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No. I.

WHAT MAKES THE CHRISTMAS-TIDE?

DO you know what gives the Christmas-tide its holy solemn cheer?

What makes this one day glitter like a star thro' all the year,
And downward to our little earth call God and Heaven near?

It cannot be the holly boughs, nor the gleaming mistletoe,
Tho' fairy land they make for us above the fire's red glow,
Where on dainty, waxen berries, the flickering shadows go.

And it is not in the chimes that ring from some dark ivied height,
Where silver-hearted bells sing out the joy of this dear night,
And mark with clear, sweet melody, the hours' swift-winged flight.

For upon some lonely winter waste may Christmas glory beam,
Or in the quiet church-yard o'er still mounds may Heaven gleam,
Till sorrow hides itself away, a fitful, troubled dream.

But the glad good-will that floated down, so many years ago,
And heavenly peace which weary lives and empty hands may
know,
Within the heart make Christmas, in the midst of winter snow.

NETTIE J. HUNT.

WOMEN IN LAW.

SO many articles have lately appeared treating of this subject, that it would be superfluous to enter into any detailed account of the women lawyers of our country. The January number of "*The Green Bag: a Useless but Entertaining Magazine for Lawyers,*"

published in Boston, contains an excellent article on the subject, with portraits of the principal women lawyers.

In the United States there are about four hundred women in the profession. In Boston there are three, two of whom are graduates of our own B. U. Law School. At present there are eight women taking the regular course in the Law School.

Among my childhood's fancies was one, that the Marine Hospital, standing half a mile away, on a low hill at the foot of a long street,— was the end of the world. And my horizon of law was bounded by the making out of deeds when occasionally a piece of land changed hands, or the trial of the criminal when a murder was committed. And I used to wonder what in the little legal world I had circumscribed so many lawyers found to do.

Both horizons have lifted and receded, as the years have passed, but it is only recently that I have been able to discern the legal horizon in its approximately proper place, and to see within it a very busy world, with plenty of material at hand to be manipulated by the skilful and trustworthy.

There is no more delightful study than that of law. There is in it an opportunity for even deeper enthusiasm than is possible in a college course. The latter may be compared to an artist's carrying on the painting of half a dozen pictures at once, working now a few hours on this one, then a few hours on that. While the law school course is like having before one a great stretch of canvas on which one grand picture is to be painted. For all the different subjects are branches of the one great study. And as the picture grows, and all the nice distinctions of light and shade absorb the attention, the artist's interest and enthusiasm grow with it.

Law might with great profit be adopted as one of the best studies to be pursued in order to gain a liberal education. It teaches one not to express himself dogmatically; to give attention and careful consideration to another's view of a matter, realizing that there are many sides to the same question. It impresses upon one the truth of the adage, "Speech is silvern, silence golden." It is the witness who talks and talks that the lawyer on the other side likes to get hold of and to cross-examine. It teaches one not to say arrogantly, "Well, I think so and so, and nothing you can say will make me think otherwise." The wisest judge will invite the youngest and greenest lawyer to express his opinion, and will hold

the decision in abeyance till he has heard and duly weighed his arguments.

Why should not women, as well as men, practice law? Let us narrow the inquiry a little. Why should not college women enter the profession? Certainly the fact that a college in good standing is willing to grant them its diploma is a presumption of a fair amount of intellectual ability. And when we consider that not more than one-third of the men who choose law for a profession have had the previous training that is given by a liberal course of study at college or in private, and that many young men who are successfully pursuing the study of law, should they present themselves for admission to our colleges, would be so thoroughly plucked that they would not have left on them a solitary feather wherewith to adorn themselves,—it would seem that our young college girls could begin the study of law with at least as good chances of being admitted to the bar as their fellow-students, the young men.

The chances of advancement for a young woman at the bar in Boston are greater than those of a young man of equal ability, from the fact that any success she may have will be magnified ten-fold in its results, because of her peculiar position. The attributes of the universal man have become well-defined, as a result of the study of a large number of individual men. But the number of women practicing law in one place is not yet large enough for the universal woman lawyer to have emerged from her nebulae of possibilities. Every one connected with the court-room is waiting for this "She" to manifest herself. Even the court officers are looking forward with the keenest interest to being present on the occasion when a woman lawyer shall first try a case before a Boston jury.

Women will naturally choose their specialties in the practice of law. Like the men, some will rarely appear in the arena of the court-room. Indeed, office practice, which includes the giving of advice, conveyancing, the care of estates, etc., is considered far more lucrative than the trial of cases. It is generally taken for granted that all women will prefer the more secluded position of the office practitioner. But we shall find that they will express themselves as naturally as men in the profession, and will find their proper places by the same unwritten law.

To me, the most interesting part of the practice is that chosen

by the "trial lawyer." What a trial lawyer Socrates would have made! How he would have revelled in our modern court-room! I believe he would not so willingly have swallowed his cup of hemlock, looking forward with delight to the privilege of cross-examining the inhabitants of the other world, had he been offered the opportunities that are afforded the modern attorney. With what exquisite delight and satisfaction would he have probed the false witness. With what skill would he have removed one foundation stone after another from beneath the structure of his fabrications!

Indeed the art of cross-examining a witness, and showing him up as Socrates would have done, is considered the highest, rarest, and most difficult art that must be practiced by a trial lawyer. The lack of proficiency in this art *may* be made up, and the case won, by a powerful argument to the jury. But a Socrates would win his case upon the witness-stand, and the argument would be superfluous.

Thoughtful people consider the study of human nature most desirable and interesting, and neglect no opportunity to pursue it. To this end they frequent the theatres, where every effort is made at truthful representation. But what miserable copies they get of the real article so freely exhibited every day in the court-room. There you see human nature as it is, with all its pretensions torn away. The false witness takes the stand with a stately and self-satisfied step, with the robes of righteousness wherewith he has adorned himself hanging about him in comely folds. He leaves it seeking vainly to hide his face behind those robes, which have become fluttering rags. He goes up a Dr. Jekyll; he comes down a Mr. Hyde.

College girls would do well to consider the profession of law, in deciding what to do when they become alumnae. They would find in it a wide field for development and usefulness.

*MEMORIES FROM BENEATH THE NORTHERN
STAR.*

THE storied traceries in Delft are mirrored in the hearth of deeper blue. I have brought my arm-chair here, where I may watch in firelit reflection the repassing of a day that was yesterday — and in other years.

Among the wheat-fields and mountains of the farther stretching West, between the ranches of Montana and the waters of the "Sound," dwell Kappas of old Comradine.

Out of that West one has come tonight, who sits beside me to speak of the dear and fleeting show of girlish days and delights. — who speaks, beside of days that were Kappas, and yet not mine.

We go back to those earliest times, when half a dozen of girls were formulating the fraternity idea, out of the chaos of school-girlism amid which Chi began her work, and speak of the ignorance we so long maintained, of the fraternity apart from our own chapter.

We laugh at the old provincialisms of which we were guilty, — and remember a day when Chi thought herself quite correct and exclusive in her devotion to one man's fraternity — a custom that made possible the writing of Chi Psi after so many of the matronly titles of our earliest Chi Kappas.

And then the initiations, in days antedating our present paraphernalia of mystery, and rites of ceremony. The days when the accession of new girls was but a beauteous excuse for "a party." The days when neophytes were arranged uncomfortably along the edge of a bed, bidden to listen to the reading of the ceremony — then hastily instructed as to "grip" — and spirited to the parlor to "receive the congratulations of our gentlemen friends."

The tradition of such ceremonies is half amusing, half aggravating to the Chi of this day with her pride in fraternity, and her progression in the matter of robes and candle light. Yet the Kappa of those days complacently delegated to Chi the same aroma of "good form" maintained by the Chi of eighteen ninety.

By *one* bond are we united in all years, "the list." Oh the agonies of fixing each girl upon one youth, to be invited to the pending festivity! Oh the discussions anent the inclusion of brothers and cousins. But to the Kappas of today, we of the old *régime*, award the laurel and the palm. They have solved the problem, and issue at one time invitations for two parties.

"The list," and the "party." Memories come strongly and swiftly now. She who sits opposite me, musing in sober garb of sea-blue serge, is transfigured. Fal-lals and ruffles in turquoise hue again relieve the clear young face, that a moment ago seemed graven by a half dozen or more of years. There are golden *fleur-*

de-lis buckling her high-heeled shoes — and I see her again in the glory of nineteen years.

But that was all so long ago! Those good “unknowing” days! The fraternity was weaker and Chi was wrapped up in her chapter life. Yet Germans and card parties and banquets were as possible then as now.

What dainty work it was, preparing for them! — buying prizes and concocting favors from slight material. It is almost worth being older to look back so, and view objectively a dozen fair young girls, working among brilliant-hued tissues — fashioning quaint caps, and fragrant *sachets* whose color but repeated the living light on cheek and lip, — in eye and hair.

Ah! — we often wasted our days and opportunities. We thought not broadly of fraternity life, as you of today. But we were happy — we were proud of Kappa — and some — some thought us fair and true, and worthy, even then, of our fraternity. My companion smiles — but does not speak. I wonder if her throat may not be aching too.

And now we remember the gayety of our April banquet, — and tell of the economies, when each girl contributed some rarity of gastronomic art, of her own handiwork, or, that of her mother’s cook.

Today, hotels and luxury, — and toasts galore!

But finally the larger thoughts of combining chapters, penetrated to us. One of us went far east to a convention, and came home an honorable member of the Grand Council. Enthusiasm possessed us; for two years we talked of a Minneapolis convention, for two years more we planned for it. On the twenty-second of August, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, we welcomed the outer hosts to our homes and hospitality, *some* to our hearts, but our hearths are withheld, in summer weather.

We worked and feasted together, wore our prettiest gowns and said the brightest things we could, in our guest’s behalf.

And Saturday morning we were dreadfully tired, yet we were rather delighted with ourselves.

Away back in our Senior year, before convention days a long time, there fell upon the active chapter an avalanche of romance, engagements, and marriages from our midst. Our sympathies and purses were drained. A paralyzing revelation met us at every turn.

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We too, by the fireside, are a little outside of the chapter life of today. Our old band of half a score is doubled and trebled by the Chi of the present time. Broader aims, more consecutive work is theirs than ours. They welcome us to reunions, furnish a chapter-house, and look to larger interests. Still we were happy *then*.

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The cameos in blue are dimmer now. I hold out my hand to that of my friend of the old days, but there is no answering clasp, and her corner is quite deserted. Memory and I are here, while the North Star gleams coldly — vanishes, glows again warmly.

It is late — nay, early.

The Parthenon.

ΑΙ ΚΟΡΑΙ ΑΘΗΝΗΣ.

ONE of the things that one hears often, yet has always to learn by individual experience, is the fact that the successive years of college life really possess marked characteristics of their own.

From the Inside, Out. We remember being told some time ago that the junior year was in many respects the most enjoyable and satisfactory. And now, with something of the feeling of an original discoverer, we begin to recognize the truth of the tradition.

Junior year has brought us an entirely new sense of the duties of fraternity life and chapter life. It almost seems as if we had never before had any clear sight of the meaning of fraternity. There was the first year in Kappa when we were very happy, quite oblivious of anything we ought to do besides enjoying new friendships and submitting our judgment to that of the older girls. Then the second year when there was no longer the charm of novelty, its place being taken by the satisfaction of more intimate knowledge, and added responsibilities. But not until junior year did we reach the assurance of being able to see plainly and act independently in the chapter without fear of doing harm or making unforgivable blunders. At the same time came also a thorough conviction that the real prosperity of a chapter lies in the nobility of its inner life, — the inner life of every individual member, and of the chapter as

a whole. Growth must be the growth of living things, from the inside, out, the soul building for itself the body. Only by being something at least of what we aim at being, is there a possibility of accomplishing any external good whatever, or of attracting to ourselves those whom we wish as our successors.

This little piece of one Kappa's experience is written down because she has a desire to share with her friends in Kappa something that makes itself felt in her thoughts as truth.

E. A. T.

Is it a mere toy — this fraternity life — something we are to enjoy and use for our pleasure while we are in college only? No, **Fraternity** emphatically. My fraternity is in a great measure **Life.** my life; and it can no more be left behind me like a cast-off garment, when my college days are over, than the impress of the eagle can be erased from the glistening gold coin. In truth, it lies closer to my life than that, it is a very part of me and cannot be taken away without taking also the greater part of my life.

Practically, what help does my fraternity give me? Let me ask a question. Is there anything inspiring, strengthening, ennobling in the very consciousness that you belong to a body of young women, who are striving, throughout our country, as best they know how, to make women stronger, nobler and of more use to the world? Could you belong to such a society and not feel the prouder for it? My fraternity gives me something definite to work for, to love and cherish. My best thoughts are for her advancement.

Still it is not all giving. I get a great deal more. My labor and thought are more than rewarded by the close friendships there formed — not only among those whom I see every day, but also with some whom, perchance, I have never seen nor will see till the golden chain be complete.

These friendships give a broadening influence that never comes amiss. With the variety of ideas you meet from the widely separated sisters you cannot remain narrow-minded. The very love which we have pledged to one another opens our hearts wide and they cannot close again.

Are pleasant memories any comfort or help? How many you will have when college days are ended, sweet thoughts of the dear old hall and bright pictures of the noble-hearted girls gathered there. Our whole life may be tempered and sweetened by these

memories. One stanza from my favorite Kappa song expresses my thought :

“ In the future years, my sisters,
 When life's busy path we tread,
 May the thought of Kappa Gamma
 Round our hearts much sunshine spread.
 Let the happy school-days passing
 Naught but peace and love contain,
 So in Memory's golden casket
 Only golden thoughts remain.”

Nor should this be all. Memory is in itself or may be, at least, a blessing ; but there is nothing alive or active about it. The true fraternity woman will take just as much interest after she has left college as she had while in. I do not say she will *do* as much but that she will *feel* as much. The ideal alumnæ would be those who could keep up an intimate knowledge of their chapter so as to be able to guide the younger girls, though not necessarily govern them. They should be willing to work along with the active members and give them sisterly counsel. Never allow any feeling of coolness to grow up between a chapter and her alumnæ, and we shall have indeed a true Fraternity which shall be a power for good.

BETA NU.

With the increasing age of a fraternity, there are correspondingly increasing wants. As the number of chapters increases
 Chapter
 Houses, there comes first the need of a fraternity magazine to bind them more closely together. Then as the number of alumnæ and associate members increases the need of a fraternity catalogue to furnish biographies is felt.

And, as the number of active and associate members of each individual chapter increases, the need of a chapter-house is seen. They no longer depend upon a hidden secret feeling to connect them, though strong this feeling undoubtedly is. But they call for a material expression of these sentiments. The tangible will ever have the greatest influence upon mortals. They want a home, a real earthly house, around which the pleasant recollections of college days may cluster, and where we may always feel a loving welcome awaiting us.

But how shall we get them ? It takes only a natural human

heart to feel the need of one, but it takes an extraordinary, practical head to find the most effectual plan for procuring one.

To my mind the greatest thing to be done in this matter is to appeal to our sisters in active life. The thing necessary here is financial aid, and certainly more can be expected from those engaged in the active pursuits of life, than from the student, whose time being employed in study, cannot but be seeing accounts decrease. Not that the active members ought not and cannot do something, but more can be done by *alumnæ*. And no hesitancy ought to be felt, because we may appear to be asking for something, that is only to benefit us personally. For those who are most active in the work of establishing a chapter-house, do not remain to enjoy it. And what would it matter, whether one were an *alumnæ* of one year or of a year sometime before it. One who has been separated from her chapter five years ought to have as much interest in it, as one who has been away but one year.

Were one to neglect the feeling of loyalty and devotion to one's fraternity, one certainly could find no better way of doing good than to do something conducive to the welfare of those girls in college who are to be the leaders in the future. Improve them and we cannot but improve our nation and the world at large.

Many plans may be united in realizing the establishment of chapter-houses, but certainly that of soliciting our *alumnæ* cannot be unfruitful of encouraging results.

XI.

Greeks, that is such good, modern, civilized Greeks as we are, form an almost indispensable adjunct of college life, as the recent **Fraternity** KEY has said. We are also a complacent nation with **Politics.** a very proper pride in our many reforms upon the evil ways of the savage "barbs." But don't you know, fellow-citizens, that every great people has its besetting sins and do you realize yours?

Fraternity politics are in a very sorry condition. Hardly a fraternity but thinks little of electioneering by the most shady methods to get its own candidate into office. "It is to the honor of the fraternity to be represented in the places of honor." How many "honors" for a dishonorable thing? The fraternity may know that its candidate is not as capable for the duties of the office as the man of the neighboring fraternity or one of the not-in-the-

least-to-be-despised barbs; but it considers its duty to be toward its own members merely instead of the members of the universe around it. Man owes a debt which he cannot slight, to the progress of humanity.

Do fraternities see that they are simply enacting on a smaller scale the scenes of the great world's political tragedies? When they do, they are inclined to look upon the whole as a youthful comedy. It is not a comedy, and if you are honest you will face it in all its true and dreadful meaning.

Why, I know a young man who entered college with the most wholesome ideas about the politics of the United States, but forgot to apply them to the politics of college life. He is now the veriest trickster that ever drew breath and should he ever enter our country's politics, the tone of America's public life will suffer. And when you consider that there are hundreds of such young men!

Here is some work for us girls. For we, from divers causes are almost exempt from this evil and for the sake of our womanhood ought to be entirely so. Let us free ourselves from all taint and then use our influence around us. Girls have an active part in college politics and can do a work of purification that will extend into the broader life ensuing.

The way of the reformer is hard we know, and our chapter may lose half a dozen much to be desired honors, but it will gain respect and usefulness not limited by college walls.

CHI.

College and Fraternity Notes.

THE description of the University of Minnesota clipped from the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* will be of special interest to the readers of THE KEY. The university is the home of Chi, one of the strongest chapters in our fraternity and for two years after its establishment (in 1880) without a rival in the institution:

"The university of Minnesota is situated in the city of Minneapolis, on the eastern bank of the Mississippi river, nearly a mile below the historic, but now very practical Falls of St. Anthony, — the same that Father Louis Hennepin in 1645 blessed and named after his patron saint, Anthony of Padua. The campus covers a

space of about forty-five acres and offers unusually fine opportunities for beautification. The number of students is now a few over one thousand. Including the lecturers in law and medicine the faculty numbers 117. There are twenty-seven regular professors, seventeen lecturers in the law department, including the dean; forty-eight in the college of medicine, including the departments of homœopathy and dentistry; eleven professors and instructors at the agricultural experiment station, and some four or five miscellaneous teachers, including a professor of military science. Tuition is free, except in law and medicine, a fee of \$5 a year for incidental expenses being the only charge. That may account in large measure for the marvellous increase in attendance, but superior advantages in instruction, one may be sure, have constituted the fundamental sources of strength. Poor fly-paper, though it may be given away, will not catch flies. The university consists, at the present time, of a college of science, literature and arts, in which there are three courses of study, called classical, scientific and literary; a college of agriculture and a college of mechanic arts, with courses in civil, mechanical, electrical and mining engineering (provisions for these last two colleges having been expressly stipulated in the land grant of the general government, as at Cornell and elsewhere); a college of medicine and a college of law. The law department is exceptionally strong and is described at length by Dean Pattee in the April number of the *Green Bag*. Post-graduate instruction, for students of her own or other colleges, is also provided. The library contains about 25,000 volumes. The museums embrace very gratifying collections of geological, mineralogical, zo-ological and other specimens, the geological and natural history survey of the state being fortunately in charge of the university. The buildings number seven, the latest acquisitions being as handsome and appropriate specimens of architecture as can be found anywhere. There is a main or academic building of stone 168 feet in length and 90 feet in breadth, in which many of the recitations are held and the chapel service conducted. The College of Mechanic Arts building is of red brick with brown stone trimmings, comprising two stories and a basement, twenty rooms in all including drawing-room and laboratories. But by far the most imposing and best equipped building is the science hall and museum, which has only lately been erected at a cost of \$150,000. This is the noble gift of ex-Gov. John S. Pillsbury. Rich brown.

stone is the material, and the edifice extends 245 feet in length, and is 70 feet in breadth. A law building, 80 by 140 feet, of Roman brick, is also a late acquisition. Near by is the handsome little brown-stone chapel of the Students' Christian Association. A new \$100,000 chemical and physical laboratory, 190 feet front, has been building during the year and will be ready for occupancy in the Fall. A military building, called the Coliseum, on account of its amphi-theatrical form, is situated a little distance north of the main university building. It is used for military instruction, being the largest drill hall in the country. It is put to good advantage at the time of commencement exercises, being capable of seating 3,500 people. Still another building on the campus is the old agricultural college, containing several laboratories and class rooms. The new agricultural college and the experimental farm are about two miles east of the university in the direction of St. Paul. The latter consists of 250 acres, on which is also a cosy farm-house and other buildings. The entire surroundings are almost ideal from an agricultural point of view.

"How different all this from the doubtful beginnings of the university! It was in February of 1851 that the territorial legislature passed a law providing for the establishment of the University of Minnesota. A few days later Congress appropriated land for its support, but in view of the paucity of the settlers, as well as their poverty this 'horoscopic' provision seemed a hollow mockery. In 1851, however, a preparatory department was opened, and in 1856 the south wing of the present main building was erected. The panic of 1857 left the building unoccupied for several years, and the Civil War turned attention away from the institution. But in 1864, the legislature appointed a committee with full power to sell the property and pay debts, and so wisely did the committee work that in 1867 they were able to report all the indebtedness liquidated by the sale of lands. In October, 1867, the preparatory department was again opened with three teachers, and in the summer of 1869 a faculty of nine gentlemen entered upon the work of the college proper.

"The president of the university from 1869 to 1884 was William W. Folwell, LL.D., who is now the professor of political science and librarian of the university. The present 'prexy' is Cyrus Northrop, LL.D., a graduate of Yale, and a very able administrator. He is surrounded by one of the strongest faculties that can

be found in any college of similar size in this country. Instruction is offered to both young men and young women, and the students flock to the halls of learning from all over Minnesota and neighboring states. The present roll of fraternities includes Beta Theta Pi, 1889; Chi Psi, 1874; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 1889; Delta Tau Delta, 1883; Phi Gamma Delta, 1890; Phi Kappa Psi, 1888, and Sigma Chi, 1888. Psi Upsilon is to enter shortly and, it may be, before this issue appears has 'swung' a local society, known as Theta Phi. The sororities are Kappa Kappa Gamma, 1880; Delta Gamma, 1882; Kappa Alpha Theta, 1889." To this list of sororities add Pi Beta Phi, spring of 1890, and Alpha Phi, fall of 1890.

On the 15th of September, 1890, Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Phi was founded at Minnesota State University. The initiation which took place in the private parlors of the Holmes Hotel, was followed by a banquet in the Ladies' Ordinary. The mysteries of Alpha Phi were disclosed and Epsilon chapter duly launched by Mary Moore, '85, Henrietta Coone, '87, Olive Finley, '91, and Ida Staver, '92, all of Beta Chapter.

The following young ladies had the honor of being the charter members of the new chapter:—Miss Rebecca Baker, '89, Misses Grace Chapman, Rosa Bebb and Myrtle Connor, '91, Miss Helen Hayes, '93, and Misses Mamie Steele, Ida Husted and Grace Brooks, '94. The new chapter of Alpha Phi was most cordially received by the Greek world at the University, many students, members of the various fraternities, expressing themselves as highly pleased that Alpha Phi had concluded to join their ranks.

The chapter was founded under auspicious circumstances and with material which assures its success. Epsilon is proud of her sorority and trusts that very soon she may be second to none, not only among her rivals but among her own sisters. The growth of Minnesota State University, the home of Epsilon chapter, has been as marvellous as that of the city in which it is located—the finest and most progressive city of the Northwest. It is probably no exaggeration to assert that no other institution of like character has advanced so rapidly and symmetrically within the past five years. It is sharing in the wonderful growth of the whole Northwest which prizes nothing more highly than its educational development.

The number of students at the University, which is but twenty years old with no preparatory department, is about twelve hundred. That it is no longer an institution struggling for existence nor one pleading for recognition, is demonstrated by an entering class of one hundred and ninety.— *Alpha Phi Quarterly*.

Nothing in this country more astonishes an English university-bred man than our college yells. He never takes the practice as a bit of American fun, but seriously sets to work to prove how even educated Americans follow the customs of the savage Indian, his war-whoop being perpetuated in the college yell.— *The Palm*.

President Adams, of Cornell, says the average standing of women is higher than that of men.

The year promises to be a prosperous one. The Spooner legacy of a quarter of a million falls due the university this fall. General McCook, of New York, has promised the Athletic Association \$10,000 for a gymnasium, on condition the association raise \$10,000. Charters of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi (the scientific society) have been granted the university.— *University of Kansas Correspondent of Phi Beta Phi Arrow*.

The University Magazine is publishing in monthly instalments the revised edition of Mr. Baird's "American College Fraternities."

Beta Theta Pi established a chapter at the University of Cincinnati May 30th. The initiates were organized three years ago as a local society, named Chi Xi Sigma or Hour Glass. At the end of a year it entered Beta Theta Pi as a dispensation and has just now become a full-fledged chapter. The present chapter is the successor of the old Cincinnati chapter established in 1840, at the old Cincinnati College. This chapter was organized one year after the foundation of the fraternity at Miami in 1839, and died when the Cincinnati institution closed its doors.— *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

The year just closed has indeed been both a memorable and successful one — memorable in the fact that all the Michigan chapters have decided to hold a yearly convention, and that our chapter has had the honor of entertaining the brothers in the first convention; also that the two ladies' fraternities — Kappa Kappa

Gamma and Delta Delta Delta — and the two gentlemen's Fraternities — Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Tau Omega — met for the first time in a Pan-Hellenic reception. A chapter of the ladies' fraternity, Delta Delta Delta, was organized here with nine members, and several additions have been made since.—*Alpha Tau Omega Correspondent of Palm.*

The total enrolment at Dr. Pauw University for '90-91 is 1038.

Northwestern University was never in a more prosperous condition than it is today. During the summer quite a sum was expended in improving the campus. Several new recitation rooms have recently been fitted up for the accommodation of the entering class, a large class being expected. The greatest expectations have been realized for the class of 94 already numbers 175, being the largest class that ever entered the institution.—*Sigma Chi Quarterly.*

Ann Arbor has experienced some changes during the summer. Most important among these is the electric railway, the wonder and admiration of the whole town. It is soon to be extended to Ypsilanti, and will doubtless be a great convenience to those who are in the habit of making pilgrimages thither. We also have a college daily paper, one of the three or four in the country. Our two weeklies, the *Chronicle* and the *Argonaut* have been united into one. The addition to the chemical laboratory is finished and in use this semester. The term of study in the law and medical department has been made a year longer. The requirements for admission are also to be raised. There is a movement now on foot to promote the better acquaintance of the women of the different departments with each other, and also to bring them more directly under the influence of the faculty ladies, but the movement is hardly well started yet, so we can say little about it.—*Delta Gamma Anchora.*

In the latter part of July, at the time of full moon, a pan-Hellenic excursion to Cleveland Heights, "Oak View," was given by Columbia Alpha. Besides our own chapter, and our sister, Miss Grace Grosvenor, from Ohio Alpha, there were with us the Alpha Phis, Misses Allen and Carraway, and Miss Noble, an ex-Grand Secretary of Kappa Kappa Gamma, who proved to be a brilliant acquisition. The evening passed all too quickly, though not with-

out the happy suggestion that we meet again this winter, perhaps at joint meetings, or at a pan-Hellenic banquet.—*Columbian University Correspondent of Pi Beta Phi Arrow* (Washington, D. C.)

An item is going the rounds of the fraternity press relative to the membership of President Garfield in Delta Upsilon and of his sons in Alpha Delta Phi. The explanation is trite but plain. The Delta Upsilon chapter at Williams was killed by the war and was not revived till the fall of '83, two years after the elder Garfields had entered college and joined the Alpha Deltas. Their tutor, Mr. Brown, who married Miss Mollie Garfield, was an Alpha Delta Phi.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

Is Delta Upsilon a fraternity or a sorority? Evidence of malformation is contained in the Lehigh letter to the *Quarterly* of that society: "We are proud to announce to Delta U. an acquisition we have lately made, in the initiation, at the house of Brother Adams, of two charming young ladies—loyal to Delta U. they have always been, and now by their vows so they will ever remain. It is unfortunate that we must withhold names, but such is the case. We merely mention the fact, however, as an additional inducement for any brother passing this way to stop over and see us."—*Chi Phi Quarterly*.

The University of Michigan, large as it is, is still growing. The officers who have the registering in charge have estimated that when the rolls are complete, there will be twenty-four hundred (2,400) students in the U. of M.—*Sigma Chi Quarterly*.

President Carter, of Williams, after Williamstown had voted to grant two liquor licenses, quietly bought up said licenses and no saloons were opened.

Johns Hopkins has accepted the \$100,000 given by women to open the Medical School, with the condition upon which it was presented—namely that women be admitted to the School.

Among the lecturers connected with the university extension movement at the University of Pennsylvania, are James Russell Lowell, Professor Royce of Harvard, Professor Boyesen, and Richard G. Moulton, the Cambridge University extension lecturer.

Beta Theta Pi is said to have its eye on Zeta Phi, a local society at the University of Missouri, with a view to absorbing it as a chapter.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

The faculty at O. S. U. this year will remain about the same as last. The doors of our chemical laboratory were thrown open at the beginning of the year, and the poor freshman forgets for an instant that there are such things as "cons" and "flunks" on account of his magnificent surroundings. We are going to make a great stride in athletics this year. The trustees have appointed a committee of three from the faculty, to draw up plans for enclosed athletic grounds and a race track, with grand-stand attachment. We hope to have everything in order in time for inter-collegiate field-day, which is to be held here in the spring.—*Sigma Chi Quarterly*.

It is reported that Theta Phi, a strong local chapter at the University of Minnesota, will soon be absorbed by Psi Upsilon.

Cornell University has had another gift from Henry W. Sage of \$200,000 in addition to his previous one of \$60,000 for the establishment of a department of philosophy. His gifts to the institution now aggregate more than a million of dollars. The treasurer's report represents that there is an endowment of about \$6,000,000, and an annual income of \$500,000. There are 100,000 volumes in the library, for which there will be a new building ready next spring. The new chemical laboratory has been opened. Dr. J. G. Schurman has been elected dean of the new department of Philosophy. Dr. Charles M. Tyler, pastor of the Congregational church in Ithaca, has been chosen Professor of the History of Religious and Christian Ethics; George W. Harris, librarian; Herbert Tuttle, Professor of Modern European History; George L. Burr, Assistant Professor of Ancient and Mediæval History; and Dr. Albert Schurz, Professor of the History of Institutions and of International Law.

Chapter Letters.

BETA BETA — ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

The convention so much anticipated is an event of the past, but not soon to be forgotten.

We still tire our delegate, now the Grand President, with ceaseless questions, for she always has something new to tell us, with which to inspire zeal and enthusiasm.

With the Grand President as an active member, we feel sure that '91 will be a prosperous year for Beta Beta.

Another circumstance which will render this convention especially memorable to Beta Beta is the fact that she was christened with a new name.

We began the year with nine active members and after the usual fall house-cleaning was finished, we turned our attention to prospective Kappas.

Our new members are: Anna M. Brown, '92; Gertrude E. Pierce, '93; Helen E. Jackson, '93. We have taken no Freshmen as yet.

We are happy to announce that Charlotte Kimball, who entered with the class of '92, and last year attended Elmira College, is with us again, and will graduate with '92.

Monday evening, October 13, a reception and banquet was tendered the Grand President at the home of Miss Mary Atwood. It was also made the occasion of the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the founding of the fraternity.

It was pleasant to know that the evening was being spent in a similar manner by all the chapters.

Thursday evening, October 30, the Misses Atwood entertained the Kappas and members of Beta Theta Pi, at their home. An "observation party" was the order of the evening, and favorite songs by an alumni Beta Theta Pi quintette entertained the guests.

A decidedly novel and mysterious evening was spent with Mrs. Sims, a resident Kappa, on Hallowe'en. The games peculiar to the night were played, and the occasion is memorable for the revision of the yell. It was formerly, to some extent, a chapter yell, and now it conforms more nearly to those of other chapters.

We were most delightfully surprised a few weeks since by receiv-

ing a beautiful white owl, presented to the chapter by Miss May Eaton of Boston.

The thing which we now most desire and long for is a chapter-house ; although we often discuss the question, it seems hardly practicable with our present force.

PERSONALS.

Florence J. Lee, '82, is teaching vocal music at Lombard University, Illinois.

Gertrude Lee, '85, is teacher of drawing in the State Normal School at Fredonia, N. Y.

Mrs. Emily Eaton Hepburn, '85, has a little daughter,—another prospective Kappa.

Rose M. Libby, '90, is attending the State Normal School at Potsdam, N. Y.

Allie Walker, '90, is teaching at St. Regis Falls, N. Y.

Jessie N. Stiles, '90, is teaching at Alexandria Bay, N. Y.

Maude Wigglesworth, '90, is teaching in the Union School at Canton, N. Y.

BETA GAMMA — WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

The fall term opened with thirteen enthusiastic Kappas who were all ready for work in college and in fraternity.

Owing to the large number of new students there was more material for the fraternities to work on ; consequently Beta Gamma had her full share of " spiking " and was successful indeed. Although we lost from our circle five members, whom we miss very much, still we rejoice to have found six new members to take their places. The following are the names of our fall initiates :— Mary Stambauch, '94, Bessie Prestly, a special student, Florida Parsons, '94, Bessie Johnson, a special student, Harriet Agater, '94, and Minnie Frazer, a special student. Beta Gamma spent a most delightful evening at the home of Florida Parsons, September 21. Dancing was the chief amusement.

For literary work we have taken up the study of the magazines, which we find very interesting. Several of the girls are appointed to read the articles and to report upon them. Thus many pleasant evenings are spent.

Our first few evenings were passed in listening to our delegate's

account of the convention. We regret that we could not all have been there.

The first fraternity party this fall was given by Kappa Kappa Gamma on Hallowe'en at the home of Bessy Prestly. It was a library party, and the girls were dressed to represent different books. Each of the young men received a catalogue tied with the Kappa colors, in which were the names of the books. The books were then called for, each being allowed to be kept out five minutes. After we had unmasked and eaten supper, dancing and other amusements were enjoyed.

PERSONALS.

Ola Esterly and Mila Yoder, both formerly active members of Beta Gamma, visited us for several days. Miss Yoder was on her way to Oberlin College.

BETA DELTA — UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Beta Delta — the baby Beta Delta — greets her sisters now for the first time through the pages of THE KEY. You all know how under the fostering care of our god-parents, Psi and Phi, we came into being and now live; and by recalling your own early days you can readily imagine the work and pleasures of this first month of our existence.

It is not yet five weeks since our initiation, but they have been weeks of such earnest work on the part of our own members, and such hearty co-operation on the part of the sisters who are with us from other chapters, that our early fears and hesitations have disappeared long ago. We still feel that we are very young and need a great deal of sisterly advice and care, but the cordial welcome that we have received from the other fraternities at the University and the knowledge that our own sisters are eagerly watching our progress and success, has given us more confidence in ourselves.

There are fourteen of us — two graduates, three seniors, three juniors, four sophomores and two freshmen. Two of these are to be studying out of town this year, so our second initiation was hastened that they might be with us and help us in it.

University work has been very pressing for all of us during these opening weeks of college, and our fraternity meetings have been confined to business, omitting all literary work until other

things should be in better order. Questions are continually coming up to surprise us, but we meet them as best we can in our inexperience, and look to see how our sisters have met them. We know that we cannot avoid making some mistakes, but we shall watch to have them as few as possible, and we hope that our infantile efforts may be forwarded as they have already been by the kind wishes and advice of our sisters and friends.

EPSILON — ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

College opened with an unusually large attendance. There are many new students among us, but few who are eligible for the fraternities.

On the 22d of September, Phi Delta Theta entertained their friends of Kappa Kappa Gamma in a delightful manner, one of the prettiest features being the refreshments, which were gotten up in the fraternity colors — blue and white.

Another enjoyable event was a whist party given at the home of Miss Belle Marsh.

The Inter-collegiate Contest was held at Bloomington, the 2d and 3d of October. During the day athletic sports, held at the Fair Grounds, were the source of much excitement. On the evening of the 3d occurred the regular contest. I. W. U. has reason to remember the occasion since her representative won first place, and will represent Illinois at the Inter-state Contest.

Epsilon regrets the departure of Nellie Knapp, who left us to attend Northwestern University.

The rivalry between the college classes is much more vigorous than in former years. Even the "preps" are catching the spirit.

Owing to an agreement between the women's fraternities, Epsilon can report no new members till November 20.

BETA ZETA — IOWA UNIVERSITY.

The girls of Beta Zeta send greetings to their sisters of the fraternity and hearty wishes for a prosperous and successful college year.

It was with joy that those of us who returned to the S. U. I. met each other, but we sadly miss those who did not return to us. We have now ten active members. We point with pride to our two new members, Vida Schaffer and Jessamine Jones, whom we initiated

into the rights and privileges of Kappahood on September 19. Katie Shuman is also pledged to us, but her initiation has been postponed on account of the sudden death of her father.

Alice Calvin is at home this year and the Kappas received her back, rejoicingly into the ranks of the active members.

The girls of Beta Zeta were glad to welcome Mrs. Neff, wife of Prof. Neff, feeling that Iota's loss has been our gain.

Bertha Nichols is attending college this year in Eureka, Ill.

The Kappas have accepted this year the invitation of the members of Phi Delta Theta to share with them the use of their halls, and the large prettily furnished rooms add much to the enjoyment of our meetings.

The Kappas celebrated Hallowe'en by a taffy-pull to which the Phi Deltas were invited and all enjoyed themselves very much.

We have as yet taken up no regular line of work, as all have been very busy with college work. The S. U. I. has an increase of students this term, and many improvements are being made. The new chemical building and the new Y. M. C. A. building are being pushed rapidly forward, and when completed will form a most desirable addition to the university. Everything indicates a most prosperous year.

ETA — WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY.

Eta has entered another prosperous year, six new girls raising the number of active members to twenty-two. In general rushing affairs we have met with our usual success, and now retire from the field well pleased with our freshmen, Clara B. Grant, Elizabeth Parmer, Agnes Bassett, Jessie Griffith, Anna Wyman, and Sadie Newcome.

Eta celebrated the anniversary of the establishment of Kappa by giving a banquet to all city alumnæ. Thirty-five were at the board and fraternity feeling ran high. The following toasts were heartily responded to: "Kappa from the standpoint of an Alumna," Miss Hill; "Our Freshmen," Ellen B. Turner; "Our Ideal," Helen West; "Kappa Life, that of True Womanhood," Julia A. Armstrong. Blanche Powers presided as toastmistress.

The visit of Miss Margaret Dodge of Phi, was much enjoyed by the chapter.

Harriet Remington, for the past two years fellow in German, is

pursuing her studies in Germany. Julia Armstrong has been elected junior orator from Laurian Literary Society. Helen Thorp holds a position on the Annual board for 1891.

Of the many pleasant social gatherings of this term a luncheon given by Edith Locke, a tea by Elizabeth Parmer and evening companies at the rooms of Flora Mosely and Jennie Pitman stand preëminent.

THETA — MISSOURI UNIVERSITY.

Theta sends greeting to all her sister chapters and earnest wishes for their prosperity and happiness.

Vacation ended found six of the old girls back in college, loyal and anxious to work for Kappa.

Since the opening of the term we have initiated into our mystic circle Lelia Britt, a very talented girl and one who will be an honor to the fraternity.

The year thus far has been very quiet and uneventful. Though we have become acquainted with many new girls, Theta, as usual, has refrained from "rushing" that she might be surer whom she selects for her future support. We have been offered a room in the University for our chapter-room, and hope soon to have it snugly fitted up.

Laura Long is teaching in Columbia.

Etta Hancock is spending the winter in Virginia.

Jessie Lyon is studying art in New York.

IOTA — DE PAUW UNIVERSITY

Iota began what promises to be a most prosperous year with twenty-six active members. We miss several familiar faces in addition to those of our three seniors who were graduated in June. Eleanor F. Wright is attending Earlham College this term, but we hope to have her with us again in the next.

Jessie L. Montgomery is teaching at her home in Jeffersonville, Ind.

Miss Susan G. Kelly has returned after two years' study abroad and occupies the position of Professor of Piano-forte, Harmony and Counter-point in the Music School.

Miss Rosa Marquis fills her old position as Professor of the Violin.

On the afternoon of October 3, Iota was royally entertained by the local chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta.

The Alpha Phis held their convention at De Pauw this fall. We have only praises and best wishes for our sister fraternity. Judged by her delegates and visiting members, Alpha Phi should be a mighty power in the fraternity world.

The "spike" this year has been unusually close, but we came out with flying colors.

Owing to the number of our chapter, which is already large, we have been more careful than usual, if possible, in selecting our new members. We take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity Laura Bezelle, Lizzie Reet and Nellie Cowgill. We shall hold our first initiation Thursday evening, November 6.

Iota will be "at home" to friends, on the first Friday evening of each month during the first semester.

Iota extends greetings to her sister-chapters together with best wishes for their prosperity.

KAPPA — HILLSIDE COLLEGE.

Again the girls of Kappa have come back from their homes to the dear old college, and although our number is small and we miss from our circle many whom we had with us last year, those who remain are full of zeal and interest.

The opening of college brought many new and pleasant faces, but we sadly miss Professor Haynes, for a long time the head of the Mathematical Department, who has accepted a position in the Houghton Mining School, for this year.

Miss Mabel Damey, who was not with us last year, is again in school.

We have one initiate, Celeste Brackett of Harper's Ferry, of whom we are justly proud.

On Saturday evening, November 1, Kappa gave a reception at the house of Mrs. C. M. C. Andrews. In a company of forty all the fraternities of the college were represented, besides a few friends of Kappa who are outside the Grecian door. Refreshments were served, after which the time was spent in singing and conversation until eleven o'clock.

LAMBDA — BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

The fall term opened with twelve active members of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

During the first of this term Phi Delta Theta presented us with a handsome rattan rocker.

Some fine reports were made by our delegate, Mertie Barker, regarding the convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma, held at Bloomington last August.

Miss Alice Cary Slade attended the convention at Bloomington, Ill.

Lambda chapter observed the twentieth anniversary of Kappa Kappa Gamma, by wearing a unique badge of light and dark blue ribbon bearing the year '70 and the letters Kappa Kappa Gamma; also by giving a social on the following Friday evening, at which a delightful literary programme was presented.

Our hall is much improved in appearance by the addition of a new picture of our chapter.

Lena Warner of '93, one of our most popular girls, is at present studying music in New York.

Our chapter was delightfully entertained, Friday evening, October 24, at the pleasant home of one of our members,— Laura Findley.

Since our last letter we have pledged the following girls: Miss Bertholf, '94; Miss Herriff, '94; Miss Schuman, '94; Miss Wirick, '94; Miss Stigmeyer, '94; Miss Bell, 96.

MU — BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

Mu began the year with nine active members, one associate member and one alumna.

India Martz, '90, is assistant principal in the High School at Chippewa Falls, Wis., and is very pleasantly situated.

Tace Meeker, '90, is at her home in Sullivan, Ill.

Jessica Shadomy is not with us this year, having moved to Greeley, Col.

On October 7, three loyal girls were received into the bonds. Grace Maxwell, a freshman, who graduated with the honors of her class at the High School of Duluth, Minn.; Emma Johnson, a freshman of Irvington, and Flora Hay, sophomore, a graduate of

the Indianapolis High School. After the initiation, the Misses Braden entertained the chapter and a number of gentlemen.

On October 3, Delta Tau Delta held a pleasant reception, at which Kappa Kappa Gamma was well represented.

Hallowe'en was celebrated by a "Masquerade Party" given by the Athenians.

The Kappa catalogues have been received and are admirable for their beauty and completeness.

The late convention has increased our enthusiasm; the benefits of fraternity life are more apparent than ever. Epsilon proved herself a most hospitable hostess, and made the occasion one to be always remembered with pleasure by delegates and visitors.

Mu is pleased that the opportunity will be afforded her to evince her good-will and hospitality in assisting to entertain the Kappa Kappa Gamma Convention of '92 at Indianapolis.

We have arranged a course of literary work, which we expect to make profitable as well as interesting. This term we have conversations, the leaders and the topics being selected two weeks in advance.

Misses Murry and Iden were chosen on the staff of the *Butler Collegian*.

BETA NU—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter, four of our members, Alice Beach, as delegate, Alberta Garber, Louise Merrill and Mignon Talbot have experienced something new to them in fraternity life—the convention. Their praises of Bloomington and the Epsilon girls have been ringing in our ear constantly, and we only wish that all of the chapter might have been there.

Of our last year's graduates, two are away teaching, Alice Moodie in the High School of Circleville and Nellie Talbot in that of Dresden, Ohio. Mabel Basterdes is still with us.

Our number of active members is comparatively small, Carrie Wright and Clara Byers having left college for the present. The former paid us a short visit a few weeks ago, which we all enjoyed very much.

The anniversary of both Kappa Kappa Gamma and Beta Nu was celebrated by a gathering at the home of our one "married sister," Mrs. Geo. H. Cless. To say that we had a regular Kappa

time is enough, and we have voted in consequence to hold such social meetings at least twice each term so as to develop the social side of our fraternity life.

Our chapter-room is at last a reality, and we do not now see how we could have been without it all this time. The crowning piece of furniture is a piano very kindly offered to us for temporary use by Iota chapter of Chi Phi. Kappa songs will now cause Kappa walls to vibrate more frequently, and we shall be better prepared for that "mystic proceeding" which we shall soon undertake to work out. Other breasts will shortly be decked with the "blue and blue" and other hearts beat under the "golden key."

As the initiation will occur before this meets the eye of sister Kappas, we shall introduce the girls now: Cora Gale, Gertrude Kellicott and Maude V. Smith.

XI — ADRIAN COLLEGE.

Students on their return to college found many improvements in the grounds and buildings. Classes never were organized with more system and less waste of time. This is due to the great foresight and untiring energy of our newly elected president, Prof. McCulloch.

The Kappas were not unaffected by the zeal of those around them. The first Saturday evening found them all in our chapter-hall, planning for the year's work. Our ranks are not greatly depleted by the loss of those who have left us; there still remain enough to carry on the work zealously and successfully.

We find much desirable material in the field, and so far have added one new member, Ida Haley, to our number. Her influence has been found indispensable. Before the term closes others will be happy wearers of the blue and blue.

We find the convention has increased the interest greatly. The only thing to be regretted is that all could not attend.

All are pleased with the Kappa catalogues and eager to become owners of them.

Xi feels very joyful over the establishment of Beta Delta, and wishes for her and for our older sisters a prosperous year.

GAMMA RHO — ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Gamma Rho never was in a more prosperous condition than at present.

We returned this year with ten members, but found among the new students seven glorious girls whom we have secured to fill up the ranks.

The names of our new members are: Grace Henderson, '92; Bertha Pierce, '93; Gertrude Pierce, '93; Winnie Mount, '94; Margaret Harper, '94; Annabell Manroe, pledged; Laura Shadle, pledged.

We are very proud of our new sisters, who are already full of true, enthusiastic fraternity spirit.

With our new chapter-room and our seventeen members, we feel ready for the work of the year.

Two of our girls, Leona Donley and Lillian Mannett, are not able to be with us this term, but will be with us again next term.

The term so far has passed through a whirl of social events; all of the men's fraternities having royally entertained, in their various chapter-houses.

Of our five men's fraternities four have chapter-houses.

Allegheny, if possible, is in a better condition than ever, with over one hundred new students and a thoroughly wide-awake faculty.

We were very glad to send greetings to our new sisters in Beta Delta.

Our literary work has been a study of the most important subjects discussed in the late magazines; among other things we have made a study of hypnotism, which we have found very interesting

BETA TAU — SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Beta Tau sends hearty greetings and wishes for prosperity to her sister chapters.

Tau began work this year with but nineteen active members. Mary Christy, Ellen Bryant, Lena Hammond, and Grace Townsend, we lost through graduation last June. Ellen Bryant is now preceptress in Conference Academy, Dover, Delaware; and Grace Townsend is teaching violin and vocal culture in Denver University, Denver, Colorado. Georgia Ross, one of our most energetic girls, did not return to college this fall, and we miss also Kate Brown, Margaret Tucker, Mary Avery, and Myra Stevens.

The first "rushing party" was given at the home of Margaret Brown, '93, and one week later the Misses Reed gave a delightful reception and tea.

To crown all efforts, the following girls were pledged: Kate Allis, Anna Richards, Eugenia Titcomb, Anna Hopkins, Anna Harbottle, Ada Harbottle, Kate Palmer, Susie Brown, Ina Wallace, and Mabel Webster; who, with the exception of the last two, were initiated at Grace Carpenter's home. At this time we also celebrated the establishment of our chapter, with the co-operation of many of our alumnae, and charter members. Later, Miss Hollis accepted an invitation to unite with our girls.

The marriage of Grace Hill, '90, to Mr. Gerard Parce of Syracuse, N. Y., occurred in November. One week before our sister left, we were given a farewell reception at her home on East Genesee street.

With many beneficial changes both in college and in society, we can but look forward to a glorious year.

SIGMA — UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

To all a hearty Kappa greeting once more, and best wishes for a prosperous year. Of course you have all heard as glowing accounts of the convention as we have, but we have heard such stories of it, that we have all sighed to be there. Perhaps sometime in the near future others of us may be favored. Since last we wrote four new sisters have joined the sisterhood of "the two true blues." October 4 we initiated Blanche Skidmore, and one week later we had as glorious an old "swing" as Sigma chapter ever witnessed, at which time the goat sported playfully with Stella Irvine, Jessie Jury, and Mabel Lindley. A great spread followed to which all the "old" girls were bidden, and then we "tripped the light fantastic" for several hours. Society at the University this fall has been very active. Stella Kirker entertained first of all, and her company has not been eclipsed yet, though Helena Laugives a large party at her home, November 5, that bids fair to outshine all previous efforts. But as it is "all in the family," there will be no tears shed.

Miss Kirker is far-famed as being a charming hostess and her progressive high-five party of some weeks since added one more to her list of triumphs.

Miss Skidmore, one of our new girls, entertained several couples at cards last week. We girls always have a celebration Hallowe'en, and as it was the third anniversary of her birthday (in fraternity),

Ida Bonnell invited the Kappa's and the Phi Delta Theta's to her home. The time passed quickly till about 3 A. M., by the untangling of a spider web combined with a general seeking after fate by numerous well-known Hallowe'en rites.

Our university is flourishing with an attendance larger than ever before, of about 600 students.

The fraternity cause is still progressing in our western institution where barbarians, of the aboriginal type, flourish. Every one including students, is interested in the fate — so soon to be decided — of the Prohibitory Amendment. Time will tell. With best wishes, we say good-bye till next time.

UPSILON — NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

The "days of blue and gold" found us again in the familiar halls,— glad to be at work again, glad to be reunited, glad too, of the leaf-strewn campus and the blue lake.

They have been auspicious,—these first months of college. Nellie Knapp, from Epsilon chapter, now a member of our '93, and Kittie Hill, '94, our latest initiate, make our active chapter number eleven, while six new pledglings proudly uphold Kappa's honor in Preparatory.

Dr. Rogers, Dean of Ann Arbor's Law School, has accepted the presidency of Northwestern University. It is whispered that important changes are to be made in the college courses, but we feel confident that whatever is done for the University, by an educator so abreast of the times, cannot fail to result in good to the institution.

The Kappas are always represented in the Norton declamation contest, which takes place in December. Hattie Caughran, '93, is our speaker this year.

A new sorority is very soon to be established in our Conservatory of Music,—Alpha Chi Omega—chapters of which are at Albion, Mich., and Greencastle, Ind. There is good material here, and we hope to see Alpha Chi Omega flourish.

Clara Tucker, '90, is spending the winter at Pasadena, Cal. We send our best love and sympathy to her, bereaved of her only brother, also to Lizzie Brown, '90, who mourns a father taken by death.

PHI — BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

Our first thought, when we met in September, was of the convention in the near past. With joy and eager interest we welcomed the delegate and the Grand Secretary, and heard their account of the good times enjoyed and the good work accomplished. Two more of our number, Margaret Dodge and Lida Hiller, attended convention as visiting members. We feel that Phi had her share in the pleasures of that August week.

Convention discussed, and work planned for the coming weeks, we settled down to the routine of college life.

In that delight of our infancy, Miss Alcott's "Little Women," we used to read how Jo plaintively remarked to her sisters, that the reason why November was such a disagreeable month was because she was born in it. Very often during this present November we have been reminded of that little speech. But the month has brought us also a few of the clearest, most enlivening days imaginable, and on one of the brightest of all, we had the happiness of initiating our six new sisters. In the hospitable home of Ida Davis, one of our *alumnæ*, we performed the honored rite, and made Kappas of these six young women: Rosa M. Cooper, Laura F. Dunning, Martha W. Locke, Lida S. Penfield, Nellie I. Simpson, Alice C. Weeks.

On the 13th of October, when as yet the chapter was without freshmen, we celebrated Kappa's twentieth birthday by an informal reception to our *alumnæ*. They were present in gratifying numbers, assuring us once more of the warm place which Phi holds in their hearts. Many who could not be with us in the body sent delightful messages of congratulation.

As for events outside the circle of fraternity interests, we feel that the students of Boston University are being blessed with abundant opportunity for intellectual advancement. For besides the regular courses of study, we have enjoyed two lectures on the literary study of the Bible, by Mr. Richard G. Moulton, of Christ's College, Cambridge, England; while at present Dr. Robert F. Leighton, an eminent linguist, is giving a course of lectures on Indo-European languages and civilization. The round of socials is never run with so much spirit in the fall as in the winter term; but the juniors have extended their protecting hospitality to the

freshmen, and the freshmen have enjoyed a social all their own.

We cannot finish our story of the life of Phi during the past weeks without speaking of an experience, probably common, but none the less encouraging and warming to the heart. The close of what is familiarly known as the "fall campaign," a season that everywhere tests the strength and patience of those who belong to the Greek world, finds us even more closely united than before, with stronger sympathies for each other, and honest resolves not to limit our sympathy to friends in Kappa.

Two of our members in the class of '92 have not been in college this term, to our great regret. Eleanor Butler is teaching in Storm-King School, Cornwall-on-Hudson, N. Y. Mabel Taylor has been prevented by ill health from doing her college work.

With hearty good wishes for the welfare of Beta Delta, our latest chapter, and for that of every chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Phi says to you all, "*Auf Wiedersehen.*"

CHI — MINNESOTA UNIVERSITY.

Since the fall term opened Chi has had three initiations. At the first Elizabeth Hawley, and Elizabeth Northrop, two who were pledged last year, became Kappas.

At the second initiation we added Frances Hoyt, Alice Wemott, Marion Craig, and Hope McDonald to our number.

Our last initiation was held at the home of Elizabeth Northrop. The initiates were Katherine Jones, Kittie Selden, Ethel Farnsworth and Jeanette Brewer.

It is always a pleasure to Chi to welcome visitors from other chapters. We were especially fortunate a short time since in having Margaret Dodge of Phi with us. During her stay we were entertained at the home of Mabel Austin, in St. Paul and in spite of wind and rain most of the girls were present and the usual good time was enjoyed. Chi celebrated the twentieth birthday of Kappa Kappa Gamma by an afternoon reception at the home of Eveline Sammis. The alumnae by their presence assured us that though seldom meeting us they still retain a warm interest in Kappa.

We are glad to announce the marriage of Miss Mary Powell of '86 to Mr. Frank Webster of the same class, and a member of Delta Tau Delta. Mr. and Mrs. Webster are now residing in Morehead, Minn.

PSI — CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Psi Chapter at the present moment is earnestly wishing that the writing of the news letter might be postponed for another day. Tomorrow, November 5, is the date fixed for invitations to be extended to the new girls to join the women's fraternities here. We are looking hopefully forward and shall soon be able to dilate upon the merits of our pledged Kappas. During the term we have done our best to make it pleasant for the freshmen. Our town girls have given an afternoon tea which was pronounced a decided success. A few spreads, drives and a dancing reception in our gymnasium have been our chief entertainments.

Our delegate has returned from the convention full of enthusiasm, and has imparted a great deal of it to the other members of Psi

We wish our sister chapters the same success that we are now enjoying.

Editorial.

WITH A DIFFERENCE.

PAN-HELLENISM has evidently come to stay. Not perhaps in the shape originally proposed, but in some form or other it is bound to be a prominent factor in fraternity development. That, too, in the face of the discouraging comments with which it was first received. Though, for that matter, it was not so much the idea as the idea's expression which the Greeks discouraged. All that talk of Pan-Hellenism and the Pan-Hellenic Federation smacked suspiciously of nationalism, threatened to invade fraternity privacy and to replace individual homes by one huge caravansary. All of which the Greeks very naturally resented, saying that Pan-Hellenism, carried to its logical extreme, meant Non-Hellenism and that for their part they would have none of it.

But nevertheless all these discussions and arguments set the fraternity world a-thinking. And the trend of their thought was something like this: that here was a large number of organizations founded on similar principles and conducted on the same general lines, yet recognizing no relationship, united by no formal ties,

regulated by no system of etiquette in their relations to one another: that while other organizations with much less in common had long before joined forces with mutual pleasure and profit, the Greek letter societies resolutely stood alone, thereby involving themselves in endless misunderstandings, and wasting time, energy and money through their refusal to co-operate.

When the Greeks reached this point the fate of Pan-Hellenism was virtually settled. Pan-Hellenism as the exponent of a beautiful, but vague, brotherly sentiment failed. Pan-Hellenism that promises practical gain and concrete results could not but succeed.

Today the question is chiefly one of methods. As to the ultimate form that the movement will assume, it is impossible to speak definitely. THE KEY, for one, does not believe that success lies along the line of "Federation on the Basis of State Rights."

Perhaps the relation existing between nations, (if THE KEY's readers will pardon the ambitious comparison) will better fit the case. As has been suggested by the other fraternity journals some system of inter-fraternity courtesy bearing upon rushing, pledging preparatory students, lifting, etc., is obviously necessary. Of course, difficulties innumerable will present themselves to those whose task it is to formulate such a code or to organize a Pan-Hellenic Union. The degree of power invested in such a Union, the means, if any, of rebuking an infraction of the code, the basis of fraternity representation, the mutual relations of the men's and women's fraternities, these are merely a suggestion of the difficulties that would beset the Pan-Hellenic pioneers. Yet THE KEY believes that the idea is an important one, and that its accomplishment is only a matter of time and energy.

Meanwhile the convention of fraternity editors seems the most obvious and immediately productive form of the movement. On this point THE KEY's editor speaks out a full heart: for the memory of one stormy October day at Minneapolis when she met and talked long and earnestly with Kappa Alpha Theta's editor of fraternity journalism and fraternities and of journalism again, that memory has done more to convince THE KEY's editor of the inspiration and ultimate prosperity of Pan-Hellenism than (saving his grace) the *Palm's* most trenchant arguments.

Nor is that meant as a reflection on the *Palm*, whose earnest championship of an unpopular cause has been chiefly instrumental in bringing about the Pan-Hellenic Renaissance.

The careful consideration of Pan-Hellenism always brings us back to our own fraternity in the end. Perhaps, after all, it is as well that the Pan-Hellenic Union is still a matter of months, it may be of years. For, however desirable a union of fraternities might be, such a union would be obviously incomplete unless the unity of the separate fraternities were assured. In the same way any decided stand upon questions of fraternity importance would be impossible until the attitude of the individual fraternities was settled.

The first step, then, for us would-be Pan-Hellenists is to prepare our fraternities for the proposed union; to put our own machinery in running order, to attain closer unity through the adoption of improved methods of government, but above all to familiarize ourselves by frequent discussions with questions of general import, and thus stand ready to render our decision when it is required.

The concerted co-operation of our graduate members is specially desirable and can in no way be so well insured as by the formation of *Alumnæ Associations*. The last convention declared in favor of such associations, but we have yet to hear of the actual establishment of any save the Boston organization (formerly known as the *Alumnæ Chapter*). We have reason, however, to expect speedy tidings of the formation of a similar association of our Chicago Kappas, who are many and strong. May others be quick to profit by their example.

PRACTICAL PAN-HELLENISM.

In this connection it may be well to insert the report of Miss Kingsbury, chairman of the Central Committee on Pan-Hellenism.

"Always in the van of progress and toleration, Kappa Kappa Gamma in Convention last August ordered an invitation to be extended to the women's fraternities to hold a Pan-Hellenic Convention in Boston, the details to be left in the hands of the Phi chapter which should report its plans to the Council for modification and acceptance. The report of Phi's committee is now under consideration. The completed outline for such a Convention will soon be submitted to the various women's fraternities. The promise and office of such a Convention would of course be largely that of recommendation and endorsement. Plans for representation in the World's Fair, suggested at the Bloomington Con-

vention of Kappa Kappa Gamma and mentioned in the August number of the *Alpha Phi Quarterly*, could be advantageously considered. Reduced rates on stationery and badges; a uniform system of inter-fraternity courtesy; and many other matters could be discussed properly at a meeting of this sort. 'Federated Fraternity' is perhaps a more concise term for the more compact but somewhat misleading word 'Pan-Hellenism.'"

THE HISTORY.

The work of the Authorized Historian, Mary M. Kingsbury, Chestnut Hill, Mass., is well under way. Many of the Boston Alumnae Association members are giving valuable assistance. With the hearty co-operation of every chapter, the History can be published before the Indianapolis Convention.

Any facts of interest, governmental or social, that may have escaped the solicitation of the Historian will be gladly and gratefully received by her at any time. Accounts of our early days from a personal as well as an official point of view, are especially desired.

GREETING TO BETA DELTA.

Once again THE KEY extends the hand of fellowship; this time to our new chapter at Ann Arbor. For several years Kappa Kappa Gamma has been waiting for a favorable opportunity to enter this institution; but no previous petitions have so entirely fulfilled our requirements as has the one recently granted. In Beta Delta we are proud to introduce to the Greek world, a chapter already ranking high among sister fraternities at the same University. Of the standing of the University it is unnecessary to speak. Its name alone carries sufficient recommendation.

THE LATEST.

Just before going to press we learn that the report of the Committee-in-charge of the proposed Pan-Hellenic Convention to be held in Boston during the coming spring has been adopted, and invitations to attend the Convention have already been extended to the prominent women's fraternities. Full reports will appear in the March KEY.

Exchanges.

Kappa Alpha Theta starts upon its new volume with the avowed intention of "confining its literary department to matters bearing directly upon fraternity matters or upon women, both in and out of college, from whom we can gain some practical good."

Well said, *Kappa Alpha Theta*! It is time that the women's magazines were following the example of the men's in discarding the so-called "library" articles. Better a smaller magazine with fraternity spirit and fraternity enthusiasm emanating from every chapter letter and editorial than a vast volume padded out with prize orations.

Speaking of chapter letters, *Kappa Alpha Theta's* are far above the ordinary both as to enthusiasm and general interest.

And there is an open letter which the exchange editor cannot resist presenting in part, partly from sheer admiration of a graceful bit of English and partly to show *THE KEY's* contributors "just how to do it."

And then, on a quiet August day, came the question, "Your pin is beautiful, but what does it mean to you?" What does Theta mean to you? How can I express all that the answer to the question implies? It means the memories written of above. It means great, golden hearted pansies smiling and nodding to me whenever they see me. Pansies, purple and violet, blue, and yellow, white and black, all saying to me with quaint, grave faces, "Think deep, pure thoughts; thoughts worthy of your womanhood, such as will stamp your face with the impress of their nobility." Theta means to me odd little decorations of black and gold here and there in my room; souvenirs calling up memories of happy times; pictures of Theta groups, doubly prized because some of the bright faces are no longer with us in daily intercourse. It means afternoon and evening receptions, pansy luncheons, watermelon parties, quiet, good times when only "our girls" are seated around a blazing fireplace, singing songs and telling stories. The regular meetings which no one can think of missing, because that would be sure to mean "good times and I not in them." It means an involuntary nod and smile when at college one of "the girls" passes by. Sympathy in joy or sorrow, help in trouble. It means bright, cheery words at the bedside of a sick one, and flowers whose fragrance bespeaks the kindly thought of the donor. It means lessons better learned, a wider range of literary culture, social duties performed with more grace, just because, "I'm a Theta." It means little groups of girls in colleges from New England to California who are "in touch" with myself in many of their purposes and aims and whom I would be almost sure to find congenial should I ever meet them.

But Theta means more and deeper than all this. It means a heart so filled with love and charity that it cannot possibly keep it all within itself, and so it means pleasant words and kindly greetings for all; truer friendships with others because Theta has taught me the secret of friendship — unselfishness. It means when college life is over, sunny memories to look back upon, friendships formed which will grow stronger as the years go by; acquaintances quickly made with sister alumnae of other chapters when in our travellings we chance to meet; more heart and energy put into my life work, because so, I will be an honor to my chapter and my fraternity. It means so much to me, my sisters, and to

you too, I know, that I can only sit and wish for a language that could express all we feel. May Theta go on and prosper abundantly, and may many a home be happier because one of her daughters presides there in all her womanliness.

A conference of fraternity editors appears to be something of practical value, and is something the *Scroll* would like to see and work for. Its delegates, as editors, would be men that from month to month have definite work to do for their respective fraternities, and whatever ideas are gained at such a conference will help to fashion the utterances and bearing of the magazine so far as can be done by the editor in charge. Nothing else that has been proposed seems to have in it as much possibility for good as such a convention. Its results would not be in any great innovations, but the meeting together of men engaged in a common work. A programme of papers and discussions upon subjects pertaining to their work cannot help but raise the plane of the fraternity journal. With more editorial acquaintances we would have fewer acrid discussions. A refusal from a number to enter into the conference of all fraternities would make of little avail the measures sought to be passed, as those present would hesitate to enter into an agreement to which all principal competitors were not parties. A conference of editors, no matter how few were represented, could discuss important matters, agree to advocate certain courses and maintain positions that could not help benefiting their fraternities, and, in a measure, leavening the whole. Let us not build our Pan-Hellenic castles too high, lest some disappointment overthrow the whole. But if we can benefit ourselves by something that is entirely within reach, by all means let us do so.—*Editor of Phi Delta Theta Scroll in the Pan-Hellenic Supplement.*

The editor of THE KEY unites with the editor of the *Anchora* in petitioning for

1. More voluntary contributions.
2. More synonyms for the word fraternity.
3. Something besides the moral support of constituents.
4. A subject of fraternity interest that has never been discussed before.
5. The exchanges not to roll their papers into such a shape that reading them makes life a burden.
6. More interested alumnæ.
7. A trace of originality in the chapter letters.
8. "Rushing" abolished.
9. Penmanship taught as one of the higher branches of education,
10. Chapter correspondents provided with calendars.
11. Paper manufactured with only one side to it.

The most interesting feature of the *Alpha Phi Quarterly* for November the account of the recent establishment of their sixth chapter at Minnesota State University. A newly organized alumnæ chapter, in Chicago, is added to that city's numerous fraternity alumnæ associations, and there are still more to come. The August number of the *Quarterly* spoke of a Pan-Hellenic scheme for the World's Fair. We had hoped that the matter would be more fully developed in the later issue. Favorable notice of a plan of this sort was brought before the Bloomington Convention, held in August, and since the open

suggestion of Alpha Phi has appeared in their magazine, others have expressed their approbation. A definite plan could be brought forward under no better conditions than at the proposed Women's Pan-Hellenic Convention at Boston, during the coming spring.

The short space devoted to Editorial and the numerous errors in type-setting detract from the otherwise pleasant appearance of the magazine.

The photogravures of the Minnesota State University in the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* are of better quality than those printed in the Alpha Phi. But indeed the appearance and general make-up of the ever-welcome *Delta Upsilon* magazine is exceptional. The avowedly literary features are the least interesting. It is in statistics and business-like accuracy that this *Quarterly* excels all others. The statistical table for the past college year is a model of simplicity and inclusiveness. Mr. Crossett handles his magazine with the ease and vigor that long practice alone can give.

To the hearty seconding of Delta Kappa Epsilon's suggestion in favor of a convention of fraternity editors, we say Amen. A Greek Press Club to meet say annually, in New York, would in our opinion accomplish much that is practical and create a genuine inter-fraternity charity and consideration.