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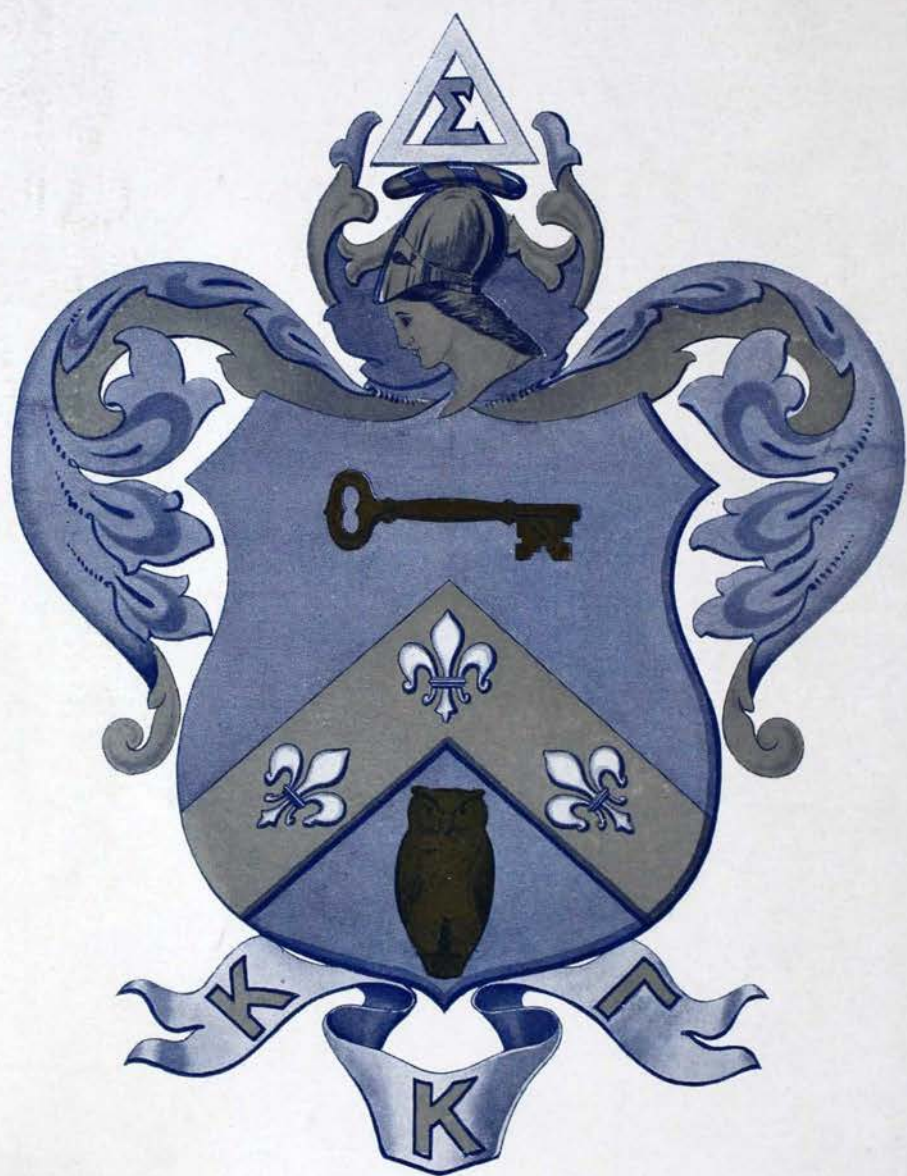
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OUR PROPOSED COAT-OF-ARMS

BY MARGARET BROWN MOORE, Beta Gamma.

Chairman of the Committee on Arms.

Perhaps some of the interest which attaches to the subject of heraldry arises from the connection which heraldry has with those mediaeval days "when knighthood was in flower," when chivalry was the ordinary rather than the unusual. Perhaps this interest obtains by reason of the mystery, caused mainly by ignorance, which enshrouds the subject. Be the reason what it may, I maintain that heraldry is, itself, inherently interesting.

The bearing of coats-of-arms came into being as the means of distinguishing one knight, in battle or in tourney, from another. The mark of distinction was commonly the picture of an animal worn upon the garment of the knight. For the bold man, a lion was emblematic; for the sly and crafty man, a snake was explanatory. Varying degrees of courageousness or skill or worth were betokened by the positions of the animals; by the lion dormant, the lion rampant, the semi-lion, and a score more of particularly placed animals.

To represent the knight, not in battle, some mark was necessary; and, with the pictured animal or crest as the initial point, we may trace the origin of the complete coat-of-arms. The heraldic device is, indeed, no more than the apparel of the knight-at-arms. It consists of the helmet which the warrior was accustomed to wear, the shield he bore, and the coat which he threw about his shoulders, together with the motto under which he fought. Since all of these were essential to the field costume of the knight, they were requisite in the heraldic coat-of-arms, as well. The mention of "heraldic arms" warrants the slight digression necessary in telling the origin of the expression. In the olden times when tourneys were in vogue, it was the custom for a crier or herald to call out the contestants by the mention of the Christian name

and a description of the armor of the warrior. Each knight enrolled himself, too, in the book of the heralds. Such practices naturally gave rise to the use of the term "heraldic arms".

Each part of the arms and each charge has a significance peculiar to itself. No helmet, for instance, may be turned sinister, or to the left. A golden helmet proclaims the wearer a king. A particular kind of silver helmet establishes the identity of the wearer as a baronet. A common iron helmet, visor down, is the only helmet permissible for the use of a gentleman or esquire. The shield is divided into nine parts. The horizontal divisions are named, beginning at the top, chief, fess, base; the parts running up and down are called, beginning at the right, dexter, middle, sinister. Of course center chief is the honor point, and the most honorable emblem must there be placed. The mantling, commonly thought of as nothing more than fancy scroll work, has a most interesting significance. It represents the coat of a warrior who has gone through many battles. The curves and the cuts in the scroll-work represent the slashes of the battle axes and the rents made by spears.

The language of heraldry is exceedingly complicated. There are definite rules for the descriptions of coats-of-arms in the books of the heralds or in private archives. One of these says that no color shall be mentioned twice. If need be to speak more than once of any color that color shall be designated by the number in the order of which it is mentioned along with other colors. As an example of the exceedingly complicated description called for by the rules of heraldry let me cite the blazoning of the proposed K K Γ coat-of-arms:—

Arms—Azure, on a chevron argent, between in chief a key fessways, pointing to the sinister or; in base an owl, affronte of the last; three fleur-de-lis of the first.

Crest—Resting on the head of Minerva, proper, a wreath argent and azure, thereon a badge of the fraternity, proper, viz. the Greek letter Σ superimposed upon the Greek letter Δ.

Motto—On a ribbon azure the Greek letters K K Γ argent.

Mantling—Argent and azure.

All of which goes to say that on a blue shield are placed at the top a golden key, at the bottom an owl of gold, separated by a silver chevron on which are three fleur-de-lis of blue.

I might mention a few of the rules of heraldry which are particularly important in the designing of a coat-of-arms:—

Color may never be placed on color, or metal upon metal. For instance a gray owl could not be put against a blue back-ground, neither could a golden key lie on a silver shield.

The crest must always touch the helmet; the helmet, the mantling; and the ribbon must always touch the shield.

An owl used in the coat-of-arms must always face to the front. These few rules give a little sample of the interesting but very real study in store for him who would know about heraldry.

Now, in particular, concerning the proposed coat-of-arms which the committee submits to the chapters of K K Γ for adoption. This arms has been passed upon, and approved by Mr. Marc J. Rowe, of Philadelphia, who is an authority upon the matter. Mr. Rowe has held several high positions in which it was his business to do heraldic designing. For some years he was with the famous Philadelphia jewelers, Bailey, Banks, and Biddle; and only recently he has resigned from their employ to do independent work in his own studio. Not long ago Mr. Rowe won the honor, in competition, of designing the coat-of-arms for one of our largest eastern colleges for men. Mr. Rowe's word in matters heraldic is final. Herewith I submit the letter from him concerning the proposed coat-of-arms for K K Γ:—

The coat-of-arms is heraldically correct. The question may arise that according to the laws of heraldry a woman should bear her arms on a lozenge without the crest; this applies to an individual only and not to a Fraternity. The question which might arise is in using the head of Minerva in place of the customary helmet, which only denotes the rank of the bearer; and while there is no law to cover the point in question there is no law to say it is incorrect, and, in my opinion, it is good heraldry and particularly appropriate. The coat-of-arms from an heraldic standpoint I can safely recommend as being correct and, as I am not the designer of this arms, I wish to say that I compliment the Committee who originated it on the thought and the good taste displayed in the original submitted to me.

Respectfully Yours,
(Signed)

MARC J. ROWE.

There are several little conceits with regard to the arms which may be of interest. The general outline of mantling and ribbon is supposed to suggest the conventional fleur-de-lis. The head of Minerva is particularly appropriate as Minerva is the patroness of the fraternity. The key is in the honor point. There are sev-

eral other points of interest about the arms which are not for publication. We must leave them to the ingenuity of the Fraternity to discover unless we might discuss them face to face.

With this little explanation of the coat-of-arms, we submit it to you for your decision as to whether you will adopt it or not. It is with the hope that it may commend itself to you that it is given over to your vote.

THE SCHOLARSHIP RECORD OF THE CHAPTERS FOR 1910-1911

BY HARRIET BLAKESLEE WALLACE, BETA TAU

When sending for chapter records for 1910-1911, the registrar of each university was also asked for information on grades, marks, and honors which would help us to judge more correctly of the relative work done by the chapters. These letters met with courteous response, and the information received has been included as far as possible in the following summary:—

Of thirty-two institutions responding, eleven have 60% as the lowest passing mark; four have 65%; eleven have 70%; two have 75%; four use a letter to name the grade.

All but three give honors for fine scholarship, the honor mark varying from 80% to 97%.

Nineteen have chapters of Phi Beta Kappa and elect a certain fraction of the senior class to membership. Only six sent us the mark required to admit to membership, and in these cases the mark varied from 80% to 90%.

In regard to the relative excellence of fraternity and non-fraternity women, four universities considered the work of fraternity women the better, three thought non-fraternity, thirteen thought there was no appreciable difference, and twelve gave no opinion.

For the many kind letters received from university authorities, and for the extra work caused them in making out our reports, we wish to express our deep appreciation.

By having at command the passing mark of the different universities, and by using a uniform per cent to indicate the grades, we have been able to reduce the standing of the chapters to a common basis, and thus find the relative average of each chapter.

As correctly as it is possible to make comparison from the figures sent us, we have prepared the following list of chapters placed in order of their excellence in scholarship:—

1. Beta Alpha; 2. Xi; 3. Kappa; 4. Beta Omicron; 5. Beta Zeta; 6. Gamma Rho; 7. Lambda; 8. Beta Nu; 9. Delta; 10. Upsilon; 11. Chi; 12. Beta Epsilon; 13. Beta Lambda; 14. Iota; 15. Beta Upsilon; 16. Beta Tau; 17. Pi; 18. Beta Mu; 19. Eta; 20. Beta Eta; 21. Beta Sigma; 22. Phi; 23. Beta Phi; 24. Omega; 25. Mu; 26. Beta Gamma; 27. Beta Chi; 28. Psi; 29. Beta Xi; 30. Beta Iota; 31. Sigma; 32. Beta Pi; 33. Theta.

We have omitted from the list Beta Delta, Epsilon, and Beta Psi, as we have as yet received from them no report.

Several chapters have made marked improvement since last year. Those who have made the most advancement are:—Beta Zeta, Beta Phi, Gamma Rho, and Beta Tau.

The chapters reporting no failures are:—Psi, Beta Alpha, Beta Upsilon, Xi, Kappa, Mu, Beta Lambda, Upsilon, Chi, Beta Omicron, Beta Chi. Those having less than one per cent of failure are:—Phi, Beta Epsilon, Beta Tau, Beta Nu, Beta Zeta, Beta Phi.

Those having over 90% of their work graded as "Good" or "Excellent" are Beta Alpha, Beta Nu.

The difference in the rank of some chapters is very slight.

The majority have made a very fine showing, and nearly all have done well. The fraternity may well be proud of the year's record.

THE FOUNDING OF THE KEY

BY MINNETTA THEODORA TAYLOR, IOTA.

EDITOR OF THE KEY 1881-1886.

(Reprinted from THE KEY for January 1898)

As a preliminary request, may the author of this article beg its readers not to count the number of times that the word I occurs? Personal experience and some old numbers of THE KEY are the only references I have. Even my assistant editors never discussed THE KEY, as a whole, with me; consequently all I know is *quorum pars fui*.

The convention of 1881 at Bloomington, Indiana, was a great awakening for the Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity. Government by Grand Chapter was done away with. Government by Grand Council was planned in every detail and put in course of action by the election and instruction of new officers. As if all this were not enough for one convention, the innovators also proposed a thing which had never, to all appearances, occurred to any other woman's fraternity: the publication of a periodical representing the fraternity's interests.

Most of the convention enthusiasm was felt rather than seen by me. With the other youngsters, I was idling serenely in the background, only occasionally coming in for a meeting of the convention. As a matter of fact, I did not know enough about the fraternity to take much interest in it. Graduated from DePauw University very young, after a short, absorbing course, I had just grown somewhat accustomed to my chapter when I assumed the alumna relation, and gave myself up to tutoring, literature in general and Plato in particular. Had I but had the guide, philosopher and friend now provided for each Kappa, I might have had a more enlightened curiosity.

However, I had observed the Grand President, Tade Hartsuff, then an undergraduate of Butler University; and I judged that that eager, vivacious, black-eyed, black-haired young woman could make thing go. Consequently I was only mildly surprised when, after the banquet which closed the convention, she flashed into the dressing room where I was putting on my wraps, seized me—wraps, reserved manner and all—in her arms, and kissing me on both cheeks, informed me that the fraternity was to have



MINNETTA T. TAYLOR, IOTA

a magazine; that its name was to be THE GOLDEN KEY; its motto "Every door is barred with gold and opens but to golden keys"; and its editor-in-chief, myself. Neither name nor motto impressed me very favorably. I considered the first an infringement of the privileges of Gabriel Varden, of Barnaby Rudge fame, and a reflection on the material of our badges. Never very fond of mottoes, the context of this one struck me as sinister. However, I meekly accepted the only available assets of the new venture, and went my way.

Sometime in the winter following this convention, I finished reading Plato, and it occurred to me to move in the matter of THE KEY. Laura Kelly of Greencastle, now Mrs. A. J. Pruitt of Chicago, and Louise Landers of Indianapolis, now Mrs. George Neff of Kansas City, were associate editors. Why they did not reproach me with my tardiness I do not know. Perhaps they thought my college record and exploits on the *Asbury Monthly*, entitled me to the initiative. More likely, they were busy and forgot about it, as we were entitled to do under the Grand Chapter.

Correspondence with the president revealed that she was having her own troubles in beginning a more severe discipline in the fraternity and keeping up her college studies; but would help get a printer and some money for the first number. An assessment of five dollars a chapter had been agreed upon, at the convention, I think, or perhaps by the new council; but the funds had not come in.

Probably it was in February that I was, at last, in Indianapolis, pursuing a printer and glancing at the first fraternity periodical that I had ever seen. It was the *Crescent of Delta Tau Delta*; and Miss Landers, whose brother belonged to that fraternity, was anxious that our magazine should resemble theirs. I remember that I shocked her by saying that I had never heard of, much less seen, a magazine that I wished to make one like; but I meant no disrespect to *The Crescent*.

Presently Miss Hartsuff and I found a common sympathy. She was a red hot radical or rather, improver, and I was a white hot one. We both believed with all our hearts and minds and souls in the new woman and her future. Could the fraternity be for that? Could THE KEY help that? We gradually fired each

other until by luncheon time she broke away from the table and walked the floor, prophesying good concerning Kappa Kappa Gamma and the future of woman, while I responded, chorally, with what the wisest had thought of it all and how they had prepared the way.

That was really the forge where *THE KEY* was hammered out of shapeless metal. After that, everything was a matter of detail. There was no force on earth except death, that could have stopped *THE KEY*. Death itself could not; for love is stronger than death.

No money coming, I wrote to each of the chapters reminding and explaining at length, a very painful task for me, for I would almost as willingly ask money for myself as for anything else. The letters were generally taken in good part, and postal orders began to come, made payable to Minnetta Kelly, Laura J. Taylor, Laura Louise Landers, other variations on all three names, and one daring departure, Maria F. Sloan. Fortunately the Greencastle postmaster was the father of two Kappas and knew all about *THE KEY*. He allowed me to take the money and receipt for it; and by the time we had enough for the first number of the magazine my proper signature was rather strange to me.

The first number appeared in May, 1882. My last copy of it went to the editorial file, some years ago, and I do not remember much about it. Miss Landers managed the printing; Miss Kelly and I secured the chapter letters, which I think were far from numerous; some manuscripts which were promised failed to come; and I have a dark suspicion that I wrote most of the number, including the poetry.

Next year *THE KEY* was placed on a subscription footing. Those voluntary subscriptions would have been amusing to any one not interested in the fate of *THE KEY*. They were on the frequent feminine plan of taking two or three numbers for a community, lending them around, and thereby saving money for chocolates and other necessities. I could not blame the girls, but was obliged to point out that *THE KEY* could not exist on good wishes, which seemed to surprise them.

Miss Ollie Morgan, of Indianapolis, was business manager this year, and we both asked for advertising, which the newness and consequent insecurity of our publication made rather hard to obtain, and both strove with the printers, who had a persistent

idea that a girl's magazine might appear a month or so after the date contracted for without doing any harm. Of course we had written contracts, but Indianapolis job printing was in its raw stage then, and while we changed printers, we did not change fortune. What astonishing shapes, shades and numbering came to us! I used to think that if I could have the manuscripts that were promised, a chapter letter from every chapter, and one single number of *THE KEY* which was the shape, color and number I had ordered, I should die happy; and so I did, editorially speaking, for except the large size of the Greek letters, my last number of *THE KEY* was what I expected it to be. Once a number was two weeks in arrears, and after repeated inquiries and interviews the printer stated that his workmen were sick. I wrote him that if I did not receive the books next day I would take my medicines with me and be their physician. In fact, I borrowed some medicine from my parents, who are physicians, and prepared myself to go; but the magazines came on an early train. The observer will see that some of the numbers are very scanty in contents. That was when we did not have enough money to pay for more. Once, just as I was about reluctantly to abandon a number, my first story was paid for, and I was joyfully able to get out a *KEY* of the usual size, if any size can be called usual, in that day.

Meanwhile the fraternity character of *THE KEY* steadily improved, owing, primarily, to the habits of punctuality and business attention taught by the Council. During the last year that the editorship was with me the chapter letters came on time, some contributors sent manuscripts on the proper day, and finance required no makeshift. *THE KEY* had at first offered no criticism of other fraternity journals, seeing nothing improving in the personalities usually indulged in. But two or three of the men's periodicals tried to make sport of one of the accounts of a Kappa convention. After that there was a merry war, and by common consent, *THE KEY* came out with the honors. One fraternity even instructed its editor in convention, seriously or otherwise, to answer *THE KEY*; but he did not try it. The last notices I had were very respectful.

Probably, in so short and hurried an article, I have not given sufficient prominence to what my associate editors, and espec-

ially the president, Miss Hartsuff, did for *THE KEY*. But the reason is not that I do not value it highly now, but because I was too immature to appreciate it then, and so do not remember. In the crude human fashion, I received the sunlight without remark, and was astonished only by the storms. The same reflection applies to relations with other fraternity magazines. Many of them were courteous, considerate and kind; and more than one editor earned the respect and friendship of the person in charge of *THE KEY*.

CONVENTION

BY KATHARINE TOBIN MULLINS.

When the Beta at convention meets the brother Beta there,
When Kappa Sig or Zeta Psi "conventions" anywhere,
They smoke a cigarette or two, and tell a witty tale—
But the female at convention is more loyal than the male.

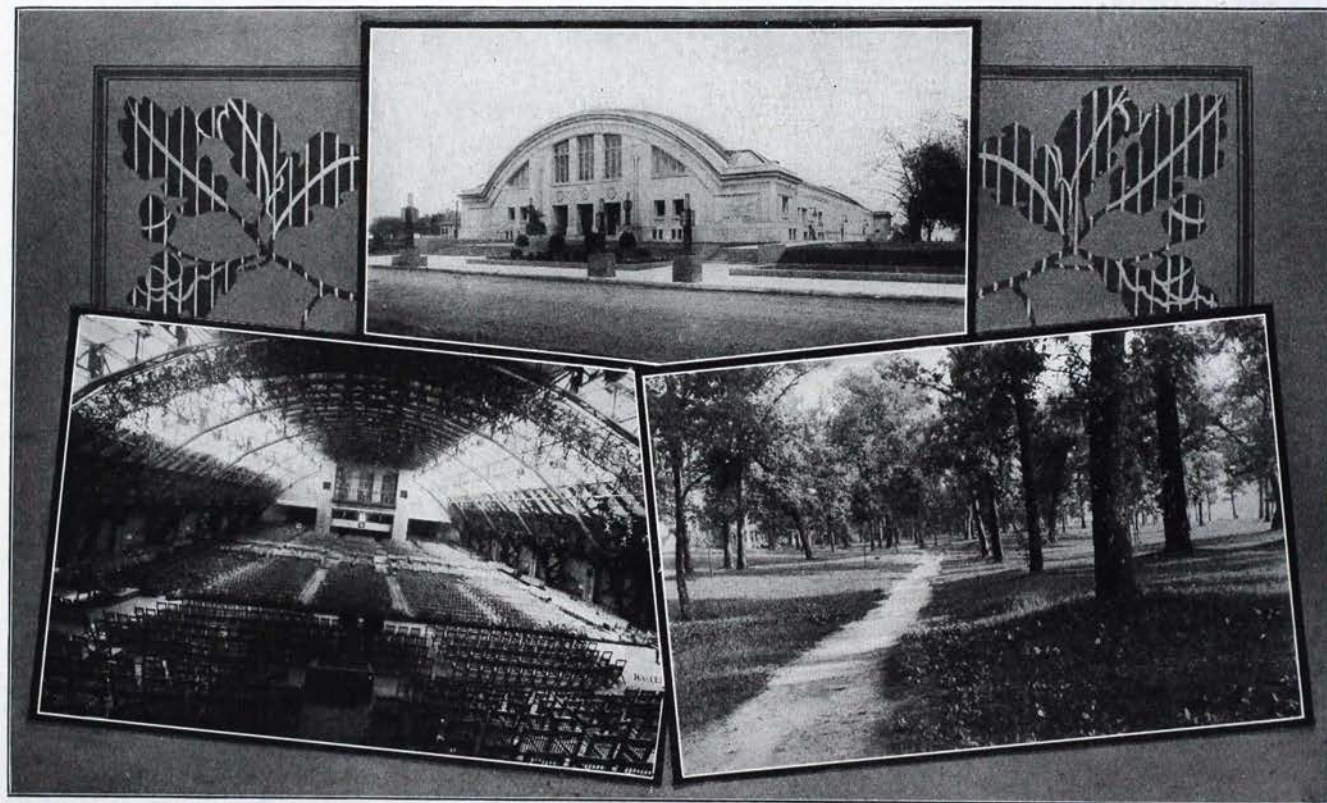
For she gathers in great numbers from the east and from the west
And her great judicial mind puts brand new theories to test;
She settles world-wide questions, and her judgments never fail,
For the female at convention is much wiser than the male.

And when important things in her inimitable way
Are settled, and she closes up the business of the day,
She dances, sings, or acts a play, and sparkling words prevail,
For the female at convention is more clever than the male.

N. B.—We really don't believe these horrid things we say
But then they're surely just as wise as Rudyard's, anyway.
He, cruel man, our pretty sex did foolishly assail—
Together, girls!—The female is much nicer than the male!

All of which rhymes, and you must agree is a remarkable collection of words in shaky meter which mean almost nothing. Only Kipling and other poets like us can accomplish such wonders. But it suffices in one particular—it introduces the word "Convention"—Convention, the topic of the hour.

Eight months before convention is not too soon to plan to go. Get out your maps. Find Illinois. Mark a little town called Evanston. Trace your course there from your own home. See the interesting country you pass through. For the greatest number of chapters it is a short journey and consequently it would be ridiculous not to go. For the rest it is a long journey and



PATTEN GYMNASIUM
INTERIOR OF GYMNASIUM AS ARRANGED FOR COMMENCEMENT

A PATH ON THE CAMPUS

VIEWS AT NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

it would be just as ridiculous to miss the opportunity to enjoy the experiences of railroading through new scenes.

It is an education to travel. You will never be a fully educated person until you travel. You will never be a forty-second degree Kappa until you have traveled to convention.

Freshman!—You are a new Kappa. Begin your fraternity life right by getting the inspiration of convention at the beginning.

Sophomore!—This is your first chance for convention. Do not miss it. It is unfortunate that you should have had to live two Kappa years without a convention.

Junior!—This may be your last chance. Perhaps at next convention time you will be so occupied with your part in the world's work that you will be unable to take the time to make the journey.

Senior!—End your college life with a pleasant experience. The memories will help you through your first struggles out in the cold world.

Alumna!—You know the joys of convention. You will not miss it. If you do not know them, you must not miss the chance of being young again. Hurry—you're getting old.

As to the setting of this next extraordinary convention, it is best described by one who knows. Margaret Raymond of Upsilon chapter, Northwestern University, is Marshal of Convention, and has given the following description.

"The Northwestern campus is stretched along Lake Michigan. At one end is our new gymnasium, with a swimming pool and dance hall at our disposal. At the other end of the campus there is a government life saving station, where boats may be rented. The lake is quite safe if the navigation in these small boats is restricted to the part of the lake that is within sight of the look-out on the station. We may have an aquatic meet to make use of our lake and swimming pool, so if any Kappas are "old salts" they should come to Evanston, to display their prowess in fresh water.

"Evanston is a very lovely place in the summer time. The oaks and elms help out the lake in making the scenery very, very beautiful and the climate is at least better than Chicago's. In the hottest weeks we are entirely comfortable, if the wind will only consent to blow even lightly from the east and give the old lake a chance to keep us cool.

"Willard Hall, the women's dormitory, has been placed at our disposal by the university authorities along with the gymnasium, and any other buildings we may wish to use. These are convenient to each other and to the station. Evanston is very easily reached from Chicago, and Chicago is as near to our widely distributed fraternity as any city.

"An excursion to Ravinia Park is on the convention program. This is an attractive park north of Evanston, and is reached by an electric railroad through the woods and the beautiful towns of the Chicago north shore. The park itself is very attractively located and the amusements there generally consist of concerts by the best orchestras in the country with occasionally an English Opera company or some woodland players. We cannot tell yet which of these attractions will be there the last of next August."

An outline programme prepared by the Upsilon girls is as follows:

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 1911.

Registration.

8 P. M., Informal reception at Council house.

WEDNESDAY.

9-12 A. M., Business session.

1:30-4 P. M., Business session.

4 P. M., Special matinee, Evanston theatre.

8 P. M., Model initiation.

THURSDAY.

9-12, Business session.

1:30-4, Business session (possibly lecture by the Council members on their chapter visiting).

4 P. M., Water carnival.

8 P. M., Dance.

FRIDAY.

9 A. M. to 1 P. M., Business session.

3:30, Excursion to Ravinia Park.

SATURDAY.

9-12, Alumnae session.

1:30-4, Alumnae session.

8 P. M., Stunt night.

SUNDAY.

7:30 P. M., Sing at Council House.

MONDAY.

9-12-1:30-4, Business session.

7:30 P. M., Banquet.

The Evanston girls who are planning so far ahead for your entertainment are already grouped into committees, as follows:

Margaret Raymond, Marshal.

Mrs. Ella Bradley Foster, Assistant Marshal.

Automobile and train-meeting committee, Jessie Mendsen, chairman.

Registration, mail and information, Sarah Harris, chairman.

Press, Mary Hard.

Informal reception, Ruth Peterson.

Model initiation, Council and Evanston alumnae.

Water carnival, Gertrude Carter.

Dance, Mary Hotchkiss.

Excursion: Supper, Lois Williams; Ravinia, Gertrude Carter.

Stunt night, Charlotte Belknap.

Music committee, Margaret Plank and Marian Burnette.

Banquet, Ethel Templeton and Frances Steever; Toastmistress, Helen Adams.

Council house manager, Hazel Markley.

Evanston vaudeville, William Parks.

And in our next number, dear children, you will hear some wonderful secrets about— — —

(To be Continued.)

A LETTER FROM A KAPPA

Dear Kappa Sisters:

I am wondering if the good mother hearts of Kappas loyal and true, married or single, might not be interested in my new family here in Davenport, Iowa.

Just a family of six hundred children ranging in age from three to sixteen, and here I am a spinster maid of uncertain years; but as some priest of mediaeval times told some Queen of France once upon a time, "Good madam, there are enough children in the world to go around, and enough mothers (in the heart sense, of course), too, only they do not always get together."

This is a surious problem of Iowa's Soldier's Orphan's Home, the only institution of its sort owned by the state. And Iowa is liberal with her institutions. Materially we are somewhat ideal, barring a crowded condition and evils consequent. Bue we are well fed, well clothed, well washed, and well heated.

From my own experience and the remarks of visitors and friends, your first exclamation would be, "What healthy looking children!" And it is so, two deaths in two years I believe is accurate.

There is nothing repulsive in healthy, clean children. The clothing is of the best for practical use, broadcloth for winter, and chambray for summer wear for Sundays, print gowns and neat pretty aprons, or blouses for every day, or in the winter last year's best put to every day use.

The children live in cottages, some thirty to thirty-five under one matron. They sleep in their cottage dormitory. They have their own sitting room, each his own place and chair.

But it is pathetic to see so much law and order—necessary of course under such conditions, as of course a child has no medium ground between law and lawlessness, but so unnatural.

In the school, for I am teaching here, we meet with greater effervescence than under normal conditions. For you can not stop up the nozzle of the teakettle without some explosion. So there are times when the "vent" comes then. Poor tots, and then we have to maintain the discipline of the school.

The boys' cottages are less quiet of course, but there are some noted for their law and order as well.

The one thing we have been so wont to think all essential seems utterly wanting here. There is and can be no home influence.

Fancy yourself with thirty boys or thirty girls (for the cottages are separate of course), in ages from three to sixteen in each cottage, and how much opportunity would you have for personal influence? There is some, doubtless, but I wonder if it ever could be told when and where it is. The school is crowded, we have ninety in the Fifth Grade, forty-five each session. They are industrial pupils. So with a half day's intercourse with them and no studying in the school room how much is it possible to influence them personally?

And, poor tots, they will tell lies, and some steal, and some day perhaps in the Utopian age we may be able to create such a moral sentiment that no such evils can exist.

But with no sense of discrimination in a child's mind, what is the difference between whispering or getting out of line, and moral issues? You get into trouble with any violation.

Their little treasures appeal to me pathetically. One cupboard with very small compartments is all they have for private use; and they get into each other's things and "swipe," you know.

It has been told me that if the boys have any change and can get down town what they want to buy is a lock and a key. Not long ago a boy was supposed to be in mischief in a cottage and it was asked what he was doing. The reply came, "I am looking at *my own* things, in *my own* box."

Yes, materially Iowa is liberal. We have a wonderful \$500 bread mixer here; an expensive clothes wringer—the laundry a thing marvelous; a herd of some sixty cows; pie two or three times a week; by the way the children all eat together in the dining room in the main building. Fancy six hundred hungry boys and girls! There is a beautiful pipe organ in the chapel, which itself has a choice rose window; the grounds are delightful; there are beautiful flowers from our greenhouse each week for the cottages and the main halls.

But could you ever want for yourself or your own dear boys and girls just materialism!

They have everything save love; could you live without it you

would be far different from me. The saddest part is, only about one third of the children are real orphans. Many have too many fathers and mothers. The children are in the way and the home influence is such that all are better off here or they would not be here.

At school we read the letters they write to friends and relatives once a month, so many begging for letters, and hungry little letters for just what your children never want.

It is a wonderfully interesting place. But I want something personal for them, something all their own.

I wish they had good pictures in their dormitories. Didn't you waken in the morning and half asleep, half awake, love and admire the pictures on your walls in your own room when you were a small girl? So that even now you remember them still better than those you may chance to have with you. I think I can see them every one.

There are pictures in the cottages, but something that is theirs, not the matron's, nor the institution's, is needed. So that like the good old Methodist ministers, I will close by passing the contribution box. And, girls, when Santa Claus comes if you have extra time and such an interest—for my own pocket book is far too small—I wish it might be something of home, not of an institution.

Come and see me, Kappa sisters, when in Davenport. We are at the edge of town, just at the end of the car line, and I will show you such interesting things in our Soldier's Orphan's Home.—I should have said we have other children, there being not now many soldiers' orphans.

Yours in K K T,
HELEN LOUISE COPELAND, Beta Zeta.

PARTHENON

*The Inauguration
of Minnesota's
President.*

On October 19th and 20th, in the inauguration of President Vincent, for the first time in the history of the University of Minnesota, the faculty, alumni, students and people of the state were moved by a common impulse to express their love and loyalty to the institution. The remarkable demonstration of college spirit was genuine and universal, betraying devotion that was not to last for a brief space of time, but that is to endure as long as the university exists.

The events of the inauguration have passed into history, but the memories, cherished by those whose good fortune it was to take part in any of the ceremonies, will last, and they will be looked back upon as some of the greatest experiences in their lives.

The inauguration was all that could be desired in every respect. The torchlight procession marked the actual beginning of the ceremonies, when on the night of the nineteenth of October some eight thousand loyal alumni and students joined forces to express their good will toward and their appreciation of the new president. The alumni marching in the order of their graduation, headed the procession which marched around and through the campus, into Northrop Field. The men and women wore caps and gowns alike, of maroon and gold, the men carrying torches, the women Japanese lanterns. The sight presented by these thousands of moving lights was beautiful and inspiring. Every class, from '76 down to the present freshman class, was represented in order, the various classes being distinguished by different devices for that purpose.

The student contingent was headed by the academic college, followed by the other colleges in the order of their founding. This part of the procession, upon entering Northrop Field, went through a series of drills and spectacular marches prepared for the occasion. A very elaborate display of fireworks ended this particular phase of the celebration. In regard to the success of the affair, President Vincent said on the following morning that he had seen such events in various parts of the country, but that he had never seen anything that approached the Minnesota torchlight procession.

On the next morning, some few of the many and distinguished guests spoke before the assembly, at the exercises presided over by President Vincent, which exercises preceded the formal ceremonies of installation that took place in the afternoon. After the induction into office, the President with his inaugural address terminated the formalities.

The occasion marked a new phase in the life of the university, the beginning of a new era. As stated by Doctor Vincent, "The day saw the passing of the personal leadership although happily not the passing of the personal influence of President Emeritus Cyrus Northrop." To him as well as to his successor the university seized this opportunity to show again the lasting and unified love of all.

Now we place our confidence and trust in our new leader, and put ourselves at his command, willing and anxious to render him any service in our power.

FLORENCE JUNE ROBINSON, Chi.

*The Fraternity—
An Altruistic
Organ.*

The fraternity spirit, we all know, is mutual helpfulness and companionship in both work and play. In order that the fraternity may be truly helpful to a student, it must in every way possible assist her in striving towards the ideal college girl. To accomplish the best of which she is capable in every phase of college life, she owes to herself and to those who stand behind her, making college a possibility for her. Not only does she owe that best to herself, but also to the college itself. The fraternity, then, with its ideals of scholarship, and its opportunities for congenial relaxation, is surely an organ, if properly used, to help each member achieve her best. Let this be the measure of our strength within.

A group of students thus bound together may permeate the whole college with their spirit of sincere helpfulness to others. Every portion of added strength we have gained by our union, we should be in honor bound to turn to good advantage to the college and to our fellow students. We owe our very existence to the college institution and our excuse for being, when viewed altruistically, is not for individual benefit alone, but that from

the strength within we may reach out a hand to those without the mystic circle.

The rushing season is of course a trying one. Our future depends upon the members we secure. Altruism is difficult to perceive, yet, even at this time, I believe that a generosity towards others and general good feelings may exist.

Beta Sigma is trying to do what is in its power for others. For several years we offered a scholarship to some worthy non-fraternity student, chosen by the college president. This year to promote the feeling of cordiality between all college students we have entertained at informal teas fraternity and non-fraternity students together.

There is much more that can be done in this line. There are many other untried avenues, larger or smaller, by which we could assist the college spirit. In these duties toward the larger college body let us show in a second and perhaps more altruistic manner the strength of our union.

CHLOE M. SKILTON, Beta Sigma.

*The Relation Between
Pledge and Upper
Classman.*

Since the suggestion made at the last convention, as to the advisability of forming a scholarship requirement prerequisite to initiation, has been widely adopted by the chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma, new contingencies arise in regard to the relation between pledge and upper classman.

I believe it is a universal evil for a freshman to be petted, flattered, and spoiled during the mad hours of "rushing season". After she is pledged she is almost forgotten in the frantic endeavors to win some other girl. Formerly this difficulty was in some manner repaired, when the pledge was initiated very soon, and given the privileges of the fraternity. Even then, however, a younger girl often felt in awe of her older sisters, and missed the spirit of democracy and comradeship which is, above all other things, desired in fraternity life.

Now we have the dangers of diffidence on the freshman's side, and of indifference on the part of both freshman and upper classman. A pledge is told of the new rule, and impressed with the importance of study. Then the tendency is to leave her alone

to fight her own social, mental, and moral battles. Every member of the chapter has the greatest interest in each pledge, but a multiplicity of individual interests sometimes renders her neglectful.

For this situation there are, however, a number of remedies. One ceremony which makes a pledge feel "almost a Kappa" is the solemn pledging service in the ritual. Then a time can be set aside to teach the new girls Kappa songs, and the obligation of being present at each meeting made apparent. Informal parties bring out the spirit of congeniality and good fellowship; but even more beneficial than anything else is the appointment of an older girl to aid each pledge in her studies and in her social perplexities.

MARY BATTS, Beta Xi.

*Chapter and
Freshmen.*

Under the present ruling of the local panhellenic our pledge day has been fixed for October the twenty-fourth and no freshman is to be initiated before one semester's work without condition. The chapter has been considering how it can best be of service to the freshmen from pledge day to the end of the semester and has finally decided on the following plan. During this time of probation the active girls are to be kept informed of the pledges' grades. A committee is appointed to visit each department in which the freshmen have work and learn their standing. Once a month these grades are to be read in fraternity meeting and if any help is needed it may be given in time to prevent any possible failure. We have great hopes that this will keep up the interest in college work and at the same time show the freshmen that we have their welfare at heart.

HELEN HAYWARD, Beta Nu.

*The National
Crisis.*

Every one realizes that a crisis in the affairs of our national government is imminent. The causes for this upheaval have long been at work, but the mind of the people seems to have been crystallizing in only the last couple of years into the action that threatens to overturn our national policies in 1912.

How guilty the party in power may be, I do not care to discuss. It is sufficient to say that most of us believe that it came into

power with good intentions and that it has succumbed to the lure of gold and become the protector of ill-gotten and ill-gaining wealth. But what I would have you consider is that the temptation of gold besieges every party that comes into power. Those in control of this great wealth have no particular love for the Republican party as Republicans, nor for the Democratic party as Democrats, but merely for any party that will be its servant. And no party can long remain untainted by this wealth. So if in the coming election the ruling power is transferred from the Republican party to the Democratic, there will be a transfer of gold in just the same proportion.

The remedy for this is, I believe, the breaking down of party lines. Money can buy a party and every adherent of that party must obey its order. Very different would be the result if every political man held steadfastly to his own honest ideals. Vast as the wealth might be, it could never reach these patriots. A few, I grant you, could be bought, for in every camp there are weaknesses, but the majority would remain uncontaminated.

But, you say, there could be no uniformity of action where each man held to his individual ideas. It is true that a party gives to its adherents a common platform, but, in so doing, it converts its men into a vast machine that answers yea or nay according to the leaders' will and deprives the members of any pretense of individual thought. But if these other men, these patriots, have for their ideal the ultimate good of our country, no matter how diverse their individual ideas, this common aim would weld them into a harmonious group in whose care the life and progress of our country would be entirely safe.

Do you object that this is entirely too Utopian a plan for actual practice? I will grant you that it is visionary, not because the plan is faulty but because men cannot be found capable of carrying it out. But why should we not come as near to the visionary as we can in this actual life? We can strive for the right and, if we fail, we still can try again.

What has been my object in writing this to the Kappa world? Only this, to urge you to support, in every possible way, the honest man, the man with an ideal, the patriot, in the elections that are to come. And in so doing, you will be carrying forward our ideal of Kappa helpfulness and will be making of our Kappa

Kappa Gamma Fraternity a yet more powerful champion of the right.

SOPHIE E. FOELL, Beta Alpha.

On Being Thoughtful. One of the finest arts and one of the most difficult to acquire, is the habit of living with other people gracefully. And for a girl in a fraternity house, perhaps the most important thing to remember in this connection is that the art consists largely in attention to little things. The ideal of community life, of which fraternity life should be one of the highest expressions, is a maximum of development for its members. This development cannot be brought about in the girl whom we are considering, unless the common interest in the chapter house is safeguarded by each person in it. Life, after all, consists of an endless number of details; it is only very rarely that we are called upon for big duties and responsibilities. Even when we are, is it not true that big responsibilities are nothing but groups of relating details?

So it would seem that too much emphasis cannot be laid upon these little things of every day. It may sound overdrawn at first to say that the matter of a girl's closing a door gently or being quiet while her room-mate is studying, largely determines our opinion of her. But this is true. The amount of pleasure to be derived from their association by girls who live together is, to a great extent, decided by these small courtesies. We are all so wrapped up in our own duties and our own fun that we forget to remember that our loud laughing is keeping awake a girl in the next room who went to bed early with a headache, or that a short word or none at all may send a poor little underclassman, who is blue and homesick, to her room for a cry.

It is very easy to preach about gentleness and sympathy, but how hard it is to carry our ideals into our everyday work, with the cold glare of noonday on it! Yet just a little thought will bring such a big return of comfort to those around us. We all know how harrowing it is to lie in bed with a light left burning near our sleepy eyes by a room-mate who went down the hall for a good-night chat all too protracted! We all know how inconvenient it is at times to have another girl burst into our room without the courtesy of a knock, because she forgets that even in a fraternity house the occupants are entitled to occasional

privacy! How many times we are annoyed, unreasonably, perhaps, but still annoyed, by having a door we have just carefully closed, left ajar to creak in the breeze by some one who came in for a minute to borrow a pin or look at the clock! These things are small; in fact, so trivial that they seem almost unworthy subjects for comment. But perhaps thinking of them, now, may save future difficulties. MARGARET DUPUY, Beta Lambda.

A Bit of Frivolity and a Suggestion. I know you will think that this is too frivolous for a Parthenon article. They are always so grave and dignified and sedate, you know,—“Chapter Unity,” “A Broader View of Fraternity Life,” etc. For some unknown reason, my chapter cast upon me the responsibility of representing them in the Parthenon. It is truly sad to disappoint them by not writing of morals and evils and benefits, etc., but I don’t see why we shouldn’t sometimes have a bit of frivolity and friendly chat wedged in between these solid and substantial blocks.

To my mind our KEY tends to be just a *little too* serious. It has to be serious; I grant that, we all grant that. We must show outside people who read THE KEY that it is really worth their while and that we aren’t “stuffed with sawdust” at all. Yet also, don’t you think we might have a little more life and a little less formality in some one department? We might have an “Easy Chair,” or “Editor’s Study,” or “Point of View” where we were permitted to be just as serious or foolish as we pleased. Now, please, Madam Editress, don’t think I’m trying to find fault with anything as it is—for I’m not, I’m merely suggesting that a little more be added to our already splendid whole. In the *Atlantic Monthly* for instance (and we’re taught down South that that is about the best of the monthlies,) I always pick it up and read “The Contributor’s Club” first of all. Sometimes I never get any farther, for I know that it takes thought and time to read the rest understandingly, but I find that I nearly always enjoy and usually get something of value from “The Contributor’s Club.”

But I fear I’m taking up too much time and space. It is to be hoped, Madam Editress, that all the Parthenon writers this month did not take their duty so lightly and really wrote something worth printing. MARY M. SISTRUNK, Beta Omicron.

EDITORIAL

That every member of every chapter will unite in endorsing the proposed Kappa coat-of-arms, is perhaps more than we can hope. It is however, agreed that the adoption of a suitable coat-of-arms is advisable; and those who are to vote should remember that the design submitted has the merit of being technically correct. If any point seems open to improvement, it would be well to inquire whether it is a mere matter of taste that can be changed, or a requirement of correct heraldry. The slant of the fleur-de-lis, for instance, and of the Greek letters on the ribbon, is not a matter of choice. The question has been raised as to whether two shades of blue can be used in the design; and most of us will be glad to learn that the use of the word "proper" in the description, "a badge of the fraternity proper, viz,—the Greek letter Σ superimposed upon the Greek letter Δ," means that the Sigma in Delta may be reproduced in the two blues that belong to it. It will be noticed that the coat-of-arms is well adapted to use on note-paper. It has no fine detail or small lettering, so that the whole design stands out clearly on a small scale.

The fraternity is indebted to Margaret Brown Moore, Beta Gamma, for this design and for much research and careful study on the subject, as chairman of the committee on arms.

Miss Moore suggests that action be taken on this design as soon as possible, so that in case of a favorable vote, the design may be available for Christmas stationery; and it is her intention to take up the matter in a preliminary way with the official jewelers. Any further information on the notepaper idea may be obtained from Miss Moore, 5723 Superior Street, Austin Station, Chicago.

As to Convention, we are all going, aren't we? Katharine Tobin Mullin, Beta Sigma, is going to tell us all a great deal about Convention between now and next August, to arouse the anticipations of those who are going, and the envy of those who are not. Our Grand President has asked us to include a Convention Department in *THE KEY*, and Mrs. Mullin has been urged to take charge of it, because she is a real newspaper woman, and knows about getting and writing news. After her graduation

from Adelphi in 1905 she had several years' experience on the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, first in reportorial work, and later as editor of the children's department. In 1908, she married Mr. Howard Brady Mullin, a Beta Theta Pi of Syracuse University, of the class of '03; so Beta Sigma has reluctantly lent her to Beta Tau. All the readers of THE KEY know Mrs. Mullin as editor of the exchange department, and many of them know her—but do not know that they know her—as the author of some of our best-loved songs of later days,—among them, "Drink to the Kappa memories," "If you ask us why we love you," "Not your key, O Kappa, not your fleur-de-lis," and "We'll always remember the days we have spent."

In getting the material for this issue Mrs. Mullin had the help of Margaret Raymond, Upsilon. She is a senior in the music school at Northwestern, was president of her class last year, and this year is a member of the Woman's League council. She is such a good organizer that her chapter has elected her Marshal of Convention. So we shall all have a chance to become acquainted with her, by sight at least, next August.

In the death of Minnetta Theodora Taylor, Iota, Kappa Kappa Gamma has lost a valued member, one whose personality counted greatly in moulding the character and ideals of the fraternity in its earlier days. As first editor of THE KEY, Miss Taylor gave herself heart and soul to building up a magazine of earnest purpose and of remarkable merit, even if we judge it by the standard of present-day fraternity journalism. Those first numbers contain many poems and articles over her signature which are of real literary value, and editorial comments that are delightfully full of youthful enthusiasm in the new journalistic venture.

She has told the story of the founding of THE KEY in an earlier issue; and there can be no more interesting comment on her value to the vitality of the fraternity, than this article, reprinted in this number.

Throughout her life, Miss Taylor kept her interest in the fraternity for whose usefulness she was so largely responsible, and one of her last contributions was a suggestive article on fraternity rushing, published in THE KEY for February, 1911.

For the portrait of Miss Taylor, THE KEY is indebted to the courtesy of Mrs. Annie Laurie Payne Ader, Iota.

CHAPTER LETTERS

ALPHA PROVINCE

PHI, BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Boston University has entered a new era in its history, under the leadership of Lemuel H. Murlin. Doctor Murlin of Baker University was formally inaugurated president of Boston University on October twentieth at services held in Trinity Church. Seven hundred alumni, trustees, members of the faculty, and visiting delegates, marshalled by Dr. E. Charlton Black, passed in a procession from the liberal arts building to the church, where Ex-Governor Bates presented to Doctor Murlin the keys, charter and seal of the university in the presence of a large gathering. Luncheon was served to guests at Hotel Vendome, and in the afternoon short addresses were made by President Lowell of Harvard, Rev. Dr. Charles Brown of Yale Divinity School, and Chief Justice Rugg of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts at the New Old South Church. After dinner at the Vendome, a reception was given the President and Mrs. Murlin by the faculty and student body at the college of liberal arts.

Phi chapter announces three engagements:—that of Helen Mackintosh, '12, to Morris H. Shepard of Sharon; of Elsie R. Putney, '14, to Fay Livengood of Kansas City; and of Marjorie Thompson, '12, to Richard Cox. The girls heartily approve of the plan suggested in the May *Key* that the fortunate man in the case present the chapter with a five pound box of candy. On September twenty-first, Margaret South, '12, entertained the active chapter at her home with a linen shower for Helen Mackintosh.

On October tenth and eleventh our Grand President and Secretary, Mrs. Roth and Miss Powell, visited us, and were entertained by the chapter and alumnae association.

By panhellenic rules, each fraternity is at liberty to give two parties this season. Our first rushing party came October fourteenth at Helen Mackintosh's home in Sharon, where we entertained about twenty freshmen. On November second we are planning to give our new president's wife, Mrs. Murlin, Mrs. Spear, and Mrs. Knight a tea at our rooms. The evening of

the third we shall give our first "men's party" of the season, at Mrs. R. A. O'Brien's home in Brookline.

November fourth Marjorie Thompson, '12, will be married at her home, to Mr. Richard Cox.

Virginia Thompson, '14, was elected president of the sophomore class for the first semester.

This is a long letter, and I have not told you of our house-party. Suffice it to say, then, that like all Kappa parties it was by unanimous vote very successful.

Phi sends best wishes to all chapters for success in rushing and in carrying on the year's work.

MARY L. LOWDEN.

BETA EPSILON, BARNARD COLLEGE

We, at Barnard, begin our college year rather later than do most other colleges, and so at the time of writing this letter, we have been in session, so to speak, just one month. Hence, we have not a great deal to record in our chapter letter.

The Grand Council members met in New York just as college was beginning, so our very first meeting of the year was a tea, given in their honor. It certainly was a delight to meet them and after seeing them again at the alumnae luncheon, a day or two later, we really began to feel that we knew them very well. Miss Eva Powell "officially inspected" us while the Council was here in the city. We had great fun showing her the university grounds and buildings, and getting well acquainted with her while so doing. Then we took her in to Miss Gildersleeve's class in Shakespeare and swelled with pardonable pride as she listened to the wonderful lecture of our wonderful Kappa dean. We were all sorry to have her go and wish she could "unofficially inspect" us very soon again.

This year we have started up an institution which promises to be a great success. Every Tuesday, instead of staying at college for lunch, we all go over to our little apartment and have a jolly sit-on-the-floor-paper-plate-picnic-lunch together. All the "grads" are invited and a goodly number have appeared each time so far. To us in our non-residential college, this means a great deal, for we have so little chance to get together except for business meetings, and so little opportunity to see

the "grads," except when they make a special trip to our part of the city to see us all—as on these occasions.

Pledge day with its hectic excitement is fast approaching, but we are trying to keep calm and cool. With our non-rushing rules it is often difficult to know and be known to the "possibilities" as well as we wish, except by the individual effort of each girl in the chapter. But it is worth while in the end to carry things on in that way, for it often means that a much more natural friendship is brought about between the fraternity girl and the rushee, than by formal rushing parties.

There is little else to tell. We are planning a spread and a dance this month, and are hoping to get off together for a week end in the country before the semester is over. But at present we are jogging along in our usual busy, happy way.

ELEANORE MYERS.

BETA SIGMA, ADELPHI COLLEGE

All Adelphi's interest and enthusiasm is still centered around our much needed endowment fund, and we hope to realize the full amount this fall. For this purpose a large fair is to be held in college on the ninth, tenth and eleventh of November, and both undergraduates and alumnae are putting forth their best efforts to make it a success. We shall also have the very welcome support of all the high schools and the women's clubs of Brooklyn.

Beta Sigma started the new year very auspiciously with a most delightful house-party at Rockville Centre, Long Island, the home of Chlöe Skilton. Among many good times was a tramp to Long Beach and a picnic on the sand, while the most ambitious of the party went in bathing. A masquerade, where everyone represented some dramatic character was most entertaining, and perhaps the best thing of all was an automobile jaunt to Nassau Boulevard, where the international aviation meet was being held.

The panhellenic rules for this year are rather complicated, as a unanimous decision seemed to be almost impossible. Pledge day has been decided upon as December fifteenth, and for these first five weeks of college, relations with the freshmen have been "to treat all freshmen alike." This, however, has not been entirely satisfactory, and so for the six weeks remaining there is to be no unnecessary communication between freshmen and

fraternity girls. This is not an ideal system, but we think it will be the simplest and best suited to present conditions.

The chapter has instituted a new custom in a series of informal fortnightly teas in the fraternity rooms. Every member may invite two friends, and we hope in this way to promote a better interfraternity spirit and a more congenial feeling between fraternity and non-fraternity girls. The two that we have had proved most successful.

A great many Beta Sigmas had the pleasure of meeting the members of the Grand Council at the New York Alumnae Association luncheon. We especially enjoyed having Miss Powell with us for two days and our only regret was that her visit was far too short. We are all looking forward to meeting all the Grand Council again at Convention.

Beta Sigma sends hearty good wishes for a successful year to all Kappas.

AGNES A. ENGLAND.

PSI, CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Rushing is the chief interest of Psi just at present and we are rejoicing over the splendid material in the class of 1915. The panhellenic tea was held October fourth. On November eighteenth we gave our one big rushing party. The planning for it was more difficult than usual this year, for each fraternity was limited to forty dollars. However, it was a great success. Pledge day will be on December ninth, instead of after the holidays, so that this year we can enjoy the vacation with no worries over freshmen.

From October twenty-first to twenty-third we were honored by a visit, all too short, from our Grand Secretary, Miss Eva Powell. She brought us welcome news of the Grand Council Session as well as many helpful suggestions from the Kappas she had visited before she reached us. We certainly were loth to let her go on the third day, for she won our hearts at first sight.

During the last week in October we were most happy to meet Mrs. Penfield, ex-Grand President, who attended a suffragist convention in Ithaca.

Agnes Gouinlock, ex-'08, and Margaret Cuthbert, ex-'08, visited in Ithaca this fall, and we were very glad to have an opportunity of seeing them once more.

Wilhelmine Wissmann, '11, made an extended visit with us during November.

On November ninth at her home in Syracuse, Caroline Merry, '11, was married to Robert Withington Canfield, Cornell '10, Sigma Phi. Several girls from Psi attended the wedding.

Mariana McCaulley, '12, is president of the Sage dramatic club for this year and already the club has presented one very successful little farce, "His Model Wife."

Lucy Crawford, '13, is manager of crew for this year as well as a member of the house committee and the executive committee of Student Government.

Both Mariana McCaulley and Lucy Crawford were appointed to the Y. W. C. A. cabinet.

Jane McKelway, '13, has been elected vice-president of the Alliance Française, as well as a member of "Les Cabotins."

Eva Haigh, '14, was elected a member of her class election committee.

Psi sends the best of wishes to all her sister chapters.

ELISABETH BANKS.

BETA TAU, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

The fall rushing began as soon as we returned to college and continued for about two weeks. We had a splendid freshman class from which to choose and Kappa Kappa Gamma with her usual good fortune, had little trouble in selecting nine fine girls:—Dorothy Boggs, Marion Chapman, Mildred Goodell, Evelyn Greeley, Florence Sayre, Jane McBurney, Dona Wilber, Ethel Wilcox, Christina Thorpe.

October twentieth was our initiation, followed by the banquet in our chapter house. We were glad to welcome about thirty of our alumnae. It was our good fortune, too, to have with us Miss Eva Powell, who spoke so enthusiastically about the plans for the coming Convention that we are all anxious to attend.

The following evening Kappa Kappa Gamma entertained informally for Miss Powell.

October thirty-first the women's league gives a "County Fair." at the women's gymnasium. Elizabeth Lowry, vice-president of the league, is in charge of it. Helene Cooke, 1912, has won the championship of the senior women's tennis league.

Mildred Goodell, '15, has been elected as secretary of the freshman class and Dona Wilber is appointed to the executive committee. Elizabeth Lowry has been elected to Eta Beta Pi, the senior honorary society.

Following a custom started last year, a baby party was held the afternoon after initiation, when we all had the pleasure of getting acquainted with the Kappa babies from near and far.

AGNES L. DAVIS.

BETA PSI, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

The members of the new chapter added to the Kappa sisterhood last May have spent many happy hours in organizing the work for the year and in getting the chapter affairs in good running order. Because of our lack of worldly wisdom, we fear we shall leave undone many things we ought to have done; but for such mistakes we hope we shall be forgiven.

We especially enjoyed the first initiation we have conducted as Kappa sisters, for on Saturday evening, October the twenty-first, we initiated Muriel Wallace, '09, into the beautiful mysteries of Kappahood. Muriel Wallace was in Germany at the time of the installation, so as soon as she returned we hastened to make her one of us again. The initiation was held at Grace Maclaren's and all the active members as well as several of the graduates of Beta Psi, were present. We were very happy to have the kindly advice of Lou Scott of Pi Chapter.

We are looking forward with much happy anticipation to a visit this week from Miss Powell. We are hoping she will enjoy her first official visit to a Canadian university.

Laura Denton, '11, wrote from Munich, Germany, that she intended celebrating Charter Day with us in spirit across the seas.

The Rugby season has opened with as much enthusiasm as ever, for Toronto usually triumphantly carries off the honors from the other Canadian colleges. Our tennis tournaments are also most exciting and last week our annual field sports were most thoroughly enjoyed.

Friday evening last at the college was held our annual "Bob," a time-honoured institution of Victoria College. The "Bob" is truly a student entertainment, taking the form of an initiation of the in-coming class, at which the second years only have the

pleasure of performing. While years ago the "Bob" was merely a very small entertainment, it has since become such a tradition about which gathers the glamour of recollection, that the students of each succeeding year seem to enter into the sport of this burlesque with increasing fervor, and every year many hitherto unknown stars come to be recognized as stars of the first magnitude after appearing before the footlights in our college halls. This year the "Bob" was unusually good and I may add, unusually exciting, for at its close one of the largest inter-faculty "hustles" was held at our very doors.

Beta Psi sends heartiest greetings to all Kappas.

BEATRICE M. BARRY.

BETA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

The opening of the college year brought before us the immediate necessity of finding a home. As usual, we had stored our furniture over the summer, so late in September we started out on our search. We decided finally that we could do no better than to re-engage our old room in the Graduate House. And this, with the help of our alumnae association, we have done. The room is large, bright, and airy, and very homelike after our few hours' work spent in getting the things in place. We anticipate having many happy times there this winter.

Already we have used it for one "occasion." This was a birthday surprise party that we had after meeting one night. Each of us brought a small gift with an appropriate verse, as well as something good to eat. The darkened room, lighted only by the candles on the cake, and one chair standing out conspicuously with its burden of white-covered packages was indeed a surprise to our guest of honor. But the most fun came later in the evening when the packages were undone and the notes, prophetic or reminiscent, were read.

Although college began over a month ago, we have not yet entertained the freshmen. But we are planning to spend an evening with the entire class in a week or so. After that we hope to be able to select the girls that we care to know more about. We have already pledged two of the older girls, Olive Halde-
man and Mildred Goshow, with whom we expect to have very pleasant meetings this year.

SOPHIE E. FELL.

BETA IOTA, SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

With a chapter of thirteen, which we are sure is a lucky number for us, we are in the midst of a six weeks' rushing season. As usual, all the fraternities are rushing several of the same girls, which makes this time of the year rather a strenuous one.

We have had several informal rushing parties. On October eleventh, after the regular fall meeting of our alumnae, we had a tea at the house of Phoebe Lukens, in the village, to which several freshmen were invited, so that they might have an opportunity to see what splendid alumnae we have. The most attractive party so far took place Monday the twenty-third. Two of our village alumnae, Helen Lukens, '10, and Helen Parker, '11, helped us, financially and otherwise, to make it a success. Helen Lukens contributed a large third-story room; here the table, gracefully decorated with the blue and blue and things more substantial, was spread on the floor. When we had all reached our limit in consuming what was put before us, we blew out our candles and had several good songs before panhellenic rules called us back to college. Our "big" rushing function is to be a party that Laura Parry, ex-'14, is giving at her home in Langhorne on Friday, the twenty-seventh.

Several of the girls of the active chapter attended the wedding of Rosalie Painter, '07, and Roger Wood, on October the tenth.

The twenty-eighth of October has been set aside as Founders' Day. The Hon. Wayne Mac Veagh, and Norman Penney, F. S. A., F. R., Hist. S., Librarian of Devonshire House, London, and Editor of the *Journal of the Friends' Historical Society*, will speak. Mr. Penney's subject will be "Swarthmore Hall and the Founders of the Society of Friends." Each of the classes will present a tableau representing some scene from the life of George Fox.

ANNE S. HAINES.

GAMMA RHO, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

Gamma Rho introduces to all Kappas two new sisters of whom she is justly proud. Isabella Thoburn and Annette Swartley (Mrs. Stanley S.) were initiated September thirtieth. The service was very impressive and we were fortunate in having a large number of alumnae present. Isabella Thoburn was one of the girls we pledged last year. Annette Swartley is the wife

of a member of the faculty. We now have eighteen active girls and hope to introduce more in our next letter.

Our panhellenic contract this year prohibits rushing and all forms of "monopoly," but the fraternities together give one party for the new girls. This is to be next Saturday and we look upon it as the one great opportunity. Bidding day comes the ninth of December.

We had a short visit from Mrs. Roth this fall and enjoyed hearing about the Kappa tour of Europe.

Two of our sophomores, Kathryn Diefenderfer and Ruth Ericson did not come back this fall, but perhaps we may have one or both of them next semester.

Leone McLean, '10, has a very good position in the University Settlement at Philadelphia.

Gamma Rho sends best wishes for success to all chapters.

MIRIAM SHRYOCK.

BETA UPSILON, WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

West Virginia University is impatiently awaiting a great event in its history, the installation of its new president, Dr. Thomas E. Hodges. The ceremonies begin on Wednesday the first of November with President Taft here in honor of the occasion, and ends Friday night with a great reunion of alumni, especially a reunion of Greeks, so we are looking forward to seeing many of our old members.

Rushing season is just over and we are awaiting our answers. According to panhellenic ruling the girls have a week in which to answer. Our four rushing parties were quite a success. The first was a chafing dish party at Ida Sutherland Babb's, next we gave a box party at the Coburn Players' presentation of "Much Ado About Nothing," and after the play, a theater supper at Steel's. The new president of the university has two nieces who are members of this chapter, so we held a large evening reception at the president's house, to which the boys were invited. And last was a dinner at the Hotel Madeira, after which we had coffee in the apartments of Mrs. C. Edmund Neil, in the hotel. Our prospects are bright for some very good pledges.

We are happy to welcome to Beta Upsilon Katherine Parsons, Delta, who enters the university this year. Delta's loss is a very

great gain to us, for Katherine fits in as if she had always been with us. We are indeed glad that if Delta had to lose so good a member we were the fortunate ones to win her.

Both Nellie Dauphinee Stathers and Agnes Cady Chitwood, two of our resident alumnae who are married to university professors, are proudly showing to admiring Kappas and others their sons born in September.

Mrs. C. Edmund Neil spent the summer on the Maine coast; Marjorie Patterson was on the Maine coast also. Marjorie was graduated in June from Jackson College, the first graduate of this new women's department of Tufts College. She is teaching in the high school at Springfield, Massachusetts, this year.

Pearl and Ada Reiner are students at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn. Pearl is studying art and Ada is taking a course in kindergarten work.

Elizabeth Cooke has entered Smith. Three of our active girls have gone east this year.

Margaret Buckannon toured Canada this summer in company with Dean Susan Moore, dean of women of the university. Adelaide Dovey Church, Psi, with her husband, a member of the faculty here, toured Europe this summer.

During the past few months a regular epidemic of weddings has beset Beta Upsilon, being equally impartial to alumnae and active girls. Our list of "newly weds" and their addresses is as follows; Mary McKinney and Noel Weaver (Phi Kappa Psi), Morgantown, West Virginia; Juanita Bartlett and Thomas Thayer (Sigma Chi), Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Georgia Statts and Rev. Warren Hodges (Sigma Nu), Chairman, Pennsylvania; Harriette Stalnecker and Chancy Bell, Greeley, Colorado; Lida Six and Rev. Frank Thompson (Phi Delta Theta), Washington, D. C.

SUSAN SMITH.

BETA PROVINCE

LAMBDA, BUCHTEL COLLEGE

First of all let me introduce your new sister, Ruth Fiebeger of Akron.

School started this fall in a blaze of glory for Lambda, with twelve old girls back, and a splendid class of freshman girls to choose our new sisters from. The only trouble is the difficulty

in choosing a few from so many fine girls. The annual reception, the Friday after school started, made all the school very well acquainted.

September twenty-third we had a rushing party for Ruth Fiebeger at Dene Heriff's in Kent. It seemed very successful, for on the twenty-fifth we proudly displayed her, wearing the double blue.

October second the entire college enjoyed a "water-melon feed" in the gymnasium; for an old student from Indiana sent a car-load and the faculty and the students surely did indulge in them.

September thirtieth Buchtel won the first football game from Muskingum 45-0. This made us feel very good, as we hoped to have another championship this year, but alas! the two next games went against Buchtel. However, it was not our fault, for our men are all splendid players and always play a good game.

October eleventh we initiated Ruth Fiebeger into Kappa Kappa Gamma, and now there are *thirteen* lucky Kappas at Buchtel.

October twelfth, the annual sophomore-freshman football game came off, and the sophomores were victorious, the first time for several years.

October fourteenth and fifteenth we had a house party at Brady Lake. It was beautiful weather, and the leaves were gorgeous in their autumnal colors. The girls all had a lovely care-free time, and when we broke up camp on Sunday evening, and came back to town, we were all so sorry to leave that we decided to have an encore at Conner's cottage on "The Meadows," the next week-end. However, the weather clerk decided that we had enjoyed good weather too long, so Saturday and Sunday the rain came down like a second flood. But it would take more than rain to dampen our adventurous spirits, so Saturday evening found us in front of a roaring wood fire singing our Kappa songs, heedless of the storm sweeping across the lake. Sunday it was still storming, but in spite of that, several Buchtel men came in to spend the day and "to see that we all got home safely."

Lambda has November pledge-day this year, and so at present we are all busily planning rushing stunts. We have several ideal freshmen in mind, and we hope in our next letter to be able to say that they are all safely pledged to Kappa.

HARRIET V. HOTCHKISS.

BETA GAMMA, WOOSTER UNIVERSITY

Beta Gamma has taken her part in college and fraternity activities this year. October seventh we had a rushing party at Lodi, which turned out to be a great success. October thirteenth we gave a dinner in the hall for our rushees.

Mrs. Foss, one of our patronesses, gave us a dance the twenty-third of October, in honor of Elizabeth Wyman, ex-'10, of Sidney, Ohio, who came back to visit us for a week or so.

The faculty and trustees of the university gave a reception, November seventh, in Kenarden Lodge, the new dormitory for men, to which all the students were invited.

November seventeenth we are going to entertain our patronesses in the hall, and on the following Friday we are to be the guests of our town alumnae.

We are glad to have with us again Hazel Drummond, ex-'10, who has returned to finish her college course.

Clara Louise Barrett, ex-'14, was a welcome visitor the second week of October.

We hope that all the Kappas will have a happy and successful year in every way.

MILDRED R. FOSS.

BETA NU, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Beta Nu wishes to introduce to you seven pledges, of whom we are very proud:—Lorraine Bates, Mary Dickinson, Hazel McKean, Mabel Johnson, Auda Smith, Marie Souder, and Barbara Williams. Pledge day was October the twenty-fourth.

We are very glad to have with us this year Agnes Brady of Delta chapter.

The woman's council are planning to have a supper in the gymnasium on November the seventh. It is for the purpose of bringing the girls of the university together. Different organizations have stunts after the supper.

Helen Morrison, ex-'12, and Dr. Harry Bryant Tilestone of Kentucky were married September the fourteenth.

Florence Hudgel, '11, and Fred Caskey, '09, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, were married October the second.

HELEN HAYWARD.

XI, ADRIAN COLLEGE

All of the active members of Xi chapter have returned for the school year except Ada Elson of Toronto, Ohio. We are exceedingly glad to be re-united again.

Six new girls have been pledged to Kappa Kappa Gamma:—Mary Louise Beach, Seville, Ohio; Margaret Jones, Springfield, Ohio; Irene Jennings, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Emeline Metcalf, Toronto, Ohio; Muriel Donnell and Harriett Taylor, Adrian, Michigan. We are very glad to welcome these girls into the bonds of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Adelaide Shepherd and Ruth Anthony were initiated into Kappa Kappa Gamma the evening of September twenty-third.

Belle Peters McKee and Lena Christy spent a week-end in Ann Arbor. They were most royally entertained by the girls of Beta Delta chapter at the fraternity house at dinner on Sunday, October twenty-second.

The annual faculty reception was held in South Hall parlors the evening of October tenth. Three hundred guests were present.

During the past month, we were delighted to have the opportunity of hearing Miss Gertrude Rennyson sing. Her concert was the first of a series given by the choral union.

Helen Brittain gives a song recital in Paris, Illinois, the evening of November twentieth. This is her second appearance in Paris, as she assisted in their annual high school May festival last year.

LENA CHRISTY.

KAPPA, HILLSDALE COLLEGE

The attendance in all departments of the college this year has shown a very favorable increase. The Christian Associations have fitted up a very attractive room in Fine Arts Hall. Another new feature is the dramatic club, and if the number of members and the interest shown promises anything, this will certainly be of great literary advantage to the students. The literary societies are also fitting up very attractive new rooms.

We are more than delighted with our new member, Marion Hine, whom we initiated on October twenty-first. A number of our alumnae were present, and we had a spread afterwards. We are all glad to have Helen Mauck with us again this year.

A large number of the student body attended a masquerade, which was held in the gymnasium, and gave a very jolly time to everyone.

This year we are again to have second semester pledge day, and we hope it will prove as satisfactory as it did last year.

MINNIE HAWES.

GAMMA PROVINCE

DELTA, INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Fall term for Delta has opened very promisingly. The rushing season, though restricted to one day, was very enjoyable and we are proud to introduce our list of pledges. On the twenty-first of September we pledged the following girls:—Mary Louise Bagot, Edith Hoadley, Helen VanCamp, Marie Doremus, Ruth Moffatt, Hazel Etzold, Kate De Pew and Gladys Lockart. We formally introduced our freshmen at fall open house which was held at the Kappa house on September the thirteenth.

Miss Caroline De Nice, our new dean of women, has taken up her work this fall and although she finds the present conditions and standards at Indiana very good, she expects to improve them to such a degree that no possible fault may be found with the co-educational system in this university.

At the first meeting of panhellenic, it was decided to give a tea once a term for all sorority girls and their alumnae in order that they may become better acquainted. This plan is expected to prove very successful.

HELEN BECK.

IOTA, DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

This college year has had a most encouraging beginning for Iota. We were very successful in our spike, and feel that we pledged the finest crowd of girls that ever entered school; and that is saying a great deal, for the class of freshman girls this year is unusually large. Panhellenic this year made a contract not to pledge for four weeks, and our spiking party took the form of a dinner. We had our honors from last year in scholarship and student activities to spike on, and felt very proud, on October eighteenth, to pledge Edith Stirman, Mabel Miller, Mary Keeney, Irma Tuhey, Lola Marfel, Neva Marfel, Carmen Irvin, Helen Scott, Emily Van Riper, Julia Shubrick,

and Frances Hartley. As we had twenty-six active members back, and since we shall probably have sophomore pledge next year, Grand Council gave us a special dispensation to initiate eleven girls this year.

On November third we had our annual DePauw holiday, "Old Gold Day." It is principally devoted to athletics; but this year a vaudeville was given in the evening, in which each fraternity was asked to take part. Kappa closed the program with a musical number which carried out the idea of "Old Gold Day," and we feel that we merited the applause and enthusiasm with which our number was received.

Kappa is taking a prominent place in all college activities, having two members on the student council and three members on the "Mirage" board for next year. We have also been given places in the various class elections. We are trying to make it more than ever our policy this year to be actively interested in all the affairs of the college, and to make our influence felt in the entire student world.

ETHEL MCGREW.

MU, BUTLER COLLEGE

It is a college ruling here at Butler that none of the sororities can have sorority houses, but this year we have rented two large rooms in a private residence not far from the campus, which we hope will answer the purpose to some extent. We are now busy in furnishing these rooms and have been soliciting our alumnae for furniture and money with very good success. Although we do not have the rooms entirely fixed up, we have had two meetings and a "spread" there, and hope soon to be able to have an "open house" for our friends.

College life in general has been rather quiet this fall; the all-absorbing interest is the football team, which has been very successful so far.

The "Lotus Club," a social society of all the girls in school, has again been organized. It held its first meeting October twenty-sixth at the College Residence. This was a very pleasant meeting, the entertainment, decorations and refreshments all carrying out the Hallowe'en idea.

We gave our fall term dance Saturday, October twenty-

eighth at the home of one of our alumnae, Miss Ruth Alderdice. We invited all the members of last year's chapter and several other alumnae, making in all about thirty couples.

Butler College will soon receive an endowment of \$1,000 from Mr. R. A. Long. This was to be given on the condition that the Christian churches of Indiana should raise \$2,000 for the "Brotherhood Movement." The churches have raised their amount and Butler will receive the endowment.

ETA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Each fall when college opens we feel that this year is to be the best of all and this time, I think we are more than justified in believing this. We made a good beginning in having sixteen of the old girls back the Friday before school started, so that by Monday we were all settled and ready for rushing. Helen Cutter, ex-'13, Ruth Hayes, '16, Gertrude Smith, '11, Eugenia Brand, '10, Anna Kurt Rietow, '11, and Henrietta Slade, ex-'13 all came back to help us.

Rushing as usual was rather strenuous, but we all feel well repaid in the results. Edith Clark, Gladys Owen, Blenda Kjellgren, Helen Seymour, Frances Hawley, Elizabeth Beye, Dorothy Kitchen, and Elizabeth Wootton are all splendid girls who stand for the things Kappa has always stood for, and are already making themselves felt in the chapter. Edith Clark, a graduate of Vassar in 1908, is now the only girl in the engineering college.

The week end of the thirteenth was devoted to our alumnae. Friday evening the active girls gave a melodrama, "The Great White Diamond or The Black Oath." Rowe Wright, '11, the distinguished dramatist, was here to take one of the leading parts, and helped to make the production a distinct success. Banquet was Saturday night, and although only about seventy were able to be there, none of the usual enthusiasm was lacking. The toasts were all so fine that I am sure we went away feeling better Kappas than ever before. Sunday there was a dinner at the house for the alumnae and we spent the afternoon singing Kappa songs and becoming better acquainted.

This year we have a new chaperon, Mrs. Boardman, who has taken an unusual interest in the chapter. On the seventeenth

of October we gave a tea for her and invited all of the town alumnae and mothers.

On the twenty-seventh of October we had our formal dancing party with a supper at the house afterwards.

We have three transfers this year, Berry Carroll and Marie Kauns from Beta Nu, and Lynda Hamberger from Beta Lambda. They are all valuable additions to the chapter.

The new dean of women, Mrs. Mathews, is a woman of wide experience who has entered into the spirit of Wisconsin and is acting, not as a director, but as a friend and helper to every girl in the university.

The self government association is giving informal teas for the girls every Wednesday, which do a great deal towards fostering the democratic spirit of which Wisconsin is so proud.

Eta is more than proud of the way the girls are entering into university activities. Every freshman has joined one of the numerous organizations and we have had the additional honor of having Margaret Eberle, '13, and Katherine Parkinson, '14, elected vice-presidents of their classes.

JULIA HEATON AUSTIN.

UPSILON, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Upsilon has just passed through a most successful rushing season and is proud to present the following splendid girls: Maude Speck, Marjorie Adams, Ruth Martin, Mabel Roszelle, Doris Lazear, Mildred Pfeiffer, Mae Sexauer, Florence Graham, Hazel Olsen, and Ivone Templeton. Mary Hotchkiss was our "rush captain" again this year, so it seemed quite like old times.

Much praise is due our alumnae association for the help they rendered us, as well as the "town mothers." Where we are not allowed chapter-houses, the problems of rushing are manifold, and we cannot be too grateful for the many favors we have received. The town girls, without exception, opened their homes to us, as did Mrs. Pruitt, Mrs. Dyche, Mrs. Foster, and Mrs. Rawlins, all members of our alumnae association.

Class elections resulted in the election of Mary Hard as treasurer of the junior class, and Mary Hotchkiss as chairman of the social committee of the senior class.

The Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A. gave a formal reception to all the students at the gymnasium September thirteenth.

The formal Y. W. C. A. membership banquet, given as a welcome to our new secretary, Miss Compton, and the freshman women, took place October seventh at the gymnasium.

The first woman's league party was given October twenty-seventh at Willard Hall.

Mabel Roszelle was called home, but expects to return to us the second semester.

Many of our "old girls" have been visiting us, the majority of them being here for rushing. Among these were Ethel Hard, Gladys Powers, Carry Nusbaum-Ozanne, Jane Wrate, Hazel Markley, Julia Meyers, and Emma Jones.

The National Panhellenic Conference will be held in Evanston in November, at which time we expect Mrs. Roth and Miss Powell to be with us.

Our informal dance given to introduce our freshmen took place at the Evanston golf club on October twenty-eighth.

MARY HARD.

EPSILON, ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

It seems that Epsilon has been particularly fortunate this year in many ways. We have nine pledges, all our bids having been accepted. Our pledges are Helen Stautz, Lucile Hostetler, Alice Marquis, Edith Supple, Edith Elliot, of Bloomington, Eva Puterbaugh of Mackinaw, Nellie Beggs of Normal and Eunice Van Winkle of Waverley. Our rushing season was very short because of faculty ruling and consequently was very exciting, but never was there a more profitable one.

Our pledges gave us a party Saturday October fourteenth, at the home of Nellie Beggs in Normal.

Tuesday evening October thirty-first, the girls of Wesleyan gave a Hallowe'en carnival in the basement of our new science hall, for the benefit of the women's rest room. It was a decided success. Myra Sinclair, an alumna of Epsilon, directed the entire affair.

Mary Green, one of our juniors, is president of Y. W. C. A. this year.

We are all looking forward to Convention next summer at

Evanston, as nearly all our girls are going and then we can meet so many of our sisters.

Success to you all for the rest of the year.

CONSTANCE FERGUSON.

DELTA PROVINCE

CHI, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Since college closed in June, Chi Chapter has enjoyed its annual house party at Prior Lake. It was very well attended,—there being from twenty to thirty girls there all the week.

Rushing began the first of August this year. Kappa was most successful and we are glad to be able to announce eight pledges:—Edith Hardich, Elsie K. Tanner and Marjorie Atwood, St. Paul; Dorothy Shearer, Mildred McEnary, Helen Robertson, Ruth Rochford and Virginia Higgins, Minneapolis.

Wednesday evening the twenty-fifth we gave our annual dancing party for the freshmen, which was enjoyed immediately by all who were there. Also after the football games played at Minnesota, we have had open house, and served tea to as many as the house would hold at one time. On founder's day the alumni gave a shower for the chapter house, and many beautiful gifts were gladly received by the active girls.

A number of college affairs have been given in honor of all the freshmen, among them, the university Young Women's Christian Association had its annual big banquet a few weeks ago, at which two of our girls had toasts; and a little later the women's league will give one of their delightful sunlight dances. And the Young Women's and Young Men's Christian Associations together have given a large reception, where a good representation of the university were seen at some time between the appointed hours.

GLADYS PATTEE.

BETA ZETA, IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

The University of Iowa is given, this year, the distinction of having one of the youngest college presidents in the country. John Gabbert Bowman, an alumnus of the class of 1899. Mrs. Bowman will be remembered as Florence Berry, a member of this chapter in 1903. The heartiest welcome is extended to both President and Mrs. Bowman from their friends, the old and the new.

The eleven active girls came back early this autumn to settle our new house. Mrs. Burnett, our chaperon, returned from Germany in time to help us. From part of the fund our alumnae started for us we re-furnished the living room and replaced many things throughout the house.

Pledge-day was September eighteenth and Beta Zeta is happy in introducing fifteen freshmen to the Kappas:—

Helen Dysart, Hazel Hall, Edith Hoaglin, Corinne Jackson, Zoa Keating, Mary Kifer, Alice Loos, Helen Loos, Sophia Ramsay, Josephine Ramsay, Ella Searle, Helen Stockman, Helen Turner, Gertrude Van Wagenen, Florence von Ach.

Mathilda Hanke, '11, was married on October fourth to Martin Smith, Beta Theta Pi. They will live in Davenport, Iowa.

Invitations have been received for the marriage of Helen Seerley, '08, and Atherton B. Clarke, Phi Kappa Psi, November the twenty third, at her home in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

The girls' panhellenic was held in Majestic Hall Saturday afternoon, November the fourth. Alpha Chi Omega, installed last June, was with us for the first time.

On Tuesday and Thursday evenings, October the third and the fifth, the active girls entertained the fraternity men at the chapter house to introduce the pledges.

On Saturday afternoon, October seventh, the chapter entertained the alumnae and visiting Kappas, with a tea.

Beta Zeta sends greetings to all Kappas.

DOROTHY MUSSER.

THETA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

On October thirteenth, 1911, instead of having our usual banquet we had a very informal dinner, which was followed by fraternity meeting. Mrs. F. Y. Parker, of St. Louis and Mrs. R. R. Kermack of Denver, early members of Theta chapter, attended the meeting and we surely enjoyed hearing stories of "the days when *we* were here." They were very much interested in a picture that hangs in the chapter room. That night the picture disappeared—to return several days later in a lovely new frame. The same day they sent us a lovely hand painted cream bowl. The day of our birthday we received a handsome Sheffield tray and a chocolate set from Mr. C. Wells, also a dozen

American Beauty roses from Mr. Williams, another Kappa father, and several letters of congratulation from the alumnae. Ours was indeed a well remembered birthday.

Our annual Thanksgiving banquet will be held at the Virginia Grill the evening before the game with Kansas. We expect many guests and look forward to this time with a great deal of pleasure.

In September, Marguerite McDaniel, '05, married Arthur Hoffman of Sedalia.

We have a new pledge, Louise Letz, of Sedalia, a sophomore.

MARION SANDERS.

SIGMA, NEBRASKA STATE UNIVERSITY

Sigma has three new pledges to introduce to Kappa sisters, Gladys Hanna of Long Beach, California, Bertha Rathke of Glenwood, Iowa, and Lenore Burkett of Lincoln. They are all fine girls, and we are very proud of them.

We have been fortunate this fall, in having several visitors at the chapter house. The latter part of September Miss Evans, of Syracuse, New York, paid us a visit which we all enjoyed. Several of Sigma's former members have also been back a time or so. Maude Birkby, one of last year's seniors, has been back several times, Corliss White was here a few days a short time ago, and Theo Hansen and Irene Bailey of Fairbury have also been here once, since the beginning of college. Mrs. Edith Wilson Bell, who has been visiting her parents here in Lincoln for some time this fall, returned recently to her home in California.

So far this fall, Nebraska has been very fortunate in football. With the exception of Minnesota, no team has been able to defeat us. Two of the big games, however, those with Missouri and Michigan, are still to be played. The Missouri game comes on the twenty-eighth of October, and we were in hopes that some of the Missouri Kappas could come up and visit us, and also attend the game, but they have just sent us a letter of regret.

The night after the Missouri game, the girls are planning to give a little informal dancing party at the house, our first party of the year. We are expecting Ann Dennis and Ola Belle Hervey of Omaha to be here again.

On December sixteenth, we expect to give a Christmas party.

This will be our large informal party of the year, and will make a farewell good time just before separating for the holidays.

On the third Saturday in every month, all alumnae and active Kappas in Lincoln, meet at the Lincoln Hotel and have lunch together. This plan was begun last spring, and was found so successful that it was continued this fall. It affords an opportunity for the alumnae to come together, and also brings them in touch and makes them better acquainted with the active chapter.

Sigma sends best wishes to all Kappas.

LORA SMITH.

OMEGA, KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Rushing season, a very successful one for us, is past and we have twelve pledges, Helen Taber, Crete Stewart, Ruth Walker, Margaret Kanaga, Helen Hornaday, Mira Luce, Jean Horton, Madeline Nachtmann, Marie Fogarty, Emily Berger, Irene Wooster and Mildred Asher.

This year Omega will not have initiation until eight weeks have passed. This eight week pledge gives us time to see how each pledge is progressing in her studies and no girl can be initiated until she is doing satisfactory work.

Last year's scholarship of the sororities and fraternities was announced at the beginning of this year and we are glad to say that we stood at the head.

The girls of the university are working for a dormitory and October sixth was given to them as their day for raising enthusiasm. Each county in the state was represented by a prominent woman from that county, and alumnae from all parts of Kansas were here. Over twenty-five thousand dollars were pledged at this meeting.

Theta chapter has invited us to Columbia for the Kansas-Missouri football game the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Several of the girls are planning to go.

RUE E. THOMPSON.

EPSILON PROVINCE

BETA MU, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

Even though rushing season is a thing of the past, we are still very much elated over our success. This year was a "land-

slide for Kappa." We are very proud to introduce to our sister chapters our eleven pledges:—Carlisle Thomas, Edith Brewster, Catherine Morely, Gladys Allen, Evelyn Knight, Louise Ennis, Edith Culver, Katherine Batchelder, Marcia Cheairs, Goldie McClothen and Marie Johnson three of whom are Kappa sisters and one a Kappa daughter. We were extremely fortunate in having seventeen old girls return and in having Elsie Kindell from Michigan chapter and Helen Fowle from Stanford chapter help us rush. Many of our own girls were back for the excitement. Our panhellenic rules were different this year; only six rushees were allowed to be entertained at a time except at the formal afternoon, the dance or the receptions. This gave us a better opportunity to get acquainted with the new girls but it made rushing much harder as we had to do more individual rushing.

The pledges entertained the chapter at a vaudeville show on Hallowe'en and we were certainly proud of them. The older girls attended dressed as babies and we were entertained by Salome dance, hornpipe dance, singing and little skits. After refreshments of cider, apples, pop corn and doughnuts, we spent the evening dancing.

Our chaperon, Miss McCracken, entertained the chapter, pledges and alumnae after meeting one Monday night, the feature of the evening being a football game between the pledges and the alumnae which resulted in a victory for the pledges.

Four of our girls, Mary Chew, Edith Culver, Edith Brewster and Katherine Batchelder were elected to membership in the dramatic club. A girls' tennis club has been organized with a membership of about forty. Edna Potter, ex-'13, is now U. C. physical director for the women. The state conference of the Y. M. C. A. was held in Boulder, October twentieth and twenty-second, and ten delegates were entertained at the Kappa house. The Woman's League held their annual initiation for the freshman girls in the gymnasium, October sixth, and all the freshmen attended dressed as little children, played children's games, and did stunts for the amusement of the audience. The charity ball, which is given annually by the Woman's Club for the benefit of their loan fund to help girls through school, was given October twenty-seventh, and was a decided success. The sophomore

barbecue was given November third, following a rally and bon-fire which was held to arouse enthusiasm for the football game with Colorado College to be played next day.

At present there is a good deal of excitement about rushing rules for next year and the questions of sophomore pledge day, second semester pledge day, etc., are being discussed. Nothing definite has been decided but there will be a radical change in the rules of this year, rushing season either being shortened or made very much longer.

KATE NELSON.

BETA XI, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Since October first, Beta Xi has been in its new home at 2114 Neueces Street, with our chaperon Miss Smith. The house is more desirably arranged than our old chapter home, and has been furnished very attractively.

Kappa had a very successful rushing season. Our ten new pledges are Beryl Rathbone, Sarah Pace, Marie Joyet, Ruth Whitlie, May Finet, Margaret Townsend, Luella Gardner, Sue Campbell, Margaret Kimball, and Dorothy West.

Last year Kappa was the only fraternity at this university that postponed initiation until the second term, and required a C average as admission to the fraternity. Our plan proved to be such a good one, that Theta and Pi Phi have also adopted that plan this year.

We are glad to have with us Irene Blair, Theta, who has resumed her work in the university library.

Emma Lee Caldwell recently returned from a delightful European trip.

Beta Xi has twenty old girls back this year, so we feel that we are starting out with a very strong chapter.

In September, May Mason Jarvis, '08, and George Newel, Michigan, '08, were united in marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Newel have made Mexico their home.

One of the most recent fall brides is Bennie Brown, who married Burke Baker $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.

On October the twenty-fifth, the chapter was most delightfully entertained by the Misses Thornton, with an informal tea in honor of Mrs. Baker.

JOHANNA RUNGE.

BETA OMICRON, TULANE UNIVERSITY

Our most important news, of course, is about our new initiates. Newcomb College has sophomore pledging so we have just pledged and initiated three splendid sophomores, Joan Miller, Helen Mouton, and Eleanor Luzenberg. They are all girls for Kappa to be proud of.

This year the president of student body, which is considered the greatest honor in college, is held by a Kappa, Mary Sisttrunk. There is also a Kappa president of the sophomore class, Helen Mouton.

Dorothy Thomson, one of our girls whom we miss very much, has not returned to college this year. She is a loss not only to her fraternity but to the junior class as well.

Beta Omicron is starting on a very busy rushing season. As the freshman class is unusually large it promises to be an extra amount of work. Although we have a whole year to rush in, we have already given two parties and many of the girls and alumnae have entertained at informal lunches, dinners, and teas, inviting a few of the freshmen. Two weeks after college opened we had a lunch in the fraternity room to get acquainted with the freshmen. Many of the alumnae came for the lunch and altogether we had a most jolly time. Dorothy Hébert entertained the fraternity and the rushees at a Hallowe'en party at her house. The evening was occupied with Hallowe'en stunts and at the end everybody said that they had had an "extra good time."

We miss Miss Mary Cass Spencer, our Kappa professor of mathematics at Newcomb. She has left to continue her studies at Cornell.

Beta Omicron sends a greeting and best wishes for the coming year to the new Beta Psi Kappas.

DOROTHY HEBERT.

BETA CHI, UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

After a rushing season, which is an event in the history of Beta Chi, I would like to introduce our new girls, Elizabeth Moore, Ada Dean, Edith Dean, Lily Threlkeld, Elizabeth Cary, Mary Ford Rodes and Elizabeth Rodes, who were initiated Friday night, October twenty-seventh.

On Saturday night the whole chapter was "at home," entertaining with a Hallowe'en party. A rather weird reception was

tended the guests upon their arrival, each having to pass down a receiving line of speechless "spooks."

Kappa Kappa Gamma is well represented at the university this year. Aubyn Chinn is still at the head of the domestic science department, Sara Chorn is associate professor of languages, Helen Daugherty is assistant in history and Helen Lowry is teaching freehand drawing in the mechanical department.

Beta Chi announces two marriages,—Marjorie Hart to Robert Hasbrouck Wyld of New York, and Helen Hayden to Guy Rabbin Wood of Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

LULIE E. LOGAN.

ZETA PROVINCE

PI, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

The first half of this term has flown by already, and by the time we correspond again, the last half of the year will have begun. It seems but a short while ago that we held our initiation, but now our seven new members are all quite used to their freshman duties.

Our first big dance, the sophomore hop, was held October twentieth and the first college play, "Paolo and Francesca," took place a week prior to the dance.

Two of Pi chapter attended the initiation of Beta Eta at Stanford University and had a most enjoyable time. Beta Eta has a beautiful home in which to entertain, and most of the Pi chapter will accept its hospitality November eleventh, when the big Rugby game between the two universities will be held on the Stanford field.

In the opera, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," which is to be given very soon by the Treble Clef Society, several Kappas will take prominent parts. The game, the opera, and junior day are the main festivities to which we are looking forward, and in the meantime, the intervening spaces are liberally filled with college duties.

GEORGEA WISEMAN.

BETA ETA, STANFORD UNIVERSITY

The semester opened with the return of all the girls, seventeen in number. We also have with us four affiliates, Marjorie

Edwards, Jessica Don Carlos, Margaret Murta and Mary Waddell.

Kappa was very successful in the four weeks' rushing season. We have six promising pledges, Florence Gates, Eugenia Burns, Marie de Forest, Helen Wallace, Romona McCudden and Cordelia French. Kappa was in favor of a sophomore bidding day but the other crowds did not want it, and so a compromise was necessary. Alpha Phi withdrew from local panhellenic and bid on registration day.

At the end of last semester the girls who had taken wood working, built a pergola at the south side of the house. The gardener has planted many vines which we hope will soon cover it. The girls now are planning to make swings.

Florence Wendling was chosen to be on the flower committee to take flowers over to the Mausoleum; this is one of the highest honors a senior girl can have, and so we are all very proud of her.

Many of our alumnae have been back. Among them are Mercedes de Luna, '07, Mrs. N. Guiberson, '05, Mrs. Athene Bates Morell, '10, Ann Shillingsburg, '10, Claudine Cotton Warren, '07, Adaline Wright Fuller, '10, and Enid Flagg, '10.

This summer several marriages took place: Ethel Wallace, '08, was married to Albert G. Bryant; May Cunningham, '08, to Gorham L. Goodell, a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

JOYCE WAUD.

BETA PI, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

The University of Washington is in the midst of the semi-centennial celebration of its founding. Among the many noted educators who have come to join us in this golden jubilee are Chancellor Samuel Avery of the University of Nebraska, President Kendric C. Babcock of the National Bureau of Education, and President James Baker of the University of Colorado. Delegates from almost every institution of higher learning in America brought us greetings from their universities. It is a great occasion for the students of the university, filling them with desire to make Washington the best of the best.

Beta Pi takes great pleasure in introducing nine pledges to Kappa Kappa Gamma. They are Ruth Miller, Geraldine Goodheart, Katherine Wagner, Charlotte Seymour, Florence Gellatly,

Helene Moore, Jessie Poole, Esther Palmer, and Alice Paulhamus.

Shortly after pledge-day, we gave our annual tea for our mothers and alumnae in honor of the freshmen, which was well attended and very much enjoyed.

Marion Blethen, an alumna, visited meeting and gave the freshmen an earnest talk on chapter history and the ideals and principles of Kappa.

The chapter is especially well represented this year in the various college activities. Besides the presidency and vice-presidency of panhellenic, which goes to the different sororities by rotation according to the date of establishment, we have one member in the Tolo Club, a women's senior honor club, and Alice Shelton, a senior, is secretary of the Associated Students, the most prominent position open to women. We have many girls active in Women's League and Y. W. C. A. work. One of the juniors is vice-president of her class; a sophomore is secretary of hers, and we are well represented both in athletics and dramatics.

We feel that we have good reason to be proud of the spirit of our girls both in college and out. Lucile Eckstorme, ex-'13, recently sent us a generous sum which she earned during the summer as women's editor on the *Lethbride Daily* in Alberta. The gift helped greatly to tide us over the expenses of rushing and we greatly appreciate it.

Beta Pi sends holiday greetings to all.

HAZEL F. RANDOLPH.

BETA PHI, UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

The installation of another national sorority, Delta Gamma, in the university made rushing season more strenuous this year than it has been formerly. The rules of the local panhellenic council limit us to two rushing parties, that is to say two parties consisting of more than four girls, including fraternity members and rushees. For our first party twenty-eight of us motored up to the Bitterroot Inn, thirty miles from Missoula, and had dinner. That evening we came back to town and went to the home of one of the girls to spend the remainder of the evening. For our

second party we gave a formal dance at the residence of Mrs. J. M. Keith, who is a patroness of our chapter.

On October twenty-eighth we pledged four freshmen, all splendid girls:—Edna Rankin, Alvena Hodgson, Dorothy Sterling and Cecile Johnson.

During the month of October, Ethel Wilkinson and Evelyn Polleys, two Kappa girls, were married.

The addition of a course in law to the former curriculum, together with the general growth of the school, the freshman class being larger this year than ever before, makes us feel confident of the growth of our institution.

FARRAR KENNETT.

ALUMNAE PERSONALS

BETA IOTA ASSOCIATION

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On October eleventh, Beta Iota Alumnae Association had its first meeting of the year at Swarthmore College. After the business meeting, the active chapter entertained us at afternoon tea at the home of one of the active members.

'97. Born to James and Edith Flint (Kenderdine) Andrews, a son.

'99. Eleanor Lansing Cass is now living at Lansdowne, Pennsylvania.

'04. Born, on October thirteenth, to Skipwith Peyton and Mary Louise (Bartlett) Coale, a daughter, Katharine Bartlett Coale.

'07. Married, October tenth, 1911, Rosalie Middleton Painter to Mr. Roger Wood.

'10. Louise Keene Corkran is teaching gymnasium at the Friends' Select School, Media.

'11. Edith Harriet Baker is teaching at the Darby Friends' School. Sarah Gilpin Heyburn is teaching in the Gradyville public school.

FRANKLIN NU ASSOCIATION

The September meeting of Franklin Nu was held at the home of Mrs. Re Whitesides Chandler in Indianapolis.

Fern Coons entered the junior class in Michigan State this

fall. She is the daughter of Mrs. Jessie Grubb Coons of Lebanon, Indiana, who is a charter member of Nu and president of the Franklin Nu Alumnae Association.

Mrs. Alice Russell Harvard, Nu, is an active worker in the Omaha, Nebraska, Kappa Club.

Miss Katherine Torrance, Nu, is teaching in the Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia.

Mrs. Alice Moore French of Indianapolis, a charter member of Nu, is seriously ill in a hospital in that city.

Mrs. Eva Payne Ott, Franklin, Indiana, will spend the winter in Florida for her health.

Mrs. Nora Whitesides Essex, Nu, returned the last of August from a four months' tour of Europe. Her daughter Maud was married in October to Mr. Titus of Indianapolis. The wedding took place in the First Baptist Church of Indianapolis, and was very beautiful.

Mrs. Minnie Tracy Clark, Nu, of Franklin, Indiana, lost her mother in the early summer.

Mr. Edward T. Schubrick, husband of Julia Johnson, Iota, affiliated with Nu, '84, is critically ill in a hospital in Indianapolis.

GAMMA RHO

Emma Gillet, 1911, spent the summer abroad, studying German and French.

During September the marriage of Bernice Hatch, 1911, to Mr. Herbert Carlburg, a graduate of Princeton in 1911, was announced.

Helen McClintock, 1903, is spending this year abroad.

XI

Miss Josephine Lambie, '11, attended the annual house party given by the chapter of Sigma Nu at Ann Arbor, Michigan, during the summer.

The alumnae entertained the active girls and the pledges on the evening of October seventh at the home of Mrs. Bentz with a pot-luck supper. The evening was spent singing fraternity songs, and all agreed that Mrs. Bentz was a delightful hostess.

Miss Josephine Hall has accepted the position of librarian at the college for the coming year.

Miss Josephine Lambie, '11, is one of Mrs. Minnie Kellog

Larned's assistants in voice work at the college, and is teaching in Hudson and Tecumseh, Michigan.

KAPPA

One of our patronesses, Elma Root Van Buskirk of Chicago, is now visiting her sister.

Mrs. Ethel Gurney Chappell of Buffalo, New York, is now visiting her parents, Prof. and Mrs. C. H. Gurney.

Marie Clement, who is at her home for this year, recently visited friends here.

Mrs. Florence Keith Reynolds, whose son is attending college this year, visited him lately.

Two of our last year's members, Maude Terwilliger and Amy Willoughby, are teaching this year.

Bertha Van Aken, a former member who is at home this year, recently visited friends in Pennsylvania.

ETA

Alice Currie, '08, was married to Harold Drew, Phi Gamma Delta, on October fourteenth in Milwaukee.

Genevieve Gorst, '10, was married to Theodore Herforth on the sixth of September.

Born to Ethel Raymer Edmonson, 1900, a son.

Eta lost one of her strongest members in the death of Edna Chynoweth Rogers, '94.

OMEGA

Margaret McFadden, Lois Dilly, and Maude Brown have been visiting the chapter.

Laura Snodgrass, Theta, was in Columbia during rushing.

BETA XI

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Stahlaker, Las Animas, Colorado, a daughter, on October twenty-first.

In Memoriam

JESSIE ALICE WOOD,

Jessie Alice Wood, who was in college from 1907 to 1910, died at her home in Kansas City, Missouri, after an operation for appendicitis. Her loss will be felt not only by Theta Chapter but by all who knew her.

MINNETTA THEODORA TAYLOR,

Iota Chapter, 1879-1884.

Editor of *THE KEY*, 1881-1886.

Died July twenty-sixth, 1911.

WILLA HART BUTCHER LEHMAN,

Born 1879.

Died November eleventh, 1911,

Member of Beta Upsilon Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Her rare traits of character endeared her to all those with whom she came into contact. Her cleverness and breadth of thought made her immediately a leader in any line of work in which she became interested. Her deep interest in all matters pertaining to her fraternity, made her a most cherished and greatly beloved member.

COLLEGE NOTES

By industriously shining boots, undergraduate girls in Wellesley College have just added \$6 toward a fund that students and graduates are raising for a \$100,000 general clubhouse. By other novel methods the girls have added \$29.85 to the fund. Contributions now amount to \$23,467.55.

To link colleges with wireless.

Columbia, Mo., Nov. 5.—To link universities by wireless telegraphy for the exchange of college news for the benefit of the newspapers printed by the various schools, is a plan originated at Michigan University and endorsed by *The University Missourian*, the daily paper printed by the students of the Missouri State University School of Journalism.

Prof. O. M. Stewart of the engineering school faculty was consulted by *The Missourian* management and declares the plan feasible, but expensive.

Few college dailies are able to pay for telegraph service, and if the universities install "wireless," much news will be available, and the schools of journalism can give practical courses dealing with handling information right off the "wireless."

There is considerable wireless telegraph equipment at the University of Missouri already, but this is used for experimentation by the School of Engineering. Another and more extensive outfit would have to be installed. Michigan University wireless station, already used for sending and receiving messages short distances, is being enlarged.

By a system of relaying messages from one state university to another, it is planned to make available any news to be had between the Atlantic and the Rockies. Considerable correspondence already has taken place regarding the plan.

Professor Stewart said: "There already is nearly enough apparatus here to set up a station. Since that equipment is used for other purposes a permanent station could be put up here with the expenditure of about \$5,000 if the plan should be to cover a radius of 150 miles."

Several eastern universities have fully equipped stations.—*Syracuse Post-Standard*.

A women's swimming association and women's hockey team are among the new organizations at Syracuse University. It is planned to have two swimming meets a year, one at Thanksgiving and one in the spring. There will be diving and distance swimming contests, for each of which a cup will be offered.

Cornell students of a decade or more ago have heard with deep regret

of the death of Prof. George William Jones, which occurred early this month at his home in Ithaca of heart failure.

For thirty-one years Professor Jones was an active member of the mathematical faculty of Cornell. In 1907 he was retired as professor emeritus under the Carnegie Foundation. He was born in 1837, was graduated at Yale, and was the first professor of mathematics at the Ohio State University. He refused the presidency of that institution in 1876 to accept the assistant professorship of mathematics at Cornell, where he became soon associate and later full professor.

Thirty years ago, when co-education at Cornell was not so strong as today, Professor Jones stood always on the side of the women, and was ever ready to help them in any way.—*Syracuse Herald*.

The girls of Leland Stanford University and the University of California have made arrangements for a fencing match between representatives of the colleges.

Fourteen W's were awarded to women in the competitive sports in the University of Washington this fall.

Smith College is conducting a million dollar campaign.

A successful fair was recently held by the students and alumni of Adelphi College, Brooklyn, N. Y. at which a large sum was raised for the endowment fund.

Before a noteworthy gathering of scholars, Dr. Elmer Ellsworth Brown was installed recently as president of New York University.

A Cornell woman graduate has become the successful farm manager of a state institution for women at Philadelphia, Pa.

The newspapers report that some women students at the University of Missouri are going to show that they can take care of babies by constituting themselves as nurses in a Sunday morning nursery at the home of the pastor of a church in Columbia. The students will take care of the babies while the mothers attend the services at the church.

MAGAZINE NOTES

BY ETHEL HARNED GAUVRAN

In the *Educational Review* of June, 1911, Mr. Ernest Reynolds proposes the following plan to fraternities. He points out that this plan will mitigate the evils of rushing and the worse evil of getting members who are weak students or absolutely uncongenial.

"The rushing season may extend from the first of the term—from six weeks, or till the mid-term, or from six weeks or a month before mid-term to mid-term. There shall be no pledging till mid-term, and then only of those men who have done work that is counted by the college as satisfactory. This will end the rushing season but students that have been pledged will still be on probation as regards their ranking in college until the end of the term. If their work has been satisfactory, they may then be initiated into the chapter. If their work has not been satisfactory, it will show that they are not yet ready for college work, and they would be disposed of according to the rules of the college. During the last half year of the first term the pledges would be getting acquainted with the particular fraternity, and if it prove after all not to be a congenial or respected group of men, there would be the possibility of withdrawing. No one who should thus withdraw, however should be allowed to be pledged to any other fraternity until the second term. This would tend to discourage any tendency toward trying to draw a man away from a fraternity to which he is pledged. It shall be distinctly understood that no one shall be initiated into a chapter until he has proved his right to be considered as a bona fide student of the college either by completing the first term's work satisfactorily or by making up any conditions incurred during the first term. It will be seen that this will give the fraternities complete freedom as regards explaining their ideals or character of the fraternity to the freshmen. This plan will give a new man a good opportunity to know something about the organization and the men in the local chapter before finally joining it. In this plan also, most if not all of the disadvantages of the one year and the half year rules of rushing are overcome."

According to the *Dramatic Mirror* the ancient folk play, breathing the spirit of Robin Hood, is coming again into its own, and this renaissance is coming from the universities—rather naturally. Our modern stage came from the church—a fact which explains the serious didactic quality of the English theatre at its best. The folk play roots in the life of the nation itself, but its influence on English drama in the last four centuries has been slight.

Americans are developing a taste for historical pageants—and our foremost dramatic critics are devoting their energies in this direction. Immigrants have brought with them various mumming performances from alien lands.

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Of late, numerous colleges, particularly those for women, have amused themselves with May games in imitation of spring festivals which were annual events in England in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. The boys are more interested in baseball than in Robin Hood.

Not only the folk play, but the drama itself, owes much of its inspiration to institutions of learning. Many universities have established departments for dramatics. Edward Sheldon, the author of "The Nigger" and "Salvation Nell," is the show baby of Harvard.

There has been recently a distinct interest in the drama of the past. Only last year some of the old morality plays were given at the New Theatre in New York City. These performances excited great public interest.

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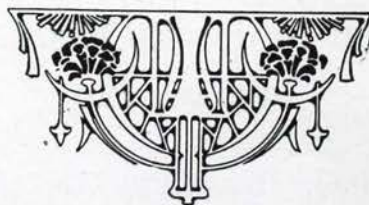
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