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THE HOME OF THE BUCHEL KAPPAS.

KAPPA'S whistle rings down the shady street, is answered from the open window of an old fashioned house set well back on its trim, terraced lawn, beneath the trees; then the troop of laughing sisters skip up the walk and storm the Kappa stronghold. Through door or low veranda window they force an entrance, and arrive breathless and laughing in the midst of the circle already gathered in this, the Kappa sanctum.

Friday afternoon another college week ended and with light-hearted abandon the merry maids toss their books into the farthest corner, then cluster about upon couch or floor for the all-absorbing discussion of fraternity questions. After business session there is a "spread"—of course, a "Dutch lunch" as the ingenious freshmen whose, "day" it is, informs us is the proper term to be applied to the heterogeneous collection of viands adorning the table. The ginger ale sipped from the evil looking steins soon warms the assemblage to a desirable degree of conviviality, and the other occupants of the house stop, listen and vaguely ponder upon the nature of Kappa Kappa Gamma's mystic nights.

A dear little home is this one room of ours, with all its imperfections to which latter we of Lambda wilfully close our eyes, priding ourselves the while upon such an economical utilization of space as has heretofore been accomplished only in the pages of the *Ladies' Home Journal*, under such heads as "How to effect a neat combination of drawing room and culinary department, by means of a screen, which may be purchased for seventy-nine cents," etc., etc.

But one pleasure we enjoy, of which, if fortunate enough to possess a chapter house, we should be deprived, namely, sitting around the chafing dish in our one room, and beneficently planning a home of surpassing beauty for the lucky Lambdas in years to come.

CLARA BROUSE.



BETA GAMMA'S CHAPTER ROOM.

TO describe Beta Gamma's new chapter room is almost impossible, for words can not express all its charm and beauty, but we want to give you at least a little glimpse of its loveliness. It is not a chapter house we have to show you for all the girls at Wooster live in the beautiful Hoover Cottage, but it is a large room on the second floor of Kauke Hall, the new main building, which the faculty gave to us for our little Kappa home. All this last year we have been working and planning to have one of the prettiest and coziest of Kappa homes and one worthy of its high purpose and at last we honestly feel that we have succeeded.

The predominant colorings are rich red and green, as carried out by the wall paper and rugs. The room is long and high and to relieve any idea of bareness, the paper is in three divisions. The lower is solid green, above a deep red border of conventional design and above that solid yellow. The different colors harmonize well and give a rich air to the whole room.

The centre of the room is occupied by a large library table of the Frissian style. Perched upon this is our large white owl, surveying the scene with a lordly air, and scattered over the table the Kappa song books as well as our school books and the "Guest Book," which is rapidly filling up with witty sayings.

Our great leather Davenport of the same style of wood is on one side of the room. To snuggle down in this with Kappa pillows all around you is comfort indeed. Across from this is the piano where we sing the dear old Kappa songs, and hanging over it is a large mirror framed in wood to match the furniture. Scattered about the room are our big black leather arm chairs and some less imposing ones. The chafing dish, too, occupies a



XI CHAPTER ROOM—ADRIAN COLLEGE.



KAPPA CHAPTER ROOMS—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

conspicuous place on its little table and many times it really seems the most important and popular thing in the room. Over by the window, where the lace curtains sway lazily back and forth, the couch, filled with cushions, adds a touch of color and comfort. The walls are hung with old Kappa groups, reminding us of our alumnae sisters, intermingled with other beautiful pictures and pennants. But we must not forget the large closet where all our mysteries are locked from public view and where the numerous spreads and special "stunts" are prepared.

With the addition of numerous other articles this comprises the room that to us is the dearest of all rooms. Here it is that we come between classes and at all hours and we also hold our little informal parties and receptions here. It is hardly large enough for our big term parties, however.

We wish you might all peep in and enjoy it with us for we anticipate great "doings" within these four walls for many years to come.



AT HOME WITH XI.

THIS Kappa home of ours is not so spacious as the homes of some of the other chapters—it consists of two pleasant rooms in the south-east corner of "third floor;" yet it is very dear to us. Each article in the room brings some pleasant reminiscence to mind. Here we have had our "jolly good times"—our teas, informal "spreads," and the rest. Here, at other times, we have sat in the silence of true friendship, or have unburdened our cares and vexations before a sympathetic sister. Here, on the couch, our headaches have been soothed away and our misunderstandings have been straightened out. Locked securely in this retreat we have worked out difficult problems which we could not solve in our own rooms, and, here we have written the thoughts which, elsewhere, would not float into words.

This Kappa home is much cherished by our alumnae and associate members. Other things about the college soon change—the faces, the appearance of the halls and rooms; but "here in the dear old place" the Kappas of former days feel at home, and

here the active chapter is always ready to greet them and always glad to hear the stories of the times when they were the active members. Here, too, the girls of Xi are ever glad to welcome and entertain the visiting Kappa of any other chapter, either when she chances to be passing through Adrian or when she comes for the purpose of visiting Xi.

MARY MCCOLLUM.



MEETING PLACE OF O. S. U. KAPPAS.

HOW Beta Nu does wish she might have a chapter house, but we are afraid it will be many years before we can say that we have anything more than a room. At present "our hall" is at the home of one of our girls, but it is far enough off from the other rooms so that we do not disturb the family and they do not disturb us, although the two little dogs who live there do bark occasionally when we get too noisy.

We always have our meetings on Saturday mornings as the afternoons are usually taken up with other engagements and we cannot go around unaccompanied in the evening. We always dispose of the business first and then we have our fun, but we must admit that sometimes one of the girls may be seen getting ready to make fudge toward the last of the meeting. It is true that none of us feel hungry at luncheon time when we get home from "frat" meeting, but that makes no difference as long as we have a good time.

Every other month our Alumnae Association gives us a spread and you may be sure that those lunches are eagerly awaited. We are sorry that we can not have a spread for our Alumnae at our room. We can accommodate the twelve or fifteen girls in the chapter very easily but when it comes to trying to seat thirty-five or forty girls, we are afraid it would be impossible even if we resorted to the floor for seats. Some day we hope to have a room large enough for all Beta Nu's girls, young and old, but until that time comes we will try to be content and happy in our room "way off from the rest of the folks."

EDNA PRATT.



DELTA CHAPTER HOUSE—INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.



INTERIOR VIEW—DELTA CHAPTER HOUSE.

KAPPA'S HOME AT HILLSDALE.

KAPPA chapter has two good sized rooms on the third floor of East Hall, the building now being repaired for a woman's dormitory. Kappa has always considered it a great advantage to have her rooms in the college buildings where not only the regular chapter meetings can be held but also impromptu meetings, chats on fraternity matters between two or more girls, indeed any time a Kappa wishes a quiet place to study or talk the rooms are near and ready for use.

They are prettily furnished, much being given by alumnae and friends. The larger room papered in dark and light blue, a piano, [cozy window seat, chafing dish corner where many a savory dish may be concocted, couches, chairs, pictures and all things dear to Kappa hearts. Here early in the morning Kappa girls sometimes come bringing the necessary things for an impromptu "breakfast," laughter and fun run high until the early bell warns that classes must be attended. Here is held many a little rushing party and serious fraternity talk. Here also the initiation ceremony unfolding to new girls a deep strain of sisterhood. In these rooms are spent many of the happiest hours of our college life, working and planning with those dear to us.

**DELTA CHAPTER HOUSE.**

Indiana State University.

WE invite all Kappas who find their way to Bloomington to come to our "little yellow house" and visit Delta girls in their chapter home. We are situate on Kirkwood Avenue just at the foot of the campus, but we have not always lived there. Although Delta has known chapter house life for eight years or more, the present house came into existence only two years ago. It was built to accommodate eight girls and a matron, but by feminine ingenuity three more girls have been able to make it their college home during the past year and we hope to have room for others next year.

Downstairs we have a library which we call our Kappa room, because of its two blues, and two parlors with a large hall between. All these can be thrown together and made into commodious quarters for receptions, dances and such festivities. Also we are blessed with a kitchen, a "real live kitchen," not a little affair behind a screen, and we are planning for a dining room next year where we may have the grand privilege of eating "home cooking."

Our house has been made very cozy by the efforts of active members and the timely assistance of interested alumnae, so that we are as proud as peacocks over the home-like air which it always wears. This appearance of "homeness" is especially evident every Saturday morning when rugs are hanging over the porch railing, chairs are huddled together in everyone's way and sounds of the broom come through open windows. Everything must be shining and in order for Saturday evening when the girls meet behind closed doors and transact Kappa business.

Being adjacent to the campus, we are always in close touch with university life and we find that our nearness to Maxwell Hall, where the library is located, is a blessing with which we could not well dispense.

ALICE DEVOL.



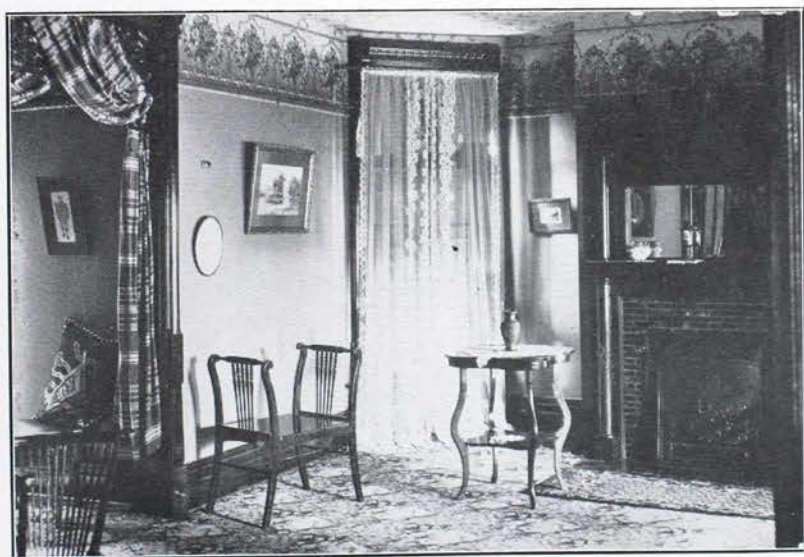
IOTA'S HOME AT GREENCASTLE.

JUST one year we girls of Iota have lived in our present chapter house which is conveniently located on College avenue near the College buildings. Although the house is not our own we feel perfectly at home there for it was remodeled and furnished especially for us. It is large enough to conveniently accommodate twelve girls, and with our two parlors and reception hall we have ample room for entertaining.

One of the chief charms of our house is the broad veranda where we gather after supper in the warm evenings and spend the sunset hour chatting with our friends, discussing the last ball game and our hopes for the state pennant in athletics, and singing our frat songs.



IOTA CHAPTER HOUSE—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.



INTERIOR VIEW—IOTA CHAPTER HOUSE.

The "Cozy Corner" which may be seen in the picture is the work of some of the artistic members of our chapter. On Monday morning before one of our "At Homes," several of the girls decided that a "cozy corner" alone was lacking to make our house complete. With these girls, to think was to act and in a few minutes that particular corner chosen as the most appropriate was the scene of liveliest animation. Some of the college boys who passed by were hailed and pressed into the service. When the other girls had returned from dinner those ambitious ones were eating sandwiches in the kitchen and the cozy corner was a finished work of art.

We girls do not board at our chapter house, but like much better the plan of gathering at noontime at the girls' dormitory where we meet about two hundred students and enjoy our associations with them.

In our house we have no room which we call the chapter room. We hope some day to have a room sacred to Kappa, but until that time we must use our parlors instead.

Our chapter house for years had been the home of DePauw Phi Psis, and on cold wintry nights when the wind whistles around the corners and moans in the tree tops we imagine it is the Phi Psi ghost haunting its former home.

To tell of our impromptu spreads when pickles and preserves are the chief items on the bill of fare, of our long talks after "frat" when we gather in one room and discuss all subjects under the sun, and our many other happy times together would require too much time and space.

We feel very sure that chapter house life is ideal college life and hope in a few years that many more of our sister chapters will be able to enjoy it.

LUCIA HURST.

Personal Notes.

GAMMA RHO.

Ruth M. Hay, '00, was married in July to Mr. Erskine Sill Dunlap.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Wilson (Gertrude Reed) are cozily settled in their new home on Chestnut St., Meadville, Pa.

Marian Howe, who has been studying music in Germany for the past four years, has returned, and has been visiting Meadville friends during the summer.

Marguerite B. McClintock, '02, is teaching mathematics in the Carey High School.

Clara M. Muier, '03, is Assistant Principal in the High School at Girard, Pa.

Katharine Dewey, who was absent from college during the last year, is again with us.

Erma Rogers, '03, is engaged as teacher of English Literature in the High School at Franklin, Pa.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Sara Crawford to Mr. W. K. Dana.

Ada Palm, '03, is taking post-graduate work and teaching English in the Preparatory School of the college.

Anna M. Corbett is teaching at Mountain Seminary, Birmingham, Pa.

Alice Colter is teaching elocution and physical culture in a woman's seminary in Mississippi.

XI.

Margaret Knapp-Wilson, Phoenix, Arizona, has been visiting in Adrian during the summer.

Clara Haines, Sabina, Ohio, after attending the N. E. A. at Boston, has been visiting points of interest in the East.

Florence Swift, Adrian, Mich., studied kindergarten work at a Chicago Summer Session this summer; before returning home she visited Julia Hood of Streator, Illinois.

May Kingsley-Bradley has accepted a position in the High School of Malta, Ohio.

Sara Meredith, who has been spending the past year in California and Arizona, has been called to her home in Fairmont, W. Va., on account of the death of her sister.

Blanche Van Auken, who has been Superintendent of the Lloyd work at Brookline, Mass., the past year, has accepted a similar position at the New York State Normal, Oneonta, N. Y.

Frank Ewing, Esq., and Mrs. Ewing (nee Elizabeth Milne) have removed from Decatur, Ill., to Bellvue, Pa. Mr. Ewing is now a member of the Pittsburg bar.

Edna Hazel Gibson, '97, Sharpsburg, Pa., was married June 3, 1903, to F. C. Leslie of Washington, Pa. Elizabeth Milne-Ewing was matron of honor at the wedding.

Jessie M. Byers, Steubenville, Ohio, finding that she could not attend Xi's anniversary banquet, sent with her greetings a liberal donation for flowers. The thoughtfulness of the giver as well as the gift were highly appreciated.

BETA DELTA.

Married—Helen Dunham, '01, to James Wilcox, at Bay City, June, 1903.

KAPPA.

Dr. Shirley Smith, '90, after a brief stay in this country returns to her work in India, sailing September 19th.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Munger (Mae Selden '97,) a son.

BETA GAMMA.

Married—September 30, Emma Laverne Bishop to Mr. L. B. Lyman at Medina. At home, Akron, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Jarad (Bessie Dalzell), at home, 954 East Madison avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

DELTA.

Helena Soller, '03, and Gertrude von Thuemmler, '05, teach in the Indianapolis Grammar Schools this year.

Born—To Mrs. Robert W. Harris (Anna Moosemiller) a boy, April, 1903.

Florence Morgan, '04, has the departments of English and History in the High School of Noblesville, Ind.

Madeline Norton, '03, competed for the Foster prize this year and won second place. A special prize of twenty dollars was awarded her.

Olive Dailey, '03, attends Wellesley this year.

Grace Triplett, '00, is teaching Latin in Indianapolis High School.

Jennie Ewing died at her home in Bloomington, June 12, 1903. She was assistant in the library of the University.

Stella Vaughn, '01, was married in June to William Patton, Delta Tau Delta. Their home is in Hebron, Ind.

Ina Clawson, '05, will be assistant librarian this year in the public library at her home, Richmond, Ind.

Calla Cassebaum, '03, teaches in Aurora, Ind.

The engagement of Lucy D. Lewis, '04, to Mr. Theodore Vonnegut, '02, Phi Gamma Delta, has been announced.

Two more of our girls have their homes now in Indianapolis, Martha Scott having moved there from Columbus, Ind., and Ethel Richards from Richmond, Ind.

MU.

Kelsey Black, ex-'06, sailed in August for a year's residence in France.

Isabel Vinzant, '03, will teach high school work in Kirklin, Indiana.

We announce to readers of THE KEY the engagement of Hazel Kirke Reeves, ex-'05, and Mr. John Calderhead Scott, a Sigma Nu of Purdue and later a student at Columbia. Both are of Columbus, Indiana, where Mr. Scott is an analytical chemist. The wedding will take place in the fall.

ETA.

On June 12th, Leila Stephens, ex-'03, was married to Mr. Robert Cowles, ΦΓΔ, of Bloomington, Ill.

On June 30th, Madge Thompson, '03, was married to Mr. Louis Reed, ΔΤΔ, of Ripon, Wis. Mr. and Mrs. Reed will make their home in Oshkosh, Wis.

Ethel Raymer, '03, expects to sail on September 1st for Italy, where she will spend several months.

Flora Mansfield was married in June to Mr. Frank Boardman. Mr. and Mrs. Boardman are now living in Lowell, Mass.

BETA LAMBDA.

Mrs. Adele C. Scott has moved to New York City, where her husband has accepted a position in the Law School at Columbia University.

Miss Margaret Mann, who has been instructor in the Library School for the past seven years, has accepted an excellent position as Cataloger in the Carnegie Library at Pittsburg.

BETA ZETA.

Two engagements were announced near commencement time, that of Florence Seerley, '02, to Frank Read, $\Phi\Delta\Theta$, and Marguerite Hess to Dr. Harry Morrow, $B\Theta II$.

Alice Ankeny, Assistant Instructor in Chemistry, will spend the winter with her parents in Ankona, Fla.

Julia Padmore, '03, will teach in the Marshalltown High School, and her sister Grace, '06, will be one of the instructors in the Orphans' Home at Davenport, Iowa.

Jean Macbride, '03, will go west for the winter.

OMEGA.

Laury Lockwood, '91, was elected Phi Beta Kappa at the recent spring election at Kansas University.

Katharine Sellers, '03, of Paola, has a position as teacher of English in the Paola High School.

Burrie Bowersock, '98, and Paul Dinsmore, $\Phi\Gamma\Delta$, were married on the first of June, 1903.

PI.

Lucile Graves, '03, will teach in Walla Walla, Washington.

Hazel Hobson, of Beta Eta is attending college at Berkeley.

Alumnae Department

Bloomington Alumnae Association.

For several years Bloomington has had a Kappa club, but not until Miss Sinclair visited our little city in April did we organize into a regular alumnae association. We have a membership of thirty-one, most of whom are resident members (two from Iota) and expect our number to be increased when those who are out of town return home.

Mrs. Anna Buskirk Hill was elected president; Mrs. Lena Adams Beck, vice-president; Mrs. Alice Allen Buskirk, secretary; Miss Antoinette Duncan, treasurer. Four meetings will be held each year, the object of the work this year is to learn more of the general workings and life of the fraternity—the location and strength of chapters—the doings of the convention and a review of the constitution and by-laws.

Two receptions will be given, one to the active chapter and new girls the first of the year, the other to visitors and alumnae during commencement.

Next year we hope to take up some work of a literary nature.

We are very fortunate in having within our number, three charter members, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Beck and Mrs. Curry, whose long experience and interest in the fraternity is very helpful. Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Beck very delightfully entertained all Kappas within reach at the chapter house a short time ago which was greatly enjoyed by all. The genial hospitality of our hostesses is surpassed only by their enthusiasm and love for Kappa.

The relations between the active and alumnae chapters is most cordial and we hope we may be mutually benefited by contact one with the other and that much good may result therefrom.



Pi Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Re-constructed Pi was formed by a group of girls who were friends before coming to college and whose homes after graduation were in the same city or adjoining towns. Thus it seems natural that after four years of even closer association they should want some organization closer than a club, freer than a college fraternity. They then formed an alumnae society, Pi association

of Kappa Kappa Gamma. The object of the association was mainly social, but to have some definite object for the union it was decided to save money for a fraternity house. Since then another purpose has been added, that of giving a scholarship to one of the active girls now in college, a sophomore. They also once a year contribute to the art collection and the library, both established in the active chapters in memory of deceased members.

On the social side Pi entertains the active chapter once a year usually in the early fall to help in "rushing." It is usually at this time that the initiation of the new graduates takes place. This is the form which keeps the association still a fraternity tho' the initiation is not at all like that of the active chapter.

Since its founding the association has grown so that now some of the members are quite widely scattered and this makes it impossible to get them together more than once or twice a year. In the Christmas holidays, usually after New Year's, the association holds its annual meeting, elects officers, hears reports and suggestions, and then eats lunch. This lunch is the real union of the year, as not all are able to be at the initiation. The manager tries to have this affair as elaborate as the treasury will permit with appropriate flowers, name cards, jokes, etc. It closes with speeches and indigestion.



Kansas City Alumnae Association.

The Kansas City Alumnae Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma has been holding splendid meetings this summer. On account of "the flood" we had no June meeting, and our members living in Kansas City, Kansas, are deprived of the pleasure of our good times, as bridges keep washing away and transportation over the Kaw river is unsafe. We have had with us several truly fine Kappas from Theta and Omega during their vacation and will be loathe to give them up now that we know their sterling qualities. Our newest acquisition is Miss Stoner Theta '03, who has a position in the Westport High School this year. We were delighted to welcome her.

Our eagerness to attend the next convention and it being "our World's Fair year," we are desirous of holding it in Missouri with Theta chapter. We are doing all in our power to assist Theta and trust she may be so honored.

PARTHENON

Is it fair or wise to use the power of the fraternity to influence class or student elections?
The Fraternity in College Politics.

The answer to this question by non-fraternity students is emphatically in the negative, and also within the societies themselves there is no small disagreement of opinion. The arguments against any such attempt on the part of a fraternity are two-fold. The first is speculative, but has a strong presumption of truth. It is that decisions gained by the weight which an entire, united fraternity throws on the side of a question may not and often do not represent the will of the majority of the whole class or student body. For within the fraternity itself the same question may previously have come to an issue and the decisions so reached have compelled the allegiance of a strong minority. The loyalty of these students to their fraternity may conquer their personal convictions and they might often go to the class or students' meeting and vote down the best candidate or defeat the good and truly popular motion. It is clear that a result so reached may not be the free and unbiased will of the majority.

The second argument against any concerted action of a college fraternity in matters that affect any larger body of students appeals more broadly to our college sympathies. It is the familiar one that it hurts "class and college spirit." The statements used in support of the plea are based on the feeling that such a result cannot be avoided when a class is split up into different sets and cliques of girls and also in the actual effect of the system in the colleges where fraternities prevail. In hearing the pros and cons of this argument we confess that we often wish to hear more about this so-called "college spirit." What is its real value while we are here in college and what will it mean to us in the years that follow? To explain just what it means is not easy, for only those know it who have felt this finest of all college enthusiasms. We catch at its significance when we see the meeting of two "war-worn veterans" who were "classmates at old Nassau" or "hung together for four years down at Bowdoin," and we smile at the instant leveling of all distinctions of the long years.

"College spirit," which is only class spirit of a larger growth, is one of the sentiments that are good to cherish. It is of the same order as the greater one of patriotism. Our history shows that a loyal collegian makes a devoted patriot.

And there is one thing more to be said about "college spirit," it is a truth thoroughly tried and proved. No college can have an effective alumni association unless the enthusiasms of that body are founded on deep "college spirit." It is easy to go farther and show that the greatest strength of any college is in the loyalty and devotion of its alumni. Any force, therefore, that tends to sow the seeds of jealousy, division and discontent within the student body will be the cause of a ranker growth in the indifference of the graduates and the weakness of what should be the strongest bulwark of the alma mater.

If, therefore, we find that our fraternities are concerning themselves so deliberately with college elections as to hinder the free decision of the majority, or are promoting discontent among the students, there is no course but to recommend that the fraternities concern themselves only with questions relating to internal and personal affairs.

ANNA C. REILEY, *Beta Epsilon*.

The Fraternity and Culture. President Eliot, of Harvard, in his address at the recent meeting of the National Educational Association, said :

"All authorities agree that the true culture is not exclusive, but the very opposite ; that it is not to be attained in solitude, but in society ; and that the best atmosphere for culture is that of a school, university, academy, or church, where many pursue together the ideals of truth, righteousness and love."

Culture is therefore the watchword of every college, and the fraternities should be the exponents of this culture. The fraternity meetings are and ought to be primarily for relaxation and fellowship. The plea we have to make is that relaxation and fellowship may be made to include something besides laughter and chat, something to eat and a good time generally. Ill fares the fraternity whose ideals crystalize to "Fudge," but perhaps just as ill fares the society with no purpose at all. There is a

prejudice against "improving" programmes—it is perhaps the prejudice of laziness or of misapprehension. Granted that our interest is mightily in thought and study, why should we not find rest and pleasure in intelligent reading and intelligible conversation—in making the best that has been thought and known in the world current everywhere.

Never mind the "course" of the book club, but a word or two, if you will, on that article in this month's *Century*, or, it might be, an appreciation of Stephen Phillips' latest poem. If such a procedure seems now like work, it may come to be a natural relaxation, and after all, no culture but at first is hard of attainment. For the fraternity spirit at large we claim the watchword culture—culture of loyalty, steady purpose and rich friendliness, why not add another culture—in the habit of serious thought and familiar discussion of things worth while?

Beta Alpha.

Cheerfulness.

When in need of a lubricant to make the machinery of chapter work run smoothly, try using equal parts of cheerfulness and action.

Either one alone is good, but the combination is better: the cheerfulness—or optimism which is thoroughly satisfied with the existing conditions, be they good or bad, is not progressive; and the activity devoid of a cheerful spirit is drudgery. But when a happy heart inspires a willing hand to do the work that lies ready to be done, then we have progress; and when a hard or disagreeable task (yes, even that of the "cleaning up" committee) is undertaken cheerfully it becomes easy.

Cheerfulness is contagious, but unlike most contagious things, is not for that reason to be avoided. Be hopeful of the future and do your part toward the fulfilment of that hope. When some obstacle blocks the way of movement, attack it bravely and confidently. Look for the smooth, bright side of the matter instead of the rough, dark side which may be nearest you.

The cheerful person is happy herself and makes others so, also. Then, Kappa, let us strive to lighten our work and other's work in life by a bright face. Let it be said of each one of us—"It is like a ray of sunshine when she enters the room."

L. E. K.—*Beta Delta.*

A Kappa**Smyphony.**

To accept what each day may bring, unless through my own endeavor I can better myself and those whom my life may concern ; to value the present, because it is one with the past and future which are mine to make, or to mar ; to strive only for what I believe to be highest and best, holding others to no standard which I cannot maintain for myself ; to be thankful for, and improve the privileges which are mine as a college woman, bearing in mind the added responsibility that devolves upon me because of them ; to hold high the honor of my fraternity, tempering word and deed according to the influence they will and must have, upon the colors I bear : finally, to give in all things the best that I have ; this is to be my Kappa symphony.

Beta Eta.

Chapter Rules.

It is usually assumed that every chapter has its own chapter rules that are more or less independent of the general fraternity rules. On the whole, these are excellent things, since, in this way each chapter can suit its own needs, while if all chapter rules were made general, the chapters would be limited to such an extent that there would be chance for little originality.

Each chapter should study its condition carefully and make its rules accordingly, remembering always that it is a society in itself and the general fraternity rules do not meet all its requirements.

In the matter of fees, very successful rules have been made. The enlargement of the initiation fee or a special graduation tax, paid when the member leaves the chapter, have been made use of to increase the chapter funds.

In some places there are special rules regarding the wearing of badges. One which has been adopted by some of our sister chapters and which it would seem well to make general, is, that the key shall be worn only as a badge and under no circumstance be used to pin down one's collar in the back or as a belt pin.

Some chapters consider the pledge pin as sacred to themselves as the key, while the girls in others allow their gentlemen friends to wear the K K Γ monogram or the Δ.

Almost every chapter has its own special rules regarding rushing, and these are essentially different in different places.

Then there are rules on the manner in which the chapter meetings shall be conducted, rules on the number of Kappa songs each girl shall know, rules on the number of girls each chapter shall contain, rules concerning the "asking" of girls, and rules in regard to parties and spreads, committees and relations to other fraternity chapters, all separate from the general fraternity rules.

Rules of this kind should not be ignored, but each chapter should study its own condition, and rules should be added to or amended to suit these conditions.

MARIE LYNCH—*Beta Zeta.*

Perhaps there is no time when a Kappa really appreciates her fraternity sisters so much as **The Kappa** when by some misfortune or illness she is forced **Out of College.** for a time to drop out of the busy college life and her own particular Kappa circle to take up her work in a more quiet, less absorbing life.

At college life is full to the brim with interest. The days with their swift round of work and pleasure fly by all too quickly and suddenly one of the Kappas may find herself called upon to leave her work and her pleasure and her many interests to make for herself new interests in a widely different life. It may be that she has been called from her college life to a home in a larger city. There are many places where her enthusiasm and zeal might be of use. The city offers untold opportunities for her work and strength and she may give of her work and her strength loyally, but every day, every hour her thoughts wander back to her Kappa sisters in their busy whirl of work and play. Then remember the absent sister. She is with you every moment of your busy rushing life. Write to her, let her know that you miss her from the hearth circle. Tell her what you are doing and saying; tell her of the new girls and let her feel that she is still "one of you" though she cannot be with you; keep the circle unbroken, never let a Kappa feel that, though she may leave college and its many interests, she can ever get beyond the wide circle of Kappa sympathy, love and loyalty.

Every amusing incident, every interesting bit of information or news is stored in her mind to tell the girls. She tries faithfully to accustom herself to her work, but beneath everything is heart hunger, the yearning for the enthusiastic interest and loyal sympathy of her own sisters. Her hands are busy but her mind turns longingly to the time when at every turn she met that same sympathy and interest.

College is opening, Kappa sisters, and not a few will be absent from the circle about the Kappa hearths. Let us not forget the old sisters in welcoming the new.

A. W.—*Eta*.

How are we keeping in touch with our
Our Alumnae. Alumnae? Let us be honest now and confess that almost every one of us knows only from twenty to thirty alumnae of our individual chapters, and the number bids fair to decrease as the years pass, if we do not bestir ourselves and impress upon the new girls the necessity of being familiar at least with the names of as many as possible of the alumnae.

It is rather embarrassing to be questioned by an outsider about Mrs. So-and-So of whom one has never heard before and then learn that she is the Miss Smith or Jones who has been out of active fraternity work but a few years.

Our alumnae are girls yet at heart even if time is adding silver touches to their hair, and they like to feel that we are truly interested in them and grateful for their efforts to keep up the standard when they were active members.

When sending out the catalogue blanks, I was quite surprised at the great number of good wishes expressed by the alumnae when they returned the blanks, and I felt then that we girls who are busy in college and fraternity work fail to meet these older ones half way—do not give them an opportunity to express the interest they feel in us.

We are all Kappas together, such a large family—and though there are so many of us, yet we can know each other in past at least and we newer initiates can profit by the study of the womanly women who have preceded us.

Delta.

"A chain is no stronger than its weakest link."

Fraternity Study. Is a fraternity stronger than its weakest chapter? General fraternity information is a chapter's strong support—the strong tie that binds after college days have passed. We recognize the importance of this but are inclined to overlook it. Is fraternity-study on the firmest basis that we can place it? Would not some means of communication between chapters tend to arouse greater interest in fraternity government and fraternity policy? A few days cramming on these subjects now and then during our course will not give each of us the ready information which we should always have.

Cannot the chapters join forces on this point and gain a broader knowledge of fraternity life? To wait until the end of the year means hurried work. To begin now may mean success. The cause is worthy the effort.

FAITH J. COON, *Beta Tau.*

**Our Recent
Alumnae
Members.**

This is the time of reunions—the time when happy Kappas meet again for another year of triumphs and pleasures, for another year of fraternity work and mutual helpfulness. Our thoughts are naturally upon the future. We are looking forward to the pledging of new girls and to the growth of the chapter.

But our whole thought should not be for the "new girls." We should not forget that some of our dearest and best cannot return to us. It is of these, too, that we should think at this time. With the new cares and duties of the outer world, it is so easy for these recent alumnae members to "drift away"—to become indifferent to fraternity interests. It is for us to endeavor, so far as possible, to make them feel that they are still ours; that a degree should not be an instrument to cut the many sacred ties that they have formed with us in the sweet associations of Kappa sisterhood. Through some system of correspondence the alumnae and associate members might be regularly informed of the plans and work of the chapter and thus be kept in sympathetic touch with the active members.

The girls who have just left us are still ours. Now they are with us in thought and sympathy, and now is the time to hold them.

Omega.

The Value of Deliberation. To the members of a chapter who have bound themselves not to pledge first-year students for a stated time, many difficulties present themselves, and patience is often severely tried, but, after all, such a trial has its advantages. For when one sees the girl, who has at first seemed absolutely charming, develop characteristics which, in the close relations of a fraternity, would be almost intolerable, and thinks that, but for restraining circumstances, she would be one's sister—when the attractive girl is seen to be too shallow even for "forming," and the brilliant girl shows that she sacrifices everything to intellect—then one is deeply grateful for the waiting which has seemed so long.

And when, on the other hand, one's judgment is confirmed, and the eligible freshman is shown to be even "finer" than she at first appeared, the period of probation grows quite endurable. It is, undoubtedly, a hard discipline, but a wholesome—and one which saves many an hour of regret.

VIRGINIA RICE, *Beta Xi*.

Fraternity Matters. As we begin a new year in fraternity work, and as convention approaches, the minds of all loyal Kappas are busily engaged. Not only is there the regular work of each year to be planned, but we must decide who shall represent us at convention, what changes we wish in the government and laws of K K Γ, what new chapters shall be established, the policy we wish to adopt in regard to the inter-fraternity contract, and many other questions of equal importance.

All these matters each chapter must carefully consider and decide upon, and the task will perhaps seem a great one to the new girls who are not yet familiar with fraternity life. It is the place of we who are older and know more about Kappa life to instil into these new girls an interest and a knowledge of Kappa government and policy, an understanding of the problems before the fraternity and a true desire to go to convention. We should endeavor to impress upon them the pleasant side of convention, to make them realize what it means to meet over a hundred girls

come from the far corners of our country, all for a common purpose, all bound together by the sacred ties of Kappa and all working for the good of the fraternity.

I have heard girls in my own as well as in other chapters, when it was too late, regret they had not realized beforehand what convention meant, for if they had been very enthusiastic they might have gone.

Let us see to it that this year none shall stay away from convention because of a lack of knowledge, or of enthusiasm, but that each girl shall have a true desire to go, and if she stay at home it be for some good reason.

Beta Lambda.

We are starting in on a new year of fraternity development: Between now and next June we

Fraternity must have helped or harmed our chapter. For

Progress. the law of progression or retrogression is inexorable, we cannot stand still where we now are.

This thought in the mind of a Kappa makes her return to active chapter life full of seriousness, as well as joy. Serious because she realizes her responsibility, joyful because her loyal Kappa heart says that she will surely help to uplift and better her chapter.

But right here comes the danger ; her heart says she will do so much good, but will her mind hold her to this resolution and keep her striving for such an end through all the forty weeks of college? We mean so well, but we fail so often through thoughtlessness, carelessness and lack of continued determination.

Let all Kappas remember this when the first two or three enthusiastic weeks are ended and we have settled down to our year's work. If anything the chapter needs the thoughtful, loyal enthusiasm of each member more in the middle of the year than at the very first, and how often by that time all but one or two faithful workers have fallen into the habit of easy, indifferent affection which accomplishes so little and is so disheartening to those who are doing the extra work.

The chapter work should be done by all in the chapter, the chapter interests should be the interests of all in the chapter. This is the ideal state and can only be brought about by the determined effort of each and every girl who wears the Key.

We'll do our part then bravely and *continuously*, and when next the Kappa band separates for its summer pleasures we shall be able to look at our year's records and feel that we have planted the Kappa standard still farther in advance.

M. M. C., *Psi*.

I wonder if some of the girls realize how little they really do for the chapter and how much pleasure they miss by always shifting the responsibility to one of the other girls. I have talked to a number of fraternity girls about it and they say that in their chapters the burdens rest upon a few girls, who are either good-natured enough or love Kappa well enough to look after the business and see that everything moves along smoothly. How much better it would be if all of the girls felt an individual responsibility to make the most of their chapter for the sake of our national fraternity or for their own college. No one would feel it burdensome to carry the responsibilities if the girls would often inquire if there was not some duty which they might perform, rather than to complain or say they were too busy when asked to call on someone, arrange for a spread or help get out some reports. I haven't said this to be "knocking," but just for the sake of the faithful ones and that the indifferent girls might know more of what it means to be a Kappa and feel themselves a part of the fraternity.

Upsilon.



CHAPTER LETTERS.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

PHI—UNIVERSITY OF BOSTON.

The girls of Phi, as usual at this season, are scattered far and wide through the mountains, country, and sea-shore of New England, and two have strayed as far as Europe—Florence Colby to study at the University of Paris, and Alice Quirin to study in Berlin.

As we were not able to have any house-party this summer, we have not had a real re-union since commencement, but several of the girls met in the chapter room during the week of the N. E. A. convention, at a luncheon given the visiting Kappa teachers. As the teachers were so widely scattered we were able to reach only two Kappas, both from Wooster, Ohio, but we greatly enjoyed meeting them and learning their experiences of Boston in convention time.

All of the girls near Boston during the second week in August were entertained by Ellen Stevenson at a handkerchief shower given for Eva Phillips, whose wedding comes late in September.

The new President of Boston University has not yet been announced, and we are very anxious to know who is to succeed President Warren.

As vacation time draws to a close and the opening of college is near, rushing begins to fill the minds of Kappas far and near, and Phi wishes them all the best of good luck !

ELSIE V. TUCKER.



BETA EPSILON—BARNARD COLLEGE.

When our last letter went to the KEY the college term was about to close and our attention was centered upon the four Kappas whom we were so soon to lose. Class day brought honors to Beta Epsilon. Ethel A. Pool, '03; Katharine E. Poole, '03, and Katharine L. Doty, '04, were elected to Phi Beta Kappa. The election of Miss Doty to membership in this fraternity is the first instance of a junior receiving the honor at Barnard College.

The day after commencement a number of our girls went to camp at Lake Hopatcong. There were twenty of us there altogether and in spite of continual rain we had the jolliest of times. We never allowed the weather to interfere with our plans and we took our drenchings in the most lighthearted of spirits. A number of our alumnae were with us, and all of '03.

During the summer two Round Robins have kept the members of Beta Epsilon in touch with each other, and of course they are carrying news of prospective freshmen who may be desirable Kappas. The sphere of fraternity influence is widening at Barnard. Alpha Phi and Delta Delta have established chapters there during the past year. This makes six fraternities now at Barnard, and means a decided increase in the amount of rushing.

Beta Epsilon expects to have the same apartment it had last year, at 501 West 120th street. A welcome is always assured to any Kappa who may call on us there.

Greetings to all sister chapters, and best wishes for a successful year.

CAROLINE LEXOW.

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PSI—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

With the typhoid epidemic well behind us, things went cheerfully during the spring term. We entertained our friends among the faculty and townspeople at a tea given in the drawing room at Sage, in May.

The last weeks of the term found us busy with Pan Hellenic meetings, arranging for a change in our rushing system. For several years past, registration day has been pledge day, which has meant an early return, and fast and constant rushing. This seems bad to us in every way,—undignified for the fraternity, and undesirable for the freshmen. Our new agreement, in which three of the four women's fraternities have joined, provides for a pledge day in November, and puts definite restrictions on rushing, calculated to make it more as it should be,—a means for mutual acquaintance, in which the freshmen, as well as the fraternities, stand strictly on their merits. We are looking forward with much interest to the working out of the experiment.

Our seniors were few in number, there being only two of them, but they made it up in other ways, for they filled a large place in college activities. For their last appearance at Cornell, Olive

Morrison was elected to one of the two places on the Class Day program filled by the girls, and read the Class Essay; while Carrie Young was the girls' representative on the Senior Class Book Committee.

We expect to start with a chapter of eleven in the fall, as the girls who left on account of the fear of typhoid will be back. The University water supply, which was not infected, has been made even safer by a filtration plant, the gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. And news has just come that the city water supply is now protected in like manner, thus making the drinking water as safe for those who do not live on the campus, as for those who do.



BETA TAU—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Beta Tau's Robin has visited each of us during the summer and proved a welcome guest. From all reports the summer is passing quickly and enjoyably to everyone, and all are ready for another year of work and pleasure in our Kappa home.

During the vacation the University has been building a new dormitory and we are promised other improvements before college opens again. On June 5, we held our twentieth annual alumnae banquet at the chapter house, Miss Jeanette Morton presiding as toastmistress. It is one of the enjoyable times we always look forward to. During commencement week Phi Gamma of Delta Kappa Epsilon opened their new chapter house. It is situated near the University and is a beautiful chapter home.

Greeting to all Kappas. May the coming year bring you pleasure and success.

FAITH J. COON.



BETA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The summer of 1903 is more than two-thirds over and the girls of Beta Alpha have been scattered for over two months,—some at the seashore, others in the country or among its mountains; and Emma Burk, more fortunate than the rest of us, is spending three months traveling and visiting relatives in Germany.

Two of our number have been teaching in summer schools, and, while they enjoyed the work, are glad to have a vacation

during September. While Beta Alpha is not fortunate enough to have a permanent chapter house, we can have a summer outing together, and, if possible, we intend to take the advice of the July KEY and make it an annual affair. After the busy commencement week, when its picnics and spreads, were over, several of us left hot Philadelphia to spend a week together among the hills near Doylestown. It was an ideal place and, while all could not go, those of us who could enjoyed thoroughly the walks, rides, and, most of all, the talks, as we lay on the hay on stormy afternoons. We had many visitors and much fun, and next year every one of us will make a point of going.

The Round Robin of Beta Alpha, which we have kept circulating rapidly all summer, is filled with our exploits, and pen sketches illustrate here and there our many funny experiences. Everything has not been fun, however, for we all sorrow and sympathize deeply with our sister Kappa, Edna Bramble, in the loss of her sister, Helen. She had been sick since Christmas and, while at the shore, suffered from a fatal relapse. Apart from this, Beta Alpha's summer has been a happy one.

In the fall, through the kindness and help of our Philadelphia Alumnae Association, we are again to have our room at 217 De Kalb Square, and shall be glad to entertain visiting Kappas, as well as any who may make our city their home.

Beta Alpha sends to every chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma the best wishes for a happy and prosperous college year.

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BETA IOTA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

How hard it is to realize in the heat of these warm and sultry August days that by the time we again receive the KEY, vacation will be a thing of the past and once more we will be back at Swarthmore with college work full upon us, but, nevertheless, with our Kappa sisters near at hand. In spite of the fact that the joys and pleasures of the summer are very great, there comes a time just a few weeks before the opening of college when our hearts yearn for the old scenes and we let the days slip by, eager for the last of the vacation to go and the first of college to come.

But even in all the happiness of those first few days, there is one sadness, the reality of which has just begun to dawn upon us.

Now for the first time we discover that our seniors have actually gone; that we stand in their places and must strive to occupy the position so ably filled by them. It is not during the excitement and gaiety of commencement week, nor during the pleasant summer months, that we are conscious of the real loss—no, not until we get back to the routine of daily work and find that they are no longer there to give the advice we now stand so much in need of and do the things so well done during the past year. In addition to our three seniors, two other girls, Helen Miller and Margaret Craig, have found it necessary to leave, but as the latter will probably live in the village, our loss will not be so great. This leaves Beta Iota with eight active members.

Even now we have not forgotten our house party which was held the week following commencement at the home of Katherine Pfeiffer, '00, in Browns Mills, New Jersey. Here the active chapter, together with several of the alumnae, had a most delightful time rowing on Mirror Lake and tramping through the cool pine woods. After that we scattered for the summer throughout all parts of the east.

Under the influence of President Swain, Swarthmore has already begun to show signs of a decided increase in size. There are entered for the freshman class many more than the college building can accommodate, and many of the students will be forced to live in the village. No doubt this will hasten the building of the new dormitories, for which plans have already been made.

Beta Iota sends best wishes to all for a happy and prosperous year.

AGNES SIBBALD.



GAMMA RHO—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Greetings to all Kappas!

Since college closed the quiet summer days have passed so uneventfully that commencement week with its round of festivities seems almost unreal. Many of the older girls returned to join with us in celebrating the close of the college year, and our banquet, which we held at Ponce de Leon Springs, was a very happy one.

After the college people had scattered for the summer, we Kappas who remained in Meadville cast about for some plan

whereby the tedium of vacation might be lessened. We decided to have picnics and to hold meetings at the homes of the girls on alternate weeks. Once we took a trolley ride to Saegertown, rowed up the river to a pretty little island and there took our supper. Another time we packed our lunch baskets and walked to one of the many beautiful little ravines that are to be found outside the city. There, after exploring the surroundings, we sat around a crackling campfire and sewed, and read, and talked. Our meetings and picnics have been quiet little affairs, but we have enjoyed them thoroughly.

No important changes have been made in Allegheny's faculty. There is nothing concerning the college to report except that the prospects for the coming year are unusually bright.

BETA PROVINCE.

LAMBDA—BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

Again it is nearly time for college to begin, and the busy rushing season is almost upon us.

Commencement, with its round of gaieties, seems but a shadow now, though we soon recall the minstrel show, the last track meet, and the senior farce, and "Prom."

Four of our members were graduated, and for a while we undergrads were a sad and mournful body; but when we heard that Ethel Jefferson had been made assistant in chemistry, and that both Louise Horix and Gladys Parshall were to remain in the city, "our weeping was turned to rejoicing." But as Ada Starkweather has gone to Seattle, Washington, as a private tutor, we shall mourn for her in vain.

Elizabeth Voris, another of our girls, will be in the West this winter. She has been entered as a junior at Leland Stanford, and though we shall be very lonesome without her, still, when we think of our Kappa sisters, so far away in their beautiful country, we feel that she will not be entirely without friends.

But we have a secret to impart! Shortly before commencement we pledged Ruth Ebright, '06, who, we are confident, will be a true and loyal Kappa.

As a fitting climax to this pleasant summer, we have had the honor and pleasure of entertaining both Mrs. Westerman and

Miss Warner, who were attending Grand Council session at Cleveland. Though Mrs. Westerman was with us only a short time, still we feel as though even we were entitled to love and respect her, not only as a Grand President, but also as a true woman and friend. We so much enjoyed hearing about the girls of Sigma, and the other large universities, in their fraternity life, and with her kind advice we will attempt to make our own wee part more worthy of the magnificent whole.

During the summer our girls have been scattered from the rocky coast of Maine to Alaska, but soon, with broader ideals and renewed enthusiasm for college and Kappa, we shall be united.

CLARA BROUSE.

BETA GAMMA—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Where have gone all those long summer days in which we planned to accomplish so much? Just to think that in a few days little bands of Kappas will be gathered again here and there for another year of work and happy association! If we could but realize how swiftly the tiny grains of sand are slipping through the hourglass of life we would prize our college privileges more highly, and most of all the privilege of our blessed sister-hood. Can't we pause long enough on the threshold of the new year to take the thought which will surely come to us when we look back on the last year? Oh, for just one more year of active Kappa-hood to be the Kappa I might be!

Beta Gamma is proud to give you the little glimpse of her new home. But what is dearest to us we can not show—only say in Kappa language, "It is the dearest spot on earth." You will all understand. We should be very happy to give any of you a warm welcome and hearty grip within these sacred walls.

We shall miss very much some of our dear ones who will not be with us again in the fall. The old friends, "the sisters tried and true" are ever the best. And yet we love them all too much to be sad over their absence, for we have seen deep enough into their hearts to know that they are in the place the Master has put them. We rejoice that such helpful lives have touched ours and have left an influence which neither time nor distance can efface. Life with the past is sweet, but with the present

is noble. Duty calls us to a new life, whose opportunities Time shall change into tender associations and wonderful possibilities. So let us throw our whole lives into the new year for we shall gain what we give. With this, Beta Gamma's best wish for herself, we send greeting to all our sisters in Kappa-hood.

MARY LEHMAN.



BETA NU—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

At the time of writing this letter most of Beta Nu's girls are away from home, but it will not be long now until they will be returning to begin another college year. We have only one girl in the active chapter who does not live in Columbus, so we generally have a reunion before college opens. We will start out with ten girls this year and these, together with the new girls we hope to be able to tell you about in our next letter, will give us about the same number we usually have in the chapter.

We are all looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to a visit either from our Grand Registrar or our Grand Treasurer this fall. We wish they could both come, but we suppose that is asking far too much for Beta Nu.

Of course, just at present most of our thoughts are about rushing. The facts that most of the girls at O. S. U. are resident girls makes it necessary for us to begin our work early. Although it makes it harder during rushing time, we are glad that the conditions are such that when a Beta Nu girl has left college, we do not have to say good bye to her, but she is always near for us to call upon for advice and help. We never can be grateful enough for what our older girls are doing for us constantly, but they will probably consider that they are repaid if we younger girls do likewise when we graduate.

By the first of October we girls will be back at our work as will the rest of our Kappa sisters, and we send best wishes for a most prosperous and happy year to you all.

EDNA PRATT.

BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

The members of Beta Delta have been scattered this summer in about fifteen different cities, properly so-called, towns and villages from Tacoma, Washington, to Philadelphia, but thanks to Uncle Sam's mails, we know almost exactly what each one is doing.

What happened at commencement time we have almost forgotten, for the modern college student lives too much in the whirl of the present and the future to have time to think long over the past. But what will happen when college opens, we cannot forget so easily, for before we can do our share in entertaining any members of the incoming class, we shall have to settle our new house. It makes it so much easier, though, when we stop to think, that the new furniture is all our own.

We hope all the Kappas have had a pleasant vacation and that an equally pleasant school year lies before them.

DOROTHEA ROUSE.



XI—ADRIAN COLLEGE.

The commencement season this year at Adrian was full of interest. The attendance of former students and friends was unusually large. The courtesies and interest shown by the citizens of Adrian added much to the enthusiastic enjoyment of the week. The whole city was decorated in the college colors, black and canary, and the free hospitality of the citizens' homes was extended to the guests of the college.

The event which the Kappas present will longest remember was the banquet held Saturday evening, June twentieth, celebrating "the coming of age" of Xi Chapter. The alumnae and associate members present from a distance were Miss Grace Thomas, Elgin, Ill.; Mrs. C. E. Wilbur, Bellevue, Pa.; Mrs. N. O. Paulin, Cleveland, O.; Miss Harriet Smurthwaite and Miss Ethel Moorhead, Steubenville, O.; Miss Helen Fickes, Skyland, Cal., and Miss Frances Fickes, Colorado Springs, Col. Several others who had hoped to be present sent greetings.

Mary McCollum, '04, won the essay prize in the contest of the literary societies, held in Downs Hall, Tuesday evening, June 23d.

Thursday of commencement week was a very eventful day for one of our number: At the commencement exercises in the

afternoon, Harriet Rowley delivered an oration and received the degree B. A.; in the evening at her home on Madison Street, she was married to Rev. Thomas Milton Gladden, A T Ω, '03, of Connellsville, Pa. The Kappas and Alpha Taus of Adrian were among the guests at the wedding.

The weeks of vacation have been passing pleasantly and swiftly for members of Xi.

The prospects are bright for a large increase in the number of students at Adrian next year, and we are eagerly anticipating the work and pleasures of the term which opens September 29th.

Xi sends to the other chapters her greetings and best wishes for a successful year.

MARY J. MCCOLLUM.



KAPPA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Vacation is drawing to a close, one filled with pleasure for Kappa Chapter.

Commencement time passed most pleasantly and Kappa felt that she received her full share of the honors of that season. On class day Ethel Gurney gave the valedictory. On commencement day Jessie Bailey received the prize in biology, Ethel Gurney the Crandal literary, and Anna Sands the fellow's prize in American literature.

July 4th the college celebrated her fiftieth anniversary. The alumni and friends of the college were present in large numbers. Appropriate exercises were held in a large grove on the college campus, among the speakers being Pres. Angell, of Ann Arbor; Pres. King, of Oberlin; Will Carleton, Hillsdale's honored poet, and many others.

Kappa considered it a great privilege to meet so many of her alumnae at that time. During the week of the 4th, Mrs. Bailey entertained all new and old Kappas at a charming lawn party, and Dr. Shirley Smith and her sister Zoe Smith Bradley received the Kappas and other friends one afternoon.

On the evening of the 4th a good number of active and alumnae girls gathered in our chapter rooms to initiate into our number, Della McIntosh. We spent a most delightful evening and are proud to introduce to Kappa a new wearer of the blue.

Since the 4th the "hill" has been more quiet, but with lake trips, house parties, and many afternoon visits the time has gone quickly.

College opens in less than two weeks with good prospects of a large number of students. We have renewed our rushing contract with $\Pi B \Phi$, and are looking forward to a prosperous year.

ANNA SANDS.



GAMMA PROVINCE.

DELTA—INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

When this number of the KEY is published all the chapters will be in the midst of college duties again, glad to give once more the long pull and the strong pull which will send us successfully into the year's work.

This summer the members of Delta have kept in closer touch than for many summers past—and all through the medium of two delightful round robins. We recommend such a medium to the other chapters and guarantee that you will receive from it double the pleasure you expect.

Happy greetings to all Kappas.

ALICE DE VOL.



IOTA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

During the past few months of vacation the girls of Iota have been scattered far and wide enjoying their summer outing and resting up for the opening of school. This year we lose very few undergraduates, perhaps two or three. Of the seven seniors who graduated in June, two will be in college again next year taking "post" work, and some are intending to teach.

Just now when we are all separated we realize most what our fraternity means to us. There is not one Iota Kappa who is not enthusiastic for the beginning of college long before the vacation is over. Iota will begin the coming year with about eighteen girls, and with bright prospects for winning some fine, new girls for Kappa sisters.

This year we are expecting some changes in DePauw. Our new president, Dr. Hughes, will assume his duties about October first, and with his coming we anticipate an increase in attendance and greater prosperity in every line.

LUCIA HURST.

MU—BUTLER COLLEGE.

At a rather dreary, little rainy-day spread, the day after commencement, Mu chapter Kappas told each other good-bye. But for many of us it was not really good-bye, for the Indianapolis and Irvington girls and a few sisters from neighboring towns, have contrived to meet frequently during the summer. These little summer chapter meetings, at which we discuss plans for the year to come, as well as the good times of last year, form one of the pleasantest features of the vacation. Perhaps our most enjoyable meeting was with Kelsey Black, in Greenfield. Here eight Kappas lived together for a day and a night, and those Kappas who have chapter houses will appreciate our delight in being together as one family. Mu Chapter entertained itself at Greenfield with a mock wedding, which was performed with all due solemnity.

We have had with us at these summer meetings, Charlotte Griggs, who was initiated on the fourth of June, at the home of Mrs. Thomas Howe, an alumna.

Mu wishes Kappa all good things for next year.

ESSIE HUNTER.



ETA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Since the summer days have begun each individual girl of Eta has realized more and more each day the loss of our senior girls, none of whom will be with us next year. Seven of the girls, George Challoner, Clara Froelick, Alma Peterson, Bess Morrison, Guineviene Mihills, Helen Case and Julia Rindlaub have finished college this year, but we expect to see most of them back to help us with the fall rushing.

Eta girls have been most fortunate this vacation in meeting each other, never have so many of the girls been together during a summer, and the little Kappa meetings have made us indeed feel that Kappa does not exist only on the college campus. The last week of July ten of the girls enjoyed several days of camping at the Chain of Lakes at Waupaca, Wis. Everyone had a most glorious time, and we were only sorry that more of the girls could not be with us.

October first will soon be here and will find us at work once more—the first few weeks will be busy with rushing and initiating the “new” girls into the ways of college life. We have several pledged girls coming this year, most of whom will be able to come right into the house, both of which facts make us very happy—that they are coming and that they can be with us at the house.

The autumn months at Madison are among the prettiest in the year, and we are all looking forward to a happy re-union with the beginning once more of the college world.

MARY A. GILLEN.



BETA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

Can it be possible that since Beta Lambda's last letter, our dear Kappa sisters throughout the land, have said, “good-bye,” spent almost a whole vacation and are now looking forward to going back to college in just a few short weeks. I am sure that we are all wondering where the time has gone and perhaps wish that we might prolong our vacation just a wee bit. However, all the joys and sorrows of rushing are at hand and we are anxious to enter the battle and win our victories.

Beta Lambda will be fortunate enough to start out this fall with fourteen girls. Out of last years number we regret to say, that by graduation we lost Ruth Abbott, Mabel Hayward and Caroline Langworthy. Florence Armstrong will be unable to return because of ill health, and Annebell Fraser will attend Leland Stanford University. Her parents have recently moved to California and naturally have taken their daughter with them. These girls are indeed a great loss to us, but it is a comfort to know that they wear the key wherever they are and we must all strive the harder to fill the places left vacant by them.

We expect to try an intersorority contract, lasting one month, again this fall. This does not exactly solve the rushing problem, but at least gives us a chance to become acquainted with the new girls before pledge day.

Our horizon so far looks clear and bright, and there seems no reason why a most prosperous year should not follow. We are most fortunate in having a pleasant and comfortable fraternity house and have the mother of one of our girls living with us,

who acts as chaperone and house keeper combined, thereby making it possible to eat in the house with little trouble for the girls.

Beta Lambda sends her love and best wishes, and hopes that nothing will occur to mar the happiness of her Kappa sisters during the coming year.

HELEN STOOKEY.



UPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Upsilon has been widely scattered during this vacation, from Denver, Colorado to Berlin, Germany. Some of the girls have been exchanging visits, though we were not fortunate enough to have a "summer chapter," as suggested by Miss Paxson in the July number of the KEY. Of our twenty girls, eleven will be in school at Northwestern University again. Six of our number left us wearing caps and gowns. Helen Peacock has gone to Germany to continue her study of music. We have several new pledges that we hope to introduce next time we talk to you. The younger girls must take up the responsibility now, and it means much to us. Several of our senior girls are coming back to visit us during rushing season.

We have had a jolly Round Robin which we all enjoyed. We are looking forward to the year and hope to more earnestly and enthusiastically carry Kappa colors bravely. With best wishes for a happy year, in which all the women of Kappa Kappa Gamma will seek and find the best things, Upsilon sends greetings.

GEM CRAIG.



EPSILON—ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

This has been a very pleasant vacation for the girls of Epsilon, although it has been a very quiet one for the most of us. Soon after college closed we joined with the Kappa Club in giving our annual picnic at the beautiful country home of Mrs. Benjamin, one of our alumnae. We had a very enjoyable time, and several of the girls who live near Bloomington came back for the picnic. Fifty-five sat down to the table, the largest number we have ever had.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Howell which occurred soon after commencement; she had been in poor health

all winter, but seemed to be improving in the spring, and her death came as a great shock to all her friends. Louie has the sympathy of all the girls in the loss of her mother.

We are busy making plans for this year's work, and it will be only a few weeks until we are together again, putting our plans into execution.

Epsilon wishes a prosperous year to all her sister chapters.

BESSIE CASH.



DELTA PROVINCE.

CHI—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

To all in Kappa Kappa Gamma, greeting: We are just on the eve of our annual rushing season and all our thoughts seem merged in plans for luncheons, dinners, germans, and all of the many festivities which will take place during the next two weeks. Could we but banish rushing with its excitement and disturbance how peaceful the college year might be. For the sake of future Kappas I hope that before long we will all follow the custom which some of our chapters have adopted, that of no rushing as we now practice it, but of making personal work accomplish everything.

Our week's outing at Prior Lake early in June was, as usual, a happy success. We sailed, and rowed, and danced to our heart's content and came home "tired but happy."

One afternoon in July we were entertained by Flora Edwards in honor of Miss Deere, a Wooster Kappa, who has been visiting in Minneapolis this summer. Later in the month came our picnic, which has grown to be an annual occasion.

From August 25th to 28th the fifteenth National Convention of Kappa Alpha Theta assembled in Minneapolis. The girls of all the other fraternities entertained in their honor. Our tea was given at the home of Mrs. Gilbert Walker on the 26th.

We have made a change in our chapter rooms, and this year are to have two very delightful rooms, even more convenient and attractive than those we have occupied for ten years, and where many of you have visited us.

Chi sends heartiest wishes for the success of each and every chapter.

HELEN BURBRIDGE.

BETA ZETA—IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

What would we do without letters? We think of this more now that September is only a few days off, and our vacation is closing. As it is, we have heard from our Kappa sisters, we know of their plans for the coming year, we have become acquainted with the names of prospective freshmen and hear of new ideas of rushing. All this makes us more anxious to get together again.

Commencement time was made more pleasant by the presence of several of our alumnae. We entertained our seniors and visitors with a drag ride and an informal dance, which was our last Kappa function for the year.

But as much as we try to review the past, our thoughts still turn to the future and our plans for the coming year. We cannot say that our prospects are the brightest, for besides losing five seniors, some of the other girls will not be back. Mae Rex, '05, will enter Smith College; Grace Padmore, '06, will teach, and Alice Ankeney, who has been assistant instructor in chemistry in the university, will spend the winter in the South.

We are hoping that Harriet Peters, who has spent the year in travel and study in Europe, will be with us again in the fall.

Our next letter will tell more of realities, perhaps, and less of our hopes and fancies.

MARIE LYNCH.



THETA—MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.

Mabel Saunders is spending the summer in the Adirondacks.

Mildred McConathey is living in St. Louis now.

Carolyn Stoner has a position as teacher of French in one of the Kansas City high schools.

There have been about twelve Kappas in town all summer. They have had some very successful business meetings, besides meetings nearly every Thursday for sewing and gossip.

Mrs. Carry Reid Bird visited her home in Virginia for several weeks and returned about the fifth of August. While in the East she visited relatives in Baltimore, Petersburg and Williamsburg.

Edith De Bolt has moved from Trenton, Mo., to Los Angeles, California.

Helen Montgomery, '02, and her sister, Maude Montgomery, A. M., '03, will teach in the Fort Scott, Kas., high school.

Mary Walker, '03, spent the summer at the seashore with a cousin.

Ida Howard, '99, who spent last year in study in Germany, has returned to Columbia this summer with her uncle, Dr. Paul Schweitzer, and will enter the university this fall for graduate work in Latin.

Lula Belle Wooldridge was appointed assistant editor of the college paper, the *M. S. V. Independent*.

Maude and Helen Montgomery spent the summer at Ft. Scott, Kansas, where they were bridesmaids to a cousin.

Theta is fortunate this year in securing for a chapter house the residence of the dean of the academic department, Dr. J. C. Jones, who has a year's leave of absence for study in Europe. The house has a large yard and faces the university campus.

Laura Dashiell spent the summer in Princess Anne, Md.

Marie and Adele Fleming visited their old home, Carrollton, Mo., for several weeks this summer.

Miss Bettie Walker has entertained the Kappas several times this summer at her delightful country home near Columbia.

Clara Shelton, our latest pledge, spent the summer at Roswell, New York.

Ella Read, with a party of friends, camped for several weeks near Colorado Springs.

LEOTA DOCKERY.



SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Sigma girls, like all other Kappas, I suppose, are thinking and planning this summer. Especially for the girls who live in Lincoln, even vacation is a busy time. We were not quite satisfied with our chapter house last year and have been trying to find a larger and more suitable one. Then, our rushing time is the first week of school, so we must plan all our parties and look up and consider girls during the summer time.

Fortunately so many of our Kappas live in Lincoln that meetings, though not regular, can be held during vacation.

Olive States, our president, gave a Kensington in August to Lincoln Kappas. Besides having a very good time, the girls discussed fraternal affairs and made plans both for rushing and for the coming school year.

We wish every chapter a happy and successful year.

ZOE L. GLIDDEN.



OMEGA—KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

Our summer vacation is now nearing its close and the girls of Omega are beginning to look eagerly forward to the time when we will all be together again, ready for faithful work to make this year one of the most successful for our chapter.

We are expecting quite a number of our members of last year to be with us again this fall. Edith Scholey, whom we initiated last March, was compelled to leave school just before the close of the year owing to the illness of her father. We had hoped she would return to Lawrence for the coming semester, but she has decided to spend this winter at Smith College, which she previously attended during the year 1892.

Ida McKnight, one of our seniors, was awarded the English Fellowship for '03 and '04. She was also elected vice president of Phi Beta Kappa at the recent spring election of officers, an honor of which we are very proud.

We have planned a very successful rushing season and hope to pledge several new girls of whom every Kappa will be proud.

Omega sends greeting to all Kappas, and sends each and every chapter best wishes for a prosperous and happy year.



BETA MU—COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY.

On the fourteenth of September the University of Colorado opens, and the girls of Beta Mu will begin the year in a new chapter house. As yet few plans for rushing parties and entertainments have been determined upon.

To our regret several of our number will be unable to be with us next year. Besides those who graduated, three of our girls intend to teach school in Victor, and Della Gardner expects to spend the winter in Ohio.

On the 12th day of August, when Willabella Royace was married to Mr. Charles Ewing, occurred the first wedding of a Kappa from Beta Mu.

Excepting Eugenie Carson, who has been in California during the summer, most of us from Boulder have spent a very quiet vacation.

But we shall soon be together again and hope to have with us during the early part of the year, several of our alumnae.

HARRIETT V. ALLEN.

BETA XI—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

For a year and a half the ambition of Beta Xi has been to have a chapter house, and this fall that ambition will be fulfilled. Naturally the summer has been productive of many plans for "The Home"—and even of more practical results, in the way of pillows, table covers, and other embellishments. This common interest has kept the girls together more than usual, and was increased by the "chain letter" which one of our last year's graduates, hungry for news, suggested.

We are all looking forward most eagerly to beginning another year together, although we will miss most sadly those four sisters whom we must give up.

Greetings to Kappa and warmest wishes for a prosperous year.

MARY V. RICE.

PI—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

We of Pi have been very fortunate this year in being able to welcome back nineteen of our girls. Most of us came back several days before college opened, for we have a new chapter house this year and we wished to be entirely settled before registration day. We succeeded in our purpose so that now we have a very comfortable home with which we are highly delighted. All the girls have been most generous in giving things which were either useful or ornamental with which to make our house more homelike. The house is a great improvement on our old one and is also nearer the campus.

We also have a new chaperone, Mrs. Scott, the mother of one of our girls, and we are all very happy with her.

One of our Stanford sisters, Hazel Hobson, has come to Berkeley to live and we were very happy in affiliating her on registration day. This makes the second time within a year that we have affiliated a sister from another chapter. Last term we affiliated Romaine Braden from Butler college.

On August eighteenth Miss Weissert from Eta chapter, visited us. When she left we felt as though we were well acquainted with her and with her chapter, for of course she told us much of Wisconsin and especially of the Kappas of Eta. A few days later Miss Carson, from Colorado, who has been traveling in California this summer, visited us. We were very glad to have these two visitors with us, and only wish that we could see more of our Eastern sisters.

VARINA MORROW.



BETA ETA—LELAND STANFORD JR. UNIVERSITY.

College is about to reopen once more, and another busy year is before us. Eleven of the girls are back, enthusiastic and ready to share with each other the many pleasures and few hardships of college life. We are delighted to have with us Elizabeth Voris of Lambda, and Anna Fraser of Beta Lambda, and this summer some of the girls have enjoyed seeing several of the eastern Kappas.

The summer vacation was spent very pleasantly by all of us. In San Francisco there was almost a quorum of Stanford Kappas, including alumnae, associate and active members, and many were the enjoyable Kappa luncheons and afternoons which we spent together. In the southern part of the state as well, there was more than one pleasant Kappa reunion.

We send greetings to our sister chapters and wish them the best of success for the new college year.

ZOE LARKINS.

EDITORIAL.

Grand Council Session.

THE Grand Council of Kappa Kappa Gamma held its biennial August session at the Colonial Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio, from 26th to 28th. The session as planned would have been devoted entirely to business, but this plan was pleasantly interrupted, that the hospitality of Lambda, the Cleveland and Akron Alumnae Associations and of the Karnea of Delta Tau Delta might be accepted.

The minutes of the session when they reach the chapters will show little of the real work of the council, for the formal action taken upon motions and reports was of far less importance to the fraternity than the hours of discussion which could not be put into tangible form.

The fact that during the biennium officials visits have been made to nineteen chapters and to sixteen alumnae association, besides to several unorganized groups of alumnae, made it possible to plan for the particular needs of individual chapters and to discuss the alumnae situation with actual knowledge.

It is confidently expected that the plans made for perfecting the details of the routine work of the fraternity and the discussion of the best means of enlarging the usefulness of the fraternity to the individual members and to the college communities will result in the strengthening of our already strong organization.

Another year of earnest effort on the part of the officers, of hearty co-operation on the part of the chapters, and of increased realization of responsibility on the part of the alumnae will bring Kappa Kappa Gamma appreciably nearer the ideal toward which she is striving.

MAY C. W. WESTERMANN, *Grand President.*

The Report of the Inter-Fraternity Conference at Geneva.

IN the July number of our magazine, appeared two articles of rare interest to every Kappa; one, a sketch of the life and work of Ruthana Paxson, who is known throughout the colleges of the east and west as a fraternity woman, consecrated

Of still further interest, will be a report of the two inter-fraternity conferences held August 19th and 20th, at the Lake Geneva Conference of the Y. W. C. A. These were planned by Miss Paxson and Miss Sinclair, and carried out by them, in co-operation with such women as Mrs. J. W. Mauck, a former Grand Treasurer of K K Γ, and now, a member of the American Committee of the Y. W. C. A.; and Miss Bertha Condè, one of the National Student Secretaries of the association and one, who though a non-fraternity women, feels deep interest and sympathy in all fraternity questions.

The programme as carried out, was as follows:

1. "The Ideals of Fraternity Life and Their Realization in Every-day Life." . . . VIRGINIA SINCLAIR.
2. "What Place the Association has in College Life." { BERTHA CONDÉ.
 { MRS. MAUCK.
3. "Reasons for Lack of Co-operation in the Association on the Part of the Fraternity Women." . . . VIRGINIA SINCLAIR.
(With Discussion by Girls.)
4. (a) "What Place it Should Have in the Life of Every Fraternity Woman. (b) What Active Co-operation Would Mean."
—RUTH PAXSON.
5. "Forming of Summer Chapters of the Various Fraternities."
(General Discussion.)

It is impracticable to reproduce here, all that was said and impossible to make our readers feel the inspiration of those two meetings. The main points may well be given, however. Under (1) Miss Sinclair emphasized particularly, (a) whole-hearted, large-hearted sisterhood (b) thoroughly representative chapters, of girls that may each, rightly, be called scholarship—society or

Christian association type—so all-around are they, (*c*) *helpfulness* in the college community, keeping in mind always that fraternity life is a means, not an end. Miss Condè, after giving us fresh visions of the scope and aim of the Y. W. C. A., summed up (*2*) by saying: "The Christian Association stands for the superb type of young womanhood in our colleges." Mrs. Mauck beautifully supplemented these thoughts under (*3*), Miss Sinclair led the discussion with the following points: (*a*) Tendency of one's fraternity to fill the lives of its members to completion and satisfaction. A selfishness that gives no part of one's time and self to other organizations formed for the benefit and pleasure of all college women, this to mean any worthy organization, as well as the Y. W. C. A., and a short-sightedness that makes fraternity life a curse, in that friendships there are allowed to crowd out the Higher Friendship with God and Christ; (*b*) the growing and alarming tendency of fraternity chapters to over emphasize the social part, even allowing this to take precedence of real scholarship—let alone, any duty to other college organizations, (*c*) a subtle spirit among fraternity chapters, of indifference, or one which says—"it is all religious cant," forgetting that the meagre daily realization of our own fraternity ideals may appear to non-fraternity women as so much cant, as well. The words of a college president to Miss Sinclair on this point, were given: "If a Christian association succeeds in making itself popular in a college community, the fraternities clamor for offices and honor in it." Enough to make every fraternity woman blush. (*d*) saddest of all, a letting down and forsaking of one's standards of loyalty to Christian profession and duty.

Miss Paxson, for (*4*) demonstrated what active co-operation should and could mean to a fraternity girl. (*a*) A giving of loving interest and labor to it, not a patronage that only brings criticism and antagonism on the fraternity system. (*b*) A keeping in mind, particularly at the rushing season, that the association, rightly, has some claim on a girl's time and attention. (*c*) Arranging to send, at the chapter's expense, if necessary, at least one delegate from your fraternity chapter to the Summer conference. (*d*) Open the fraternity houses for "at homes" to all college women in the name of the Y. W. C. A., or for social affairs, full of the joy and attractiveness that fraternity women often declare lacking in the association. Let your social qualities and charms

shine there as well as in your fraternity. (e) Form in the chapters, bible classes. The very thought of hours spent together, thus, will develop in us better, sweeter, saner womanhood.

It will add interest to this report for the chapters of K K T to know that the Grand Treasurer went to Lake Geneva, urged by the Grand President to bring from these conferences to the Grand Council session, in Cleveland, "tangible ideas and plans for making our chapters realize what is essentially worth-while;" that a formal report was made at the session by Miss Sinclair, and that this more complete report was voted to appear in our magazine, that all chapters not represented at Geneva might know of this movement, initiated by our own beloved fraternity. Miss Paxson will continue, as in the past year, to hold inter-fraternity conferences in the various colleges that she will visit this year, where she will speak as one fraternity woman to others about the association work.

When such a woman as Miss Woolley, President of Mt. Holyoke college, gives as her testimony as she did at Silver Bay Summer Conference—that, no matter what a woman's intellectual and social attainments may be, if she neglects all spiritual development, she has mired the highest and best, she goes from college only half a woman—does it not demand thoughtful consideration and action? May every Kappa *do* and *be* what the years will prove to be best!

LET us have an expression in the January KEY of the advisability of giving Alumnae votes at convention. A general expression will be appreciated. Alumnae tell us if you want to vote. Do you care to take the responsibility? Active members, what think you on this question! Give us pros and cons.

THIS issue gives Kappas an opportunity to see Beta Province "at home." The Ann Arbor wearers of the blue are moving this fall, so they will be pictured in their new quarters in the January issue. Iota and Delta are presented in this number, because the western chapters will take more space than the eastern, in the exhibition of chapter house life, and hence we must crowd a little in this number.



Exchanges and Fraternity Notes

"Lamps without oil" expresses very mildly the problem before the Exchange Editor this month. Exactly five exchanges have reached us. The fall numbers of fraternity journals are not yet out, and in consequence we lack those inexhaustible wells of enthusiasm,—“The Convention Number” and “The Initiation Number.” When those artesian wells get started we are often converted into almost unwilling “standard oil.” As it is, we fraternity journals are neither convening nor initiating on paper, we are simply reflecting. Pretty good reflecting, some of it, however so the scissors shall fly.

This summer Kappa Alpha Theta convened at Minneapolis, Sigma Chi in Detroit, Beta Theta Pi at Put-in-Bay and Delta Tau Delta in Cleveland. We expect their Convention Numbers soon.

Meanwhile, we shall continue to jog your enthusiasm by continuing to talk chapter houses for *The Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta presents good food for reflection, food of facts and figures.

Of Phi Delta Theta's sixty-eight chapters nineteen now have chapter houses of their own. Thereby they have gained that position of permanency and independence which is the ambition of every fraternity chapter to occupy.

The chapter house life of our chapters is by no means confined to those chapters which are fortunate enough to possess their own homes; besides the nineteen chapters with houses of their own, twenty-seven others occupy rented chapter houses, all of which cherish the hope of ultimately becoming property holders, and in many cases have well-developed plans toward this end.

A large number of our homeless chapters, particularly those at present occupying rented houses, are accumulating building funds, and have their plans more or less complete, five chapters—Missouri, Indiana, Auburn, Purdue and Illinois—having already purchased building lots.

This brings the number of Phi chapters, that are earnest and active about chapter houses, up to 51!

The Scroll contains pictures of the nineteen chapter houses owned by the fraternity and the showing is one of which to be proud.

The Scroll likewise tackles the alumni problem (which becomes with us the *alumnae* problem—a problem whose femininity makes it, we fear, even a bit more of a problem, since the sensitiveness of “neglected” women is proverbially appalling). The italics are ours. The article was a prize essay.

The alumni in the vicinity of the chapter should receive invitations to all social functions and be urged to accept. Probably only a small number will be able to come each time, but all will appreciate the invitation, and those

who do come will enjoy themselves and go away with a warmer feeling for their fraternity. In the matter of invitations, as far as possible, let personal invitations take the place of the usual note or postal card. *Make a personal call and extend the invitations*, ascertain who can come and who cannot, and make plans accordingly. The personal call will make an impression where a formal note would be overlooked and consigned to the waste basket. This work could be divided among the active chapter and would serve as an excellent means of forming acquaintances.

While considering social affairs, why would it not be a good plan to have a reunion of all the alumni in the vicinity at least once a year, *the alumni bringing their wives* and lady friends and the active chapter devoting their entire time to acting as hosts?

Translate "wives" as "husbands" and you have a new light on *our* problem—nicht wahr? Do we often ask the "old girls" to bring their husbands? The active girls would simply "strike," we fancy, if any one suggested a social affair without their latest flames. How do you suppose a devoted wife feels without her husband? The present arrangement of society functions largely excludes mankind. The "old girls" have teas and receptions and thimble parties and "showers" for brides galore, in town, at none of which their husbands are expected. Why not give up this Chinese exclusion and ask the husbands to alumnae social affairs? Really, their husbands are sometimes fellows quite worth knowing, even by college girls. They have even been known to be quite interesting. Many are fraternity men—so they know a thing or two! Try inviting the husbands next time.

Another quotation appeals especially to KEY workers on account of certain painful "printer's errors" which resulted from indifferent or carelessly compiled data of the alumnae. Ponder upon it, cor. secs.

As another important duty toward our alumni let us have a close observance of the rule in regard to chapter letters. The annual letter is the only regular message from the chapters to their alumni, and it should be compiled with great care. This letter ought to contain all the college and fraternity news of the year, such as conditions of the institution, changes in the faculty, honors won by Phis, a list of active members, with home address of each, and a carefully prepared list of all chapter alumni with addresses and business connections. "It is pleasant to see one's name in print," but it is not pleasant to see it misspelled and followed by some out-of-date address. *We cannot expect to arouse a great deal of enthusiasm in an alumnus whose name we cannot spell, and of whose location and business we are ignorant.* These chapter letters are full of interest to the alumni, giving them the news of their old friends and brothers. The importance of this matter can scarcely be overestimated, and no chapter can afford to fail to issue a comprehensive, interesting, and correct annual letter. An energetic committee should be appointed to this duty in plenty of time to do full justice to the work. It would be a good plan to read the proof in chapter meeting before sending to press, as a check upon mistakes and omissions.

We now insert a few news items and make our bow of thanks to the enterprising editor of *The Scroll*. Verily, he's a wonder.

It is an interesting fact that for the first time in its history, Miami University, the birthplace of Phi Delta Theta, has a Phi Delta Theta for its President. In Dr. Guy Potter Benton, an alumnus of our Ohio Wesleyan chapter, class of 1888, Miami has acquired a president.

Interesting statistics have been promulgated regarding the attendance of women at Michigan. The resolution admitting women to the university was passed January 5, 1870. During the remainder of that session there was but one woman matriculate; during the session 1901-2 there were 725. The attendance of women centered upon the professional schools at first; during the year '70-71, fifty-nine per cent. were enrolled in professional courses. The percentage attending the literary department has increased, however, from year to year, and in 1901-02 it was ninety-two per cent. of the whole number of women. The actual number of women enrolled in the professional schools has decreased since 1891-92, when the number was 100, a greater number than in any other year.

The largest gift ever made to a woman's college is believed to be that of Mrs. Elizabeth Milbank Anderson to Barnard College, of real estate in New York City, worth \$1,000,000. The deeds were signed in April of this year, the tract consisting of three and one-half acres on Morningside Heights near the present site of Barnard and Columbia. The Trustees have named the land "The Milbank Quadrangle."

California Beta, Stanford University.

The writer is the only upper classman in the chapter who is well, although all of our patients are slowly improving. As it was the writer was confined to his bed for two weeks with the symptoms of typhoid, but luckily escaped without actually getting down with the fever.

Twelve of our men had the typhoid, and it was a fearful experience. One died, poor fellow, and two are still in bed, although we expect them soon to be up. We lost one of our seniors, Irving Frisselle, one of the best fellows in the world. Evrybody liked him, in college and out. His funeral took place in the university chapel and President Jordan made an address. We liked what he said so much that we have had the address printed to preserve it. Bro. McDowell, our province president, is still in bed, being one of the two not yet up.

The epidemic of typhoid at Stanford came from the milk of a dairy which supplied a number of restaurants in Palo Alto and two of the fraternity houses on the campus, Zeta Psi's and our own. That the fatalities were not greater we may be thankful for. Way back in the hills some Italians had a case of typhoid. Their refuse was dumped into a stream near by. This stream passed through a dairy and was diverted so that it would pass through a trough in which the milk cans were washed. The rest easily follows. First thing we knew we were all sick. There were upwards of two hundred cases in all. We had seven nurses in our house, which became practically a hospital. It has been a hard blow to us, but we will pull through all right. The students acted very sensibly through it all, and very few went away. Ten students have died, the Zeta Psis having lost one man as well as ourselves.

The following from the *Arrow* is particularly timely, now that our freshmen are attending their first meetings :

In Chapter Meeting.

Were you, O upper classwoman, ever confronted with a freshman, who, the novelty of her first few fraternity meetings having worn off, came to you with a pitiful droop on her mouth and a sad little break in her voice, and told you "she was a wee bit disappointed in fraternity meeting—it was not what she expected it to be?" And, after you had talked to her a while and had sent her away, did you ever sit down and consider just how much you were to blame in the matter?

The freshman comes with her mind full of lofty thoughts; she is fresh from taking her vows of fidelity to what she has grown to regard as her highest ideal, and a fraternity meeting is a very mysterious occasion. She slips quietly into a corner, and watches with wide eyes all these things so new to her. And by degrees she discovers that all is not quite what she had imagined it would be. Perhaps one of the girls—these older girls, who have had two or three years of fraternity life—has a very strong will, and does not like to yield when any disputed point is brought up. Then a few sharp words are said, and someone is wounded. Or it may be that one of the girls is inclined to be dictatorial, and to think that her way is the only right way. It may be a very good way, yet the other girls have their opinions also, and the outcome is that someone carries away hurt feelings from fraternity meeting. The freshman sees all this; perhaps she forgets that Pi Beta Phi are after all only a crowd of girls, with one dear aim in common, and that disputes are as apt to rise among this group as in any other; perhaps she has idealized these girls too much. Yet she—poor little freshman—feels disappointed, and comes and tells an older sister all about it. And the older sister thinks "Does the freshman expect too much, or are we ourselves giving too little?"

The following is good news, and seems to be in line with Delta Gamma's recent convention action :

By the new law of Sigma Nu, "Members of collegiate chapters are prohibited joining the Theta Nu Epsilon fraternity, unless permission shall be granted by the High Council to members of a chapter to do so, on application of two-thirds of the members of that chapter."

Will the newly elected corresponding secretaries heed the following? *We've* read it ourselves, with inward stabs of remorse and resolve; so it is a healing surgeon's knife, and warranted to cure, not kill. It is called—

The Choice of a Correspondent.

If the active men of the fraternity could once get it dinned into their heads that many people in varied places are going to judge the standing of their chapter absolutely by the work of their correspondent, I think they would reflect a little before they awarded their choice to Tom, let us say, merely because he writes such a good hand, or to Dick, for no other reason than that he plays so sweetly on the banjo.

I think it a great pity that the chapters do not more generally succeed in getting the best men into the offices. Their failure to do so—and I must

believe that they often do so fail—means either that they do not understand, or that they do not care. In plain English, whether justly or unjustly, the majority of men will, in point of fact, judge a chapter wholly by its correspondent. In reading chapter letters you probably will not learn whether or not the chapter has a strong man to look after its finances, or a wise man to conduct its meetings; but you will have no difficulty in ascertaining whether it has the right kind of man to attend to its correspondence. And if it is true that a poorly constructed and hastily thrown together chapter letter inevitably produces a bad impression of the chapter, it is hard to exaggerate the unfavorable effect produced upon the seeker by the entire absence of any letter at all; for it is divulging no secret to admit that correspondents are occasionally negligent in this particular. Sometimes men write to chapters and get no answer; and sometimes they wait a month and get an answer that is not worth waiting for. These may be, and probably are wholly the fault of the correspondent; but they tend to leave no very creditable idea of the chapter which suffers him.

It is therefore a matter of the merest self-interest and self-protection on the part of the chapter, to see to it that they put forward into this conspicuous post a man able worthily to represent them. It is not difficult to determine the sort of a man that would be selected. There are two elements that go to the making of a successful correspondent. He should first be able to select and clearly express the points that are worthy of narration; *he should, in a word, be able to use the English language.* He should also have a *sense of personal responsibility sufficiently developed to make it certain that he will attend to his business.* That, I think, covers all the demands of his office; and I do not think these qualifications are so high that every chapter may not find within itself one man equipped with them. * * *

Now, the common error of which we have been speaking is the error of the chapter, and is therefore divided among many; and it is not of the first consequence anyway. It quite pales into insignificance before the sin of the correspondent who once elected, whether fit or unfit, fails to perform to the limit of his ability the duties of his office. If there is any meaning in the English language, such a man betrays a trust. If there is such a thing under heaven as a tacit pledge to execute a certain thing, the man who accepts an office at the hands of his friends, for the promotion and protection of their common interests, is surely bound by this pledge. He cannot get back of this. It is a perfectly plain open-and-shut proposition. If he cannot or will not properly execute the duties of any office, he must not accept an election to this office; and conversely, the acceptance of an office, on the part of any man, is rightly regarded as a pledge that he will justly execute the functions of that office. He must make his choice and abide by it. In the nature of things there must be no middle ground. No man, perhaps, is a judge of his own ability, but he ought to know, after a little solitary cogitation, whether he means to attend to his business, or whether he doesn't.

I think there are only these two points for the men of the chapter to bear in mind. One of these establishes the responsibility of the chapter as a whole, and the other establishes the responsibility of the man whom the chapter selects. To the chapter is the duty, after careful observation and mature thought, of awarding their choice to the man among them who seems, intellectually and educationally, the best equipped. And the man of their choice, for his part, must yield himself to the needs of his office to the utmost of his faithfulness and ability. This is all there is to the correspondent difficulty which weighs so heavily on so many editors, and has, from time immemorial, received so much attention in all fraternity journals. If the chapters would only carry these two principles around with them, and live by them, they would greatly improve their own individual reputation and so, by an inevitable sequence, the reputation of the fraternity.

The *Record* furnishes us, indirectly, with some other valuable material in the shape of testimonials, from college presidents, upon the value of fraternities. This material was secured as persuasive ammunition for Arkansas legislators :

It so happens that but three fraternities are represented by chapters in the State of Arkansas ; but these three did not take kindly to the new anti-fraternity bill. They felt that they should like to do something about it. Accordingly they created a state fraternity committee. Among other things, their scheme included the familiar task of educating the legislators by bringing to bear upon their not very firmly grounded decision the weight of a few facts and a few opinions. To this end, Mr. Crawford, the Kappa Sigma representative, questioned some scores of college presidents from ocean to ocean and north to south, as to the part which fraternities played in undergraduate life. The fraternity men in the Bear State had some hope that the convictions of such men as Mr. Hadley, of Yale, Mr. Schurman, of Cornell, Mr. Wheeler, of California, and Mr. Jordan, of Stanford, might offer to the Arkansas legislators some trifling food for reflection.

The answers of the college presidents have been published in a little pamphlet entitled *The American College Fraternity*. It is a very interesting little document. It is also, if we may be allowed the expression, a very unanimous little document. There does not seem to be a very wide diversity of opinion among the presidents. The question perhaps most vital to the work of the state fraternity committee was in regard to the advantage or disadvantage of the existence of fraternities in the several universities. This is the issue that the Arkansas solons have settled off-hand in the negative. The preponderance of authoritative experience, however, seems to be wholly against them. Of the forty-eight officials whose letters are printed in Mr. Crawford's pamphlet, only one, so far as we recall, is inclined to be wholly pessimistic with regard to fraternities. Mr. R. H. Jesse, of the University of Missouri, appears to think the fraternities a bad lot ; but he is very resigned about the matter ; and even believes that, properly handled they might, in time, become a means of grace.

We are familiar with Presidents Schurman's and Jordan's views on the fraternity system. They are extremely favorable. The two following are perhaps less familiar but equally bracing :

There is another valuable contribution to the question, also from the Pacific slope, in the shape of a letter from President Benjamin Ide Wheeler, of the University of California. Dr. Wheeler's previous connection with perhaps the greatest of fraternity colleges, Cornell, entitles his opinion to the greatest respect :

"There are at this date registered as students in the academic departments of this university, 2,095. There are twenty-six fraternities, and 429 students are members thereof."

Almost all of the officials who have answered Mr. Crawford's circular testify to this fact, which we find well summed up in the words of President Schurman, of Cornell :

"I find the fraternities helpful in the maintenance of a good spirit in the university and in the care they exercise over their weaker members. If, for instance, a student shows evidence of going wrong, a word to his fraternity brothers and the fellow is pulled into line far more quickly, and kept there far more effectively, than if he were called to account by a university officer, against whose authority he would in all probability rebel. And the fraternity which had such a wayward member would see to it, out of pride in its own name and traditions, that both name and traditions be kept unsullied in the future."

And this from Dean J. H. Penniman, of Pennsylvania, upon the advantage of a fraternity to the student, is in the same spirit :

"To be in familiar relations with older students and with officers of the university will usually mean that a boy avoids some mistakes and is saved from the worst consequences of others. Whether he gets good or bad out of his chapter life depends a good deal on the 'crowd.' But these forces are at work constantly : 1. The desire of the general fraternity to maintain a good chapter. 2. The desire of the alumni of the chapter to preserve its good name. 3. The belief on the part of everybody concerned, that in the long run gambling, drinking, and other excesses to which young men are prone, will ruin the good name of the chapter and its material prosperity. 4. The general belief, again, that it 'hurts the chapter' for a man to neglect his college work and get into difficulties with the authorities. But the tendency of fraternity influences, so long as they last, is for the good."

From Tufts :

"We have five fraternities among the men of the college, and three sororities among the women. About 50 per cent. of our students belong to these organizations. They are orderly and amenable to the rules of the college, and for my own part, I thoroughly believe in fraternity life among students, and I am certain that with all the perils that may attend them, they are an element for good. The loyalty of students to their *alma mater* is quickened by it, and the *esprit de corps* is increased. When I am consulted by either young men or young women about joining these organizations, I generally advise in favor of it. I should be extremely sorry to have anything occur that would take them out of our college."





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