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RECENT ARTICLES ON COLLEGE WOMEN.

It is not so very many years ago, since the burning question of the times seemed to be whether women ought to have the opportunity for a college education or not. Now-a-days this question has ceased to be discussed, for the chance of a college education is given to almost every woman who desires it, and the number of college women is increasing greatly year by year. The question in the popular mind at the present time seems to be, what becomes of these women after they graduate? Do they marry? Do they teach? What are they doing to fulfil the promises which they have made the world, and which have been made in their name? There have been various attempts to answer these questions, and among these are several articles which have appeared recently in the leading American magazines.

In the October *Century*, there appeared an article called, "The Marriage Rate of College Women," by Milicent Washburn Shinn. In this article the author discusses statistically the rate of marriage among college women. This rate is found to be below 55 per cent., while the general rate is above 90 per cent. College women rarely marry under twenty-five years old, and the highest rate is between twenty-five and thirty, while for women in general it is highest between twenty and twenty-five. The rate for women who graduate from co-educational colleges is somewhat higher than that for those who graduate from women's colleges. The author accounts in part for this fact by the number of marriages between fellow students. The marriage rate is found to be higher in the middle west than in the North Atlantic states, and it is lowest of all in New England. One reason why college women do not marry, the author says, is because many become teachers in private schools for girls and are practically cut off from all in-

tercourse with men. This partially accounts for the lower rate in the North Atlantic states, as these schools are much more numerous there. Another reason is that, as women develop intellectually, their emotional nature is broadened and deepened, and they are not contented with mercenary marriages and marriages of convenience. It is probably true, also, that men do dislike intellectual women, or even when they like them as friends, do not care to marry them. Then, too, college women measure men by a higher standard, and refuse to marry those who fall below it. The result, however, is that their marriages are seldom unhappy.

The *Forum* for November, contained an interesting article entitled, "A Generation of College Women," by Frances M. Abbot. In this article, the author takes Vassar as the type of women's colleges, and discusses the questions, what becomes of the students after leaving college? and what is the probable future of the girls now entering these institutions? The first point she touches upon is, do college women marry? She discusses this question statistically and reaches the conclusion that the chances are two to one in favor of marriage. She also quotes the saying of Maria Mitchell that "Vassar girls marry late, but they marry well."

The number of those who become teachers is next largest to the number of those who become wives. Next in point of numbers come those who take post-graduate courses, for the purpose of obtaining additional degrees. Many continue their studies in this country, and a few go abroad, chiefly to Germany.

Next come those who pursue literary occupations. Many are writers for magazines and newspapers, a few are editors and a very few are authors of novels or children's books.

It is a rather remarkable fact that of the women who obtain the degree of M.D., there are only a very few who have previously received the degree of A.B.

Among the remaining graduates of Vassar, there are twelve who have written scientific papers. Some are teachers of music, painting, physical culture and industrial work. Some are librarians, some artists, some farmers, some chemists, while three are missionaries.

We find in the November number of the *North American Review*, an article by Charles F. Thwing, LL.D., on "What Be-

comes of College Women." The author tells us that the fear lest college women would prefer a public to a private career has proved utterly groundless, and says that at least 55 per cent. marry. The favorite field of work for college women, he goes on to say, is the school-room. It is probable that at least two-thirds of all the graduates teach for at least a short time after their graduation. It is the author's opinion that all teachers, even in the lower grades, ought to be college graduates. Many now teach in women's colleges, and the day may not be far distant when women will teach in men's colleges.

The author claims that there are not many college women who have become famous, and he explains this fact on the ground that colleges for women have existed only a short time, and that the time since college women have become an acknowledged factor in society is even shorter, while a long period is necessary for doing work, which shall win fame.

Most of the distinguished women who are not college graduates win their fame by literary work, while the women who are college graduates and have attained distinction have done it as teachers or scientific investigators. The number of books written by college women is small, and, although there are many scholars, philanthropists and teachers among college women, there are no great writers.

The writer of this article says in his closing paragraph, "The result is one of absolute satisfaction to the friend of the cause of college education for women. . . . The American college has helped woman toward doing the highest work, by the wisest methods, with the richest results."

The Critic for October fifth, contained an article entitled, "The College Woman in Literature," by Frances Albert Doughty. The writer of this article says, that although college women have real literary tastes, they have not yet become distinguished in the field of creative literature. Some are successful writers of magazine and newspaper articles, but there is not one great novelist among them. As reasons for this fact, the author quotes several statements made by people well informed on the subject. One says that the "careful training of the critical faculty has a tendency to increase self-consciousness and to reduce spontaneity." Another declares that when she is discouraged, she thinks it is

due to "the scientific character of modern education;" but when she feels hopeful, she thinks, "it may be but the silence of recognition, aspiration, and preparation—recognition of higher ideals, aspiration toward grander and more enduring achievement, more patient preparation for more arduous labor." Another says, "Familiarity and comprehension of the noblest ideas and experiences act like a check quite as much as like a spur to those who are thinking of advancing along the same lines." Among other reasons given are, that literary work is not sufficiently remunerative, and most college women are compelled to earn their own living; that college women are not willing to be mediocre writers; and that the numerous clubs and associations which many women join, for the sake of further educational advantages after they graduate occupy the time that might otherwise be given to literary pursuits.

In the *Atlantic Monthly* for November, appeared "At the Parting of Ways. A Conversation," of which the author's name is not given. This treats of a different subject from those already mentioned. Alumna comes to Alumnus to ask him to subscribe something to a new gymnasium and athletic field for the woman's college, from which she has graduated. In the course of the conversation which follows, Alumnus states his theories concerning women's physical training. He says that whereas woman was once considered inferior to man, it ought now to be understood that she is not inferior but different from man. He claims that, while man does and should aim in physical training to increase his muscular power to harden his sinews, and to brace the whole body, "a sinewy, muscular woman is an anomaly pretty sure to offend the nearer she reaches the likeness of man." He goes on to say, "In a woman we admire grace, and to that we should direct her exercise. The whole scheme of woman's physical exercise should have for its end grace, harmony, repose."

Since the appearance already discussed, Frances M. Abbott has written a short article, which appeared in the March *Scribner's*, in which she attempts to explain the apparent discrepancies between some of the statements made in Miss Shinn's article in the *Century*, and some of her own statements in her article in the *Forum*. She does this on the ground that they are both correct in their statements, but that they regarded the matter from different points

of view. The author herself wishes to emphasize the fact that in drawing her conclusions, she considered Vassar only, taking that as the type of woman's college.

AMY H. WALES, *Phi*, '98.

THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF CHAPTER HOUSE LIFE.

Discussing the reasons for and against a chapter house is very much like stating the advantages and disadvantages of any home. For the chapter house is the home of the chapter, a central sun from which a glowing influence radiates, and around which its many satellites happily revolve.

There can be nothing absolutely perfect in this world, and the chapter house is no exception to the rule. Its drawbacks, however, are so few that they are scarcely worth mentioning in comparison with the good the chapter derives from this college home.

The chief point on the negative side of the question is the care and responsibility which the girls have to assume in managing the house. But even this is not so very difficult. There are always plenty of out of town girls who desire to live in the chapter house, and the board of ten or twelve girls will pay the rent and living expenses of the house very nicely if moderate economy is used. So the inmates of the house have no cause to worry over finances, and at the same time the rest of the chapter has no extra expense. Of course there must be a chief magistrate in this little realm; one who has to do such prosaic things as to pay the grocer, supervise the powers of the kitchen, keep account of all moneys received and paid, and see that all the wheels of the domestic machinery are running smoothly. This position of honor is held by the chairman of the house committee, who may, if she chooses, lighten her labors by giving to each of the other members of the committee the oversight of some particular branch of the household economy. Although these girls have a good deal of care and work, yet, by a frequent change of the members of the committee, it is not made very hard for any one. Then, too, there is an advantage even in this seeming disadvantage, for the girls learn the art of housekeeping, which is no small accomplishment.

There is one other objection to life in a chapter house. If some of the girls take music their practicing on the piano or violin is not especially soothing to the nerves of those who are struggling with Greek roots or mathematical problems. By having a music room as far as possible from the rooms which the girls occupy, this annoyance is greatly lessened, and is disagreeable only to those of our sisters who are extremely nervous.

Life in a chapter house is not like boarding-school life, because there are no rigid rules to obey. It is a pleasant companionship of the girls through which they grow to know each other intimately, and become much more like sisters than they could become without this close association.

To live constantly with our fraternity sisters and to exchange ideas with them is a little education in itself. For each one has her own opinion about matters and things, and we all learn to be more liberal in our views, and to expect that other people will not always think as we do.

How pleasant it is to have a chapter house in which our regular fraternity meetings may be held! In no other place could the deep secrets of our order be so closely guarded.

The chapter house furnishes great facilities for social life. What could be more delightful or more fitting than to receive our friends in our own home? It might be inconvenient sometimes for any of the girls living in town to offer the home of her parents for a social gathering of Kappa's friends. But the chapter house is ever ready to welcome them. There, each girl feels that she is the hostess, so she takes special delight in making the guests feel at home, and the result is very pleasant.

We find the chapter house of the utmost advantage during the early autumn weeks. It is a very effectual aid in "rushing," both in providing a place where we may give to the freshmen girls a pleasing little entertainment, and in showing to them what a delightful home they will have if they become our sisters.

After all, the chief advantage of a chapter house is that it is a home, *our* home. What greater charm than that could it possess for a girl who is miles and miles away from her other home, and hungry for the home atmosphere? The girls are not strangers, even though we have known them but a few weeks. They are sisters, ready to champion each other at all times. May many of

the chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma soon know by actual experience how great are the advantages of chapter house life!

M. S. C., *Beta Tau*, '98.

HONORARY MEMBERS AND SPECIAL STUDENTS.

When Mr. Lowell had occasion to write an essay on Shakespere, he named it, "Shakespere Once More," and in this half-apologetic way I am minded to introduce the already much discussed subjects of honorary members and special students. But, as no two persons ever see the same rainbow, so no two ever get exactly the same perspective on the questions of life, and perhaps Beta Beta chapter may be able to offer a slightly different view from the stand point of her own experiences, which may give even to these hoary subjects a new interest.

Honorary membership implies two things. First, that the individual so chosen has done something worthy of recognition; second, and pre-eminently, that the choice confers an additional and distinct honor upon her. Now, Kappa Kappa Gamma is an undergraduate organization and her honors, real and precious as they are, belong precisely to that stage of life. Her alumnæ, indeed, are cheered, helped and made happy through the lengthening years by the bonds made so strong in the college days, that no after vicissitudes can ever break them, but if there is honor in the sense of the world's recognition, it is rather to be looked for from the alumnæ. The bestowal of it is manifestly not within the province of the fraternity. The fraternity has its limits—its definite function. The very breath of its body is a close community of interests, personal affection and intimate relations.

It cannot, therefore, consistently include among its members those who have nothing really in common with it and whose interests, at best, must be superficial. The only possible reason for honorary members is to add to our own glory, not to give anything additional to them. A reason which, to say the very least, lacks dignity. It is not so much the world's honors as the private affections which primarily affect us. Let us have no confusion of values. When from our own members the honors come we will hail them with joy and pride, but to try to graft them on

by election, is about as effective as the proceedings of the Roman soldiers, who, by a large majority, voted their asses to be horses.

The question of taking in special students is not so easily settled. There are many complications, but the rule should be decidedly against it, even if it comes to resemble the famous rule in the old German grammar, whose list of exceptions was its most distinguishing feature.

There are two chief considerations which might be urged in favor of the practice of taking in special students. If a chapter becomes very weak and must gain numerical strength, then its only wisdom is to get members first and discriminate when it can. Or, if the special student is exceptionally brilliant and desirable, and is only prevented from taking a regular course by unsurmountable difficulties, which lie athwart her most earnest desires and ambitions. But both these cases are plainly of the nature of exceptions. The first of them, indeed, so remote in Kappa Kappa Gamma, that I feel like apologizing for citing it. The benefits of the rule (though like all other good rules, it must sometimes work hardships to the individual), are too manifest to need more than mere mention.

To exclude special students places the fraternity on a higher plane, both with Greek and barbarian, it makes its membership more desirable, but more than all, best of all, it gives the girl coming to college with only imperfect ideas of the necessity of an education an illuminating view of its value, and a mighty incentive to use all opportunities to gain it.

BETA BETA CHAPTER.

A FEW STATISTICS.

If we exclude the graduates of 1895 and include the initiates of 1895-96 in summing up the last reports of the fraternity, we find that Kappa Kappa Gamma now comprises 26 undergraduate chapters with a total active membership of 454. Besides these, the fraternity has on its rolls one associate chapter, numbering 19 members and representing 12 active chapters: Kappa, Chi, Phi, Psi, Beta Tau, Upsilon, Sigma, Epsilon, Beta Nu, Beta Eta, Iota and Theta.

Among the active chapters, Beta Tau takes the lead in point of size, having a membership of 29, while Theta and Gamma Rho, with eleven members each, contest for the honor of being most exclusive. The average membership of the chapters falls between 17 and 18.

During the present college year 143 members have been added to the fraternity, the number of initiates in the chapters varying from 2 to 15 in accordance with the policy of the chapter. The average number of initiates is between 5 and 6 for a chapter.

It is interesting to note the geographical distribution of our active members and to discover which state contributes most to our welfare. Only 22 out of the 45 states are represented. Of these, New York furnishes the largest proportion, 73 members; Ohio is next, having 64; Indiana follows with 59; Illinois has 36; Pennsylvania, 34; Michigan, 30; Minnesota, 24; Massachusetts, 21; Iowa, 19; Kansas, 18, Wisconsin, 18; Nebraska, 16; Missouri, 11; California, 11; New Jersey, 5; Maryland, 3; Maine, 3; Nevada, 2; North Carolina, New Hampshire, District of Columbia, Rhode Island, Vermont, Connecticut and Louisiana, 1 each.

For some inexplicable reason, the Adrian, Hillsdale, Leland Stanford and Cornell chapters have the most diverse membership, each chapter representing five states. Chance appears to have limited the membership of the chapters at Syracuse, Allegheny, University of Wisconsin, Illinois Wesleyan, Missouri, Kansas, Minnesota and Columbus to their own states. The fact that five out of these eight universities are state institutions may have had something to do with it.

Representatives from 195 cities are found in the fraternity although a little more than one third of its members are residents of 13 cities. Columbus, O., seems to be most favorable to the nurture of Kappa Kappa Gammas since 19 members of our organization claim that city as their home. Syracuse supplies 16 members; Minneapolis, 15; Wooster, O., 14; Philadelphia, 13; Lincoln, 13; Bloomington, Ill., 13; New York City, 11; Akron, 11; Lawrence, 8; Hillsdale, Indianapolis and Bloomington, Ind., 7. A number of cities furnish two or three members while 140 furnish each but one member.

The Columbus chapter is the only one having exclusively local

patronage and Swarthmore chapter is alone in having no members from the town where it is located. It is encouraging to find that most of our chapters have a goodly proportion of members from their own cities since local patronage gives a chapter character and a body of interested local alumnæ insure a well defined policy and, in consequence, a permanent standing for the chapter, which can not be so well attained in any other way.

Chapters are located, withdrawn or transferred with such facility that it is difficult to be sure about the movements of our neighbors, but by our reports we find that Kappa Kappa Gamma meets Kappa Alpha Theta in 15 different institutions; Pi Beta Phi in 13; Delta Gamma in 8; Delta Delta Delta in 7; Alpha Phi in 7, Gamma Phi Beta in 5, and Alpha Chi Omega in 3. Aside from the national fraternities the chapters come into contact with local fraternities at Michigan, Leland Stanford, Indiana, Northwestern, De Pauw, and Butler. Four chapters, Barnard, Pennsylvania, Illinois Wesleyan, and Theta are the only representatives of women's fraternities in their respective colleges and have yet to taste the delights of rushing and experience the sorrows of defeat or the joys of victory.

REMINISCENCES OF MARGARET FRANCES ETTER.

Margaret Frances Etter, daughter of Samuel M. and Mary E. Etter, was born in Lacon, Illinois, April 23, 1854. Early in life she exhibited unusual mental activity; reading English well at five years of age; and when but nine years old studying Latin and Greek with boys preparing for college. Very soon she began to reveal traits which developed into striking characteristics in her later life. One of these was to carry out at all hazard whatever scheme she planned.

For several years she was the only child; but when a brother and three sisters were added to the family she took the place of a second mother to them. Seeing her solicitude one might have supposed, that of necessity, the entire responsibility of their training, and education depended upon her. Both of her parents were school teachers, and Margaret was literally brought up in the school room. She cared little for the companionship of children

her own age. Books were her chosen friends. Besides being an excellent Latin and Greek scholar she spoke French, German and Italian fluently.

Proud of this brilliant child, the parents lost no opportunity to encourage her excessive love of learning. It was their plan that she should be a teacher and to that end they bent all their efforts. But at the age of twelve her strength failed and the family physician forbade any further study. Too active a child to allow the next six years to be wholly unprofitable she occupied herself with music and painting, making good progress and read books in which few young women would be interested. About this time she began to take an interest in philanthropy. She entered into all branches of Episcopal Church work with great zeal and never absented herself from service unless seriously ill.

In 1868 Mr. Etter was appointed Superintendent of Schools in Bloomington, Illinois. Here Margaret, with health partially restored entered the Wesleyan University where she became a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

In 1874 her father became State Superintendent of Schools. The family from this time resided at the state capital, Springfield. Margaret, however, continued in the University where in '77 after two years of study, instead of the usual four, she graduated from the classical department. A letter from her sister informs me that she was entitled to the Valedictory but it was the policy of this college to confer that honor only upon men. The year following her graduation she taught in the High School in Cairo, Illinois. In 1878 she accepted a position in an Episcopal school in Memphis, Tennessee. Teaching was distasteful to her, for years she had longed to devote her life to philanthropy; the sufferings of the poor and helpless so appealed to her, she determined that nothing should dissuade her from doing all she could to relieve them. In this she was met by the vehement opposition of both her parents who could not willingly see their talented child thus sacrificed. With definite ideas and fixed purpose she persevered in her chosen course.

She won the confidence of old and young, but had a special love for little children. She showed her independence of criticism by not adopting conventional styles in dress, and by devoting her life to a definite object she sought to avoid the demands of society.

She entered Bellevue Hospital Training School for Nurses June 29, 1879, and graduated in July of 1881. I quote from a letter received from one of the officers of Bellevue who was a junior when Margaret left the school; "Miss Etter was a gentlewoman, well educated, cultivated and deeply religious. She took up nursing with much enthusiasm, did some private nursing in New York after graduating, but preferred to work among the poor. On the recommendation of Dr. E. C. Dudley she succeeded Miss E. Benedict, the first district nurse in Chicago. "In September, 1883 she came to Chicago and began her work as district nurse for the society of Ethical Culture. Mr. Wm. M. Salter, who was then at the head of this society, sends me the following from the Students' Report of the relief work of this association for 1885.

"Miss Etter was a person of unusual fitness for our work,—of great energy and perseverance, with rare tact and fine womanly instincts. She mastered difficulties which would have dismayed one less earnest and gifted. She served us but too faithfully. Her delicate constitution was hardly equal to the strain put upon it by the exposure and exhaustion incident to our work and at last gave way." He closes his letter thus: "I remember distinctly our feeling that she had worked too hard since she had but a frail constitution. Yet, I equally remember how bright and cheerful she always was. She was a person of great refinement of feeling, of unusual energy and action.

Her salary was small, yet she used much of it for the poor and suffering children with whom she came in contact, denying herself necessary food and clothing and was utterly oblivious of her own comfort. Wherever I have turned for reminiscences in the life of Margaret Etter all add their testimony to the beauty of her character. She could never listen to any praise of herself and would only speak of her work to her associates in the same cause. The poor and destitute she loved to dwell among, considering it no hardship to scrub floors and cook for the children of the family while ministering to the needs of a sick or dying mother. At this time she confided to her friends in the Charity Organization her desire to provide a place where the children of women forced to earn their daily bread could be fed, clothed, and judiciously guided and taken back to the mother's heart when the day's toil was over.

In the winter of 1884 she suffered intensely from rheumatism, caused or augmented by exposure to the lake winds, and soon after Christmas went to Springfield to rest. In February she returned and was able to take up her work. About the first of March she became seriously ill and Saturday afternoon, March 21, was taken to Saint Luke's Hospital where she died of spinal meningitis, March 22, 1885. The body was taken to Springfield and buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

June 16, 1885, the Rev. L. P. Mercer, voluntary secretary of the Charity Organization Society, called a meeting to consider the advisability of establishing a crèche. There were five women present, Mesdames E. I. Garin, B. M. Hinkley, S. A. Moody, V. D. Perkins and A. L. Wilcox. A resolution was passed to open a crèche and Mrs. Garin was elected treasurer and Mrs. Moody secretary. The crèche prospered, and in the report of 1889 I find these words; "Miss M. F. Etter, whose earnest life and sweet character we desire to commemorate in the name of our crèche, was one of those who earliest saw the need of our work as she made her daily visits to the homes of the poor."

Alumnæ Department.

PHI CHAPTER ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION.

On the twelfth of October, 1895, when Phi chapter observed Anniversary Day by giving the customary reception to her alumnæ, the fourteen alumnæ and associate members who had the pleasure of being present decided to form an association.

This association is the second of its kind. The first, which was in existence from April, 1887, to May, 1892, was reluctantly given up, because the attendance on the meetings was not sufficiently large to warrant the effort of continuing an organization. Since then both the alumnæ and the college chapter have been sensible of their need of the association, and the alumnæ have always promised themselves to revive it as soon as there was a prospect of better support. That time seems to have arrived, and our re-

union on Anniversary Day furnished the necessary impetus. A meeting was appointed for the twenty-sixth of October, at which time we completed our organization.

Our plan is very simple. We are to have four regular meetings in the year, at one of which we receive the college chapter. The meetings are to be social in character. The alumnæ have discovered that it is not practicable to undertake any sort of literary work, study-courses, or specially mind-improving occupations in connection with an association of this kind. We see one another so infrequently, that we find the greatest satisfaction in an hour or two of friendly gossip over our varying fortunes.

Thus far we have met three times, twice in the chapter room, and on the last occasion, February 29, at the home of the secretary, where we had invited the college chapter to join with us. A violent storm of wind and rain was visited upon New England on that day, in consequence of which our meeting was reduced to much smaller proportions than we had expected. Our frame of mind is still hopeful, however, and it will take more than a day of unfriendly weather to dampen our faith in the alumnæ association.

We have tried to obtain the addresses of members of the fraternity from other chapters, who are living in or near Boston, but feel far from certain that the list is complete. The secretary will consider it a favor to receive such addresses, either directly or through the corresponding secretaries of the chapters.

ELLA A. TRUS,
Secretary Phi Chapter
Alumnæ Association.

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WHAT THE FRATERNITY MEANS TO AN ALUMNA.

Let me tell you, Kappa sisters, still in college, you do not know all that Kappa means. There are two questions that come, I think, to every fraternity alumna. You can not keep them away;—they are the inevitable result of the broader view, given by even a few years out of school.

I can put these questions in some such form as this, the form

in which they are often put to us "old girls" by friends who are about to send some daughter or sister to college; first, "Is a fraternity a good thing for a girl—for the girl inside and the girl outside the fraternity," and second, "What good does your fraternity do you now?"

They are sensible questions, both of them, and not so easy to answer now although I should have replied glibly enough while in school, answering for the future and all time.

As regards the first, I have not known just what to say. I wonder if you will call that heresy. Answers given from within and from without the charmed circles are so very different, so different in fact that I have made up my mind that fraternity members are sometimes thoughtless toward the many lovable girls whom circumstances, not choice, have made "Independents."

So much depends upon the fraternity and the chapter that I would like to suggest to our chapters that we do not forget the place which Kappa principles give to character in choosing members. Nothing but that will make the rule without exception, that whenever you meet a Kappa she will be a girl worth knowing.

Do not choose new girls because they are stylish, popular or pretty. These things mean something but not much. I have a suspicion that some of the women whom we would now be proud to make honorary members, had none of the above qualifications while they were in college. It is only, I believe, when girls take real loveliness, ability and character as a test for membership, that fraternity life is helpful, and it is because Kappa has been earnest in living up to her principles that we are glad that we are Kappas.

As regards the second question. When the years begin to file in between you and graduation day; when the college paper contains no familiar names except in the advertisements, when the schoolmate you meet by accident now and then, calls you by the name of someone else whom you did not like; when you begin to wish you had written the names of your classmates in your class album beneath the pictures; when all this begins to form a few grains of rust on that eternal chain firmly believed in on class-day, then you will be glad you are a Kappa.

With the little key as a talisman, you can go back to your Alma Mater after the freshest of the freshmen of your day has

long graduated, and yet find a little band of sisters to give you welcome.

Wherever you may go, your key will find you friends, and friends worth having. Every Kappa alumna finds it so, and it is not for just a little while, it is for life.

Let us keep up our high Kappa standard, make and keep it so high that the name Kappa shall be a synonym for all that is dignified, womanly and true.

JESSAMINE LYNN JONES, *Beta Zeta*.

PERSONAL NOTES.

PHI.

Azubah J. Latham, '88, is teaching psychology and reading in Miss Hersey's school, Boston.

Mary M. Kingsbury, '90, and her mother are in Berlin. She and her friend Miss Balch are the first women to attend Professor Schmoller's lectures in social science. Her address is Neue Wilhelm Strasse 2, II, Berlin, Germany.

Margaret B. Dodge, '90, has been literary editor of the *Black Cat* from its first appearance. She is at home Saturday evenings at 20 Hancock Street, Boston.

The engagement of B. P. Crook, '91, to Mr. Dudley B. Seaver of Malden, is announced.

Helen H. Wadsworth, '91, was married last December to Frank Pierrepont Graves, professor of classical philology at Tufts College. Dr. Graves edited the first English edition of *Philoctetes* and is also one of the authors of *A First Book in Greek*. Dr. and Mrs. Graves are at home Mondays at Medford Hillside.

Edith L. Bishop, '94, is teaching in the High School at Barre, Vermont.

Nellie Isabel Simpson, '94, will receive her A.M. from Radcliffe College this June, for special work in Romance languages.

Caroline B. Perkins, '95, is teaching in the Mansfield High School.

Grace A. Hitchcock, '95, and Bertha P. Richmond, '95, are in the Boston Public Library. Miss Hitchcock is in the special

Library of Fine Arts, and Miss Richmond is in the Shelf Department.

Sara Cone Bryant, '95, who holds the Willard scholarship is at Nettelbeck Strasse 21, Berlin. She is doing special work in German and hopes to complete Frau Doctor Kepler's seminar course of two years before her return next summer.

Mary H. Cowell, '95, is teaching in the High School at Turner's Falls.

Sarah Ellen Breed, '95, is at home in Lynn, at 112 Green Street.

Elsie Gordon, '95, who is a daughter of the late well known preacher, Dr. A. J. Gordon, teaches cooking in the public schools of Boston.

Estelle Ingalls, ex-'96, is teaching in the Swampscott High School.

Louisa Parkhurst, ex-'96, is at home in Somerville teaching instrumental music.

PSI.

Amy Gerecke, '92, is this year teaching science and mathematics in Mrs. Semple's collegiate school at Louisville, Ky. Her address is 1200 Second St.

BETA BETA.

In December, Elinor White, '95, was married to Robert Frost of Lawrence, Mass.

Charlotte Kimball, '92, has entered the training department of the Brooklyn Hospital.

Mrs. C. P. Gaines, '78, is to continue as instructor in English literature for the remainder of this year.

BETA TAU.

February 6, 1896, Marion Duncan, '93, was married to Dr. Griffin Lewis, B. ©. II.

BETA IOTA.

The engagements are announced of Frances Whitney Cheairs, '95, to R. Caldwell Manning Φ. K. Ψ. ex-'93; and of Emma Seal Chambers, '94, to Allen Kirby White, Δ. Y., '94.

BETA GAMMA.

Bess Prestly, ex-'95, is spending the year in Paris.

Harriet Agerter, formerly '93, who was to graduate this year from the University of Chicago has been called to her home in Lima, O., by the death of her brother.

Marie Brotherton, ex-'95, was married December 12, to Dr. Cribbs of Lima, O.

Four of Beta Gamma's alumnæ, Winona Hughes, '91, Helen Cornell, '92, Gwen Jones, '92, and Harriet Agerter held a reunion in January at the home of Miss Jones in Lima.

XI.

Daisy Fink and Mr. Clarence Benninger were married at the home of the bride's parents, Sharpsburg, Pa., December 21. Mr. and Mrs. Benninger will reside in Pittsburg.

IOTA.

Elizabeth Rose, '91, is teaching in the Latin department of the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute.

Laura Beazell, '94, is secretary of the Y. W. C. A. in the west and has her headquarters at Sacramento, Cal.

Mrs. Susie K. Fay, '86, has gone to Spain with her husband who was recently appointed consul.

The statement in dispatches from Madrid that the American Consulate in Valencia, which was attacked, is occupied by the Consul to Denia, clears up the mystery heretofore prevailing. When the news came that the Consulate in Valencia had been attacked, State Department officials were unable to explain the statement, as the United States has no consular officer stationed there. It was generally supposed that the riot took place in Grao, four miles from Valencia, and its port of entry, where there is an American consular agent, an Austrian named Theodore Mertens. Andrew F. Fay, of Illinois, was recently appointed Consul to Denia, to succeed General McIvor, of Alabama. Before leaving for his post, Mr. Fay expressed a desire to live in Valencia, a much pleasanter city, and transact the Denia business from that place, although Valencia is geographically within the

limits of the Barcelona Consulate district. As no objection was made, it is presumed that Mr. Fay settled in Valencia, and is the United States Consul who was protected from the fury of a Spanish mob.—*N. Y. Tribune*.

MU.

At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Minerva E. Bass of Shelbyville, Ind., occurred on the evening of December 10, the marriage of Miss Elva Anna Bass to Mr. William A. Yarling. Miss Bass completed the Sophomore year with the class of 1894, and was an active member of Mu Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Mr. Yarling is one of the prominent young lawyers of Shelbyville. After the wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Yarling left for Atlanta.—*Butler Collegian*.

UPSILON.

The Illinois State Library Association has authorized as one of the means of promoting library interests throughout the state, the creation of a Bureau of Information. This Bureau is to be conducted under the direction of the Armour Institute of Technology with Grand President Katharine L. Sharp as its Director.

SIGMA.

Bessie Grace Gahan was married to Mr. William John Pennebaker, Wednesday December 18, 1895, at St. Stephens Episcopal Church, Grand Island, Nebraska. They are now living in Cripple Creek, Colo., where Mr. Pennebaker has mining interests.

Blanche Skidmore was married to Mr. Frank H. Wagner, December 20, 1895, at the home of the bride's mother, in Lincoln. They are to live in Canton, Ohio.

Althea Roberts, '95, is assistant principal of the High School at York, Nebraska.

Stella Kirker, '93, teaches mathematics in the Lincoln High School.

Society at Englewood attended a pretty wedding last evening at the First Methodist Episcopal Church, corner of Sixty-fourth street and Stewart boulevard. The contracting parties were Miss Ida Bonnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Bonnell of No.

6422 Eggleston Avenue and Mr. Daniel DuShane Otstott. The church was decorated with palms for the occasion and presented an attractive appearance. The ceremony was performed at 8:30 o'clock by Rev. T. H. Swift of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. A feature of the ceremony was the singing of the nuptial music from Lohengrin by Mrs. Adell Holman, with Mr. Robert Strouck at the organ. The maid of honor was Miss Martha Otstott, sister of the groom while the bridesmaids were two sisters of the bride, the Misses Elizabeth and Pearl Bonnell. The best man was Mr. Frank Hill and the ushers were Messrs. Arthur Woods, Edward Flood, Schuyler Scholenberger, Thomas Otstott. The bride wore white duchesse satin, with a train, trimmed with duchesse lace. The bridal bouquet was of lilies of the valley and orchids. The maid of honor was attired in white silk and organdie and carried bride roses. Miss Elizabeth Bonnell wore blue silk and white organdie with bride roses while Miss Pearl Bonnell was in yellow silk and organdie with yellow roses. About 250 friends attended the ceremony while the reception which followed at the home of the bride's parents was attended by the immediate relatives and a few intimate friends. Mr. and Mrs. Otstott will be at home after March 15, at 6319 Wright St. —*Chicago Inter Ocean*, Jan. 14, 1896.

OMEGA.

Abbie M. Noyes, '95, is now in Chicago studying music with Professor Seebrock. She was awarded a prize and a year's tuition in music for the best instrumental solo at the Interstate Musical Contest.

Laura Lockwood, '91, has been offered a fellowship at Yale. She is compiling a book, "Explanations of Milton's Paradise Lost," which is intended to serve the same purpose in the literature of Milton that Schmidt's Dictionary serves in Shakespearian literature.

Virginia Spencer, '91, is continuing her studies in Germany.

The current number of the *Annals of Mathematics* contains a long article by Miss Annie L. MacKinnon entitled "Concomitant-binary forms in terms of the roots." The title-page bears the statement: "Dissertation presented to the Faculty of Cornell

University in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy." The editor-in-chief, Professor Ormond Stone of the University of Virginia, refused any compensation for the trouble and expense of publication, although the article occupies sixty-three printed pages, and the author is supplied with fifty copies. He said that it was the duty of the *Annals* to publish any suitable article that proved to be a contribution to mathematical science; otherwise it could not be inserted under any conditions.—*Cornell Era*, Feb. 2, 1896.

The Parthenon.

Theta has hinted in her news letter as to the advisability of holding the next national convention at Columbia, Missouri.

It might be worth while to explain some of the advantages of Columbia as a convention center.

It seems to us that a central locality is a desideratum for a national convention, and Missouri is the center state of the Union.

It is a fact that it is almost impossible for any members, save the delegates, of the far western chapters to attend conventions in the east, and perhaps the eastern sisters might be imbued with a more fraternal feeling for their western sisters if they had an opportunity to become acquainted with the great advantages which the west presents.

Columbia itself is an ideal college town. The inhabitants are in full sympathy with the fraternity spirit. Ample accommodations for the delegates can be easily secured, and a warm welcome would be a matter of certainty while the social program would be almost, if not fully, as interesting as that offered by Upsilon. President Jesse, of Missouri State University, has pledged the use of the University buildings.

Theta earnestly recommends these facts to the consideration of the fraternity, hoping that they will meet with favorable action.

The value of systematic habits in private life and business-like methods in our transactions with others, can hardly be overestimated. This fact is generally recognized by men, and boys are trained along these lines; but I think that the importance of such training is not sufficiently realized by women, and

A Plea for System. that this essential part of their daughters' education is neglected. The very suggestion of method is distasteful to many women—they do not care to be bothered by the necessity of being exact or the work that it seems to involve. They think that it will never be necessary for them to manage their own property, or that there is little chance of their being called upon to preside over a meeting or to

fill an office that requires such knowledge. With many this is the case, but the knowledge is invaluable, and one never knows when it will be needed.

The woman who knows nothing of business, who is ignorant of its most common laws, is at the mercy of rogues. We do not all expect to marry and have a husband to take care of our affairs—indeed the marriage ratio is less among college women than in any other class—so that the advisability of being able to look out for ourselves is evident. The woman who is not methodical is apt to make errors which not only take precious time to correct, but which cause trouble for herself and for those whom her errors affect. How much time is lost through carelessness and through ignorance of how to think and plan and act systematically!

In our home life, too, the importance of system cannot be too strongly insisted upon. Each one of us unconsciously influences for good or evil those with whom she comes in contact, and her example may be of great benefit or harm to them. Mr. Smiles says: "As it is woman who regulates the household, it is mainly upon her that the well being of society depends. It is, therefore, all the more necessary that she be early educated in the habit of virtue and orderliness." Let us, then, realize this fact, and learn to benefit ourselves and others by our practical and systematic way of managing whatever may be given us to do. Let us do this not only as individual women, but as members of Kappa Kappa Gamma; and let our chapter and general fraternity work prove that we appreciate the value of such habits and that we live up to our beliefs.

LAURA C. MILLER, *Beta Iota*.

Hawthorne compares something—I have forgotten what or where, but no matter—to a great cathedral, with its stained glass windows; when we gaze at it from without, its magnificent outlines and noble proportions fill us *From the Inside*. with unbounded admiration, but one who has never been inside can have no conception of the radiance, the warmth, the glow that suffuse it all.

I am convinced that Hawthorne could never have belonged to a

fraternity or he would certainly not have applied this comparison to anything else. It seems to be the most strikingly fitting simile that could have been invented to describe the two aspects of union in the bonds of fraternity. Just as it is impossible to impart to the man outside any idea of the real beauties of the cathedral, so do we realize the futility of attempting to explain to our interested friends what fraternity means to us, in what its real value lies.

We, therefore, are compelled to listen in silence, with only a pained smile, to the sage opinions and counsels of these same friends upon the subject. They are quite frank about the matter and do not hesitate to tell us whether they consider fraternity an *unqualified* evil, which should be suppressed as soon as possible, or only *half* bad. It seems to them to foster a spirit of exclusiveness, almost selfishness, which is most reprehensible. They offer numerous well intended bits of advice and admonition. They tell us that for their part they cannot see why we should have asked one girl and left out another, whom they knew was a nice, capable girl, and even more studious than the first. We cannot tell them all about it; they could not understand—of the bright, glowing line all through the four years of our college life, the inspiration of the daily contact, the broadening influence of the absolute loyalty to all those with whom Kappa bonds unite us.

It is hard to express it in words, even to each other. That indefinable something, the very thought of which thrills us, and is unspeakably precious. It is with mingled feelings of joy and grief that we come to the end of the fourth year. We rejoice to think of these privileges that have been ours, and to know that the tie is not severed—it will last forever—but to realize that we must give up the happy, every-day life with each other is sad, indeed.

M., Chi.

The subject of a tax for college settlement work by the fraternity was recently brought up by a letter from Psi Chapter. It was somewhat discussed at our meetings, and the general opinion seemed to be against the fraternity undertaking any work of the kind. The whole plan seems a little hazy as yet; the recommendation of the '94 Convention that a tax be made for the purposes of "establishing a scholarship or college settlement or prosecuting some work of general interest to the fraternity" has only just

College Settlement
Work.

come up for chapter votes. It seems to us that the danger of favoring such an annual tax lies just in this very haziness. The tax paid, where shall the college settlement or scholarship be founded? Every chapter feels that she is personally interested in some special subject which may or may not happen to be college settlement. And if an annual tax of fifty cents is to be paid, she would naturally prefer to see it used for the work at her own doors, rather than for that hundreds of miles away. The very geographical position of the chapter is against it.

Personally Beta Epsilon is more interested in college settlement work than in anything else of the sort. Our vote in the fall was to make that the informal work of the year and, while not pledging ourselves actively, to hold ourselves ready to do as much in that direction as we could. Several times the small children of the Rivington street settlement have been taken on some excursion. As a result most of our members feel that any money which might go to a college settlement, they would like to devote to the chapter work as such, and not to a fraternity settlement which might be too distant for them ever to see.

The work of such a settlement would, it seems to us, go on rather languidly if it lacked the active support of many of the chapters and there are so many which are interested in other work that the support of all is hardly to be hoped for. If each chapter tried to devote the equivalent of a fifty cent annual tax to its own private work, would not the result be better for the fraternity in the end, than an attempt to establish a fraternity settlement in which but few of the chapters could share actively?

Even supposing that the chapters could all take an even share in the work, do we want the fraternity as a whole to stand for any movement like the college settlement? The fraternity is a unified whole whose aim is distinctly not charitable work of any kind, however admirable. It would be turning the whole energy of the fraternity, supposing the scheme practicable, in a direction which is not essentially fraternal.

It is for these reasons that Beta Epsilon voted against the proposed annual tax. She considered the scheme impracticable and generally not in harmony with the ends of the fraternity.

L. B. DUNN.

*Chapter Letters.**ALPHA PROVINCE.*

PHI—BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

Phi has passed a very useful and pleasant winter in her new home. Although we are twenty-five in number, we have preserved harmony and have strengthened our true Kappa feelings. One of the most prominent features of our life this winter has been the beautiful relation between some of our upper-class girls and our freshmen. This relation is of the greatest value both to the senior or junior, as the case may be, and to the freshman. To the senior it has the effect of any real friendship; but to the freshman it is not only an added friendship, but also the beginning of a Kappa life. We cannot help feeling this year more than ever that the only way of enlarging our sympathies for all is first to enlarge them for a few.

Our chapter meetings this term have not been as satisfactory as usual, on account of so many afternoon lectures and recitations. It has been difficult to find a convenient hour. We have had a few library meetings and one or two Kappa talks. Sometime next term we are to have a "chapter meeting." Each one of us is to be assigned a chapter of K. K. Γ. and to read the late report of that chapter and to tell as much as possible about the college, chapter life, active members, and illustrious alumnæ. In this way we hope to become a little better acquainted with our far-off sisters.

When the question of honorary membership was presented to us last fall, we took a week for consideration and then almost unanimously voted against it. We feel that Kappa Kappa Gamma is capable of standing on its own merits, and that only those should be joined to our ranks who may develop by Kappa ideals. We are not striving to promote the name of our fraternity, but to so educate ourselves and our younger members that the world may be a little better because the Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity exists.

Phi sends best wishes to all her sister chapters.

BETA EPSILON—BARNARD COLLEGE.

Beta Epsilon has had her initiation since the last issue of *THE KEY*. The names of the three initiates were published in our last letter, but we regret to say that Miss Tucker's name, who joined the chapter in October by transfer from Beta Eta, was omitted. The chapter work has been much interrupted by the mid-year examinations but we are now trying a new scheme for our meetings. Usually we have had a business meeting each week on Tuesday afternoon, except the week in which we held a social meeting on Saturday. Now we are having an informal meeting on Monday alternating with the Tuesday business meeting. We felt that the members needed some time at which they could talk to each other on subjects not purely business. Whether this plan will work well is still uncertain. At least we have made an attempt to overcome the difficulties of a chapter in a college where the members are not resident.

PSI—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Psi's life during the winter term has gone on in much the same line as formerly, with much study and the usual pleasant chapter meetings. Skating has been good this winter, and the girls are more appreciative than ever of the advantages we enjoy over our sisters whose university life is passed in the city.

We were glad to hear news of Beta Tau from Miss Love who visited Mrs. Commons at Syracuse during the Christmas holidays. To our regret Lillian Balcom, '94, was obliged to return home during the winter term, but we hope to see her again after Easter.

The girls of Cornell have been much interested in hearing of the out-door games popular at Wellesley, through Miss Lucile Eaton Hill, of the Wellesley college faculty, who directs the physical work and coaches the crews of the college. Miss Hill was the guest of one of the Cornell students for a week during February and gave several pleasant talks to the girls, on the general subject of out-door sports and such good habits of exercise, sleep, and sensible dress as will make us "healthy, wealthy, and wise." She is a firm believer in the natural healthy development of the play-instinct in girls; and her sincere interest and enthusiasm for the cause aroused great interest among the Cornell

women in spite of her condemnation of midnight spreads, "fudges," and late hours. A Sports and Pastimes Association has been organized with Kappa Kappa Gammas as President and Treasurer. Subscriptions are being received, and out-door sports give promise of flourishing at Ithaca. We are hoping for a boat house and organized rowing on our beautiful lake, if the gods give us joy; as well as other exercises to follow. The gymnasium is now well fitted and the added exercise and enjoyment of out-door sports should add much to our health and happiness. Miss Hill was a guest at the banquet of Die Schwesterschaft during her stay at Ithaca, and the girls of Sage gave a reception for her to the ladies of the faculty.

The announcement has been made that after this year the chair in Moral Philosophy at Cornell will be filled by Prof. Seth, a graduate of the University of Edinburgh.

BETA BETA—ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

Although Beta Beta is located in a region where the mercury reaches a point more than 40° below zero, her zeal is none the less warm as is shown by the fact that our girls climb the college hill to chapter meeting through walks flanked by walls of snow fully eight feet in height. And we are glad that it is not only the older girls who are zealous, but our new girls have also proven themselves very enthusiastic and surprised us by preparing a spread at one of our meetings.

As a rule, the students who for diverse reasons must remain here during the Christmas vacation, bewail their fate, but this year it was quite the reverse. The first social event in which Kappas were directly interested was a party given to the Kappas in town by Mrs. D. Rice in honor of her sister, Miss Folsom, one of our *alumnæ*. The evening was passed very pleasantly, and we were delighted to meet Miss Folsom for many of us had never seen her. January 31, two of our new girls, Misses Shaw and Stallman, entertained the students at the home of Miss Shaw's sister, Mrs. L. B. Fisher.

Quite in contrast with these festivities was the "grinding" of examination week. This week, however, was soon over. Saturday being a holiday, no chapter meetings were held, and Beta

Zeta of B. ©. II. entertained Beta Beta at their chapter house on College street.

On the evening of February 10, Beta Beta entertained the Beta Theta Psi, Prof. Hardie and Dr. C. K. Gaines of B. ©. II. and Mrs. Gaines of K. K. F. at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Liotard on Church street. The time was passed with dancing and cards and our guests seemed to enjoy themselves.

Beta chapter of Δ. Δ. Δ. gave a reception and leap year ball upon St. Valentine's night at Minor Hall. The decorations were unique and appropriate and every one present passed an extremely pleasant evening.

We have interested ourselves thus far this term more with the discussion of sociological questions than with real literary work. We have discussed the college settlement question quite thoroughly and find that it is very interesting. We were also pleased to learn that some of our sister chapters were active in this cause.

During the last two years we have increased our library quite appreciably and at Christmas time it was embellished still more by the presentation of a set of Hawthorne's works, by one of our loyal alumnae, Miss Liotard, of New York.

BETA TAU—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Beta Tau sends cordial greetings to all her sisters far and near and hopes that time is passing as pleasantly with them as with her.

During the last few weeks a number of parties have been given by the fraternities and Beta Tau has had a share in many gaieties. On Tuesday, February 11, we gave our annual reception and were fortunate in being able to welcome a number of our old girls. Etta Robinson, '95, spent two weeks in the city, and several others have been with us for a few days at a time. Our freshmen are participating in the gaieties and are expecting an especially good time at the "fad" party which they are to give in a few days.

Since the last issue of THE KEY, a chapter of Pi Beta Phi has been established at our college. They have nine charter members and we are glad to welcome them among the fraternity women. On Friday, February 20, we gave a tea in their honor, to which the mothers of the girls were invited, and although the weather was very stormy we spent a delightful afternoon.

Professor Lyons, of Harvard University, recently delivered a course of lectures on "The Old Testament in the Light of the Recent Discoveries in Syria and Babylonia" which the students enjoyed very much.

We are pleased to be able to announce that Kate Palmer, ex '94, who graduated last year from Middlebury, has been elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

BETA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Beta Alpha again sends greeting to her sister chapters. Since you last heard from us we have been busy at work. Our annual reception was held on the fifteenth of February in the library building of the university. It was a very successful evening and one which we recall with pleasure.

BETA IOTA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

Beta Iota sends warmest greetings to all Kappas. How swiftly old Time glides on and brings to us the opportunity of writing to *THE KEY*—to us whose hearts and interests and love are bound up in Kappa's welfare. Scarcely does the year seem to have begun and yet, we are forced to realize that our '96' sisters must soon, so soon leave us as active members of our beloved fraternity and take each her own rightful place in the world's history. It is a sad thought for us who are left without these loyal girls and yet we must be, and are prepared for it as the years roll on and bring to us again and again this same lesson.

But you ask, "What has Beta Iota been doing these past three months?" "Many, many things," we would answer. Our dignified seniors in cap and gown, are seen passing through the halls with great philosophies clasped under their arms. We are all busy with our various studies, but these did not interfere on Saturday, the twenty-second of February, with Beta Iota's annual banquet. At "The Briers," in Lansdowne, the home of Lydia Biddle, '94, twenty-two Kappas seated themselves around the festive banquet-board with hearts light and happy, prepared to enjoy to the fullest extent, the pleasures of our annual reunion. We were delighted to have with us on this occasion Miss Isabel H. Reed of Beta Tau who is residing in West Chester this winter.

Spirits ran high and were clouded by only one thing—the absence of three of our alumnæ. With Frances Stevenson, '93, as Symposiarch, with a number of bright toasts, with Kappa songs, and finally, with hearts filled with gladness, nothing could have been more enjoyable.

A few weeks ago, most of our active chapter, were entertained at the home of Miss Hollingshead in Pemberton, New Jersey. We formed a merry house-party for two days and despite the rain enjoyed every moment of our visit.

The college reception will be given next Saturday evening and promises to be a very delightful affair if we may judge from whispers we hear.

BETA PROVINCE.

LAMBDA—BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

Since Lambda last sent her greetings through THE KEY, she has been successful in many ways.

Early in the term the Kappas were invited to the home of Metta Dague, where six unsuspecting victims were initiated into the delights and mysteries of the second degree of Kappa Kappa Gamma. It was especially pleasant to meet so many of the older girls who were there to recall their former college days.

Bess McFarlin next entertained us with a "spider web" party. Cords were across, around and through everything possible, but it was surprising to see how rapidly they disappeared when our girls went to work at them. Such hurrying as there was, upstairs and down, but the end of the last cord was finally reached. The rest of the evening was spent pleasantly in various ways.

Two of our older girls, Amy Heriff and Gertrude Lewis gave a reception at Miss Lewis' studio. This was followed by a banquet. We enjoyed the event very much and the Kappa call was given with a great deal of enthusiasm.

Metta Dague and Flora Goodwin represented Lambda at the reception given by Beta Gamma at Wooster. They came back telling us so much about the good times they had, that everyone wished she could have been there.

We have just received a very pleasant visit from Gertrude Matthews, '87, which the whole chapter enjoyed and we are only

sorry that more of the girls do not come back after leaving college, to visit the fraternity.

We feel proud of Mrs. Lillian Moore Pardee, one of the earliest members of Lambda who has recently been elected secretary of the Senate of Utah.

BETA GAMMA—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Beta Gamma returned cheerful and happy from her short vacation and became more cheerful and more happy when Mary Martin and Agatha Hard expressed their willingness to cast their lot with ours for better and even better.

We commenced the term with a charming party at Mrs. Annat's home whose floors are no strangers to Kappa feet. But the most important event of the season for the chapter was our reception at Mrs. McDonald's when we welcomed almost two hundred guests. Among them all, we were most glad to greet Miss Twiss and Miss Corner from Beta Nu and Miss Goodwin and Miss Dague from Lambda. We realized more than ever that evening, the need of coming in contact with the other chapters of the fraternity since we felt not only the delightful but the broadening influence of meeting our hitherto unknown sisters.

On Saturday afternoon, we all gathered at Nancy Johnson's home to meet our sister again when only Kappas should be near. Time, however, is the one thing which will not stay and we were forced to say farewell, wondering when we should meet again.

Last night, Wooster was astir with many Greeks. The men's fraternities met according to their usual custom for a Pan-Hellenic banquet. Wooster thought it most unusual when the young gentlemen appeared. Half of them were in evening costumes with dresses and curls; rouge and powder, party bags and flowers adding to their attractions. They were not the only ones to enjoy themselves, however, for Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma decided to hold a Pan-Hellenica with each other and, accordingly, a most delightful evening was passed. We met for fun and frolic and buried the hatchet most peacefully as we kept time to the dance music so dearly loved and seldom so much appreciated. Our faculty, being amiable, allow the girls to dance together.

But all good times must have an end and the sleepy faces this morning testify the hours spent in frolic last night. Behind the pleasure, pain creeps in as we remember that this must end some day and we must hie ourselves to seek "fresh woods and pastures new." But as we look at the faces of our sisters, we are thankful for present blessings, that we are here—and the one of longer duration—that we are Kappas.

BETA NU— OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Beta Nu sends greetings to all her sister chapters.

January and February at the O. S. U. find us relieved of many of the anxieties and labors of fraternity business and are always well filled with good times of more or less brilliancy. Fraternities, by that time have declared a truce, and all organizations entertain with friendly rivalry.

Nor are the students the only busy ones. The Ladies' Faculty Club has twice entertained the college as a whole, the last time, on the 22, with all the stately costuming and manners of Washington's day.

A leap-year dance on the 29 of January revealed new possibilities in the way of entertaining. A dance at the home of one of our Senior Kappas, Mary Scott, the "Panhellenic," the red-letter event of the year, and the annual Junior Hop are a few of the gay times which have "made glorious summer" of our winter of study.

To come back to the graver thoughts of chapter life, we wish to put in one word for province conventions. It is not well for any chapter, however well-managed never to vary her customs and rules; and visits with her neighbor chapters would more than repay her in mutual help and suggestiveness as to possible changes and improvements.

"How do our sisters deal with the financial problem, that thorn in the flesh?"

"How many Herculean labors of fraternity-government study should the pale pledgeling perform?"

"How shall we set the zealous Freshmen to lifting burdens off the shoulders of Junior Kappas?"

These and kindred questions might be discussed in happy meet-

ings between the chapters of the same or sister states, questions which are perhaps of too small or local a character for general conventions.

Two of our members, Florence Corner and Marion Twiss, paid a flying visit to Beta Gamma last month, where Kappa hospitality, impersonated in Bess Johnson and Alice Cornell introduced them to Wooster society and fraternity life. The glowing accounts they brought home strengthen us in our belief that Ohio chapters, at least, ought to see more of each other and unite in joyous comraderie to laugh over our failures and compare our glorious successes.

The "Makio" of former times is to be superseded this year by a college annual wherein all college organizations are represented, a volume which, though less blessed with fraternity spirit, will doubtless be more truly representative of O. S. U.

A bill is now pending in the House of Representatives here, doubling our revenue from the state, and shows fair promise of being passed.

Of Dr. Canfield's energy and ability we cannot say too much, and we realize indeed that Sigma's loss is our gain.

We feel that all our dear sisters must know that this year comes to Beta Nu with a deep sadness and sacredness which has touched no other in her history. The first meeting of 1896 found us without our little sister Gwendolen Ingram, who lived in our circle just one year when she left us for the New Life.

The death of Lucy Allen's father called forth our sympathy only a little later and we, in these sadder experiences, feel all the more bound and blessed by fraternity love.

We are coming to see you all next August, as many of us as can and till then we intend to "live and learn"—especially the answers to those April examinations!

BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Beta Delta sends greetings and best wishes for a very happy and successful semester.

We are just now rejoicing in some good news which has recently come to us concerning the success of one of our former members, Belle Brewster. She possesses a very fine voice and for more than two years she has been cultivating it in Paris. This

last year she has made a great success singing in London and has recently been engaged to sing the coming season with Patti. Since Miss Brewster is only twenty-three years old, we hold this quite an honor.

We are very busy preparing for initiation. For several reasons it seemed best not to initiate girls during the first semester, and now we expect to welcome six new members. Of course, we have had the usual amount of rushing parties. The most enjoyable of these was a progressive peanut party and I think I must tell you about it as I know from experience that the question of a new amusement is not a small one. When we reached the fraternity house all that we saw was six tables and on each table four knives and a dish full of peanuts. We were each told to which table to go and then each took a knife in her right hand and picked up as many peanuts as possible on its blade. Then each girl must carry the peanuts into another room and deposit them in a large dish without dropping any. If one was dropped, the owner had to stop and get it back on the knife. She might do this by shoving it up against any article of furniture or against her foot, but the left hand must not be used on any account. The nuts are not to be touched with the hands at all. It is a very jolly way of spending an evening and effectually does away with all stiffness.

The Ann Arbor girls have been working very hard for the Woman's Annex to the gymnasium. The last plan adopted for raising money was a leap year party. The faculty helped us by giving us the use of the gymnasium, and it was finally decided to have an afternoon dancing party. The members of the faculty were invited and that afternoon nearly six hundred couples appeared on the floor. Tickets were one dollar and spectator's tickets were twenty-five cents. As the orchestra gave their services, expenses were very light and the profits amounted to nearly six hundred dollars. Besides being a financial success, every one had a good time.

XI—ADRIAN COLLEGE.

Xi desires to introduce her newly pledged member, Maude Steele. On the evening of February twenty-second, the pledge ceremony was performed in the chapter hall. Many alumni were present and the evening was passed in feasting and song.

After the ceremony, a letter was read from Mary Ewing, of De Pauw University, which contained much of interest to the girls. We miss Miss Ewing so much this year, yet realize that Xi has lost and Iota gained a loyal member.

The seniors are preparing for their reception which will be given on the evening of March ninth. About five hundred invitations have been issued and the reception is anticipated as one of the social events of the year. Five of Xi's members are numbered with the class of '96.

We are pleased to have Myrle Tyler, '92, again with us. Since her graduation, Miss Tyler has been teaching in Black Hills College, South Dakota.

We regret that our dear sister, Edna Hazel Gibson is not with us this term. We miss her very much but trust she will be with us next year.

Anna M. Owens, '96, has been elected from the Lambda Phi society as essayist in the inter-society contest. This is the highest honor the society can bestow and we are proud that Miss Owens has been chosen as their representative.

The alumnæ and active members are preparing for a reunion of Xi chapter during commencement week. We hope to see many of the girls back at that time for such gatherings always inspire the active chapter with greater love and reverence for Kappa Kappa Gamma.

KAPPA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Kappa has not been quite so active as usual this term as the strength of six of our girls has been spent in preparing orations for the annual Society Contest which comes in March. We are planning for a good time the first meeting after contest, however. Chapter study has been kept up to a certain extent for Kappa can not be behind others when May comes.

At the last meeting of last term Kappa initiated Florence Stetson into the mystic bonds and we want to introduce her to her Kappa sisters.

Jan. 29 our alumnæ, of whom there are a number in town, gave the active members a reception at the home of Cora Bailey. Everyone present thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

A reception was also given to Prof. DeMott by Miss Bailey after his lecture here Feb. 12, and Kappas were among the other guests.

Miss Deering, principal of the ladies' department, and one of our members, was called home by the sudden death of her father a few weeks ago. We all feel the deepest sympathy for her in her sorrow.

Everything has been very quiet this term in college. Much hard work is being done, the result of which will doubtless be evident in the coming examinations.

Kappa's greetings to all her sister chapters.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

IOTA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Believing that all the chapters of K. K. P. are as eager to know Iota personally as she is to know her sister chapters, she will send to you through the medium of THE KEY a little pen-portrait of herself.

We have a cosy chapter home at one corner of the college campus and have such pleasant times and helpful meetings that we hardly know how to condense all we have to say so it may fit the little space allowed us, but we purpose using every inch of our portion.

One of our number, Clara Hight, has left us since we last greeted you and we feel her absence very much, but the feeling of nearness toward the girls that remain is intensified and we better appreciate what our fraternity really means to us when we feel that by absence we must in a measure lose the help we obtain from our Kappa sisters.

Our literary programs throughout the year have been interesting and our music has been much improved by the recent organization of a Kappa quartette and a jolly quartette it is.

Once a semester each class furnishes the entertainment for one chapter meeting and of course there is a good natured rivalry in trying to see which class can furnish the most original and unique ideas.

We are only a little band of girls trying to help ourselves and

each other to attain to a realization of the highest ideals of womanhood, bearing each others weaknesses, helping, cheering, comforting, and endeavoring to verify before the world, the foundation principles of K. K. Γ. and to make her to the new girls all that she has been and is to us.

MU—BUTLER COLLEGE.

Time has come for the new corresponding secretaries to write their first letters to THE KEY, and we hope that with more experience we, too, shall be able to interest our sister chapters and become better and better acquainted.

We are very busy now as our second term of school is nearing its close. Next week come our examinations and then we have a week's vacation.

We have been favored with several social events in the past few weeks in the way of fraternity and class parties. Kappa was among the number and received her friends February 21, at the home of May Brayton, an alumna of last year.

Enthusiasm has been excited lately among the students of Butler. The subject is now agitated of consolidating the law, medical, and dental colleges of Indianapolis with Butler, putting them under one head as the University of Indianapolis. In case this is done, we shall have one of the largest institutions in the west. Indianapolis is an advantageous situation for such an institution and the desire for the proposed union was heartily expressed by lively yells in chapel for the new "University of Indianapolis."

February 7 was celebrated as a holiday, it being the forty-first anniversary of the founding of Butler College. An address was delivered on that evening in the college chapel, by the Rev. Mr. Pounds.

Mu has enjoyed visits from a number of her *alumnæ* members this year and also from one of Delta's *alumnæ*. We are only too sorry that we cannot have more visitors from sister chapters, as we are thus brought closer to each other.

There will be one great regret, at least, when our next and last term is completed. We must then be separated from our Kappa sisters. How nice it would be to have the pleasure of meeting with a party of Kappa girls in a summer cottage, as was

proposed in the last KEY, We are anxiously awaiting our new song books, which would bring, if that were possible, an increased enthusiasm and loyalty.

We eagerly await the new KEY and bid you adieu, with best wishes to all.

UPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Life at Northwestern has been rushing along so merrily that not until the bulletin board stared at us with the announcement of "ex-es" did we stop to think how near is the end of the winter term, and when that is gone, spring is here and the spring term flies, and then we leave the dear Kappa girls and all the other dear girls, and are home again. And so it goes this year, and the next, and the next, and before we know it we shall be graduated and the now freshman will speak of us as the "old girls." But now we are here and we are glad.

The winter term is always the time for parties and we have had our share. The Junior Promenade, which took place February twenty-first, was the great social event and a decided success. February twenty-ninth, Northwestern's Glee, Banjo, and Mandolin Clubs gave their annual Evanston concert, an event long anticipated and warmly received.

The chair of Biology, vacated by Dr. E. G. Conklin, who went to the University of Pennsylvania, is being ably filled by Dr. W. A. Locy, of Lake Forest.

Northwestern, never behind in a new movement, has organized a Young Women's Debating Club. It is run on the plan of Prof. J. Scott Clark's Course in Forensics. Each of the thirteen members speak for five minutes at every meeting. This weekly practice has for its purpose training in quick thought, logical reasoning and prompt refutation, as well as development of self-command on all occasions; the subjects discussed are political and economic questions of the day.

There is a fever at Northwestern. Everyone is having his picture taken. You have your picture with your fraternity, with your tennis club, your class fraternity, your *Syllabus* board, your best friend, and lastly, yourself; you exchange with everyone and have each picture in the college annual, the *Syllabus*.

Upsilon's chapter-life has never been happier for the fifteen girls are bound by especially strong personal ties as well as by the broader and deeper relations of Kappa.

We are glad to have Harriet Morse with us again, after an illness which prevented her from finishing last term's work ; but we regret deeply the loss on account of illness, of one of our sophomores, Louise Whiteside. Upsilon has been busier than ever this term, getting out the program for convention, to which she is looking forward with intensest interest, but she has found time to entertain her friends with a large dancing party.

Upsilon recently enjoyed a short visit from Miss Brewer of Chi and Miss Webster of Beta Tau.

EPSILON—ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

The Kappas at Illinois Wesleyan have been unusually quiet since Christmas, having given no entertainment to their friends. It looks as though Epsilon was selfish with her good times but she promises better next term.

There are several organizations coming into prominence this spring. Among them are the College Orchestra and the Glee Club. At the meeting of the Oratorical Association to elect officers and orators we received the secretaryship and an orator from the sophomore class. Great interest is being taken in the Inter-collegiate Contest which will be held here in October.

If any of the sister chapters near us play basket ball we would like to challenge them to a game. We have a team which plays twice a week in the gym. As soon as the weather permits we will arrange to play upon the campus.

We have started the popular rainy-day costume with the short skirt and leather buskins and it prevails to such an extent among the fraternity girls that only our two seniors are left to give our meetings and little gatherings sufficient dignity.

However we shall be dignified enough when some evening soon we furnish the entire program for one of the literary societies. Besides lightening the work of the members we think we will profit by it also.

Some of our alumnae in the city have given a practical solution to the much discussed question of preserving the close relations

of the *alumnæ* to the chapter, by forming a K. K. Γ. Club. We are always welcome to this club which is literary as well as social and as they visit our meetings in return a closer bond between active and *alumnæ* members is formed.

DELTA PROVINCE.

CHI—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Chi, first wishes to introduce to you Martha Rogers and Ella Dixon who have pledged themselves to share with us the joys and sorrows of Kappa, and next to speak of the joys themselves.

Perhaps Christmas is a trifle out of season, but nothing can be truly out of season which shows the beauty and unity of chapter life as our Christmas box did. We got the idea from Phi, and I do hope some one else will take it from us. The last night before college closed for vacation we met at our little blue chapter rooms. In one corner stood a tree, decorated with pop-corn and tinsel, and from the next room appeared Santa Claus, in the glory of a very long overcoat and cotton batting whiskers, singing in a soprano voice an original Christmas song. Then he threw down his pack and the freshmen distributed the packages. They were all jokes, bright and clever, sometimes even pretty, but never expensive. All twenty-four of us enjoyed our own things and each others in most infantile fashion. Chi has resolved to make the Christmas box an institution, for such an evening brings out a side of girls' characters not always shown, and furthers one of the great objects of chapter life, that feeling of unity, of oneness, in as many directions as there are phases of being. A chapter should be capable of just as true unity in study, as in private theatricals, in spreads as in fraternity work, and it seems to me that the broader the programmes of our meetings are, the better will be their true spirit, and the more we will understand just what we require of a woman before we say "She is a Kappa." We can be sure that she will fit into each of the many sides of our chapter life, and be able in the true sense to share our joys and sorrows. And in this same way we find out how much alike we are after all, and that girls we have learned to know and love so well, have something corresponding to something within ourselves which we seldom show.

BETA ZETA—IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Allow us to present to you a new Kappa pledgling. Eula DeVoll now wears a K. K. F. monogram and a knot of the "two blues."

As the snow disappears, we begin to feel anxious to hear from our sister chapters. The letters are always so full of interest that we sometimes think it would be pleasant if they could come oftener but, as that is impossible, we are glad we can hear four times during the year.

The "At Homes" we told you of in our last letter have been a great success. The last one was at the home of Helen Currier. Miss French (Octave Thanet) was an honored guest. She seemed interested in the fraternity and asked many questions concerning it. She charmed us all with her entertaining conversation and her delightful manner.

Before closing, we must tell you of our attic party. It had seemed so long since we had had a regular spread that we had begun to feel anxious for one of the pleasant informal times we used to enjoy last year in our chapter rooms. One of the girls said we might have her attic. Accordingly, a few days later all the Kappas assembled in Mrs. Stewart's roomy garret. After quite an elaborate spread, we all gathered round the little oil stove and sang Kappa songs for an hour when we separated declaring it was the best fun we'd had for a year. If you have never tried it, then have an attic party. It is sure to be a success.

We all miss our last year's President, Helen Stewart, who has finished her work and gone home.

Best wishes to you all for a happy term's work. The next time we write, we hope to introduce to you at least one new Kappa.

THETA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

The latest addition to the school world in Columbia is the Missouri Bible College which was established under auspicious circumstances last week. It is to be conducted under the direction of the Christian Church and Rev. W. T. Moore, late of England, is the superintendent. Through the courtesy of the university authorities, the installation exercises of Dr. Moore and his co-

workers were held in the University chapel and an interesting program was heard. A new building is to be erected for the Bible College and the outlook is very bright. Special advantages are offered to the students of the University and a large number have signified their intention of taking advantage of the courses.

Theta has had the great pleasure of a visit from the Grand President and we hope that the fraternity will soon be able to send some officer of the Grand Council to visit the different chapters each year.

It is evident to all that the western chapters need a convention to arouse them to greater interest in their work and give the eastern chapters a better opportunity of knowing them. As Columbia is a central point, both to eastern and western chapters, why cannot Theta have the next convention. President Jesse has very kindly offered us any room in the Academic Hall for use, if this could be brought about.

Theta sends greetings to all her Kappa sisters.

SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Sigma tried last year to avoid effusive mention of the local affairs so interesting to her own girls, but now they will out for the events of February are yet uppermost in mind. Aside from being the anniversary month of Washington and Lincoln, and, as those of us but recently from the high school will remember, also of a sentimental old saint, this is the month of Charter Day, our university birthday. This occurs on the fifteenth and each year the real university events are saved up for celebration of this day, when all student organizations assert themselves in various ways and all departments put on gala attire, keep open house and otherwise become conspicuously in evidence. Incidentally, the other days lend a particularly patriotic air to Charter Day, and red, white and blue mingle profusely with our University colors, while the good, grave faces of the two great heroes look kindly down upon us from the walls. St. Valentine is never granted so much recognition, but Cupid lurks around and awaits his chance, which he usually gets at the Junior Promenade. Why, even sedate seniors and university instructors have furtively observed—but who knows but Washington himself and Lincoln and the grave

fathers who granted the charter to our university twenty-seven years ago observed the day of old St. Valentine.

This year Charter Day week was more impressive than ever, for our chancellor, George Edwin MacLean was formally inaugurated, and Nebraska chapter of Phi Beta Kappa was installed, in addition to numerous minor "extras" on the program for the week.

The Chancellor's inauguration was particularly impressive. President Northup, of the University of Minnesota, and Chancellor Snow, of Kansas University, were here.

The installation of Phi Beta Kappa took place on Saturday morning, February 15, at Chancellor MacLean's home. Of the six already chosen from the class of '96 as charter members, four were men and two fraternity women. One of these is our own May Whiting who ranks second in a class of seventy-five. Of course we all knew it before, or rather felt it, yet the suspense and suppressed excitement that morning in chapel before the names of the favored ones were announced, was dreadful. But after the announcement,—well you have all been joyously excited and touched over the honor of one of your girls—so you know how it was.

One thing else has been a particular pleasure to us. Miss Northrop, of Chi, is here and will remain, the guest of Chancellor and Mrs. MacLean, for a month or more. We were so glad to approach her with the grip and count her one of us so long as she remains—yes, and after she goes away, too.

Kappa Alpha Theta, who has virtually had a chapter in college all year, came out Charter Day with six formally initiated members.

So much for Sigma and Charter Day in Nebraska. Next time it will be Commencement.

OMEGA—KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

Mount Oread is at present the scene of the busiest activity. The students are just being initiated into their second term's work, which carries with it the manifold duties always accompanying an important advent of this nature.

A chosen few are proudly wearing the pale blue and pink,

emblems of Phi Beta Kappa, with as much modesty as possible under the circumstances, and receiving the congratulations of their admiring fellow students. The juniors are busy with the preparations for their "Promenade" which is to take place March sixth and bids fair to be a very pleasant event.

Kansas University, recognizing as she does the talent that lies within her own sacred precincts, not without reason stoutly refuses to credit the discovery of the North Pole and firmly maintains that unless substantial evidence of the same can be produced she will continue in the belief that this particular honor is destined for none other than her own Professor Dyke.

Omega's girls are not the least busy of the busy. They find their time passing almost too swiftly and with regret look forward to next June, when two of their girls will graduate from the University. Even the pleasure of seeing them receive their degrees will fail to compensate us for their loss.

The mild, pleasant weather that Kansas has been having makes the walk up the hill most delightful and stimulates the desire to linger and drink in the beauties of the landscape and it is with regret that we leave it behind and take up our school duties. Nevertheless, we can proudly carry with us the thought that the famous Mr. Bayard has said, "Of all the landscapes I have ever seen, and they are many, both in America and abroad, the view from Mt. Oread is to me the most beautiful."

BETA ETA—LELAND STANFORD, JR., UNIVERSITY.

Lines from Beta Eta should come permeated with sunbeams, for we have indeed been living in a world of sunshine for the last month, and Palo Alto has been almost ideal. Somehow the winter seems to have been left out; or, at least, only to be found in the almanac.

In one of our Kappa meetings some weeks ago, this thought was expressed, "what a pleasant event it would be if a general fraternity could be formed of the three women's fraternities existing at Stanford. Its object should be to promote a firm acquaintanceship amongst the fraternity girls, to create a broader friendship and a Pan-Hellenic spirit, and to afford a means of discussing subjects of general interest and benefit to the fraternities." The

idea was approved of and notes were written to Kappa Alpha Theta and Pi Beta Phi asking their opinion of such an action. Heartly responses were received. In consequence, a general meeting of the three fraternities was held and a society formed to be called "The Pan-Hellenic." Its members are to be the women's fraternities existing at Stanford and members representing fraternities that have no chapters here. The meetings are to be held twice each semester and we are looking forward to the first one set for April. Thus, what was but a thought in a Kappa meeting has developed into a delightful reality.

Beta Eta has entertained but once this year, and that very pleasantly last week. We received our friends at an afternoon tea. The Roble Hall reception room was prettier than wont, for there were flowers and ferns everywhere, the loveliest of all being great bunches of beautiful white fleur-de-lis that sent forth their delicate fragrance as a welcome to our guests.

But the happiest event of this semester has been the initiation of a new member into our chapter, Trilla Towles, '99. We opened the circle to clasp hands again with new and greater love and feel in our hearts that friendship is blessed.

In Memoriam.

GWENDOLEN INGRAM.

Initiated January 15, 1895, into Beta Nu Chapter
of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father, in his wisdom and love has deemed it best to call home our beloved sister, Gwendolen Ingram, and

WHEREAS, We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the sorrowing family, be it

Resolved, 1. 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, 2. That to the family in their great affliction, we extend our deepest and tenderest sympathy.

Resolved, 3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and to THE KEY.

MAY C. COLE,
FLORENCE CORNER,

WINONA SCHWIER,
Beta Nu.

MINNIE DEER.

Gamma Chapter must record the death of one of her alumnæ members, Miss Minnie T. Deer, who died Dec. 26, 1895.

Attractive, intelligent, useful and amiable, her death is an especially sad one, a loss to her family, many friends, and her fraternity.

She graduated from Wooster High School in 1885 and Wooster University in 1889, having completed the courses of study carefully and thoroughly. A record of four years as teacher in the Public Schools of Van West, Ohio, proved her to be a thorough and successful teacher.

Stricken with a fatal illness in November, 1894, she lingered for the months that intervened between that time and her death, finally accepting the inevitable gently and gracefully, as loveable in her submission as in her strong vigorous life.

Her unselfish life had endeared her to all who knew her, and she was held in the highest esteem. Sunny tempered and vivacious, serious and earnest, she was helpful to those about her, but she was equally well fitted for life and death, and one cannot doubt that all is well with her now. Her life on earth has surely won for her the everlasting peace, that passeth understanding.

College and Fraternity Notes.

The Graduate Club of Bryn Mawr has decided to continue the work of getting out a hand-book containing information in regard to the foreign universities open to women. Such a book, containing the best information possible is greatly needed by women wishing to study abroad and will supplement, in a measure, the hand-book of graduate courses of the universities in this country.

The appointment of Dr. Eliza M. Mosher to the faculty of the University of Michigan as Professor of Hygiene and Woman's Dean of the Literary Department is another significant step in the history of an institution which has always shown a broad and progressive spirit. Heretofore the faculty has been composed entirely of men. Dr. Mosher has become widely known through her eleven years of Brooklyn practice, and her researches concerning the effect of habitual posture upon the body. Her writings and lectures upon this subject have been largely instrumental in securing her the appointment.

The subject of habitual posture is one upon which Dr. Mosher speaks with much enthusiasm and applies constantly in her practice, tracing much disease to the habit of careless standing and sitting. The impression of Dr. Mosher's fine presence, clear color, frank smile, and the mingling of cheeriness and graciousness in her manner, must remain with all who know her. She enters upon her university duties in October next.—*Harper's Bazar*.

Last year the Kappa Alpha Journal cost the Order \$1,121 or at the rate of \$2.25 per copy for the average membership to be supplied. Its receipts from "ads" were but \$29 and from subscribers \$66.30, total \$99.30.—*K. A. Journal*.

The following table of chapter houses rented and owned by the different men's fraternities is taken from the *Beta Theta Pi*:

B. Θ. Π. owns 6; rents 24.	Δ. Ψ. owns 7; rents
A. Δ. Φ. " 10; " 2.	Δ. T. Δ. " 15.
A. T. Ω. " 4; " 11.	Δ. Y. " 10; " 8.
X. Φ. " 4; " 7.	K. A. " 4;
X. Ψ. " 8; " 9.	K. A. (s) " 4; " 4.
Δ. K. E. " 11; " 9.	K. Σ. " 3; " 5.
Δ. Φ. " 5; " 4.	Φ. Δ. Θ. " 5; " 11.
Φ. K. Ψ. " 7; " 7.	Ψ. Y. " 13; " 3.
Σ. A. E. " 4; " 11.	Σ. X. " 5; " 9.
Σ. N. " 1; " 3.	Σ. Φ. " 6; " 1.
Θ. Ξ. " " 4.	Θ. Δ. X. " 4; " 9.
Φ. Γ. Δ. " 3; " 13.	Z. Ψ. " 6; " 7.

Seventeen years ago university education was instituted for women at Oxford. There are now three colleges for women here

—Somerville, Lady Margaret and St. Hugh's. At Cambridge, Girton and Newnham colleges are also in successful operation. One step has been taken at a time, and there has been compromise at every stage. At the outset the women's colleges were not allowed to share any of the advantages of the university system. From time to time one privilege after another has been accorded. The lecture-rooms have been opened to women, the lower series of examinations has been brought within their range, and finally at both universities they are allowed to qualify themselves for degrees without obtaining them. At each university there is now an organized movement for securing their admission to the degree of B. A. The struggle at Oxford has been a most spirited one, and has culminated to-day, after a crowded meeting of the House of Congregation, in what may be regarded as a drawn battle, for, although the appeal of the women has been rejected by a vote of 215 against 140, the minority is so large that the general result is virtually a victory for them. Indeed, whatever may be the action of the Oxford Congregation upon the substitute propositions next week, the remarkable demonstration of force in this first engagement will encourage the friends of women to redouble their efforts at Cambridge, where a petition on the same subject has received the powerful support of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Duke of Argyll and Arthur Balfour.

Before referring in detail to this drawn battle in Congregation, it may be well to describe briefly what this body is and what are its relations to the university and the twenty-three colleges. The government of academic Oxford is a combination of State and Federal principles. Each college with its head, fellows and tutors is a self-governing body and a law unto itself. The university has also its executive heads, the Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellors, with Proctors, Sub-Proctors and subordinate officials, charged with the maintenance of order among the students; and also its governing bodies, the Hebdomadal Council, the Congregation and the Convocation. The Council is a small body consisting of the chief university officials and a few heads of colleges and senior members of Convocation. All proposals or statutes are submitted in the first instance to this Council for approval, and then with its sanction are referred to Congregation, which includes all resident members of Convocation. The new measures,

if adopted by Congregation, are then submitted for final action to Convocation, which is the entire body of graduates officially registered at the university.

The women made their first appeal to the Council, and it was submitted with caution and discretion. They did not ask for admission to all degrees, but to a single one, that of B. A. They did not raise the question of their eligibility to the degree of M. A., or to membership in Congregation and Convocation, and a voice in the government of the university. But the opponents of the movement were not conciliated by the moderation of the demand. They have taken the ground that the B. A. if granted would lead necessarily to the M. A., and to a share in the responsibility of governing the university. They have described the whole course of the advocates of higher education for women as characterized by systematic and deliberate encroachment. When the advance guard appeared many years ago at Cambridge and Oxford they asked for little except advice and toleration; but as soon as they obtained one favor they wanted another. At first they were content with the modest privilege of allowing the young women to attend a few lectures; then they appealed for informal examinations; and, having secured entrance to all class-rooms and examinations and public advertisement in class lists, they now want the lower degree, and as soon as it is granted, they will demand the higher degrees as well and complete membership in the university. The uncompromising opponents of degrees for women describe this struggle over the B. A. degree as a fight in the last ditch against petticoat invasion. If entrance be allowed to women at any point, the innermost stronghold of the ancient university will be surrendered to them, for what they really want is a victory not for education, but for the sex! They will be content with nothing else than absolute equality with man and the conversion of Oxford into a mixed university.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

Editorial.

The most important occurrence for college women in the three months which have passed since the last KEY appeared is the decision at Oxford against the admission of women to degrees. The same question will come up for decision at Cambridge a little later. After prolonged discussion and weeks of controversy in words and in print, the matter came before the Oxford Congregation, March 3, in this form: "*Resolved*, That it is desirable, subject to certain conditions, to admit to the degree of B.A. women who have kept residence at Oxford for twelve terms, in a place of residence approved by the university, and who have passed, under the same regulations as apply to undergraduates, all the examinations required for the degree of B.A." Speeches were made on both sides of the question but when the votes were taken the result stood 140 ayes and 215 noes as the canvassers had predicted.

Outside of Oxford, Cambridge and Dublin, most of the universities of the United Kingdom confer degrees upon women. The University of London which is merely an examining body confers degrees without regard to residence or sex, the new University of Wales admits women to its degrees and the four Scotch universities, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen and St. Andrews confer academic and medical degrees upon them. In Switzerland, Holland, Belgium, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and even Spain women taking university courses get the degrees for which they are qualified by the examinations. Germany is moving in the same direction slowly but steadily. The French universities were opened to women and degrees conferred during the Second Empire and the various dangers which the Jeremiahs of a generation ago predicted to follow the higher education of women have not yet made their appearance. It does not seem possible that Oxford will hold out much longer.

Logic seems to favor the women's side although circumstances are against them. The university has heretofore acted on the 'half a loaf is better than no bread' principle and given them enough to encourage but not enough to satisfy them. Since women are now allowed to pursue courses of study, attend lectures and try examinations just as the men do, it seems a trifle illogical

when they have passed the required tests to give them a certificate and give the men a degree. But the world from Adam down has not been logical !

Five weeks seem a long time but Spring weeks are proverbially short, and vacation and convention will soon be upon us. At some of the previous conventions much time has been wasted by lack of preparation on the part of the delegates. The chapters elected their delegates at the appointed time and fancied that by this act they had completed the whole duty of chapters. This is all well enough if the members of the chapters argue, as some politicians do, that a delegate is not elected to utter the opinions of her constituents but that she is elected by them for the exercise of her own judgment. Of course, cases arise where the delegate is obliged to use her own discretion but, in general, we believe that she should represent the prevailing opinions of her chapter and that she should know definitely what those opinions are. Every chapter should set aside several meetings of the Spring term for consideration of the fraternity's affairs and the instruction of their delegate so that she may represent them fairly and intelligently. A careful study of the minutes of Council Session and of the Convention Letter will leave no doubt as to the measures which are to be discussed.

Now is the time for the chapters to present their ideas on fraternity management and policy. If experience in chapter offices or general fraternity work has suggested improvements that might be made in methods or organization, have the delegate make a note of it and lay the matter before the committee to whom it properly belongs. If there is any member of the fraternity who is exceptionally well qualified to hold office on the Grand Council, nominate her, but do not nominate a girl who is not so qualified simply because "it is a good thing to have a Council officer in the chapter." We have often heard this idea expressed and it carries with it a suggestion of rivalry which is out of place in Kappa Kappa Gamma. We want no feeling of rivalry in our chapters. Though circumstances have made us eastern chapters and western chapters, there must be neither east nor west in convention and every delegate must make up her mind to work for the best interests of the fraternity and not for the advancement of her own particular chapter.

One question which has been discussed again and again in these pages is to come up at convention and it is to be hoped that it will be permanently settled. Is K. K. F. to undertake any philanthropic work? The suggestion made at the 1894 Convention "that a tax be imposed for the purpose of establishing a scholarship or a college settlement" is certainly misleading. Consider the second proposition first, "to establish a college settlement." If it be taken for granted that the chapters believe the fraternity organization should be put to further use and the project is a wise one, would its execution be possible? It scarcely seems so. To establish a college settlement on the most modest scale requires experienced workers and something to work with. The workers might perhaps be found but experienced workers in college settlements are, with rare exceptions, paid workers and we doubt if the fraternity could impose a tax upon its members which would be more than a drop in the ocean toward the establishment of a settlement. By the plan suggested, at least five years would be required to raise a sufficient amount to start the settlement and to ensure its permanency by an endowment fund would be to saddle the fraternity for years with a plan in which its future members may have no interest. The cost of carrying out this scheme renders it well nigh impossible.

We have interpreted this proposition and heard it interpreted as meaning the establishment of a scholarship at some settlement similar to those which the College Settlement Association has had in the past. Would the fraternity be able to handle such a scholarship? How would it be awarded, and to whom? If a committee were appointed to select the "scholar" would she not necessarily work in Boston, New York, Philadelphia or Chicago? Would the work in any one of these cities interest our western chapters who are far away from the large settlements and know Tyler, Rivington, St. Mary and Halstead streets only by name? It is a peculiarity of human nature to be interested in the visible and the tangible, and they could not be blamed if they were not much interested in work which they have small opportunity of seeing. Should we find applicants for such a scholarship among our own numbers? Even that seems doubtful when we look over the last report of the College Settlement Association and find in the list of subscribers for September, '94-'95, that only one of the active members

of K. K. F. holds a full membership, and that one full membership is held by the Swarthmore chapter. As nearly as we can trace them, there are fourteen partial memberships among the undergraduates and two alumnæ are on the list. Of course this report does not include Hull House or some of the minor settlements, and it is probable that some Kappa Kappa Gammas are doing college settlement work, but is it likely that many would desire to devote a year to settlement work when so few have enough interest to subscribe to the association? Would it be wise to establish a scholarship with the prospect of only two or three applicants?

We do not mean in anyway to decry settlement work. We think every chapter might have at least one membership in the College Settlement Association and that they would find interest would come with knowledge of the work. But we do not believe that philanthropy of any sort is the object of our fraternity, nor that we should engage in it as a fraternity even if every member desired it. If we wish as a whole to do philanthropic work, let us organize under another name and not masquerade as a college Greek letter society. If the chapters wish to do philanthropic work, all well and good, but we believe that if we fulfil the fraternity vows which we have taken, we have purpose enough and that if we really live our fraternity ideals we shall not need to organize for purposes of philanthropy. There are many people already on our visiting lists to whom the gospel of love and good fellowship has never been preached.

On the other hand, if we may take the suggestion of the committee about the scholarship in the ordinary acceptation of the term, implying opportunity for study without limitation as to subject, the idea is very attractive. It becomes still more so if we make it a graduate European scholarship in order to avoid the difficulties certain to be encountered in attempting to award a scholarship at one of the institutions where our chapters are located. Such a scholarship, open to K. K. F.'s only, would lie distinctly within the domain of the fraternity. A large proportion of our members wish to teach and the opportunity for a year of European study after graduation would appeal to many of them. If it were awarded on the basis of work previously done, it would meet one of our needs by supplying an incentive to a

higher grade of scholarship, while the fact that we were working for the advancement of one of our own number would be another point of common interest and enthusiasm.

A scholarship might be arranged on the loan plan which has been successfully followed by one of the women's colleges. If the holder were required to repay the amount of the scholarship at the end of five years, unless deterred by illness or accident, its award would be the bestowal of an honor and the return of the money without interest would not depreciate it in the eyes of the holder and in a short time would make it self supporting. The idea deserves much consideration.

Since the announcement of the new catalogue, two well known alumnæ have written to THE KEY saying they wished they might be allowed to correct the mistakes they had noticed in the former one. The editors of the former one were pioneers and they did their best but we hope the editors of the new one will have more facilities and will do still better.

The corresponding secretaries should take great pains to give accurate answers to the questions which Beta Eta has sent out. The making of a catalogue is a Herculean task and to be successful it requires the coöperation of all who are concerned. Do not rely too implicitly upon what some alumna of your chapter tells you about other alumnæ. It is hard enough for her to remember what she herself did in college and still harder to remember correctly about the achievements of her friends. We heard a girl say the other day of a friend, "Oh yes, I can tell you all about her, she was in my class," completely forgetting that she only graduated with that class and had been out of college for the four previous years.

The only way to insure accuracy is to obtain a personal reply to the questions from every alumna of your chapter. If she does not answer your first letter, besiege her with others until she does. By the time you have a reply from every one, you will deserve a place in Fox's Book of Martyrs, but you will have the consciousness of having served your fraternity faithfully and well. Of course this takes time but it is not worth while to undertake the labor and expense involved in a catalogue unless it is to be accurate. To be useful, it must be correct.

There is one other point to be thought of. In sending *names* in to the committee, print them. It is almost impossible to be sure about names that are written, and Beta Eta can not know the names of all the members of the fraternity. It will make their task much easier.

While Miss Kingsbury is abroad, Miss Ella A. Titus, 34 Flint St., Somerville, Mass., is acting as her deputy. Will the corresponding secretaries and Second Degree members please bear this in mind and address all Second Degree communications to her?

If any member of the fraternity has a copy of *THE KEY* for April, 1895, which she does not wish to keep, will she kindly send it to the Editor?

The "Reminiscences of Margaret Frances Etter" in this number is abbreviated from the paper read by Mrs. Caroline S. Twyman, March 22, 1895, at the dedication of the Margaret Etter Crêche. It should be of interest to every reader of *THE KEY* both because it is the record of a noble life and because the Crêche stands as a monument to one of our fraternity. We are indebted for it to Miss Blanche Freeman of Beta Eta, who writes "It is interesting, too, to know that the name was not correctly Margaret, but she was always called Franc while at Bloomington. Margaret had been given her by some of the people she visited here as district nurse. As the Crêche association had been incorporated, it was deemed inadvisable to change the name."

We can suggest three severe but salutary rules which, if rigidly enforced, will remove the thorn in the flesh to which Beta Nu refers in her chapter letter.

1. Fix upon a date when the chapter dues are to be paid. If they are not paid at that time let the treasurer read the names of delinquents at every chapter meeting until they are paid. If this is not effective, a small fine added to the dues for each week of delay will often work wonders.

2. Never order anything unless you have the money on hand to pay for it and do not give any entertainment that you can not afford. Even if every other chapter in your college does it, it is

much better for you to be considered inhospitable than to be conscious of being in debt.

3. Always have a margin of a few dollars in your treasury, so that you may buy an umbrella when the chapter has a rainy day.

If these rules work as well as the famous rules for gardening of which the first two are, "Don't plant too early" and "Don't plant too late," we shall be satisfied.

Exchanges.

The subject of chapter extension is a hackneyed one, yet *The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon* brings an idea which, to THE KEY at least, is new. The dispensation chapter is a variety which has not found its way into sorority ranks, and we trust that it will continue to be a stranger. But we will let *The Record* speak for itself :

"At the Washington Convention last year Σ. A. E. adopted the plan of establishing branch chapters, which has come to be known as the dispensation system, and which has been in vogue in several other fraternities. Under this system, we are now permitted to initiate men in schools where we have no chapters, and where under our present laws we can not place chapters until the charters have been granted by the National Convention. In the meantime, however, upon an affirmative vote of the province and the Supreme Council, petitioners can be initiated into the chapter nearest them, and can organize under the laws of that chapter. Such branches have no separate chapter names, and no votes in conventions except through their mother chapters. In all other respects they have the same rights and privileges as any chapter. The National Convention has the power to grant an unconditional charter, to continue the branch under the same conditions, or to withdraw the dispensation charter. In the latter case, the men are to be enrolled as active members of the chapter under whose laws they were initiated, and have all rights and privileges of the the fraternity."

The dangers of such a policy are evident. If the convention follows the advice of the Supreme Council, and grants a charter to the members thus initiated, no great harm is done to them, although the fraternity would be threatened with the evils which

often follow hasty action. If the convention refuses the charter, what will become of the initiates? They are to be enrolled as active members of the parent chapter, but the advantages are hardly more than nominal. They miss the chapter life, they cannot add new members to their ranks, and they are prevented from joining another fraternity, where they could have these benefits. It is to be feared that the dispensation chapter will prove an old man of the sea to the fraternity which encourages it.

What a subjective thing reading is! The January number of *The Rainbow* has several good articles, but what impressed the writer most was the department entitled "Boys of Old." Ten pages are devoted to the doings of the alumni. Out of thirty-eight chapters, twenty-one are represented. The old member of Δ. T. Δ. is to be envied, since he has so good an opportunity to learn the whereabouts of his friends.

The whole fraternity world must mourn with Phi Delta Theta for the death of Eugene Field. It is a good thing for a fraternity to count such genial souls among its members. Altogether in keeping is it that the last two numbers of *The Scroll* should largely be devoted to Field. In one, there is given a sketch of his life; in the other, a number of his poems are quoted.

The Alpha Tau Omega Palm has an article entitled "Fraternity Life at Northwestern University." At first the exchange editor was minded to clip the portion relating to the sororities, but after a second reading it did not seem worth while. Eight sororities are mentioned, all of which number among their members the most prominent women of the university. Can it be that our Alpha Tau friend has acquaintances in all the eight, and fears to antagonize someone by frank speaking; or is his good judgment overcome by his chivalry?

In *The Palm's* account of the inter-fraternity gathering at Atlanta, much space is given to the address of welcome.

A portion is copied here.

"It would be pleasant if not profitable if time and occasion suited to look beyond these outward tokens of a fellowship and inquire more broadly into the significance of what has come to be as persistent and prominent a feature of the college life of to-day as the college name itself or the college president and professor, or the almost numberless eulogies which mark the ever advancing standard of college and university training.

"Such an inquiry would take us back beyond the days when colleges began to be. For the spirit which makes a college fraternity a possibility and a necessity is inborn in our humanity and is but the tribal instinct declared and developed on the higher and closer lines of intellectual and scholarly pursuits. Its field of operation is in the spiritual and emotional rather than in the local and material. The basis of its existence is in the need of sympathy and affection rather than in the claim for mutual help in wars of aggression and defense."

The following from the *Kappa Alpha Journal* speaks for itself and needs no comment :

"Do not acquire the notion that you become serviceable to your fraternity only after you have accomplished something pre-eminent in the estimation of the world. One modest freshman who is influential in gaining one good man for his chapter or who writes a single good chapter letter on one side of the paper is of more value to his fraternity than if he were Chief Justice or even President of the German club. Undoubtedly there are numerous peculiar advantages attaching to names, but unless they signify something actual their importance is purely fictitious."

The *Beta Theta Pi* is a good magazine. It is readable even for those who have not the peculiar interest which can belong only to a member of the fraternity. Among the best things in the November number are some paragraphs dealing with the *personnel* of the chapter.

"One of the great advantages of a convention of fraternity members is that it enables the boys to size each other up, one gaining a little from this one, a little from that. It is only by rubbing against others that rough corners are worn off and polish gained. That is a poor fraternity chapter which is afraid of having some "jays" visit it. It is lacking in appreciation of the deep foundations of Beta Theta Pi. The well-dressed society fellow misses much when he keeps aloof from the poorer-clad boy from the small college; the latter fails to get his just dues, when he is not given the needed opportunity to note his own imperfections by comparing himself with his fraternity mates from the larger college. I know of one case in the history of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, when lasting friendships were made between men, and a firm bond of union between chapters, because a crowd of well-dressed, wealthy Betas entertained in royal style a crowd who had not been used to many of the refinements of life. The former recognized the sterling qualities of the latter; the latter found nothing in good clothes and wealth to interfere with big hearts and scholarly ability. The poorer boys went home with new ideas of life and the fraternity; the wealthier boys allowed no one to

sneer at the "jays." This is no argument for slovenliness in dress, or for opening every door to the uncultured rustic who may knock for admission. It is a protest against a growing spirit, noticed in certain chapters, noticed at conventions, which seeks to judge of the qualifications of a good Beta by the parting of his hair or the crease of his trousers. Boors we have always with us, as we do the poor ; sometimes such characters get into Beta Theta Pi, but they are not under consideration here."

After all, is the position of Beta Theta Pi on this question the correct one? It is true that the fraternity which looks for wealth makes a mistake.

It is true that the members of a country chapter often have much to teach their city brothers. Yet does the ideal fraternity recruit its ranks from men without the innate refinements and the culture which have so great an influence upon us all? Is not Beta Theta Pi confusing immaculateness in dress and society matters with something finer and more subtle, something which no fraternity can afford to disregard?

The Phi Gamma Delta *Quarterly* has much in it of value. When they discuss facts and theories, articles will bear quoting. As an instance, take the following :

There is a noticeable disposition among those most qualified to pronounce on fraternity questions, to discredit fraternity journalism as a literary undertaking. The extreme views entertained toward this subject are first, that the fraternity magazine should be a secret periodical, circulating exclusively among the members of the organization publishing it, devoted entirely to discussing the actual problems of the order, as they arise and having, as its chief object the circulation of fraternity information among the chapters. Or, second and opposed to this, is the idea that the fraternity journal should be a literary magazine in the full sense of the word, with its pages open to the best work of its best men and placing no limitation upon its contributors except that their work shall be up to a given standard of excellence. The only proper solution of the question presented by these views would be a consensus of opinion from those for whom the magazines are published, and we imagine it would be a very curious inquiry if some one would undertake to find out just what parts of a journal are the most read, and what the proportion of readers for each department would be. If the true character of such publications were to be determined on principle, however, in default of such an inquiry, it would certainly appear to embrace the virtues of both extremes without the vices of either. To those who argue for a strictly secret magazine, it may fairly be replied that the

chapters really have very few secrets of importance to communicate to one another, and the fewer the better. In like manner to those who insist that boys at college will read their fraternity magazine when they will read no other, and that, therefore, their fraternity magazine should take the place of all others and supply literature, it must be plainly said, if we desire to be truthful, that only a very little part of the prose and less of the poetry which finds itself in such journals is really of a character to inspire literary ambition or to cultivate correct taste. We take it that if an editor rejects all "pure literature," unless it bears directly upon fraternity life and ethics, and weeds out the explosive confidences which would necessitate a secret circulation, making it his effort to be a general representative of fraternity life and thought in all its phases, he will be near the mark of pleasing the greatest number of his readers.

There is a word in the last number of *The Shield* which seems intended for the corresponding secretaries. Read and profit, ye holders of the pen !

Chapter letters are much sought after by graduates of each particular chapter, to glean the news. If in writing these letters the boys would have this in mind and write as though they were talking direct to the alumni of their own chapter, the letters would be far more acceptable.

Most fraternities are satisfied with planning for this life. Theta Delta Chi extends its operations to the world to come. The last toast at a banquet is always drunk to the Omega Charge. If this is merely a bit of sentiment, it surely does no harm. Sentiment is so rare a thing that one can afford to have it even a little sentimental, rather than leave it out altogether. The feeling linked with the Omega Charge, however, seems to be more than sentiment. Witness the following verses :

When loud Atlanta's cannon tolled
Full many a brave man's knell,
Leading his soldiers in the charge
A gallant general fell.

Two weeping veterans lifted him
And bore him to a tent,
Where saddened looks of friends declared
His life was almost spent.

The dying man took off the sword,
Which he no more should wield,
And from his inner vest unpinned
A little golden shield.

" Send these unto my friends," said he,
 " And tell them though I die
 I go to the Omega Charge
 Of Theta Delta Chi."

That power which cheers the dying
 By love upon them shed,
 Which guards the weak and helpless,
 Which watches o'er the dead ;

Which in an age of sneering
 Still rears a banner high
 That bears in blazoned letters,
 " Truth—Love and Mystery."

Which not for this life only
 Enjoins us to have care,
 But says, beyond death pointing,
 " Omega Charge is there."

There are philosophical difficulties in the way of the acceptance of this creed, which to an outsider seem formidable. If Theta Delta Chi has solved them, as is probable, she should take her place among the deep thinkers of the century. Such light should not be hid under a bushel.

It is always a pleasure to welcome new acquaintances, and the pleasure is heightened in the case of the *American University Magazine*. The current number contains an interesting article on " College Government at Amherst," one on " Undergraduate Life at Columbia," and others of equal value. There is an excellent story reprinted from the *University of Virginia Magazine*. Not much is quotable from the fraternity standpoint, but, what is perhaps better, it is readable.

" Hope springs eternal in the human heart," says the exchange editor of *The Kappa Alpha Theta*, who remarks a little later, that in this number, the first under the new management, no chapter letters were written on both sides of the paper. Verily, hope is eternal and we will not dash to the ground that of our sister editor by giving her sage advice to wait a few months. No ! let her be happy while she may.

The Kappa Alpha Theta comes in a new dress this time, as regards both cover and style of printing. The first is an improve-

ment. Concerning the general internal arrangement THE KEY has trouble in finding words that will fittingly express her appreciation. It is just the arrangement which she prefers, as is proved by the fact that after prolonged consideration, she selected it for herself more than a year ago.

The Anchora has some sensible words about fraternity duties, which all chapter officers would do well to ponder.

"We wish to urge upon the chapters the necessity of promptness in meeting fraternity obligations, particularly paying fraternity dues. When the general secretary writes to you for information or statistics in regard to your chapter, do not postpone looking up the matter until a more convenient period, for that will never come. But recollect that the secretary has a reason for her request, and that probably an important general report depends upon the chapter reports, which the corresponding secretaries think to make more acceptable later in the year. Send your annual dues to the treasurer and the editor of *Anchora* with the least possible delay. They have constant expenses to meet and it may not always be convenient for them to advance the money to defray expenses, from their private income. If it is impossible to collect all dues at the proper date, send whatever you have on hand at once, and the remainder as soon as collected. The procrastination in regard to these matters, we know is not premeditated; it is merely the result of thoughtlessness and the law of inertia, but it nevertheless often involves serious inconvenience at headquarters, where things must be done on time. What would be the fraternity opinion should the general treasurer announce that convention could not be held at the appointed time because she had not money enough to pay the bills? What would you think should the January *Anchora* fail to reach you, and the editor announce as the reason therefor, that she had too much else to do to prepare it for the press? Would not these officers speedily be asked to resign? Yet there would be more reason for their shortcomings than those of the chapter officials, for the work of the former depends upon that of the latter, which depends only upon themselves.

The last number of *The Arrow* is a convention number. There is something about a fraternity convention that calls forth enthusiasm even from those unhappy people who are usually bored; and the Pi Beta Phis had such a quantity of enthusiasm that they are never likely to be bored again. They had business meetings and banquets; they discovered that their sisters were all that they had hoped, and they crowned their festivities with a cooky-shine. Just what a cooky-shine is the writer is not

privileged to know, but the word has a delightful sound. Just one piece of information concerning it can be gleaned from *The Arrow*; there are no cookies.

Two excellent articles are those on "The City Chapter" and "Vassar" in the last number of *The Alpha Phi Quarterly*. We quote from the latter a paragraph or two on the government of the college which may be of interest to students at co-educational institutions. There is another paragraph which the writer longs to insert, one about THE KEY, but precedent is against such a proceeding. Let us be consistent, no matter at what cost.

For years Vassar has recognized the fact that her students are young women, and not school girls who need to be hemmed in by restrictions at every point; but a great step in advance was made when in the fall of 1889 the faculty asked the Students' Association to formulate, and lay before them, a scheme for the government of the college by the students themselves. The Association, which comprises the whole student body, realized the importance of the matter entrusted to them, and finally drew up the following three rules which they bound themselves to keep.

I. To attend the Sunday morning Bible lecture and preaching service, and daily evening prayers. Three cuts to be allowed each semester.

II. To retire promptly at ten o'clock every night. Three unlimited cuts to be allowed each month, but in all cases quiet to be preserved for the sake of others.

III. To take one hour's exercise every day, either out of doors or in the Gymnasium, unless prevented by illness.