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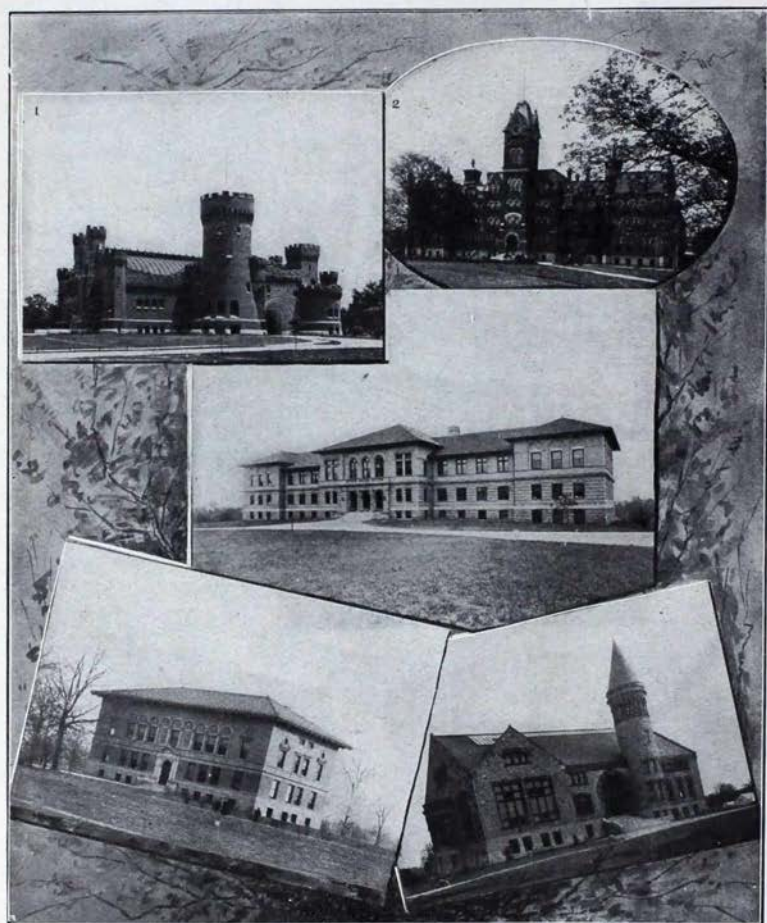
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SOME OF THE BUILDINGS—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

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WAHOO, WAHOO, RIP, ZIP, BAZOO,
I YELL, I YELL, FOR O. S. U.

O. S. U.'s yell is not so old by half as the institution itself, which, in fact, is barely on the hither side of thirty.

Yet it is a far call from the Ohio Agricultural and Mechanical College of 1873 (as the unfortunate infant was christened), to the Ohio State University of 1901, the one an important feature of a provincial city, the other a leading attraction of a metropolis of over a hundred thousand. In the old days (comparatively speaking) one had to go quite into the country to visit it, but now it is well within the corporate limits of Columbus, three miles north of the State Capitol. There the University has a site three hundred and forty-five acres in extent, worth one million five hundred thousand dollars, and, of course, constantly increasing in value.

The grounds are almost rectangular in shape, touching city on one side and country on the other. While not so beautiful, for instance, as those of Cornell, or the University of Wisconsin, they have many natural attractions of the tamer sort.

Along the western boundary flows the Olentangy River, with its wide, peaceful valley, beloved of the Red Man in the old days. Overlooking this, on the high ground, lies the campus, a rolling, tree-dotted expanse, relieved on the one hand by a grove of elms and beeches, and on the other by a spring and lake, deep set amid willows and aspens.

Nature has been very kindly aided by art, both in the laying out of the grounds, and in the arrangement of the buildings. Of the latter there are thirteen devoted to instruction, aside from the

boiler house, power house, two dormitories, residences and farm buildings.

There are two approaches to the grounds, one from the High Street entrance on the east, and the other from the Neil Avenue entrance on the south. The latter, in many respects, is the more beautiful, because of the tree-lined road and the view over the river, but the former is the more strategic from the standpoint of the landscape gardener. From it, after passing some residences of the faculty, one enters upon the campus, with almost all the buildings in sight on either hand. To the right is the Armory, a magnificent building in the castellated style now popular for that purpose; Hayes Hall, in which industrial arts are taught; Chemical Hall, University Hall, the oldest of the buildings, with Mechanical and Electrical Halls in the rear, and back of them the power house and boiler house, both very ornamental, modern structures.

To the left of the spectator is first of all, Biological Hall, a gem in rococco style; then Orton Hall, intended for the Department of Geology, but at present sheltering the library also, and Botanical Hall, another of the "old" buildings. To the left of the latter, crowning the steep slope which shuts in Mirror Lake on the south, stands the Emerson McMillin Observatory, of which more anon. On the west side of the campus, beyond a graceful central elevation, one can just see the upper stories of Horticultural and Townshend Halls, the latter a handsome new structure devoted to the College of Agriculture.

These buildings almost encircle the campus, but there are still some desirable sites left. Very shortly two of these will be occupied by halls for the College of Law and for the Department of Physics. As soon as financial conditions permit, a library building will follow, as well as such others as may be necessary.

Some of our sisters in other institutions may be wondering that we have not an Assembly Hall or Chapel, which is usually a feature in most colleges. O. S. U. has economically and satisfactorily solved this problem by enlarging a wing in the rear of University Hall, in which is one of the most commodious and beautiful assembly rooms imaginable. It is still styled "the chapel," but nothing could be further removed from our dingy, forlorn, old chapel than this room, with its stage and proscenium arch, its footlights, boxes, balcony, and up to date arrangements.

While it is not possible to go much into detail concerning buildings when there are so many, to omit some mention of the Emerson McMillin Observatory would be an injustice both to O. S. U. and to its chief benefactor. The construction and equipment of this observatory were made possible through the generosity of Mr. Emerson McMillin, of New York, who needs no introduction to most Americans. It has the honor of being the only gift building O. S. U. possesses, and this fact makes it doubly precious, and the University doubly grateful to its loyal friend.

While every son and daughter of O. S. U. is proud of her fine array of buildings—and of the sure prospects for more—they have no cause to be ashamed of the work done within those walls—work characterized by a sound yet progressive spirit.

In organization, the plan of division into colleges is followed. Of these divisions there are six—the College of Agriculture, of Arts, Philosophy and Science, of Engineering, of Law, of Pharmacy, and of Veterinary Medicine. In these one may pursue any one (or more) of twenty-five different courses, some leading to degrees and some not.

The degrees include, beside the time honored ones of B. A. and B. Ph., those of Mechanical, Civil and Electrical Engineer, several varieties of Bachelor of Science (including one in Domestic Economy), Bachelor of Laws and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

At the head of each college are its dean and faculty, who have practically *carte blanche* so far as the work of students in their college is concerned. Thus there is an intermediate organization between the professor at the head of his department and the university proper. In a teaching force that numbers considerably over one hundred, it is quite evident that some such plan as the foregoing is necessary to keep the machinery of administration in working order.

While it is true that almost any department of O. S. U. would be of interest, there are some, because of the nature either of the work itself or of the equipment, that are worthy of special attention.

In the first class may be mentioned the Department of Domestic Economy, which is taught in very few of our colleges and universities, and the Department of Clay-working and Ceramics, in which O. S. U. is the only institution that offers instruction.

Among those departments which have equipment of unique interest is that of economics. Owing to its proximity to all the commercial movement of the city of Columbus, the University has been enabled to obtain a complete collection of bonds of all kinds, letters of credit, drafts, trust certificates, and all the various forms of business paper, with sets of foreign and domestic coins, maps, charts, a commercial globe, and everything necessary to advanced study in economics.

Then the students in zoology, entomology and botany are particularly favored in having at Sandusky, on Lake Erie, a lake laboratory, with all its delightful opportunities for studying nature at first hand.

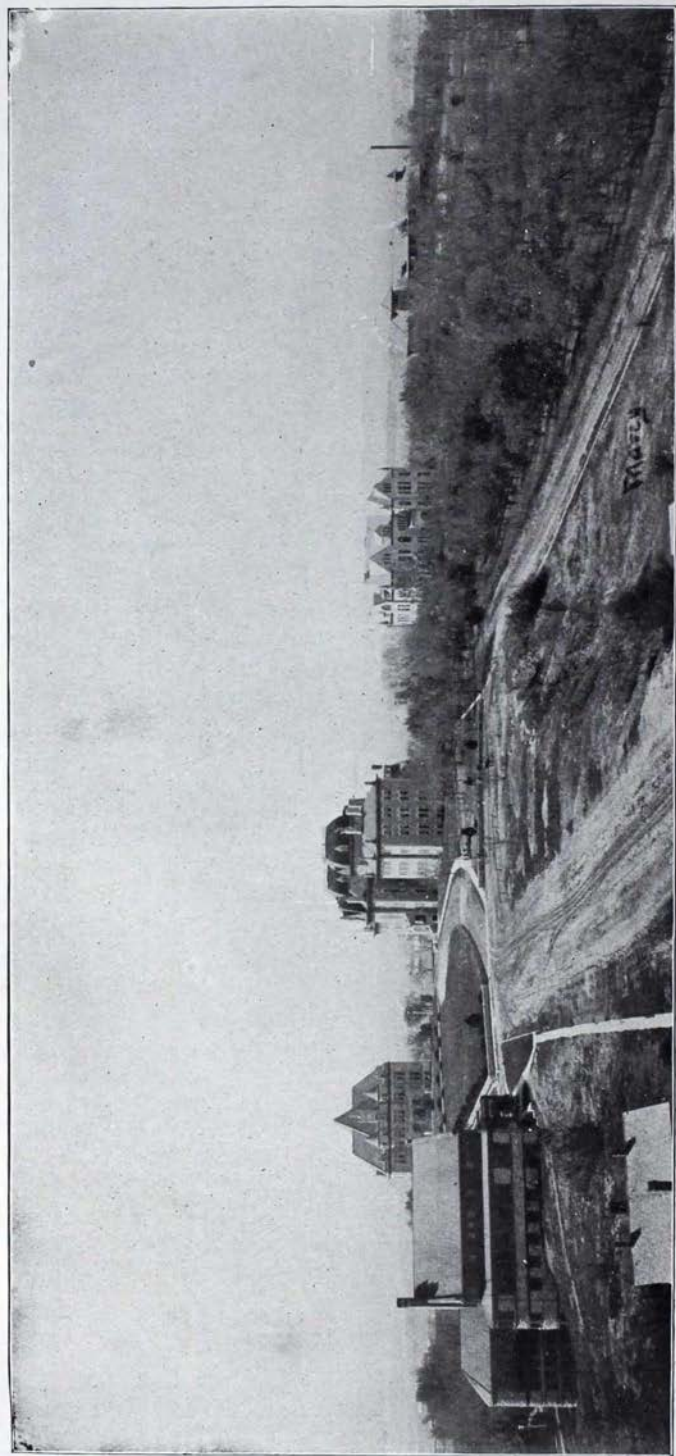
Of those minor, but nevertheless valuable, aids to culture, literary and other societies, O. S. U. has more than a score. Six are literary societies—Alycane, Horton, Athenaeum and Townsend, for men, and Browning and Philomathean, for women.

Among the more important miscellaneous organizations are the Political Science Club, the Chemical Association, the Biological Club, the Engineering Society, and the William F. Hunter Society, in the Law School. The college publications are the *Lantern* (weekly), the *Naturalist*, the *Agricultural Student* (both monthly,) and the annual *Makio*.

Musical organizations are always an uncertain quantity at O. S. U., as at other institutions. While, at present, they are in a creditable condition, as an advertisement they must yield precedence to the Athletic Association; or to be more exact, to the foot ball team. Especially since it scored 0-0 with Michigan last fall, has the scarlet and gray occupied a prominent place in athletics. With the good will and active co-operation of the faculty which seems now assured, athletics may be expected to occupy a prominent place in O. S. U.

But after all, it is fraternities in which readers of THE KEY are most interested. How many are there? What is the attitude of O. S. U. toward them? These are a few of the questions that occupy our minds.

The fact that there are chapters of eighteen fraternities at O. S. U., with a total membership of over three hundred would seem to indicate that Greeks find it a congenial place. These favored eighteen are, in the order of their chartering, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta, Chi Phi,



VIEW OF CAMPUS—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

Beta Theta Pi, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta, Sigma Nu, Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Delta Phi (Law), Pi Beta Phi, Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Sigma, Delta Delta Delta, Theta Nu Epsilon and Mu Kappa.

The policy of the University toward fraternities has always been characterized by liberality—a sort of friendly *laissez faire*. While anything like rowdyism is brought up with a short turn, there is no secret espionage such as may be found at some institutions.

The literary societies have not the social influence they have in smaller colleges—social life, for the most part, revolves around the fraternities. This means not only that formal social life which is comprised in the usual round of receptions and dances, but that every day social life which means so much to every student.

O. S. U. doubtless has many faults—what institution has not—but they are the faults of youth. The institution is growing, awkward, hobbled boy if you please, but that will pass with youth, under the wise, tactful guidance of its beloved President, Dr. Thompson.



UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

THE University of Kansas was established by an act of legislature in 1864; in that same year an act was passed organizing the University and locating it at Lawrence, giving it the name of University of Kansas. The faculty now includes nearly 100, and the enrollment of students is 1,200. The University is situated on a projection of the bluffs bordering on the Kansas River Valley, which is known as Mt. Oread. The campus comprises about fifty acres. The number of University buildings is ten, six erected by State and four by private gifts. The first building was erected in 1866, named North College, and in 1872, because of the crowded rooms of North College, *Fraser Hall* was erected. There are fifty-four rooms in the building, of which one is the main audience hall, causing the building to be generally called the "Main Building." The assembly room,

which has a seating capacity of 1,200, contains an electric pipe organ, which is conceded the best in the State. The cost of the building was \$100,000.

Spooner Library was erected in 1894, at a cost of \$75,000. On the main floor are located the general reading room, a newspaper room, and the librarian's and cataloguer's offices. Upon the second floor is a hall suitable for the smaller audiences of the students. In the basement are seminary rooms used for private study of students in different departments. A fire-proof stack, with a capacity of 100,000 volumes, is an integral part of the building. The stacks consist of five stories each, eight feet high, the entire inside work being of iron. The library is open from 8 A. M. until 10 P. M., and juniors and seniors are admitted to the stacks. Every appointment is modern, and its facilities and usefulness are unexcelled.

Physics and Electrical-Engineering Building is of chateau renaissance style, three stories high and was completed in 1895, at the cost of \$60,000. The building is constructed without iron below the third story to avoid magnetic disturbances. A sixty-cell storage battery is continually charged for laboratory work. The general apparatus room contains about \$25,000 worth of demonstration and laboratory instruments. The building is heated by the Sturtevant forced-draft system, regulated by electric thermostats in each room. The air is changed automatically every fifteen minutes, and in the lecture room every ten minutes.

Snow Hall of Natural History was erected in 1886, by an appropriation of \$50,000. This building is furnished throughout with the best appliances for investigation and instruction in all branches of natural history, including sixty compound microscopes of the best manufacture.

Fowler Shops were completed in 1899, at a cost of \$21,000. This building is devoted to the mechanical and technical instruction of the School of Engineering, and to the electric light and power plants of the University. The material used is native stone, and the building is two stories with attic and a handsome tower.

Chemistry Building was completed in 1900, and is of native limestone laid in horizontal courses, with recessed pointing. It was erected specifically for laboratory purposes for the Departments of Chemistry and Pharmacy. All the arrangements are

after the newest and most approved plans, the ventilating system being very fine.

Medical Building, erected in 1883, and formerly used by the Departments of Pharmacy and Chemistry is constructed in the form of a T : the Departments of Anatomy and Physiology use the lower part, while the rest of the building is used for laboratories.

By an act of the legislature of 1901, an appropriation of \$65,000 was made for a Natural History Museum.

Our Chancellor, Mr. F. H. Snow, is now away for his health, and Mr. Spangler, of the Board of Regents, is acting as Chancellor.



Alumnae Department

Boston Alumnae Association.

Our Association has been pleasantly enlarged this winter by many Kappas who are studying in and around Boston, and through them we have come to know more about the chapters which they represent.

Our meetings this winter have been delightful, it is such a pleasure to us to meet our old friends again.

Best wishes to the Fraternity which we love !



New York Alumnae Association.

At the April, 1900, meeting of the *New York Alumnae Association* it was voted that a Kappa rally and luncheon should be one of the features of the next year. Mrs. Minnie Royce-Walker, Iota ; Miss Virginia Gildenleeve, Beta Epsilon, and Miss Elizabeth Rhoads, Psi, were appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

It was the effort of the committee to reach every Kappa in the vicinity of New York, and if any were missed it was because their address was not known.

Thus it was that Saturday, February 24th, found thirty-eight Kappas from every direction, by boat and by train, but all with the St. Denis Hotel as their object. These thirty-eight represented fourteen different chapters, from the farthest western, Beta Eta, to the farthest eastern, Phi. Not a few felt they would be total strangers, but the Kappa bond soon made a friend of each.

Miss Hull, Miss Wight, Mrs. Penfield, Miss Griffith and Miss Olmstead, President of the New York Alumnae Association, graced the head table. These in time responded to toasts appropriate to each. Miss Wight spoke of "Kappas East and West," really the world over, as one of Beta Eta's members has recently carried THE KEY 2,000 miles into China. Miss Griffith, the Grand Treasurer's Deputy, spoke on "The Finances of the Fraternity," suggesting several ways in which the alumnae might help the Fraternity. Mrs. Jean Nelson Penfield spoke in her usual earnest way, of "Kappa Ideals." Miss Olmstead very

appropriately spoke of "The New York Alumnae Association," what it was doing and what such an association should mean to the Fraternity. Several Kappa songs were indulged in, with Miss Cotson, of Sigma, at the piano. Miss Ella Raymond, also of Sigma, very graciously sang a solo.

Here in New York the members of the Alumnae Association come from Yonkers, Staten Island, the suburbs in Long Island and New Jersey, with nothing in common but the Kappa bond. So perhaps it is not strange that some times it seems difficult to keep up a general interest. However, the verdict seemed unanimous that the rally and luncheon was a success.



Philadelphia Alumnae Association.

The last meeting of the *Philadelphia Alumnae Association* of Kappa Kappa Gamma took the form of a dinner at The Rittenhouse, on the evening of February 12th. There were thirteen members present, but there can be no more in a number than in a name, for in spite of those uncanny figures, the occasion was a most delightful one, and its harmony was in nowise disturbed. If only those who might be members and are not could have been present they would undoubtedly have been convinced of the error of their ways and become one of us. The dinner itself and the chat afterwards were both pleasantly informal, the latter revealing to us how fortunate we were in having one of the officers of the Grand Council a member of the Association.

The members of the Association are almost all very busy people, and one does not always have as much time as one would like for interests of this kind, but we can report two new members and hope in the future to proceed along more definite lines.



Columbus Alumnae Association.

The *Columbus Alumnae Association* was entertained at the home of Cora Gale, March 16th. Our organization in the past has accomplished no definite work, nor have our entertainments been regular, but we are hoping now to make some good definite plans for next year which will bring us together regularly.

Indianapolis Alumnae Association.

The *Indianapolis Kappa Club* entered upon its third year, February the sixteenth. The new officers for the year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Benjamin Kelsey; Vice-President, Miss Edna Wallace; Secretary, Miss Mary L. Deputy; Treasurer, Miss Lena Byrd.

At the recent meetings much thought has been given to the reorganization of the Club upon a different basis. As a purely literary club does not appeal to the whole membership, a varied program is considered which will give opportunity for the display of talent in any line whatever. A one-act farce will be rendered by six of the Club at the March meeting. The same was given in November and is repeated by request from those who braved the November storm and rated the play a success. The Columbus delegate from Mu Chapter urges that we become an Alumnae Association Chapter, receiving the Fraternity literature and making a special effort to keep abreast with the present day fraternity work. The Indianapolis Club would gladly know of the work and organization of other alumnae clubs, and would gratefully receive any suggestions from THE KEY.

**Bloomington Alumnae Association.**

The *Kappa Club* of this city has enjoyed a very pleasant and intellectually profitable year thus far.

We changed our programme in its leading feature this year, from the study of the works of William Shakespere to a study of Holland, going over the history of its rise and progress, the lessons of its commercial pre-eminence and decline, and its influence upon the development of literature and the arts in Europe. Our membership has remained steady, and our semi-monthly programmes have been of good quality.

On the evening of the 26th of November, the active members of the sorority at the Wesleyan University of this city entertained the Club at their annual banquet, and a very pleasant time was enjoyed.

The greatest occasion of local literary interest each year is the "Congress of Clubs Banquet," given by the several literary clubs of the city annually, and occurring this year on the evening of the

11th day of January. On this occasion our Club furnished one speaker on the programme and was represented by Mrs. Bird C. Van Leer, who fully sustained the reputation of the Kappas in the most interesting number of the evening.

Two of our members, Mrs. T. J. Welch and Miss Clara De Matt, made an extended tour of the Eastern States last summer and met at Boston, Newport and elsewhere with cordial reception by many wearers of the jeweled Key. We are strong in our Kappa interest and friendship, and look forward to pleasant things.



Denver Alumnae Association.

The *Denver Alumnae Association* of Kappa Kappa Gamma meets once a month at the homes of the different members.

We have one hour devoted to business and literary work, followed by a social hour. We are studying Colonial History of America. Our program for the year is as follows :

December 8.

Introductory Paper,	. . .	Miss PARCE.
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January 5.

French Settlements,	. . .	Miss BOYER.
Dutch Settlements,	. . .	Miss GRACE.
English Settlements,	. . .	Miss WOOD.

February 2.

COLONIAL WARS.

Indian,	. . .	Mrs. McCLEES.
Rebellions,	. . .	Mrs. SECHRIST.

March 30.

GROWTH OF CONSTITUTION.

Colonial Government,	. . .	Mrs. HEALY.
English Interference,	. . .	Miss EMMONS.

April 27.

AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

Washington,	. . .	Miss MARSHALL.
Howe,	. . .	Miss BOYER.
Cornwallis,	. . .	Miss GRACE.
Cause, Events, Results,	. . .	Mrs. McCLEES.

May 25.

Reunion of Kappas of Colorado.

Kansas City Alumnae Association.

On February 22, the members of the *Kansas City Alumnae* of Kappa Kappa Gamma were delightfully entertained by a musical at the home of Mrs. C. K. Towt, an enthusiastic Kappa sister from Upsilon. The programmes were in Kappa color, with a Key at the top. We, fifteen in number, enjoyed every minute there and treasure the pretty programmes as souvenirs. After the programme was finished and we had partaken of the delicious refreshments, the President, Miss L. Agnes Peters, called us to order for a short business meeting. We are considering the advisability of obtaining an alumnae charter and will meet March 9, to decide upon it.

Our membership now numbers twenty-two regular and interested members, and we hope when you hear from us again to have doubled our present number.

Yours in bonds of Kappa.



Personal Notes.

BETA NU.

Mrs. C. E. Allen announces the engagement of her daughter Lucy to Mr. George Smart, Editor of the *Columbus Citizen*, and incidentally of the Phi Kappa Psi catalogue.

Imogene Ingram, '97, will have charge of the reading room of the Ohio State Library after April 1st.

Mabel Baldwin, '03, has been compelled to withdraw from college on account of ill health.

Edith St. John, '02, and Ellen Yost, '04, are pledged to Beta Nu.

KAPPA.

Libbie Cilley was married to Carl L. Bailey, Δ T Δ, on January 31st, at Hillsdale. At home, 82 Oak street.

Dr. and Mrs. Ward announce the engagement of their daughter Mary to Mr. G. Sidney Phelps, University of Minnesota, '99.

XI.

On December 25th, at Ohio, Illinois, Addie Chase was married to Mr. Marshall Cowl, Σ A E, of Bellevue, Pa.

IOTA.

On November 7th, 1900, Alice Jeannette Smith was married to Algie Peny Gulick, in Indianapolis, Ind. At home after December 5th, No. 109 West White street, Champaign, Ill.

UPSILON.

February 9th, Elizabeth Raymond gave a handkerchief shower for Una Howell at which the active chapter and alumnae were present. The following Saturday, Laura Whitlock gave a linen shower, and on the night of February 20th, Miss Howell was married to Mr. George C. Cook, at the First Congregational Church at Evanston.

PI.

Viola Pattiane will marry Dr. Louis Mace, April 8th, 1901.

P AR THEN ON

The Sacredness It is an oft-repeated thought, this of the sacred-
of Kappa. ness of our fraternity and its obligations. Never-
theless, at this time of year we are so likely to
get settled into the prosy dullness of routine
that any reminder of the spirit of initiation cannot be untimely.

Not one of us can afford to lose sight of the fair ideal of Kappa that places our fraternity among the deepest interests of our life. It is something more than the "pretty theory" that an outsider once charged fraternity life with being. Kappa ought to be a daily lesson in usefulness and in deeper spiritual development. Where the fraternity is not meaning this, the fault lies with the individual girl, and although, of course, the chapter and even the fraternity must suffer to a degree from her attitude, it is always the girl herself who has the most to lose.

Seldom should there be anything important enough to cause a member to miss a chapter meeting. Unfailing attendance is one of her most serious fraternity obligations, to which other interests should give way. No loyalty is too great for us to give to one another. The love of Kappa should hold us in places where for our own sake we might not hesitate. The love of Kappa should spur us on to heights that personal ambition would never reach. Our fraternity is the most sacred part of our college life, a beautiful privilege, and as such we should guard its welfare. *Phi.*

Pinning on the Key.

Have you to yourself confessed,
Oh sisters—K. K. G.—
All the meaning that's expressed
In pinning on the Key?
Questioned all the deed conveyed?
Its import do you see?
And the life and love portrayed
In pinning on the Key?
Pause, then, all ye Kappas,
And realize all there be
Of deep and sweet significance
In pinning on the Key.

—SARAH SMITH HARLINE, *Beta Nu.*

The Fraternity Room.

What spot in all our college ways
 Could be more sweet
 Than is the sacred inner shrine
 Where Kappas meet ?

'Twas there we first our honor pledged
 To blue and blue ;
 And there with sisters hand in hand
 We pledge anew.

'Tis there at friendship's constant flame
 A torch we light
 To brighten all the length'ning leagues
 Till sunset night.

And Kappa room, when distance parts
 From thy dear halls,
 The Key I bear upon my heart
 Thy love recalls.

—Gamma Rho.

It is generally admitted that every chapter has its ups and downs. One season brings the most gratifying success, when every one whom we ask to join the fraternity seems only too anxious to don the small but significant pledge pin. Then all agree that rushing is not work, but play, and something delightful and desirable. Now there may come another time when every effort has to be put forward. Things do not run smoothly, and we begin to hate rushing and everything connected with it. When one has been in the chapter life several years, the question cannot help but arise, how do all these things come about? What is the reason of it all? Is it pure chance, or is something wrong, and may a remedy be suggested by consideration and thoughtful planning?

I believe that unqualified success is partly to blame, and that too much of it is not really desirable for the chapter. Follow your own history and see if this is not so. You began with a small number of determined girls. They had worked hard for the charter and appreciated that, only by putting forth their best united efforts, could they succeed in building up a strong, influential fraternity. With a sense of their own weakness they did put forth every effort, nor did they fail with Kappa love and trust and ambition.

At last a time came when girls were much flattered at being asked to join, and many were to be had simply for the asking. This was unquestionably pleasant, and perhaps you rested on your laurels more than you realized. Some of the chapter believed in a criterion of high scholarship, others thought the society girl most congenial, while some stood guard lest any but influential families were added to the ranks.

Thinking they could get just what they wanted, they waited, criticised, and were surprised when desirable girls slipped from their grasp. They wondered that some whom they had scorned, in a year or two, became the strongest girls in college, and they found themselves losing strength and power.

Not until a full realization of the true state of affairs came did matters right themselves. Somewhat humiliated by the rude awakening, they roused themselves and began, not at the beginning, it is true, but much further back than at all necessary. Again it is not long before success comes singing upon them, but unless care is taken, the same mistake is liable to occur. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

We do not believe in admitting girls simply to fill up a house or for strength in numbers. We do believe firmly in a unanimous vote, but is there not such a thing as extreme discrimination? Do we not shut out girls for petty prejudices, personal characteristics that will be outgrown and make the girls all the stronger for conquering? Should we not be willing to consider the future of our fraternity before everything else, and strive to the utmost that her strength may grow and grow into a mighty influence for good?

When all but one or two are in favor of some candidate, but are kept from a vote by the small minority, when this minority dislikes her, although they do not fully know her, or are swayed by some small prejudice, let them consider, not only the wrong they are doing the girl by keeping her away from a helpful and congenial atmosphere, but also what effect this small act may have upon the future of the chapter. Little things like this sometimes have an effect, stronger, deeper and mightier than we ever dreamed.

Eta.

A Suggestion.

We have our Alumnae Chapters it is true, but they represent in membership but a small proportion of all the Kappas who each year pass out of active chapter work.

Should not these, our alumnae, keep in closer touch with their sisters and colleges? Could this not be accomplished both for their welfare and the best interests of the fraternity?

There is not one of Kappa sisters who would not do all in her power to further the strength and power of our fraternity, and her own influence for good to all in that fraternity. But she may say, "How may I do this?"

And it is in answer to this question we offer our suggestion. THE KEY, how many see it after they leave college? Do we not appreciate it? Why not then show our appreciation? Would it not be practical for our alumnae to pledge themselves to subscribe to THE KEY for three years after leaving active college life?

This, it seems, would encourage the maintenance of a high standard for THE KEY; would give to the fraternity a new source of income, which would be considerable and which also is a pressing need; and above all would be of inestimable worth to the alumnae.

Beta Alpha.

Fraternity

Customs, rules and regulations at times of initiation naturally differ in different chapters.

Publications.

One chapter requires a candidate to learn names of chapters, where located, date of establishment of the Fraternity, and names of officers before initiation. Another chapter includes a purchase of the Song Book and Catalogue, with the subscription to THE KEY at initiation.

These are both good customs. The possession of a Song Book and Catalogue, and a *working knowledge of what is between the covers*, is as necessary to the growth of the initiate in the Fraternity as is THE KEY. If members are not sufficiently interested to buy the publications of the fraternity of their own free will, they should be compelled to do so. If any of the chapters are not supplied with copies of the Catalogue and Song Book a supply for this year's initiates will be gladly furnished by those in charge, on receipt of price.

M. R. W.

There is one time in our college life when we are apt to forget the ideals of our Fraternity. **In College** **Politics.** This is the time of class and club elections. How often, in our eagerness to gain honor for our chapter, are we tempted to electioneer for our own girls, and to blind our eyes to the fact that a girl outside or in another fraternity is better fitted for a certain office than anyone we can offer. In trying thus to win petty glory for our chapter we are not true either to ourselves or to the spirit of our fraternity. The only proper course for us to take in matters concerning class or club alone is to lay fraternity interests entirely aside. By showing a spirit of perfect fair-mindedness we secure for our Chapter the respect of the college, a thing which will, in the end, bring us more honors than any amount of electioneering.

Beta Epsilon.

When the dawn of a new day, that of fraternity life, with all its possibilities, breaks upon the college girl, she may not realize what opportunities and responsibilities have entered unbidden into her college life—opportunity not only for self-helpfulness and self-development, but for out-reaching influence upon others; responsibility not only in relation to her fraternity sister, but in relation to her chapter, her college, and the fraternity at large.

In entering this band of newly found sisters one adapts herself readily to her new environment, and with no effort upon her part, there comes into her heart love and trust for those who have bestowed upon her the courtesy and honor of an invitation into their circle. When sorrow comes one turns instinctively for sympathy and love to that group of sisters whose hearts beat as one; when one called friend proves unworthy the name, and friendship is shattered, then it is that one turns with renewed love and faith to that circle wherein reigns ideal friendship, friendship that will permit no misunderstanding, friendship that will never grow cold, but always endure, steadfast and true. Here in the chapter is found the union which comes from the sympathy of spirits, the harmony that comes from the development of the mind and heart; here are found the strongest ties that bind, those of true friendship and love, of sisterhood and fraternity.

And can one imagine a more favorable condition for the development of self than in this ideal circle where all stand as one? Here the fraternity girl learns more fully the value of self-culture, sincerity, truth, unselfishness, womanliness, and all the other strong, noble traits of character which are found combined in true womanhood. These qualities gradually increase in strength, for one is always influenced by her surroundings; then, with the higher development of the ego comes the inevitable reaching out towards others in charity and love. One learns to be less selfish and thoughtless, to subdue self, and to advance the cause of her sister, willing to make great sacrifices for the sake of the welfare and happiness of those to whom she is loyal.

But should the life of the fraternity girl be enclosed within the limits of active chapter life, even if within that pale may be found all that is desired? No, for our aim is broader vision, broader life! And so the girl who is truly loyal, who is most ambitious for Kappahood, will not restrict her attentions to those within her chapter, but will, from the fullness of her heart, take into her intercourse with those outside her circle the helpfulness, fellowship, culture and friendship she has learned to appreciate within her chapter ranks. The broad fraternity girl will enter, with interest and enthusiasm, into the work of other college organizations, into all affairs relating to the development and welfare of her college, taking into her college life our spirit of inclusiveness, so that the school as a whole may appreciate the noble principles for which we stand, and may feel our out-reaching influence.

When this broader life, both within and without the Chapter, is assumed by every girl, we shall attain the shrine of Kappa—true and perfect womanhood.

ALMA M. HAMILTON, *Epsilon*.

Psi's

Psi has instituted a new plan for entertainment at chapter meetings which promises to be

Entertainment. very successful. Every other week a committee is appointed to furnish amusement for the rest of

the chapter, and this committee consists of all the members of one class. Last week the six freshmen presented an exciting melo-drama in five acts. At the end, when we enthusiastically called for the author, all the cast filed in to share the laurels.

The next entertainment is in the hands of the sophomores, who promise us an exceptional display of talent.

This method of appointing committees is particularly good, because it fosters class spirit, which is so apt to be overlooked for the greater enthusiasm for the fraternity. The element of rivalry among the classes is productive of excellent results. Above all there is a system which keeps the social side of chapter meetings from being neglected, as it is so often apt to be in the rush of business.

Psi.

The Girl May I add a little more to what "Mu" said in the January KEY "for the girl outside?" The

Outside. college course has been called the hot-house of life. It is an unnatural life, and must of necessity be, but let us try to diminish that unnaturalness by all that is in our power.

All through life we separate into little groups of friends, but out in the world we are not so apt to wear a symbol to show our special group. It is a great privilege to wear a Key, but such privilege brings responsibility. College life is necessarily selfish; we come to improve ourselves, and must put that first, but all the more let us see that our fraternity life is unselfish. We expect to receive a great deal of pleasure and profit from these associations, but the only right that we have to enjoy all the pleasure and receive the profit is that they may strengthen us to help in the University life and add to the pleasure of those outside, who have as much right as we to all the joy which they can get out of their college course.

I think we are better Kappas if we try to make friends outside. Any clique is in danger of growing narrow. We realized in starting our chapter house this year that it would shut us off much more, and while we are never so happy as when altogether here, we are really glad that it seemed best not to have our meals in the house.

Let us encourage friendships, and close ones, too, with girls of other fraternities, and with those outside of the fraternity world. There is very little danger of an outside friendship interfering with fraternity loyalty when there is so much to draw us together.

Girls, let us shut that word "barb" out of our vocabulary. There are in every college community girls whom some of us would like to see wear a key, but upon whom we do not fully agree, and surely we should object to having our friends called "barbs." Let us be as thoughtful of the way in which we speak of others' friends.

L. B. E. W., *Beta Lambda*.

In What "I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are
Direction? moving. To reach the port of Heaven we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it—but we must sail, and not drift nor lie at anchor."

Are not these words of Mr. O. W. Holmes applicable to each of us as chapters? We know pretty well where we stand, but do we know in what direction we are moving, or are we sure that we are moving?

It sometimes seems as if our chief aim was to perpetuate our organization, and not to be a potent influence for mutual good. We do not expect to always sail with the wind, we know at times we must sail against it, but this is no reason why we should drift, or worse, lie at anchor.

Then let us, as individual chapters, ask ourselves in what direction we are moving, and let our subsequent actions be guided by our reply to this question.

Chi.

Friendship. Should fraternity life have the same meaning for a freshman as for a higher classman? No, we hope not. As the maturer mind opens up to the impression of a deeper knowledge, so the maturer heart responds to the throb of a purer friendship.

With our imperfect senses ever alive for admirable qualities in those we recognize as superiors, we see that the oldest friendships are the noblest. To the warrior just entering the field cannot belong the glory of the victor as he lays down his sword for his laurels.

So it must be. So we would have it be, for in this is the true value of fraternity life. Ours is the experience of sisters more

advanced. Ours the benefit of joys and sorrows through which they have passed. We know our sisters "tried and true" have our interests at heart, and the mere consciousness of that makes us stronger.

In return for all this they only ask that we may become more womanly women than even they have been.

Before us we see a beaten track—others have gone before. Gladly would they carry us over the stony places, but we must travel it ourselves. Guide-posts here and there tell us of dangers conquered by brave hearts beating for us; lights in the distance of joys yet to come.

Our record is before us—the way yet untried; Dearest friends expect great things of us. We dare have no less lofty aim. Our "friendships formed with virtuous friends will increase like the shadow of evening till the sun of life shall set." May their increasing beauty and strength deepen our purpose, purify our friendship, and perfect our womanhood.

M. A. L., *Beta Gamma.*

**Just a Word on
the
Duty of Gladness.** Years ago, in glancing over some old unpublished letters, I came across a sentence that impressed itself indelibly upon my memory. It was written by an old lady to a young girl whose life was not all sunshine. This particular sentence contained only a few words, yet its truth and beauty appealed to me so forcibly that I have never forgotten it, and I believe that I never shall. The old lady had been writing quite seriously, advising and suggesting, in an endeavor to help the young friend. At the end of her little talk she had written, "It is a golden duty to be glad."

Whether she who received the letter was profited by it, I do not know, but that someone has been helped by it I can aver; that others will be, I believe and hope. Surely *it is* a golden duty to be glad. To most of the readers of THE KEY it is a double duty. For we are young—in college, and are *Kappas*. Youth and opportunities are ours! How can we help being glad?

Not always, though, are they who have no longer youth and health the most unhappy. The trials and troubles of the non-fraternity girls are not to be envied. We are good to them, off and on; are generous, now and then, as it were. Very freely

and lightly we shower criticisms upon them. It would be disloyal for a Kappa to censure a Kappa to an outsider, yet our criticisms are none the less unkind and hurtful when made against one not of our circle. One of the best ways to be glad is to make friends ; to make others happy ; to give gladness.

To be glad is in itself to brighten the lives of others, for happiness is more contagious than sorrow, yet sometimes it is not quite enough—we are so apt to be selfish with our joy. And our duties are not *all* to Kappas either, let us try not to forget that. Perhaps the old lady whose optimism inspired this little article would not object if I would quote from her letter again, modifying her saying just a trifle. For surely it would be a good thing for all of us Kappas to remember and to put into practice the precept—
"It is a golden duty to be glad, and to gladden."

SARAH SMITH HARBINE, *Beta Nu.*

Much has been said about the "evils of rushing" and as to the manner of rushing, but little
Courage in the ing" and as to the manner of rushing, but little
"Spike." has been written upon the truly essential elements of a spike, courage and perseverance.

It is sometimes very discouraging to see the girl most desired smiling upon and seemingly courting the favor of some rival fraternity with even heartier vigor than she beamed upon us. This is the point at which we must face the crisis. To go our way means to lose a proposition, but to hold back may mean to lose the finest fraternity girl who has entered school.

Of a certain chapter of another fraternity it has been said, "they rush in where angels fear to tread, that's why they succeed."

This certainly is the proper spirit if we are to get what we want. Let's just put aside our fears and do our noble best, remembering always that "faint heart never won a fair lady," and our spike will be a success.
Iota.

When the time comes for the great National
Province Convention we discover, despite our firm resolution, that for many reasons, chief among which
Convention. is a pecuniary one, that we are unable to go and must content ourselves with the report of our delegate. To be sure this fills us with enthusiasm, but it is only an indirect good ;

we receive no real personal benefit from it. Now, a Province Convention is different. It is usually near our own college, and at a time when we can get away for a few days. I strongly urge that as many as possible—half a chapter, perhaps—go to these Conventions. True, it doesn't take half a chapter to transact its chapter's business, but is that all Fraternity Conventions are for? We all know that the greatest good of a Convention of any kind is the coming in contact with other people who are thinking and working along the same lines. In meeting and talking to them we often learn how poor have been our attempts, and are stimulated to better work.

P. B. T., *Beta Delta*.

**A Plea for
Province
Conventions.**

All who have attended a National Convention of the fraternity know what a pleasure and an education it is to meet girls of other chapters, and learn what they are doing for Kappa Kappa Gamma in their respective chapters. Through such assemblages we come in closer touch with the fraternity at large, and learn to appreciate more fully the breadth of fraternity life, with its possibilities and opportunities; and then, when Convention is over, we return to our chapter duties with renewed spirit and enthusiasm, but feeling an intense regret that for two years the opportunity of meeting these fraternity sisters will not be ours.

But need this separation be so prolonged? Why not have Province Conventions, and through them come into closer touch with other chapters, and thus attain to a higher degree of fraternity interest and enthusiasm? Such a plan would make it possible for some who are unable to attend a National Convention to experience the pleasure of coming in contact with those sisters whom not having met we love, because of the strong tie by which we are bound—that of Kappa sisterhood. There we could hear in detail the work of each chapter represented, and thus receive helpful ideas for our own chapter meetings; there we could discuss freely and frankly matters of fraternity interest, and this would be an education in itself. Then there would be the purely social gatherings, the informal "spreads" and teas where we would meet on common footing and sing our Kappa songs, dear to every loyal heart.

It is such a pleasure to meet a sister from a neighboring chapter—would it not be a greater one to meet at one time sisters from six or seven chapters, united in the bonds of Kappahood? Let us encourage all such plans, and thus further not only the interests of each chapter concerned, but the interest and welfare of the fraternity at large.

A. M. H., *Epsilon*.



CHAPTER HISTORIES.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

PHI—UNIVERSITY OF BOSTON.

In 1882 Phi chapter was founded at Boston University. There were four charter members and it was the first chapter of any of the womens' fraternities to be placed at this college.

For the first time since 1884 Phi has no alumna representative in the Grand Council. It is a great help to a chapter to know well some member of the Grand Council. It makes one feel at home with the Fraternity at large. For a number of years Phi published *THE KEY*.

A few years ago we found that the number of alumnae was increasing so fast that the active chapter did not keep as thoroughly in touch with them as it seemed best to do. So two years ago we started a policy which has proved very successful. On the third Friday of each month we entertain the Alumnae at our chapter room. We try to have a talk on some interesting subject on such afternoons, so as to make the meetings beneficial as well as social.

The chapter room is the largest and best in every respect that Phi has ever had. The girls spend a good deal of their time there and learn to know each other very well. There are twenty-one members at present, a large number for Phi.

We feel that for a number of years past we have not taken as active a part in the college life proper as we ought, not because we lacked ambition and energy, but because we detested the political warfare. Our chapter is strong and we intend to take part in college politics on our own merits and nothing else.

These are about all the essential changes in the chapter history. We feel that we must, as ever, keep Kappa ideals before us in order to grow and live.

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BETA EPSILON—BARNARD COLLEGE.

On January 16, 1891, Kappa Kappa Gamma granted a charter to seven girls of the Junior Class, '93, of Barnard College, thus founding Beta Epsilon Chapter. At that time this was the only fraternity in college. With little idea of what a fraternity should

be, the members started to form the working basis for the Chapter, i. e. By-Laws, often revised, order of meetings, and a complicated system of dues and fines. The meetings that year were distinctly literary, for, after business was disposed of, a weighty program of essays, criticisms and readings, varied by debates on public questions, was provided. However the chapter was firmly started, and during the following year continued this work of formation. The members soon realized that, as Barnard was then a small college with social life as yet undeveloped, the fraternity should supply this need. Consequently the order of meetings was changed. Regular business meetings were held, but instead of the literary program, a social meeting occurred once a month at the house of some member. These meetings were especially enjoyable and elaborate, as a short play was usually prepared for each. The plays were so successful that in the spring of '93, the chapter gave with great success to the undergraduates of the college their first annual play, or "annual open meeting" as it is called. This custom of an annual play and reception to the college has been continued without interruption ever since.

The most important event of the year '93-94, was the revision or rather publication of a new song book. This was a lengthy task, extending over two years and involving much labor and correspondence. The favorite songs of the different chapters, so far as they could be ascertained, were collected and after much delay the book was issued in 1897.

During these years the chapter had no permanent abiding place, but met at various times and places, such as in the chemical laboratory, and during one period even at 8:50 A. M. Finally the House Committee of the college gave Kappa a small closet, after they had refused a request for a room, and in that the records were kept with much pride. The chapter at that time, through external circumstances, had grown to be merely a social club, with no strong ties to bind the girls to each other or to the fraternity. Business meetings only were held, and so poorly attended that a fine had to be imposed and strictly enforced for non-attendance. Kappa spirit and fellowship were at a low ebb.

The year '96-'97 made a turning point in the chapter history. The delegate to the '96 Convention, realizing that matters were not right with the chapter, talked with the other delegates on

the subject. Then she returned home, filled with new ideas and with the enthusiasm which arouses a like spirit. A small room was hired and furnished in a house near the college and in it the members assembled for meetings and at various times during the day. There was broken the formality between the girls, which before had always hindered the true relations in the chapter, and in its place came the feeling of Kappa loyalty and friendship, which has since grown so strong. The vexed question of regular dues was settled that year, once for all, and the annual meeting in the spring for the seniors before their graduation was established.

In '97-'98, Columbia University moved up to its new location on Morningside Heights, and Barnard took possession of her spacious new building. There, through the kindness of the trustees, Beta Epsilon was given a large room. Here we have settled down to peace and comfort about our beloved fireplace, with our chapter Lares and Penates about us. Here we study during the day, hold our meetings, and give little teas and receptions, but to Kappas only, for to all others the door is closed. Our life in this room would seem rather uneventful to all but ourselves.

Perhaps the founding of chapters of A O II in '97 and of K A @ in '98 has affected us more than anything else. The latter soon became a strong chapter, and a rival to Kappa so that a Pan Hellenic compact was drawn up, providing for a late pledge day, around which the excitement of the year centers.

At present we are a large chapter, having sixty-six alumnae and twenty-five active members: bound together very strongly by ties of friendship and loyalty to our colors, keeping each other enthusiastic in winter through mutual interest in fraternity work and in touch in summer through our Round Robin, a bird of five years standing.



PSI—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

On November 16th, 1883, Annie Neal Curtis, Jessie Jane Cassidy, Linnie Gambee, Helen Kittredge and Charlotte Smith applied for a charter from Kappa Kappa Gamma, and nineteen days later, Psi was established by Tau at Cornell University. At that time Kappa Alpha Theta was the only other woman's

fraternity here, but since then, Delta Gamma and Alpha Phi have established chapters.

These chapters, up to 1898, agreed upon a pledge day, when the girls were asked to join the respective fraternities. Psi, however, was opposed to this, and a common pledge day has been abolished, although the fraternities have agreed not to ask girls before registration day.

In 1894, Psi fully appreciated the honor bestowed upon her, in being allowed to entertain the Fraternity in their Biennial Convention.

The wide-spread reputation of the University brings many desirable girls, and Psi is fortunate each year in adding to the Fraternity those who are active in the various interests of college life, and have true fraternity spirit.



BETA TAU—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

The history of Beta Tau has not been an especially eventful one. The Chapter has entertained no National Convention, nor have any of its alumnae attained any especial distinction in the world. But as it has not had these rare successes, so it has escaped serious vicissitudes. There has been no faculty bulls in Syracuse, nor has anything since its founding occurred to disturb the tranquility of the fraternity life of the University.

Beta Tau was founded in 1883, Ella S. Blakeslee being chiefly instrumental in gaining the charter. Seven girls were initiated as charter members, Beta Chapter, of St. Lawrence University, administering the rites. At that time there were two woman's fraternities represented at Syracuse, A Φ and Γ Φ B.

The same year that it received its charter, Beta Tau was called upon to initiate Psi Chapter at Cornell University. This same year also it sent its first delegate, Ella S. Blakeslee, to the National Convention.

Since its founding, Beta Tau has been growing with the University. At first three or four girls were pledged each year, and the Chapter had its rooms in a down town block. Twice the rooms were changed for larger ones, and in 1891 the Chapter opened its first house at 761 Irving Avenue, near the campus. During this time the two principle events of interest to the Chapter were the Alpha Province Convention, held in October, 1885,

with the local Chapter, at which delegates were present from Phi, Psi, and Beta Chapters, and the compact made in 1889, and since laid aside, between A Φ, Γ Φ B, K K Γ, then the only woman's fraternities on the hill, by which it was agreed to pledge no girl before October 20th, each year.

In 1897 the Chapter moved to 722 Irving Avenue, and in 1898 entered its present new home at 718 Irving Avenue.

Since the founding of Beta Tau, three other woman's fraternities have established chapters at Syracuse, namely, K A Θ, Π B Φ, and Δ Δ Δ, making six woman's fraternities here at present. The University in the meantime has grown from a few hundred to 1,700 students, and the class roll of Beta Tau has increased accordingly from three or four, to seven or eight girls each year.

The Syracuse University is well known in the Eastern States, but our Western sisters may be interested in knowing how we are situated. The University offers Medical, Law, Civil and Electrical Engineering, Science, Vocal and Instrumental Music, Painting, Architecture, Belles Letters, Philosophical and Classical Courses. The faculties number 150. Our athletics embrace base ball, foot ball, basket ball, navy, and track work. We are growing fast, last year's enrollment being an increase of twenty-five per cent. on that of the year before. Like most church institutions in their early days, we have been hampered by debt, but recently that has been more than cleared away by an \$800,000 gift, so that the future looks most bright to us.



BETA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Beta Alpha Chapter was founded at the University of Pennsylvania by Psi, March 20th, 1890. There were six charter members. As women have been admitted to Pennsylvania only within recent years, the Chapter has remained as it began, a small one, having as a rule about ten or twelve members. To larger chapters this may seem strange, but we feel that this very smallness is one evidence of congeniality. There have been no radical changes in the Chapter. At present we have nine active members; and meetings are held every week, either in the Chapter room or at the homes of the members. After all, we feel that these good times are the best things in our history, and these, unfortunately, cannot be conveyed to paper.

Perhaps the one thing that Beta Alpha has done outside of the regular fraternity life, is to offer a table at Wood's Holl Laboratory as a prize to students in Biology. This idea was suggested by our alumnae, and it is their most efficient help that we are able to renew this offer from year to year.

As for the University of Pennsylvania, it is so well known that little need be said. It was established in 1791, having grown out of an academy, the plan for which was drawn up by Benjamin Franklin in 1740. To-day the University includes fourteen separate departments, with a faculty of 104 (college) and 156 (other departments). The number of students in the College Department is 968; the total number of students is 2,673.

There are twenty-four men's fraternities; but at present Kappa Kappa Gamma is the only woman's fraternity at the University.



BETA IOTA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

On Saturday, June 3rd, 1893, Beta Iota Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma came into existence. For many weary months of alternate hope and despair the seven charter members had waited, and this bright June day seemed to them to bring the fulfillment of all their desires. Lila K. Willets, Frances B. Stevenson, Lydia Biddle, Mary Booth Janvier, Mary Hayes, Emma S. Chambers and Frances Cheairs were initiated into the mystic bonds of Kappa; and within three weeks they had initiated four more girls.

The year was an eventful one to them, with the kindness of receptions from the chapters of men's fraternities established here, and from Kappa Alpha Theta and Pi Beta Phi, who had preceded us.

That summer the members kept in touch with each other by means of circulating letters, which custom has always been kept up by the chapter. The fall found them minus three seniors, but a loyal little band of women with characteristic Kappa unity and enthusiasm, and ideals and aims so dear to their hearts; and the history of the chapter has ever been one of growth, not so much in numbers as in strength and unity, and in winning the girls we desire, ever holding fast to the idea that absolute congeniality of the entire chapter is one of the first essentials of fraternity life. Some years find us with smaller chapters than others; we have

had as many as fourteen and as few as nine; our entire chapter roll, active and alumnae, is forty-two. We are justly proud of five of our number who have been elected members of Phi Beta Kappa.

Swarthmore is a small college, a little world in itself, the students all living in one building, and the need of fraternity houses has never been felt by any of the chapters here, and, indeed, the faculty would not countenance the idea, so that our chapter meetings are held in our own little cosy sitting rooms.

While we have never realized the advantage of a large chapter, or a fraternity house, we are very happy and contented in our little life here and feel thankful that our troubles and difficulties are few. Many of our alumnae live near us, and we have their constant help and kindness, so that they almost seem like older members of the active chapter.

With our college work and our serious side of fraternity life come our hours of recreation. On October 13th we celebrate the founding of the Fraternity with a theatre party. Our annual banquet is held shortly after Christmas, and is a happy time, as every Kappa banquet is. Last year we had the pleasure of having Miss Richmond with us. In the spring, at the close of college, comes the joyous Kappa time of the year, when we have our annual camping party at Brown's Mills, in the Pines, N. J.

We have no new members to introduce to you yet this year, but hope to have that pleasure after the 15th of May.



GAMMA RHO—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

On February 13th, 1888, Rho Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma came into existence, being established by Miss Minnie Adele Barney, of Tau Chapter, at that time an associate editor on *The Chautauquan*. The charter members were Dr. Jessie Smith, Bessie L. Putnam, Carrie Frances Mount, Dr. Mary E. Christy and Kate Christy Blaisdell. At that time Kappa Alpha Theta already had a chapter in Allegheny. Delta Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega, and Alpha Chapter of Kappa Delta Epsilon, both musical fraternities, have since been established.

During the first two year's of Gamma Rho's life, the fraternity meetings were held at the homes of the members residing in town. In 1890 we were given two rooms in Huling's Hall,

which we have since occupied. The front room is our fraternity room, and in it we meet Saturday evenings, to study or talk and sing. Here is our skeleton, "Mrs. Potter Brown," which occupies a place of honor; our piano, purchased two years ago, and the hundred and one other things given by loving Kappas and Kappa friends. The back room is furnished as a dining-room, and here we hold our banquets. The walls and ceiling are almost covered with posters, and here is kept the dainty china and silver which our absent sisters send us from time to time.

Every year we have celebrated our birthday, sometimes by a home gathering, sometimes by entertaining a few of our best friends, sometimes by a reception, but always that day brings us loving remembrances from distant sisters, to whom the Kappa home is still dear.

In 1890 our name was changed to Gamma Rho. We have been visited by three Grand Presidents—Mrs. Emily Bright Burnham, Mrs. Tade Hartsuff Kuhns and Miss Richmond.

Our life has been, on the whole, rather uneventful, though happy. We have had a fair share of honors, our latest being won by Blanche Beecher, who made a brilliant toast at the College dinner which is held annually in the gymnasium.



BETA PROVINCE.

LAMBDA—BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

Since the minutes recorded during the first two years of Lambda Chapter's existence are indefinite, it is with but a small degree of accuracy that a history of that time can be presented.

Through the influence of Mr. J. Augustus Guthie the charter for Lambda Chapter of K K T was granted June 10th, 1877, to Mary Belle Jewett, '76, Lizzie M. Slade, '77, and Harriet E. Pardee. Active work commenced the next fall, when four new members were added to the roll. The first regular meeting was held June 11th, 1878, in a room on the fourth floor of the main college building. Nothing of special interest took place during the term except the initiation of another member. The second year no minutes were recorded, although the chapter was active up to the close of the year.

The struggle of the chapter during the following few years were those of the Fraternity as a whole, which was also young in years and experience and managed by a Grand Chapter. Having no rival to contend with then, Lambda lacked the stimulus which comes from opposition. It was a time, too, when the College was having its darkest days. Many members had left school and there was no choice material with which to creditably renew our strength, for which reason the chapter was not active during the college year '79-'80. It was revived the following year with Delta Gamma as rival.

Slowly but surely Lambda grew in strength until the year 1884 her membership had increased to forty-three members. At the '86 convention, held at St. Lawrence University, Canton, N. Y., Lambda extended an invitation to the Fraternity to hold its next Convention in Akron, to which Convention Belle Slade was elected Grand Marshall. So much enthusiasm was gained from this Convention, and the success of the chapter in securing the office of Grand Secretary by one of its members—Mary Krenzky—that Lambda seemed to be inspired with new life for the realization of higher ideals in Fraternity life.

At first the meetings were held at the houses of the girls, then a small room in the college building was secured, and the girls took much delight in making it cozy and homelike. But soon this became inadequate, and a large, beautiful room was secured in West Hall of the college building, and all arrangements were made for moving into the new Hall, when the greatest calamity Lambda has ever known fell upon her. On December 13th, 1890, a party was given by the preceptress to the girls of West Hall, who came dressed in cotton batting. The cap of one of them took fire from the gas, and in an instant she was ablaze. In an effort made by the other girls to extinguish the fire eight of Lambda's girls were severely burned, two of whom died soon afterwards. The removal into the new Hall was then postponed until the following fall. Lambda had by this time almost doubled her enrollment.

In 1899 the main building of Buchtel was destroyed by fire, in which almost all of our property was destroyed, except our record. Since then we have held our meetings at the houses of two of our charter members. We are glad to have had two

members on the Grand Council. Our entire enrollment is one hundred and forty-two.

" Yet be it less or more, or soon or slow,
It shall be still in strictest measure even
To the same lot, however mean or high,
Towards which Time leads me, and the will of Heaven,
All is, if I have grace to use it so,
As even in my great Task-Master's eye."



BETA GAMMA—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

On the 15th of May, 1876, with Ella Alexander, Jennie Donnelly, Mina Scott, Carrie Siegenthaler, Kittie Parsons and Ida Bowman as charter members, Beta Gamma came into existence as a chapter of K K F. During the first few years this little band of girls held their meetings in the rooms of the members, and it is a notable fact that very few were added to the number of initiates. Gradually, however, the chapter grew and the need of a definite home became so great that a little room was secured where enthusiastic meetings were held.

From time to time Beta Gamma has made the requirements for membership more stringent until only those girls who were taking at least two-thirds of the required college work were eligible. This year the faculty have passed a law that no student shall join a fraternity unless able to enter the freshman class without conditions. We must admit that this rule has seemed to us unnecessarily rigid since very few high schools fully prepare for the regular collegiate work. Still, as we get over the first disappointment and become better used to the new order of things we cannot but feel that possibly it will be for the best in the end.

One thing of which Beta Gamma is justly proud is the scholarship of her girls. In '97 Edna Pennell received *summa cum laude* at her graduation, an honor never before in the history of the institution conferred upon a graduate, while last year Myrtle Fraser bore off a *magna cum laude*. That Wooster is growing can readily be seen as we look about at the many improvements, and above all at our beautiful new library building. We have but nine active Kappas this year, an unusually small number for us. Whether or no it is always true, at any rate Beta Gamma makes up for her lack in numbers by her enthusiasm, and as the

15th of May draws near, which marks the first quarter century of her existence, we feel inspired anew with a devotion which can only express itself in the cry, "Long live Kappa Kappa Gamma!"



BETA NU—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

How delightful it is to trace the events of our chapter life—which we cherish as history now. We see how the efforts and aims of each year, added to and strengthened the foundation, which was so firmly laid by our charter members. What a tribute we should pay to those who planned our future, who established a precedent which we shall ever strive to follow!

We are proud that our ancestry can be traced as far back as October 12th, 1888. We were simple "Nu" then, but as we increased in numbers, and gained honors, the convention of 1890 conferred a title on us, and we became "Beta Nu." Six noble women first took the name of "Nu," Alberta D. Garber, Nellie Talbot, Alla Berta Rickey, Alice H. Moodie, Fannie E. Bancroft and Carrie A. Pocock, with Miss Belle Slade, of Lambda, officiating. The honors they won are too numerous to record, for they seemed to have taken the lead in every important work and society then available. But it is to these women, who toiled conscientiously to found a chapter which would live, that we owe the successes—I say it with modesty—of the succeeding years. For their work has ever been an inspiration to us.

As events crowd upon one another in the history of our chapter, and as our ranks grow larger, we notice that conservatism has developed into a deeply rooted policy. While we are proud that our total enrollment is seventy, we are glad that it is no more, for that number represents our conservatism.

Among the more important honors that have come to Beta Nu we might mention that we have been represented in Grand Council, first by Charlotte Claypoole and Mignon Talbot as Registrar, and now by Lucy Allen, as Editor of *THE KEY*, who has given us extra cause for pride by her master's degree. We are very proud of the fact that Ellen Talbot, who obtained her doctor's degree at Cornell, is now teaching at Mt. Holyoke. Alberta Garber, '90, secured the second advanced degree granted to a woman at O. S. U. Miss Gar-

ber is now Secretary of the Associate Charities of Minneapolis. Maud Raymond will receive her master's degree from O. S. U. in June, and we expect some of our seniors to be with us next year to work towards a higher degree. Thus a custom will be established which may mean several advanced degrees for Beta Nu every year.

Beta Nu has had the pleasure of two conventions in her history—a Province Convention in 1897, and the last National Convention. All the combined events in her history were certainly outshone by the convention of 1900, with its joys too many to chronicle.

The many happy times of the Chapter have been shadowed by the death of two dear sisters, Guendoline Ingram in 1895, and Anna Faye Howard in 1901. Their loyalty and love, their sweet characters, will ever be a guide to us, and it is to their memory that we dedicate our highest aims and endeavors, trusting to carry on the work faithfully to the end.



BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Beta Delta Chapter was established the night of October 2nd, 1890, by Gertrude Wilder, of Psi, assisted by Mrs. Minnie Royce Walker, of Iota.

The first rushing season for Beta Delta was very successful, nine girls being initiated the first year.

Beta Delta soon recognized the need of patronesses, and some of her friends among the faculty ladies consented to act in this capacity.

1895 found Beta Delta, with the mother of two of the girls, domiciled in a fraternity house. There were only five girls to fill it, so many of the members being from Ann Arbor, but it proved such a success that the Chapter has had a home ever since.

In 1895 the Alumnae Association was organized, and it was decided to have a chapter reunion once in every three years.

The first reunion, that of '98, proved a great success, offering as it did opportunity for members of the active and alumnae Chapters to become better acquainted.

At present the alumnae chapter has nine members, and has been a great source of help to the active chapter.

Every year a chain letter is sent to all the alumnae, both active and alumnae Chapters combining, and this has been a great help in keeping up chapter interests and spirit.

The happiness of Beta Delta was marred in 1900 and 1901 by the death of Mrs. Carrow and Mrs. Palmer, two of her patronesses.

In 1900 the Chapter sent Elizabeth Sundstrom as Delegate to the Convention at Columbus, and is now looking forward to 1902, when she is to entertain the National Convention at Ann Arbor.



XI—ADRIAN COLLEGE.

On the 17th of May, 1882, Xi Chapter came into existence. The six charter members were initiated into the Fraternity by two members of Kappa Chapter, Hillsdale College. For years Kappa Kappa Gamma was the only woman's fraternity, but in 1890 a chapter of Delta Delta Delta was placed in the College. Kappa Kappa Gamma has always held the prestige which was hers by reason of priority of establishment. The men's fraternities are represented by Alpha Tau Omega and Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Adrian College is governed by the Methodist Protestant Church. The College property has recently been improved by the remodeling of the old chapel building, which is now known as Downs' Hall, and the building of Metcalf Hall, which contains the School of Music and the girls' gymnasium. Many modern conveniences have also been placed in South Hall, the girls' dormitory.

The chapter rejoices in the possession of two rooms very pleasantly situated on the third floor of South Hall. They have been recently refurnished in a very tasty manner.

The Sophomore English Literary prize and the Inter-Society Essay prize are the only honors open to women students. Members of Xi have taken many honors in both contests. Out of seventeen Inter-Society Essay Contests, eleven have been won by her.

In the spring of 1895 the Chapters of Beta Province were entertained by Xi in convention. All the chapters in the Province sent delegates.

For two years past there has existed the Kappa Club, composed of resident alumnae and associate members. The purpose of the club was to maintain and advance fraternity interest. The removal of several members from the city during the past year has materially decreased its numbers.

The chapter began the present year under most promising circumstances, and is now in a flourishing condition.



KAPPA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

At the Quinquennial Reunion of Hillsdale College last spring, Kappa Chapter had the privilege of entertaining one of her charter members and several of the early initiates, who gave us such interesting accounts of those early days that we regret we cannot share them with our sister chapters, but must confine ourselves to a few facts.

Kappa chapter was established in 1881, the first business meeting and initiation being held November 14th of that year. The six charter members obtained their charter largely through the aid of Kappa chapter of Delta Tau Delta, then the only fraternity represented at Hillsdale. Since that time 127 women have been initiated. The early members placed their standard of membership high, and Kappa chapter has ever had cause to be proud of the good scholarship and high mental attainments of her members.

The attitude of the College, once rather unfriendly towards fraternities, has changed during these twenty years, as their good influence has proved itself, and there are now established chapters of Pi Beta Phi, Delta Tau Delta and Alpha Tau Omega, with the addition of Phi Pi Phi, a local fraternity.

One of the pleasant features of Kappa's chapter life has been the interchange of visits with Xi, only a short distance away. The first of these occurred in May, 1885, and three similar occasions have been enjoyed. As a means of keeping in touch with the alumnae, Kappa has employed the Round Robbin circulating letter, one of which has made the rounds for ten years, a second for four.

Kappa has been represented at each National and Province Convention, save one, since 1881, and this year anticipates the pleasure of entertaining the sisters of her province. She has had

one representative on Grand Council—Harriet Rice Bates, who was Grand Treasurer from 1890 to 1892.

In January, 1900, the chapter entered the rooms granted them by the College authorities, and one of their chief pleasures since has been the addition of artistic furnishings, making it a most enjoyable place for meetings and receptions.

Kappa chapter, like her College, does not claim great wealth or distinction. She does claim a high and worthy excellence, of mental and social attainment, and can point with pride to her alumnae and the positions they are now holding.



GAMMA PROVINCE.

DELTA—INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

In the spring of 1872, six young women met at the home of Ida Woodburn for the purpose of organizing a chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma at Indiana University. October 13th of the same year a charter was granted from the mother chapter at Monmouth, Ill., and the six young women were initiated by letter into Delta Chapter.

Since her founding Delta has initiated about two hundred and thirty-five members. She has established chapters at Minneapolis, Berkley, Wooster, Columbia, Madison and Greencastle.

In 1881 she entertained the National Convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Delta has had her share of honors in the University. Several dismissals and deaths and a large number of marriages have occurred. She has kept up literary work of some sort most of the time, although at intervals her spirit for this has lagged.

For entertainment Delta's plan has been chiefly that of open meetings. At first these were held once a month and were very informal. Then they were given two or three times a term, then once a term, and for the last two years only once a year. They are now quite formal affairs and consist of the entertainment of the faculty and men's fraternities of the University. In 1893, Delta, together with the other girls' fraternities, established the yearly masquerade of the girls, which is called the "Panthygatric." In 1897 she purchased for the Chapter House a piano, which is now entirely paid for.

At different times Delta has had contracts with the other girls' fraternities not to pledge her new members until after a certain time. The contracts have been for different periods, three, six or nine weeks after the opening of college. This year, however, she has none, and was even more successful than usual.

Delta is now negotiating for a new Chapter House to be built for her accommodation next fall. She has outgrown her present home, which she has occupied for five years.

About a year ago the Bloomington Alumnae, who are about forty strong, organized a Kappa Club, which has done much for the local chapter.

Delta is now in a most prosperous condition. At the beginning of the year there were sixteen members. Five have been initiated since. There are 195 girls in the University, which is enjoying the highest general attendance in the history of the institution. Of these women, eighteen belong to Pi Beta Phi, seventeen to Kappa Alpha Theta, eighteen to Delta Gamma and twenty-one to Kappa Kappa Gamma. Our outlook for the future is very bright.



IOTA—DEPAUW UNIVERSITY.

Iota Chapter was founded March 25th, 1875, with six charter members, by Delta Chapter. Although she entered the field with the Alpha Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta as her rival, her growth has been steady and strong. DePauw University, through its increased endowments, has gradually risen in rank, and the rank of scholarship has risen in proportion. The school has now about twenty-two departments, with an able professor and competent assistant for each department.

Since the time of foundation Iota has initiated 120 members. We now have a chapter of twenty-six active members, and a most efficient Alumnae Association of about twenty members.

A thing that will show that Iota still holds her own is that this year four of our active members are members of the faculty.



MU—BUTLER COLLEGE.

May the future years of Kappa at Butler be as prosperous and as well spent as the past twenty-three years have been, and may our future sisters with ever nobler purpose strive to maintain and promote the past successes of Mu.

In 1878 there were at Butler two literary societies of long standing—the Athenian and Demia Butler. Early in the spring of '78, Delta founded Mu Chapter, the charter members being former members of the Athenian Society. Flora E. Frazier, Mrs. P. M. Dill, of Indianapolis; Louise Landers, Mrs. J. H. Neff, of Kansas City; Janette Teeter, Mrs. Wade Ritter, of Colorado; Minnie Tresslar, of Marion, Ind., and Letitia Laughlin, deceased. In the next few years Demia Butler became a formidable rival; Kappa Alpha Theta, also, at this time had a stronghold in the College, and not a few were the lively contests. Theta's chapter was revoked in the early eighties, but Kappa, thanks to the loyalty and steadfastness of our predecessors, maintained her own, though the way was often steep and obscure. In '95 the local fraternity, Alpha Phi Psi was established, to which two years later Pi Beta Phi granted a charter, thus making two national women's fraternities at Butler.

The one untiring theme of Mu girls, from month to month, year in and year out, has been "a chapter room," "a chapter house," and although our chapter has never been small, the majority of our girls have had their homes in Irvington or Indianapolis, so destroying our plans for a chapter house. "Better late than never," and now Mu has almost certain prospects of seeing her long cherished hope realized and within another year expect to have a chapter room whose walls will inclose only the sacred mysteries of Kappa.

Our chapter roll now numbers seventy-one. Every year seems to hold brighter prospects, and since only those girls enjoy the privileges whose present and past confirm their future, whose highest aims and inert ideals concern the welfare of their Fraternity, the future of Kappa at Butler is uncontested.



ETA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Eta Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma was founded in 1875. Although opposed by the faculty and looked upon with distrust and disapproval by the students, Kappa Kappa Gamma, the first sorority at the University of Wisconsin, gained a strong foothold. The membership was at first small, and rushing was quite unknown, as it was six years before another sorority was established at the University.

The members of Eta furnished a suite of rooms at Ladies' Hall, which they occupied for several years. In the fall of 1891 furnished rooms in the building which is now used as the Y. M. C. A. House were offered the Kappa girls for the year. This was the first idea of a chapter house which the girls had, and they spent a most enjoyable year there, at least from the seven seniors' point of view. The poor freshmen were more docile than those of to-day, and looked with awe upon and submissively obeyed the mighty seniors.

In 1898 the girls rented some pleasant rooms on State Street, where they held their meetings, and frequently indulged in oyster and fudge spreads. But in 1899 a larger, three-story house on Langdon Street came to our lot, where we have spent many happy times for the past two years. We should be loath to leave it in the spring were it not for our own new home which our alumnae are planning for us next fall.



BETA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

Beta Lambda's life, though extending over hardly two years, has been a very happy one.

In the fall of 1898, five members of the junior class, drawn together through mutual interests, desired to become members of Kappa Kappa Gamma. The first suggestion came about the time of the Thanksgiving recess. The following month the matter was presented to the Grand Council, a little later to the chapters, and in April, 1899, word was received that the consideration had been favorable, and that there might be a chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma at the University of Illinois, to be called Beta Lambda. It is not necessary to tell here of the long, anxious months which intervened between asking for and obtaining the coveted charter, but it is a pleasure of which the older girls never tire, to tell the new ones as they come in, of our happy, anxious beginning.

From the first the girls had the constant inspiration of Miss Katharine Sharp, and the untiring energy of Miss Frances Simpson, Upsilon, in their behalf, and the hearty sympathy and help at all times of Mrs. Frank Smith, Kappa, and Mrs. A. F. Fay, Iota.

Mrs. Fay introduced the new chapter to the faculty and students of the University, by giving a reception in its honor, at her home, April 29th, 1899, and so well had the secret been guarded that no one had suspected.

Our first year closed with twelve active members, two by affiliation, from Upsilon. The following year we were most fortunate and added to our number twelve members by initiation and one by affiliation. This year we have welcomed six new sisters and we have one pledge.

From the fall of 1899 the chapter has been regularly at home on the fourth Saturday of each month, to its friends. During last year, through the kindness of Miss Sharp, these receptions were held at her home, but this year at the chapter house. To these were invited all members of all fraternities represented at the University, a number of the faculty and a few others, town residents and students who were personal friends of some of the girls.

The chapter this year has a house, and only other chapters who have been so fortunate can know what a joy this has meant to the girls. The house accommodates nine girls, who have been most happy in having with them a very charming woman, Mrs. Hunt, who has acted as a most graceful chaperone for them at all times.

No great questions have come up for our solution. Our life together has been a very even happiness. We have not striven for numbers, but always our aim is for the truest type of womanhood, the highest scholarship, and congeniality of the members of the chapter. From the first we have known no discouragement. With Miss Sharp always ready to give her helpful advice, with Mrs. Fay and Mrs. Smith ready at all times with their loving interest, our way has been easy. The coming year the house will be thoroughly established. The chapter at present numbers thirteen active members, one alumnae member, one associate member, besides four Kappas from other chapters residing in the town.

UPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Through the instrumentality of Mu Chapter, Upsilon Chapter was established at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., April 18, 1882. Its charter members were Anna M. Boyle, Lucy Wood, Grace Little, Minnie Scott, and Katharine Sharp.

Three Grand Officers have been members of this chapter—Katharine L. Sharp, Grand President, '94-'96; Carla Fern Sargent, Grand Secretary, '96-1900, and Harriet Moore, Grand Secretary, June-August, 1900. Miss Moore was affiliated with the Chapter for three years.

In June, 1893, Upsilon entertained the officers of the Grand Council during their session.

In 1896 Convention was held at Evanston.

'94-'96 Upsilon was a Standing Committee upon the revision of the Ritual, which then received its present form.

The average membership of the Chapter during later years has been from twelve to fourteen.

Northwestern University celebrated in January the semi-centennial of the signing of its charter, and will celebrate next fall the same anniversary of the opening of the institution.

In the year '99-1900 there were 2,344 students enrolled in the University departments, which number ten. The faculty has two hundred and seventy members.



EPSILON—ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Epsilon Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma was established at the Illinois Wesleyan University in November, 1878, when Millie Clark, Kate Graves and Kate Ross, students at the University, realizing the advantages to be derived from a secret organization, secured a charter from Alpha Chapter. Epsilon was Grand Chapter from 1878 to 1881, and at present is next to the oldest chapter.

In June of this year our University will celebrate her semi-centennial. The course of study is thorough and extensive, the elective system being used to a very great extent. In the several departments there is an enrollment of 1,420 students. The attitude of the faculty toward Kappa Kappa Gamma has always been a most friendly one.

Our fraternity home for some years has been a cozy little room in the main college building, kindly provided by the faculty. We have always had our meetings every Friday afternoon in our Chapter Hall, and often have the pleasure of visits from our alumnae. In the fall and spring terms, along with our business and social affairs, we devote much time to literary work. During the winter term we make a thorough and comprehensive study of fraternity government and history.

We are very fortunate in having in Bloomington a Kappa Club, composed of eighteen alumnae and associate members, among whom are Mary Godman Ferguson, of Xi Chapter, and Kate Downing, of Iota. This year the club at its meetings, held every two weeks, is making a careful study of Holland.

Kappa Kappa Gamma is the only woman's fraternity in Wesleyan at the present time, Kappa Alpha Theta removing their chapter in 1895 to the University of Illinois at Champaign. Two men's fraternities are existing, Phi Gamma Delta, with an active membership of eleven, and Sigma Chi, with seventeen. Many other fraternities are represented, some by only one, others by two or three men.

At present Epsilon has on her active roll the names of fifteen girls, twelve of whom are pursuing the undergraduate course.



DELTA PROVINCE.

CHI—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Chi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma was established at the State University of Minnesota on April 21st, 1880. There were six charter members.

At present Chi Chapter has sixteen active members. The entire membership since its establishment here numbers one hundred and fifty-seven.

Since the founding of the chapter here we have had the following members on the Grand Council:

In 1884-1886, Alice Hurd, Grand Secretary.

In 1886-1888, Kate Cross, Grand Marshall.

In 1888-1890, Kate Cross, Grand President.

In 1892-1894, Mable Austin, Grand Secretary.

The other sororities represented in the University of Minnesota are Delta Gamma, Alpha Phi, Kappa Alpha Theta and Delta Delta Delta. There are fourteen fraternities located here.

The State University of Minnesota was founded in 1867. It is co-educational and non-sectarian. A comparative table of statistics between the year of the founding of the chapter and the present year indicates the remarkable growth which the institution has undergone. The total enrollment in 1880 was 271. In 1900 it was 3,410, the present enrollment making it stand third in point of numbers in the United States, Harvard and Michigan having larger enrollments.

The number graduated in 1880 was 18; in 1901, 408. In 1880 the entire faculty numbered 18; in 1900 the number of the faculty was 250. In 1880 there were but two departments besides the academic. Now there are nine.

The dormitory system is not in use here, probably because a large proportion of the students are residents either of Minneapolis or St. Paul. There is but one girl in our active chapter whose home is not either in Minneapolis or St. Paul.

The University of Minnesota has been very prominent in athletics the past five years. We hold the Western championship in football.

Considering the territory from which our University has to draw, and the growth which the Middle West is having, a great future is certainly before us, and the State University of Minnesota will be one of the coming institutions of the West.



BETA ZETA—IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

The history of a fraternity chapter is largely the history of the institution which is its home. Beta Zeta was founded in 1882 at the State University of Iowa, which had recently completed the twenty-fifth year of its existence, a quarter century of struggle for life, bringing it to a point where it had in its three departments some five hundred students and a faculty of fifty. In the eighteen years since that time the University has tripled its strength. It has now seven colleges, with an enrollment of 1,500, and a faculty numbering 135 men, while the improvement in buildings, equipment and the character of the work has kept pace with the numerical growth.

Beta Zeta Chapter has grown with the University. There were nine charter members; of late the membership is usually about twenty. Campaigning has always caused anxiety, but not often anything else. The rival chapters are Pi Beta Phi and Delta Gamma.

Beta Zeta's members have always been women whom the University should be glad to own; they have won their share of college honors and have always been among the leaders in the social life of the University. The faculty take a warm interest in the welfare of the chapter, which numbers several faculty daughters among the most enthusiastic of its members.

In the old days there was rarely a commencement without a Kappa as one of the speakers, and ten Kappas have been elected to ΦΒΚ since the establishment of a chapter here in 1896.

Beta Zeta has twice been represented on the Grand Council, in 1882 by Flora Clapp, Grand Marshall; 1894 by Mrs. Annabel Collins Coe, who served three terms as Grand Treasurer.



THETA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

Theta Chapter was established April 7th, 1875, at the Missouri State University, five years after the establishment of the national fraternity, making it one of the oldest chapters. Phi Delta Theta had already been established here five years before, making ΚΚΤ the second Greek letter society to enter here. The following were Theta's charter members:

Ida Aldrich, now Mrs. D. G. Winter, Shellina, Mo.
Ella Dimmitt, now Mrs. Louis Hoffman, Sedalia, Mo.
Nellie Gould, now Mrs. Loomis, Kansas City, Mo.
Agnes Peters, Kansas City, Mo.
Mary Hartison, Laura Johnson.

The last two named are deceased. Theta's career as a chapter has not been a path of roses. Several times, owing to a lack of material to choose from, she has thought it best to hand in her charter, subject to withdrawal; but the confidence placed in her then to maintain the usual high standard of the fraternity has not been misplaced. The smallest number Theta has ever had was five, but Miss Sharp, then Grand President, who visited the chapter at that time, said that those five girls were worth more than many a larger chapter. We now number fifteen, our average being from ten to fourteen.

In 1878 the faculty passed a law that fraternities should not be allowed to exist at the University, but the law was in force only one year, during which time the chapter ran *sub rosa*. The spirit of opposition seemed to put new life in the chapter, and for the next few years followed a period of great prosperity.

In 1888 Beta Sigma Omicron, a local chapter, was organized, which was allowed to take in both University girls and town girls who were not University students. Though its activity was great it lived but a few years.

In 1899 we had our first real rival, Pi Beta Phi, which is growing to be a strong chapter. There has also been an increased number of men's fraternities established here, till now we have ten— $\Phi\Delta\Theta$, $\Sigma\Lambda E$, $B\Theta\Pi$, ΣN , $K A$, $K\Sigma$, ΣX , $\Phi\Gamma\Delta$, $\Phi\Delta\Phi$, $\Theta N E$.

During these twenty-five years Theta has seen the University grow from one building into a veritable settlement, with an increase in the number of departments and a notable increase in number of students.



SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

In the midst of the many plans to make the installation of the Colorado Chapter as beautiful and impressive as possible, we turn to our own humble beginning with something like wonder.

The first fraternities in the University of Nebraska were Sigma Chi and Phi Delta Theta, established in 1883. To the latter Sigma will ever be grateful because her charter members were urged to apply for a charter of Kappa Kappa Gamma by these men. Our charter bears the date of May 19th, 1884, and the names of Della Strattun, Cora Fisher, Mary Jones, Sophia Myers and Edith Doolittle. Mu Chapter seems to have been helpful to the aspirants for Kappahood, and an old letter is in our archives from one of Mu's girls, asking whether they should not send their keys for the new chapter to "badge out" in.

There was no brilliancy of installation, but when charter and documents had been received the girls met one afternoon and unravelled the mysteries and took the vows which made them Kappas.

Times have changed greatly since then in every way ; for five years Kappa was the only woman's fraternity in the University of Nebraska, then came Kappa Alpha Theta and Delta Gamma, and now Pi Beta Phi and Delta Delta Delta are here.

When Sigma was founded there were but three hundred and forty-six students in the University and but one building. Last year the enrollment was 2,209, with six buildings upon the campus, not including the shops and observatory, while the Experiment Station farm is a little world in itself.

Ninety-eight names appear on Sigma's roll-book. In the seventeen years of her life Sigma has lost but nine members, four by dismissal and five by death. Seventeen girls are now in the active chapter. College degrees, A.B., B.L., B.Sc., have been conferred upon thirty members of Sigma Chapter, and two have received certificates from the University School of Music. Phi Beta Kappa honors have been won by seven of our girls and Sigma Xi by one. Four Masters of Arts are of our number, and we are looking forward to the approaching commencement, when Florence Winger, A.B. '95, A.M. '98, will receive from Cornell the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

The membership of the chapter has always been drawn very largely from Lincoln girls. This has been a great source of strength to the chapter, as we are at any time able to call to our aid a large number of alumnae and associate members. The great disadvantage has been apparent in the last two years. however, as we have not had a sufficient number of non-resident members to warrant the chapter in having a fraternity house.

As red letter days in Sigma's history, outside of various chapter triumphs which have thrilled our souls, we recall the visit of Grand Secretary Mable Austin of Chi, in 1893, the entertaining of the Fourteenth National Convention and the visit of three of Chi's girls last Thanksgiving, while the near future promises to about a dozen of us the pleasure of installing Beta Mu of Kappa Kappa Gamma.



OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

In 1883 there were only two women's fraternities at the University of Kansas—Pi Beta Phi and Kappa Alpha Theta. Several fraternity men, believing that the material here justified a third woman's fraternity, interested a number of the girls in Kappa Kappa Gamma, and it was due to the zeal of these young men that steps were taken to organize Omega Chapter. On Hallowe'en, in 1883, the following girls met at the home of

Miss Sally Loveland for the purpose of binding themselves together for Kappa Kappa Gamma: Mable Gore, Eva Howe, Laura Leach, Sallie Loveland, Evelyn Smith, Bertha Starr, Rose Wagner, Mable Wemple. The charter was applied for and granted, and on December 17th, 1883, the Omega Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma was founded by Iota, represented by Miss Lillian Wiggs, who was then residing in Lawrence, and by Mu, represented to Miss Agnes Lowe, who afterward became a member of Omega Chapter. From the date of organization Omega has flourished, and although the youngest fraternity, we trust that Kappa Kappa Gamma may never have cause to be ashamed of her chapter in the University of Kansas. Our chapter roll is 145. Many of our girls have received high honors and are now bringing laurels to their national fraternity. One of our girls of whom we are most proud is Miss Anna McKinnon, of the class of 1884, who was a Phi Beta Kappa and also a Sigma Xi, and who is now a professor of mathematics at Wells College. Our Phi Beta Kappas for the last two years are Edith Parrot, Lulu Grosh, Margaret Weis, Lulu Wren and Stella Aten, who also won the Latin scholarship for 1901. At the beginning of this year there were eight active members, ten have been initiated since, and now we are looking forward to the time when our two pledglings will become of our number.



PI—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

The history of Pi is probably as interesting as that of any of our chapters, because of the rather unusual course that it has had in the University of California.

In the year 1880, Pi Chapter was first established in Berkeley, and was the only woman's fraternity in existence in the University. The Chapter lived until February of 1885, when the strong anti-fraternity sentiment among the members of the faculty induced the young women in the chapter—seven in number—to return their charter to the Grand Council, for they felt that they could not obtain the type of women whom they desired and who were worthy of Kappa, with such a strong feeling existing among the faculty.

These women are certainly to be highly commended for their unselfish act in surrendering their charter of their own volition,

when they knew that the chapter could not be kept up to the highest Kappa standard, if it lived.

This fact of the charter having been *returned* is an important one, in as much as former records of the Fraternity have, through some strange error, given the information that the charter was *revoked*. This was *not* so.

The women in the chapter at the time were Miss Elizabeth Blanchard, now a teacher in Miss West's Private School in San Francisco; Miss Mary Campbell, Miss Fannie McLean, now teaching in the Berkeley High School; Mrs. Alice Gibbons-Graves, now living in Alameda; Mrs. Helen Shearer-Craig, now living in Oakland, and Mrs. Frankie Anderson-Clark, of Seattle, Washington.

All these women are Kappas of whom we may well be proud, and there is absolutely no reason for saying that the charter was taken from them, which mistaken statement has been made in the September KEY of 1888.

Until 1897, Pi Chapter was dead, but in May of that year the old, original charter was regranted to the members of the local chapter of Sorosis, in the University of California. Sorosis had existed for almost four years, with a most happy and prosperous record, and it was to these girls that Mrs. Anna Long-Brehm, of the original Pi Chapter, gave her aid in obtaining Kappa Kappa Gamma.

The Chapter was installed in August of 1897, by Beta Zeta Chapter, and since that time the history has been a prosperous one.

At the time of the establishment of Pi there existed in the University two other women's fraternities, Kappa Alpha Theta, since 1890, and Gamma Phi Beta, since 1894, the year of the establishment of Sorosis. At present there are five women's fraternities represented, those above mentioned and Delta Delta Delta and Pi Beta Phi, both established during the past year.

There are sixteen men's fraternities represented, and by this is seen the change of feeling that has come over the University and the faculty concerning fraternities.

The University stands high in the educational ranks of to-day and is making vast strides forward. Our good fortune has been the magnificent and splendid new President in the person of Benjamin Ide Wheeler, who came to us a little over a year ago, and who has done much for us since he came to Berkeley.

Beside our President we have our Fairy Godmother, Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, who has made our University world-renowned, because of her donation of millions toward the Phoebe Hearst Architectural Plans, which, when completed, will make Berkeley the Athens of the Pacific Coast, not only in educational standard, but in beauty of structure.

Since Mrs. Hearst's donation there have been others who have become interested in us, and shown it by generous donations. Miss Flood and Mrs. Sather are among these.

Mrs. Hearst has done her work among the women especially, and her last donation was a splendid gymnasium, said to be fitted up as well as any in the country.

The University is a State institution, founded in 1868. In 1870 women were first admitted into the college halls, and in 1871 eight women entered. At present there are 825 women students among the total number of 2,255. The faculty consists of 178 members.

The chapter life of Pi is a very happy one, for we have a chapter house where twelve of our twenty active members live, with a most sympathetic and womanly little chaperon, Mrs. Sears, and our life is certainly ideal, and the future of the chapter appears very bright.



BETA ETA—LELAND STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

On June 10th, 1892, in one of the rooms of Roble Hall, the woman's dormitory, was organized Beta Eta Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma with eleven charter members. Miss Orton, of Beta Zeta Chapter, presided at the initiation, and she was assisted in initiating by Miss Hopkins, an alumnae of Iota, and Miss Kendall, an alumnae of Delta. At this time there were no other women's fraternities at Stanford except K A @, so K K Γ entered the college world with a wide fraternity field and broad opportunities for growth and influence, which Beta Eta has ever earnestly striven to realize as far as she was able. For four years the Chapter lived at Roble Hall, and then in '96 first enjoyed a chapter house of our own in Palo Alto, but it was not until '97 that we succeeded in renting a house here on the campus. In this same year was finally published the Fraternity Catalogue,

the work of which was largely carried on by Beta Eta, with Anna Martin as editor.

Ever since the Chapter had been first organized, there had been present with some of the girls the longing for a chapter house that should be built especially to suit the needs of a fraternity, and which should really be our own, but it was not until November 24th, '99, that this hope, vague and indefinite so long, took shape, when we laid the corner stone of our new chapter house. In January, 1900, a little more than a year ago, we took formal possession of K K Γ Hall, and since then our chapter life has been flowing on quietly, and at times, seemingly uneventfully, but with ever that deep undercurrent of feeling and association which makes her college years so dear a memory to every Kappa. The University has grown abundantly in size and equipment in the last few years, and a consequent widening of the fraternity field has been brought about, with the result that there are now at Stanford active chapters of four women's fraternities—K A Θ, K K Γ, Δ Γ, and Α Φ, each with its own chapter house.

Beta Eta now has thirteen active members, and two of the girls who are out of college this semester on account of ill health, we expect to have with us again next year. Our constantly increasing acquaintance with, and love for Pi, our sister chapter at Berkeley, has been one of our chiefest joys, and has made more real to us the broad Kappa tie which unites us as a whole. Strong in chapter love and sympathy, and in fraternity enthusiasm, and full of hope for the future, Beta Eta is striving to carry out Kappa ideals and to further Kappa interests.



❖ College and Fraternity Notes ❖

By MARION EVANS TWISS, *Beta Nu*, '97.

The late ex-President Benjamin Harrison was a member of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, having been initiated at Miami as the thirteenth member of the fraternity, and one of the first men taken in after the installation.

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$B \Theta \Pi$ has new chapters in Bowdoin University, West Virginia University, and the University of Colorado.

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Since her convention at Memphis last June, $X \Omega$ has been proclaiming her right to nationality, based on her seven southern chapters. At the convention the charter of the chapter at the Hellmuth Woman's College, London, Ontario, was withdrawn. Their one other northern chapter is situated at the University of Illinois, with $K A \Theta$, $K K \Gamma$, and $\Pi B \Phi$, and has, at present, five active members.

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$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has entered the University of Washington, meeting there ΣN (who entered in 1896, have a chapter house and are in a flourishing condition), and $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ (1900), with a local society for men, now petitioning $B \Theta \Pi$, and three for women, each of which have presented petitions to national women's fraternities. The college has about 650 students enrolled, and seems to give promise of a brilliant future.

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The Pacific coast continues to send its youth to college. "In California there is one college student for every 419 of population, a larger proportion than in any other State of the Union. Of these, eighty-seven per cent. are drawn from California. Figures given in the report of President Wheeler, of the University of California, show that California is second only to Harvard in number of undergraduates—1,895, and fifth in total enrollment. The total enrollment of Harvard on November 1st, was 5,702; Columbia, 3,723; Michigan, 3,655; Minnesota, 3,412, and California, 3,226. The totals for the next five leading American universities were: Cornell, 2,853; Chicago, 2,564; Pennsylvania, 2,549; Yale, 2,536, and Wisconsin, 2,129.—*Book Reviews*.

A T Ω installed a chapter of eleven members at the Western Reserve University, on the 9th of March, 1901.

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Editor Baird, through the columns of the *Beta Theta Pi*, announces that the chapter of that fraternity at Yale is the only one "attempting to run a regular fraternity chapter." This bit of information does not seem to tally with the following from the *Phi Gamma Delta*:

" $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ at Yale is unique in that it alone takes members from all departments. President Hadley has expressed himself to our members—recently to our own President Dabney in conversation—as being strongly in favor of the university plan, declaring that it is more beneficial to the university, the society and the men themselves."

"Who shall decide when doctors disagree?" And now, as the leader in prayer meeting says, "Can we not hear something from Brothers A Δ Φ , Ψ Y, and Δ K E?"

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The *Phi Gamma Delta* tomb at Yale is now almost completed. The architect's drawing shows a beautiful, substantial and appropriate building, and the sentence, "Detailed description of the interior cannot be given, as none but members ever enter the sacred portals of a Yale tomb," is calculated to inspire awe in Western chapters. This home of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ forms the eleventh society hall or "tomb" at Yale. On the 23rd of February, 1901, the local chapter and about 100 alumni members of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, representing some twenty chapters, gathered to dedicate the new hall and to celebrate the twenty-sixth anniversary of the founding of the Yale chapter.

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$\Delta \Phi$ has entered Leland Stanford Jr. University. Six other applications were refused.

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Σ X shows changes in its Grand Council in four places. But two of the eminent officials resigning, however, are actually lost from official positions, inasmuch as former Grand Historian Newmam Miller now devotes himself to the *Quarterly* (editing it, by the way, with conspicuous ability), and former Grand Annotator Arms is promoted to the Grand Tribuneship. Messrs. Potter, MacDonald and Whitney are the new officers.

At the University of Vermont, this year, K A Θ, Δ Δ Δ, and Π B Φ, found only thirteen freshman girls at their disposal. K A Θ initiated three, Δ Δ Δ four, and Π B Φ four.—*Trident*.

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At the University of Mississippi, with a total registration of three hundred students, male and female, there are eight fraternities and two sororities battling for acceptable material. The following are the Greeks in the University: Δ K E, Δ Ψ, Φ K Ψ, Σ X, Σ A E, Φ Δ Θ, K A, Δ T Δ, X Ω, and T Δ Θ.

—*Caduceus of Kappa Sigma*.

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OUR LITERARY FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES.—The late Maurice Thompson was a member of Phi Gamma Delta, Stephen Crane, of Delta Upsilon; Charles Dudley Warner, of Psi Upsilon; Moses Crit Tyler, of Alpha Delta Phi, and John Clark Ridpath, of Phi Gamma Delta.

Of the living writers, Donald G. Mitchel and E. E. Hale, of the "Old Guard," are Alpha Delta Phi's, and of the newer generation, George Ade is a Sigma Chi, and John K. Bangs, E. Clarence Stedman and A. S. Hardy are Psi Upsilon's.

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At a recent dinner given by the alumni of O. S. U., at Columbus, Ohio, Mr. George Smart, Φ K Ψ, responded to the toast, "The Place of Fraternities in College Life," with a speech of such rare tact, vigor and sincerity that he won congratulations quite as hearty from the non-fraternity alumni present as from his brothers and sisters of the Greek world. His remarks deserve preservation in every fraternity journal, for they were very practical in pointing out the best way for fraternities to act and to be used as a college force and sounded no uncertain note as to the growing and corroding evil of extravagance with which many chapters are now threatened.

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The inter-sorority compact at Minnesota, which defers pledging until six weeks after the opening of college, seems to have been generally disapproved. The men report a similar dissatisfaction with the result of their agreement with President ———, not to pledge men till they are regularly registered at the University.

At Lafayette, fraternities will be allowed to build chapter houses if they have \$10,000 in hand and will use it all. Sites will be given on the campus to applicants in order as they are ready to build.

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A © has a new editor of the *Quarterly*, Mrs. Cora Stranahan Woodward, 132 Chestnut street, Albany, N. Y.

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The General Catalogue of K A, just completed, contains the names and addresses of 4,466 members, and covers the years 1865-1900, inclusive.

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Alpha Tau Omega's chapter at Columbia University has been revived, and the *Palm* reports that "some additional defunct chapters will soon be revived."

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The University of Chicago will next year entertain and instruct the teachers of Porto Rico, as Harvard did those of Cuba this year.

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The gradual abolishment of the sophomore societies at Yale, He Boule, Kappa Psi, and Eta Phi, and the consequent opening for national fraternities is an interesting topic for discussion, but demands too much space for insertion here. Excellent articles on the situation appear in the *Shield of Phi Kappa Psi*, the *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*, and President Hadley's report.

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The history of Phi Kappa Psi, long in process of completion, will appear in 1901. C. L. Van Clive is the editor.

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October 27, 1900, Dr. Thos. H. Norton, Δ KE, of the American consular service, gave a reception to Phi Beta Kappa in Constantinople. Among distinguished guests were the treasurer of Yale and his wife, Dr. Mary M. Patrick, and Mrs. Ella Marden, of the American School at Stainbord.

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A secret society, based upon lines laid down by the fraternities, has been founded at Seattle, Wash. Its nama, Pi Epsilon, is a mystic symbol of the society; its initiations take the character of

college days, and it proposes to grant charters to similar organizations in other cities.

The society is of interest to Phi Kappa Psi, inasmuch as it was started by a brother, C. B. Blethen, of Illinois Beta, who is the first presiding officer. Phi Kappa Psi, further, has the largest representation among the members.

The following fraternities are represented in addition to Phi Kappa Psi: Zeta Psi, Phi Gamma Delta, Chi Psi, Phi Delta Theta, Delta Upsilon, Sigma Nu, Psi Upsilon, Alpha Tau Omega, Beta Theta Pi, Alpha Delta Phi, Sigma Chi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Kappa Alpha.

The institutions represented by these fraternities are: Universities of Minnesota, Chicago, Michigan, Kansas, Indiana, Wisconsin, Washington, Missouri, Rochester and Tennessee; Lafayette, Williams, Wesleyan, Centre, Worcester, Union and Buchnell Colleges; Yale, Lake Forest and Cornell Universities, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the College of the City of New York.

This is the charter membership representation of thirty-six. There are now seventy-five members and a large number yet to be initiated, and new names are being proposed at every meeting. Several applications have been received for charters. If the society deems proper these will be granted.

The purpose of Pi Epsilon is to keep alive the college and fraternal spirit which has been lying dormant since the members left their alma mater, to afford social intercourse, provide entertainment of various kinds for the members and visiting fraternity men. Club rooms will be established when the membership is large enough to support that luxury.

In the near future a "feed," with a musical and literary entertainment, will precede the regular meeting.

It is believed that this society is the first of the kind in the history of American college fraternities, and the honor of its conception is due to Phi Kappa Psi.—*The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi.*

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Wisconsin was widely represented among the learned societies' meeting this winter. With Professor Ely as President of the American Economic Association, Professor Jastrow of the American Psychological Association, and Professor Haskins, Corre-

sponding Secretary of the American Historical Association, besides numerous speakers on the programs of other prominent societies. This flourishing western college seems to be gaining a wide and well deserved recognition in America.

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CONVENTIONS.

Δ K E.—The fifty-fourth annual convention of Δ K E was held at Brown University, Providence, R. I., November 14-16. A charter was granted to McGill College, Montreal, which founds the second chapter in Canada for this fraternity. Four chapters granted in the last two years by Δ K E indicates a liberal policy of expansion.

Φ Δ Θ.—An eminently successful convention was held by Φ Δ Θ at Louisville last Thanksgiving. One of the three founders then surviving, Mr. John Wolfe Lindley, was present, as was also Miss Mary French Field, daughter of Eugene Field. Petitions were presented from the University of Washington, Baker University, Nevada University and three Kentucky colleges. That from Washington only was granted. The next convention (1902) goes to Washington, D. C.

Σ A E.—S. A. E. met Christmas week at Hotel Vendome, Boston, in biennial convention. It will meet in Washington in 1902. The most important action of the convention was the establishment of a Board of Trustees to handle the surplus now in the treasury of the fraternity and to invest it in the best and safest way, according to the judgment of the members.

Σ N Delta.

A T Ω.—A. T. O.'s seventh biennial congress met at Hotel Brunswick, Boston, during the holidays. The next congress will be held in Chicago, December 26th to 28th, 1902.

Δ T Δ.—The Division of the North of Delta Tau Delta met at Delaware, Ohio, January 26th, 1901.

Σ N.—At the Grand Chapter of Sigma Nu, held in Chicago October 17-19 last, the most important actions were the submission of a new ritual, the granting of a charter to the University of Oregon, and the discussion of the legality of reviving a chapter at Bethany College, a chapter the withdrawal of whose charter

had not been recorded with sufficient official accuracy. In consequence the chapter is not considered "dead" by some members. The courteous behavior of those yielding the charter at the demand of the Grand Chapter has undoubtedly done much to strengthen the present movement toward the revival of the chapter. We quote from the Past Regent, Mr. Rawson Bennet:


"The delegates saw that the Grand Chapter was forced to be cruel to their hopes, only to be kind to the fraternity at large. Like the gallant gentlemen and loyal brethren they are, they accepted the decision without repining, confessed that Epsilon had to be sacrificed for the good of the order, and admitted the justice of the Grand Chapter's decision. Whatever the future fate of Epsilon may be, I am sure that all who heard Brothers Gordon and Field plead its cause, and saw them loyally accept with sincere vows of unwavering fidelity the adverse decision, will confess that in Epsilon Chapter now Sigma Nu has defenders without fear and without reproach."

The question of Theta Nu Epsilon was unfortunately not decided, but "was disposed of in a manner which, it is hoped, will strengthen the hands of chapters which find organizations of that character a detriment, without hampering chapters which find T. N. E. useful or necessary."

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Delta Upsilon has entered Chicago University by granting a charter to a local society known as "The Iron Key." The initiation occurred January 5th, 1901, in the presence of ninety-five ΔY 's from twenty-one different chapters. The most notable feature of the installation was the hearty co-operation of resident alumni and faculty members of Delta Upsilon with the petitioning society, the idea of entering a chapter having seemingly occurred to both simultaneously.





In Memoriam.

MARY ELIZA CHRISTY.

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has deemed it best to take from us our dear sister in Kappa Kappa Gamma, Mary E. Christy; and whereas, we desire to express our deepest sympathy to the sorrowing family and friends, be it

Resolved, That in her death we have lost a loving sister and one who was untiring in her devotion to the interests of her fraternity;

Resolved, That to the family in their great affliction we extend our love and sympathy.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and to THE KEY.

MRS. HARRIET B. WALLACE,
EDNA L. MILLER,
MARY C. REYNOLDS,

Beta Tau.

ANNA FAYE HOWARD.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to take to Himself our dear sister, Anna Faye Howard, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Beta Nu Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma, having lost in her a loyal sister, express our appreciation of her noble qualities, which endeared her to all who knew of her faithful and earnest work while a member of our fraternity, which will cause her memory to be cherished in our sisterhood.

Resolved, That we extend to her bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy and consolation.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be inserted in the minutes of our chapter and a copy be furnished THE KEY.

ELIZABETH BALDWIN,
MABEL RICE,

Alumnae Assoc.


FAITH WELLING,
FAITH BARTRAM,

Active Chapter, Beta Nu.

MAGGIE WATKINS CAMERON.

The alumnae and active members of Iota mourn the death of Mrs. Maggie Watkins Cameron, '86.

ESTHER S. BECHTEL, *Iota.*



EDITORIAL.

To Those Who Weep.

"Safe from temptation, safe from sin's pollution,
She lives whom we call dead."

TO THE Kappas who weep, Hope, born of infinite, eternal Love, comes with an irresistible force, which carries us through the dark valley, and we know that—

"In the wreck of noble lives,
Something immortal still survives."

We feel that the vigorous, luminous, inspiring life, which was the possession of these our sisters whose deaths we record ought and does go on. If it were not so we should be overcome by a sense of the incompleteness of this life; the fulfillment of lofty aspirations and noble desires must come. Their lives and natures were not formed within the narrow limits of time and space; so we put our trust in immortality, for life and love and immortality are one.

"All lost things are in the angel's keeping, Love;
No past is dead for us, but only sleeping, Love;
The years of Heaven with all earth's little pain,
Make good,
Together there we begin again,
In Kappahood."

Eta Chapter House.

THE Milwaukee *Sentinel* prints the following:

"Members of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority living in Milwaukee are deeply interested in the movement to build a chapter house at Madison, and many of them have subscribed to the stock which has been issued for that purpose. It is expected that it will be ready for occupancy when the fall term of the University of Wisconsin begins, and it will be the first chapter house to be erected and owned by a sorority at Madison.

"The details have not been settled on, but the idea is to put up a comfortable building on the Colonial style, with accommodations for about twenty-five girls and with fine facilities for giving social affairs.

"A stock company has been formed to manage the enterprise, the officers being Mrs. John M. Olin, Madison, president, Mrs. O. T. Brandenburg, Madison, secretary; Mrs. F. C. Sharp, Madison, treasurer; Mrs. George H. Noyes, Milwaukee; Mrs. Webster E. Brown, Rhinelander; Miss Jennie Pitman, Miss Ethel Raymer and Miss Winifred Titus, Madison, directors. The last two are from the present chapter house and the rest are alumnae. Mrs. Noyes, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Olin are charter members of the chapter, which was organized February 2, 1875.

"There are no other sororities at Madison owning their own chapter houses, and but few in the country. The fraternities very frequently put up homes of their own, but the women's societies seldom venture on such an undertaking. The scheme has, however, met with instant success here, and it is said that the stock company will be able to make about six per cent. on its investment."

Choice of Members.

IN these days of material display it is not to be marveled at that fraternities choose, for their members, men and women, who by a healthy bank account are able to help in the display of wealth in the fraternity. Indeed such is the lamentable condition of affairs—lamentable not because wealth is an evil, but because too often in the anxiety to secure the person with it, we fraternity members overlook the thoroughly reliable, studious and promising men or women who are without it. Despite the worn saying, that "fine feathers make fine birds," we must look for the fineness in character of the man or woman, which speaks for better, nobler and more useful lives.

I appeal to the experience of the chapters of my own as well as those of other fraternities, if it be not true that the members who have proven themselves most appreciative of the ideals of the fraternity and have made themselves most useful in the fraternity are not those who at first were outwardly the least promising? But back of the mediocre appearance, the discerning ones in our number could see in these very people, strength and ability. Would that all of our members had eyes for the indications of these high qualities, truly the "good and the beautiful."

Chapter Officers.

MUCH has been written and said about the choice of chapter officers—the advisability of leaving the work to the seniors and on the other hand the duty of training the younger members by giving them the chance to learn by practical experience. I shall still leave that question open to discussion. But whether freshman or senior, that person should be chosen who can best perform the duties incumbent upon the office. For the good of the standing of the chapter in the general fraternity the routine work which is carried on between the chapter and the fraternity at large must be done at the required time, and it must be done well. It is deplorably true that often this routine work is not performed with dispatch and accuracy, and so the machinery of the fraternity as a whole is impaired. And not only the chapter officer is to blame, but the chapter which chose the officer.

To be fitted, for instance, for the office of corresponding secretary of a chapter of Kappa, a girl must first be thoroughly familiar with fraternity and chapter rules and regulations; she must be in sympathetic touch with all members of the chapter, so that she will be cognizant of and interested in the honors that come to all members; and she must be a girl with genuine college spirit, a girl who knows of the vital changes within the college, the recent endowments, the changes in faculty, athletics and the oratorical and other intellectual contests.

The corresponding secretaries of certain chapters of which I know have not had these necessary qualifications, and so the private annual reports, and the chapter letters in *THE KEY* have not given the sister chapters or the members of the Grand Council the correct impression of existing condition in chapters and in the colleges from which the reports and letters have come.

See to it, then, that the member is elected to office who is best fitted for the work.

Special Students.

IN considering the choice of members and apropos of the election of corresponding secretaries, it occurs to me that a word or two of warning against bidding special students may be in keeping. Generally speaking, a girl who does not expect to complete a college course cannot be expected to have the public college

spirit which is essential to valuable fraternity work. Her plans for the future are uncertain; she may expect to follow some definite vocation later, but one thing is sure, she has not the completion of a college course as her paramount aim for the next four years. Granted that her interests are divided or without depth, it follows that the good of the college and the fraternity are not the dearest to her.

Then because she is a special student it goes without saying that at any time she may take her departure from the college halls. If she hold an important office, such as corresponding secretary, the chapter is left in an awkward position before the general fraternity, some other member whose burdens are already heavy, must shoulder her unfinished work, to do it well or ill, as the case may be.

So it does seem to me that only in extreme cases should the special student receive an invitation to join, and when she becomes a member the most important office of the chapter should not be given her.

Historical Matter.

As it has been said repeatedly there is a crying need for historical work in our fraternity. This want has been felt for years, but the present Grand President is the only one who has been authorized to appoint an historian. In the appointment of Miss Taylor we have all rejoiced, because we feel that the facts of Kappa history, which Miss Talbot has collected as Registrar may be put together in some literary form.

It was hoped to make this number of THE KEY entirely historical, but the editor in her youthful enthusiasm and ignorance planned more than could be accomplished. Consequently you have in this number only the beginning of a series of historical articles which will appear from time to time. The success of this series will depend upon the interest of the young and old members and the readiness with which they respond to requests to furnish the information for the articles. When the series is finished it will furnish good material for the history of the fraternity, which we may expect from Miss Taylor's pen.

It is the plan to have a series of articles on the colleges in which the chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma are located, with a picture of some of the college buildings. All of us may then have somewhat more definite idea of the college environment of our sister Kappas.

THE files of THE KEY in the editor's supply of back numbers contains no copy of the issue of *October, 1899*. Any member who is willing to part with copies of this issue will please send them to 1490 Neil avenue, Columbus, Ohio, and so help make complete the files of existing chapters and of chapters soon to be established.

Beta Province Convention.

BETA PROVINCE CONVENTION is to be held at Hillsdale, Michigan, May 16, 17, 18. It is hoped that a great number will attend. All who expect to enjoy the hospitality of Kappa chapter will please notify the secretary of the chapter before May 1.

Pan-American Exposition Meeting.

AUGUST 15th has been chosen as the Kappa day at the Pan-American Exposition, Buffalo, New York. May all Kappas plan to visit the exposition on that day and meet their sisters in a room set aside for us in the Woman's Building. A more complete announcement will be made in the July KEY.

THE name of Miss Ruth Southward, 644 Franklin avenue, Columbus, Ohio, should appear in the directory as corresponding secretary of Beta Nu chapter.





EXCHANGES.



By MARION EVANS TWISS, *Beta Nu*, '97.

Twenty-four exchanges have reached us promptly since the publication of the January KEY. Many happy returns!

It is a pleasure to give precedence to our sister journals in this number, nor is it merely a case of "*Place aux Dames*," for the sorority magazines received are superior, if not in amount of material, at least in thoughtfulness, arrangement of news, cleverness and fraternity spirit. One cannot fail to admire, for instance, the abundance of general fraternity news in the *Scroll of Phi Delta Theta*, the interesting bulkiness of the *Sigma Chi Quarterly*, the chivalry of the *Kappa Alpha Journal*, but for quiet chats upon the subjects nearest our hearts we turn this time to the *Arrow*, the *Anchora*, the *Trident* and the Quarterlies of *Kappa Alpha Theta*, *Alpha Phi* and *Chi Omega*.

We are past the "odjus" rushing season, past the "honey-moon season" of initiation, and here is an inspiring note for the new term or semester. The article is called "What Qualities Should the Desirable Girl Possess," and is from the *Kappa Alpha Theta Quarterly*.

"Were I wiser and cleverer I should probably find no need to quarrel with the topic on the program, but I have silently wished that it stood 'Of What Qualities Should the Desirable Girl Give Promise,' rather than it does stand.

"The 'desirable girl,' I take it, means the pledge girl or the initiate; the 'qualities'—well, in my failure to define the word, I consulted such specialists as Webster, Worcester and The Century. All frankly told me that qualities is a technical term for *achievements, acquirements, not gifts or results of circumstances*, and that it implies power, character, individuality.

"It is then scarcely fair to demand that our initiates come to us with the experience and reserve force of mature women. Half our pride is in lovingly moulding them to meet our ideals of noble womanhood, and though we older in the race fall far short of what we hope to be, we are each and all striving for greater poise, a broader development, and a more symmetrical character."

This is delicately and admirably put. The "Quest of the Golden Girl" is certainly not half so important as her post-initiatory education, and the sooner a chapter realizes it the better.

Here from the *Caduceus of Kappa Sigma* is the practical side of it:

"The truth then comes to us that we must not occupy ourselves wholly with the idea of what kind of a man we are to take into the fraternity; that we must bestow much of our thought on what to do for the brother after we have taken him in.

"We hear much from the oracle of the fraternity magazine and the after-dinner speaker of the fraternity banquet about the kind of a man we need in the fraternity. We are told exactly what manner of man he is; we are instructed in the proper methods to secure him, and the manner of impressing upon him the beauties of fraternity life in general and of our fraternity in particular.

"But in all this there is often overlooked one important question: Are fraternity men found ready-made? In the very nature of things they cannot be. * * * On the other hand, are the products of influence and environment. Don't play upon an initiate's vanity, so that he thinks he has conferred a favor upon the chapter by uniting with it, nor go to the other extreme by trying to make him feel that it was an act of condescension to notice him at all. Make him feel that he is the younger brother in a household of equals. Granted that he has been properly and unostentatiously invited to join the chapter, and thus impressed with the idea that a membership in Kappa Sigma is well worth having—and no true brother will otherwise invite or 'rush' a man—the positive obligation of each member of the fraternity compels him to conduct himself so that his life may be a guide for his younger brother, and to treat this brother so that all that is best in him may be brought out, and so that the fraternal instinct that is latent in all men's breasts may be brought into full outward existence.

"We are building a structure which must stand or fall by its own strength or weakness. The foundations have been laid broad and firm; the superstructure is planned along conservative and substantial lines, but upon the active members of to-day and to-morrow falls the work of shaping the stones and cementing them so that when the work is finished we see an edifice as perfect in completion as it is beautiful in conception."

Here again is the *Arrow's* suggestion for making freshmen "useful as well as —":

"To the freshmen, particularly the winter term is likely to bring a feeling of reaction. The delights of being rushed are over; the first fine enthusiasm of the initiation has passed away. It is not strange, perhaps, that the initiate begins to feel her fraternity life a little flat, and to wonder if, after all, it was really worth while. The fraternity honeymoon is over.

"It is at this time that the older girls should make every effort to tide the freshman over this period of reaction. Draw her out in every way you can. See what she is good for, and then set her to work. Encourage her to 'speak in meetin',' and let her work on committees with the older girls. Don't give her all the hard and disagreeable, nor yet always the unimportant things to do. Get her interested in fraternity history if you can; if there is correspondence to be done let her have her share; and particularly, let her be on the lookout for new fraternity material for next year. She will be nearest in age to those who are to come after, her fraternity life with them will be longest, and your freshman girl, properly trained, is going to be the best rusher in the chapter.

"This sounds perhaps like advocating that the freshmen run the chapter. Perish the suggestion! But don't advise them too much, don't superintend them too much, and above all, don't ignore them too much. This winter term is the opportunity of and for the freshmen. May we all make the most of it!

In the same issue occurs a word to the new girl herself.

"Let me impress upon you the necessity of guarding against anything which will at length deprive you of the strength of your personality. Strive to develop it in all possible ways, for it is truly a charm which nothing can replace. * * *

"Everywhere be strong in your own convictions. Without them you can attain nothing; with them, you can work wonders. It is not enough that you have possession of your idea, it must also possess you. All the talents in the world will not do for you what you can do for yourself with a positive belief that makes you ready to do everything, to endure everything, and to dare everything in its behalf. You must believe in yourself or no one else will believe in you. What you declare you can do, that your friends will give you to do, and, unless you fail, you will rise on the strength of one success to attain another."

The *Alpha Phi Quarterly* for February is almost entirely devoted to the Michigan chapter, and in consequence forms an extremely consistent and valuable number. Five of the six general officers of the fraternity are members of this chapter, a seemingly partial and unsafe arrangement, but one which must render the transaction of business an easy matter. Excellent illustrations and portraits add charming interest to this number, and the arrangement and "newsiness" of the articles is admirable. To paraphrase their own quotation—

"We need not imitate, we hardly envy,
We do admire you!"

From the *Anchora of Delta Gamma* :

"Two of the many types of girls united in one fraternity are the girl who is a born leader and the girl who is naturally backward and reticent. It is the girl of the latter type we meet with more frequently. When she comes into the chapter she still keeps up her old habit of depending upon others to do the planning and managing. She is silent when the plans are being made and an onlooker when they are being carried out. Of course the girl who comes naturally to these things will take them in hand and do efficiently what is to be done. But how much better it would be if each girl, considering her fraternity in a more personal way, would make an effort to think and plan for it herself when occasions come up where this must be done! By a personal way I mean thinking of her fraternity as a part of herself, and being as interested and active in the fraternity affairs as she is in her own daily life. To help her in doing this, the girl with more executive ability should be slower than she otherwise would, and not bring forward her plans until the other girl has had time and a chance to suggest something. By gradual steps the more retiring girl will accustom herself to be on the alert when plans must be formed. Thus she will unconsciously think of her fraternity as a part of her own personality. Her loyalty, which may have been just as strong, though dormant, will be enlivened by this active interest on her part. I think many times the making of a loyal, active fraternity girl is hampered by others who are more ready to plan and arrange matters, thus leaving her only to follow, instead of to lead. In an ideal fraternity all are leaders and there are none left to follow. It is the same principle as in many other places of life. The leaders are more vitally interested than the followers. So why not all be leaders, thus strengthening the fraternity individually and as a whole?"

The Trident has plenty of spirit and originality if it be lacking a little in dignity and weightiness. Several pages are given to fancy-work—whether it be better "to have the pillow white, with the Stars and Crescent outlined in gold braid, with the cord or ruffle blue; or the pillow in blue with a white hemstitched ruffle if the cover is linen." Also, we fear our brethren of the Greek world will read with delight that total immersion in Lake Mendota is the girl-freshman's lot at Madison, Wisconsin, and that their yell is—

"Blood and gore!
Blood and gore!
Smallpox, smallpox!"

However, the *Trident* has better things in it than this, and Miss Bessie Leach may perhaps be pleased to know that an extract from her thoughtful little article on "Some Unsolved Problems," was used with effect in a toast at a recent alumni banquet.

From the *Kappa Alpha Theta* for November we clip a most carefully written article on fraternity government, general and chapter. Some fraternity papers "are to be tasted, others to be swallowed and some *few* to be chewed and digested." This, dear unbusiness-like sisters (if such there be in K K Γ), is to be chewed and digested—"read wholly and with diligence and attention" :

"The conservation of time and effort is even more important in fraternity matters than in many others, as, locally, at least, the fraternity should have only so much of either as can be spared from the more important duties of school. Good government, then, must take care to have things accomplished in the simplest, most expeditious manner possible, with a minimum expenditure of time, energy and patience. A system in which there is government for government's sake is unfortunate, and is always subversive of the best results. In short, the government should be simply a mechanism driving swiftly, surely and noiselessly. * * *

"The organization of many fraternities is defective in one essential feature. The general council may be well organized, the chapters may work together harmoniously, but between the council and the fraternity at large there exists a wide gap. As a rule, the officers of a fraternity meet one or two delegates from each chapter once a year at convention time. During the rest of the year their relations are confined to an interchange of notes concerning general or convention dues, and to occasional round-about communications in the fraternity journal. The chapters have an indefinite idea of the province of the general council, and a still more indefinite impression of the general policy of the fraternity. This condition of affairs can only be avoided by an interested, loyal body of resident alumnae, standing midway between the council and the local chapter. The alumnae, by reason of their longer acquaintance with the fraternity methods and especially with the fixed points of the general policy, are often able to save the chapter valuable time and effort in experiments which have been tried before, and they would serve to bring the general policy and purposes of the council closer home to the members of the fraternity."

Finally, we cannot forbear quoting entire the article from the *Anchora*, noticed already in many fraternity journals, on the subject of those Pan-Hellenic parasites, Theta Nu Epsilon, and Omega Psi. No Kappa delegate's scrap-book should be without it, and we heartily thank *Delta Gamma* for giving us this opportunity to furnish it to all our sisters :

OMEGA PSI.

"There is nothing more commendable in a college fraternity than Pan-Hellenic spirit, if it comes from a sincere desire to foster general fraternity good. Such a spirit is generally an indication of a prosperous, congenial fraternity life within the chapter. Bitter feeling, jealousy and envy between fraternities are evils to be combated, because they neutralize the good of fraternity life ; but however well disposed we may be toward the world, it is only to the tried and trusted few that we can be wholly ourselves and give and take the real benefits of friendship. When we choose to become members of Delta Gamma we choose our intimate circle in college life, and while we may have friends among other sororities or barbarians, it is to the members of our own sorority that we owe our chief allegiance. The Pan-Hellenic spirit we want is the kind that binds us closer together as a chapter at the same time that it broadens our horizon of good-fellowship and kindliness of feeling toward all.

"During the past few years various schemes have been put forward for the fostering of Pan-Hellenic spirit. Among these are Theta Nu Epsilon and its sister, Omega Psi. These so-called fraternities are much the same in plan and organization. Members are chosen from all or most of the fraternities represented in college, and these persons bind themselves by a constitution and ritual similar to that of other fraternities. Their meetings are held *sub rosa*, and, in fact, no proceedings of the society are to be divulged. There is in the majority of chapters of Omega Psi no rule as to the number chosen each year from various fraternities. Theta Nu Epsilon, while claiming to foster Pan-Hellenic spirit, frankly avows itself for a good time, and has brought more discredit upon college fraternities than any other one thing. These things cannot be brought down to exact figures, on account of the secrecy of the proceedings of most fraternities ; but from what can be learned, I will venture to assert, with some assurance, that Theta Nu Epsilon never entered a college without causing trouble in every chapter represented. Omega Psi is a sister to Theta Nu Epsilon, formed upon the same lines and with the same purpose, and I believe the same can be said of its influence upon sorority life. It is comparatively a new organization, and it may possibly be that some of my readers are hearing of it for the first time. The object of the organization is avowedly to

promote Pan-Hellenic spirit and to "have a good time." That is absolutely its only excuse for being, positively its only plea; for unless a girl is vastly disappointed and dissatisfied with her choice of sorority, she should have no desire for such another intimate circle of friends in college, however friendly she may be to those who from a sorority standpoint must ever be outsiders, and rightly so.

"Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, the Law and Medical fraternities, have some legitimate reason for existence; the former on account of the incentive given to all around scholarship, and the latter for the professional *esprit de corps* they foster. Have Theta Nu Epsilon and especially Omega Psi (since it most concerns Delta Gamma), any such legitimate reason for living?

"Our college life is a busy one. Every girl has many demands made upon her time and upon her pocket book, and no organization which is useless should be allowed to flourish. We have already stated that one of the objects of Omega Psi is to enable its members to "have a good time." This is too trivial to discuss, and, besides, it is a pretty dead chapter of any sorority that is not able to give its members all of the "good time" compatible with good work. Omega Psi's second reason for existing is to foster Pan-Hellenic spirit. Does Omega Psi do this? We know of but one chapter in which all fraternities are equally represented. What is more calculated to create jealousy among sororities? Again, a Pan-Hellenic organization defeats its object if its proceedings are secret and only known to a select few. It should benefit the entire membership of each organization. If so large a membership would be unwieldy, let the sororities themselves choose their own representatives in the organization and let the proceedings be made public. In what way can an organization more exclusive and more secret than a sorority itself promote good-fellowship among the entire membership?

"Hence, I say, since Omega Psi fails of its purpose, it not only has no right to live, but it is a positive menace to our sororities. In the first place, it is bound to be the strongest organization, in a way, wherever it is; for it aims to draw the best from all fraternities represented. It draws its strength from our chapters—is a parasite, in other words. We have no fault to find with Delta Gammas who give time, strength and money toward the Y. W. C. A. and kindred worthy organizations which benefit themselves and others, but we do protest when we find them giving time to a useless organization, when there are so many things which they have no time to do for their own sorority and its members. We need more concentration of effort in every direction, in college life as well as in the world without.

"Omega Psi makes feeling among members of the same chapter. No, my dear sister or champion of Theta Nu Epsilon, not

because we are narrow or jealous, but because Omega Psi strikes at the corner-stone of our sorority life, which is friendship. Yes, the kind of friendship which, knowing fully the ins and outs of each life, having fullest confidence in each, is able to smooth difficulties, to advise and help. The chief ingredient of such friendship is confidence. Now, is not confidence cruelly jarred when two or three members secretly join an organization, so similar in nature to their own chapter, choosing as intimate friends from another sorority as they have in their own? It strikes me that this is a division of allegiance which is weakening to confidence, and so to friendship, to say the least."

Small space is now left for the exchanges from men's fraternities. The March number of the *Shield of Phi Kappa Psi* displays a beautiful collection of cuts showing the chapter houses occupied by the fraternity in some twenty-one colleges and universities. The secretary's annual report forms the bulk of the journal, and were the feminine mind capable of handling statistics, we could doubtless draw splendid conclusions from the tables which accompany the report. They certainly look wonderfully valuable and reliable and we trust that some generous person will use them for us. Meanwhile we recommend this secretary's report to all as a model of comprehensiveness and condensation.

From the *Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta* (January):

"I come to the matter directly in hand, that of chapter backsliding. Why is it that when a chapter is in a high state of excellence it can so quickly fall? The causes are not far to seek; first comes the overweening sense of superiority, and the sentiment that 'we can get anything we want,' resulting in a let-up in work. Then it is a practical application of the old saying, that he who does not go forward must go backward, for a chapter cannot afford, even if it is the only fraternity representative in the college, to relax its efforts for one moment. Too much cannot be said against this spirit of complacent trust in Providence without keeping the rain out of your powder. It deprives the chapter of its life, its energy, and its power of attracting men. It makes the men snobbish, and such men will attract only snobs. When the men of the chapter begin to think they can do anything they please without lifting a finger, then the incentive is gone, and the relapse begins. I do not mean to say that this is always the cause of a chapter's fall, for sometimes the very gods of misfortune and the devils of ill-luck play against it, but almost invariably, even when this is the case, it will be found that the

chapter has laid itself open to their attacks, by allowing the rust of self-satisfaction to eat through its arms and armor. * * *

"A chapter is never better, never healthier, never more of an harmonious whole, than when striving with might and main for something, whether just above or just in sight."

The *Sigma Chi Quarterly* comes near being ideal from the standpoint of furnishing to its fraternity news and inspiration of peculiar interest to *Sigma Chi*. It addresses its readers as if it expected to be listened to and listened to with respect. First place is given to the Grand Council, then come the chapter letters and editorials, then thirty-six pages of alumni notes, with seven full-page portraits. The following with regard to the fraternity situation at Harvard is interesting :

"Properly speaking, there is no such thing as a 'fraternity situation' at Harvard, for the university fosters a 'club-life' which is, with the exception, perhaps, of Yale, *sui generis*. The influences, traditions, and general trend of this club-life are so strong and so much counter to the ground-plan of our general fraternity life that the answer to our question, 'Why not a chapter of Sigma Chi at Harvard?' seems almost necessarily a negative one. Scarcely any national fraternity enters into the Harvard life without suffering one of two evils. Either the chapter so established degenerates from its national character into one of only local significance, or it retains its national character and never attains to a position of local significance. Examples of the first horn of this dilemma are to be cited in the cases of Delta Kappa Epsilon and Alpha Delta Phi. The first has an honorable, but purely local existence as the famous 'Dickey Club,' and stands on a footing with the 'Hasty Pudding Club' and the 'Pi Eta' of dramatic fame, while Alpha Delta Phi is known and desired only as the 'A. D. Club.' Neither of them are fraternities at all in the national and usually accepted sense of the word. They recognize no one but members of their own local club and can scarcely be called chapters of the fraternity whose roll they are thought to adorn and strengthen. On the other horn of the dilemma are to be found such societies as Zeta Psi and Delta Upsilon, each of them confessedly of second or third rate importance so far as local significance goes. They have, to be sure, a large and flourishing membership, particularly Delta Upsilon, which is, of course, non-secret, and gets many of the high-standard scholarship men.

"But even these societies labor under a third embarrassment, due to the peculiar situation of things in Harvard club life. For, contrary to the usage of Sigma Chi and of most reputable national

fraternities, men are expected and allowed to be members of two or more clubs at the same time. * * *

"Neither Harvard nor Yale encourages or gives room for the essential feature of all fraternity life—the four years of real fellowship in a chapter house of a national fraternity, to be followed by an undying loyalty to that single organization through a busy life."

Delta Sigma Delta (Dental) sends us the *Desmos* with courteous regularity. Its dominant note is facetiousness and informality, and all we can say is, "For people that like that sort of thing, that is the sort of thing they like."

Phi Gamma Delta offers an interesting bit of history in connection with the origin of that fraternity. It is the first entry in their minutes, and reads :

"Messrs. John T. McCarty, James Elliott, D. W. Crofts, S. B. Wilson, E. B. Gregg, and N. Fletcher, students of Jefferson College, at Cannonsburg, Pa., at a special meeting, and while conversing on the subject of associations, came to the conclusion that a society, founded upon the principles of secrecy, into which none but men of distinguished talents and acquirements, endued with a high sense of honor, and possessed of a laudable ambition, and who were members of some college (at the time of their admission) should be admitted, would be of incalculable benefit to those thus uniting.

"The constitution which they adopted is rather short (only about nine typewritten pages in the copy I have). It begins with a very noble preamble, setting forth the natural, social instincts of man, and their effects, the reasons for making the fraternity a secret organization, and the characteristics that the association shall have.

"The qualifications for membership are thus stated: 'The members of this association shall be selected with respect to integrity, moral worth and high intellectual attainments; they shall be persons of brilliant talent, nobleness of soul, lofty aspirations, and persevering habits. They shall also be distinguished for gentlemanly deportment and high sense of honor.'"

This rather serious standard has had its devotees, in $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ and elsewhere, and it is interesting to note that the late John Clark Ridpath (perhaps the most noted of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$'s members) was taken into the fraternity, in spite of his countrified appearance, precisely because he possessed the qualities above mentioned. One

of his classmates furnishes these interesting reminiscences in the January number :

"He came to Asbury University in the fall either of 1859 or 1860, and, though only sufficiently advanced to enter the Preparatory Department, rumor that he was a student of unusual promise came with him.

"He was tall and rather angular, indifferently dressed, with skin rough and sallow, as so often seen in young men of studious habits. While his personal appearance then was not very attractive, his prompt, energetic manner, bright, animated conversation, studious habits and high class standing, soon showed him to be a young man of fine promise. * * *

"Our 'first impressions' grew apace as we came to know him better and more fully to discern the promise that was in him, and before the end of the year, despite the unwritten law of the chapter, we recommended him for membership, and he was a full-fledged 'Fiji' before he became a freshman."

From the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* :

FRATERNITY SONG.

Air—"Hawaiian Song."

Four years of college are years of affection
And every semester brings new loves to view ;
But none can surpass in the heart's recollection
The friendship we founded in old Delta U.

One, two, three, four, partners and chums evermore,
Ein, zwei, drei, vier, the friends of youth are dear ;
Yet, nee, sam, see, nothing is sweeter to me
Than love that grew in Delta U., one, two, three !

Few are the joys that a hermit can treasure
And hard is his path, for he travels alone ;
And here is the trio that makes life a pleasure,
A floor and a feed and a crowd of our own.

One, two, three, four, living alone is a bore,
Ein, zwei, drei, vier, it's never lonely here ;
Yet, nee, sam, see, this is contentment for me,
For hearts are true in Delta U., one, two, three !

Unfortunately we are not familiar with music of the "Hawaiian song," but these verses certainly sing themselves.

We intended to insert quotations from an article taken by the *Sigma Nu Delta* (August) from the *Missouri State University Independent*, purporting to represent the non-fraternity element,

but the whole thing is so absurd, with its epithets of "rotten, godless" and "unhallowed," that we hesitate to allow the barbarian world to find voice in such an example of bad English, worse logic and execrable taste a single extract will suffice :

"The young man enters a 'frat.' His association proves to be, in many instances, below the ordinary. Into society he goes, often incurring the most lavish expense. A strain of admiring sweethearts (some of whom have been courting freshmen's money for the last ten years) sets him all a-craze. Whether he wills it or not, his surroundings compel him to be thus absorbed. He must attend the various balls, banquets, and every other social event that occurs in the narrow circle of his 'chumship.' His mind is thus filled with a multitude of frivolities that crowd out better things—true manhood sickens and his religion dies."

"A strain of admiring sweethearts" would certainly prove too great a strain—but we withhold further comment.

The *Delta's* for August, 1900, and February, 1901, are both occupied with defending the fraternity, the former with regard to its position as a *new* fraternity, the second as to its claims as a *national* fraternity. These articles seem unfortunate. Surely the fraternity needs no defense, for, like all the great fraternities, Sigma Nu is its own best excuse for being.

Consistency, thou art a jewel! At its recent convention, November 14-16, Delta Kappa Epsilon elected to honorary membership, two eminent men. From the editor of their journal, however, comes a strong protest, from which the following is an extract :

"In our opinion the fraternity should finally settle what has practically been an unwritten law for so many years, and by legislative enactment or amendment forever prohibit honorary elections, and once for all dispense with the possibilities which seem a perennial and persistent attraction to so many. We are continually beset with applications, some pressed a pertinacity that is simply audacious, by men known and unknown, by men famous and infamous, by men with and without merit, for honorary election. * * * This idea of taking in men, who are not at the time bona fide members in course, is, in our opinion, radically wrong."

Another striking inconsistency of a more serious nature appears in the pages of *Beta Theta Pi*. (The italics are our own) :

"Are chapters loyal to the fraternity if they use padded catalogues to give assurance that the declining institution is flourishing?

"Shall we close our eyes and shout, ' 'Tis false, 'tis false ; ' when ' 'Tis true, and pity 'tis true ! ' "

"*Finally, could a chapter, if it unfortunately finds itself in a declining institution, better prove its loyalty and love to the fraternity than by revealing the facts and surrendering the charter ?* * * *

"My ideal Beta would prove his right to 'bear the name and wear the badge of Beta Theta Pi' by such a supreme love for the welfare and prosperity of his fraternity that he would not hamper, hinder or harm it, even to preserve the life of his own chapter."

But alas? that actions should speak louder than words and that Betas should exist who seek to encourage in other fraternities what they would appear to condemn in their own !



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