come back to earth after the Christmas festivities, and to remember that after all you are a mere KEY correspondent whose next letter has to be in by January 1. We began figuring two weeks ago how long it would take a letter to go from Flatbush to West 94th Street, and each day we sighed confidentially and shortened our estimate of the time required. And now, here it is Friday night and Tuesday is New Year's, so we had to come back to earth with a thud.

What has Beta Beta been doing since our last effusion? Oh a lot of things. We've been studying like demons, of course, that goes without saying, and we've been dancing a little—just a very little—and we've been trying not to get the blues when someone who is “really an authority you know,” assures us that the war won't be over for five or six years yet.

It didn't seem for a time as though we were doing very much for the cause. Of course you could dig down into your pocket when the Red Cross drive came along, or the Y. M. C. A., or the Library Cry, but after all, pockets aren't very deep sometimes, and there wouldn't be much to give even when you *did* dig.

That's why Dorothy Canfield Fisher's letter in the October KEY proved such a big inspiration and help, for when twenty-five Beta Betas arm themselves with thimbles, thread, and needles, and get together for a long earnest *sew*, it seems as though we are accomplishing a lot more than when a sad-eyed individual thanks us in a sepulchral voice for some slight pecuniary aid, and figures out for us just how long, to the minute, our contribution will “care for a wounded soldier” or a “starving mother.”

It's something tangible and real to be putting a hem in a wee little dress that is actually going to keep a baby warm, or to be fashioning a tail on a little black cat which once played the rôle of stocking, and to think of the joy that its grinning face is going to bring to some lonely little heart.

Miss Ione Gilson, one of our alumnae, has taken charge of the part of the work which our willing spirits but unskilled fingers could not do, and it is with her coöperation and helpful planning that the old cast-offs of alumnae and friends assume such fascinating shapes. Every Friday afternoon we stitch away on any number of delightful things, cozy flannel bed slippers, dresses, underwear, toys, and so forth. One bundle has already gone off, and we hope to have many others follow in quick succession.

Of course we knit in spare moments too; the "editorial we" has just finished a couple of those endless sweaters, and is going to try wristlets next time. After dinner dancing has become a tradition in the Kappa house now, for who would fox-trot when she might purl? Ye gods, who would?

Of course, "doing one's bit" is the engrossing theme at college too. The senior class is sending Christmas boxes to their boys in the service, and the whole student body is quick to respond to the call of the Y. M. C. A. or the Red Cross. The Beta ball, whose proceeds went to the Red Cross, had the now customary, but once so unique decorations of service and national flags.

The cold wave and the coal shortage were so unkind as to arrive on the hill at the same time, so that various rumors predicted the closing of the college, and we were greatly relieved to hear them officially denied. We are also humbly grateful to the coal dealer who offered the Kappa house a discount if it would take several tons of coal off his hands last year.

It is growing late, and a comfy bed at home is a lot more inviting than our hard little cot up in Canton. If it isn't too late for Christmas greetings, Beta Beta wants to extend them to everyone, and to hope with you all that the New Year may show us at length the silver lining to the cloud which is over our country.

ELEANOR HOPE SPERRY.

* GAMMA PROVINCE COLLEGE PRESIDENT WENT TO FRANCE

Gamma Rho, Allegheny College

Words are simply incapable of expressing the joy that bid day brought to Gamma Rho. We had only fourteen girls in the active chapter, but every one of the twelve invitations we sent out was accepted. We feel honored to announce to you the following pledges: Alice Grenell, Rochester, N. Y.; Irene Haynes, Springwater, N. Y.; Irene Putnam, Harmonsburg, Pa.; Dorothy Roach, Pittsford, N. Y.; Elizabeth Yaste, Grafton, W. Va.; Gretchen Wood, Oil City, Pa.; Margaret McCune, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Alyce O'Neil, Hamilton, N. Y.; Dorothea Kerr, Marion

Morrison, Carolyn Brownell, and Louise Weckerly, Meadville, Pa. That night we served a dinner to our pledges in the fraternity rooms after which several of the alumnae called to offer congratulations.

Thanksgiving was a happy time for the Gamma Rho girls. The following alumnae were back: Mary Carroll, Louisa Smith, Helen Davison, Esther Stone, Ethyl Kelly, Bernice Thoburn, Helen Thoburn, Elizabeth Chase, Helen Gates, Helen Kulp, Dorothy Mason, and several of "our town" alumnae. There was a tea at the Phi Delta Theta house on Thanksgiving afternoon. In the evening the young women of Hulings Hall entertained at a cleverly arranged informal party. Saturday afternoon Miss Alice Spaulding, dean of the women at Allegheny, entertained our alumnae at a tea. Saturday night the active girls entertained in the fraternity rooms. The twelve pledges amused us with some clever and original stunts.

The Kappa juniors showed their college loyalty by driving to Sharon this fall to attend the Allegheny-Westminster football game. They were the week-end guests of Helen Kulp, '16. A puncture and rain didn't dampen their spirits and they declare their intentions of attending more out-of-town games next fall.

As a war measure the Gamma Rho girls have given up their fall party and faculty reception, also their Christmas party and after-vacation spread to which all of the girls formerly brought "goodies" when returning to college after the holidays. We are all knitting for the soldiers. Some even refuse to stop long enough to eat or sleep. We have purchased some woolen garments to send to the children of Bellevue as a Christmas gift from their "Kappa aunts."

The college is taking up some new war measure almost daily. We are to have a Red Cross auxiliary after the holidays. Already a war relief committee is busy at work. Helen Easterwood has been appointed chairman. Allegheny pledged \$1,500 to the Y. M. C. A. war fund and raised over \$2,000. Just the other day nearly every girl in college pledged herself not to buy or make any more candy for herself during the remainder of the school year. We each have pledged a certain amount of time a week to work on surgical dressings. Perhaps the greatest thing we have sacrificed is our college president, William H. Crawford, who left last week for France where he will work in the interest of the Y. M. C. A. Dr. Coburn is acting president in his absence.

Helen Easterwood has been initiated into Classical Club. Dorothea Kerr is vice-president of the freshman class. Elizabeth Yaste is treasurer of the freshman class. Lucile Richard is vice-president of the junior class.

Helen Kulp will do social settlement work in Erie after January.

Mrs. Jeanette Ferguson Flick is visiting in Meadville with her infant daughter. We think Suzanne will make a pretty nice Kappa some day.

Ruth Mumaw, junior member of the Student Senate, attended the Government convention at Syracuse this fall. She was entertained at the Kappa Kappa Gamma house there and brought back very favorable reports of the splendid Kappa sisters.

LUCILE RICHARD.

WORKED HARD FOR BELLEVUE CHILDREN

Beta Upsilon, University of West Virginia

Our first consignment of clothes for little French children was sent off just before we went home for the Christmas holidays. When the November KEY came and we read Dorothy Canfield's plea in behalf of the French children, we decided that we certainly would have to do something about it. The Alumnae Club started to work first. They have sewed two afternoons a week and lots of other times. Every Saturday morning the pledges have sewed or knitted at the home of one of the girls. The active chapter has set aside Tuesday night after fraternity meeting as the time for its war-work. After the clothes are all made and sent, we will use this time for Red Cross work.

The fifteenth of December the *Passing Show* was given by Y. W. C. A. in place of the yearly Christmas sale. Virginia Brown was in complete charge of the affair. She revealed considerable talent as a producer, for the show was an immense success in every way. Twelve of us were in the show, in all capacities, from soldier boys and Red Cross nurses to gay chorus girls, native Hawaiians, and members of the *Dark Town Follies*. The local chapter of Red Cross has asked that the *Show* be given again for the benefit of Red Cross and we are all anxious to do it.

The Student Friendship War Fund campaign was a success on our campus. West Virginia University subscribed \$5,000, over a fourth of the state's schools' contribution. One of our girls was in charge of the Y. W. part of the campaign, and Virginia Brown was captain of one of the three girls' teams. Several others of us worked on teams. Dave Bayless, Y. M. C. A. secretary from Camp Lee, came and explained the "cause" to us at a big mass meeting. We all put it down in our little books as a big event when we heard him speak, for he is splendid.

No weak words can tell how much we enjoy our house. Many of the girls have come back to visit us and it is worlds more fun to have guests, now that we have the house to entertain them in. Thanksgiving time the girls who did not go home had a house party for half a dozen alumnae.

I cannot refrain from mentioning our truly remarkable football team. This year we met most of the strong eastern teams and came off with flying colors. In the final analysis two of our men, Russell Bailey and Ehret Rogers, drew coveted places on the mythical and infinitely desirable All-American team.

Our pledges gave a party for us the Monday before Christmas at the home of Marguerite Baker. It was a Christmas party and we all had the gayest time of our young lives. Our young lives are not nearly so full of gaiety as they used to be, so we enjoyed this frolic to the nth degree. We had the pledges down to the house for a goodbye party the night before we left for the holidays. They gave us a victrola for the house for a Christmas gift.

GWENDOLEN COLLIER.

BOUGHT A LIBERTY BOND*Lambda, Municipal University of Akron*

With many new resolutions and prospects, we again turn over to a New Year.

We were successful this year in selling Christmas cards for the purpose of buying a Liberty Bond for Lambda Chapter.

On December 21, we held our Christmas spread at the home of Miss Frances Wigham, where a lovely Christmas tree and presents were enjoyed by all.

The marriage of Miss Rachael Fleming to Mr. Merz will be solemnized at the bride's home on New Year's Day.

Frances Wigham has announced her engagement to Mr. John Nicoles.

Many showers and informal teas have been given by the girls during the Christmas holidays.

Kappa greetings and best wishes for the new year to all.

IVA FRICK.

BUSY EARNING \$500 PLEDGED TO Y. M. C. A.*Beta Nu, Ohio State University*

Another holiday season is here and in the rush of it a letter should be gotten off to you all. First we are thankful, then thanking, and then turning a new leaf. The excitement subsides; we turn to our commonplace tasks and approach the inevitable finals looming up over the horizon of the new year.

Christmas brought us a splendid present this year, for we all are happy and proud to proclaim Marion Burr as one of our pledges.

Since November, our concerted efforts have been bent in meeting our \$500 pledge to the Y. M. C. A. Subscription dances, lunches in the chapter-rooms, knitting parties, and concerts have been the chief means of raising the money toward Ohio State's \$21,000.

Many boxes have been sent to Bellevue, France, in care of Dorothy Canfield Fischer, and letters have already been received telling of their safe arrival at their destination. There seems to be no end of supplies and all who learn of the undertaking are anxious to join in the splendid relief work. In several instances, people have called up asking to send their boxes in the name of Kappa. We should all be proud to take part in this active war work and eager to extend Kappa spirit across the seas.

May 1918 prove a most prosperous and successful year to each and every one—is the wish of Beta Nu.

HARRIET DAY.

**DELTA PROVINCE
HAS CHAMPION KNITTER***Iota, De Pauw University*

De Pauw coeds have been busy for the past two months fitting out boxes for De Pauw students who are now in France or in the training

camps in our own country. Two hundred boxes and more were sent to France, and as many were sent to the De Pauw soldiers still in America.

Iota girls feel that they have indeed done their "bit" in the matter of knitting. With our chapter of thirty we have knitted more articles than either of the two dormitories. Special mention should be given Florence Beckett, a junior, who has knitted one hundred and fifty helmets, thus fitting out her brother's company of one hundred and fifty men. Beside this rather remarkable feat, Miss Beckett has ten sweaters to her credit.

Iota's annual "minstrel show" in the Old Gold Day vaudeville came up to its customary standard. That was all that we could ask.

On November 23, we entertained the faculty and townswomen at a reception given in honor of our chaperon, Miss Catherine Allison, a member of Iota Chapter in the class of '17.

On Thursday December 20, De Pauw inaugurated her first university Christmas tree. Gifts were presented by Santa Claus to all the students, and the university choir, stationed in the different campus buildings, sang Christmas carols. After this the freshmen gave their annual Christmas party for the upperclassmen at the chapter-house.

To all Kappas Iota Chapter extends hearty greetings and wishes them a full measure of prosperity during this new year.

BERTHE FAIN TUCKER.

"DO YOUR BEST" SAYS KENTUCKY

Beta Chi, University of Kentucky

Beta Chi has adopted as her slogan, not "Do your Bit" but "Do your Best," and throughout the fall and winter she has not fallen short of it.

At the end of one month eleven freshmen appeared in the two blues, and since then have worked heartily with us to make this a banner year for Beta Chi.

For several years it has been the custom of Women's Panhellenic to have a lovely though somewhat expensive banquet, but this year it was voted not to have the usual banquet, and give \$100 to the War Fund. In its place a dance was given in the new Recreation Hall at Patterson Hall for all Greek women of the university. All the girls wore white and the "gentlemen" were designated by bands of red, white, and blue ribbon on the arm. After the dances all agreed that men were not at all essential to a good dance—occasionally.

Then there came a campaign for the women of the university to give \$1,000 to the Student Friendship War Fund. Beta Chi responded nobly, and pledged \$150, and Beta Chi is only a little girl not quite eight years old.

In the midst of all our patriotic work we did not forget that there were many little children near us that Santa might overlook if not assisted in some way, so with the advice of the Associated Charities each Kappa active and pledge adopted a child and had the pleasure of making Christmas just a little merrier.

If you should pass our fraternity rooms this spring you could distinctly hear the click, click of many knitting needles, and let me say that all the yarn is gray and khaki, and above it the voices of many Kappas planning what they can do to be of real service at this crisis and to prove themselves worthy of the privileges which are theirs as Kappas.

MILDRED COLLINS.

EPSILON PROVINCE

MET MRS. KUHN'S, FIRST GRAND PRESIDENT

Beta Delta, University of Michigan

Christmas is over, but we had our fun. On the afternoon of our annual Christmas party, the freshmen gave their stunt, which was the clever presentation of a mock "gym" class. At the dinner party following the center of attraction was a little girl for whom we had bought an entire outfit of clothes. The presents which we gave each other for jokes were sent to the poor children in town afterwards, so we felt that our money had not been wasted.

Many hours a week of Red Cross work are being done by the girls beside the knitting which is ever with us. We came out very well in the Liberty Loan and "Y" campaigns this fall.

We felt greatly honored by the visit of Mrs. Kuhns, our first Grand President. She told us many interesting things of her travels abroad. Our Province President, Helen Humphreys, was with us for the Beta Delta Association meeting.

We have this year four class officers, one sophomore, one junior, and two seniors. Louise Irish has graduated from a reporter on *The Michigan Daily* to a member of the staff. Louise Williamson is a newly elected member of Mortar Board.

One of the active town Kappas gave a charming tea for the entire chapter at her home in the fall. Since then we have had three thrilling announcement parties; Lois May to Mr. Whitney, Rita Lee to Dr. Howard Clark, and Frieda McLellan to Mr. A. L. Kirkpatrick.

Beta Delta sends New Year's greetings.

GROSS GAINES.

GAVE UP CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Kappa, Hillsdale College

It's vacation time again, and it is with great excitement that we are rushing to our last classes, making our last calls, and doing our last bits of packing. We have been having perfect Christmas weather. Life is one joyous hubbub now.

There is talk of having Martin Field flooded next term for a skating pond and we are all sincerely hoping that it may be done as it is so very much more convenient than Baw Beese, our lake, where we have had so many jolly parties.

Our men still continue to leave, and the upperclassmen, especially, are getting to be pretty scarce. There is a larger percentage of men going out from here than from any other college of its size, and to say that we are proud of the fact is stating it mildly. Very often our lieutenants and other officers come back and talk to us from the chapel platform.

The interclass basketball games have been a great success. After Christmas we girls are hoping for equally exciting games. The schedule is already made out.

There has been great interest shown in the big Y. M. C. A. drive for funds, and we have endeavored to do our best to pay our apportionment. We are also continuing the Red Cross, and the knitting and surgical dressing classes are doing good work. Meatless and wheatless days are being observed to help on the cause. The war is becoming more of a reality to everyone now that coal and sugar and so many of the things we thought necessities have been almost unprocurable at times.

Here at the house we have decided to give up all presents among ourselves and put our money into a common fund to get something for the house, and we have a box which we are giving to the Goodfellows here for Christmas giving among the poor people of Hillsdale.

But in the midst of the busy times and added responsibilities and work and the changed conditions that the war has made, we have one especially bright remembrance, and that is a party two of our patronesses gave for us at the home of one of them. It was a beautiful place for it. Everything about it was lovely, and everyone was very enthusiastic about the good time.

We have had a most enjoyable visit from our Province President, Miss Helen Humphrey, since Mrs. Kolbe was here. Miss Humphrey told us many interesting things about the war and, of course, many more about Kappa.

HANNAH LINCOLN.

ZETA PROVINCE A DOZEN NEW PLEDGES

Chi, University of Minnesota

Dear me, what is one to do when there is so much news to tell that one really can't decide just where to begin? After giving the matter due consideration, I have concluded that it is probably best to begin at the beginning. That will take me back as far as the opening of college, since we were not heard from in the December KEY.

We have an even dozen pledges of whom we are justly proud. They are Corrine Ives, Frances Long, Virginia Orton, Clara Cross, Jessaline Salmon, Anna Jones, and Elizabeth Anderson of Minneapolis; Isabel Rising, Louise Locke, Mary Briggs, and Jean Elmquist of St. Paul; and Winnifred Wright of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

There are four girls wearing shining new keys dated November 6, 1917. These newly initiated sisters are Prudence Merriman, Mildred Conger, Sara Cook, and Marjorie Stevens.

We also have with us this year two sisters from other chapters, Josephine Kregar, Sigma, and Adelaide Nash, Beta Zeta.

We have had two marriages this winter: Alma Sidnām to Ridell Stowe, which took place December 26, and Bernice Habighorst to Paul Greig in October. And as for engagements! Well, there seems to have been a severe epidemic of get-engageditis since this country entered the war, and as a result half the chapter has succumbed. In fact, announcements have become such an every-meeting occurrence that they fail to thrill us as formerly.

Those recently announced are Esther Farnham to Emmett Salisbury, Naomi Field to George Dauphine, Marjorie Zeuch to Harry Weaver, and Margaret MacDonald to Hart Anderson.

The war is, after all, the subject uppermost in everybody's mind nowadays, and we Minnesota Kappas are doing our utmost to help the great cause. The Kappas took an active part in the Liberty Loan drive on the campus, and, of course, Chi purchased a Liberty Bond. For the benefit of the Army Y. M. C. A. Fund we opened the house for an all-university sunlit dance. The Chi Psi jazz band furnished the music, and though the admission was only twenty-five cents a couple, the proceeds exceeded fifteen dollars. On December 15 the whole chapter donned Red Cross costumes and sold Christmas seals in the Minneapolis theaters. We are also busily knitting and making surgical dressings.

May the wearers of the golden key throughout the land who are engaged in this sacred work feel a closer bond of sympathy in the realization that they are not only sisters in Kappa Kappa Gamma, but sisters in a still broader, deeper sense as loyal daughters of our beloved country.

MARJORIE STEVENS.

BOUGHT BOND WITH CHRISTMAS CARDS

Eta, University of Wisconsin

Eta Chapter has become deeply infected with the war-time spirit. The house displays a food pledge card and a Red Cross card; the girls have learned the meaning of "meatless" and "wheatless" days; and almost every coat lapel bears a Liberty Loan button. Nor have these new responsibilities been taken too lightly; indeed, one of the seniors was seen to labor for many precious hours on rush orders for pink and white flannel Christmas rabbits!

Seriously, the chapter has been very much interested in various war works, and has been glad to find so many interesting opportunities for service. Since last November we have been able to coöperate with the freshmen in sending support to two French war orphans. This was made possible by foregoing the usual dance which the pledges have always given the chapter. The last number of *THE KEY* brought Mrs. Fischer's appeal in behalf of the Bellevue relief work, and Eta chapter was anxious to give all that it was able to help this fine Kappa work. Another very important war charity which was most actively campaigned for, was the

great Army Y. M. C. A. drive, and Eta chapter was able to contribute a Liberty Bond to this fund. This bond was earned by the girls in a rather interesting way, through the kindness of Miss Wheeler, the Custodian of the Badge, who gave them the privilege of selling the charming Christmas cards which she has designed. Miss Wheeler's visit to Madison was a great pleasure to the girls.

One rather entertaining contribution to this fund was from the box-office of the yearly freshman stunt. This fall the stunt had a very well-known background; it was a farcical dramatization of our song, *Mrs. Bluebeard*. The chapter-room was successively the modern home of a very modern Mrs. Bluebeard, and the oriental harem of the original gentleman of storied fame. Soft lights and incense, floating veils and Turkish trousers, long-haired wives, and startling make-ups were the order of the afternoon. And from a patriotic point of view, the time was certainly not wasted, since the proceeds went toward our Liberty Bond.

Only two weeks before the holiday recess came the fall initiation for upperclassmen, and four girls were taken in. Those initiated were Janet Butler, Madison, Wis.; Agnes Sarles, Madison, Wis.; Mary McHenry, Denison, Iowa; Edith Shea, Ashland, Wis.

CONSTANCE P. NOYES.

NO CLASSROOM KNITTING HERE

Upsilon, Northwestern University

It surely seems that not more than a week can have gone by since I wrote my letter for the December KEY, but still a lot has happened. For one thing we have two new pledges, both of them sophomores and perfect peaches, Mildred Weston and Elizabeth Slagle. Just between you and me I'm getting a bit worried for fear outsiders will be getting the impression that Kappa is a sophomore honorary society. If there aren't any juniors on the board of censors and this little confidence succeeds in reaching press untampered with, a prize will be offered to the Kappa who can guess to what class I belong.

As usual, we knit practically all the time. When we assembled in chapel in September it was to hear that a faculty ruling had been made prohibiting knitting in classes; the news dealt Kappa a staggering blow; the instinct is so thoroughly rooted under every key that it took the poor professors months to crush the spirit of the wearers, and convince us all that they really meant "them cruel words." Well, no one has made us stop at "cosy" yet, so we make up for lost time there. Someone has made the suggestion that each girl bring enough scraps of yarn to "cosy" some day to make a ten inch square, and then we can sew them together into a quilt and present it to the Belgian Department of our Red Cross shop; I hope we will do this as soon as college begins in January, to show the world that a Kappa cosy isn't as silly as the word sounds. Our box for our nieces and nephews at Bellevue has not been sent yet, as contributions keep coming in, but I think it is just about ready.

Now I may as well confess that we gave a dance in December. With all the patriotic news coming in from every chapter I'm afraid that some of you will think that Upsilon is extravagant and frivolous. The reason that we didn't feel that way about it is that the surgeon's knife has already done such thorough amputating of frills from campus life that all the fraternities agreed that our dances should be spared, except as regards unnecessary cost; music and hall were our only expenses. Well, it was a nice party, anyhow. There is something about a Kappa dance that gives the most wonderful atmosphere to a place; don't you think so?

Best wishes for a happy New Year to every Kappa.

HELEN WALRATH.

MADE MONEY SELLING CHRISTMAS CARDS

Epsilon, Illinois Wesleyan

Epsilon made twenty dollars for the French children by selling the Christmas cards designed by Cleora Wheeler.

Every Saturday afternoon we have an indoor picnic at the home of one of the girls. December 15 we had our Christmas party at the home of Rosalie Shepherd. Each of us received a toy which we afterward gave to the Associated Charities. We spent the afternoon making bandages for the Red Cross.

Illinois Wesleyan, with an enrollment of 250, subscribed \$1,200 to the Y. M. C. A. War Fund.

Miss Charity Kennedy, one of our pledges, was compelled to leave college on account of the sickness of her father and mother. A special initiation was held for her November 27, at the home of Lucia and Mary Neiberger.

Illinois Wesleyan celebrated her first Home-coming on November 10. In the evening the fraternities gave a stunt show. Epsilon gave a shadowgraph play, *The Medieval Romance of Mary Jane*.

November 16 the pledges entertained the actives with a dinner party at the "Sugar Bowl Inn" in Normal. Afterward they took us to the theater.

On November 24 Wilha Van Patten Finley and Margaret Hayward, both of Cookesville, entertained us with a party, celebrating our forty-fourth birthday. The freshmen furnished the amusement with a very clever stunt.

Mary Crumbaker was elected treasurer of the Y. W. C. A. to succeed Charity Kennedy.

Marguerite Niehaus was appointed literary editor of the *Wesleyana*, our yearbook, and Rachel Green assistant athletic editor.

Marguerite Niehaus spent the week-end of November 24 at Champain, Illinois.

Several Kappas assisted the local Red Cross during the recent membership campaign.

Epsilon sends New Year greetings to all.

RACHEL GREEN.

ETA PROVINCE WORK HARD AT RED CROSS ROOMS

Beta Zeta, University of Iowa

We are continuing our Red Cross work with increased energy, as the reality of the war is brought home to us by the constant changes it brings about in our University life. We all try to devote as much time as possible to helping at the Red Cross rooms, exclusive of the one evening a week which is set aside for this purpose.

We decided to give up our usual Christmas present to the house this year, and have adopted a French war orphan instead. Our French students are going to write to her, and we are planning boxes to send.

Two of our girls intend to take up nursing at the University hospital next semester.

We have another new freshman, Clare Foley, whom we pledged last November.

HELEN ORTON.

WON SCHOLARSHIP URN "FOR KEEPS"

Gamma Alpha, Kansas Agricultural College

Has the "Santa Claus" spirit reached you? Well, it has touched us, and our enthusiasm is running high. This year we have given our usual Christmas dinner and tree to thirty poor children of the town. The pleasure that they had more than repaid us for our trouble.

We won the scholarship coffee urn for the third year in succession, and now it is ours to keep. We are one of the seven, chosen from all the literary and social organizations of the college, to try out for the silver cup that is to be given for the most beautiful and original stunt on Aggie Pop (ularity) Night; we are expecting to win it this year as we did last.

There was \$250 subscribed from our girls for the last war relief fund. Owing to our closeness to Camp Funston at Fort Riley, we have been more than interested in helping to give them a Christmas; consequently, each girl packed a box for them. In response to the call of Dorothy Canfield Fischer in the last KEY in behalf of the Bellevue orphans, we decided to give up some pleasure of ours and sent them a check.

Helen Lawson, one of our pledges, very successfully took part in the play, *The Man on the Box*, given by the Purple Masque Dramatic Fraternity.

We are considering buying a house as the president of our college is leaving and has offered his beautiful home to us.

We extend the best wishes for a prosperous New Year to all of you.

ALYCE BACON.

FAVORITE CHAPERONS BACK

Sigma, Nebraska State University

Sigma is rejoicing in the return of Mrs. Miller, our chaperon, who, with the exception of last year, has been with us since 1908.

We have nine splendid freshmen, several of whom promise to be especially talented musically.

Conditions are so changed at college this fall, and we all realize that the support of each individual is necessary to meet the many worthy demands brought on by the war.

Sigma Chapter bought \$250 worth of Liberty Bonds.

DOROTHY PETERS.

This letter was written on all sides of note paper. The Editor never copies letters consequently only two pages could be used.—EDITOR.

CLOSE TO TOP IN SCHOLARSHIP

Omega, Kansas State University

Omega Chapter sends her heartiest greetings to all Kappas for the new year.

Our annual Christmas dinner and freshman farce this year were a big success. The freshmen showed themselves shrewd detectives in discovering our weak spots and for once at least we saw ourselves as others see us when they imitated the upperclassmen in a scene at the dinner table. However, our feelings were easily restored to above par when the offenders presented us with a lovely big chair for our rose room. Beside the usual clever gifts presented at the Christmas dinner, Mrs. McGinnis played a bountiful Santa Claus by sending us some lovely chimes so that when dinner was announced visitors would not think that there was a fire close at hand. (Our other chimes had developed an alarming peal.)

Our alumnae also presented us with individual candle-holders for pledging and initiation. Nothing could have pleased us more.

The fraternity decided this year that we should cut down all unnecessary expenditures when the boys' fraternities called and by economizing in this way, we were able to pledge \$100 to the Y. M. C. A. Friendship Fund as a chapter outside of the individual pledges made by the girls. We are also supporting an orphan somewhere in France, and almost every girl in the house is knitting every spare minute, between courses at dinner, etc., for the soldiers.

One of our secret New Year's resolutions is to be first in scholarship next year. We almost reached it this time with an average of 90.11 per cent which gave us second place while the highest percentage was just 90.23.

Omega Chapter accepted the invitation of local Panhellenic to reënter and we now have two regular delegates, Nell De Hart and Jane Waters.

We are very proud of our two new pledges, Irma Lutz of Kansas City and Edna Burch of Carthage, Missouri, who were pledged November 19.

Kappas here are getting interested in dramatics and beside have four or five girls in the Dramatic Club. Helen Clark and Florence Butler are taking leading parts in the Dramatic Club play to be given soon,

We had one big sorrow this year in the death of Margaret Yates who affiliated in September. Her death was very sudden and was the result

of mistaking a disinfectant for an aspirin tablet. Omega Chapter was in mourning for two weeks, during which time none of the girls attended any of the dances on the hill.

Evelyn Strong, daughter of Chancellor Strong, was married December 22 to Peter Walter Claasen, an instructor at Cornell who received his A.B. degree from Kansas University in 1913. "Pete" is a fine fellow, being a Phi Beta Kappa and a Sigma Xi too, and we all like him, but we do hate to have him take Evelyn so far away from Lawrence. She was one of the most active Kappas on the hill last year, being president of the Y. W. C. A. and a member of Torch, an honorary senior society.

Omega Chapter enjoyed a visit from Mrs. Estelle Kyle Kemp last month. Everyone fell in love with her and we hope it will not be long before she will be able to be with us again.

MARY H. SAMSON.

THETA PROVINCE

BEST ORGANIZED WAR WORK

Beta Mu, University of Colorado

It gives us all a feeling of being bound closer together when we think that the war work that is occupying the minds and time of the girls in this chapter is probably much the same as that which is filling all the spare minutes in the lives of the girls in the other chapters. More than ever our ambitions are directed toward a mutual goal.

The greatest work that we are doing is in connection with the Patriotic League into which the entire university is united. This includes practically every phase of the war work. On Tuesdays and Thursdays we can go over to the Red Cross rooms of the university and make gauze bandages. We can also get wool there, and practically every one of us has knitted at least a sweater. Of course, there was the Liberty Loan Campaign, as there was in all your universities, and we bought two bonds for the chapter. There have been so many petitions for money that we gave up our second dance for the semester in order that we might all give more liberally to the Student Friendship Fund. Every girl in the chapter gave five, ten, or more dollars, and we are now trying to raise some money to give as a chapter. To do this, we accepted Cleora Wheeler's offer and are selling Christmas cards.

I suppose all of you have adopted an orphan. We have a box on the mantel where it will be a reminder to us, and we drop our spare change into it whenever we can. It is filling rather slowly, but we intend to keep at it until we have enough.

This week the Patriotic League is canvassing for Red Cross membership, and every girl in the chapter is expected to join again. Beside all this material work for the war we have something else to contribute. Irene McKeehan, our alumna member whom we initiated last spring and of whom we are so proud, has written a Kappa war song. We like it ever so much, and have sent it to THE KEY in the hopes that you will all learn it and like it as much as we do.

At first we talked of giving up our Christmas party but then we decided we had better save on something else rather than deprive the freshmen of their first Christmas party with us. We want to keep up the traditions as they have been in former years, and economize in other directions. We limited the price for the presents to ten cents, and bought cute little toys which we afterward sent to the municipal Christmas tree. The sophomores had charge of the party this year, and each class gave a clever little stunt. All the freshmen wrote poems which they read before receiving their presents. Our house is more beautiful now by the addition of a table-cloth from the seniors and juniors, a bronze lamp from the sophomores, some silk pillows from the freshmen, and a silver cream spoon, one dozen teaspoons, one dozen napkins, an embroidered pillow, a pair of mahogany candle-sticks, and a handsome picture of our dean of women, Dean Bigelow, from alumnae and friends.

With 1918 already upon us, Beta Mu wishes you all the happiest of New Years.

MARJORY HALE.

HAD BOOTHS IN RED CROSS DRIVE

Beta Theta, University of Oklahoma

People may think because Oklahoma is so far away from the actual fighting that we are not patriotic or loyal to our country. That is a mistaken idea for we are doing as much as we can to help. The boys are withdrawing every day to enlist. Just the other day the editor of our *Oklahoma Daily*, who is also a Kappa brother, joined the aviation. The State Board of Education passed a rule requiring every first and second-year man to take a course in military training, so nearly every afternoon we see the boys out marching on the campus. In the Christmas Red Cross drive every woman's fraternity here had a booth in the various buildings of the university and the stores down town and kept a girl there all day to get Red Cross memberships and to sell the seals. We have had splendid lecturers every week or two at assembly who talk the war and impress its greatness upon us. And our knitting we have with us always.

On December 8 we initiated one of our pledges, Florence Fletcher.

Two of our girls were married in December, Gladys Rudd, ex-'19, of Tulsa to M. B. Audrea; and Gladys Mabry, ex-'19, of Beaumont, Texas, to O. A. Brewer.

Our annual Christmas party and hunt was a successful and happy one. We each drew a name from a hat passed around and bought a ten cent present for the girl whose name we drew. The gifts were hidden all over the house and the directions to find them very complicated. Many of them were jokes and "knocks." They were meant kindly so no one's feelings were hurt. Our costumes were fantastic to say the least. After the hunt we had a spread of the Hoover variety.

GRACE DEATHERAGE.

IOTA PROVINCE PANHELLENIC CHRISTMAS TREE

Beta Phi, University of Montana

The University of Montana did not open until October 1. Only seven house girls returned. For three days before registration day, Beta Phi Chapter entertained girls from all parts of the state at a house party. We had lots of fun and found it a splendid way, not only for getting acquainted with the new girls but for promoting a spirit of friendliness and good-fellowship among the freshmen.

On the twenty-first of October we pledged Olive Dobson, Constance Keith, and Grace Barnett of Missoula; Jodie Wren, Ruth Jarl, and Margaret Johnson of Great Falls; Helen Little, Isabel and Mary Crangle of Butte; Mary Brown of Phillipsburg; Luella Ling of Billings, and Ellen Walton of Dickinson, N. D.

We are now in our new chapter-house on University Avenue. It is much nearer the university, larger, and in every way more comfortable than the old one.

Several years ago Beta Phi had its first Christmas tree for the poor children of Missoula. This year in order to take care of more children, the tree was made a Panhellenic affair. About a hundred and fifty children were entertained. They were given toys and served with a substantial lunch. The party was held in the university gymnasium, where the children played games and sang songs.

Our girls are taking an active part in Red Cross work. The Kappa alumnae spend their weekly meetings at the Red Cross rooms making bandages while at the meetings of the active chapter, there is scarcely a girl who is not busily knitting with grey or khaki wool. On Thanksgiving night, we gave a large dance for the benefit of the Red Cross, and made nearly \$500. The alumnae managed the affair.

We were very glad to have Mrs. Leaphart, our Grand Registrar, with us for a few days in November.

FLORENCE DIXON.

HAD FIRST WOMAN EDITOR OF COLLEGE DAILY

Beta Pi, University of Washington

Like all the rest of this fine country of ours, we in Seattle are trying to do our bit. We have succeeded in raising \$13,629 for the Students' Friendship Fund, and for the 800 of Washington's sons who are in service, many of whom are in the Naval Training Station located on the University campus.

We were doubly fortunate this year in pledging five sisters. The list of pledges is as follows: Elizabeth Baird, Verna Barker, Dorothy Black, Louise Bowman, Elizabeth Davidson, Alice Holeman, Rose Howe, Mildred Jackson, Margaret Kellogg, Katherine Maxwell, Margery Sands, Barbara Steiner, Emily Sturtevant, Dorothy Thomas, Thelma Thompson, Ruth Trenholme, Ruth Warner, Erma Verde.

Two of this list, Dorothy Black and Margery Sands, have been placed on the University of Washington *Daily* staff. Margaret Crahan, a senior, was acting editor of the *Daily* for the first three weeks of school last semester. This is the first time in the history of the *Daily* that a girl has acted in that capacity.

Anne Holmes has recently been appointed to membership on the Junior War Council, composed of one hundred young women from various parts of the United States, who work with the War Council. Anne is also president of Tolo Club, the junior and senior women's honor society. Catherine Burnside is secretary of Tolo and secretary of the Associated Students of the University of Washington.

Louise Gates is chairman of the Student Advisers' Committee. It is the work of that committee to see that every freshman girl in college has a "big sister," someone to advise her, someone to help her through the many difficulties that lie in the path of every new student. This committee has proved very successful.

Agnes Bell, our little orphan from the "home," has been in to see us again. She is nine years old now and is one of the old girls, she says.

Ruth Odell was initiated into the University of Washington Dramatic Association and Florence Rogers was elected vice-president of the sophomore class.

It was our privilege to entertain Mrs. Mary Rodes Leaphart, who paid us a short visit in October, and told us so many of the things that only Mrs. Leaphart could tell.

In closing Beta Pi wishes to extend to Kappa Kappa Gamma its heartiest greetings and best wishes for a happy and prosperous year.

FLORENCE A. ROGERS.

TWENTY-NINE CROSSES ON RED CROSS FLAG

Beta Omega, University of Oregon

It is vacation time at Oregon and between semesters. It is a pleasure to enjoy the holidays and not have lessons to prepare for the day following.

Of course you are wondering what we are doing. Well, first we have a French war baby. We don't know who it is yet, but are hoping we will find out soon after college opens in January.

We have tried to do our bit to help Dorothy Canfield Fischer in her work in France. Each girl in the chapter was given a member of the faculty or some townspeople to call upon and ask for clothes, toys, and such things as might be of use to her. Our results were excellent and we sent eight packages to her. If they will only arrive safely and not be submarined!

At Oregon everyone is working for the Y. M. C. A. Fund. Beta Omega subscribed \$100. The university exceeded its quota of \$2,000 by over \$1,000.

"Everybody join the Red Cross" is our motto, and now we have twenty-nine crosses, one for each active Beta Omega.

Despite the fact of all the war activities, we had a Halloween party. It was simple and very inexpensive. A little dancing party just renews life, it seems, for we all felt much better after it.

Two of our freshmen, Gayle Roberts and Fern Murphy, our new pledge, have been pledged Mu Phi Epsilon.

So much for what we have been doing and now for the university work.

The college Y. W. C. A. has been a headquarters for supplying yarn for Red Cross knitting, which has been very successful. The demand always exceeds the supply, so it was proposed that regular Red Cross work be done there during the week and this will begin the first of the year. It took so much time to go and come to the Eugene headquarters that one couldn't do much in the few remaining minutes; while now the girls can go to the Y. W. C. A. bungalow between classes and do many times as much.

The Dramatic Department of the university is giving all of its net proceeds to the Red Cross, which helps considerably for it is money it needs more than anything.

Two ordnance classes have been graduated this fall from Oregon, and preparations are being made for the third. This takes a great many of the students, and brings in older men who are entirely apart from the college. Their work requires concentrated effort, and this is characteristic of everyone's attitude. Three-fifths of the male students had enlisted early in the fall and now many more have gone. Most of those remaining are too young for service. We all wish we could go, but our work is here at home.

HELEN ANDERSON.

KAPPA PROVINCE

THREE EXAMINATIONS PER DAY

Beta Eta, Stanford University

The season of Christmas gifts, final "exes," and other unnecessary evils is upon us. Your sisters at Beta Eta are struggling in the great wave of efficiency in which Stanford is bobbing in this first unit of our new four-quarter system. "Oh, for the good old days when one examination a day was deemed sufficient," sigh we, as we frantically prepare for two and three on the same day.

As for Christmas gifts, we are eliminating them and are pouring all that we can spare into the coffers of the Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A., and fund for French Reconstruction.

The biggest Kappa event in our busy young lives since the last KEY was our initiation. The seven freshmen whom I so ecstatically introduced in the last letter are now wearing the golden key. Our initiation we felt to be immensely successful this fall. Many of our alumnae came back to the "little brown house" and now since they are organizing a San Francisco and Bay Alumnae Association we hope to see them often.

Lately we have enjoyed so much meeting several Kappas who have husbands stationed at Camp Fremont and who are living near the university.

Beta Eta has had its first war wedding. On December 4 Laura Anderson surprised and delighted us by marrying a very nice first lieutenant who expects to be sent to France some time soon.

That freshman class of ours is displaying remarkable athletic prowess in addition to their other superior qualities to which I can only modestly draw attention. Virginia Younger and Bess McArthur are swimming wonderfully well and placed in all the meets which have been held this year. Elsie Leicester, another '21-er, is a tennis shark and has already made the tennis team. Star Holberton, still another verdant frosh, has been elected to both French and Spanish Clubs.

Angie Cross, a senior, has made Stanford Music Club, a very talented organization where Angie's lovely voice is greatly appreciated. Tennie Wetherby and Doris Gibbs are recently elected members of German Club.

As a member of both council and conference, the governing bodies of the women students at Stanford, Dorothy Hanna stands ready with the long arm of the law to snatch any unruly sister, but confidentially asserts that we are a model, law-abiding household.

Betty Barrol and Grace Eubank are members of W. A. A. (Women's Athletic Association) which guides the activities of the sportively inclined women of the university.

By another week we shall all be enjoying the ten-day vacation which is granted us for Christmas. On the second of January we shall return to the "Farm," more of the familiar faces will be gone then, but we are going to face the battle of keeping up the spirit at home and helping in every way possible the men at the front with true Kappa inspiration.

DOROTHY DRISCOLL.

DIRECTORY OF MEETINGS

CHAPTERS

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

PHI

meets Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock at the chapter rooms, 491 Huntington Ave., Suite 5, Boston, Mass.

BETA SIGMA

meets every Wednesday afternoon at the College House, 68 St. James Place, Brooklyn, N. Y. Supper meetings first and third Wednesdays. We are glad to welcome any Kappas who are in Brooklyn or New York.

BETA ALPHA

meets every Monday, 7 P. M. at the chapter rooms, 3433 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

BETA IOTA

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

PSI

meets in Room 29, Sage College, Ithaca, N. Y., every Saturday evening at 7:30.

BETA TAU

meets every Friday evening at seven-thirty o'clock in the chapter house at 907 Walnut Avenue, Syracuse, New York.

BETA PSI

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

GAMMA RHO

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

BETA UPSILON

meets every Tuesday evening, at 6:45, chapter room in the White Building, High Street, Morgantown, West Virginia.

LAMBDA

meets every Wednesday afternoon at four, on the third floor of Curtice Cottage, campus of Akron University.

BETA NU

meets at the homes of the different members in Columbus, Ohio every other Saturday evening at five-thirty. Marguerite Heiner, 47 S. Champion Avenue, will give definite information concerning meetings. Telephone—Citizen 2631.

BETA RHO

meets every other Saturday afternoon, at the homes of the girls.

IOTA

meets every Saturday evening at the chapter house on Washington and Locust Streets.

MU

will hold meetings at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoons at the homes of the Irvington girls. By calling Irv. 352—(old Phone), the place may be learned.

DELTA

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

BETA CHI

meets on Thursday afternoon at four o'clock at the fraternity house on Maxwell Street, Lexington, Kentucky.

BETA DELTA

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

XI

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

KAPPA

meets every Monday at 7:30 P. M. at the chapter house, 200 Hillsdale Street, Hillsdale, Mich. Communicate with Miss Ilda Bosworth at chapter house, telephone 624J.

CHI

meets every Monday at 5:15 P. M. at 329 10th Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

ETA

meets every Monday evening at seven P. M., at the chapter house, 425 Park Street, Madison, Wisconsin.

UPSILON

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

EPSILON

meets on Monday afternoons at four-thirty in the Kappa Hall in the main building of the university.

BETA LAMBDA

meets every Monday evening in the chapter house, 502 Chalmers Avenue, Champaign, Illinois.

BETA ZETA

meets at 226 S. Johnson Street every Monday at 7 P. M.

THETA

meets Monday evening at seven at the chapter house, 600 Rollins Street, Columbia Mission.

OMEGA

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

GAMMA ALPHA

meets every Wednesday at 7 P. M. at the chapter house, 1408 Laramie, Manhattan, Kan.

SIGMA

meets on Monday evening at seven-thirty o'clock at the fraternity house, 1310 R St., Lincoln, Nebraska.

BETA MU

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

BETA THETA

meets every Monday evening at seven-thirty at the Kappa House, 535 University Boulevard, Norman, Oklahoma.

BETA XI

meets Wednesday evenings at seven-fifteen in the chapter house, 2800 Rio Grande.

BETA OMICRON

meets every Friday afternoon at four o'clock.

BETA PHI

meets every Monday evening at eight o'clock at the chapter house, 330 Connell Ave., Missoula, Montana.

BETA PI

meets every Monday from four to six, at the chapter house, 4504 18th Avenue, North East, Seattle, Washington.

BETA OMEGA

meets every Monday evening at seven o'clock in the chapter house.

BETA KAPPA

meets every Tuesday evening at seven at the chapter house, 805 Elm Street, Moscow, Idaho.

PI

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

BETA ETA

meets every Monday evening at seven-ten in the chapter room.

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATIONS

BOSTON ASSOCIATION

Places of meeting, address Mrs. Virginia T. Taylor, Oakdale Ave., Dedham, Massachusetts.

NEW YORK ASSOCIATION

meets the third Saturday in October, November, January, February, March, and April. For places of meeting, address Mrs. Lawrence Sloan, 552 Riverside Drive.

PHILADELPHIA ASSOCIATION

meets once a month except in July and August, alternating Saturday afternoons and Tuesday evenings. For exact dates and places of meeting, address Miss Anita P. Schollenberger, 5822 Springfield Ave., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

BETA IOTA ASSOCIATION

meets in January, March, May, and October, on the second Saturday in the month.

SYRACUSE ASSOCIATION

meets once a month, address Miss Florence R. Knapp, 410 Westcott St., Syracuse, N. Y.

WESTERN NEW YORK ASSOCIATION

dates and places of meeting, address Mrs. Oakley Norton, 223 Dartmouth St., Rochester, N. Y.

COLUMBUS ASSOCIATION

meets once a month at the homes of members. For dates and places of meeting, address Ida Bringardner, 1138 Bryden Road, Columbus, Ohio.

CINCINNATI ASSOCIATION

For dates and places of meeting, address Mrs. George Wilson, Jr., 3340 Spokane Ave., Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, Ohio.

CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION

meets the second Saturday of the month at the homes of the members. For places and dates of meeting, address Miss Mabel C. Johnston, 1670 E. 86th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

PITTSBURGH ASSOCIATION

For dates and places of meeting address Mrs. J. S. De Muth, 1245 Denniston Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

FRANKLIN NU ASSOCIATION

For dates and places of meeting address Mrs. J. W. Erther, 846 West 30th St., Indianapolis, Ind.

INDIANAPOLIS ASSOCIATION

meets the third Friday of each month. For places of meeting, address Mrs. Virginia R. Harris (Mrs. C. A.), 270 Downey Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, ASSOCIATION

meets the first Monday of each month at the houses of the members. For places of meeting, address Mrs. Ethel Smith Hobbs, Bloomington, Ind.

SOUTH BEND ASSOCIATION

meets the first Monday in October, December, March, and May. For places of meeting, address Mrs. Eli F. Seebirt, 634 West Lafayette St., South Bend, Indiana.

FALLS CITIES ASSOCIATION

meets the second Saturday in January, March, May, September, and November. For places, address Mrs. Horace S. Weldahl, 1378 South Brook St., Louisville, Ky.

MUNCIE ASSOCIATION

meets once a month at homes of members. For places and dates, address Mrs. J. J. Hirsch, McCullough Blvd., Muncie, Ind.

DETROIT ASSOCIATION

meets once a month. For places and dates of meetings, address Miss Louise Wicks, 413 Cadillac St., Detroit, Mich.

CHICAGO ASSOCIATION

meets the second Saturday in each month from September through April, at the Chicago College Club, Stevens Building, 16 N. Wabash Avenue, Chicago. Address Miss Anne Durham, 4616 Malden Street, Chicago, Ill.

NORTH SHORE ASSOCIATION

meets the second Wednesday in every month for luncheon at the homes of the members. For places of meeting, address Mrs. William G. Gilbert, 2022 Lincoln St., Evanston, Illinois.

BETA LAMBDA ASSOCIATION

For places and dates, address Miss Olive Hormel, Champaign, Ill.

MILWAUKEE ASSOCIATION

meets the third Friday of each month from September to June at the homes of the members. For places, address Mrs. Clifton Williams, 764 Sherman Blvd., Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, ASSOCIATION

address Miss Lucille Hostetler, 609 Monroe Street, Bloomington, Ill.

MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION

meets the third Friday of each month. For places of meeting, address Mrs. R. S. N. Bloch, 3545 Stevens Ave., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

ST. LOUIS ASSOCIATION

from October through June on third Saturday. For places, address Gladys Udell, 5323 Vernon Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

KANSAS CITY ASSOCIATION

meets the first Saturday of each month. For places of meeting, address Mrs. Frank E. Smith, 612 Houston St., Kansas City, Mo.

DENVER ASSOCIATION

meets the last Saturday in each month from September to June. For places of meeting, address Miss Katherine Morley, 1440 Josephine Street, Denver, Colorado.

CEDAR RAPIDS ASSOCIATION

address Miss Corinne Jackson, 2035 Blake Blvd., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

AUSTIN ASSOCIATION

For dates and places of meeting, address Dorothy West, 608 San Antonio St., Austin, Texas.

HOUSTON ASSOCIATION

For dates and places of meetings, address Mrs. Fred Parker, St. James Apt., Houston, Texas.

DALLAS ASSOCIATION

meets monthly from September to June. For places, address Miss Maidie Dealey, 2519 Maple Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

PALESTINE ASSOCIATION

For places and dates of meeting, address Mrs. Drew Kolstad, Palestine, Tex.

OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION

For dates and places of meeting, address Miss Vesper G. Botts, Stroud, Okla.

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION

meets the first Saturday of every month at the homes of the members. For places and dates of meeting, address Miss Katharine B. Wagner, 538 Burke Building, Seattle, Wash.

PORTLAND ASSOCIATION

dates, address Mrs. Hugh Henry, 628 Halsey St., Portland, Oregon.

PI ASSOCIATION

meets the first week of every second month, beginning with January, also on the third Monday of every month from four to six when tea is served in the alumnae room at the Kappa house, 2725 Channing Way. For places of meeting, address Miss Charlotte Peters Brush, 1929 Eldorado Avenue, Berkeley, California.

LOS ANGELES ASSOCIATION

meets monthly at the homes of the members. For dates and places, address Mrs. Louise Avery Crose, Rampart Apts., Corner 6th and Rampart, Los Angeles, Cal.

CLUBS**LAMBDA CLUB**

meets for luncheon the first Saturday of each month at one o'clock at the Portage Hotel. Address Miss Ruth Harter, 544 Market Street, Akron, Ohio.

BETA GAMMA CLUB

Address Miss Florence McClure, Larwell Street, Wooster, Ohio.

IOTA

For place and dates of meeting, address Mrs. Helen O'Neal Sigmund, Crawfordsville, Indiana.

MU ALUMNAE CLUB

Address Miss Elsie R. Felt, Care of Appellate Court, Indianapolis, Ind.

ADRIAN CLUB

meets once a month at the homes of the members. For places and dates, address Mrs. Florence Worden, 141½ W. Maumee Street, Adrian, Michigan.

MINNESOTA CLUB

meets the third Friday of each month. For places of meeting, address Miss Mary Knight, 3220 Chicago Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

MADISON CLUB

Address Mrs. Trumbower, 1111 W. Johnson St., Madison, Wis.

LINCOLN CLUB

meets for luncheon at the Lincoln Hotel at twelve-thirty the second Saturday of each month.

BETA SIGMA CLUB

meets the third Wednesday of every month. For information address Miss Fanito Pando, 557 Ninth St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

IOWA CITY CLUB

Address Sadie N. Ford, 228 Brown St., Iowa City, Iowa.

TRI CITY CLUB

Address Miss Ethel McKnown, 2425 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa.

OMAHA CLUB

meets the first Saturday of every month at the homes of the members. Address Miss Mary Alice Duval, 4902 Underwood Avenue, Dundee, Omaha, Nebraska.

NEWCOMB CLUB

For places and dates of meetings address Mrs. W. J. Hardin, 1433 Pleasant St., New Orleans, La.

TOPEKA CLUB

Address Mrs. Frank D. Nuss, 1621 Clay St., Topeka, Kan.

THE ALUMNAE

SARAH B. HARRIS, *Alumnae Editor*

"OTHER AUNTIES" OF BELLEVUE

Surely do big things from small beginnings spring. When about a year ago I wrote to Dorothy Canfield Fischer asking for an "article" for THE KEY, she answered with a warning that anything she wrote would surely turn into an appeal for money. My reply was "carry on," and "the best of luck!" The letter she wrote me you have all read in the October KEY. A copy of that letter was sent to Beta Nu, Mrs. Fischer's chapter, so that they were the first "Kappa Aunts of Bellevue" to respond to the appeal. Beside the clothing and toys Beta Nu and Columbus Alumnae have sent over, they have sent \$100. In the December KEY "other aunts" were told to "come along" and follow Beta Nu's splendid lead. Here's how they came:

Beta Nu and Columbus Alumnae	\$100.00
Kappa Kappa Gamma National Treasury	100.00
Milwaukee Alumnae Association	30.00
Syracuse Alumnae Association	28.00
North Shore Alumnae Association	27.00
Lincoln, Nebraska, Alumnae	25.00
Philadelphia Alumnae Association	25.00
Cincinnati Alumnae Association	13.00
Indianapolis Alumnae Association	12.00
Beta Iota Alumnae Association	11.00
Kansas City Alumnae Association	10.00
Detroit Alumnae Association	5.00
Topeka Alumnae Club	5.00
Cedar Rapids Alumnae Association	5.00
Muncie Alumnae Association	2.00
Individual Alumnae Subscriptions	36.00
Gamma Alpha Chapter	21.00
Beta Lambda Chapter	15.00
Psi Chapter	10.00
Epsilon Chapter	10.00
Beta Upsilon pledges	5.50
TOTAL	\$495.50

Large bundles of clothing and toys have been sent over to Mme. Fischbacher by the following:

Chicago Alumnae Association.
Indianapolis Alumnae Association.
Cedar Rapids Alumnae Association.
North Shore Alumnae Association.
Detroit Alumnae Association.
Muncie Alumnae Association.
Morgantown Alumnae Club.
Beta Beta Chapter.
Iota Chapter.
Upsilon Chapter.

I was just a bit fearful of launching this project, knowing the countless tugs upon heart and purse strings, but I need not have been. Let the contributions continue to come in! Don't you want to have a share in this? Because of Kappa Kappa Gamma at least a tiny corner of France is a better place for children to live in, to be glad in, and to grow up in, *for the future of France*.

CHANCES FOR COLLEGE WOMEN IN WASHINGTON

It has been my good fortune to be situated in the nation's capitol this winter, where I am acting as private secretary to one of the city's active citizens.

I have had plenty of opportunities to note the vast changes that have taken place in Washington within the last three months—all due to the war. Washington is no longer the quiet, peaceful, half southern city it used to be. Now it is the very pulse of the nation, active, alive, awake; for thousands and thousands of men and women have come into it from every state in the Union, all to work for the government in some capacity.

Lately I have been thinking much of women and what they are doing in this war time, and I have thought a great deal of college women, and what they can do if they will.

Most of the young women who come to Washington for government positions are stenographers. They are girls who have had a high school education or less, and then a business course, enabling them to typewrite and to take shorthand notes. These girls are honest, conscientious workers, and a fair per cent of them attain a reasonable amount of perfection in their work, and few

—a very few—become experts. Why? Because they lack initiative, actual understanding and grasp of what they are doing. They are merely machines that turn out what they are told to do.

And what is the reason for all this? It is perfectly apparent that more cannot be expected of girls who have not had a college education—girls who have not had the training and responsibility that comes with a college life.

What a chance, what an opening there is for college girls to serve their country in this capacity. There are many government offices where the men are so busy looking after the large schemes of war work that there is much detail work to be done by someone, such as people to interview, all sorts of small information to be given out in regard to the office work. This is often slighted or neglected in these busy times.

One of the assistant attorney generals said to me in reply to a question of mine, "Stenographers, Oh yes, plenty of them, but few fine ones that are really dependable and efficient." Now to my way of thinking there should be more "fine ones."

Very often the college girl says she does not want a business career, she wants a profession, and she is perhaps liable to look down on a business career. And in war time she wants to be a Red Cross nurse, or for something more exciting, an ambulance driver at the front. It is impossible for as many as would like to, to go to France, and there are many who would do more than knit and roll bandages!

The government is in search of trained, efficient women, who can above all shoulder responsibility.

To me this is a wide, clear call for college women to serve their country in war time.

MARGARET MILNE, *Beta Iota*,
Washington, D. C.

THE HIGH SCHOOL AND THE COLLEGE FRATERNITY

Recently a study of student organizations in eighty representative high schools of the country was made by a committee of high school teachers in order to determine so far as possible the value of such organizations in secondary education. The questionnaire sent to these schools by the committee included questions concerning high school fraternities. The answers to these ques-

tions showed decided hostility to high school fraternities, and indirectly to college fraternities. This hostility set the members of the committee, who were fraternity women, to wondering whether the college fraternity would be able to stand the same test that was applied by the committee to student activities of the high school.

In order to decide whether a student organization should be recognized by the school authorities, the committee felt that the society should, in some way, assist toward fulfilling one or more of the larger aims of secondary education. These aims, briefly stated, are as follows:

The goal of secondary education in a democracy, such as ours, has long been thought to be the developing of each individual so that he may, to the best of his ability, work with his fellows for the benefit of society as a whole. In order to become this well-rounded person who is to be a future citizen in our democracy, the individual must have good health, must be able to maintain a home where those who are to take his place later in society may be successfully reared, he must be able to earn his own livelihood, must be able to take his share of responsibility in the civic life of his community, must have the right moral attitude, and he must have some appreciation of the finer things of life, so that he may be able to use his leisure wisely. Since these are the general aims of secondary education, it seemed clear that the school could concern itself only with such societies as, to some degree, tended to further the student's health, education, home-making, vocational, civic, moral, or aesthetic education. Student activities that were subversive to these aims surely were not to be tolerated by the school.

From the answers to questions sent to eighty representative high schools, it was apparent that the high school fraternities were of no value for the members' health training. Very few fraternity boys and almost none of the girls enter into the general athletic work of the school. They are rather disposed to feel that such work is "beneath" them. Beside, parents often complain that the fraternity smoker fastens the cigarette habit on boys who are far too young to smoke with impunity. The high school fraternity has a bad effect, also, on the members' home making education; for they early form the "club habit." The

record of high school fraternity members for attendance and punctuality is from twenty-five to fifty per cent lower than that of other boys of the school, so that it seems that boys, possibly girls too, may acquire habits that will make them less competent when they enter business life.

In forms of entertaining the high school fraternities set up a false standard that is likely to undo all that the school is trying to accomplish in training the pupil to use his leisure wisely. They tend to give extravagant displays, some of which are more expensive than those given by college Greek-letter societies, whose expenditures are usually curtailed by Panhellenic agreements. High school fraternities are, however, most worthy of condemnation for the spirit that prevails among them and prevents the members from securing such civic training as the activities of the school might afford. The members develop a certain bump-tiousness that is very disagreeable. They are disposed to "knock" on all projects of general interest to the school. Since it is the most important function of the school to fit pupils for life in a democracy, the high school fraternity becomes a menace to those activities of the school that afford civic training. Moreover moral training is an important part of civic training, for one cannot be a good citizen unless he has the right moral attitude. The high school fraternity should be excluded from the high school for its unmoral influence, if for no other reason, for fraternity boys and girls are most lax in meeting their obligations to the school. They are lacking in public spirit, and resort to all sorts of unethical subterfuges when the school authorities try to curb their activities.

The women's Greek-letter societies have realized the menace of the high school fraternity and have pretty thoroughly checked their growth by making their members ineligible to college Greek-letter societies. It remains for college women to use their influence to see that the men's fraternities follow a similar course. In many schools the high school fraternity is kept alive by college fraternity men, who make the high school Greek-letter society a means of keeping in touch with eligible material. The constant friction caused by the high school fraternity is arousing such hostility among thoughtful educators that there may sometime come a demand that all fraternities be barred from public educational institutions.

Before this time comes it may be well for college Greek-letter societies to do all in their power to help curb the high school fraternity. In order to do this successfully they must see to it that they themselves are not open to the same criticism as the high school organizations. The college Greek-letter societies should consider whether they will be able to justify themselves if the same tests are applied to them that were applied to the high school fraternities.

One of the most practical phases of the college Greek-letter society is the fact that, because of the lack of suitable housing conditions in most state universities, the fraternity house affords almost the only means of escaping the student boarding-house. And it is the opportunities afforded by these fraternity houses that help to justify the existence of the fraternity. In a well-managed house fraternity girls, and men too for that matter, can learn and practice the best methods of sanitation, they can learn about garbage disposal, about ventilation, dietetics, buying coal and other commodities. There is opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge about managing and furnishing the fraternity house. Unfortunately, few realize the value of such work and too frequently the affairs of the fraternity are not well handled. It seems as though some uniform system of managing accounts could be developed by the national organization that would prevent the haphazard methods of keeping accounts that prevail in many chapters. The fraternity, also, offers an opportunity of learning how to provide hospitality that is simple, dignified, and pleasing. So, too, in arranging the house and planning its decorations, girls can secure real aesthetic training.

The fraternity house is a microcosm where the girl must learn to adjust herself to her associates. In a well-conducted house the upperclass members have a very wholesome influence over the younger girls, and see to it that their manner and dress are prepossessing, that they fulfill their obligations to the college and to the fraternity, and that they acquire standards worthy of the fraternity. The girls usually learn to be tactful, to have self-control, a measure of self-confidence, and an attractive manner, all of which are "assets" in any walk of life. It often happens that in the business world fraternity girls succeed better than nonfraternity girls of perhaps higher scholastic standing, because they know better how to adapt themselves to many kinds of people.

It is often asserted that fraternity girls are not democratic and are not public-spirited. Be this as it may, it is also true that possibly because they are organized and can be easily reached, they are more and more looked to to promote all sorts of public enterprises. The fraternity girls are the ones who are asked repeatedly to manage Red Cross drives, to collect "Red Triangle" funds, to take subscriptions for war bonds, to sell tickets for benefit programs, to make bandages, and to foster all sorts of public projects. It is unfortunate that at present the responsibility for most college enterprises falls on the fraternity girls. More students should have the opportunity of gaining civic experience by handling these projects. It is also true that the fraternity girls are expected often to do more than their share of the work. If money is to be collected they are expected to give both time and money toward forwarding the project in which they are asked to assist.

In a well-regulated house, the girls may also develop high ethical standards. The girl who will not obey house rules and bear her share of responsibility for maintaining the standard of the fraternity is often severely dealt with. It is true that chapters are not always successful in living up to their best traditions. What was a model household one year may be anything but that the next year. Perhaps, however, one should not expect too much, if the girls made the most of the advantages which the house offers, and maintained high scholarship beside, they might be in danger of "sprouting wings"!

In conclusion one might say that the college fraternity offers ample opportunity for "learning by doing," both in certain phases of health education, in home-making education, in vocational education, in civic education; and it tends to give the girl the right moral attitude and may give her some appreciation of the finer things of life. As the social life of the average university is now constituted, the fraternity affords almost the only opportunity to secure first-hand training in many of these lines. This is not saying that the fraternity makes the most of its opportunities. It is only saying that if it will, it may make the organization of more than enough value to offset the severe censure that often comes from a critical public. Assuredly, the girl who has had the advantages in training offered by her chapter life is better equipped

to find her place in, and to accommodate herself to human society than she would be had she missed that training.

OLIVIA POUND,
Lincoln, Nebraska, Alumnae.

OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE

Now that the world is compelled to undergo this awful war with its many cruelties and much suffering there is greater opportunity for service than ever was known to exist. It is service, too, for which there is great need, and not so-called service for which the occasion is forced. Urgent calls come from the suffering women and children of Europe; urgent calls which should be answered by big-hearted women of our more fortunate land; answered by our women out of their opulence, out of their limited means, or even out of great sacrifice, as the case may be and above all, answered with enthusiasm prompted by love.

The loudest call for service comes to the college fraternity woman, whose special opportunities have taught her the real meaning of "fraternity," whose training has taught her to work in an organized, systematic way and now finds opportunity to make practical application of these principles. The greater and more varied her opportunities for education and all-round development have been, just to such a degree should she shoulder the responsibilities of the present moment. Every active fraternity girl and every alumna may find a place where she may render special service. It may be in the work of the Red Cross Society with its many interests, or in the several branches of French Relief, or in Y. W. C. A. war work, or perhaps in nursing or teaching the wounded soldier from the battle-fields.

Kappa Kappa Gamma is exceptionally fortunate in having the special opportunity to help the unhappy children of Bellevue, France, as proposed last fall by our talented sister, Dorothy Canfield Fischer, who is now so near the firing line in France. No alumnae association nor active chapter should allow itself to be without some vital part in the world's work of today. The time for selfish interest in one's own development is wholly past; we must branch out and help the less fortunate. Active chapters and alumnae associations will find abundant opportunities to help where organized effort will be useful; so too, many individuals

find their niche. Where only a few Kappas find themselves in one locality might they not band together and form a Kappa unit for special work? Great is the need and great is the opportunity for service.

VIRGINIA R. HARRIS,
Indianapolis Association.

WHAT IS "MY BIT"?

Service is the watchword of this age and what a big and wonderful word it is. Everywhere we hear, "Do your bit," and the question arises in our minds, "What is my bit"? "How may I best serve my country?"

There are many ways. The more evident are those which take form in organizations like the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. But, isn't there also a particular niche which each one of us is called on to fill—an individual one for which we are responsible? And how are we filling it? Are we giving cheerfully and uncomplainingly? We must have a big, broad vision; we must see big if we wish a big job. If we grumble about our job, we are too small for it.

For a harmonious country we must have harmonious workmen, and this means that each one of us must do loyally and well what seems to appear for us to do. It seems to me that "thinking right" is a service. Someone has said, "Peace signifies a state of quiet or tranquillity, calm, repose, security, ease; to rest in confidence, quietness of mind or conscience," and can one be quiet or tranquil if he is fearful, anxious, or disturbed? Let us ask ourselves if we are gaining in mental poise; if we are overdoing the various fears and erroneous suggestions which seem crowding in on every hand; or are we adding to this uproar?

Let us work harder to gain the real peace—peace that cannot be disturbed because it is ours through disturbance overcome. Had every human being this real peace in his heart, there would not now be this discord and struggle for a universal peace of nations.

And so I suggest right thinking and happy giving as big essentials to service.

MADELINE PARFET,
Detroit Alumnae Association.

ALUMNAE LETTERS

BOSTON ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Greetings to all Kappas from the Boston Association!

We are having a very interesting and prosperous year. We took care of the final freshman party for the active chapter. Mrs. Dorothy Fletcher Rand of Newtonville was the hostess and in spite of one "of the wretchedest" of storms of the year, a goodly number came and hugely enjoyed the Halloween party.

A Thanksgiving party given just before Thanksgiving Day by the alumnae to the active chapter and its own members proved a delightful affair. We were delighted in having Mrs. Lemuel C. Mullin, wife of the president of the university and patroness of the active chapter, as guest of the evening. Everyone brought her knitting, so pleasure and profit were combined.

An Hooverian food fair proved a success. Only such foods as were made in accordance with war regulations were on sale, and the recipes for each article were sold in addition. It proved unique, beneficial to housekeepers, and successful financially and socially.

We have met Miss Elsa Fauerbach of Wisconsin and she has enthusiastically joined our association. We wish all other Kappas around Boston would follow suit.

Happy New Year, happier than the last, to Kappas one and all.

VIRGINIA THOMPSON TAYLOR.

BETA IOTA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

There have been two more Kappa weddings since the last number of *THE KEY*: Margaret Wilson, ex-'19, was married at her home in Philadelphia on October 16 to Mr. Carl Williams Wheelock. The active chapter were all present and some of the alumnae so that Kappa songs were a part of the bride's send-off.

The other wedding was that of Winfred T. Hodge, ex-'18, to Mr. Leslie Hyatt Eby, $\Phi K \Psi$, Swarthmore, which took place at her home in Washington.

Many and varied are the Kappa activities this winter and not a few of them are concerned with war work.

Margaret Milne, '15, is private secretary to the principal of the Friends' School in Washington, and is also holding classes in French for the army officers. Her new address is 1104 M Street N. W.

Mary Verlenden, '07, has a secretarial position at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dorothea Fitch, '14, is interested in the Y. M. C. A. camp movement and is in the New York office under the direction of Dr. Paul M. Pearson.

Florence Kennedy, '17, is in the Filing Department of the Provident Life & Trust Company, Philadelphia.

Elsie Sinzheimer, '17, has been taking a course in bacteriology at the Polyclinic Hospital, Philadelphia, and expects to go over to France with a hospital unit after her work there is completed.

We feel a deep sorrow at the death of Mabel Cheyney, '06, who died on December 7 at the Hahnemann Hospital, Philadelphia. She was a most loyal Kappa and sincere friend, and the memory of her charming personality will be with us always.

CATHARINE W. PUGH.

BETA SIGMA ALUMNAE CLUB

Idelle Scott, '14, will marry Capt. William P. Jeffrey, a reserve officer in the Ordnance Corps and now stationed at Washington, D. C. Captain Jeffrey is a graduate of Dennison College and of the New York Law School, and a member of Beta Theta Pi.

On December 27 Ruth Cawl, '15, became the wife of Ernest Dewess who is going to be engaged in reconstruction work in France.

Elizabeth Schmidt recently announced her engagement to Dr. Philip Layton Turner, an officer in the Medical Reserve.

Marie Allison, '14, is engaged to Lieut. Percy Landolt, Ordnance Reserve Corps.

Katherine T. Mullin is the cashier of the Home Service section of the Red Cross in New York City.

Elsie Hayward and Emilio Tanjul were married in Havana on January 10 at the residence of her sister.

Emily Botsford recently returned from Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, South Carolina, where she went with her mother to see her fiancé, Coit Ladd.

SYRACUSE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Elizabeth Hefner, '12, was married on August 11, 1917, to Stanton H. Bryden. Her address is 475 State Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

On August 31, 1917, Ruth Blount, '17, was married to Ralph O. Keefer, Psi Upsilon, Syracuse University. They are living at Massena, New York.

Mildred Wood, '14, was married to Albert Peck, Delta Upsilon, a graduate of Syracuse University, on December 22, 1917. They will live in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

On October 8, 1917, a daughter, Barbara Jane, was born to Mabel Mansfield Keefer (Mrs. Karl M.), 223 North Park Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

Pauline Fairchild, '13, has accepted a position as secretary to one of the officials of the Red Cross in Washington, D. C. Her address is 1014 Vermont Avenue, Washington, D. C.

Evelyn Hart, '17, is librarian in the Agricultural Department at Washington.

On October 21, 1917, a daughter, Eleanor Julia, was born to Charlotte David Grant (Mrs. Alexander) of Des Moines, Iowa.

FLORENCE R. KNAPP.

CINCINNATI ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

We are still endeavoring to earn some money for the Scholarship Fund. Last month we used our regular monthly meeting for a penny party, all sorts of means and devices being used to separate us from our pennies. I think we cleared sixteen dollars, and beside a financial success it was also very entertaining and amusing.

The girls are all busily knitting for the soldier boys, using all their spare moments for the good cause and cutting down on their Christmas entertainments in order to Hooverize.

Best wishes for a bright and happy New Year,
Sincerely,

ELSIE WILSON.

MU ALUMNAE CLUB

A luckless correspondent, I Mu's meagre news to spread I try
While every other sister Kappie has a holiday so happy.
To ease my conscience and my pain, a rhyme I'm trying hard to frame.
The pledges gave a simple party, where actives hustled, nor were tardy,
Thus far the one dance of the season, and only one—the war's the reason.
The pledges gave a jolly stunt with actives getting many a bump;
But later cheered by much good food and teased back to a happy mood.
Our sociable spreads are mem'ries past, we try to shorten a French child's
fast.

We struggle hard to do our bit, though only with needles that, knit, knit,
knit.

And so cheer up and don't waste time, we all Hooverize
Though we can't make it rhyme.

So do thou likewise, and have no fear, for the end of this horrible letter
is here.

RUTH MONTGOMERY.

MUNCIE ASSOCIATION

Muncie Association has been having its monthly meetings regularly, the last Saturday of every month. They have been exceptionally cozy and enjoyable these winter afternoons. Our circle is constantly growing larger, and we are happy to tell you that Mrs. Neva Warfel Duddy, Iota, is here to spend the winter with us. Mrs. Duddy has returned to Muncie with a tiny baby son, Frank, Jr., born in Poughkeepsie, New York. Mr. Duddy is now in France doing Y. M. C. A. work.

Miss Lucas is again in our midst, as she has resumed her numerous classes in music in this city. Her work is exceedingly interesting, and she is recognized as one of Muncie's foremost teachers of the Dunning System.

Mrs. A. L. Walrath is spending the winter in Roswell, New Mexico, at the Gilkerson Hotel.

Happy tidings were received by cable today at the Warner home, when Mrs. J. J. Sommerville (Emily Warner, Iota) cabled she had left Petrograd. She cabled from Yokohama. She is expected to reach San Francisco, January 14, 1918. Mrs. Sommerville left for Russia last November. She has left her husband in Petrograd doing Y. M. C. A. work.

Mrs. Thornburg's son, Hugh S. Thornburg, who has just received a first lieutenancy at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, was married, upon his return home from the fort, to Miss Jeanne Guffigan, of this city.

Our association, individually and collectively, responded enthusiastically to Dorothy Canfield's touching appeal for Bellevue children. We played the part of "Auntie" to these tots by sending three seventy-one pound bundles consisting mostly of children's warm underwear and stockings.

We also forwarded small contributions of money collected from those who did not donate to the bundles.

We sincerely trust that these bundles will help brighten the winter days for the little French kiddies.

AMY ECKER HIRSH.

DETROIT ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

After reading Mrs. Dorothy Canfield Fischer's letter in *THE KEY*, the Detroit alumnae decided that they would like nothing better in the way of overseas war relief than to help the little children at Bellevue. Accordingly, the December meeting found heaps and bundles of tiny garments, warm and in good condition, collected for shipment to France. The clothes have been sorted and prepared in their first wrappings, and after the holidays when rates go down, they will be boxed and sent to their destination. Incidentally, the December meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Ferris in Royal Oak.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bates Parfet (Madeline McVoy, Beta Delta) and their small daughter, Stephanie Suzanne, left for Golden, Colorado, December 22, to spend several weeks with Mr. Parfet's parents.

Mrs. L. Irving Condit (Gladys Race, Beta Delta) has gone to join her husband at Camp Grant, Rockford, Illinois, where Dr. Condit holds a commission in the Medical Corps. She will remain there until the doctor's orders call him elsewhere.

Margaret Matthews (Xi), one of the Young Women's Christian Association secretaries, has recovered from an illness of several weeks and is out of the hospital and back at her desk in the association building.

After Christmas Mildred Holznagle (Beta Delta) will go to Jackson, Michigan, to teach in one of the high schools there.

The girls are very busy with their Christmas work. We are also glad to have several of the Detroit actives with us for the holidays. Several little informal "dutch" luncheons have occurred upon the spur of the moment, and various people have been "at home" to the girls informally.

HELEN C. BOWER.

ST. LOUIS ASSOCIATION

Marie Bryden, Omega Chapter, will be married December 29 to James Macnaughton of Boston, a Harvard graduate. They expect to live in Brookline.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lively, December 8. Mrs. Lively was Anne Thuener, Omega 1912-1914.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sisler announce the birth of a son August 1.

Dr. J. Edgar, husband of Gertrude McLain, Omega 1909-13, has gone to France. He is a first lieutenant, U. S. Medical Reserve Corps, Unit 21.

Margaret Anderson, Omega 1910-1914, was married in August to Mr. J. T. Johnston, Jr., second lieutenant, of St. Louis. He is in the artillery and has sailed for service in France.

New members on the roll are: Mrs. Charles Peck (Maybelle Price, Omega); Adelaide Simonds, Omega; Gladys Udele, Omega; Mrs. W. C. Swahlen (Luella Gilmore), Iota; Mrs. Seegar, Iota.

Mrs. Ralph B. Miller (Emma Parks, Beta Upsilon) is to live in Washington, D. C. Her husband is with the War Trade Bureau. She has been president of the local Panhellenic.

DENVER ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

The Kappa Christmas party was held at Katharine Morley's home on the Saturday after Christmas. The usual tree and exchange of gifts was done away with this year, and the party was turned into a "get acquainted" one between the alumnae and Beta Mu, especially the freshmen, who were our guests.

Estelle Kyle Kemp has gone to Rockford, Illinois, to be with her husband, Lieutenant Kemp, for the the length of time that he may be stationed there.

On December 28 Gladys Low, '16, was married to Robert G. Smith, Phi Gamma Delta, who is soon to go into training for the aviation service.

Mrs. Frank Slattery (Carlisle Thomas, '15) has just returned from Austin, Texas, where she has been visiting her husband, who is in the aviation training school there.

Paul Matlook and Richard Scott, sons of two of our alumnae, have recently received commissions as Provisional second lieutenants in the Regular Army.

CEDAR RAPIDS ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

The wedding of Grace Williams to Mr. Stanley Meek took place at the bride's home, Waterloo, Iowa, on October 10, 1917. The bride attended the State University of Iowa for two years and is a member of the Beta Zeta Chapter. Mr. Meek graduated from the State University of Iowa in 1914 and now holds a position with the Iowa Railway and Light Company of Cedar Rapids, where he and his bride have made their home. Mr. Meek is a Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

The first meeting of the Cedar Rapids Association took place at the home of Hazel Hall Hamilton, 417 South 20th Street on October 25. It was decided to hold meetings every two weeks instead of monthly as heretofore.

Mrs. Thomas Simmons entertained for Muriel Arthur Trewin on November 1. Mrs. Trewin and daughter, Martha, are making their home with the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur at Glen Elyn, Illinois. Mr. Trewin enlisted last summer and entered the Officers' Reserve at Fort Snelling, August. He is now located at Camp Dodge, Des Moines, Iowa.

The second meeting of the association was at the home of Coleen Johnson Hedges, November 8. All members are busy with knitting needles and the general atmosphere of industry prevails.

On November 22 a meeting was held at the home of Corinne Jackson, 839 First Avenue. Our bit toward the war relief was discussed and a package of clothing as well as a financial donation was gathered together for Madam Fischbacher, also a contribution of twenty-five dollars to the Y. W. C. A. The association is caring for one child abroad. We have coöperated with the other members of Panhellenic in an effort to defray the expenses of the food demonstrator of Cedar Rapids.

Miss Jessie Vogt, a former secretary of the Y. W. C. A., is now attending Columbia University.

L. CORINNE JACKSON.

HOUSTON ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Baldwin and children are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. Baldwin's family in Haskell, Texas.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. S. K. Clemens a boy, Frank Carter Clemens, on December 5.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. McDade Wilburne, a girl, Sarah Ella Wilburne, on December 4.

PALESTINE ALUMNAE CHAPTER

We are all so busy with Red Cross and Christmas work that there is very little news.

We have only one Palestine girl, Bess Ferguson, in the active chapter this year and are looking forward to seeing her soon and hearing about Kappa affairs in the university.

Leila Broyles Hamilton of Little Rock is visiting her parents and will remain during the holidays.

The engagement and approaching marriage of Fannie Campbell and Mr. Drew Wommack was announced yesterday at a beautiful luncheon. The wedding will take place the latter part of January.

GRACE GOULD WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON ALUMNAE CHAPTER

What have we to write or think about these days but war? Our chapter has been holding meetings twice a month to work for the Red

Cross and when we are not meeting we are working anyway. I suppose it is the same everywhere.

We have had two weddings this month. Miss Jane Lambuth and Mr. Lister Holmes, Sigma Chi, were married at the Church of the Epiphany, and Miss Margaret Thaanum and Mr. Be Van Presley, Phi Gamma Delta, at the home of the bride. Both weddings were solemnized on Saturday, December 15.

The war is forcing us to give up one of our dearest and most loved friends, Mrs. Locke, who has been with us in the capacity of housemother for five years. She leaves for San Diego, California, this week to be with her son, who is in the Naval Aviation School there. The length of her stay is indefinite, but our active and alumnae chapters, and I feel all our other Kappas who have been fortunate enough to know her, join in wishing her the greatest happiness during her stay there, and in hoping for her return as soon as that is possible.

We have been the victims of a telephone strike here in Seattle for almost the whole past month, so all of our business, Kappa as well as other, has been delayed, and we must ask forgiveness for our seeming lack of attention. It is now settled and we will soon be caught up in our back correspondence.

PORTLAND ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Robert Tucker (Gertrude Wynn) has returned from a visit with her son in California.

Mrs. L. M. Huggins (Alice Larsen), Beta Omega, has come back to Portland for the winter.

Mrs. R. M. Hoffman (Esther Davis, Chi) has a daughter, who arrived in October.

We have one engagement and one wedding to record. Edna Converse, Beta Delta, has announced her engagement to Mr. Robert Berst, and Neta Haslop, Beta Omega, has been recently married to Mr. Benjamin Daly and is living in Portland.

Carin Degermark, Beta Omega, is supervisor of the city playgrounds.

Mrs. Hugh Henry (Mabel Fitzgerald, Eta) is spending the holidays in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, where she is visiting her mother.

Mrs. Thomas Donaca (Marjorie Cogswell, Beta Omega) is again making her home in Portland, and we are glad to welcome her back to our association.

Our December meeting was at the home of Mrs. L. M. Jeffers (Lola Green, Upsilon) Thursday, December 27. We are to entertain the active girls of Beta Omega with an informal tea at the home of Mrs. G. M. Vinton.

We are all doing our share of Red Cross work, in addition to our social service work in the high schools of the city.

Greetings to all Kappas and best wishes for 1918.

CLEMENTINE C. WILLIAMS.

PI ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Nan Jennings Kluegel has been elected head of the Junior Red Cross for the Pacific Coast, with headquarters in San Francisco.

Georgia Carden has taken an important position with the Vocational Guidance Bureau for the Pacific Coast, under the National Industrial Committee.

Donna Moses, '17, was married recently to Lieut. John Vanderberg, U. S. A., and is now stationed at Fortress Monroe, Virginia.

Elise Posey, '17, was married in the fall to Robert McMurry Hunt, and is residing in San Francisco.

UPSILON CHAPTER

The engagement is announced of Miriam Wagner, Upsilon, ex-'17, to Merritt Bragdon, B Θ II '13, second lieutenant now stationed at Rockford, Illinois, Camp Grant.

Mr. C. D. and Mrs. (Ella Bradley) Foster announce the birth of a daughter, Edith Mary, on November 6.

Mr. C. E. and Mrs. (Nina Vest) Douglas announce the birth of a son in October.

A daughter was born to Mrs. (Helen McCarrell, Upsilon, ex-'12) and Mr. Wm. H. Schaeffer, N. U. 1911, Φ Δ Θ, December 15.

Mr. C. M. Howe, who married "Vinnie" Northey, Upsilon, has been stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station during the summer. He received the commission of lieutenant commander and has been transferred to Boston.

The Christmas holidays have brought some Upsilon alumnae home to visit, among whom were Ethel Templeton Morrow, ex-'13, Gertrude Carter Bell, '11, Margaret Raymond Marquis, '13, and Irene Farnham Conrad, '12.

DOROTHY SAGE.

In Memoriam

The Kansas City Alumnae Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma mourns the loss of two of her loyal members within the past year, Mrs. Thos. S. Ridge (Effie Searcy), Theta 1881-84, and Sadie Sanderson, Theta 1888-92. Although Mrs. Ridge has been gone from our midst a year she is still greatly missed and her memory cherished. She was always loyal to THE KEY and her presence ever helpful. Sadie Sanderson left Missouri State University in 1892 and taught at Rich Hill, Missouri for several years, then came to Kansas City, Missouri, where she taught for sixteen years and was recognized as a most efficient teacher. Hers was a life of sacrifice. For eight years she untiringly cared for her invalid mother and carried on her school work. The unfailing devotion and tireless care given her mother, combined with the arduous duties so conscientiously fulfilled so weakened the frail body that the impetus to live being removed by the death of her mother, when illness attacked her she succumbed November 30, 1917.

FLORENCE PARRITT, *Epsilon*

It is with the deepest regret that the Bloomington Illinois Association announces the death of Florence Parritt, one of its best-loved and most loyal members.

Miss Parritt was an Epsilon Kappa and during her college life rendered much valuable service to her chapter. After leaving the University she entered Kappa Club, our alumnae association and was for many years an active and esteemed member. She was at one time president of the club. She belonged to the Wesleyan Guild, and was an energetic member of Grace M. E. Church at Bloomington. Her whole life was one of service and devotion to her parents, and her death this winter was in part due to an over-taxation of her strength in the rendition of service. Our alumnae chapter will feel very greatly the loss of so dear and so loyal a sister.

BLOOMINGTON ILLINOIS ALUMNAE.

EXCHANGES

ROSE AFFOLTER

"DOING OUR BIT." It has come to meet us on nearly every page of twenty-nine fraternity journals; it has jumped out at us from every corner; barked enthusiastically in each little article, and wagged its tail contentedly in every chapter letter. And it is a good old dog, but isn't it a bit too good enough? Aren't we all a little too self-satisfied in "doing our bit"? Why not, "doing our utmost"? Will anything less win the war?

That things are stirring in some fraternities is clear in the following:

Phi Delta Theta and Kappa Sigma are sending ambulances and drivers to France—truly the noblest service which a fraternity can render at this particular time. France cannot have too many ambulances there can be no excess of effort in this special line of assistance; and the fact that so many college men have been the drivers on European battlefields makes the gift doubly appropriate and significant. Phi Delta Theta, with its patriotic fund which is to be perpetual, sets us a splendid example of loyalty and devotion to America.—*Crescent* of Gamma Phi Beta.

We have not yet found it possible to make even an approximate count of the number of Kappa Sigmas in the nation's service, according to reports from all sources. But we shall be disappointed if it does not turn out that there are already nearly a thousand stars on the Fraternity's service flag.—*Caduceus*.

At the recent convention of Kappa Alpha Theta the keynote was service, and the question of how we could best serve our country was discussed.

Our country has been plunged into war, and our women are being called upon to do their bit. Kappa Alpha Theta stands ready to do her best, and to show the world that college fraternities are not wholly selfish organizations.

Mrs. O'Connor, who has been associated with the Red Cross in Washington, was asked to come to the convention prepared to present a definite plan for service. She gave the subject much careful consideration, consulted heads of the Red Cross and then made the following recommendation:

"That Kappa Alpha Theta equip the nurses of one base hospital."

Many have felt that they would like to enter the rank of nurses, but for various reasons cannot do so. Some could go to the front, who have little or no money with which to buy their outfits. Our brothers are sailing away to fight; many of them will be wounded and must have care.

Can we do a better service than to send trained nurses to administer to their needs?

The actual necessities contained in a nurse outfit cost about \$58. That includes a white dress, a blue woolen dress, coat with red cross on right arm, and military insignia on left, a cape lined with red and a soft felt hat. A nurse must have a street as well as hospital uniform, that she may command protection wherever she goes. The amount necessary to equip the nurses of one hospital is about \$3,800. As soon as the money is raised a hospital will be assigned to Kappa Alpha Theta by the American Red Cross.—*Kappa Alpha Theta*.

It will bring cheer to the many Phi Psi soldiers in France and in the training camps in this country to know that the trustees of the endowment fund have invested practically all the surplus money in that fund in the purchase of Liberty bonds of the second issue of 1917. The trustees felt that there was no better way by which the Fraternity could help the Government and the great number of Phi Psis now in the service, and at the same time invest its funds in excellent securities.—*Shield of Phi Kappa Psi*.

Alpha Xi Delta has pledged \$500 each for the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. War Work, and every chapter supports a Belgian orphan.—*Alpha Gamma Delta Quarterly*.

Red blood runs in the arteries of our Brothers! Three hundred and ten names are in this list of Brothers in service, a list which the compiler knows to be far from complete, full of error, yet which as it stands makes the pulse beat quicker not only for love of our country but for pride that our Fraternity is giving her best and bravest. The handclasp.—*Garnet and White of Alpha Chi Rho*.

And from the same magazine:

A few, but only a few, Greek-letter organizations have postponed their annual convention, acting on the belief that conventions are an extravagant luxury in war-time. We notice that Alpha Sigma Phi has "indefinitely postponed" the convention which had been scheduled for September, 1917. Delta Gamma (women's fraternity) has taken similar action. Another sorority, Alpha Phi is considering the postponement of its convention. Other fraternities, however, seem to consider that if ever the enthusiasm and loyalty of the fraternity spirit were needed, it is in this time of national crisis. In our opinion, this is the wiser course.

"The Grand Council of Alpha Gamma Delta have chosen knitting as the special individual and collective service of our fraternity during the war. Whatever else you do, knit, as well. Each issue of the QUARTERLY

will give a record of the work accomplished and turned in to the ones who are to receive it."

Message from LOUISE LEONARD, *Grand President*.

Copies sent to all associations, clubs, and chapters, October, 1917.

The following "knitting song" has been submitted for use among our knitters.

Air: Chorus of *It's a Long Long Road A'Winding*.

"We are knitting, knitting, knitting
For we've a *special* to do,
Alpha Gam must show she's ready
To be loyal now and true.
So get out the clicking needles,
Each girl will come with her bit,
From New York to California,
We will knit two, purl two, knit.

Reports to Date, November 1, 1917

New York Alumnae Association: 12 sweaters, 5 pairs wristlets, 3 scarfs, 5 helmets, 1 pair socks.

Beta Chapter: 11 sweaters, 2 scarfs, 3 sponges.

Theta Chapter: 5 sweaters, several pairs wristlets.

Lambda Chapter: 9 sweaters, 21 scarfs.

Alpha Gamma Delta Quarterly.

Phi Delta Theta with their own General Pershing at the head has been noticeably and consistently at war from the start. But let them speak for themselves.

Phi Delta Theta is at war with the Kaiser. If any doubt exists as to that, a brief perusal of the chapter letters in the last issue of THE SCROLL will promptly dispel it. Every chapter in the land has rallied to the nation's call and contributed its generous quota to the armies of Liberty.

Scroll.

In all our thoughts, in all our actions, and in all our plans in these momentous months of 1917 the uppermost of all is the war and war conditions.

Scroll.

From two Fiji chapter letters we feel that fraternity's pulse.

The annual dinner-dance has been given up for this year and in its place the chapter is buying a Liberty Bond by means of a weekly assessment on each active member and pledge which has been the plan for raising the money for the spring function.

The chapter did not let the Liberty Loan go by untouched. At present we are well on our way toward paying for a \$200 bond, this amount when due to be turned over to the new house fund.

This from the chapter letter of a Michigan Pi Phi deserves special mention.

The Liberty Loan has also been assuming large proportions of late. The Pi Phis subscribed twelve hundred dollars and now everyone is wildly endeavoring to earn the money. Shampooing, manicuring, stocking-mending, candy-making, and errand-running establishments have opened up all over the house and many are doing flourishing business. A hundred dollar loan was taken by the chapter as a whole and one of the girls suggested that this might be taken in the name of the Settlement School. If several chapters cared to follow this suggestion, Little Pigeon would wake up to wealth some morning twenty or thirty years hence.

We are always interested in Toronto.

According to the *Varsity Magazine Supplement* of the University of Toronto, the university had contributed nearly 3500 graduates and undergraduates and ninety seven faculty members to the colonial army, prior to December 1, 1916. Of this number, 123 have been killed, fifty have been decorated for valor, and forty three have been mentioned in dispatches. One has received the French Cross of the Legion of Honor, while another has been knighted by the king of Italy.—*Banta's Greek Exchange*.

Have you heard of

THE YU AI KAI

What is the Yu Ai Kai—a new fraternity? Yes, and no. It is an organization that first saw the light June 7, 1916, in San Francisco. It is a woman's international friendship society, auxiliary to the National Board of Young Women's Christian Association. It began with thirty members, Japanese and American, now there are over three hundred. Different churches are represented, and prominent women, socially and intellectually, are glad to be counted as members.

Mrs. Kate A. Bulkley, so long housemother of Lambda of Sigma Kappa, and formerly president of the Federated Women's Clubs, is the corresponding secretary of Yu Ai Kai, with headquarters at 319 Russ Building, San Francisco.

The purpose of the society is to encourage and cultivate the sympathetic understanding of all women all over the world. The motto of Yu Ai Kai is given in these words:

If I knew you and you knew me,
And both of us could clearly see,
And with an inner sight divine,
The meaning of your heart—and mine—
I'm sure that we would differ less,
And clasp our hands in friendliness."

The organization has done much to place relations between Japanese and American women on a basis of Christian friendship, and the ever-extending influence of this friendliness no one may see.

Yu Ai Kai has held, at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco and in the Hotel Oakland on the other side of the bay, a series of lectures on the life and history of Japan. These lectures were given by men of both nations prominent in the intellectual world. Among them was Chancellor David Starr Jordan of Stanford University and Mr. Jinji Kasai, Editor of the *Pacific Press*.

All praise is due the Y. W. C. A. for its work toward international friendship. May it have many more Yu Ai Kai branches.

Sigma Kappa Triangle.

How funny would you have to be to be eligible to your club, Mr. Pickwick?

THE PICKWICK CLUB

The difficulty of maintaining a department of wit and humor lies in the apparent necessity of making it entirely a department of reprints.

The Editor knows that there is enough sense Pickwickian within our own to enable many of our Brothers to qualify as "corresponding members"—hence the Pickwick Club. Every one has some good "hit" on himself or his Brothers which will carry a smile without a sting.

If you hope to "make" the Pickwick Club you must forward a good story or a bit of verse. Read "the articles of agreement" in the new department.—*Delta of Sigma Nu.*

From the *Kappa Alpha Theta*, and it should be read several times slowly, especially the last sentence.

After the last luncheon of the Pittsburgh City Panhellenic groups of us gathered on a sunny porch with our ever-present knitting and discussed the old time rivalry and tense feeling of our college rushing days. We laughed as we each remembered times when the whole future existence of our chapter, almost of our fraternity, seemed to depend upon a freshman's answer to our invitation that she become one of our number! As we talked thus, looking back over the years that separated us from college, I wished that it were possible for the active college girls to get, at least in some measure, the same perspective and to feel toward rushing more as alumnae do. In college we devote many hours and days to a nervous worry over rushees, time that might much better be used in other ways. Even more serious, too, than the time lost, is the feeling that results often between groups of girls. The other fraternity chapters are as important as our own, they are as "Square" as we, and as suspicious of us when rushing rules are concerned as we are of them; though their badges vary in shape from ours their ideals as members of fraternities are probably very similar to our own and the girls in those other fraternity chapters very much like ourselves in their feelings and ambitions. Oh, college girls, don't lose your enthusiasms and your personal fraternity loyalties, but do learn to see the unimportance of even the finest freshman

in her whole class as compared with the greater worthwhileness of a fine Panhellenic feeling!

To Dragma does not risk the overlooking of these important considerations, but puts them in bold type.

Do you take an hour each week to read a good periodical and thus keep well informed? If you don't, you're a poor citizen. We have no place for such these days.

Do you in your house or dormitory discuss current topics at the table or do you gossip? This is a time when we should be ashamed of trivial and cheap conversation!

Masculine objectors of Phi Beta Kappa must not read the headline and first paragraph of this newspaper item—they would surely have palpitation of the heart.

The following notice deserves a page by itself, and if the war hadn't increased the paper prices, we should give it that full page. We quote from the *Boston Transcript* of October 5th, 1917.

WOMEN STILL BETTER STUDENTS

They Average Higher Than the Men at Wisconsin—Fraternity Men Lead Nonfraternity Men

Madison, Wis., October 5th (Special)—Women students again attained a higher scholastic average than men students at the University of Wisconsin last year, according to statistics just compiled. The women averaged 82.9 per cent, and the men 80.6. The average of all undergraduates was 81.3.

The College of Letters and Science, with a roll of 2,849, had an average of 81.6; the College of agriculture, with a roll of 736, had an average of 80.7; the College of Engineering, with 590, averaged 80.9; and the Law School, with 150, averaged 77.8.

Women who were members of sororities averaged 84.9, while non-sorority women averaged 82.1. Fraternity men averaged 81.9, while nonfraternity men scored 80.2.

Alpha Omicron Pi, a newly organized sorority, led the sororities; its nineteen members averaged 86.5. Alpha Sigma Tau led the social fraternities with 85.8. Alpha Chi Sigma, professional chemical fraternity, led organizations of its class with 84.7.

To Dragma.

Theusis of Zeta Alpha emphasizes a good point.

Seriousness of purpose and determination to "stick to it" should characterize the volunteer as it is most disheartening to officials to find their volunteer workers diverted at times when they were counted upon "because my dearest chum was giving a tea and, of course, I had to be there to help her pour."

Isn't it time for American womanhood to really awaken to the fact that much depends on her in this gigantic upheaval? Will not those who should be the leaders of all progress be the first to say that they will assume the added burdens of war, that they will let beaus, ball, and bouquets occupy second place in their interests until the crisis is over. Not that beaus and balls should be given up entirely, but they should be given a secondary place in the life of the young womanhood of America. We assumed a solemn obligation when we joined the Allies and that obligation must rest equally on all.

Not all of us can go as Red Cross nurses, not all of us can help in social service work, not all of us can even knit sweaters, but every woman in the United States can find her own particular way of helping.

For those women who live in suffrage states, your vote must be unanimous against any attempt to lower the established standards in industry. Dire as the immediate need may seem, the only solution rests in maintaining the established order and any other course would mean untold trouble and loss to society.

Above all else, clear visions and level heads are needed today. Emotionalism and hysteria must be guarded against, that loyalty, earnestness, and enthusiasm may go hand in hand with true progress and victory.

Similarly does the *Garnet and White* say :

In the first place *gravity* should be a striking characteristic of the college fraternity man. This is no time for frivolity or the aimless pursuit of idle pleasures and time-wasting amusements. It should be realized that this is a serious time and that frivolous conduct is entirely unfitting college men. Every moment should be made to count. Gravely and seriously should college men proceed about their daily studies and tasks. Only in this way can the temper of the campus be made to coincide with the temper of the government. With a fixed and steady purpose of mind, the young men will go forth from college halls and fraternity councils, to grapple seriously with the problems before them.

Lastly, the fraternity man should be *loyal* to the college and the faculty. This is no time for petty jealousies between students and professors. There should be a spirit of hearty coöperation and harmony. One cannot be loyal to one's country if one cannot be loyal to one's self and to the authority of the little college world into which he is temporarily thrown. Loyalty to one's self implies the doing of one's best in studies, in fraternity service, in college activities. Loyalty to the college demands that there be a good feeling between students and faculty, that the men on the campus should realize that their interests are the interests of the professors, that both classes are working for a common end: the service of the country. Once this type of loyalty is learned, loyalty to the flag easily follows.

Let us, therefore, as fraternity men, act gravely, simply, frugally, and loyally, knowing that in so doing we are playing our small, but none the less important part, in serving the nation in her hour of direst need.

If you have ever wondered a bit wearily "Why is a loving-cup?" you will get real cheer out of this and applaud as we did.

A letter was read from the charter members and founders of Alpha Gamma Delta bestowing a silver Rose Bowl of beautiful design on the National Fraternity, as an award for the chapter having the highest scholarship every two years. It was moved and seconded that a vote of thanks be extended to the founders and charter members for the interest and loyalty they have shown in thus establishing this beautiful Rose Bowl Trophy for the chapter holding the highest scholarship record for the college year. Carried.

Kappa Alpha Theta prefaces the November number with the Panhellenic creed. Ever read it? Yes? Do it again.

THE PANHELLENIC CREED

We, the fraternity undergraduate members, stand for good scholarship, for the guardians of good health, for wholehearted cooperation with our college's ideals for student life, for the maintenance of fine social standards, and for serving, to the best of our ability of our college community. Good college citizenship as a preparation for good citizenship in the larger world of alumnae days, is the ideal that shall guide our chapter activities.

We, the fraternity alumnae members, stand for an active, sympathetic interest in the life of our undergraduate sisters, for the loyal support of the ideals of our Alma Mater, for the encouragement of high scholarship, for the maintenance of healthful physical condition in chapter house and dormitory, and for using our influence to further the best standards for the education of the young women of America. Loyal service to chapter, college, and community is the ideal that shall guide our fraternity activities.

We, the fraternity officers, stand for loyal and earnest work for the realization of these fraternity standards. Cooperation for the maintenance of fraternity life in harmony with its best possibilities is the ideal that shall guide our fraternity activities.

We, the fraternity women of America, stand for preparation for service through the character building inspired in the close contact and deep friendship of fraternity life. To us fraternity life is not the enjoyment of special privileges but an opportunity to prepare for wide and wise human service.

PANHELLENIC SURVEY

ROSE AFFOLTER

PI BETA PHI

COLORADO

The preferential bidding system which was tried this year was successful in many ways for it eliminated some of the old difficulties. We had pledging at seven-thirty in the morning. Rather a unique idea, don't you think? The idea was to make pledging and pledge day as inconspicuous as possible.

RANDOLPH-MACON

Miss Bertha Condé, senior student secretary of Y. W. C. A., made a powerful plea to the girls. We are using the "bond system" this year including four branches of work, and \$4,000 worth of bonds were pledged that night. Having wheatless days and meatless days just naturally makes you patriotic, and Miss Condé finished us up! The burden of all our prayers is peace and of all our knitting bags, khaki or gray.

TORONTO

Most of our girls spent the greater part of the vacation doing national service work. It was quite a change for college girls to work from seven o'clock in the morning till three or even five o'clock in the afternoon, in noisy, dirty munitions factories or to be initiated into the art of wielding a hoe or picking and packing fruit. The fruit pickers are to give a concert on Saturday evening. They have promised us an enjoyable program consisting of fruit-farm songs and lantern slides, as well as stories of the summer's work and play.

HILLSDALE

Our active chapter enjoyed a tea given in honor of Mrs. Parke R. Kolbe, Grand President of K K Γ, at the home of one of the Kappa patronesses.

DELTA GAMMA

ADELPHI

We are glad to report that our joint Red Cross dance with Kappa Alpha Theta given on May 18 was a huge success. The proceeds which amounted to \$100 were given to Adelphi's Red Cross Auxiliary.

MONTANA

University will not be as much of a "young ladies' seminary" with so many of our "old college chums" in the service of their country as was thought at first. Many plans are already afoot among "those they left behind them" to keep them with us in spirit if not in person. Each man that has gone to serve in the army will receive the college paper and it is planned to have a "letter hour" and have all the girls write to the boys who are "somewhere in America or France."

COLORADO

In the spring Alcyon Robinson and several university girls organized a "Flying Squadron" which "flew" to the help of the Red Cross, Women's League for National Service, and state orchardists. The labor shortage of the West looms up as such a problem that we felt we were doing a patriotic deed when we donned overalls and helped save Colorado fruit. One hundred fifty girls in twenty counties reported canning, fruit-picking, and demonstrations in canning. The Denver squad raised about \$1,500 for the Red Cross week. Fruit-packing is hardly a get-rich-quick proposition, but it is great fun and a healthful occupation, providing one does not eat all the fruit one picks.

TORONTO

The majority of the university women, who had signed in the spring for National Service work, were able to carry out their good resolutions. Two of our graduates who visited the fruit-pickers camps at Beanesville have told us interesting tales of "Miss Ontario" on the farm. It was hard to believe that the alert young person, perched upon a farmer's wagon at the unearthly hour of six A. M. was really the sleepily co-ed who usually rushed into a lecture at 9:10 precisely, still yawning. Still more different were her clothes, for instead of a broadcloth suit, a jaunty hat, and a vanity bag, she wore a grey flannel middy and bloomers, a cow-breakfast hat, and dangled a genuine lunch pail over her arm. One of the farmers expected to have to provide parasols when it rained, but he took back all that he had said against the employment of university women before the summer was through.

Alpha Gamma added to the ranks of munition workers as well this summer, and anyone who knows anything about factory work will realize that their job was not a bed of roses. Those who had taken the V. A. D. course helped in the military hospitals and plied the dish-rag and scrub brush. This valiant crew have now all returned to college and the topics of the day have changed for the summer-crushes and moon-light nights of past years to 4.5 shells, potato-bugs, peach-blight, and the horrible effect of disinfectants on one's lily-white hands.

KAPPA DELTA

HUNTER COLLEGE

As a result of the united efforts of all the clubs, fraternities, and associations at Hunter \$5,361 has been raised to send three ambulances to the other side. Money is now being raised to send the fourth, which will be named for Professor Cone.

IOWA STATE

But the truth of the matter is, that no one is taking an active interest in rushing, for beside the real issues of the day it seems most silly. Every one knits for the soldiers all the time and the campaign for Red Cross

funds is at its height now. Saturday afternoon, October 13, there is to be a benefit dance in the gymnasium given by our local Panhellenic.

CINCINNATI

The women have taken upon themselves the knitting of 200 sweaters and scarfs in the month of October, for the Red Cross. Our war emergency courses in the College of Household Arts are being rapidly filled. And, best of all, we are inordinately proud of the serious military drill and the campus indications of experiments in army engineering. Altogether, our college life has come to mean a deeper and more impressive thing than ever before.

RANDOLPH-MACON

Almost all the girls in college have relatives and sweethearts in the army. We, too, are trying to win for ourselves a place in "The Fellowship of Suffering" that makes the whole world kin. Few of us realize the meaning of this great war and few of us are really economizing in any way that will give us a share in the suffering of the soldiers; but we are trying to live more simply and are spending less on foolish extravagances. In order to understand better the duties of soldiers, the sophomores are entering into military training under the direction of the gymnasium instructors. Theta is doing her bit to Hooverize in the housekeeping in the Little House in the Pines. We sweeten the tea or coffee in the kitchen before it is brought to the table in order to save unnecessary extravagance in sugar. The loaf of bread is put on the table and only one piece is cut at a time, thus saving unnecessary waste of bread; and of course we knit.

GAMMA PHI BETA

IDAHO

Shortly after you heard from us last we had a delightful frolic at the Delta Gamma House. It was in the form of a "smoker" and while we looked upon clever stunts and danced we calmly and happily puffed on licorice pipes and cigarettes. A few weeks later we entertained the Kappas at a backward party. Then and there we proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that college girls are not above enjoying absolute nonsense.

The usual celebration of Campus Day was given up last year and instead we had a patriotic demonstration. Gertrude Hays was in charge of the entire program and the "end of a perfect day" surely spoke well for her success as a manager. This is about the only opportunity that the chapter has had to show its loyalty to Uncle Sam, but as individuals we knit, and sew, and Hooverize, and those who can, sing and play in the interests of the Red Cross. Then, too, we are sending our men to the training camp and as we say goodbye to the soldier boys we realize what an exalted thing it is to serve and sacrifice for one's country.

BOSTON

Dependent wives, mothers, daughters, and sisters of the soldiers who have answered the nation's call to arms have found Boston University

one of the first among the colleges of the United States to come to their aid. The College of Business Administration opened its doors during the summer to these dependents, and gave to them free of charge invaluable courses in banking, handling of business papers, office organization, salesmanship, and advertising. Although the weather was hot and some days the thermometer did not drop, the attendance seldom fell below the eight hundred registered. Prominent educators and business men and women volunteered their services and their efforts resulted in equipping hundreds of women for positions at the helm of affairs. The College Club of Boston, a club of women college graduates, and a committee of twenty-five members of the club, representing fifteen different colleges, volunteered to correct the English exercises. Thus Boston University has taken the advice of the London County Council "no time should be lost in mobilizing the resources of possible clerical labor"—and is doing her bit.

ILLINOIS

To Our Fellow-comrades in Action—Greetings!

This is to inform you, our worthy Allies, that the Omicron Company is mobilizing, and preparing to move to the Illinois front. As before, the Company will occupy the barracks on West California Street in Urbana. The members have been recuperating during the past three months, and now feel able to enter upon the fall and winter campaign with renewed vigor and enthusiasm.

NORTHWESTERN

Dear Gamma Phi Sisters:

Don't you fairly tingle with patriotism? Then, when you think of how much you would like to do to win the war, and realize how little you *can* do, don't your spirits fall with a "thud"? Northwestern, however, is doing its part, and we girls of Northwestern stand ready to do ours.

We are proud of our hospital unit, Number 12, which has been in the field for several months, and we are exceedingly willing to do our "bit" by supplying this unit with socks, sweaters, and other necessities. Our hearts glow with pride when we hear the fine reports of the twenty-two seniors who are doing Y. M. C. A. work in France under the direction of Mr. Sherwood Eddy. Northwestern students responded nobly to their task of helping raise the \$25,000 necessary to send these men. How thrilled we were when we heard of all the Northwestern men who were awarded commissions in the Officers' Reserve Camps! Last, but not least, the members of Ambulance Company Number 9 have been waiting all summer to be called, and to have their names added to our roll of honor.

PHI MU

LAWRENCE

Owing to the general conditions, the faculty passed a rule forbidding any spending of money on the freshmen. Absolutely all we could do to get acquainted was to walk and talk, and we did both to the limit, in

spite of the fact that many of the poor freshmen were wearing out shoe leather every day on three or four fraternities.

OHIO

To-morrow, Thursday, October eighteenth, is a holiday, of course, being "Answer the Kaiser Day," and twenty-five aeroplanes are coming over from Dayton, three at a time, as a sort of celebration. That is expected to do a great deal toward stirring up enthusiasm for the purchase of Liberty Bonds, and any other help we can give in the war.

ALPHA CHI OMEGA

IOWA

We are going to try a new plan this year in order to bring the pledges and older girls closer together. For some time we have given Monday nights to the sorority. We have never, however, made as festive an occasion of it as we expect to this year. On alternate weeks the pledges and active girls will have charge of the entertainment and we are all looking forward to many good times at our Monday evening parties.

Friday evening, September 29, a new tradition was born at Iowa. It goes by the name of Chawa Kwai and is the most representative affair that was ever given here. The glee club, Y. W. C. A., Women's Athletic Association, and Forensic League combined efforts to make one really get-together affair. It was unusually successful. A procession was formed, each last year's girl walking with a new girl; carrying torches, and singing Iowa songs, they marched across a campus gaily lighted with Japanese lanterns and ushered the new girls into the real Iowa spirit.

NORTHWESTERN

Another innovation this year is the sale of tea, sandwiches, etc., in University Hall from ten until two. This will be a great convenience for the girls who do not go home for luncheon, and will also bring us a little nearer to the completion of our Woman's Building Fund.

CALIFORNIA

The chartering of the Copa de Oro Club as Psi Chapter of Kappa Delta on September 15 marks the closing of the national Panhellenic field at this university. With this eighteenth national sorority chapter, California is the first university to have a representative chapter from each of the national women's fraternities.

A thousand Californians, at the present time, are in some kind of war service. A list of these men is being compiled and an Honor Roll in the library will mark the university's part in the struggle. The term "soldier" has taken on a broader significance today. He is not only the man in uniform, but the man who serves his government in any capacity, whether by invention, farming, administrative work, or in any other useful field. Several of the university professors have given up their courses to aid the government. Those in the Chemistry Department have

been working since the declaration of war under sealed orders on important problems.

NEBRASKA

University activities are not such a prominent feature this year. Relief Work is more the slogan and Nebraska Xi has taken active part in this work, the girls all doing something in Red Cross work. We have also decided to adopt a French Orphan for two years. We are looking forward to the letters from our little protégé.

Athletics seem to have taken on a new meaning. Nebraska is feeling that patriotic sentiment may be expressed here, and it is being proved how beneficial in training camps is the training received here. Also a large per cent of the gate receipts from the game is going for benefit of Red Cross. this is our chief interest now and Nebraska is putting forth her efforts toward it.

KAPPA ALPHA THETA

SOUTH DAKOTA

Dress Reform is a new movement this year by which we are trying to modify our dress and be as economical as possible; we think that Uncle Sam will approve of this reform.

WISCONSIN

We have also new furnishings for our reception room, new silver and new china. All this magnificence was purchased when each active girl pledged herself to earn five dollars this summer for the fund. The money was raised in a variety of ways, from home house-keeping to selling poetry to *Snappy stories!*

STANFORD

A new library for the university has been started and a new women's dormitory is just being completed, which will accommodate all girls in the university not living at home or in fraternity houses.

NEBRASKA

On September 29, the freshmen of Kappa Kappa Gamma entertained the freshmen of all the other women's fraternities.

NORTHWESTERN

Northwestern opened its fall term with freshman and sophomore classes of normal size, but the two upper classes are noticeably depleted in numbers. Three hundred and eighty Northwestern men are seeing active government service, many at home, many abroad. Northwestern university has furnished a Young Men's Christian association unit and a base hospital unit, which are serving abroad, and also an Ambulance unit. Many faculty members, too, are gone. The girls of the university are bound to do their part in the national crisis, and a Red Cross room under the supervision of a director from Red Cross headquarters is to be opened on the campus very shortly, and work will go on all day.

SYRACUSE

We felt ourselves at the very height of exultation to have won these thirteen fine girls. Imagine what a climax to our joy when Chi was awarded the scholarship cup, at opening chapel, Matriculation day! Every year Panhellenic awards this cup to the women's fraternity at Syracuse, that has attained the highest average during the past year. Out of fourteen women's fraternities, Kappa Alpha Theta stood first with an average of 83.1, two whole points above the next high.

ALPHA GAMMA DELTA

WASHINGTON

Frances Robinson is captain of the company of girl cadets taking military instruction. The purpose of the training is to equip the girls both mentally and physically to withstand any unusual strain arising from present and future war needs. Practically first aid, ambulance litter drill, target practice in the armory, rifle range, and pistol practice are taught.

Naval Camp on Campus

There are over 1,000 men in the U. S. naval training camp on the campus; over one hundred and fifty of these men are seen in chemistry, cooking, and radio electricity classes. Approximately 800 former university men have enlisted in the service of their country.

Conservation Cry

The policy of the university is conservation. The campus grows its own potatoes which are used in the Commons.

Iota has signed the Hoover pledge and is substituting local products wherever possible. It is interesting to note that we are able to keep our board down to the same price as last year. Many other houses have failed to do this.

Hikers

A hiking club has been recently formed by the Women's League members. They take long walks and get moss, which is picked over by different organizations and sent to Red Cross headquarters for bandages. This moss is the same variety used by Germans in their surgical dressings and is more absorbent than cotton and costs nothing.

IOWA (Ames)

We are now awaiting anxiously the outcome of the grade lists from last semester. Ever since our establishment as a local six years ago we have led all the other sororities in scholarship and we hope to keep our place at the head—not only for our own satisfaction but for Alpha Gamma Delta now as well.

WISCONSIN

\$190,000 was spent by professors and students at the university for Liberty Bonds of the second issue. We girls chipped in and bought two as a present to the house.

ALPHA OMICRON PI

WISCONSIN

But the great news is still unrevealed. Eta leads in scholarship at Wisconsin. We made the highest average of any fraternity or sorority including the social and professional ones. The competition for this honor is very keen here. Kappa Alpha Theta held it last year. To keep it is what we are working for now.

The great liberty loan campaign has just closed. Our girls have taken out \$1,200 in bonds. Conservation is our motto this year. If our plans materialize, every Saturday afternoon we are all going to work and donate the money to a common liberty loan fund. Some of the girls have work caring for children, others are advertising for department stores, and so on. All our parties will only be informal little dances at the house.

SOUTHERN METHODIST

I must tell you of our late investments. We have a tall Mahogany floor lamp, a new wicker desk, and a chair, and since yesterday—a Liberty Loan Bond! The furniture makes the room look very nice and the Bond makes us *feel* it.

MAINE

We have had such a limited amount of time in which to "get things going" that as a chapter we have not yet taken up Red Cross Work. We give a dance next week and with the proceeds will buy yarn and knit it into sweaters for the Red Cross. Our girls, as individuals, are doing much to make the soldiers comfortable, and eight of them have purchased Liberty Bonds. The chapter has invested \$50 in a bond.

CORNELL

Last Saturday night we had a Red Cross party. Most of us dressed as soldiers, and the freshmen were Red Cross nurses. The dance programs were in the shape of a red cross. The dining-room was decorated with red crosses, the table was in the shape of a cross, and around it were little tents made of brown wrapping paper with American flags on them. These were used as favors. To carry out the plan still farther, they were little red paper crosses on the salad and flags stuck in the ice cream.

SIGMA KAPPA

CALIFORNIA

A rule has been made this term that knitting in meeting for Red Cross will be allowed, and balls and balls of yarn are rapidly being converted into sweaters, scarfs, etc.

We have adopted a new scheme this year to get everybody out into campus activities. Each activity on the campus counts a certain number of points and each girl is allowed to carry only a certain number. This is called the point system and a record is kept in a file of the number each girl is carrying. We have decided to have a contest in the house to see which class can make the most points during the semester. Every two

weeks roll is taken in meeting to keep a record of the number of points each girl is carrying. We think this will be a very effective means of stirring up all slackers.

Our last year's plan of having meetings for the pledges every other Monday night met with good success and is being continued this year. One upperclassman is in charge each time.

STANFORD

Life this year at Stanford is going to be rather different than it has been previously. The free, unconventional life we have always led here on "the farm" will be a little restricted because of the proximity of the big army cantonment, Camp Fremont. I am sure that the coöperation of our splendid women student body will eliminate any difficulty on this account however. It seems so strange to see long rows of store houses and soldiers' tents stretching out toward our beloved "rolling foot hills."

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN

We have to part with our silver Panhellenic cup which is awarded annually to the sorority having the highest average for the entire year.

Kappa Kappa Gamma was fortunate to be the next possessor, although we hope to regain it next year. The sorority which has it for three consecutive years is entitled to keep it. Let us hope that we may have three lucky years sometime!

DELTA DELTA DELTA

SYRACUSE

So small a per cent of the men's fraternities have returned that the Chancellor has granted first-semester initiation, and rushing has been a matter of life and death with them. One poor bewildered frosh had received bids to five fraternities before the close of matriculation day. And these same innocent, green-lidded freshmen are treated with new courtesy and dignity, for it is they who make the outlook brighter for athletics—and dances—during the coming year. Syracuse is not yet a Young Ladies' Seminary, although the mails are watched with unusual interest, and in every maiden's hand is a sock or sweater.

MILLIKIN

Our first week of college was given to Y. W. C. A. All fraternity jewelry was put aside, and every girl made it her object to get acquainted with all the new girls.

STANFORD

Don't we give humble thanks now for every tea, picnic, and party we gave this summer to meet new girls? We're surely reaping the results. And since finances are low this year, we're Hooverizing on our entertainments. It's truly great sport to match our ingenuity against competitors' finances. Our freshmen have entered into the spirit of things beautifully, and pull together so well that rushing has been easy.

Among our prize stunts was a Red Cross Luncheon worked out in elaborate detail. Red Cross posters were conspicuous everywhere. Kew-

pies dressed as Red Cross nurses, soldier kewpies, wounded dolls in cardboard carts drawn by toy dogs, and piles of knitting decorated the table. The motif was carried throughout the entire luncheon.

MISSOURI

Although the war work is mostly individual much time is being devoted to it by the student body. Red Cross classes in first aid and classes in home nursing, under the supervision of efficient instructors, are playing an important part in the curriculum this year. Volumes of interesting and helpful reading material are being collected for the soldiers' library. Knitting has become the popular pastime for our girls. Those who do not know how have the opportunity to learn in the knitting classes and in Y. W. C. A. The president of the university has announced that a fundamental school of aviation and an infantry unit of the senior division of the Officers' Reserve Training Corps are soon to be established here.

KNOX

Knox is slightly manless this fall—that is, the two upper classes lack their full quota of men. 'Tis a sight sad to our feminine eyes to look across the dividing line in chapel and realize that *we* are more than *they*. However, we're bearing up, and school life moves along in much the same way as usual. All social activities are carried on in a very economical manner.

INDIANA

Although many of the men from the upper classes are missing, the enrollment decreased only 20%. We are all doing something for the Red Cross. The Woman's League of the university is planning to send every Indiana University man, who is in military service, a three-pound Christmas box.

FLORIDA

This is Sophomore Week, and you should see the poor freshmen work. All freshmen must wear little green caps, rise whenever a sophomore enters the room, and perform numerous small duties for them. At the end of the week, the sophomores will hold court and each offender will be punished.

Florida State is profiting by the war conditions, it seems, for our enrollment is larger than it has ever been. We have many northern and western girls as well as more Floridians.

BUCKNELL

October 5, Panhellenic entertained all of the girls and the teachers at an informal party in the Living-Room. The programs were written in English words with the Greek letters to symbolize the Greek world which was entertaining. The party was a great success, and we all hope that it was the first of many equally attractive.

COLORADO

Tri Delt has again won the Panhellenic scholarship cup. If we can keep it one more semester, the cup is ours, for we have already held it five successive semesters. Needless to say, we are all excited over it.

COLLEGE NEWS

AGNES ENGLAND

Since two medical schools hitherto closed to women have opened their doors this year, the increasing importance of women in the medical world is noticeable. Duly qualified women registered at Radcliffe College will be admitted to the Harvard Medical School. The requirements for admission will be the same as for men. The Council of Radcliffe College will confer the degree of Doctor of Medicine on women candidates who perform the required work.

After an existence of 106 years exclusively for men, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University is admitting women to its courses. The wide and successful employment of European women in trades considered before the war as belonging to men, and the great drain upon the medical profession though the doctors needed for our fighting forces, have brought about this radical change in the traditional policy of the older medical schools toward women.—From the *Bulletin of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences*.

The alumnae of Mt. Holyoke in a resolution forwarded to Secretary of War Baker call attention to the valuable service performed by women physicians in the other warring countries, and ask that in view of the large number of well-equipped women in the United States their services be utilized to the fullest extent, and that they be recognized as on an equal footing, in regard to both rank and pay, with men doing the same work.

Increased opportunities for women in the medical and nursing branch of the war service have led, this fall, to the offering of new courses for women along this line. The Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania is giving three special lecture courses aiming at increased efficiency for lay workers. The lectures extend over a period of ten weeks and include twelve hours weekly of laboratory work. The courses, intended only for earnest students, are definite and practical, dealing with hygiene and sanitation, clinical laboratory work, and dietetics, with such opportunities, many capable women, eager for service, will find the direction they seek.—*Bulletin of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences*.

Columbia University's income has fallen off \$200,000 because of a reduction in registration resulting from enlistments of students.

Beside the decrease in student fees, the university feels the increased cost of fuel, which added \$35,000 to expenditures during 1917 and will add a burden of \$40,000 in 1918. The salaries of professors called to the service of the nation are being paid by Columbia in part or in full.

President Butler pointed out in his recent annual report that the university was hit hard by taxes on bequests of a public character.

As for the general increase in prices, even the necessary crop has gone up fourteen per cent in price and stationery and printing about thirty-three per cent. Electrical supplies have taken a big jump, some articles having increased 117 per cent. To employ the needed labor on the campus and in the buildings has caused another drain, because of the scarcity of the kind of men needed.

Under an arrangement with the New York State Nautical School nineteen Columbia students receive instruction in seamanship and navigation under officers of the schoolship *Newport* moored in the Hudson River, and that students aboard the schoolship are sharing certain facilities at Columbia. By this reciprocity and by speeding its work the school has increased its efficiency five fold. Sixty applications are on file.

The scholarship squad will go to the Engineering Building at Columbia three afternoons a week, and with the university students, receive practical instruction in knotting, splicing, sail making, and signalling. Three mornings a week they will learn other phases of marine work. Cadets have the use of the university gymnasium and pool. The students are preparing for places in the United States Emergency Fleet.

The *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* of December 18 has a word to say concerning knitting in class.

To knit or not to knit, that has been the question at Barnard College, and the knitters have won. The last few weeks have been exciting ones for the undergraduates who wanted to knit in class, while a professor was lecturing on a more or less abstruse subject.

Some professor told their classes that they liked to see the students knit during lectures; others requested the girls to refrain from the work, while still others confessed to the officials that they did not want the students to knit in their classes, yet were afraid to say anything for fear they would be considered unpatriotic or cranky.

It was for the sake of this last-mentioned group that the Student Council passed a ruling forbidding all knitting in classes. It did not realize what a Pandora's boxful of troubles it had innocently opened up. Murmurs of dissatisfaction were soon heard; knitters and non-knitters wrote sarcastic letters to the Bulletin. The words "Student Council" were often heard coupled with "autocracy" and "militarism." Murmuring became open hostility, and for the first time a ruling by the Student Council was generally disobeyed. The authors saw their mistake, and called a special meeting of the undergraduate body to consider the matter.

The meeting was well attended and debate lively. Miss Griffiths, undergraduate president, absolved the Student Council from all accusations of autocracy. A motion finally passed which allowed knitting only if the professor or instructor expressly stated that he had no objection to this activity during his lecture. Another motion passed was to the effect that every professor be requested to make a definite announcement one way or the other.

The results of this request have been remarkable. One psychology professor informed his class that he had carefully considered the matter, and had decided that plain knitting was an automatic thing with all who were at all proficient, and that, therefore, it could be done in class without detriment to scholarship, but that purling required conscious effort, and must, therefore, be taboo in his classes. Another instructor asked her girls to refrain from knitting, because she almost fell off the platform in her excitement when anyone turned the heel of a sock, and that every dropped stitch made her lose her thread of her lecture.

Despite these many setbacks, the knitters at Barnard have completed more than sixty knitted garments and are preparing to send a whole Christmas boxful of warm apparel to the boys at Fort Hancock.

A report published recently showing how Students at Columbia University, graduate and undergraduate earned \$283,000 during the academic year and summer vacation of 1916-17, states that a total of 2,299 positions were filled from the office, varying from work as soda clerk, moving picture actor, and elevator operator, to translator, violinist, and magazine writer. Three students sold their blood for transfusion. Ten posed as artist models and forty-seven got positions as instructors at the University.

Although the total amount earned is about \$75,000 greater than for the year 1915-1916, Secretary Heiter says that his department could fill many more positions if it were organized "on a better financial and more dignified basis." He says:

"A sum of \$100,000 for student employment and \$183,000 for undergraduate appointments for one year, the earnings reported as secured through the office alone is no mean figure, and deserves more whole-hearted consideration and recognition than has been its lot in the past. If it is longer withheld, the university will suffer through its lack of supporting in this manner students worthy of aid and graduates deserving to be permanently placed."—*New York Times*.

To save the enormous corn crop on the Pennsylvania State College farms, more than 100 students yesterday held a husking bee, disposing of 3,500 bushels in eight hours. They were paid five cents a bushel, the local rate for corn husking.

Dr. Edwin E. Sparks, the college president, enthusiastically worked in the fields with the undergraduates. David R. Pheasant, a junior, was the high scorer, husking sixty bushels.—*New York Times*.

A radical rearrangement of the scientific work of Harvard University has been made necessary by a recent decision of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts. Harvard had received a magnificent endowment from the late GORDON MCKAY, to be used in applied science. Mr. MCKAY, a successful manufacturer and inventor of machinery, had lived for more than a quarter of a century in the very shadow of the university. Himself a man of refinement and artistic tastes, he had come to appreciate the advantages of combining training in the exact sciences with liberal culture.

To this agreement the Supreme Court of Massachusetts has refused its sanction. It holds that the agreement is not consonant with the intentions of Mr. McKay. In endowing Harvard, Mr. McKay did not seek merely to associate his name with an historic university. Rather, he chose an educational institution capable of carrying out his plans. The acceptance of the bequest, so the court holds, implied that education carried on under the terms thereof should be under the control and direction of the university. By this decision Harvard is compelled to revive and extend its own graduate school of applied science, an outcome generally regretted by reason of the duplication in practically the same community of a great scientific college like the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.—*Brooklyn Institute Bulletin*.

The college of the City of New York has suspended fourteen men and expelled five for nonattendance at military drill. The college is coöperating with the State Military Training Commission, and the drastic measures adopted are in keeping with the decision of Major Lyon, who declared on December 1 that men lax in attendance at drills would be disciplined.—*New York World*.

We have cause to be proud of our colleges and their activities abroad. In these times truly "by their works ye shall know them."

The Y. M. C. A. at Peking is manned and supported by Princeton men. This Peking Center was founded in 1907, although Princeton men had long been working in China. A comparatively new building is located in the heart of the city and has attracted to its membership about 2,000 of the youths of Peking.

"Being at the capitol, where the heads of the government are concentrated," says the *Outlook* for December 26, "the Peking center exercises an influence through them on the officials of the whole country, and what is more important on their sons. These young men have the best opportunities of any in China, because they come from the most influential families. Among them are the potential leaders of the future."

The old idea of establishing a school for parents, which would be a good thing, perhaps, if there were a compulsory attendance clause attached to it, has been revived by Professor Jenks of the Department of Psychology of the University of Minnesota. He said recently in a lecture that "American children are notorious as the worst-behaved children on earth," and blamed home influence.

It would be interesting to know whether Professor Jenks has children of his own, or is a crusty old bachelor, as his savage denunciation would indicate him to be. It is true that young America sometimes bubbles over with spirits, that he is not so amenable as he might be to authority, but we do not yet believe that he is the "worst on earth."

The young men now responding to the country's call, who were somebody's children only a few years ago, are making a fine showing upon the whole, and it would seem in fairness that the American parent ought to have some in the credit for it.—From *The Portland Oregonian*.

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The Outlook of December 5 prints a useful bit of information for those in the service going over. The American University Union in Europe has been established in Paris at No. 8. Rue de Richelien, facing the Theatre Francais, address the Royal Palace Hotel. It is close to the Palais Royal subway station from which one can reach various regions of the city quickly and cheaply.

A letter to the *Outlook* from the director Prof. G. H. Nettleton of Yale, informs us that the hotel is already filled to overflowing with men in various branches of the service, that on the opening day men from thirty different American universities and colleges registered there and now the number of colleges represented is eighty-four. All college men, whether graduates, or not, are welcome to the Union, and have the privilege of introducing other men by writing their names on the guestbook. The union offers bedrooms, with or without private bath, an excellent restaurant, and a lounging-room supplied with many American newspapers, magazines, and college publications. Single rooms are from six francs up, and rooms with two beds from 5 francs up per man.

The whole project has had remarkable success. It will attain far-reaching results. There will be evidenced not merely in the work of war relief to men in the service, but also in strengthening the relationship between French and American men of college training.

In an article on the "American College and the Great War" in the January number of *Scribners*, Robert Lincoln Kelly says that transformation that has come over the American college is an interesting phase of the present social revolution.

Attacks upon the college by business men, by students of the social order, and by others who all felt some lack, either with the teaching, the financial conduct, or the ideals of the social life of the college, had a notable effect upon the colleges themselves in developing interrelations, then official coördination and coöperation.

With the outbreak of the war the American colleges were shaken to their foundations. The college man is a dreamer. This is a fight for world-wide democracy, it will be the most idealistic war in human history. Wilson is a college man a dreamer, other dreamers must help him win the battle. This is a struggle between the American schoolmaster and his ideals and the German Schoolmaster and his ideals.

The college man had the capacity to learn and learn quickly. He had training of body and mind and conscience. The leaders required must be men of personality of character, and of comprehension, and the government turned to the colleges for these essentials of manhood. It was an official vote of confidence in the institution whose product was called the day before, impractical and visionary.

The response was so phenomenal that it was feared the colleges would be depopulated. Colleges and universities hastened to place their laboratories at the complete disposal of the government, to establish new courses in artillery, aeronautics, and military science with the heavy loss in students come the proportionate loss in revenue and the steady rise in cost of supplies and maintenance so that, in spite of their economy most of the colleges are facing a distressing deficit. But while they gave their upperclassmen gladly to the service all recognized that the colleges must be kept open and new students secured to keep the supply of college trained men continuous. It is significant that the military and government officials accorded the most striking tribute ever paid in any country to the work of higher education when they urged that students must stay in college.

Faculty enlistment was surprising. The keen, alert young teacher with high ability and technical training was quite as eager as the students to do his bit for the country.

The pulsing patriotism of the students now in school, is tremendous. Certain external evidences are to be found in the selection of courses, especially in the language department. Classes in German felt strongly the effect of the war, while French classes showed a marked increase, and some of the language interest was transferred to Spanish studies which relate to war, especially chemistry and history are increasingly popular. That colleges are more than ever entitled to respect and veneration is shown in the effective bridging of the gulf between the theoretical and

practical by the knowledge that the government turns to the school laboratory and technic in its hour of need.

College men are prominently connected with every new governmental organization formed to deal with the present emergency. In university laboratories and schools and at Washington men are engaged in research work for the government. Because of the unusual standard of requirement for this work in nerve, poise, and brains, college men constitute the greater proportion of men accepted in aeronautical schools, all of which are affiliated with educational institutions.

The school must receive credit for showing us that mental discipline is not synonymous with delicate physique and sheltered environment but forms the basis for a wonderful transformation from the peaceful student to the effective officer. Moral education with us has achieved practical results. As a splendid example of this, Mr. Kelly calls to our attention the action of 850 enlisted men in the University of Minnesota who unanimously adopted resolutions pledging themselves to clean lives in the camps and to the establishment of the American uniform as a symbol and guarantee of real manhood. More impressive than this, the Minnesota Medical group urged the placing of alcoholic beverages under strict control, that moral zones be created around American camps, and appealed to the President and Congress to establish prohibition as a war measure. Again we must pay a tribute of respect to that pervading influence of higher education which for two and one half centuries has quietly but persistently learned our population with the very essence of Americanism in ideal and training.

The *Outlook* reprints a poem by Joyce Kilmer which was written about the boys who had gone out from an English school but which is universal in its application.

They have taken their youth and mirth away from the study and playing ground,

To a school in an alien land beneath an alien sky,
Out in the smoke and roar of the fight their lessons and games are found
And they who were learning how to live are learning how to die.

And after the golden day has come and the war is at an end,

A slab of bronze on the chapel wall will tell of the noble dead,
And every name on that radiant list will be the name of a friend.

A name that shall through the centuries in grateful prayers be said.

And there will be ghosts in the old school, brave ghosts with laughing eyes

On the field with a ghostly cricket bat, by the stream with a ghostly rod
They will touch the hearts of the living with a flame that sanctifies

A flame that they took with strong young hands from the altar fires of
God.