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THE POSSIBILITIES OF FRATERNITY JOURNALISM.

II.

“SHOULD a Greek-letter magazine contain only fraternity articles?”

This is the first problem that we encounter in passing from the general principles to the more specific details of fraternity journalism; a question that has involved the Greek press in endless discussions and difficulties. It will be wiser, perhaps, to anticipate objections by confessing at the start that the problem has no general solution, but is one that each editor must decide for himself, or have decided by the necessities and capabilities of his particular fraternity. All that I shall attempt, then, is to present certain general considerations which must have an important, though varying, influence upon individual decisions.

In the first place, what do we mean by the word “fraternity” in this connection? Is a Greek-letter magazine to treat merely of the mechanics of a fraternity, its taxes, conventions, semi-annuals and so on? Such a magazine might be useful, but plainly it would be an inadequate expression of fraternity life and relations. Most of us realize by this time that all this machinery of council and chapters and badge and password is so much useless form, except as it leads up to a clearer recognition of the universal relations which the Greek-letter fraternity only suggests. On the other hand a fraternity magazine which would be only a journal of philanthropy and sociology would be impracticable, if not preposterous.

A simple illustration, perhaps, will show this matter in its true proportions. Suppose that I draw four circles, using in their construction the same centre but different radii. Against the smallest circle I will write the name of my own fraternity; against the second which is larger

but somewhat fainter than the first, "Fraternities"; against the third, larger and fainter still, "College"; and against the fourth and faintest, which includes all the others, "Fraternity," using this term in its broadest sense. Such a diagram illustrates roughly my idea of the general relation of these subjects and their order of treatment, as regards importance, in a Greek-letter journal.

First of all comes the smallest circle, my own fraternity. The fraternity magazine is above all else the organ of that fraternity. Its chief object is to give to each member of the organization an accurate idea of its character, policy and workings in general. But, in order to accomplish this, the magazine must offer something more than chapter letters, official notices and catalogue reports, necessary as these may be. The character of a fraternity should be represented in its journal, and that is made possible only when the individual members supplement the views of the editor by their own views and suggestions. Only when the contributors will consent to write informally of themselves, their work and tastes and ambitions, will the magazine become in any degree a representative journal.

The second subject, that of fraternities in general, though subordinate to, should not be overshadowed by the first. Contact and comparison with similar organizations is always essential to the growth and prosperity of a fraternity. For many Greeks one or two fraternity journals furnish the only accessible information in regard to the history and methods of other fraternities; and according as this information is liberal or scanty will their views be broad or bigoted. Nor is it necessary to devote many pages to "Fraternity Items." Many articles upon fraternity policy require frequent reference to the attitude of other fraternities in the same matter; many more might be enriched by illustrations drawn from other fraternities than the one in question.

College and fraternity are so intimately associated that it may seem unnecessary to dwell upon the importance of the third subject. Indeed it would be almost impossible for the journal of a fraternity to avoid reference to the institutions to which that fraternity owes its existence. Still, it seems as though a different treatment might be adopted with profit. Most college news is exasperatingly "scrappy." We read that "Such and

Such University " has a magnificent new library ; or that So and So College is now co-educational, but are completely ignorant of the location, courses and advantages of the institutions mentioned.

A clear, concise account of life and work at any of our leading colleges would possess the double advantage of interesting all and informing some of the college when they could best pursue their chosen lines of study. Then there are the European Universities. Ignorance concerning these is surprisingly common among college students ; especially in the case of the women's colleges, whose very names almost are unknown to American students. Yet magazine accounts of Girton and Newnham and University College are not so rare but that a young man or woman of average ability could compile an article upon one or all of these colleges with both pleasure and profit to writer and readers as well.

Concerning the last subject, that of fraternity in its widest sense, it is hard to speak definitely. It is of course an open question whether philanthropy and sociology come within the province of a Greek-letter magazine. Perhaps they do not. Yet it seems fitting that a representative fraternity journal should show some recognition of the deep-lying principles upon which the fraternity rests. Especially does this seem desirable when we consider the relation which college students sustain to social problems ; when we consider that through the efforts of college graduates rather than any other class is come the amelioration of social evils. One re-statement less of the arguments for and against " Extension " ; one poem less about the " Mystic Shrine," would be no appreciable loss to the fraternity world. But one article on Toynbee Hall or the College Settlement in New York City might arouse many to the possibility of earnest, practical work for humanity.

Of course, this sketch is drawn from an idealistic rather than a realistic point of view. In the ideal fraternity magazine, for instance, there would be no place for the so-called " literary article." Its only possible mission would be to acquaint the fraternity with the character and abilities of the writer, and that object is much better accomplished by the more informal communication of the chapter or open letter. But, as I said at the beginning, the fraternity editor must be decided by many considerations besides his own desires. He must be decided not only by the needs

of his fraternity, but by its compliance with his plans and wishes. If he asks for "Chapter Histories" and receives articles on "Hindu Mythology," if he petitions for practical "Open Letters" and obtains prize orations, he must fill out his pages with the "Hindu Mythology" and prize orations, unless he is prepared to write the entire magazine himself. A really valuable magazine can be produced only by the intelligent coöperation of editor and fraternity. If the members of a fraternity fail to carry out the ideas of an editor because of their ignorance of his wishes, then the reproach as failure belongs to the editor. In many cases contributors are ready and willing to write, if suitable subjects are assigned them. But when the editor has expressed his wishes the responsibility descends upon the fraternity; upon them depends the magazine's ultimate failure or success.

M. B. D.

AFTER COMMENCEMENT PAPERS.

III. WOMEN IN THE MINISTRY.

PERHAPS it may be well to state at once that the work of women as ministers is no longer an experiment. While almost unknown in some regions of our country, in others it is an unquestioned commonplace. The Secretary of the Western Unitarian Conference lately stated, when taking part in the ordination of a husband and wife, that applications were frequently made to him for pastors with a preference expressed for a woman. One church, he said, confessed that there was a foolish prejudice among its people against a *man* in the pulpit, but it was hoped this might soon be outgrown.

I once asked my little niece what she meant to do when she grew up. "O, make the beds, wash the dishes, and help mamma preach." Her brother then asserted that he was to help mamma preach also. His sister looked surprised a moment and then said, condescendingly, "Mens do preach sometimes." Many other stories are told illustrating the laughable table-turning that has occurred in some quarters.

In the Unitarian and Universalist churches women have long had a recognized place. Of late years there have been several ordained in the Congregational and Baptist churches. In the Methodist church they are licensed to preach, but are not ordained, I believe. All the theological schools of the so called Liberal denominations are open to women, excepting Harvard. Probably all co-educational universities, with a theological department, would also receive them. Certainly Oberlin and North-Western do. I am tempted to enlarge upon the work done by individual women, but space forbids. Some of the most remarkable work has been done where two women have worked together as joint partners, dividing the work according to special fitness. This will, I think, be common as the friendship contract comes more and more to take the place Miss Cobbe gives it among duties almost coördinate with marriages. This union of forces makes it possible for one not especially adapted to some phases of the work to find another worker whose fitness complements her own. In Sioux City, Iowa, two women have in about five years built up from a small, unorganized nucleus, one of the two or three strongest churches of their denomination west of the eastern cities.

The ministry seems the only profession left wherein it is not desirable to be a specialist, and, indeed, in which the modern ideal is less a specialization than according to former conceptions. The minister works with man and for man, to promote his highest interest; therefore nothing that affects the well-being of humanity can be indifferent to him.

The one all-important requisite for the work is an abiding faith in and love for human lives—not mere theoretic amiability toward mankind at large, but a practical everyday interest in people, including the commonplace, the vulgar, the ignorant, the ill-bred. The all-important preparation is knowledge of people and their needs on the spirit side of life. Since this knowledge may be gained in almost any work or study, there is no faithful living that may not serve as a help in preparation. After the must-be's of human interest and knowledge, which may be cultivated to a far greater degree than is often believed, there are innumerable desirable qualifications. If one is to work alone, as is ordinarily to be expected, a readiness of speech or ease in writing are requisite. The more natural

talent one possesses in this line the easier the work will be, but most excellent work has been done by those who have had to cultivate most of their power in this direction.

As to preparatory studies, anything and everything is desirable. No kind of knowledge will be useless; all possible mental discipline will be found serviceable. It will be well to choose, then, whatever course of study circumstances and individual tastes make most feasible, always bearing in mind the human import every study carries. The broadest possible culture, *i. e.*, the widest range of interests, is the goal, and the ordinary principle upon which the college courses are constructed furnish the best suggestions in this. A little of everything with a good deal of something is what is needed, the everything obtained representatively from the broad divisions of knowledge. One thing may be remembered, however, for encouragement: it is not necessary to attain all one wishes wisdom-ward before entering the work. In this profession, study in many lines must be continued through a lifetime.

This study is less easy to secure, however, for a woman than a man in the ministry, for the distinctive work of the woman, and the most effective, is usually the pastoral duties, and this is a time-taking labor. Yet it is one richly rewarded. To be intrenched in the heart life of every home is the blessed privilege of the truly successful pastor. It is this personal relationship with individual men, women and children which will multiply all agencies for good which one seeks to use.

I shall say little of the pulpit work. Its importance is recognized usually to an exaggerated degree. It is chiefly effective through the personality back of the words, and pulpit influences to be permanent must be supplemented by organized intellectual, social and philanthropic activities. The study classes and clubs of the modern church are one of its most important instrumentalities. This makes it possible for the preacher to obtain also the teacher's opportunity.

The time is pulsating with the heart-beats of great causes. They all need helpers, and since they all depend for the ultimate good accomplished upon uplifted individual lives, the minister will ever be a helper to them all, and for this work experience proves women are peculiarly adapted.

Whatever prejudice there may be to meet will soon melt away before consecrated self-forgetful devotion. May there be many of our sisters ready with the "Here am I." "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few."

MILA F. TUPPER.

EVANESCENCE.

WHERE the reed-grass bends and lightly sways,
And the rushes sigh,
Thro' the tenderly-tinted and golden days
Wheels the dragon-fly.

And its bright wings shine and swing and play
By the placid stream,
And it floats and skims and quivers away
Like a haunting dream.

And down by the reedy margin there
As frail as can be,
Almost afraid of the summer air,
Cower birdlings three.

And wondering gaze at the dizzy flight,
And dazzling hue,
And watch it poise in the morning light
Under heaven's blue.

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Down by the brook lay the glittering thing,
Lifeless lay and cold,
With the splendor gone from dazzling wing
That had shone in gold.

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Up in the blue, with a song-burst free,
Soared away on high
The birds that had pined and longed to be
Like a dragon-fly !

NETTIE J. HUNT.

THE PARTHENON.

ΑΙ ΚΩΠΑΙ ΑΘΗΝΗΣ.

IF newspapers are true mirrors of the time, we must allow that even in this age of liberty and diversity of opinion, there is great unanimity of belief on one subject at least. Take up one of the great daily papers, like our *Boston Herald*, and it promises to show you "How to Obtain a Home." The weekly journals which keep the citizens of suburban towns aware of their neighbors' doings, make their pages attractive with cuts of model houses, planned to be built at comparatively small cost. So the public prints reflect the prevailing idea that families cannot reach their best state without good homes, where they can live with the proper measure of comfort and retirement.

An assured home is quite as desirable for a chapter of a Greek-letter fraternity as for a family. In some colleges, unfortunately, it is impossible for chapters to have even so much as rooms of their own. They are obliged in that case to bear the deprivation as cheerfully as they may, and content themselves with meeting where and how they can. Omega speaks feelingly of the unsatisfactoriness of such a method, and enumerates some advantages of the settled habitation.

Leaving aside the more obvious advantages, one consideration appeals to us forcibly, — the dignity and stability that a chapter could gain by having its dwelling-place fixed, not only for the college year, as is often the custom, but for a good number of years ahead.

The orthodox chapter-house has this recommendation, besides others, but the chapter-house is a luxury to which women's fraternities do not usually aspire. No doubt most of us are willing to agree that a real home need not be a grand mansion, that under favorable conditions two rooms have sufficiently represented such a home. Two rooms, hired with the understanding that they were to be occupied by the chapter for a number of years, would make an entirely suitable chapter home. Unless property changed hands, and landlords changed sentiments, with more than common frequency, the difficulties of "obtaining a home" of this sort do not

appear insurmountable. Then whatever matters of use or ornament were provided from time to time could keep their accustomed places, and become real household gods. Then the chapter would come to have something of the dignity of a "house" in the less-used sense of the word; or rather, perhaps, the dignity of a good, middle-class family, who stay quietly doing their duty in one neighborhood. Then, last of all, it is possible that some of the restlessness and lack of repose which observers complain of in American women might gradually be eliminated from Kappa character. Every little influence will tell, so the wise people say.

E. A. T.

Like the poor, homeless street-waif who pictures to himself a home, I have formed my ideal of a chapter house. Though many doors have been thrown open for us and all home-like comfort freely offered, we have turned with longing eyes toward a chapter room — our own particular property.

A permanent place of meeting is itself almost an essential to chapter progress. For all Kappas to know that there is a certain place in which Chapter Rooms. Kappa pleasures are to be found at a particular time in each week, cannot but benefit the attendance and interest of chapter meetings. Regularity and permanency as to the place of meeting would seem to make easier and less forced all other regulations as to punctuality, order, etc. And these are conditions conducive to more perfect organization and more earnest chapter work.

Pleasant associations soon gather about the fraternity room: here we have renewed and fulfilled our pledges of friendship; here, perhaps, we first tasted of Kappahood; here we have sung fraternity songs and participated in all sorts of jollity. There is much to attract the new and old members and unite all in the common heritage. There is an irresistible charm about the place — a charm which must sweeten and strengthen Kappa bonds.

And we would not forget that here we can gather our chapter records, store our weighty song-books, and collect a library.

I have spoken of chapter rooms only. Chapter houses have had, in my mind, some doubtful qualities. No doubt they may claim all the

Possible objections to Chapter Houses. attributes which I have ascribed to the chapter rooms. Yet are there not some counteracting influence set at work by the chapter house? Will not the separate and constant chapter life tend to produce a fraternity clannishness, and more and more tightly drawn social lines in college life?

But as to this I am not decided, but have simply stated a question which comes to me. If this fear be well grounded, then let there be no Kappa Kappa Gamma chapter houses.

As far as the ties are strengthened, and the show of ties lessened, so far does the fraternity increase in its benefits.

ANNIE L. MCKINNON (*Omega*).

It has come to me so often in my dreams — this Kappa room of mine: not a high-studded spacious hall — but a long, cosy parlor: big enough to hold a great deal of Kappa love and serenity: bright enough to shut out the weariness and pettiness of our college lives.

At one end of the room — warmed by the morning sun — masses of graceful fleur-de-lis have lifted their stalks from the tiled box on the window-seat. In the western window lounge the Freshmen with their Livys and a box of wafers. Even now the sunset light is fading.

Bubo — our great, snowy Bubo, from his point of vantage above the Kappa library, peers across the room — watching Nina as she swings the newly-filled corn-popper over the coals.

Slowly to and fro swings the corn-popper, and slowly to and fro sways Nina as the strains of the evening song ring thro' the room:

“Deep in the distance,
Ere the western light has passed,
There are our colors
Lingering till the last.
Just above the hilltops
Clearly shines one lighter hue,
And within the zenith
Shades the deeper blue.”

It is all restful and helpful — even Bubo likes it. — And when every one

has gone, and he is left alone with the faint, wild odor of the fleur-de-lis, he becomes very thoughtful.

E. H. B.

I wish to say a word in favor of establishing a new course of post-graduate studies: a course not mentioned in the curriculum of our Alma

A Suggestion. Mater, neither, so far as I know, taken note of by the leading colleges of today, but the importance of which you cannot deny when you reflect upon the number of our fair graduates who so willingly and so zealously apply themselves to the mastery of this interesting field.

It seems strange that, in this age of specialties, no steps whatever have been taken to fit students to cope with a work which includes and covers all the leading occupations of life.

Johns Hopkins, Yale and other centres of learning, are yearly turning out numbers of finished Political Economists, but whoever heard of a degree being conferred upon a Domestic Economist? And does not D. E. bear the same relation to P. E. that the family does to the state?

Is it any wonder that we are obliged to combat so many false theories when our economists are as yet ignorant of the very foundations upon which their science rests?

Again, many of us have studied chemistry, have spent much so-called interesting and profitable time in the laboratories, yet are willing to admit something wrong — something wanting, when after hours of unsuccessful wrestling with the various compounds we are obliged to say: "My dear, you would prefer bread and milk for lunch, would you not?"

The half-knowing smile with which we are answered is enough to convince any reasonable person that it is time this subject were being agitated — outside the family circle, I mean.

The diplomatists of the world are today considered among its greatest benefactors — equally great are the statesmen of the fireside, as many a poor wretch can testify when his domestic relations have become foreign relations. Ah, yes, the gift of all tongues is as naught without statecraft.

These few examples will, I think, give to you some idea of the magni-

tude of the subject I am so earnestly endeavoring to champion, and will, at the same time, show to you how far behind the practical needs of the age we still are.

SOPHA M. DAVIS (*Sigma*).

It is to be regretted that a chapter of one fraternity is influenced so greatly by the opinions and prejudices of the chapters of other fraternities.

**An Injurious
Tendency.** To be sure it is pleasant to a chapter to have the approval of other "frats" upon its attitudes. But why should a chapter go out of its way simply to be approved of? Surely every chapter is, or should be, capable of deciding for herself just what new members would be a credit to her fraternity and just what new schemes it would be best to undertake, without advice from the men's fraternities. Every fraternity has a duty to perform to all the other fraternities, *i. e.*, by its actions to prove to the world not only that it is a model fraternity, but that fraternities in general have a beneficial influence over their members. While it is also its duty to take only such new members into its chapters as other "frats" will be proud to introduce as Greeks, at the same time in order to perform this duty is it necessary to act in accordance with what other people are liable to say or think?

I believe that fewer mistakes would be made in fraternities if, uninfluenced by outside remarks, they would remember not only the duty which each chapter owes to the fraternity but that which the chapter owes to each one of its members.

BELLE MANLEY (*Sigma*).

Chi would like to speak a word with regard to certain points in connection with her recent publication of the "Song Book." The impression seems to exist among some of our chapters that the inclusion of the music for the songs, in this book, was an order of the late convention. It was merely a suggestion of Iota chapter, who had in charge the previous collection of these songs from the several chapters of our fraternity. The matter was left entirely at the discretion of Chi Chapter. She was herself exceedingly desirous of including the

**The Song
Book.**

music, but found it impossible to obtain the use of it from the various firms who own the copyright. Some of these firms refused to let us use it under any conditions, while others demanded a royalty that would have so heavily increased the price of single copies of our book, as to render it utterly inadvisable to carry out our plans in this direction. There then remained a very, very few original numbers. In order to include these we should have been obliged to send away, and incur an additional expense in printing entirely incommensurate with the result.

Chi is very sorry to have disappointed the chapters in this matter, but she was herself as greatly regretful, and only determined upon the omission when it attained the proportions of the inevitable.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION OF KAPPA SONGS.

The subject of "Chapter Homes" will remain open for discussion in the June "Parthenon." Letters upon the practical aspect of the question are specially desired. Articles for this department, together with chapter letters, will hereafter be sent, not to its editor, but to Miss S. Elizabeth Morse, the corresponding editor.

College and Fraternity Notes.

LONDON University College is the only strictly co-educational college in England. Oxford and Cambridge, it is true, have made important concessions to women; but Oxford and Cambridge still insist upon holding them at arm's length, giving them instruction for the most part at separate halls, as at Somerville and Lady Margaret's, and the more famous Newnham and Girton; and, moreover, withholding actual degrees. University College, on the other hand, after a brief experiment, abandoned the method of separate classes for women, and as early as 1872 admitted them to all courses except those in the medical department. The history of this co-educational movement is interesting from the rapidity with which, as Henry Morley says, its projectors advanced from two classes outside of

the college to three inside, then to eight without and within; until finally, in 1872, all the classes were brought into the college lecture-room, and University College was declared co-educational.

Since then the number of girl students has steadily increased, until today over 300 out of a total of 1,900 are women. Among its former students, University College is proud to number Miss A. Mary T. Robinson (Mme. Darmestier), the poet, whose original poems and translations from the Greek have been received with marked approval by scholars and critics, as well as by the literary world at large.

Now as to degrees. For several years after their admittance to University College, women received only a certificate for their work; but in 1878, by act of Queen Victoria, women were formally admitted to the degree examination at London University, the examining board for about fifty colleges, of which University College is one. The wisdom of this action has been shown by the successful work of the women who have taken these examinations. In the first year after this change (1879) a woman obtained honors in Latin and a "first-class" in English. In the following year the only two first-class honors in French fell to women, while in 1883 Miss Scott took first-class honors in mathematics. In 1884, of the 215 men who took the examinations only 42 obtained degrees, while of the 22 women applicants 73 per cent. were successful. Further statistics only repeat the favorable evidence. "Today London University has on its rolls 7 lady Masters of Art, 147 Bachelors of Art, two Doctors of Science, 21 Bachelors of Science, and 8 ladies holding medical and surgical degrees." The value of degrees from this institution may be inferred from the fact that its curriculum is universally acknowledged to be equal to, if not severer, than that of Oxford or Cambridge.

A few facts in regard to University College may give a clearer idea of its advantages and resources. The college building, situated on Gower street, is a classic structure about 400 feet long. Besides the museums and library of 68,000 volumes, the college possesses a valuable collection of Flaxman's works, which are on exhibition in a lower hall. Adjoining the college building is a hospital, which serves as a practice school for the students of the medical department.

University College was founded in 1827 by the poet Campbell, Hume, Lord Brougham and other prominent men. From the start it has manifested a more liberal policy than that of the older universities. Indeed the professed object of its founders was to extend to all men the advantages which, at that time, Oxford and Cambridge offered only to members of the English Church. It seems, therefore, especially fitting that it should be the first to admit the rapidly increasing number of women students to whom the older universities have not yet opened their doors.

H. J. Furber, graduate of the Chicago University, will devote \$1,000,000 for founding at Chicago a great university similar to that at Heidelberg.

The new National University at Chicago, which is modeled after the famous London University, and provides courses of study and examinations for non-resident students, offers three cash prizes of fifty dollars each for essays on "How to Improve our Common Schools," "How to Keep Young Men on the Farms," and "How to Promote the Study of the Bible."

The announcement by Bishop John F. Hurst of Washington that preliminary arrangements are making towards the founding of a great Methodist national university at Washington, has created an enthusiastic comment among the Methodists of Baltimore. The general idea is that the university is to be one where a broad, liberal education may be had without regard to denominational beliefs, the theological department being separate, as in the case of Princeton College. It is rumored that Leland Stanford, the California millionaire, is largely interested in it through Bishop John P. Newman. Rev. Dr. John Lanahan regards the place selected — ninety acres of land on the Tenallytown road, near Oakview, ex-President Cleveland's summer home — admirably suited for the purpose. He thinks at least \$2,000,000 will be necessary to carry out the bishop's ideas.

Far the greater part of American students abroad are to be found in German universities. At the University of Berlin there are about 600; at Leipsic about 200; while at Oxford there are scarcely more than a dozen. — *Syracusan*.

American college papers exhibited at the Paris Exposition excited great interest in foreign education. Undergraduate journalism is practically unknown in Europe, there being but one college paper in Europe.

Gertrude Magill, daughter of the former president of Swathmore College, Pa., is about to enter the ministry.

The students of Northwestern University, Evanstown, Ill., have a life-saving crew which has become famous. Lately the crew have won new glory by saving eighteen lives from the wreck of the *Calumet* on Lake Michigan.

The sophomores of Yale are about to hand over to the freshmen the organization known as the Boys' Club, founded by the present sophomore class to instruct neglected youth in the lower parts of the city. During the year about one thousand boys attended the rooms, and over \$700 was spent for their good. Five students are in attendance at the rooms every night. A savings bank was established and the boys deposited over \$200 during the year. The freshman class will devote \$600 to the club's expenses for the coming year. It is proposed to make the club permanent, and that each incoming freshman class shall conduct it for one year.

The Gamma Delta society, which is composed of all the young women of the C. L. A., Boston University, has recently started a playroom for the poorer children in the vicinity of the college. A room for the purpose has been kindly furnished them at Trinity Mission House, and here two afternoons out of every week are gathered the girl members of the "Pussy Willow Club," as they have named themselves, for an hour or so of wholesome work and play. Four college girls, specially selected for the work, are always in attendance, and ready to exchange instruction in hemming and pasting for advanced methods of playing "Drop the Handkerchief" and "Little Sally Water." The organization is yet too young to boast of any well defined methods or results. A few hours spent in work for others, such as pasting scrap-books for hospital children, hemming dish-towels for "our mothers"; a few more given to simple games; this is the Gamma Delta's modest record. It is to the indirect influence upon the children, of frequent contact with cultured, kindly women, that the scheme's supporters look for most valuable results; but of this it is of course impossible to judge so early in the Club's existence.

Ex President Noah Porter of Yale College has been chosen president of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, to succeed the late President Woolsey of Yale.

The entire membership of college fraternities is nearly 75,000.

The Alpha Phi Sorosis has chosen for its flower the carnation pink. Here is a chance for some gallant allusions to "pinks of perfection."

Beta Theta Pi has recently established a chapter at Minnesota State University.

The *Phi Kappa Psi Shield*, the *Beta Theta Pi* and *Kappa Alpha* journals are the only monthly Greek-letter magazines published.

Kappa Alpha Theta has entered Syracuse, making the fourth women's fraternity in that institution. Alpha Phi, Gamma Phi Beta and Kappa Kappa Gamma have been established there for some time past.

Monmouth College, which a few years ago tightened her strictures against fraternities, thus extinguishing chapters of Phi Delta Theta and Phi Kappa Upsilon, this year won first place in the Illinois State Oratorical contest, in the person of A. C. Douglass. His subject was "The English Language."—*Phi Delta Theta Scroll*.

Monmouth's cruel decision was responsible, also, for the death of the Alpha chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

The new plan of bearing the expenses of our convention is an admirable one. All chapters are obliged to send at least one delegate, and the travelling expenses and those of the convention are to be shared equally by the chapters. This does away with the absence of delegates on account of being so far away that they do not feel as though they could afford to send a delegate so far.—*Kappa Alpha Theta*.

The correspondent of the *Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record* from Mt. Union College, at Alliance, O., gives some startling information: "Other fraternities seem to be turning their attention to Mt. Union college. This week has seen a chapter of the Kappa Kappa Gamma organized here, and the Alpha Delta Phi is likely to follow within a few weeks. The fraternities here are strong. The Sigma Alpha Epsilon has fourteen active members; the Alpha Tau Upsilon has twenty-two. We cannot say how many Delta Gamma has, but the chapter is prospering. The Kappa Kappa Gamma has five members, and the Alpha Delta Phi will probably enter with seven." *Heaven save the mark.*—*Phi Kappa Psi Shield*

"The italics are our own."

Chapter Letters.

BETA — ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter was written the holiday vacation has come and gone. Sickness has caused the absence of several members from Kappa, yet we have not lacked our usual interest and zeal, and the initiation of four new members, together with the annual banquet, has taken place.

Grace Lynde, Bridget Mahoney, Nettie Robertson and May Green have been added to our ranks, making in all six new girls whom Beta had taken into the mystic circle — one from '92 and five from '93.

The banquet was held at the residence of Mrs. Gaines. A great many of our alumnæ whom we were accustomed to have with us on such occasions were unable to be present, while *la grippe* had a few active members in its grasp. Still it was a Kappa banquet, and though the absent ones were missed it was in every other respect what only a Kappa banquet can be.

On Friday evening, January 31, we entertained Nellie Folsom in the chapter room. She teaches in Dakota, but is spending her vacation at her home in Hermon, N. Y.

Daisy Fraser, '92, who left college three months ago on account of illness, has recovered, but is not certain that she will be able to return this year.

DELTA — INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter two have been added to our number and have experienced the Kappa "grip." However, it seems not to have been at all painful, as they have entered heartily into fraternity work.

Harriet Caspar, of Salem, Indiana, is a member of the junior class and a worthy addition to Kappa in every respect.

Nora Hunter, of Bloomington, Indiana, holds the Honor scholarship from Connersville High School.

Lucy Hunter, of the Preparatory Department, is our latest pledged member.

Delta has been lately saddened by the death of one of her members. Libbie Small died January 5. She had been a sufferer for a long time, having visited California and New Mexico without improvement. In her we feel that we have lost one of our strongest girls. Through all her sickness she still retained her interest in Kappa and was ever ready with good advice.

We have two marriages to record — that of Nell Wade, of Needmore, Indiana, and that of Josie Woodward, of Harrodsburgh, Indiana.

The programme of our literary work, which is to be similar to that done by the Tourist Clubs, will soon be completed. We shall content ourselves for the remainder of the year with doing most of our travelling *on a map*.

The seventieth anniversary of the founding of Indiana University was celebrated with appropriate ceremonies January 20.

A new library building of rough stone is being built.

The Law School established at the beginning of the present college year is in a flourishing condition and this term shows an increase in attendance.

EPSILON — ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

After a pleasant but limited holiday vacation, Illinois Wesleyan students re-assembled on New Year's for the winter term. Carrie Darnall returned this term to be with us until June, when she graduates.

On account of the agreement existing between the Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma no girls were invited to join us until the last of November. We had plenty of time to form our opinions, yet at the last moment there was great excitement and enthusiasm among all the fraternity people in school. There was good material to choose from and Kappa Kappa Gamma was successful in leading nine charming young ladies to bow at Kappa's shrine.

After the initiation service at Miss Robinson's home, we held a Kappa tea at Miss Fell's and later, twenty strong, we attended the open Literary Societies at the University.

The next Monday evening Epsilon celebrated her sixteenth birthday

by giving an "information party" at Miss Freeman's home. Here the new sisters were introduced into social fraternity life.

February 4, we were delightfully entertained by Phi Delta Theta friends at an "auction party" given at the home of Mr. J. H. Bowen.

One day last term, at the close of chapel exercises our president set forth a proposed plan for a college reading-room. The students took hold of the work with a will, and immediately subscribed, together with the faculty, two hundred and fifty dollars. Work was begun immediately and the room — one never before used, and finished up expressly for the Reading-Room Association — was open for use Monday, February 10. The room contains the leading newspapers, periodicals and magazines of the day — political, scientific and literary. One table is devoted entirely to college exchanges. The Association and room are named in honor of our president, Dr. Wilder.

This term some of our energetic fraternity boys have started anew a Pan-Hellenic college paper called the *Athenian*. This magazine has sixteen pages of reading matter.

Already much interest is manifested among the different factions in school over the primary contest of the Oratorical Association, which occurs the first of March.

The school and patrons were recently rejoiced over a one thousand dollar donation (to be expended on the museum) from a post-graduate of the institution.

ZETA — IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

The winter term we find passing so pleasantly that we were hardly aware of the flight of time until the chapter letter demanded our attention. Our meetings have been regular, but more of a social than a literary nature so far, although we have laid plans for future reading.

The Kappa members are strengthening, although we regret one absent member this term, — Susie Paxson, who is detained at home on account of illness in the family.

As we look back over the year we count our "work" successful, for

besides the three we added to our members last term, this term has brought us two more, Bertha Nichols and Cornelia Ingham.

This last initiation was held at the home of Kate Legler, Friday evening, January 2, and was an exceedingly enjoyable event. At the banquet, which followed, we had an honored guest in Mrs. Fred Lerry of '87.

The holidays brought us, for a short visit, Alice Calvin, who is enjoying her school work and continues it this term.

The university has received a generous gift from the Iowa City people, in the form of their city park, which they donate for college purposes. Thus with these enlarged borders, and the large appropriation which we confidently expect from the state this year, we shall soon greatly increase our capacity for work.

ETA — UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

The last Saturday evening of the fall term was one of great rejoicing to Eta. All her members, resident and active, were assembled in the chapter rooms to witness the initiation of Breese Turner, '93, as well as to partake of the spread which followed.

We had just finished refurnishing our rooms, and took that occasion to celebrate our well-earned victory and our house-warming together. We feel very proud of our latest initiate, for she is a true blue Kappa.

Eta has adopted a new plan for literary work. At each meeting we have a review of some one of the leading magazines, together with news of the day. We find it very enjoyable as well as profitable.

Mary H. Ela, formerly with '89, has returned to college and will be graduated with '90.

We have been favored recently with visits from two old girls, Katherine Krech and Mrs. Alice S. Brown.

Our girls are anticipating the coming convention with great pleasure. The glowing accounts of the members who attended the last one awakened so great enthusiasm in the chapter that every girl registered a vow not to be absent from the next one if possible; so it is safe to say that Epsilon will become acquainted with a number of Eta's members.

Last term the University suffered an irreparable loss in the death of Professor W. F. Allen, one of the oldest as well as best-beloved members of our Faculty. He then occupied the chair of History, but is better known throughout the United States and Europe for his Latin editions. Every student feels his loss as that of a personal friend, so closely did he come into contact with all.

Professor F. J. Turner, a graduate of the U. W., has been elected to fill the chair left vacant by Professor Allen's death.

THETA — MISSOURI UNIVERSITY.

Theta has just emerged from that whirlpool of misery, examinations, and we hope that our sister chapters have passed the ordeal as successfully as we have done.

Since our last chapter letter,

Seven solemn Kappas made the mystic sign,
Two more were added, and then there were nine.

The two were Alice Hancock and Mary Donahue, whom we are proud to present to the fraternity as sisters who are, and will be, not only a pleasure but an honor to us.

Lately there have been two new movements made in student circles. A branch of the Y. M. C. A. has been established in the university, and steps are being taken to establish a branch of the Y. W. C. A. also. We know they will both succeed, as a great deal of what seems to be lasting interest has been manifested, both by the faculty and the students, and rooms in the university are to be appropriated to their use. The second, a movement in another direction, but we hope it will prove as successful as the former, is the *Pan-Hellenic Journal*, to be edited by the four fraternities, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Nu, Zeta Phi, and Kappa Kappa Gamma. There are to be two editions each month during the college year. The first issue will appear on the 15th of February, and we expect it will be as great a surprise to Columbia as a valentine, as the scheme has been kept very quiet. It will not only be an interesting and beneficial

work, but will tend to make very friendly relations between the fraternities.

The *University Argus* is improving every issue. Gay Hancock, one of our seniors, has been elected *alumnæ* editress. This semester there are several fraternity men on the staff.

Since the beginning of the new term Columbia has been very gay. The first event of importance was a very enjoyable Phi Delta Theta ball on the 27th of January. The Zeta Phi fraternity gives an informal hop every other Saturday night of the second semester, at their rooms, which are very neatly and tastefully furnished. The Zeta Nu's generally give but one ball during the year, and that at Commencement. We Kappas have given several "informals," and are premeditating a very delightful scheme, not an "informal," to take place immediately after Lent.

IOTA — DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Iota has the largest membership this year that it has ever had. Thirty-one Kappas in all, not counting the poor "Preps," whose only privilege is to wear the colors and count the months or years until they can be initiated.

Not content with our fall "spiking," we have pledged Susan C. Wright, '93, of Indianapolis, who entered the university this winter term.

The most important event in the university this last term was the election of Dr. J. P. D. John (former Acting-President) as President of the University. Six hundred students signed a petition to the Board for his election, and the enthusiasm and joy of the students, faculty and citizens was great, when, on the afternoon of December 12th, the news of his election reached the city.

Dean Bowman, of the Theological School, has resigned, and his place has been filled by the election of Dr. Gobin of Baker University, Kansas, former professor of Greek here.

It has been announced that a chapter has been established here of Phi Beta Kappa, the Alpha Chapter of Indiana, but the names of the charter members have not yet been made public.

Phi Kappa Psi has rented Dean Bowman's residence on College

Avenue, near the university, and is now using it as chapter house. Heretofore the fraternities have contented themselves with halls in the business blocks, and the women's fraternities, except for a short time a year or so ago, have met at the homes of resident members.

Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Gamma Delta, and Kappa Alpha Theta have all given receptions this year. Several Kappas attended the first two named.

So far this term the girls of Iota have divided their time nearly equally between their studies and the "grip" that is *not* the Kappa grip.

KAPPA — HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

The new year finds all except one of Kappa's girls back in their usual places going through the routine of school work that often seems so irksome, but is, in reality, the pleasantest of all work. In our last letter we spoke of our prospective initiation. It is now of the past, and we have among us four more ardent workers for Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Alice Lane, Limerick, Maine.
Nellie Eastman, " " "

Nora Masters, Grayling, Mich.
Kate Powell, Lawton, " "

Another week will probably add one more link to our golden chain.

We shall welcome gladly the international course of study. We have made many experiments, have tried reading various books, but when it came to finishing *Les Misérables* in a term, with meetings for initiations etc., we decided that this was not the best way. Magazines, reviews, choice articles wherever they could be found, have been the principal source from which we have drawn. This year we decided to study Shakspeare. At present we are deep in the tragedy of Othello. Our lady principal, who for some time conducted a very successful class in Shakspeare in the city of Portland, Me., has kindly given us much assistance. The work planned, if carried out, cannot fail to be of great benefit to us.

Dora Stamats is not with us this winter, but will return to graduate in the spring.

Annie Bartlett was married to John T. Porter at Dixmont, Me., October 20, 1889.

Jane Winship Dewey's, '88, address at present is Ann Harbor, Mich., 47 E. Ann Street. Mr. Dewey is a student in the medical department of the university.

Mignon Kern, '88, is spending the winter at her home in Galesburg, Illinois.

LAMBDA — BUCHEL COLLEGE.

Since our last letter the mystic key has locked one more within our circle, Julia McGregor. Lambda's roll-call at present consists of thirteen active members.

One of our new members, Clara Sheak, has changed her course from a one year's special course in languages to the college classical course.

On the evening of January 31 we held a very enjoyable social in Kappa Hall. Several alumnæ members were present.

Lambda is glad to note the interest her alumnæ members are taking in her progress. At one of our last meetings there were present Roberta Bell and Carita McEbright, both of Akron, Mary Webb of Kent, and Frances Fell of Greenville, Pa.

Lillian A. Moore, '86, teacher of Latin and Greek in the preparatory department, is giving her Lambda sisters a very interesting and highly instructive course of lectures on the "Jenness Miller Dress Reform." Miss Moore is thoroughly in earnest on the subject, and the girls are becoming quite enthusiastic. We advise our Kappa sisters, if they are not already interested in the dress reform, to give the matter some thought.

The Kappas spent Saturday evening, February 1, very pleasantly at the home of Julia McGregor in the city.

Our literary work this term has been the discussion of current events and of recent scientific discoveries. The work has proved not only interesting but profitable, for college women know how little time there is for reading outside of their regular work.

In the recent freshman oratorical contest, Alice C. Slade won the second place.

The contract between Eta Chapter of Delta Gamma and Lambda has been so satisfactory to both fraternities that it has been renewed for the winter and spring terms.

MU — BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

At present our chapter numbers eleven, Blanche Wilson and Jessica Shadomy having been initiated since the last letter,

We have, however, lost one member. Grace Meeker was obliged to leave school on account of illness.

We have very interesting meetings on Monday afternoons, and the year has been marked by numerous social events.

On Saturday evening, February 1, Grace Murry entertained us at her home in Indianapolis very delightfully.

We also have alumnæ, whose loyalty absence cannot weaken.

On November 11, Kate Hadley invited us to spend the day with her at her home in Danville, and notwithstanding the fact that the cabman forgot us, and we had to run to catch the train, it was a "glorious" day.

Again, on the 7th of December, Jennie Armstrong invited Mu and some gentlemen friends to visit her at her home in Kokomo. Leaving Indianapolis at 1.20 P. M., we reached our destination about 4 o'clock, and from that time until the returning train at 2 A. M., were royally entertained.

NU — OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

The unusually long vacation at Christmas-time, and some breaks in our college programme that have since occurred, have made the beginning of our fraternity work a little late this term. Our members are all back except Alla Berta Rickey, who has given up her post-graduate work. We still have her, however, at our chapter meetings. New faces, too, are with us. In November we had a delightful initiation, and our three pledged girls are now Kappas in earnest. Beside these, we welcome Bertha Krauss, who comes to us from Xi Chapter. We are sorry for the Kappas at Adrian College, but are glad to have Miss Krauss with us.

Mrs. Mary A. Livermore gave an interesting lecture in Columbus last December, and several of our members had the great pleasure of meeting her.

The latter part of last term was marked by some social gatherings, at which the Kappa girls were well represented. The wife of one of our

professors entertained the young women's literary society very delightfully, and a pleasant reception was given by Iota Chapter of the Chi Phi fraternity. This term a reception has been given by the Phi Kappa Psi's. Members of the six other fraternities were invited, and an enjoyable evening was spent in conversation and dancing. On the first of February, Nu Chapter took tea with Belle Slade, and was pleasantly entertained. Later in the evening some of the members attended the celebration of the anniversary of Theta Delta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi.

One of the most interesting features of our college life this term was the oratorical contest, which was held January 24, and excited a great degree of interest among the students of the university. Nu Chapter was especially interested from the fact that one of her members, Helen Lemert, was among the orators. For the first time in the history of the university a young woman entered the contest. Miss Lemert's oration, entitled "Culture, a Responsibility," was a credit to her and to us, and we all feel proud of her.

The Convention is becoming an important topic to us, and several of our number are planning to attend it. As the first one since the establishment of our chapter, it is of great interest to us, and we hope that a goodly number from Nu may be present.

XI — ADRIAN COLLEGE.

College at Adrian opened this winter term somewhat gloomily, owing to considerable sickness. However, we are surpassing these difficulties, and the term is proving profitable to all. Although some old and reliable students have left us, new ones have taken their places, so that the ranks remain full.

We have been called to sympathize with a sister, Florence McClure, in the loss of a dear father during the holiday vacation. Miss McClure was called home before the close of last term by his sickness, and will not be able to be with us this term, but we hope for her return next spring.

Another, Bertha Krauss, who served us faithfully and efficiently as corresponding secretary last term, is attending Ohio State University at Columbus, O. Miss Krauss, being an enthusiastic fraternity worker, is

greatly missed. We have been gladdened, however, by the pleasant way in which she has been received by our Kappa sisters there.

These losses seem only to have drawn us closer together. Fraternity spirit is high, and zeal great. Many plans have been formed for the furtherance of fraternity interests. Whereas it has always been our custom to hold meetings on alternate Saturday evenings, we have now found it possible to have them no less often than every week. We have nine active members enrolled this term, and our newly installed officers are assuming their duties with great earnestness.

Our Chapter Hall has given us so much comfort these winter evenings! It is truly a home, and as such each one regards it, as we gather around the fireside and exchange the confidences of sisters.

RHO — ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

With light hearts we returned from a pleasant vacation to find ourselves nicely situated in our new chapter-room, from which we have a most beautiful view of the entire city and of the surrounding country. We have received numerous presents for our new room from our friends. Among these presents was a handsome writing-desk and book-case combined, which was given by several of our friends from Phi Gamma Delta, Delta Tau Delta and Phi Kappa Psi.

The students and friends of the college are congratulating themselves upon the recent election of our much beloved Professor, Dr. Wheeler, to the presidency of the college.

Our College Annual, the *Kaldron*, is to be published this year by the fraternities. Our representative is Caroline Mount.

One the eve of February 1, Lillian and Eula Manett were led into the mysteries of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

One of the pleasant events of the term was a reception given by Kappa Alpha Theta to the fraternities of the college.

SIGMA — NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY.

The winter term opened with the usual stir and interest. The halls were filled with old and new students, and New Year's greetings were

heard on every hand. The Kappa girls were back again in full force, in spite of the cold weather and *la grippe* which had kept not a few from enjoying their holiday festivities to the full extent.

Little has happened of interest to our sisters since our last letter, as everything is very quiet now in fraternity circles. Entertainments have been sadly interfered with of late by the prevailing sickness with which all Kappas, I doubt not, are familiar. We must not forget, however, to present our first and only initiate of the year, Helena Lau. Miss Lau was initiated October 31, and on that evening gave a Hallowe'en party to the Kappas and her University friends.

Our fraternity meetings were not interrupted, as is usually the case, during the vacation, as all our members this year reside in the city. We have arranged, as a definite plan of literary work for the term, the study of a few of our best authors. The girls are entering into the work with much interest, and our meetings promise to be more entertaining than ever.

We are looking forward with pleasure to the meeting of the inter-state oratorical association, which is to be held here in March. Our university is quite rich this year in oratorical contests, as it has both the local and state contests, as well as the inter-state.

The Kappa Alpha Theta's lose this year by graduation all their active members, and it is rumored that they intend to send back their charter in spring. This would leave the Delta Gammas and Kappa Kappa Gammas as the only women's fraternities in college.

For some time past the barbarians in school have been carrying on a spirited campaign against the Greeks. Last spring the fraternities withdrew their support from the *Hesperian*, our college paper, as the barbarian element was so strong as to prevent the publication of any items of interest to the fraternities. Since then the paper has been given up largely to the criticism of secret societies. Within the past few weeks there has been another disagreement among the managers of the paper, and one of the literary societies has also withdrawn its support. The paper is now left in rather an uncertain position, and there seems to be an excellent opportunity for the establishment of a college magazine edited by the fraternities.

The non-fraternity men have felt of late more than ever the necessity of putting down the secret societies, as the chapters here have become very strong within the last two years; and the barbarians have suffered serious loss through the withdrawal of many of the best men and women from their number.

UPSILON — NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter to THE KEY the current of University life has flowed smoothly on, with but little to interrupt its evenness, unless we except the disturbance wrought by *la grippe*, to which many of our number became victims.

A gloom has been cast over the University by the death of Professor A. J. Howe, instructor of Mathematics in the Preparatory Department. The general grief of the students bears witness to his power of endearing himself to his pupils.

We have been favored with a visit from Cora Blakeslee, ex-'92, who is on her way South. The chapter participated in an informal spread and a generally good time at the "Woman's College" in honor of the event.

Our annual reception is to take place on the evening of February 14 at the Avenue House. Judging from bygone occasions, a delightful time may be anticipated, for many of the alumnae Kappas are to be present, as well as Kappa girls from other chapters, to assist in extending hospitality.

PHI — BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

Add four to the "we" of Phi's last letter and you are ready for greetings from the present chapter. Through the hospitality of Mrs. Kingsbury the chapter was enabled to give to these four initiates as pleasant an introduction to fraternity life as could be desired. Many of the alumnae, too, are always ready to participate, seeming not to weary of the orgies. We are most glad to include, as members of our circle at all such times, Miss Baumann and Miss Probasco of Epsilon.

One rather new feature this term, and one that seems worthy of consideration, is the writing of letters to our alumnae. These letters, written

by the different individuals, serve as a means for keeping up a vital connection between the alumnæ and the active chapters—a most desirable end!

There has been considerable interest shown recently in effecting a Pan-Hellenic meeting of some kind. The need of a mutual understanding between the chapters of the different fraternities, and the desirability of an inter-fraternity code to secure such an understanding, often make themselves evident. It looks now as if a meeting could be arranged — we hope with good results.

These past three months have carried away with them remembrances of many gatherings, which have given the students well-appreciated opportunities of meeting the Faculty and their fellow-students. Let the names of some tell their general character. A Junior, a Freshman, and a '90-'93 class social, a reception of reconciliation given the freshmen by the sophomores, a general college social, a Klatsch Collegium, given by the young women of the college, and a reading by Mrs. Louise Chandler Moulton, followed by an informal reception.

One of the pleasures that has come to Phi during this time is the election of Mary Kingsbury, '90,—who is personally known to many Kappas—as the representative of the women of the college on Commencement Day.

And now with our wishes for all good things to our older sister-chapters we send a right hearty welcome to the youngest at the University of Pennsylvania.

CHI — MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Chi has continued her evening meetings and has found them the pleasantest part of her fraternity life. Many of the Kappa alumnæ have been present, and Mrs. Simpson, a graduate of Wisconsin University, entertained us at her home one Friday evening. We had our usual literary and art programme, Raphael's Madonnas, that evening, and then exercised our wits by pinning tails on the donkey. The head and foot prizes fell respectfully to Miss Ames and Miss Austin, and both had earned them.

Miss Schillock, '88, has invited us to her home for our next meeting, and we will have a jolly reunion of Kappas, "old" and young.

With the exception of these meetings our life as a chapter has been very uneventful. We have studied hard, taken a play spell now and then — and been happy. I have seen somewhere the thought, how expressed I do not remember, that “he who is unknown to history, is the *happy* man.” And that is Chi’s case exactly. “No news is always good news” with us.

But sorrow could not entirely pass us by, but has attacked us by attacking one of our best beloved. Julia Thompson has lost a very dear brother and we sympathise with her from the bottom of our hearts. George Thompson was a young and capable lawyer, widely known and widely beloved. His was one of those sweet and loving yet strong natures which make friends everywhere; and expressions of sorrow have come to his family from every part of the country.

Since last we wrote, our institution has had a series of misfortunes. Pillsbury Hall, a magnificent building just erected and completely equipped as a science hall, was heavily damaged by fire. The fire was discovered in the night-time, and although the engines came immediately, the walls, woodwork and furnishings of every part of the building were blackened beyond recognition and a few rooms had been entirely burned out. Everything had been so new, complete and handsome that our loss seemed the harder to bear. A few weeks later a number of rooms and halls in the main building were damaged by fire and water. Since then we have had a period of repairs. With a heavy expenditure of labor and materials, Pillsbury Hall has been made as good as new. Men are still busy in the main building, plastering, papering and tinting the walls, and women are cleaning, cleaning everywhere. In fact, things are looking fresher than for years, and we *have* been heard to say that we would not mind just a little fire every now and then.

Chapel especially has been improved, throwing off her dull gray garb and donning a bright gala dress.

PSI — SAGE COLLEGE.

Psi Chapter has greatly increased in membership since our last letter. The regular initiation was unusually late this year, not being held until January 15. At that time we initiated six girls — Miss Austin,

Sp.; Miss Truman, '93; Miss Livingston, Sp.; Miss Grafft, '93; Miss Wilder, '93; Miss Sawyer, '93. The ceremonies were followed by a banquet at the house of Miss Taylor, '92.

January 12th, Miss Fagan, a post-graduate from Vassar, had been initiated. She had been suffering from ill health for some time and was compelled to return home for a few week's rest. We hope to have her with us again in a few day's.

We have in all taken in nine new members this year and have been unusually fortunate in securing desirable girls.

Miss Baker, '92, did not return to college this term. She is teaching at Houghton Seminary for the present, but intends to resume her studies in the spring term.

Miss Boileau, '89, paid us a visit a short time ago.

Cornell has been unusually gay this term. Psi has been well represented at most of the festivities, notwithstanding the partiality which *la grippe* seems to have had for its member.

OMEGA — KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

Since the beginning of 1890, Omega has added four new members to her list. We take pleasure in introducing them to our sister chapters: Belle Chapman and Margaret Orton, of White Cloud, Kansas; Ada Dauglade, of Baxter Springs, Kansas, and Jeannette Herriott, of Laurence. We feel assured that they are "true blue" Kappas.

Nellie Franklin has left us and is teaching music in Creston, Iowa. We were very sorry to part with her. For several years she has been our musician and chapter pet.

On Saturday, February 8, two dozen Kappas had the pleasure of listening to a talk by Professor Marvin on "Etching and Etchings." In granting our request for a lecture, the professor kindly invited us to his home that we might see his collection of etchings and engravings. This was a most enjoyable occasion.

With the private semi-annuals just at hand, we are better acquainted with the Kappa world, and feel that we know something of our sister chapters and they something of us, faults and all.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

I.

To All Chapters and to All Delegates :

At first thought it may seem a little early in the year to remind the Chapters of their duty in providing delegates for the convention at Bloomington, Ill., in the coming August. But as it seems necessary that some words on this subject should reach the several Chapters before they disband for the summer, these suggestions are inserted in the March KEY, rather than in the June number.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES.

Let this be as early as possible, and let a delegate, once chosen by her Chapter, only resign her office under the press of extreme reasons for so doing. Remember that to the Chapter entertaining us at the coming convention, this is due — as well as to the officers of the Council. It is almost impossible for the Chapter having charge of convention affairs, to make their programmes, lists of toasts, — even the allotment of guests to their several entertainers, — if the other Chapters are privileged to change the name and address of their delegates several times in the course of the summer. Let this be a point of courtesy if nothing else. On the other hand, it is quite as necessary to us who will represent our Chapter and fraternity. A delegate must think for months beforehand of the measures she wishes to present in convention, and thoroughly canvass her Chapter for their ultimate views on each and all of these matters.

Do not let your delegate be chosen merely from a point of convenience. Remember that she will stand as a type of your Chapter standard to all the other Chapters of our fraternity. It will be far better that you should send a young woman from a more distant point than one near at hand, if in any way she will better represent you as a whole, or will herself enter more enthusiastically into the work of the convention.

KATE BIRD CROSS,
Grand President Kappa Kappa Gamma.

II.

Attention is called to two important actions of the fraternity :

(1) On February 10, 1890, the charter of Omicron Chapter (Simpson College), whose name has stood under Gamma Province for the past ten years, was declared null and void.

(2) A charter has been granted for a Chapter at the Pennsylvania State University.

EMILY HUDSON BRIGHT,
Grand Secretary Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Editorial.

“THE good fraternity is the school for humanity.” True, unquestionably, in the figurative sense that the principles upon which a fraternity is founded prepare its members for a better understanding of those principles as applied to society at large. Why not potentially true in the more literal sense? Why should not the fraternity educate its members in the practical application of these laws, introduce to their attention some of the leading facts and problems of modern society? The college course necessarily touches upon these subjects slightly or not at all. The college student postpones their consideration until he is graduated from his Hebrew and Calculus and “has spare time.” Meanwhile the world slips by. Great questions and affairs do not await the student’s pleasure. It is just as the Red Queen said to Alice: “In our country we have to run most of the time just to keep in the same place. If we don’t look out things get way ahead of us.” So if we are to have anything to say or do in the world’s work we must keep close watch of the world’s affairs. Even a temporary withdrawal of attention leaves us far behind.

Now, since dissatisfaction with the chapter meetings is so general, why not devote the time usually given to literary exercises to the study of some of the more important developments of social science? The subject need not be so formidable as the name implies. The “Indian and Negro Questions,” “Russia,” “Labor Troubles,” “Women and Wages,” “The Poor in Large Cities,”—all these are included under this general category; and upon these subjects some of the most valuable contributions have been made in the shape of periodical literature and novels.

Take the Indian question, for example. In this connection Mrs. Jackson’s *Ramona* almost suggests itself. Add to this her *Century of Dishonor*, Mr. Brook’s *Story of the American Indian*, papers from various periodicals, such as Miss Elaine Goodale’s in the *Independent*, and articles upon the Hampton and Carlisle schools in other magazines; and you have a fairly unprejudiced statement of facts together with some attempted and

suggested solutions of the question. "Russia" is another timely subject. A sketch of Russia's modern history together with Kennan's Siberian article in the *Century*, selections from Turgeneff's *Annals of a Sportsman* and occasional newspaper clippings; these would throw considerable light upon the condition of the Russian people and the tyranny of the Russian government.

The subjects of the "Condition of the Poor," "Women and Wages," etc., are so broad, the material so varied, that we can name only a few of the more important works. Besant's novels of East London life, *All Sorts and Conditions of Men*, and *The Children of Gibeon* as presenting the condition of the poor in that quarter of the city, Mr. Booth's book upon East London, the articles in the English reviews by Octavia Hill and Beatrice Potter concerning "Women Workers" and the "Sweating System," the practical workings of Mr. Besant's *Palace of Delight* as presented in a paper in one of the recent reviews upon the *People's Palace*; all these would make valuable and interesting reading. Of special interest to college students would be accounts of Toynbee Hall (see *Gentleman's Magazine*, n. s. 35, *Spectator*, 68, 79; also biographical sketches of Arthur Toynbee), and its American prototype, the women's "College Settlement" in New York City, concerning which there is an article in a recent number of *Lend a Hand*.

The success of such a course will depend to a great extent upon a frequent reference to recent literature, especially to periodical literature. Yet the requirements need not be excessive. For the Russian course, for instance, two books, a file of *Century* magazines, and a few newspaper clippings would be sufficient. Neither need a disproportionate amount of time be spent in preparing these subjects. Occasional reference to Poole's "Index and Supplement," judicious selection of material and frequent consultation of newspapers will insure a fair presentation of the subject under consideration.

The objection may be raised that such study would be superficial. It certainly would be incomplete, but no more so than many college courses. Its chief value, like that of much of our college study, would lie in its suggestiveness rather than in its actual acquirements. In any case, it would

be quite as complete as the literary courses usually pursued in chapter meetings; it would, moreover, possess the double advantage of unity and novelty. And while it might not be immediately productive of practical results it would at any rate prepare the majority of students to approach with sympathy and intelligence the problems that await them upon their entrance into active life.

"Well, what is it?" said the Visiting Alumna.

"What is it?" repeated Junia.

"Yes, I see you've something on your mind from the savage way you thump that banjo."

Junia laughed and began to play more softly.

"I was wondering," she said at length, why girls of a 'collegeable' age don't understand that they can't eat their cake and have it too. One would think that it was unnecessary to study Political Economy in order to realize that in joining any organization a person gives up certain privileges for the sake of advantages that he receives."

"And some of the girls don't understand that?"

"They may understand it,—abstractly,—but they never think of it in connection with fraternity affairs. They expect to have all their old advantages and all the new too, to take all and give nothing in return. You'd think they were doing the chapter a favor by belonging to it, instead of the chapter's doing them a favor by making them members." Junia gave an angry thump to the banjo by way of invective.

The Visiting Alumna shook her head. "After all, you can't blame the girl's entirely. It is one of the inevitable results of the modern rushing system, I suppose. The new students are so petted and run after it's no wonder that they feel as though they were conferring a favor on the chapter by accepting its invitation. And naturally it takes some time for them to get straightened out."

"But it isn't the Freshmen," insisted Junia. "It's through all the classes. There are three or four girls whom I'm positively afraid to approach for chapter dues or fraternity work or anything of the sort."

They do things in such a grudging way. The worst of it is that they're often leading girls in college, so that I feel as though it were wrong to ask any more from them — as though the fact that they are head scholars or class presidents quite cancelled any debts that they owed to the chapter."

"The trouble is," said the Visiting Alumna, "that the girls don't realize. They come to college and are taken into a chapter the first term, sometimes the first month. Then all the fraternity privileges seem a matter of course. The girls think of them as their natural dues, and the fraternity work and taxes seem an unnecessary burden."

"If they could only be 'nons' for a while," sighed Junia.

"Yes, or if they could have remained so for the first half-year or year — but I suppose its no use to wish that with the rival chapters that have come in now. In the early days of the chapter that was managed as it should be. Then some of the finest girls were not invited until their Sophomore year. Consequently when they did come into the chapter they could appreciate their advantages and could understand the position that membership in a good fraternity gives. For it certainly does give a certain standing. Why, some of these very girls that pride themselves on their position in college affairs would never have occupied such places if it hadn't been for their fraternity. And there are plenty of others whose abilities would never have been discovered except for the intimate associations of chapter life, still less pushed into such prominence. You see," said the Visiting Alumna, with a queer little smile, "I can speak from experience, for I wasn't taken in until the second term of my Sophomore year."

"You weren't?" said Junia, incredulously, recalling all the stories that she had heard of the Alumna's influence and popularity. "But you had so many friends it couldn't have made much difference."

"Ah! but it did. You see how it is. You can't realize yourself. You take it as a matter of course that you shall have twenty intimate friends and don't consider how hard it would be to go through all the various stages necessary to arrive at such an intimacy, when unaided by chapter associations. Why, in your preparatory school it takes you fully two years to gather around you your circle of friends; often it is even

longer before you come to know some whom you specially admire. As to intimate friendships between older and younger girls, they are almost unknown, class lines are drawn so sharply; and it would be the same in college — indeed, it is the same — for those who do not belong to fraternities. But when you enter a chapter all these preliminary stages are taken for granted. You are or can be on intimate terms with every member of the chapter, old or young.”

“And with the *alumnæ*, too,” said Junia, gratefully. “Do you know, I think one of the very best features of fraternity life is the bond that it creates between *alumnæ* and undergraduates. Some of my best friends are girls who were Seniors before I was out of the preparatory school.”

“It is quite as much a gain to the *alumnæ*,” said the Visitor. It keeps them from growing superannuated before their time. Few things please us ‘ancient ladies’ so much as to feel that we have some one who really welcomes us at the college, and that we still have a real interest and influence in college affairs through the younger fraternity girls. I only wish that the undergraduate girls realized what an interest their *alumnæ* have in them and their affairs, and how anxious they are to make their acquaintance.”

“I wish you could make the acquaintance of some of our undergraduates,” said Junia. “Can’t you give us a talk on this subject we’ve been discussing at some chapter meeting?”

“Perhaps so,” said the Visiting Alumna. “But if that’s a hint for me to put an end to *this* talk, it was quite unnecessary, for I’m completely ‘talked out’ for the present. So if you’ve quite vented your wrath on that banjo, and feel like a walk with me, suppose we go out on the hill and look at the sunset.”

The *Kappa Kappa Gamma Kalendar* appears again. It is a pleasure to say again, as though it were an established fact rather than a mere experiment. We must not forget, however, that it depends upon our support if this *Kalendar* is to be anything more than an experiment. It is a mistaken economy which deprives any Kappa of so exquisite a reminder of

fraternal thoughts and festivals; especially when mementos of our fraternity are so few and the expense so trifling.

To our youngest chapter are due hearty thanks and practical appreciation for the hard work and good judgment necessary to the successful completion of their task.

Exchanges.

The December *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi lies before us, and the glow of warm fraternal feeling that the "Old Boy" shows in his "Recollections" seems as a happy antidote to the howling March winds that beset the eastern sanctum.

"The friendship and love there developed," says Mr. Keady in reviewing the early days of Pennsylvania Alpha, "were more than the result of mere association. I can speak, from my own experience, of a friendship stronger than that of a Damon for a Pythias—self-sacrificing, soul-absorbing. There was a glow and an exhilaration about our fraternity at that time which it was impossible for any after-experience, no matter how rich, to bring back."

Mr. Keady's article is full of Hellenic historical interest, showing the struggles of the fraternity in earlier days and against what odds it had to work.

Two pages of the *Shield* are devoted to clippings showing forth the merits and defects of the journal, among which we recognize some of our own criticisms. Chapter letters and personals complete this issue of the *Shield*.

The January number of the *Kappa Alpha Journal* appears in a less startling cover than of yore, the armored knight having yielded to an emblematic banner served up in a sauce of nebulous mist, and a coy little crescent adding sentiment to the scene.

The contents of the number are creditable when taken singly, but do not present themselves in any unity of arrangement or plan. An article on "William and Mary College" is followed by a poem of uncertain merit entitled "Memories," which in turn precedes a tirade against the "Death Penalty." Thoughts upon this grisly theme do not, however, deter the energetic *Journal* from proceeding in a lively manner to chew up the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* for its adverse criticisms of the organ of Kappa Alpha.

Notwithstanding this lack of unity, in our opinion the *Kappa Alpha Journal* is improving both in appearance and in general tone. The chapter letters are marked by Southern enthusiasm (we are glad though that the South isn't the only claimant for this most vital of fraternity virtues) and a hearty spirit of loyalty.

The *Palm* of Alpha Tau Omega for January opens with its exchange department. The free use of italics—those journalistic boxing-gloves—is introduced for the purpose of annihilating opposing members of the press, and they produce their usual effect.

The articles on Pan-Hellenism, however, are of great interest. The *Palm* favors some plan of coöperation and naively suggests that the *Palm* be the "Journal of Pan-Hellenism"!

A Pan-Hellenic paper of some sort is, however, really needed. The practical difficulties of a non-partisan management and a sufficiently liberal support to obtain the services of suitable editors immediately present themselves. But these difficulties are not insurmountable. The value of a magazine that should give representative opinions upon matters of Greek interest seems to us to be equivalent and superior to any standing Pan-Hellenic committee that might be appointed. The *Palm* means business, for it presents the following questions:

"First. Should Greek fraternities in American colleges be tolerated?"

Note: They are not now tolerated in Princeton, Oberlin, Monmouth or Johns Hopkins. Why?

"Second. To what extent is Pan-Hellenic consolidation practicable and expedient?"

The *Palm* goes on to say: "We are constrained to submit the questions to Greek and Barbarian world, active or alumnus, male or female, of any college in the United States. . . . For the best practical elucidation and treatment of these subjects, affirmatively or negatively, the *Palm* offers \$25 in cash or a \$25 prize badge of the fraternity to which the winner belongs.

"Terms. The article must be original and not over 1,000 words; must be sent to the *Palm* before June 15, 1890; the name of the author, his fraternity and address must be enclosed in a sealed envelope with the title of the article on the outside. These will not be opened until decision is rendered on the merits."

The *Arrow* for December contains two poems, an article entitled "A Woman at the Collège de France, at Paris," a number of official communications, a small quantity of editorial and a goodly number of chapter letters. Pi Beta Phi is evidently doing good work preparatory to convention. We are pained to see that the darling of I. C.'s heart, "the grub," is not received with so much favor by Pi Beta Phi. Has that happy old custom died away, or has the stern editor expurgated mention of this mystic mode of feasting? But we perceive that the youthful spirit is not wholly quenched in the Sorosis (by the way, you called us a Sorosis again, and again we claim the name of Fraternity), for in Illinois Beta's chapter letter, we find an account of a Pi Beta Phi Delta Theta Fratosis. This singular though festive combination is endowed with joint colors and emblems. A sister furnished a song the chorus of which was the touching line: "Pi Beta Phi Delta Theta, Pi Beta Phi Delta Theta, Pi Beta Phi Delta Theta, Pi Beta Phi Delta Theta, for aye." This beautiful thought can hardly be appreciated by those who have never joined the order. But ha! in this my letter the "grub" is mentioned, and we breathe freely once more.

The *Beta Theta Pi* is before us once more, ready to be praised, — or censured? We look at Wooglin smiling on the cover, we remember that we have not seen his cheerful face for many a long day, — and conclude that he, or the *Quarterly* which he guards, must have some praise.

A poem on the first page, according to the reigning fashion among fraternity journals; can any one say why the usually insipid poem should so often take precedence of better matter? Is it expected that such light fare will increase our liking for the more substantial course following?

Next comes a most useful and instructive article on a subject always full of interest for exchanges, "Fraternity Journalism." It is edifying to see the way in which the women's fraternity magazines are dismissed; a word of mention to show that there are such publications, — "only this, and nothing more." We hope that there is no inaccuracy other than that in regard to *THE KEY*. The organ of the Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity has not, kind sirs, gone by the name of *The Golden Key* since its pristine days. The present management is likewise glad to state that whatever may have been the case in said pristine days of *The Golden Key*, *THE KEY* receives excellent support at present, both literary and pecuniary. However, we will not let our pride hinder our appreciation of the usefulness of such statistics as this article furnishes.

"The Combination Semi-Annual Scheme." How strangely familiar it is to read of Semi-Annals in the *Beta Theta Pi*. Probably each fraternity has its own peculiar trial, and as we read the sad complaints, and the various schemes for relief, we conclude that Beta Theta Pi has known one trial — semi-annals. In the dark age which the *Quarterly* has just passed through, there seems to have been a change for the better, for groans are not as loud as formerly and hope is stronger.

We read on, through matter of interest to Betas alone, and come to the variously interesting items of college news, then to the chapter letters, which it must be owned are a trifle statistical, and contain, of course, reports of great numbers of offices and honors.

The appeal of the catalogue editor is highly entertaining reading, and is so bright and hearty that we feel quite a sympathy for the long-suffering man, and wish him the best of success.

With the exception of the article on "Fraternity Journalism" there is nothing in this number to interest the fraternity world in general, and yet we refrain from dwelling on this point, since there may not have been time as yet, to recover from the habits of an underground existence.

A healthy tone of interest in the fraternity, and an evident desire for progress are highly commendable, and when all is said, we are heartily glad to receive the *Beta Theta Pi* once more.

Kappa Alpha Theta Journal, "for five years published by Kappa Chapter in the University of Kansas," sends us No. 1 of Vol. IV. from Upsilon Chapter, University of Minnesota.

The cover combines all the attractions of a Chinese laundry-slip and of Hiram

Sibley's Seed Catalogue. The kite reposes in a bed of pansies, the newly adopted fraternity flower, its tail thrown gracefully around the Chinese characters above.

Inside there are some good features, though the matter as a whole impresses one with its lack of proportion. Out of a total of twenty-six pages, only four could be called literary three are devoted to personals, and four to Greek Letter Gossip and Exchanges. The leading article, with the title "Higher Education of Women," pleases us so well that we quote from it.

"When at last, the college girl feels that she is no longer remarkable from the mere fact of a course of study in a University, we shall indeed have a glorious womanhood freed from the eccentricities, affectations and self-consciousness conspicuous in the past, not wholly extirpated today.

In what way should I accomplish better results from college work? Just by wholesome, better balanced intellectual attainments. Girls cling too conscientiously to routine work, neglectful of the supplemental reading which would develop amazingly the understanding. Make your intellectual life at college not a mere grind. Moreover, do not neglect your social opportunities. Society is not only necessary for the interchange of ideas, but helps to develop them."

Kappa Alpha Theta is to be congratulated upon her chapter letters. As a rule they are written in a lively and entertaining style, though somewhat too personal to be of general fraternity interest. One little item in the letter from Lambda, University of Vermont, we must correct. It seems that Lambda has recently built chapter-house which, unlike the cover of the *Journal*, is not painted in orange and black, and Lambda congratulates herself upon the possession of the first ladies' chapter-house in America. Lambda, where have you been all your life? Alpha Phi, at Syracuse, has had a chapter-house ever since the year one—at any rate, since 1887.

The *Theta Delta Chi Shield* for December cannot fail to be a satisfaction to him who has enjoyed the not unmixed pleasure of reviewing former numbers of that periodical. But let it not for a moment be supposed that with this note of commendation our criticism ends. The *Shield* has too complacent a fashion of flaunting its weaknesses to pass wholly unchallenged, even though its very naiveté recommends it to mercy—witness the following clipping from an editorial outlining the policy of the magazine:

"No time will be spared in polish, life is too short and other duties crowd too hard upon time which nature demands for repose for any such attempt. Your indulgence is therefore craved. When you feel disposed to criticise the language in which an idea is clothed please refrain."

In addition to which this bit of guilelessness is truly pleasing:

"Our prayer shall be that we may never prove a stumbling block to any brother or cause him to halt between two opinions. We recognize the power of the press and are deeply sensible of the responsibility."

Of the general character of the present number of the *Shield*, it is enough to say that it is devoted almost exclusively to fraternity interests and in its special de-

partments shows good sense and good taste. If in the *alumnæ* notices there might be, in the future, either an alphabetical arrangement or a classification according to the year of graduation, it would certainly be a gain. The literary portion of the magazine is devoted to an animated account of the Theta Delta Chi convention, in which is made a touching tribute to the "fair maidens whose love for Theta Delta Chi" prompted the presentation of a beautiful floral shield to grace the banquet board, an oration, a sketch of the Hon. Daniel B. Pond, and several poems of varying degrees of merit.

Once a Week.

A CALENDAR OF CURRENT LITERATURE.

MARCH 3.—Socially considered, a Christian must be, in a sense, interestingly varied from the old theological one, "born again." He has new kin, he makes new neighbors, he incurs new social obligations, he readjusts his position in human society, or he might as well call himself a Druid.

—*E. S. Phelps (The Struggle for Immortality).*

MARCH 10.—What is fellowship in truth? The association of two minds cannot absolve either from the necessity of seeking and assimilating for itself, for truth cannot be comprehended in any other way.

—*Influence and Independence (Andover Review for February).*

MARCH 17.—The really stirring poetry of science is not in guesses or facile divinations about it, but in its larger ascertained truths—the order of infinite space, the slow method and vast results of infinite time.

—*Walter Pater (Appreciations).*

MARCH 24.—What ought to be shall be.

—*Harriet Beecher Stowe (Life and Letters).*

MARCH 31.—We can't throw aside that old doctrine of the Atonement yet. The life of Christ, it wasn't only in healing the sick and going about to do good: it was suffering for the sins of others. If we love mankind, pity them, we even *wish* to suffer for them.

—*Howells (Hazard of New Fortunes).*

APRIL 7.—Choosing the company of the lowest forms of manifestation, you will find that the influence of their atmosphere is upon you. If a human mind keeps the exclusive society of vegetables and insects and fossils, is it to be wondered at that it fails to see the transfigured cloud which veils while defining the motions of the eternal sun?

—*Elizabeth Stuart Phelps (The Struggle for Immortality).*

APRIL 14.—Daily familiarity in the class-room at the most impressionable age, revelation of all the intellectual weaknesses and petulances, absorption of mental routine of an equality tend to destroy the sense of romance and mystery that are the most powerful attraction between the sexes."

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TO MY SWEETHEART'S KODAK.

OH Kodak, are you void of sense,
That you so stoically take
The pressure of her fingers fair,
Which all my nerves would wildly shake?

Ah! don't you see her wealth of hair;
Her eyes so softly, brightly blue,
Now bent, with tender interest,
Oh Kodak Camera, on you?

And can't you feel the lively thrill
Of pleasure in her lovely face
When you work well? O Camera,
I'd like, just once, to have your place!

Such pictures as I'd take for her,
Such glorious views of east and west,
Like magic they should come, her smile
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You don't appreciate your luck,
O Camera, with glassy eye,
Which, staring ever straight ahead,
Sees not the charming maid close by.

If I were you — but never mind,
You're not her lover, that is clear,
While I — I love the very ground
That only serves to bring her near.

But still, I scarcely envy you,
Although from me you steal her smiles;
You're deaf, and dumb, and blind to all
Her beauty rare, her winning wiles.

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